



WHAT'S NEWS

AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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Telecommunications bond issue update –

Technology leaps decades ahead in two years

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

This time last year, the Rhode Island College campus was wired, but not exactly connected and definitely not wired for the 21st Century. Although work was progressing behind the scenes and in the walls with the installation of wires which would eventually link the RIC campus via telephone and computer to itself and to the world, to the casual observer not much was happening with the telecommunications bond issue money.

What a difference a year makes. Last November, the College was still using an outdated telephone system that didn't even recognize the many new area codes that have been added to meet the demand for telephone numbers generated by the very-1990s beeper and cell phone boom and that kept alive memories of the old party lines. It wasn't unusual to hear another conversation during a phone call on campus.

Telephone connections
ring clear this fall

This year, the old telecommunications system was retired and over 1,000 telephone units and lines were switched to the new system during the last two weeks of October. In addition, a small army of answering machines that had sat on desks across the campus to answer calls after hours and, in



TELEPHONE SWITCH: Technician Sean Rogers of WilTel installs telephones in Henry Barnard School. In all, approximately 1,000 campus handsets were changed in the days prior to the Oct. 26 switch over to the Meridian telephone system. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

the case of many professors, to answer direct lines when the professor was in class, were sent packing their bags. These outdated dust-collecting devices sufficed, when they worked, but they certainly didn't do much to aid in communication or provide access to information after hours.

The voice mail system does far more than take callers' messages. It can actually help answer many of their questions and direct them to the person who can help them if the individual they were calling is unavailable. The goal of the voice mail system is to enhance the accessibility of the College and to further communications and connections.

The past year has also seen major changes in computer technology at RIC. Last November, College staff and faculty had lim-

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their
own
words...

RIC hosts teacher preparation symposium

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College will sponsor the first statewide symposium to address the issues of teacher preparation, testing and professional development Thursday, Nov. 5, from 4-6 p.m. in Gage Hall auditorium. The symposium will tackle the question "Are Teachers Prepared?" as it relates to those issues.

As the nation grapples with the issues of teacher preparation, testing and professional development, "Rhode Island College, with its history as a Normal School and considered the premiere teachers' college in the state, will take the lead in organizing this first symposium," said RIC President John Nazarian.

He invited the public to the campus "for this important event."



DAVID G. IMIG
Developments and Collegiate
Concerns: A Washington
Perspective."

It will touch on the subjects of AACTE priorities for 1998-99, teacher education agenda, reporting requirements, reports influencing policy making, professionalization agenda, and the "disconnect" between collegiate perceptions and national concerns, among others.

Imig, who has more than 30 years

Key note speaker will be David G. Imig, chief executive officer of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), whose topic will be "National

of experience in educational practice, research and policy, joined AACTE in 1970 as a program director for international activities.

He is a representative to the Washington Higher Education Secretariat and serves as vice chair of the Learning First Alliance. He is a senior associate of the National Network for Educational Renewal, member of the Business-Education Council, advisory commissioner to the Education Commission of the States and a member of the National Policy Board for Educational Administration.

Since 1980, he has served on the coordinating and executive boards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and is a member of the management committee for the federally funded National Partnership for Excellence

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Julie Whatmough
Class of 2001

Recipient of:
RIC Alumni
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Scholarships

Teaching has and will always be one of the greatest essences of my life. I have felt it as a gifted obligation of mine to fulfill, and to do so I will with honor.

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The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News will continue this year in order for you to be able to revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from the past — the College's past, whether the current era (Rhode Island College) or past eras (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite your contribution of old photos, along with sufficient information about each such as who's in the photo and what they are doing, the year it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we'll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.



REGISTRATION A LA 1970s: Back before computers were commonplace and course registration was in person, rather than via telephone, RIC students had to report to the gym to work out their schedules for the next semester. Sometimes that process — as in the photos above of two unidentified students — was carried out on the gym floor. (file photo)

Focus on Faculty and Staff



Betty J. Rauhe, associate professor of health education, co-chaired the Rhode Island Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (RIAPERD) fall conference Sept. 25 in the HPEAC Building. Over 180 professionals and students met to learn and network. The conference offered numerous educational sessions, including those presented by the state departments of Education and Health and Secretary of State James R. Langevin, Class of 1990. At the awards ceremony, Rauhe received the RIAAPERD 1998 Meritorious Award.

Also at the RIAAPERD conference, Tracy Caravella, assistant professor of health education, co-presented a session on "Super Strategies for the Wee Ones" and Karen Castagno, assistant professor of physical education, co-presented two sessions entitled "Hang Ten on the WWW of Physical Education" and "So You Need More Time to Catch the Perfect Wave?"

Edward Scheff, professor of theatre, attended the annual leadership meeting of the Kennedy Center for Arts Education Network in Washington, D.C., Oct. 29-31. To

commemorate the Alliance Network's 25th anniversary, a special conference was the highlight of the meeting. Entitled "Ensuring the Future of Arts Education, Focus on



Assessment: The Impact of the Arts on Student Success, key leaders in policy and arts education from 45 states focused on issues surrounding assessment of the arts in education and their impact on student learning.

Thomas E. Broffman, adjunct professor in the School of Social Work, presented a paper entitled



"Utilizing Focus Groups with Female Problem Gamblers" at the National Conference on Problem Gambling in Las Vegas in June. The paper described quantitative research conducted with female problem gamblers in both Massachusetts and Connecticut utilizing focus groups.

Thorp Professorship note

The Mary Tucker Thorp Professorship in the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development and the School of Social Work honors a faculty member who has distinguished both him or herself and the College through professional service, scholarship or teaching.

Nominees are evaluated by a committee of faculty from both schools

and rotates annually among service, scholarship and teaching with one award being made each year from the combined schools.

Reference to the School of Social Work was inadvertently omitted from last issue's story on William J. Oehlkers of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development who was cited for distinguished service.

In Memoriam —

RIC wrestler James Quinn

Rhode Island College wrestler James E. Quinn, 23, died unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 19, after running with teammates.

