



# WHAT'S NEWS

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## 1993 Convocation marked by 'delight,' change, reflection

by Clare Eckert  
What's News Editor

The 1993 opening convocation at Rhode Island College will be remembered for many reasons by the 300 or so members of the community who attended the August 25 event. But top billing at the annual gathering celebrating the start of a new academic year had to go to the "face-lift" of the 30-year-old Donovan Dining Center.

As people entered the building — still under construction — to say hello to friends and meet with new colleagues at a morning reception hosted by RIC President John Nazarian, they marveled at the extent and quality of the work done so far. Heads went up, smiles graced faces and everyone seemed entirely "delighted."

Norman Harrod, president of AFSCME, Local 2878, which represents many of the Center's dining and kitchen employees probably said it best: "(The renovations) are the best thing that ever happened to Donovan Dining Center."

As part of the convocation's vice presidential remarks by Lenore A. DeLucia, who heads administration and finance for the College and has overseen the renovations, DeLucia credited the contractor, Stone Building Company, "with being conscientious and able to stick to a schedule."

She said the building "will be ready for operation when the students return...and that there is a 10,000-square-foot addition still to come." The expected completion date

for the entire building is "on or about Nov. 1."

DeLucia also commented about the progress of the Old Stone Building project, which is under contract with Promac, Inc., and is expected to be completed by the end of March.



LENORE A. DELUCIA

In addition, she announced that the contract to begin building the College's new health, physical education and athletic complex was recently awarded to A.F. Lusi Construction Company, Inc. The new structure will be built on the site of the Walsh gymnasium, destroyed by fire in January, 1992. She also reminded the community that several buildings will be brought up to code over the next year to meet the ADA requirements.

Vice President DeLucia's com-

team.

Salesses also announced the recently approved joint Ph.D. in education program with the University of Rhode Island, and said its start is subject to the availability of funds...which are currently being investigated."

Other announcements by vice presidents Gary Penfield, student affairs and Kathleen McNally Wassenar, development and college relations, included notice of the newly organized Office of Academic Support and Information Services (see related story, page 10) and the progress of the Alumni Association's annual giving fund, along with the purchase of a 15-passenger van given to the College by the RIC Foundation. (See photo and caption below.)

Just prior to President Nazarian's discussion of the state-of-the-College in the year to come, he recognized Prof. Chester Smolski, anthropology and geography, calling him, "dean of the faculty" for his 40 years plus "dedication and contribution to the

## President Nazarian reports on state-of- the College

ments followed those of academic affairs Vice President John J. Salesses, who introduced new faculty, congratulated faculty who recently completed their Ph.D. and recognized the School of Education and Human Development's work with the recently completed NAS-DTE accreditation project and the upcoming November visit to the campus by the NCATE accreditation

College."

He then went on to comment on the fiscal health of the College.

"Thanks to the support of the students, faculty, alumni, members of the Foundation and many others, we were successful in persuading the General Assembly to increase the state appropriation to the system of higher education by \$4.5 million."

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## RIC gets \$200,000 for Institute for Developmental Disabilities

*Larger grants likely to follow*

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College School of Education and Human Development is the recipient of a \$200,000 grant to establish a University Affiliated Program in Rhode Island that would serve to bring people with developmental disabilities into the mainstream of society.

The grant comes from a proposal by A. Anthony Antosh, associate professor of special education, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

Second-and-third-year grants of \$220,000 and \$230,000, respectively, are likely to be approved.

Subsequent funding could run into even more substantial sums, it was indicated by R.N. Keogh, director of the RIC Office of Research and Grants Administration.

RIC will serve as the training and administrative center for the program as the Institute for Developmental Disabilities.

University Affiliated Programs (UAP) exist in virtually every state in the country "to provide training that facilitates the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities of all ages into society."

RIC's key role will be to provide

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## Foundation and Alumni Assn. help 'plug' fiscal gaps

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State cutbacks to Rhode Island higher education in general, and to Rhode Island College in particular, have resulted in a surge of activity by the Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation. Both groups have been working hard to help fill the gaps to provide services to the College community, and scholarships to students.

The RIC Foundation recently raised over \$10,000 at its summer golf tournament, and the Alumni Association has scheduled its annual golf day fundraiser for Monday, Sept. 27, at the Cranston Country Club.

In addition, the Foundation's plans for its annual concert, featuring 1981 alumnus David Coury and "friends," are well underway. The evening of

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**ON THE ROAD:** Thanks to the RIC Foundation, Rhode Island College students will now travel in style in a spanking new, \$25,000 metallic red Ford van, completely loaded with all the extras to make road trips comfortable. "Any College activity will have access to the van," according to Tullio DeRobbio, Foundation treasurer, who headed the team responsible for the recent purchase. He said the College should "save money over the long haul now that they don't have to pay rental fees." And, he added, "This is the first (van). We hope that this is the first of about three." Joining DeRobbio, (second to left) to "show off" the van to the community is (l to r) Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Penfield, who will be responsible for scheduling the van's travel time, RIC students Steve Morgenweck, Charlene Roy, Mary Lou Rosa, Shane Kelly and Cindy DeBernardo with RIC President John Nazarian, and Kelly Mollock, RIC student, with John Fitta, assistant vice president for finance and controller and Foundation leader. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



# Focus on Faculty and Staff



**Nancy H. Gewirtz**, an associate professor in the School of Social Work and chair of the master of social work department, was honored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the

National Association of Social Workers at its annual dinner June 18. She was given the chapter's Social Action Award, which is presented each year to an activist dedicated to issues of social justice and social change, according to Andy deLong, chapter president.

**Kathy Laquale**, athletic therapist, was recently inducted into the North Providence Sports Hall of Fame for her participation in sports.

**Barbara Schapiro**, associate professor of English, has had her book, *Literature and the Relational Self*, published by New York University Press. The book interprets various works of 19th and 20th century literature in light of the current relational model in psychoanalytic theory.

**Steven King**, assistant professor of industrial technology, has been selected to present a paper at the upcoming 15th annual conference sponsored by the New England Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS). The conference will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, Mass. on Sept. 8 and 9. King's paper,

"Matching Your Educational Plan to Your Business Strategy," is part of an ongoing study he is conducting with area high technology manufacturing companies. The presentation will explore the strategic and operational significance of an integrated process for determining, acquiring, and maintaining the prerequisite skill and knowledge areas for competitive advantage.

**Ellen Weaver Paquette**, coordinator of the cooperative education program, coauthored an article entitled "Professional Development and Academic Achievement of the Cooperative Education Practitioner in New England and New York," which was published in the spring 1993 edition of *The Journal of Cooperative Education*.



**Harriet Brisson**, assistant dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and professor of art, served on the selection panel for the Zambano Hospital Percent for Art Project

recently. The hospital, as part of the Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts sponsored the Art in Public Places Award for the art project designed to enhance the environment of three areas in the hospital. Winners of the awards were photographer Jill Brody and sculptors Jay Coogen and Nancy Helfant.

## Alumna named senior vice president at Colby-Sawyer College

Lorna Duphiney Edmundson, RIC Class of 1964, a social scientist with 28 years of experience as an academic leader, recently accepted the position of senior vice president and dean of faculty at Colby-Sawyer College.



Edmundson was honored by the RIC Alumni Association in 1992 as an outstanding alumna.

As chief academic officer at Colby-Sawyer, Edmundson is responsible for providing leadership in faculty and curriculum matters, as well as in the academic and administrative departments.

Recently, Edmundson was named

a Fulbright Scholar to Japan, where she will travel periodically to conduct research on Japanese women leaders.

She is a former visiting scholar at Columbia University's Teachers College, where she was involved in the planning and curriculum design for doctoral programs in higher education.

Prior to this post, she was employed by Marymount College, first as its academic dean, and later as vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Edmundson received her doctorate in education from Columbia University and master's degree in human development and counseling from Columbia University and Boston College, respectively.

She is married to Daniel C. Edmundson, an international attorney, and has two children.

# ALUMN

## ASSOCIATION & ALUMNI FUND NEWS

Welcome to the start of another academic year! We're happy to start up our column again and hope you find it useful and informative.

Is there interest in building our class reunion program?? Apparently the answer is an enthusiastic "yes"!! [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994]. At a meeting on August 24, 15 alumni representing seven classes met with 1994 Reunion Sub-Committee Chair, Hank Guillotte, Class of 1959, to discuss plans for a multi-class reunion. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994] Hank and Claire Giannamore, Class of 1964, already had commitments from their classes to participate.

The Classes of 1959 and 1964 were well represented at the meeting. In fact Ann Walsh, Class of 1964, from Atlanta, Georgia, attended because she happened to be in town. The prize for distance, however, goes to the 1984 class president, Raquel Hernandez Bonessi, who drove two hours from Milford, Conn. to attend the meeting. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994]

The committee was told of the plans of the Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation to co-sponsor a ball to benefit the purchase of books for the James P. Adams Library. The library has a critical need for acquisition funds. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994] By involving both organizations, it was felt the event could draw support and attendance from the College, alumni and the community at large. In addition, the Alumni Association leadership felt it was time to hold a very "classy" event for all alumni and in particular, reunion classes. Representatives of the seven classes at the meeting agreed. As of this printing deadline, a total of 12 classes have signed on to celebrate their respective reunions on - you guessed it - February 19, 1994.