The college junior from Cranston was pronounced dead at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence, where he was taken after collapsing in front of the College's Recreation Center. Efforts of an athletic trainer to revive him at the site were unsuccessful.

Born in Cranston, a son of Margaret A. (Quinn) Martin and the late James Anderson, he lived in Cranston for five years.

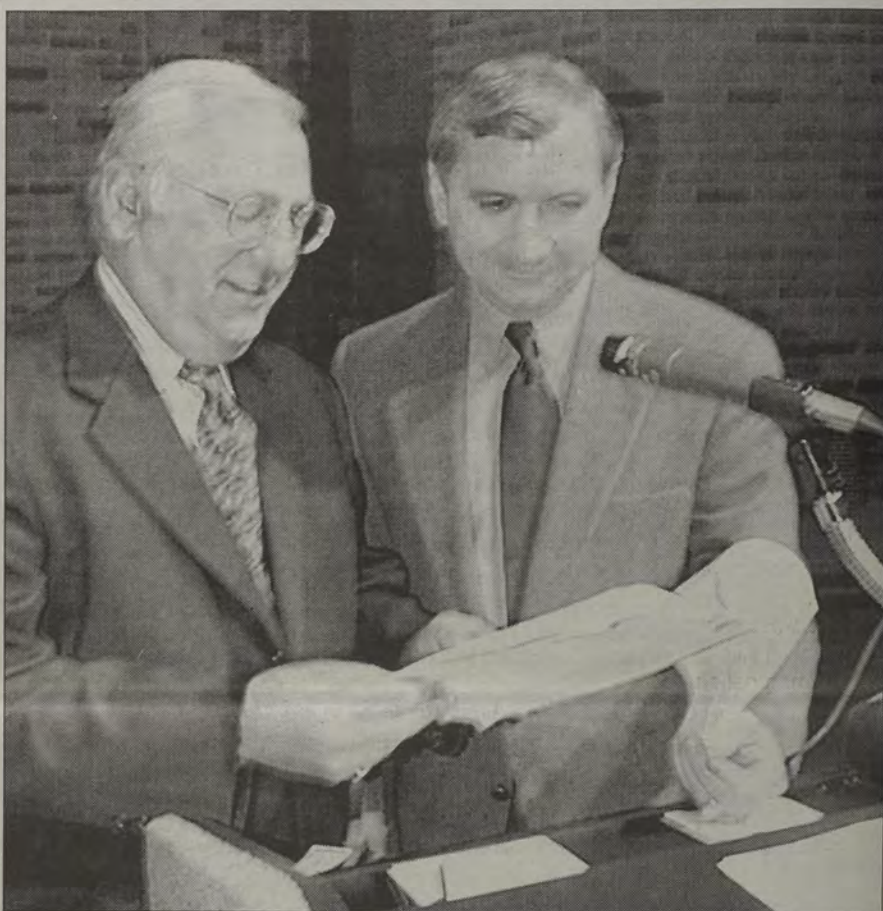
Mr. Quinn, a graduate of Hope High School, was an avid wrestler.

He placed fourth in the 1994 state tournament and was an All-New England wrestler for RIC in the 1995-96 season. He had planned to compete in the 158-pound class this season.

Besides his mother, he leaves a sister, Jennifer Quinn of Cranston; a maternal grandfather, Robert G. Quinn in Florida; and several aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 24 in St. Paul's Church, Cranston. Burial was in Pawtuxet Memorial Park, Warwick.

The College community united for a memorial service Oct. 28 in the Student Union Ballroom.



GOING OVER THE SCHEDULE: College President John Nazarian (left) and Sen. Jack Reed look over the list of workshops offered during "Where The Jobs Are: A Conference For Employed, Unemployed and Underemployed Women" held Oct. 17. The conference, which attracted more than 450 attendees, was presented by Reed in conjunction with RIC. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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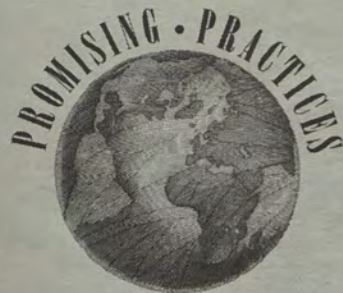
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Diversity fair explores range of educational, cultural topics

Promising Practices: a Multi-Cultural Media Fair with Workshops, whose aim is to place K-12 teachers in meaningful conversation with a variety of resource persons, exhibitors and diversity experts, is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Rhode Island College. The event, which is being organized by the Dialogue on Diversity Committee, begins at 8 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Call 401-456-8784 for further information.



9:30-10:45 a.m. Panels and Workshops, Session I-Gaige Hall

A: Marjorie Roemer, *Orchestrating the Multi-Voiced Classroom*

B: Ellen Bigler, *Integrating Latino Curricula into Elementary Schools*

C: Mark Motte, *Changing Definitions of Diversity-I*

D: Marlene Lopes, *Cape Verdeans in the Curriculum*

E: Judith Mitchell, *Multi-Cultural Literature: Grades 7-8*

F: Sandra Lenore and Gloria Rainone, *Geography Awareness Week: People, Patterns, Places*

11:15 a.m. -12:20 p.m. Keynote Address: Student Union Ballroom

Ms. Ewa Irena Pytowska, Assistant Superintendent, Central Falls Schools
Beyond Labels: Coming of Age in a Multi-Ethnic America

1:30-2:45 p.m. Panels and Workshops, Session II-Gaige Hall

A: Richard Lobban: Open Session: *Sharing Your K-12 Strategies*

B: Amritjit Singh, *"Ethnic" Literature and "White" Resistance*

C: Mark Motte, *Changing Definitions of Diversity II*

D: Elizabeth Henshaw & Elizabeth Rowell, *Diversity Mentorship for Early Childhood Elementary Educators*

E: Sally Gabb, *"It Must Be Like Going to the Moon": Immigrant Families Making Cultural Transitions*

F: Ewa Irena Pytowska and Joany C. Santa, *Home School Liaison: Focus on Central Falls*

3:15-4:30 p.m. Panels and Workshops, Session III-Gaige Hall

A: Leonard Perry, *Dialoguing Cross-Racially*

B: Barry Schiller, Roger Simons and Amritjit Singh, *Immigration, Environment and Diversity*

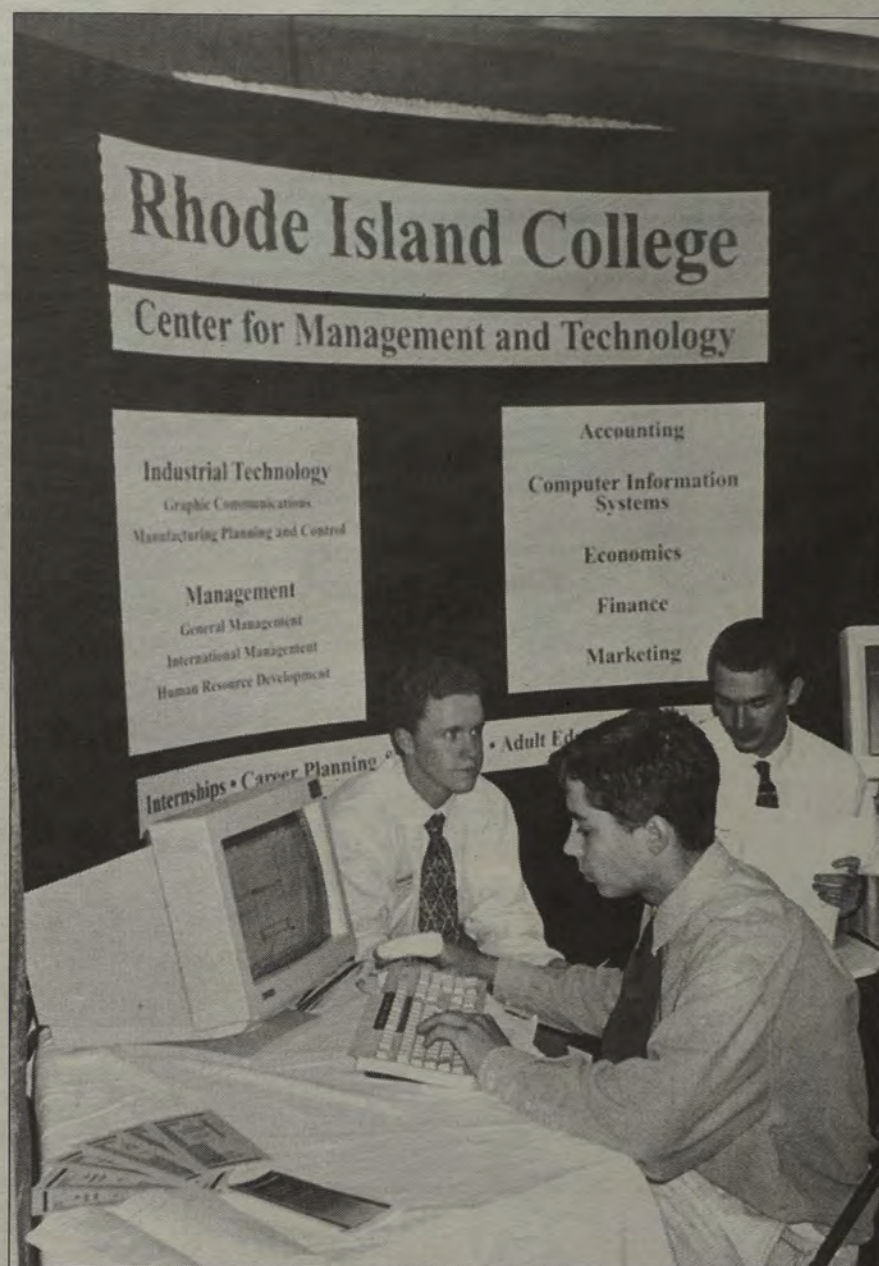
C: Willis Poole, *Teaching Content to ESL students in the Mainstream Classroom*

D: Robert Cvornyek & Raymond Mitchell, *Race, Labor and the Historical Imagination*

E: Sanjeev Chatterjee, *South Asian Diaspora in the Americas*

F: Ellen Bigler, *Integrating Curricula on Latinos into Secondary Schools*

9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m.: Ongoing Videos Showing



RIC AT JOB FAIR: RIC's Center for Management and Technology was well represented at the Workforce for the Millenium Job Fair Oct. 7 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Above (l to r) are RIC students Tom Mumford, Joseph Cooke and Kevin Tobin. (What's News Photo by Clare Eckert)

Private Support

Marguerite M. Brown, Director

News from the Office of Development,
the Rhode Island College Foundation and the Office of Alumni Affairs



Annual Fund update

Thank you to all of our alumni and friends who have made a gift or a pledge to this year's Annual Fund. As you know, we are in the midst of the fall phonothon season, and Rhode Island College students have been working diligently each evening in their effort to contact our alumni and friends and talk with them about what's happening at the College.

As of October 22, the fall phonothons have added over \$21,000 in pledges toward this year's all time record setting goal of \$300,000. Under the supervision of senior Jen Courtney and former student, Shandell Ruiz, our student callers have received very positive responses.

If you have yet to make a pledge or a gift to the '98 Annual Fund, please take time to make that decision now. Dec. 31 marks the end of our fund year. All gifts made to the fund support student scholarships, faculty research, emergency financial aid, and alumni programming. You can make a difference! The

College needs your commitment and support as we continue to make affordable and quality education available for everyone.

Year end financial planning

Many areas of New England have experienced the "first frost on the pumpkin." For those of us in development, we recognize that this time of year is when most individuals think about making a charitable contribution in anticipation of year-end tax concerns. In the past several months, we have seen what some describe as a roller coaster activity in the stock market. Yet, experts have indicated that even the most recent ups and downs of the market have yet to shake the confidence level of most investors.

What happens in investment markets offers options for charitable giving. There are really only three possible scenarios for the markets-they can go up, go down,

or trade at current levels. All three-offer strategies for making a gift of appreciated securities and meeting both personal and philanthropic objectives.