Although 1994 is the year for classes ending in the number "4" or "9" to celebrate, some years ending in "3" or "8" have decided to join in - particularly if they had no reunion scheduled for 1993. My own Class of 1973 has not had any reunions, but our class advisor, Jason Blank RIC professor of sociology, not only thinks it would be a great idea, but has promised to be in attendance. Charlie Moffitt, Class of 1963, and his reunion committee took another approach and planned a two-part reunion-an informal clambake this summer, with the second-more formal party-on February 19. The class president from the Class of 1965, Howard Boyaji, is planning to hold their 30th reunion one year early so they can join the festivities.

Here's a list of the classes participating to date: 1954, 1959, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1978, 1984 and 1989.

We have the place, date, time, orchestra and cost. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994] The event, which is "black tie optional," is called "The Adams Affair," a ball to benefit the James P. Adams Library. It will be held at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet on Saturday, February 19 from 8 p.m. until midnight. (We do recognize that for a number of you, that date is at the beginning of February school vacation so we wanted to get the date out early. We were limited on Saturday dates available, but did think it might help those of you who are teaching out of state).

Reunion classes will have designated space available one hour prior for a pre-ball gathering. The cost is \$50 per person (remember, all proceeds will benefit the library).

Each reunion class will receive a special mailing from their class in the next couple of months. If your class is not listed above, but you would like to hold a reunion at the ball, just call the Alumni Office at 456-8086. There's plenty of time to be included!! More details in upcoming issues.

Please check out our 3rd Annual Golf Day registration form on the back page. We mailed a flier to all of last year's golfers and decided to reach the rest of you by including the registration form in this issue to save postage and printing costs of mailing to over 26,000 local alumni! If you aren't planning to play this year, but would like to be notified of future dates, call our office and asked to be put on the "gold interest" list.

Stop by the Alumni House if you have the chance. The outside got a real face-lift this summer with new paint, new porch roof and lights (see page 9). It's made a big difference! [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994]

Holly L. Shadoian  
Director of Alumni Affairs

*Thanks to the generous support of many alumni, the 1993 Alumni Fund is roaring toward a successful conclusion. More than \$118,000 has been given or pledged toward this year's goal of \$150,000. Every gift also brings us closer to meeting President Nazarian's challenge. We will be mailing another solicitation within the next six weeks, and in September and October, students will be on the phones for the Fund to alumni who have not yet made a gift. Alumni will be making calls to classmates as well on Sept. 26 and 28. We need volunteers to make calls for the Fund. If you are interested in giving us a few hours, please call the Alumni office at 456-8827. We'd love to have you join us.*

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## Alumna receives award from the Nat'l Council for Geographic Education

The National Council for Geographic Education recently presented Susan Nigohosian, RIC Class of 1975, with its annual Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award for 1993.

Nigohosian teaches seventh grade social studies and eighth grade American history at Mitchell Middle School in Racine, Wisconsin.

She is a teacher consultant with the Wisconsin Geographic Alliance and participated in the Teacher-to-Teacher Exchange program in Australia and New Zealand this summer with teachers from the National Council of Geography Education.

Awards were given to 32 K-12 teachers from 11 regions in the

United States, Canada and Department of Defense schools abroad.

The DTA Awards recognize outstanding contributions to geographic education. Nominations for the awards are submitted by colleagues, and winners are chosen by three judges from a different region.

The program began in 1971 as the Master Mentor Program, in which every nominee received an award. In 1982 it became a competition, and the name was changed to the Distinguished Teaching Achievement Awards.

The NCGE was chartered in 1915 to promote geographic education at all levels of instruction. It currently has 3,700 members worldwide.



## College Shorts

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed by the Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, which operates a free, confidential, 24-hour statewide information and referral helpline for those dependent on alcohol and other drugs.

Volunteers are being asked to work three hours a week on the Helpline.

The next orientation training program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Since 1988, the Pawtucket-based agency's telephone Helpline has responded to thousands of requests for treatment referrals, self-help meeting times, free literature, etc.

For more information, call Ann Lovejoy Johnson at 725-0410 or 1-800-622-7422.



### Oct. 1 deadlines for State Arts Council

To assist potential grant applicants, the State Council on the Arts will offer a workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at 95 Cedar St., Suite 103, Providence 02903.

Oct. 1 is the deadline to apply for funding to support arts programming by Rhode Island nonprofit organizations and to fund Arts in Education projects which include Arts as Basic (pre-K through 12) in Education curriculum grants, Artist Event grants, and Arts in Education Residency Grants.

Oct. 1 is also the deadline for individual artist projects and the Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program. Traditional artists can obtain information and assistance by calling the Folk Arts Program at 277-3880. Grant guidelines and application forms may be obtained at the Council office, 95 Cedar Street, Suite 103, Providence.

Oct. 1 is also the deadline for artists to apply to the State Council on the Arts' Arts in Education Residency Program. Artists must be Rhode Island residents. Applications are available at RISCA, Arts in Education Program, 95 Cedar St., Suite 103.

Also, the Council on the Arts is updating and expanding its Performing Arts Directory into a RI Arts Directory. Free listings for active RI performing groups or artists must be submitted by Oct. 1 to be included in the next edition. Forms may be obtained at RISCA, 95 Cedar St., Suite 103.



### Book Garden to honor Rose Merenda

A "Book Garden" has been established at the Henry Barnard School Library in honor of Rose Merenda, associate professor at Rhode Island College and long-time kindergarten teacher at HBS.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Book Garden, please send a check made out to Henry Barnard School Library, c/o Madeline Nixon, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence 02908.

Books purchased with contributions will have the name of the donor on a book plate placed inside the book.

# R.I. College grad makes living on fine cigars, gourmet coffee

## Doesn't think tobacco business is especially risky

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

**W**hy, you might like to know, would anybody at this point open up a tobacco shop?

The world seems to be against smokers these days. Well, at least against smoking.

"I've been asked that question a million times by family members and friends," admits Roger G. Bacon of Providence, a 1986 graduate of Rhode Island College.

"People are smoking fewer cigarettes. That's true," says the rather distinctive-looking entrepreneur with full facial beard and shaved head who, with his wife, the former Michelle Paglia, opened Jolly Roger's Smoke Shop and Gourmet Coffee in

Roger and Michelle are the parents of son Roger Erich Bacon, 3, whom Bacon calls his "store manager."

A bachelor's degree in marketing from RIC and seven years' experience in retail management since his RIC graduation also will help insure the success of the business venture, Bacon feels.

And, the availability of gourmet coffee would seem a natural combination to further entice premium tobacco lovers through the doors.

A menu of selections can be seen on a rear wall in the small shop which itself is situated aside of Andrew's Restaurant across from the town hall. It boasts Colombian Supremo, Chocolate Hazelnut, Irish Cream Decaf, Belgian Lace Chocolate, Guatemalan Antigua, French Vanilla Almond and Italian Espresso and Espresso Decaf,

display.

Bacon says the humidor maintains just the proper humidity and temperature to guarantee the freshness of the cigars.

Various pipe tobaccos are offered as are domestic cigars and cigarettes for those who haven't managed yet to quit.

Born and raised in Pawtucket, Bacon graduated from Tolman High School in 1981. Wife Michelle is from North Providence.

Bacon credits RIC's Joel M. Fuerst, an associate professor in the economics and management department, for having sparked his interest in marketing.

In fact, says Bacon, "I owe him quite a bit as far as my getting through school. He was an inspiration to me." Fuerst had served as his academic advisor.

About "getting through school,"



**DISPLAYING PREMIUM CIGARS** he sells in his new business venture is RIC grad Roger Bacon, proprietor of the Jolly Roger Smoke Shop in North Providence. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Centredale, North Providence, on June 4.

"But premium cigars and pipe smoking...the figures have never been better," he assures, particularly regarding premium imported handmade cigars. And this despite the cost which can exceed \$5 per cigar.

"Cigar smokers smoke for the enjoyment of it, not the nicotine rush you get from cigarettes," he assures. In fact, cigar smokers seldom inhale, but tend to savor the rich aroma and taste of naturally grown and aged tobacco.

Leaning back in his chair, his six-foot-plus frame relaxing momentarily between customers, Bacon takes a long pull on a dark-leaved Churchill-size stogie and reflects: "That's what it's all about, a fine cigar and a glass of cognac after dinner...it doesn't get much better than that."

"A new business is always risky," Bacon concedes, but he and his wife "wanted to go for it" and did so "with a lot of family help."

Father Roger W. Bacon and mother Melitta provided much encouragement as did Bacon's sister, Karin Donovan, RIC '88, who with her husband, Robert, reside in Pawtucket.

among others.

A brisk take-out business seems to be in the offing for his coffee with more than one customer coming in during his recent interview and ordering coffee "to go."

Bacon obtains his exotic coffees from a wholesale dealer in Johnston who provides Arabica beans. Bacon describes them as a "much harder

Bacon says with a shake of his head in appreciation, "My father sat me down and said, 'If you want to get where you're going, you've got to get through these (RIC) doors first.'"

Where he's going at this point in his life seems to be toward business success.

"I'm very excited about it. We've been getting new customers every

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coffee bean" from mountain areas in South America.

Bacon says the caffeine level in Arabica beans is only about half the level found in coffees on grocery store shelves.