Downward trends: If the market is headed downward, one strategy could be to make a charitable gift with appreciated securities to conserve cash.

This would allow a gift with "paper profits" that might be eroded by a decrease in the market, while, at the same time, preserving cash reserves for other purposes.

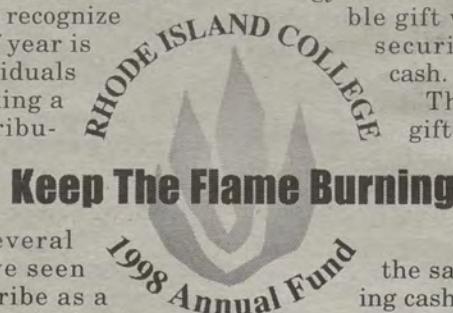
Donors would enjoy federal, and perhaps state income tax deductions based on the full value of the donated property, and capital gains tax would be bypassed entirely. Reserved cash might be used to purchase shares of stock at a reduced price, should the market continue to decline.

Continued fluctuation: If you are uncertain as to whether the

market will continue to go up or down, you might also consider giving appreciated securities instead of cash. As a donor, you can use the cash that might have been donated to repurchase additional shares of the same stock at today's value. If the investments lose value in a market correction, as a donor you will have a capital loss to declare for tax purposes. On the other hand, if the markets go up, as a donor you will enjoy a new, higher cost basis in the stock that "replaced" the donated stock.

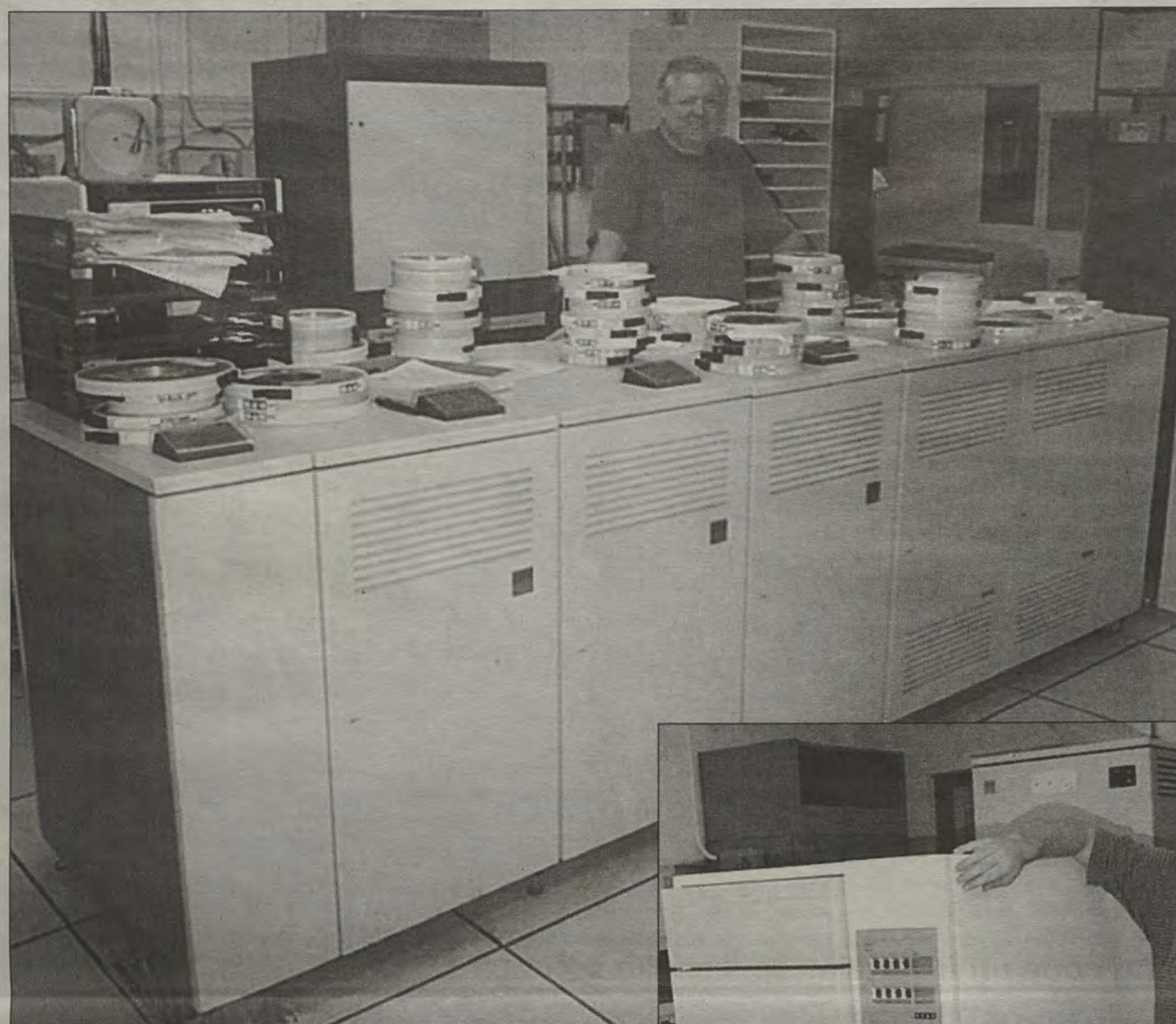
Upward trends: You may simply like to reduce your position in the market. Therefore, you might consider a gift of appreciated stock, or a combination of giving some shares of a stock and selling the remaining shares. This "balanced sale" of stock would also provide year-end tax benefits.

Whatever your interest or favorite charity, we hope that you will find some of these tips useful as you plan for the end of the year.



RIC campus 'wired' for new millenium and beyond

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OLD TECHNOLOGY — FIVE GB OF DATA STORAGE IN EACH OF THESE FIVE BIG MACHINES: Senior computer programmer Russ Chenot behind a bank of 33-75s disk storage devices from the 1960s. Each unit contains 5 gigabytes of memory.