The cozy shop features a table with a couple of chairs at the rear where customers can sit for a coffee or soft drink which can be found in a tall cooler an arm's reach away.

Two-and-three-cent hard candies are showcased behind glass near the table.

But the most prominent feature of the shop is the walk-in humidor where those premium cigars are on

day — along with the repeats — who come in for both the gourmet coffee and cigars."

(Premium cigar smokers might like to know that the young lady behind the counter in another Rhode Island smoke shop of long establishment is Kirsten M. Kubisek of Providence, a junior at RIC majoring in psychology.)

She has been working her way through college at the Red Carpet Smoke Shop on Waterman Avenue on Providence's East Side for the past four years.)





**OFF TO CAIRO:** Kharyssa K. Rhodes of the Manville section of Lincoln, a second semester junior with the double major of anthropology and African Studies, leaves Rhode Island College Sept. 7 for an academic year's study in Cairo, Egypt, as a winner of the Ridgway Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund last spring. She'll be studying Egyptology from September to June at the American University where she expects to get credit toward her college degree from most of the courses on her agenda. Then, next July a couple of friends from RIC will join her in Athens for the grand tour of Europe, she says. Rhodes, 24, eventually would like to teach on the college level "but my first love is archaeology and this is the road to it." She will travel to and study in Cairo virtually expense free thanks to the Shinn scholarship and a Bowman Scholarship from the Council of International Educational Exchange. Rhodes is pictured above outside the RIC Office of International Studies with Drs. Richard and Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, both professors of anthropology.

## Campus parking advisory reminder

The Rhode Island College Security and Safety Office reminds the campus community that all fines for parking violations on campus are \$69. The fine became effective January 1993 as a result of legislation passed by the General Assembly. The fee is administered by the Administrative Adjudication Division.

The fine applies to all parking violations on campus including illegal parking in spaces reserved for the physically handicapped, security officials note.

They advise all students, faculty and staff members who operate a motor vehicle registered in another person's name recognize that the owner of the vehicle is responsible for all tickets and fines charged against that vehicle.

Parents, guardians or spouses can be summoned into court and/or their operator's licenses suspended because of fines not paid to the Adjudication Court.

For further information, call the security office at 456-8201.

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## RIC institutes Smoking Policy

In August, 1992, RIC President John Nazarian approved the Resolution of the Council of Rhode Island College that RIC be declared a no smoking campus. He appointed a committee to make recommendations regarding the implementation of such a policy. In April 1993, the Board of Governors for Higher Education issued its smoking policy which applies to all public institutions of higher education. President Nazarian reviewed the committee's recommendation, the Board of Governors' policy and other relevant documents and approved the following smoking policy which took effect on campus July 1, 1993.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. A recent report by The Center for Disease Control identifies second-hand smoke as the third leading cause of death in this country. In light of this recent medical evidence on the hazards of smoking to both smokers and non-smokers, Rhode Island College has a responsibility to provide a healthful, unpolluted, and smoke-free environment.

The following Smoking Policy is promulgated in compliance with Chapter 20.7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Governor Sundlun's Executive Order No. 91 - 40, and the Non-Smoking Policy of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education.

1. Every member of the Rhode Island College community is entitled to a smoke-free living and working environment.
2. Smoking is prohibited in all Rhode Island College buildings, including offices, auditoria, and Rhode Island College vehicles.
3. Smoking is prohibited at meetings or conferences sponsored by Rhode Island College.
4. Smoking is allowed only in outdoor areas away from building entrance ways and vestibules.
5. All buildings and facilities will be clearly posted with "No Smoking In This Building" signs at the entrances.
6. Regulation of smoking in the Residence Halls shall be subject to the following restrictions:
  - a) All residents of College Residence Halls who desire a non-smoking room or suite must be accommodated;
  - b) Smoking is prohibited in all public areas within the Residence Halls, including all hallways, staircases, entrance ways, vestibules, lounges, and bathrooms;
  - c) Smoking will be allowed only in specifically designated suites in which the air exchange is directly with the outside atmosphere and not with the atmosphere in any other part of the building; and,
  - d) All regulations regarding smoking in the Residence Halls shall be subject to the approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs.
7. In conjunction with the Rhode Island College Office of Health Promotion, information on smoking cessation programs will be made available to all interested members of the Rhode Island College community.
8. In recognition of the value placed on individual responsibility and leadership, every member of the Rhode Island College community shares equally in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this Policy.

This Policy shall become effective as of July 1, 1993.



**ALL SMILES** at the conclusion of the annual Taft Institute Seminar in Government at Rhode Island College's Faculty Center for a two-week period in June-July are (l to r) Victor Profughi, seminar co-director and professor of political science; College President John Nazarian, and U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee. Some 30 school teachers, librarians and administrators from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts heard office holders, pollsters, political consultants and reporters discuss two-party politics and the dynamics of the American political system.



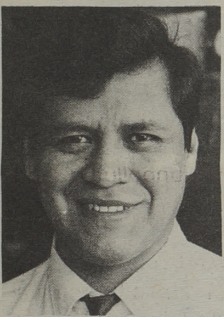
# Former varsity soccer stars renew friendship to organize alumni soccer day 'homecoming'

by Clare Eckert  
What's News Editor

**J**ulio A. Contreras and Domenico Petrarca hadn't seen each other for about 10 years until last May when a friend and former Rhode Island College classmate and soccer player called them up "out of the blue" to say he'd be in the state for a visit and "wanted to get together with some old friends."

Actually the story gets a little complicated as to who called whom and how the teammates finally got together. It seems that Contreras, RIC Class of 1980 and assistant manager for the audio-visual department on campus, received a call from Matteo Giarusso, who also graduated in 1980, who received a call from Luis Anselmo, another 1980 grad, from his home in the Azores, who asked that Giarusso call some of their former classmates and set up a time and place where they could all get together and reminisce about their alma mater during his summer visit to the United States. Petrarca, who graduated in 1977 and had played soccer for one year with the others, also received a call.

In any case, Contreras exclaimed, "I hadn't seen them for over 10 years. We all played soccer together at RIC!"



JULIO A. CONTRERAS

As the group got to talking at a local downtown nightclub, "someone mentioned that we should organize an alumni soccer game and try to get all the people who played soccer during any year to come and have

some fun."

Contreras said he didn't give it much thought after the night out until Petrarca bumped into him about one month later and asked if he'd started organizing something.

"I'm the kind of person who's been involved in organizing things everywhere I go," he said. "If I'm going to commit, I'm going to make sure I contact the right people and make it

all possible."

And make it happen, he has!

Contreras has organized the First Annual Alumni Soccer Tournament, something that hasn't happened for 11 years! After notifying the alumni office and athletic department of his plans, the 36-year-old communications major met with John S. Foley, recreation center director, to secure use of the center, and lastly set out to meet with Kristin King, student activities coordinator, to invite current students to attend the alumni game in the morning and to stick around for an afternoon soccer game when the RIC varsity men's team meets with the University of Southern Maine.

He's planned the event for Saturday, Oct. 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the soccer field behind Whipple Hall. But that's not all he's done.

Contreras wants this to become somewhat of a homecoming event for all RIC alumni. "Not just for soccer," he said. "I'd like to make it bigger. I'd like to put together a big weekend every year for all alumni and for the administration, faculty, staff and everyone's families."

Game time is set for 9:30 a.m., but alumni who plan to play soccer are asked to register at 8:30 at the field. T-shirts will be given to all the players, and a cook-out for the players and their families will follow the game. Contreras would like to feed everyone eventually, but for this year, the budget will only cover the players and their families.

"But everyone can stay and watch the varsity game," he said. Hopefully a good crowd will show up and next year's event can be "bigger."

This isn't the first time Contreras has organized something for RIC. As a student, he started the Spanish Theater at RIC, which has continued throughout the years.

He also said that while a television technician for Channel 10 and Channel 12 until 1990, he organized all the Christmas parties. "I see people saying they'd like to do something.... I'm willing to carry the ball."

Both Contreras and Petrarca played soccer at RIC for four years. Contreras says he was good, but that Petrarca was "the best."

Installed as a member of the 1992 RIC Athletic Hall of Fame, Petrarca

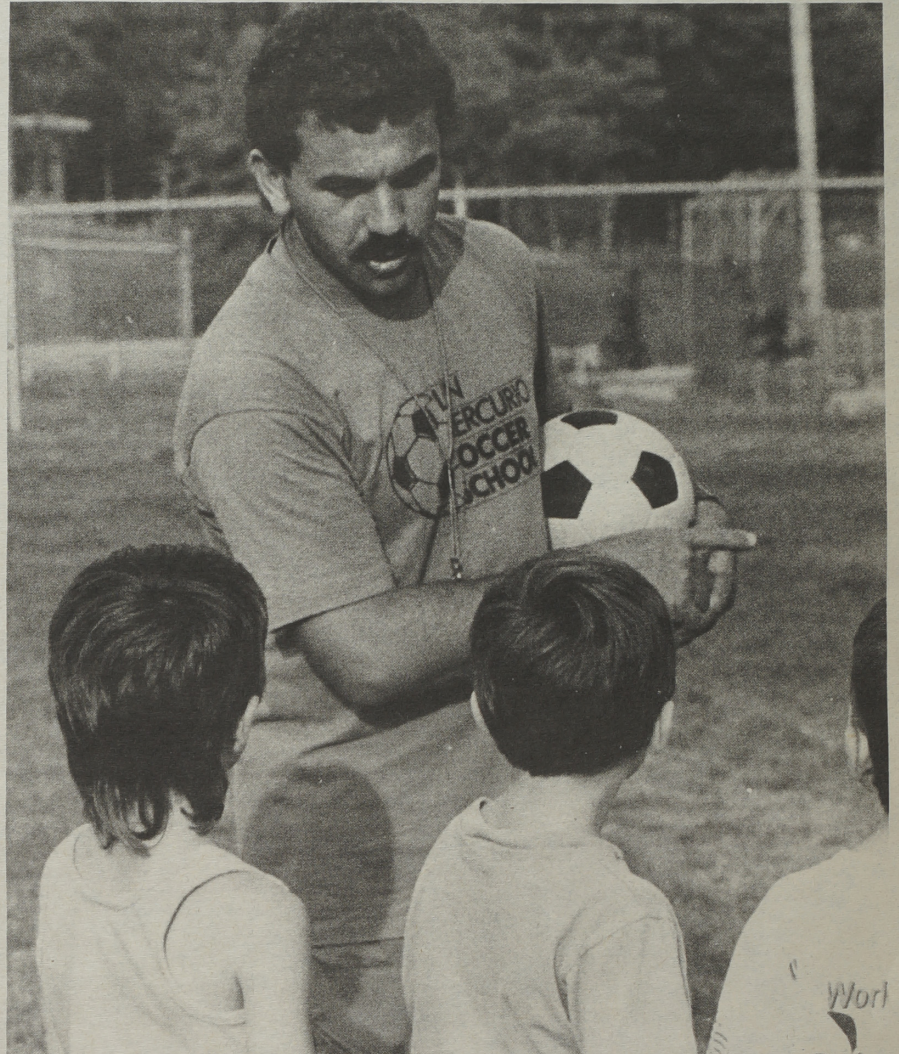
mitment by the members of the Foundation to the College is strong and long-standing. We realize the burden state cuts have made to the students and the College in general and we are committed to help support the financial well-being of this most important institution of higher education."

Tullio DeRobbio, past president of the Foundation and its current treasurer, offered insight into the cooperative effort of both groups, noting that for the past two years the volunteer organizations have been working toward providing financial support in more of a unified fashion.

"We know that because of cutbacks to higher education, the only way to continue to offer the services to the students is through outside help," he said, referring to the efforts of the Foundation and the Association.

The Foundation, founded in 1965, solicits, encourages and receives gifts from private sources for the benefit of RIC. It is responsible for more than \$2.2 million in assets.

The Alumni Association began in 1887. It organizes and serves over 35,000 alumni, providing professional, social and educational opportunities.



**ALL'S SERIOUS IN SOCCER:** Soccer stand-out and RIC alumnus, Domenico Petrarca, who will play Oct. 2 at the Alumni Soccer Game, coaches members of the Johnston Recreation Department's youth soccer program. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

still holds several records, including most goals in a game, most goals in a season, most goals in a four-year tenure, most assists in one game; most assists in one season and most assists in all four years of play. In addition, he broke or tied five different scoring records as a freshman, and was named to the New England State College Athletic Conference All-Star Team four years in a row.

Today, Petrarca, whose degree was in industrial education, is a foreman for Castellucci Stone Industry, and the father of three children. Besides participating on the Giovanni XXII Soccer Team within the Rhode Island Soccer Association, he is a coach for youth soccer in his hometown of

Johnston. (He did play semi-pro soccer until an injury sidelined him.)

Both men are anxious that the day be successful "as a first effort." In their letter of invitation to former soccer players they write, "It has been a long time since a group of us got together and shared some aspects of our lives, but most importantly, it has been sometime since we got together to play a game that at one time was so dear to us and in some cases, still is."

So, if you haven't made plans yet for Oct. 2, Contreras and Petrarca welcome all alumni and friends of the College, "to a fun-filled day!"

For further information, call Contreras at 456-8020.

## Foundation/Alumni

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entertainment is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, in Roberts Hall auditorium.

The Foundation's Board also accepted the challenge by President John Nazarian to sponsor a raffle throughout the fall semester. All proceeds are earmarked for the James P. Adams Library.

And both groups are working together to make the evening of Feb. 19 a huge success when they will co-sponsor the College's first-ever "black tie event" at Rhodes on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston, also to benefit the Adams Library.

According to Alumni Association President Patricia Ross Maciel, Class of 1961, "there is a spirit being created" between the Foundation and the Association, "a camaraderie" that she believes is in the best interest of the College.

"The Foundation recognizes the value of the College to the community at large," she said. "I think (the two groups) working together is the way to go."

Theresa Howe, president of the RIC Foundation agrees. "The com-

**Rhode Island College  
Annual Alumni Soccer Game  
Saturday, Oct. 2, 1993  
9:30 a.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** You will be required to register and sign a release/waiver form in order to play. Registration is at the Recreation Center starting at 8:30 a.m.

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# Foundation Golf Day fundraiser 'record success'

At exactly 1 p.m. on Aug. 10, 1993, Board of Governor's member Judge Frank Caprio fell to his knees....not because he'd seen "the light"....rather he'd just heard the resounding "shot gun" start of the Rhode Island College Foundation's Fourth Annual Golf Day held for the second year at the picturesque Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck.

Judge Caprio was among more than 100 golfers who participated in this year's event, which raised over \$10,000, according to golf day co-chair John J. Fitta, assistant vice president for finance and assistant treasurer of the Foundation. Fitta and Tullio DeRobbio, past president of the Foundation and its current treasurer, have organized the event for the past four years.

According to Fitta, this year's was the most successful financially, "but every year has been an enjoyable day for all who participate either playing golf or attending the luncheon or dinner."

"Thanks to the support of our corporate sponsors and all those businesses which donate prizes and gifts, and our tee sponsors, the annual golf day has turned into one of best fundraisers for the Foundation, and a great way to get together at the end of the summer," Fitta said.

Major and corporate sponsors included President John Nazarian, Atlas Music Corporation, The Chickering Group, M. DeRobbio & Sons, Inc., Independent Insurance Agents of Rhode Island, Philip Morris USA, The Robinson Green Beretta Corporation, Fleet Securities, GTech Corporation and The Stone Building Company.

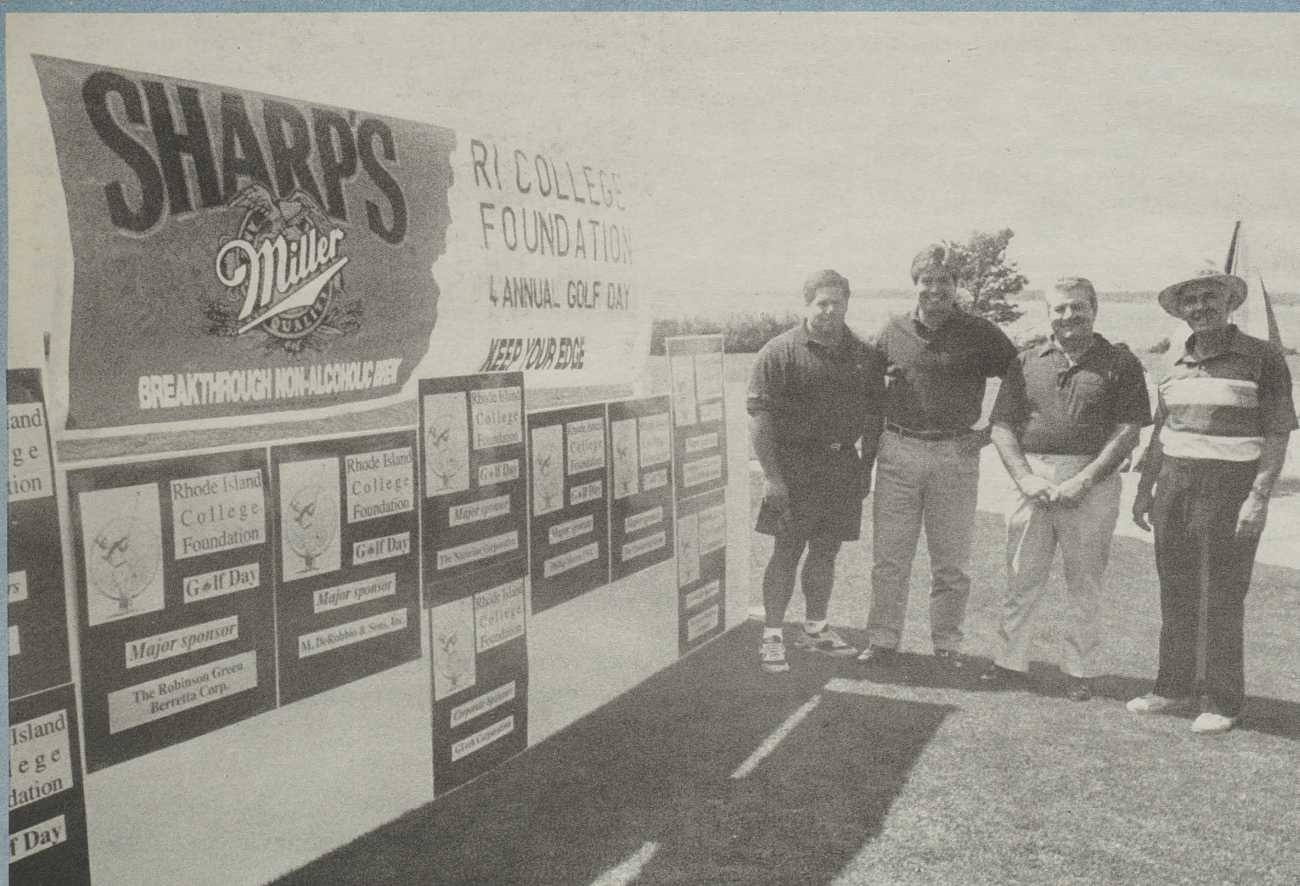
Those companies sponsoring tees were Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Citizens Bank, Core Business Technologies, Delta Drug, Hospital Trust, IBM, KPMG Peat Marwick, A. Micallef Co, Inc.,