NEWER TECHNOLOGY — FIVE GB IN EACH OF THESE 'DRAWERS': Russ next to a stack of IBM "RAMAC" drives, manufactured during the last five years. Each horizontal "drawer" holds five gigabytes of memory.

ited access to computers. Few academic and administrative departments were fully computerized and students had access to only a few computers located in Gaige and Whipple halls. The computer "Help Desk" was a euphemism for anyone with a bit of trouble-shooting expertise who could field the call in the department in Gaige Hall. Most of the offices on campus didn't have access to e-mail or the Internet - or even a computer for that matter - and the majority of users didn't miss e-mail or the Internet because they had never used them.

This November, thanks in part to the \$40.6 million telecommunications bond issue passed by voters in 1996 and also to the tremendous efforts of the staff in the departments of information technology and telecommunications, RIC is definitely wired for the new millennium and beyond.

Information Technology Department gets it done 'byte' by 'byte'

In the past year, under the direction of Assistant Vice President David Beason, the Information Technology Department has brought RIC light years forward in the world of computers. From the opening of the modern Horace Mann Center for Technology which houses 70 computers and 3 printers to the installation of 500 computers across campus to responding to 1,700 calls for assistance, the staff of network and user services has been busy to say the least.

With the opening of the Horace Mann Center for Technology and the subsequent appointment of William Bunch, Class of 1971, masters 1976 and a second bachelors in 1984, as director of network and user services, the focus for the network and user services shifted from the lower level of Gaige Hall to the Horace Mann Center with



WILLIAM BUNCH

its skylit, open environment and its official Help Desk staffed by a small army of trained student workers and expert staff to support users across the campus.

Bunch, who joined the College last year, organized and redeployed the staff throughout the year to meet ever-changing needs - including creating a web design and support team to assist departments in keeping their web pages current. He is responsible for information technology initiatives including voice, data and video networks, systems and user-focused information technology services.

The department also coordinates training classes for software, loans

equipment to faculty and staff, and provides other assistance as possible. For instance, a technician helped launch RIC's first web class by assisting self-proclaimed computer novice Belle Evans, associate professor of social work, in mastering the computer and navigating the web.

Conquering the Year 2000 threat line by line

The staff in Horace Mann have been busy, but that's only part of the story. Back in the lower level of Gaige Hall, the staff of the MIS department continued to persevere to keep up with all the behind the scenes work that is vital to keep-

ing the College running while preparing for the Year 2000. In addition to doing routine things like making sure paychecks are printed, grade reports and a myriad of other reports are produced, the mainframe and the file servers keep working and are backed-up, the staff has been waging a quiet attack to disarm a major threat - the Year 2000. That is when all our computers will turn the clocks back 1000 years if their programs aren't rectified.

While that may sound like an interesting experiment or a plot for a B-rated science fiction movie, it is not remotely entertaining to those in MIS. Vince Ross, who joined the College as director of management information systems in August, is mounting a strategic war to prepare the College for the Year 2000. Based on his past accomplishments, he is up for the challenge.

Ross is an Air Force veteran with extensive experience in connecting and servicing computers responsible for time-sensitive operations such as making sure the link between a NASA satellite and its launch vehicle worked as planned, or upgrading and troubleshooting the systems in the Massachusetts NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense) office without causing any unexpected consequences.

After 10 years in the military, he declined an assignment to the Pentagon and opted for a position in the private sector where he thought his skills would be needed and he could learn something new. He joined a young company called Peritus as project manager for new system development focused on Year 2000 conversion. While at Peritus, he personally

rewrote 2 million lines of COBOL code for Year 2000 conversion.

With the memory of 2 million lines of code fresh in his mind, he saw the ad for this position at RIC. "I thought my background would be good for that. I was right. It has prepared me for the challenge."

Ross' office looks a bit like a Command Post with a battlefield map of sorts posted prominently on the wall where he can analyze it from his seat of command at the computer and where everyone who enters his office or even glances in can't miss it.

The board prioritizes which systems need to be converted first and tracks progress as well as drop dead dates which are rapidly approaching. "The Year 2000 problem actu-

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VINCENT ROSS

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ally starts January 1999 in some areas," Ross notes. For instance, admissions and financial aid work with dates a year in advance as they process applications for the upcoming academic year.

The state has selected a new computer software system for use by the three institutions of higher education called Peoplesoft, but due to delays in the selection process, it will not be implemented in time to resolve all the Year 2000 issues.

Identify, divide and conquer

Therefore, MIS's approach is twofold: "remediate where possible and replace where we can," Ross says. In other words, they are focusing on rewriting the code where absolutely necessary to avoid problems, but looking for areas where they can just transfer the data into a new program that addresses the

problem, which saves a lot of time and effort.

This was the case for the alumni office. "The Peoplesoft program doesn't have an alumni component so we were able to transfer their data to a client server," Ross said. In addition, to solving the Year 2000 problem in one swoop, they a c t u a l l y improved the usefulness and access of the data. "Alumni previously couldn't see their data. They had to request reports from us. Now, they can access the same reports whenever they want."

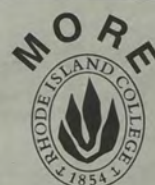
By contrast, the staff is painstakingly rewriting the programs for admissions and financial aid line by line. "Writing code on the mainframe is like scrubbing floors with a toothbrush. The result is very good and the floors are very clean," Ross says. "The client server is like using a mop. It's not as precise. But the floors get clean and they get cleaned more often."

In addition to the Year 2000 project, the MIS staff is responsible for maintaining and backing up the file servers and mainframe. They also run reams of reports each month and meet other needs by writing or modifying programs to accomplish specific objectives.

The nature of those aspects are changing too. "The old way was to write little codes for individual needs," Ross said. Now, they adapt an existing program to meet the need.

The old way was to have all of the data stored in huge mainframes which took up large rooms and could only be accessed by MIS staff. While several generations of those machines still operate in the basement of Gaige, more and more data is now becoming accessible to users directly through file servers and passwords.

In addition to endangering the "lives" of the monstrous mainframes which have been replaced by more powerful and small client servers, the technology advancements also mean improved access to data by the people who need it. In the past, departments would have to request reports and pick them up in Gaige Hall. Eventually users will have greater access.