Mills Coffee Roasting Co., Newport Jai Alai, 9th Hole Genie Lunch Group (RIC), Nynex Systems Marketing, David Presbrey Architects, Inc., The Rhode Island College Alumni Association, Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, RI AFL CIO, RI State Association of Firefighters, RIC AFT Local 1819, RIC Campus Store, RIC Clerical Employees Local 2879 AFSCME, RIC Staff Association, Rowe, Inc., Sondler, Salvatore & DiCristofaro, The Stone Building Company, Tillinghast, Collins & Graham, Unger Associates, Waldorf Cap and Gown and Windham Associates.

Gift donors and patrons were AJ's Jucie Services, Lee and Ken DeLucia, Pasquarelli Flower and Gifts, Inc., John J. Salesses, William Swigart, Barbara and John Vickers, Helen Vogel, Kathy McNally Wassenar, West Lynn Creamery, James B. Howe Jewelers, Miller Brewing Co., Philip Morris USA and Pine Valley Country Club.



**CHECKIN' IN** with Theresa Howe and Lynn Vinacco (right) are Louis Marciano (far left), RIC Foundation vice president, and Arthur Pontarelli, former commissioner of education.



**READY FOR THE FUN OF IT** are (from left) Frank Montanaro of the Golf Day Committee; Jim Pontarelli of Philip Morris USA, a major sponsor for the second year; Charlie St. George of the Miller Brewing Company, key supporters of the event, and John Fitta, co-chairman of the event with Tullio DeRobbio of the RIC Foundation.

**Photos by**  
**Gordon E. Rowley**

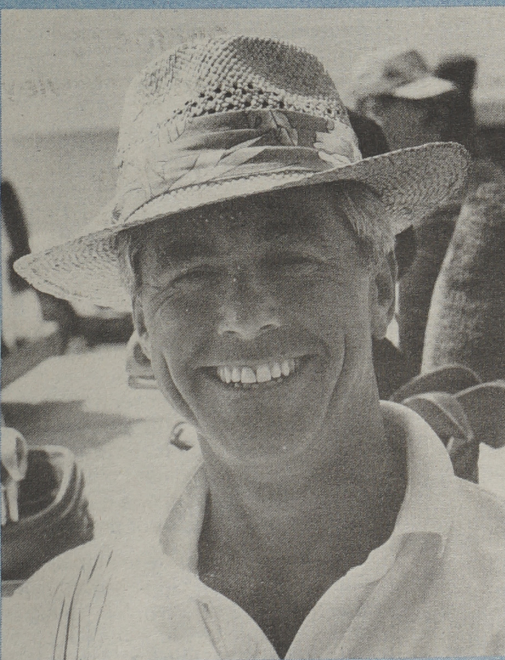
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**Clare Eckert**



**A FORMIDABLE FOURSOME** prepares to take to the course. They are (from left) Peter Coccoli of the state Building Commission; College President John Nazarian; Frank Caprio and Henry Nardone, current and former members, respectively, of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.



**THEY'RE OFF...** Profs. Jules Cohen and David Harris head for the links.



**LATEST FASHION** in golf headwear is displayed by James Cornelison, assistant vice president for administration.



**LOOKING OVER THE PRIZES** are (from left) Fred Chicos of the Chickering Group, health insurance providers; Kathleen McNally Wassenaar, vice president for development and college relations; Norman Cotter, owner of the Pine Valley Country Club and annual prize donor, and Theresa Howe, president of the RIC Foundation.

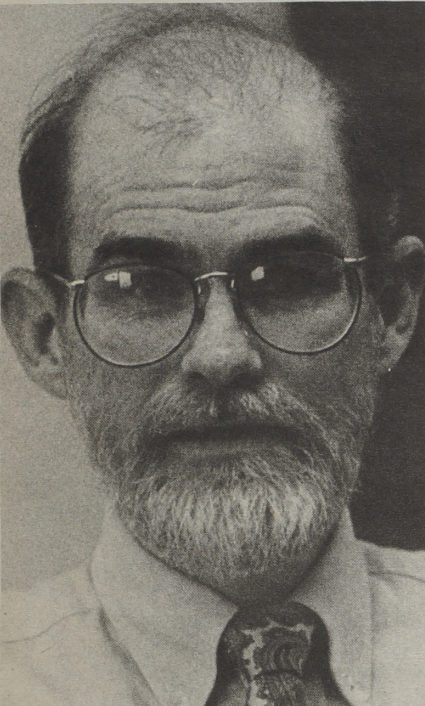


# Comings... and... goings

## A student and faculty perspective on leaving home

Among all mammalian species, leaving home is a significant milestone—for both children and parents.

In the animal kingdom, the timing of this event appears to be largely biologically programmed. Even for our primitive human ancestors, the



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Counseling Center

timing and the steps involved in leaving home were more clearly prescribed by some rite of passage, very often some for ordeal, after which elders were expected to treat their young person as an adult.

Today society lacks those clear guidelines which can result in difficult transition for both young persons and their parents.

Even in the animal world there are individual differences in the disposition to leave. Some young robins must be evicted from the nest. Others will venture forth prematurely, fearless and eager to try their wings. Parallels can be observed in human beings.

For some, leaving may seem to come out of the blue and be a permanent and radical break. There are others who never leave, or at least leave later than expected and without their parents ever serving an eviction notice!

Demographers tell us that this is a fact and has become more common in the last two decades, partly as a function of the greater economic difficulties (i.e. the poor job market, high housing costs) that young people face, and partly because of a trend toward later marriage (for marriage has always marked both a "ceremonial point of no return" and a way to establish a base outside one's family of origin).

Perhaps the most common pattern and healthiest, is a gradual leaving, with progressively longer and further ventures out of the safe haven of home. From this perspective we begin to understand that leaving home is not a discreet event that occurs when we are 18 or 21, but part of the lifelong process that begins with birth, when we are pushed out of our first "home." The process perhaps ends with the death of our parents, when it can feel as if we no longer have a home to go back to.

In between, innumerable small separations and leaving (e.g. walking or crawling away from mother for the first time, starting school, going to summer camp, overnighing at friends' home, etc.) punctuate our development and prepare us for the

"bigger" leavings that lie ahead.

The psychoanalytic baby watchers, who have carefully studied this process of "separation-individuation" have offered two observations which I believe are compelling and relevant to later leavings: that it is the sense of connection that permits separation—e.g. the infant crawling away from mother looks or crawls back periodically, psychologically reconnecting and "refueling," to gain the safety and confidence to endure further; that one of the ways we cope with our earliest leavings is through a "transitional object," the beloved teddy bear or security blanket, often impregnated with mother's smell, that permits us both to hold onto mother and to leave (or be left).

How much or how little training we receive in these preliminary leavings, without question, affects the timing and experience of our eventual departure.

There are also cross-cultural differences which affect leaving home.

For instance, among Irish families it is not uncommon for a young man to live with his parents well into his thirties.

In Japan, infants are regarded not as too dependent and needing to be trained to separate, but rather as too independent and needing to be coaxed into greater connectedness as they grow.

Although the physical leaving of home is of itself no easy task, it is indeed the inner, psychological leaving—the achievement of one's own sense of identity, apart from parental definitions or expectations—that is often the more difficult and significant challenge.

Moreover, a smooth transition in

provost. I was student coordinator for the Personal Learning Plan Project, a federally funded project for "value added education." Every weekend during the spring freshmen would come to campus to take a computerized questionnaire which would help them prepare and make the transition from high school to college.

It was my responsibility to recruit and assign student monitors (which I used to be until I was promoted to student coordinator) to aid the freshmen while answering the questionnaire. I also was responsible for booting up the computers prior to the start of each session. It was in this capacity that I not only gained a great deal of my computer knowledge but also proved to myself, and more importantly to my superiors, that I could handle responsibility. As I said before, I am very fortunate.

And so... after five years at RIC, I am leaving now. I graduated in August with a degree in political science and history. I am hoping for a position in development—either in higher education or politics. But just as I had to start as a student monitor and work my way up through the ranks of student employment, I am willing to do the same now as I enter the "adult" job market.

At this time the future is still uncertain but whatever it holds I know that with my degree from RIC I am ready to face it and its challenges.

leaving physically does not guarantee a successful emotional parting—witness the coed who phones others every day, or the young person whose constant rebellion betrays that he is not free of parental influence precisely because he is always compelled to react to them. Many see coming to college a problematic compliance with what they are always "supposed to do." As a general rule, however, internal leaving prompts the external movement, and the external leaving facilitates the internal leaving because it removes young adults from direct parental control, allowing them the freedom to experiment with various roles and identities that are crucial to finding themselves.

But what makes leaving home, physically or emotionally so difficult? Indeed, why must it always be a crisis?

One study has found that a sample of college students who had "left home" (i.e. were living on a college campus) reported more affection for and better communication with their parents, as well as a greater feeling of independence, than a comparison sample of commuting college students. Moreover, in the months before first leaving for college it is not uncommon for young people to experience increased anxiety and anger toward their parents. Researchers have speculated that the antecedent anger may serve a separating function and be part of the then normal process of leaving home. By the time they have been at college for several months, however, there is often an increased sense of attachment to parents.

To help the young person disen-

gage, it is often important for the parents to become interested in something else—going back to school or to work; community volunteering; or recreational activities. As parents become more interested in other things, it is easier for the young adult to find freedom and for the parents to emotionally let go.

Given the great diversity of home-leaving, it is difficult to articulate any hard-and-fast rules for success. Yet it is possible to identify some broad guidelines that can assist both parents and their young adults to increase the chances of successfully leaving home.

### Tips for Young Adults

- Try to plan ahead including living arrangements, income budgeting, transportation and crisis plans. Organize your resources.
  - Take a "transitional object" with you, whether it be your teddy bear, a family photo, or the afghan from the den, and make plans to return home periodically to "refuel." Some young people like to take a friend with them, but others say that they prefer going somewhere no one knows them, so they can have a fresh start and not be locked in by old roles or perceptions.
  - Remember that although there is no right pattern for everyone, a gradual leaving seems to work best for most.
  - Expect some family friction as you prepare to leave, but realize that this is usually temporary and try not to burn your bridges behind you. If leaving is stormy, try eventually to make peace with at least one family member.
  - Develop a base of support outside the family—e.g. with friends, classmates, colleagues, etc. Early leavings often work better if you have a roommate to help with loneliness. Don't try to exist in a vacuum.
  - Don't "catastrophize" failures—if it's necessary to return home, view the experience as an opportunity to learn.
  - Try to shift communication with your parents from "parent-child" to "adult-adult." This may take some time and negotiation.
  - Find a goal or dream that you are moving toward, not just a family that you are leaving behind. Develop some competence in school and/or work.
  - Phone home, E.T. You don't have to tell them every intimate detail of your new life, but let them know that you're alive and basically O.K.
- ### Tips for Parents
- Prepare your children for leaving home by giving them plenty of opportunities for preliminary leavings—e.g. overnights with friends, summer camps, visits to relatives without you.
  - Prepare yourself for their eventual departure by making sure that your children aren't your entire life. Cultivate other interests, relationships, etc. so that when the nest is empty you don't feel empty.
  - Give your young adults space, including the freedom to make their own mistakes. Have confidence in them that they can succeed. At the same time let them know that you are still interested in them. Finding the right distance, will differ from one child to the next, and from one day to the next. It's a trial and error process.
  - As hard as it may be to stop seeing them as your little girl or boy, remind yourself that they are in fact young adults now, and try to shift your communication to an adult-adult mode. For example, instead of barking orders, try making requests, or asking for their opinions. Then, really listen.
  - When and if they do call, don't give them the third degree; but rather try to share in and celebrate the excitement they feel with the new possibilities opening up to them.

### Ted's own story

by Edward "Ted" LeBlond  
Class of 1993

"Well, they liked my cover letter—but do they like me?," I thought to myself as I sat in the brightly lit office of Alumni Relations and Development for the School of Public Health at Harvard University.

Little did I think that when I began sending out resumes this past spring that I would be interviewing for positions at Brown and Harvard universities.

For the first time in my life I was faced with writing a serious letter for a serious purpose. Even though many of my friends, colleagues and professors have told me that I write well, this would be a challenge.

The task at hand would be to convey a sense of myself, including all my skills, talents and abilities in about three paragraphs for a perspective employer. Indeed, it would be difficult.

Since August 1990, I have worked in the Office of the Vice President for Development and College Relations at Rhode Island College where I have been given a great deal of responsibility.

Because of my proficiency with Macintosh computers, I was given the important task of creating a daily log of donations on a database and recording and acknowledging the monies received. I often trained new students to use the computer.

Through my work in the office, I have developed a great interest in development work and have made many valuable contacts. I am very fortunate.

Prior to working for the development office, I worked for the assistant



# Alumni House gets much needed face-lift

by George LaTour  
What's News Associate Editor

**T**he old girl has always been classy, but the years have taken their toll on her appearance.

A dab of paint here; a touch of polish there; a little constructive surgery and voila!

The 100-year-old-plus Rhode Island College Alumni House will be fit again and ready to receive visitors.

Shadoian, who seems just delighted to find that the old house was and still is a quality structure.

She says there are conflicting dates regarding the age of the house with estimates from various sources giving 1830 or thereabouts as the earliest construction date to 1870 as the latest.

The 1830 estimate came from the Providence Preservation Society in May 1977, according to a form on file in Alumni House, which said the "house is Federal style, circa 1830."

This early date was supported in

**Town historian Vincent H. Dexter dated the house from 1870 with a notation that "it can be safely assumed that it was built just after the Civil War."**

Holly L. Shadoian, director of alumni affairs, reports that work is progressing and "there already is a visible change."

The porch roof has been replaced; new gutters have been ordered; scraping, priming and painting of the porch is well underway. Additionally, the blueprints and design specifications are in hand for the remodeling of the first floor, including making the bathroom handicapped accessible.

Indications are that some moneys are or will be available for the accessibility projects, including a ramp to the house, says Shadoian.

Joan A. McKendall, the senior clerk-typist for Alumni

1991 with a letter of recognition from the town verifying it as an historical landmark, and a plaque bearing the name "John Wanton Lyman House, 1830."

However, an article in a 1972 alumni magazine gives the age as 1850-60, and another estimate — from town historian Vincent H. Dexter — dated the house from 1870 with a notation that "it can be safely assumed that it was built just after the Civil War."

He noted that a North Providence map of 1870 did not show the Alumni House as being built, "however, it was built around this period."

The discrepancy might be explained in that the house, circa 1870, was built on land originally known as the Lyman Farm, circa 1830.

Historian Dexter wrote that Alumni House (now called) "is a beautiful spacious colonial structure set back in off of Fruit Hill Avenue on the campus of Rhode Island College."

Located on a hill overlooking Lymansville village and the mill, the house may have been built by John Wanton Lyman, circa 1830, son of Rhode Island Chief Justice Daniel



HOLLY L. SHADOIAN

Affairs, and Richard J. McCormick, one of the painters from Physical Plant, "discovered that the awful-looking front porch light was actually solid brass, along with the door knocker and doorknobs," relates

## RIC gets \$200,000

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training to a variety of persons who will then be able to help create situations to enhance that inclusion, according to Keogh.

Other objectives include expanding or refining all existing pre-service training programs in Rhode Island; to develop and coordinate a statewide network of UAP faculty, consumers and practitioners; to develop committees to coordinate applied interagency research and analysis of the critical factors which have an impact on independence,

Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council to meet the mandates of the 1987 Reauthorization of the Developmental Disabilities Act.

While the proposal to establish a UAP in Rhode Island comes from RIC, it represents a collaborative effort of multiple organizations in the state.

These include Brown University School of Medicine Child Development Center, the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, the Community College of Rhode

**University Affiliated Programs exist "to provide training that facilitates the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities of all ages into society."**

integration and productivity.

This latter objective recognizes that, although there are some commonalities, the issues and decisions facing each age group are unique.

Therefore, there will be four committees focused on (a) early childhood (b) school inclusion (c) adult inclusion and (d) aging persons with developmental disabilities.

The current movement to establish a UAP in Rhode Island has its base in the 1990 report prepared by the

Island, the Rhode Island State Department of Education, the Rhode Island Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project.

Also, the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Ocean State Association of Residential Resources, the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council, and several individual service and advocacy organizations.



**PREPPING THE FRONT PORCH for a face-lift is painter Rick McCormick. Clogged gutters can be seen over his head as work began. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)**

Lyman, or by the Dyer Family, circa 1870.

The one-and-a-half story, gable-roofed dwelling with four end chimneys and eight in-door fireplaces has undergone "many alterations" through the years, says Dexter, who noted that the "large cow barn, with cupola" dates from around the 1880s.

An 1882 atlas shows the house with three buildings (stables, sheds, etc.) and designated it as the Dyer property.

The building of such a beautiful home, as the Alumni House, would have to be undertaken by a wealthy family of that time. The Dyer Family, mill owners (the Dyer Mill in Dyerville just below Manton in Providence) and commission mer-

chants, no doubt were able to do this."

Another atlas map of 1895 shows the house to be owned by the Dyer Family's Elisha Dyer who was elected governor of Rhode Island in 1897.

Other inhabitants included Albert Sack, a mill overseer, and his family who resided there until the 1920s.

After the Great Depression, the house was sold to James Doorley, a construction firm owner and uncle of Joseph Doorley, a mayor of Providence.