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It's time to Take a Professor to Lunch

The Take a Professor to Lunch program continues this fall with the week of Nov. 16 set aside for Rhode Island College students to take their profs to lunch.

The program is a student-engagement initiative to enhance student-faculty/staff interaction and help create a more vibrant learning environment, according to Charles Marzacco of the Department of Physical Sciences.

Students will be able to invite a faculty member of their choosing to a free lunch during the week. In addition to inviting their professors to lunch, students are also permitted to invite staff members who have been helpful to them in some way, says Marzacco.

The lunch is not limited to one student and one professor or staff member. A small group of students may invite a professor or staff member as well. There will continue to be a \$5 limit on each lunch.

Alcohol abuse & campus violence conference Nov. 13

A two-hour national teleconference on Alcohol Abuse & Campus Violence: Rights, Rebellion and Responsibilities will be conducted Friday, Nov. 13, from 1-3 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom.

Tufts' Ana Soto to give Young Lecture

"The Society of Cells—Cancer and the Control of Cell Proliferation" will be the topic of Ana M. Soto, an associate professor of cellular biology in the Department of Anatomy and Cellular Biology at Tufts University School of Medicine, when she delivers the fifth annual Robert M. Young Memorial Lecture Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in Rhode Island College's Fogarty Life Sciences Building 050.

Literacy conference at HBS Nov. 14

Sharon M. Fennessey, associate professor at Rhode Island College's laboratory school, Henry Barnard, will be the keynote speaker at a Saturday, Nov. 14, mini-literacy conference at the school on "Conversations about Writing."

Her presentation is entitled "Reflections on Successful Writing Practices in the Classroom" following which a number of workshops will be offered on the topic of literacy.

Sponsored by the Rhode Island branch of the Association for Childhood Education International, the conference will run from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Registration should be received by Nov. 7. For registration information, call Rose Merenda at 781-7065 or Caroline Moakler LeStrange at 785-9476.

RIC joins YWCA in 'Confronting Violence Against Women'



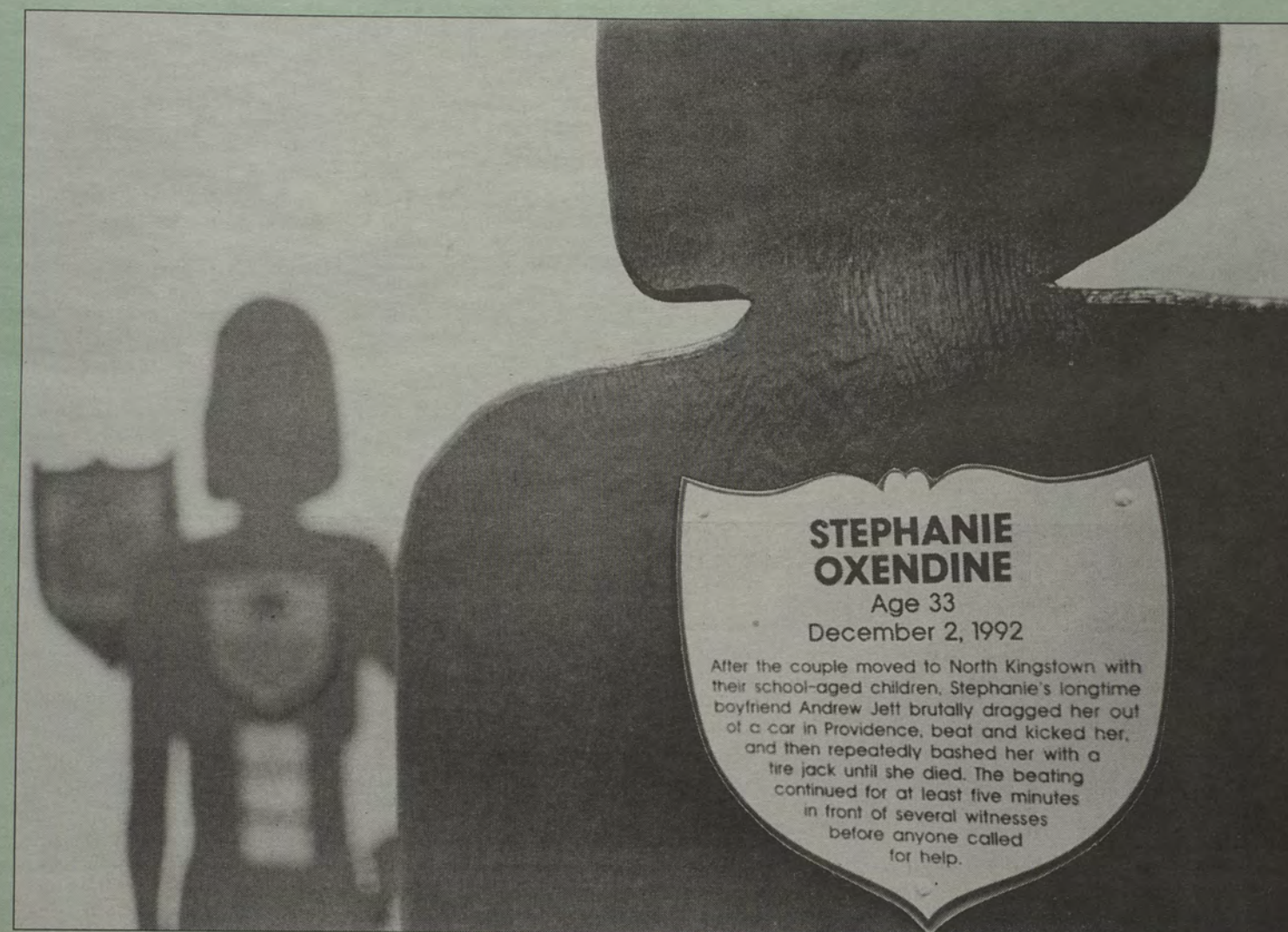
ABOVE: RIC student J Lea looks over the T-shirts that are part of The Clothesline Project. AT RIGHT: RI Attorney General Jeffrey Pine is welcomed by Linda Cipriano (center), Class of 1984 executive director of YWCA of Greater Rhode Island, and Barbara Coomber, executive director of YWCA of Northern Rhode Island. BELOW RIGHT: Lt. Stephen Campbell, head of the Domestic Violence Unit of the Providence Police Department, speaks to students in the Bachelor of Social Work program. BELOW: One of the smallest shirts in The Clothesline Project.

On Oct. 21 Rhode Island College's Women's Center participated in the YWCA's fourth annual "Week Without Violence." Held primarily in the Student Union Building, the event, entitled "Confronting Violence Against Women," included the display of more than 200 T-shirts from The Clothesline Project. The hand-painted shirts carry messages written by victims of domestic violence or by their surviving loved ones, the aim being to show the widespread extent of this problem.

There was also an exhibit sponsored by the Silent Witness Collaborative of RI. This consisted of several life-size silhouettes telling the tragic stories of women who were victims of domestic violence.

Lt. Stephen Campbell, of the Providence Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, spoke to social work students, and there was an opportunity for people to design T-shirts on the theme of stopping domestic violence.

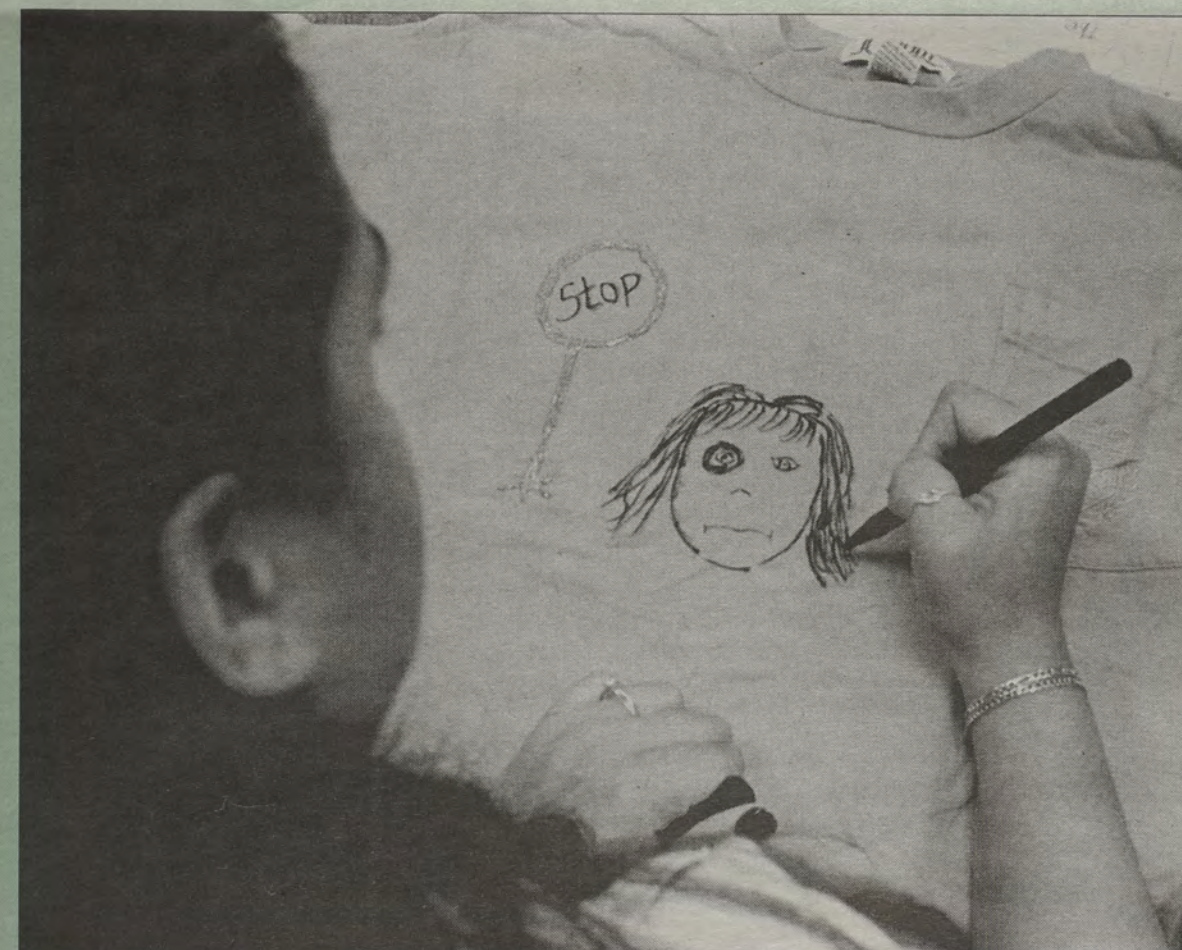
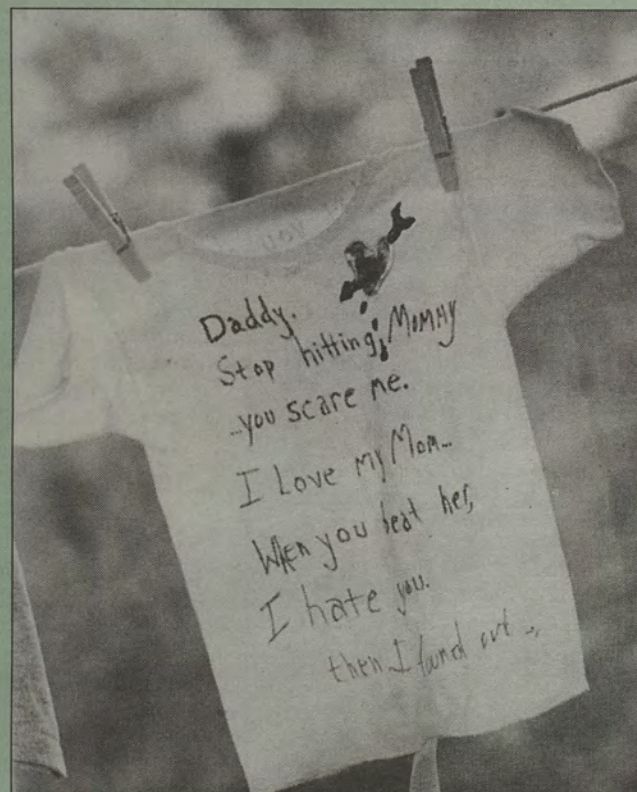
Here are a few scenes from that day, some of them heart-rending.