As town historian Dexter pointed out, the house known today as Alumni House "has served well for a period of more than 100 years and it will without doubt be preserved as a landmark of outstanding Rhode Islanders."



**SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENTS in the Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) are (from left) Jose Morillo, Toeu Thet, Marielis Agostini and Chheang Heng. Each was awarded books in recognition having the highest achievement in their respective categories. Site is Gaike Hall auditorium on July 28.**



# Passarelli offers 'OASIS' of hope

by Cynthia W. DeMaio  
Student Writer

Making it easier for freshmen to get past the "new student willies" is one goal in her new job as director of OASIS, says Dolores A. Passarelli. OASIS stands for the Office of Academic Support and Information Services, currently operating out of Craig-Lee 60.

Previous to the Aug. 1 appointment, Passarelli had been in charge of new student services at Rhode Island College including the Academic Advisement Information Center, the National Student Exchange Program, and New Student Services. Starting this semester, she will also administer the writing and math learning centers, and will oversee services for students with disabilities and those for whom English is a second language.

In her new position, Passarelli hopes to strengthen the ties between students and their faculty advisor. "Most kids don't know who their advisors are and they don't go to them for advice. At freshman orientation we give students a script that says: 'this is your advisor's name, here is a timetable to contact him or her on various issues.'"

The point Passarelli is making is that the faculty advisor can be an important force in getting a new student through their first year. "In the beginning, most students feel that they don't fit in, that they're not smart enough to make it. Advisors can help by encouraging them and by helping them select courses that make sense for their interests and abilities," Passarelli said



DOLORES PASSARELLI

Passarelli was asked to head up these student services so that the school could "work in a coordinated way to meet the needs of special populations of students." For example, tutors in the Math Learning Center help students with questions that come up in specific courses. However,

if someone wants to prepare for the math section of the National Teacher's Exam, they would go to the Academic Development Center for help. "My job is to make sure there is no duplication of effort," Passarelli said.

To ensure a strong and consistent

program, Passarelli will push for permanent part-time staffing at the tutorial centers.

Professionals are currently hired on a year-to-year basis. Her long-term goal is to get full-time staffing where needed, Passarelli adds.

She notes that while the tutoring services and services for disabled and foreign-language students will report to her, the associated academic departments will continue to provide classes and other support in their specific disciplines. "I will keep an open line of communication with the academic departments to be sure all goes smoothly," Passarelli said.

The freshmen "willies" aren't the only thing which interferes with a student's success. "We have many people at RIC who do not visualize themselves as students. Some work 20 to 40 hours a week, others have the principle responsibility for younger brothers and sisters. My job is to see that they stay in school," Passarelli said.

Her office is running workshops this fall to help these students deal with common problems. Topics and activities include tours of the campus and the library, "getting a grip on your schedule," exam preparation, deciding on a major, and healthy eating habits.

Passarelli says that parents can help students as they struggle with school. "Starting college is a confusing time for kids. They are afraid of failure yet are afraid of success. Part of them wants to leave home, yet another part wants to stay. I urge parents to let the kids make their own decisions, but to keep the lines of communication open," Passarelli said.

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However, the distribution of the \$4.5 million translated into an increase of only \$1.275 million to RIC, he said, adding that the gap between what was the projected need - \$5 million - and what the College actually received is "a gap of \$3 million."

President Nazarian went on to explain that over an 18-month period the College will receive an additional \$1.55 million in bond money for capi-

tal expenditures. He further reported that the College will be the recipient of a one-time \$790,000 allocation from a special state fund to be used solely for the purpose of repairing and/or replacing roofs on campus buildings.

Even with additional funds of about \$400,000 to be allocated from anticipated state tax revenues from an increase in federal taxes, President Nazarian said, "We still must deal with a shortfall of between three-quarters and one million dollars."

He said the College will institute "measures to ensure our living within our budget...in as fair a manner as possible... in order to provide the necessary services to our students."

On a more pleasant note, applause went up in the room when he reported that \$400,000 would go "to

President expressed concern that the College "seize the opportunity to examine, review and assess what we do and how we should address change (within the structure of higher education)." He then reported that he has asked each vice president to participate in a campus-wide review of each division of the College for the possibility of reorganization

## Referring to the library as "the heart of any academic institution," President Nazarian announced that the RIC Foundation has agreed to sponsor a raffle to benefit the library.

the library for the acquisition of books and journals." And that funds will also be used to pay for a new Computer Center mainframe "which will allow use to develop applications that will give faculty and administrators easier and more flexible access to students, courses and other administrative data."

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"It is our expectation not only to raise significant funds but, more importantly, to raise public awareness and consciousness of the need for the state to carry out its obligation to fund appropriately the needs of higher education," he said in announcing the raffle.

He noted that the drawing will take place in February at a fundraiser being co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation.

In his closing statement, the

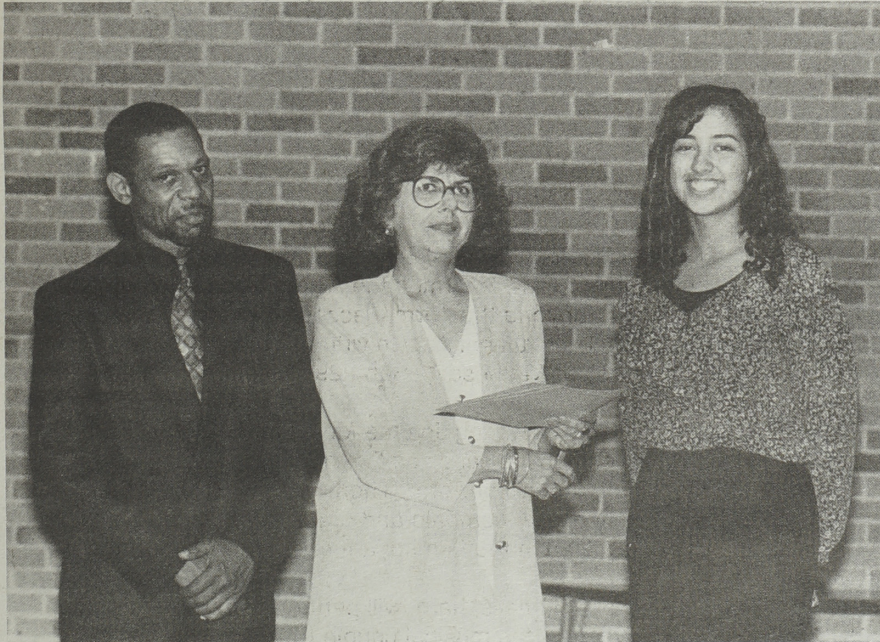
and restructure.

"I am asking that these plans be submitted to me by Feb. 1 in order that we may have the time to review, discuss and consult before we take any action," he said. "I ask you all seriously to participate in this united effort."

In reflecting on the state of American higher education in general, the President said, "it appears to be in a perpetual crisis."

On the role RIC plays in the broad picture, he said, "We must take charge of our destiny and work together to implement change. I believe that we should be looking to putting things together rather than breaking them down into smaller units. There has to be a connectedness to what we do, and what we teach across departments and across the curriculum."

"Remember," he said, "we must join together to fight for, to support, and to demonstrate the importance of higher education, not only to RIC, to Rhode Island, to the nation, but for all."



**UPWARD BOUND HONORS** go to Monica Sousa (right) as a high achiever in both classroom success skills and English literature and composition during the summer session. Monica is a junior at Shea High School in Pawtucket. With her are James Walker, an Upward Bound counselor, and Mariam Boyajian, director. The ceremony was July 28 in Gaije Hall auditorium.



## RIC Dance Co. celebrates its 35th season

An expanded schedule featuring commissioned works by two singular American choreographers and a resumption of the Rhode Island Dances series will highlight the 35th anniversary of the Rhode Island College Dance Company this season.

The choreographers, Daniel McCusker and Elizabeth Streb, will set new pieces for the annual winter and spring concert series, respectively.

McCusker was in residency here in August and will be again in November to create the 20-minute work.

He and Maine's Ram Island Dance Company then will share the stage with the RIC dancers in the winter concert Dec. 3 in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Streb, described as a "dance fire-brand" and recognized as a leader in new dance forms in New York, will be in residence in January to create her new work for the RIC company which will premier in March.

The College's Rhode Island Dances series enters its second three-year cycle with an encore performance on Oct. 15 by the Everett Dance Theatre.

Having successfully inaugurated the series in the fall of 1990 with a long-awaited performance of "Flight," Everett Dance returns with another evening-length work, "The Science Project."



Finally, from Oct. 13 through the 15, thousands of Rhode Island school children will have the opportunity to see a variety of modern dance excerpts when the RIC Dance Company presents its annual Mini-Concert Series.

These daytime concerts are offered free of charge and provide an informative and engaging introduction to modern dance, according to Dante DelGiudice, RIC dance director.

Further details on each of these dance events will appear in these pages throughout the season or you may call 456-9791.

## Varied menu on tap for RIC Theatre

*Crimes of the Heart*, described as a "warm, hilarious comedy," will lead the way for the 1993-94 Rhode Island College Theatre season, which offers a varied menu of entertainment this year.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, *Crimes of the Heart* will run Oct. 7-10.

It will be followed by Peter Shafer's *Amadeus*, winner of five Tony Awards, including "Best Play." It has been described as "a theatrical masterpiece," a play of genius about two geniuses. Dates are Nov. 11-14.

Next on the theatrical menu will be *Ghosts* by Henrik Ibsen, an invigorating drama that "shocked the world when first produced" say promoters.

The play unfolds the secret horrors of a family's past that haunt their present and their future. It will be staged Feb. 17-20.

The Spring Dance Concert is on tap as the next entry in the theatre



STEPHEN KING'S 'GHOST STORIES' will be staged at Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium Nov. 16 at 8 p.m., starting off the College's Performing Arts Series for another season.

## Faculty show Sept. 9-30 opens RIC Bannister Gallery season

The opening exhibition at Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery this fall from Sept. 9-30 highlights artworks by art faculty in the areas of ceramics, design, fibers, metals and sculpture.

The exhibit provides an opportunity for both students and the local community to see the "exemplary artwork, creative diversity, skill and vision of the College's visual arts professionals," says gallery director Dennis O'Malley.

Opening Thursday, Sept. 9 from 7-9 p.m., the exhibit will include works by Harriet Brisson, Tim Corkery, Tony DiBona, Nancy Evans, Belinda Gabryl, Krisjohn Horvat, Olle Johanson, Heemong Kim, Curtis LaFollette, Erica Licea-Kane, Enrico Pinardi and Wendy Seller.

The next exhibit—from Oct. 7-30—will support a College-wide focus on the impact of the AIDS pandemic with the *Village Voice*'s Tom McGovern's photo exhibit "Living with AIDS."

As a photographer and photo edi-

tor of New York's *Village Voice*, McGovern has documented the impact of AIDS on people of diverse ethnicity, economic status and sexual preference since 1987. He was motivated not only by the serious nature of this disease, says O'Malley, but also by his awareness of the powerful effect that media images can have in shaping public attitudes towards it.

McGovern's images emphasize the humanity and courage of patients, families and caregivers and the "transformation that profound personal crisis can produce."

Treasures from the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists will be featured at Bannister Nov. 4-24.

Historical and contemporary works have been selected by the founding director of the museum, Edmund Barry Gaither, which are dedicated to the support, criticism, celebration and preservation of the contribution of Afro-Americans to the commonwealth of world culture.

On Dec. 2-22 the drawings and prints of Richard Claude Ziemann will be featured.

Since his studies with Gabor Peterdi at Yale University in the late 1950s, Ziemann has achieved prominent stature as a printmaker, according to O'Malley, with "his persistent focus on the theme of landscape and his rigorous use of the classic medium of etching and engraving forging a body of work of world renown."

All Bannister Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public.

Located in the College Art Center, the gallery is open during exhibitions from Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. The gallery is closed on holidays. Bannister exhibitions are supported by the RIC Art Club and the College Lectures Committee.

For more information watch for up-coming articles in *What's News* or call Dennis O'Malley at 456-9765 or 8054.

## Chamber Music Series this fall to offer wide range of musical styles

This fall the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series once again will offer a wide range of musical forms and styles, including classical and ethnic music.

And, again, numerous visitors to the campus are expected to fill Roberts Hall 138 (recital chamber) for the 1 o'clock afternoon performances which are always free and open to the public.

Some of the nation's most gifted musicians are featured.

Two outstanding young artists — cellist Emmanuel Feldman and doublebassist Pascale Delache-Feldman — have formed the Axiom Duo of Boston and have set out to perform music beyond the normal accepted range of the cello/bass repertoire and to give each instrument its own virtuoso voice.

They will perform here on Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the first concert of the fall season.

The JED Vocal Ensemble featuring Joanne Mouradjian, Edgar Edwards and Philip Martorella, will appear in the series on Oct. 13.

On Oct. 20, the Solati Trio will perform. Then, on Oct. 27, Reinmar Seidler, cello, and L. Frederick Jodry III, cembalo and organ, will present a program of incendiary pieces composed in the flamboyant mannerist style of the Italians between 1620 and 1690.

On Nov. 10, Carrie Kourkoumelis, harp, will perform music for harp and flute. She is followed on Nov. 17 by the musical couple Noel and Gigi Velasco, tenor and soprano.

The last concert of the fall series, on Dec. 8, will feature a familiar series performer and RIC faculty member Stephen Martorella on piano.

For further details watch for advance write-ups in these pages or call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.



# RIC CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6 - 20

6 Monday	11 Saturday	14 Tuesday	19 Sunday
8 Wednesday	12 Sunday	15 Wednesday	20 Monday
9-30 Thursday	13 Monday	18 Saturday	

Noon to 1 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous to meet in SU 305.

3 to 6 p.m.—Labor Day Bar-B-Q to be held outside the Coffeeground. Sponsored by Residential Life and Housing and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Student Organization Day to be held outside the SU. Sponsored by the Campus Center (rain location—SU Ballroom). For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

9 p.m.—Outdoor Movie. The movie *A Few Good Men* to be shown outside the SU Coffeeground (rain location—Coffeeground). Sponsored by OASIS, Film Society and Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

Annual Faculty Art Show to be held in Bannister Gallery. Hours for the exhibit are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Exhibit opening to be held on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Free and open to the public.

## Sports Events

8 Wednesday	9 Thursday	10 Friday	11 Saturday	14 Tuesday
7 p.m.—Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. University of New Haven. Home.	3:30 p.m.—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Eastern Nazarene College. Home.	4 p.m.—Women's Cross Country. RIC vs. Stonehill College. Away.	9 a.m.—Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Playdown. Away.	3 p.m.—Women's Tennis. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.

7 a.m. to Midnight—Six Flags Great Adventure Trip. Sponsored by Programming and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.\*

10 a.m.—Volleyball Tournament to be held outside the SU Coffeeground (rain location—Recreation Center). Sponsored by the Recreation Center and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

8 p.m.—Sunday Moonlight Flicks. The movie *Ghost* to be shown outside the SU Coffeeground (rain location—SU Ballroom). Sponsored by the Film Society and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Alcoholic Anonymous to meet in SU 305.

9 p.m.—X-Rated Hypnotist, Frank Santos, to appear on campus. Sponsored by RIC Programming. For further information, contact Programming, 456-8045.

3:30 p.m.—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Home.

3:30 p.m.—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Salve Regina University. Home.

4 p.m.—Women's Tennis. RIC vs. Salve Regina University. Away.

7 p.m.—Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. Worcester Polytech Institute. Home.

9 a.m.—Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. Roger Williams University. Invitational Tournament. Away.

10 a.m.—Women's Tennis. RIAIAW Tournament. Site: TBA.

11:15 a.m.—Women's Cross Country. RIC vs. University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. Invitational. Away.

Noon—Men's Cross Country. RIC vs. University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. Invitational. Away.

1 p.m.—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Plymouth State College. Away.

Welcome Back Extravaganza for resident students. For further information, contact the Office of Residential Life and Housing, 456-8240.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Drop-in Pierced Earring Workshop to be held on the SU second floor landing. Sponsored by the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

1 to 2 p.m.—Resume Writing Workshop to be held in the Career Development Center, CL 057. For further information, contact the Career Development Center, 456-8031.

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Canoe Trip. Sponsored by the Recreation Center and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

11:30 a.m.—Brunch Bingo to be held in Donovan Dining Center. For resident students only. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

8 p.m.—Sunday Moonlight Flicks. The film *Unforgiven* to be shown outside the SU Coffeeground (rain location—SU Ballroom). Sponsored by the Film Society and the Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

11 a.m. to noon—Clinton Health Care Reform. U.S. Congressman Jack Reed will give an overview of the nation's expectations for the proposed health care plan. To be held in Whipple 102. The event is free and open to the public. For further information, call the sponsoring department of political science at 456-8056.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous to meet in SU 305.

\*First priority given to students

### Rhode Island College Alumni Association 3rd Annual Golf Day

Monday, Sept. 27, 1993  
Cranston Country Club

Win a 1994 Saturn courtesy of Saturn of Seekonk for a hole-in-one on #15!	Take a chance on winning the use of a new Honda for two weeks courtesy of Saccucci Lincoln Mercury Honda!	Win a new set of clubs from Nevada Bob's of Seekonk for any hole-in-one!
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Registration fee of \$60 entitles you to 18 holes (best ball format), golf cart, hat, steak dinner and prizes!

Registration at 11:30 a.m. - Shotgun start at noon Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. - Dinner and prizes at 6 p.m.

Participation limited to 120 golfers - Sign up by Sept. 13.

Whether you golf or not, you can support the event by sponsoring a tee flag for \$50 (non-alumni \$100). All tee flag sponsors will be listed in the program.

Complete the reservation form below and return it to the Alumni Office with your fee payable to: RIC Alumni Golf Day, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI 02908.

For more information, call the Alumni Office at 456-8086.

If you are in need of any special accommodations, please note on form.

#### RIC Alumni 3rd Annual Golf Day Registration Form

Name _____	Class (if alumnus/na) _____	
Address _____	Daytime telephone _____	
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$60/person)		
If you have a foursome, please list the others in your group (if alumni, give class year)		
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____	Address _____
Class year _____	Class year _____	Class year _____
Yes! I want to sponsor a tee flag.		
Enclosed also is payment for the flag _____ (\$50 for alumni, \$100 for non-alumni).		
Please put the following on my flag _____		