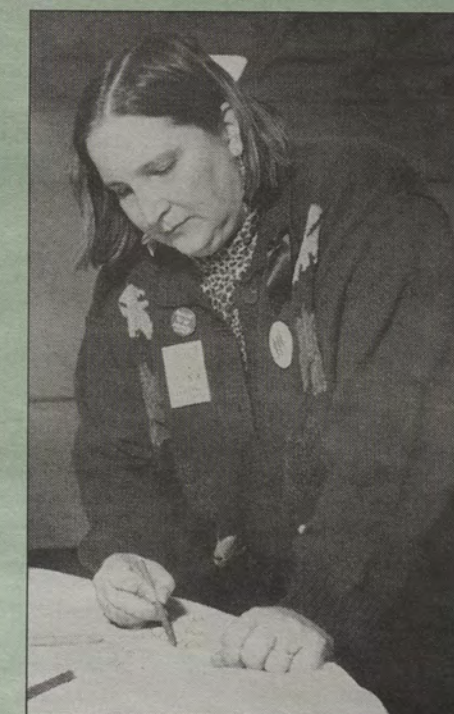
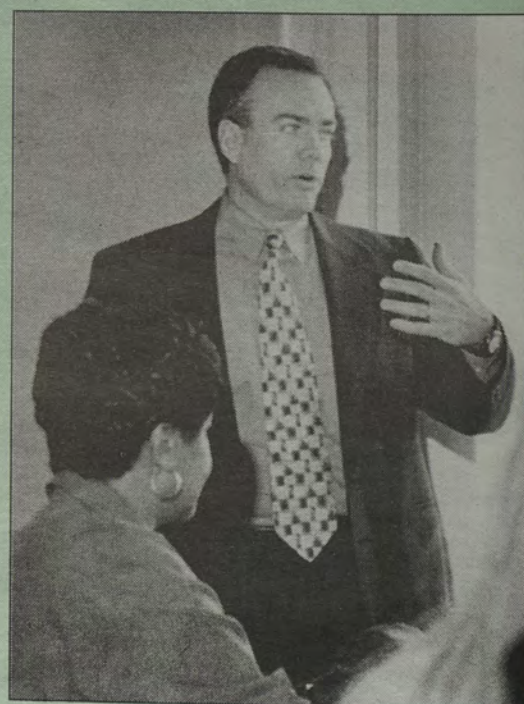
STEPHANIE OXENDINE

Age 33
December 2, 1992

After the couple moved to North Kingstown with their school-aged children, Stephanie's longtime boyfriend Andrew Jeff brutally dragged her out of a car in Providence, beat and kicked her, and then repeatedly bashed her with a tire jack until she died. The beating continued for at least five minutes in front of several witnesses before anyone called for help.



ABOVE: One of the silhouetted figures of the Silent Witness Project. LEFT: An unidentified women paints a T-shirt that will be added to the Clothesline Project. BELOW: Susan Rose-Watts, coordinator of the RIC Women's Center, signs a T-shirt as a petition against domestic violence.



Photos and text by
Gordon E. Rowley

'There's so much to do and we're so small'

RIC alum leads cause to prevent child abuse

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The mission of Prevent Child Abuse—Rhode Island (PCA-RI) is inherent in the name: prevent child abuse and neglect, and support families in raising their children in a healthy fashion.

A master of social work graduate from Rhode Island College can give you chapter and verse on the tenants of preventing child abuse.

"I can talk about it until the proverbial cows come home," assures Frederick V. "Ted" Whiteside III of Providence, who earned his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1968 and his masters at RIC in 1985. He has worked for 28 years with abused children and their families.

He is the second executive director of PCA-RI, which until last April was known as the Rhode Island Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. Prior to that, he was the assistant director of St. Aloysius Home, formerly in Greenville.

"The primary issue with child abuse and neglect," says Whiteside, "is the stresses that young parents are under."

"The larger issue is one of providing appropriate support and nurturing for young families."

"In most instances, abuse is not intentional and calculated but rather spontaneous reaction to frustration and disillusionment. We need to do a better job of removing some of the stresses that young parents are under."

Whiteside assures that the "stresses" mentioned above are well known: poverty, inadequate housing, low self-esteem, and the isolation of parenting.

"We now know ways to address these issues. We know if we get in early — even at the pre-natal (before a child is born) stage — and support some of these young parents through home visitation that we can decrease incidents of child abuse and neglect," Whiteside states.

Operating out of a modest office in a building known as Independence Square at 500

Child Abuse but will change it to Prevent Child Abuse—America "for uniformity." Chapters in 16 states, including Rhode Island, have already made the name change.

The national organization was created out of a ground-swell movement at the time focusing on children, says Whiteside.

"Most people don't know that child abuse and neglect wasn't even

when the national mandated that all state chapters hire a full time staff director. Paula Krausse was hired and served as executive director for the committee until 1994 when Whiteside succeeded her.

"The programs that Paula initiated in this state were outstanding," says Whiteside. "She was tireless" and created the identity of the organization "which I was fortunate

address this annual conference — people like Dr. Penelope Leach from London and Dr. T. Berry (sic) Brazelton from Boston.

There's the Breakfast with Santa event — this year sponsored by Citizens Bank — held annually at the Community College of Rhode Island the second Sunday in December at which some 200 to 300 families attend, and new last April, the Children in Film Festival held at RIC in conjunction with the School of Social Work and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

"This is part of a larger arts series we're developing called 'Images of Children' which will go to various sites around the state such as college campuses," says Whiteside.

He does a "tremendous amount" of training of professionals, teachers, parents and the public on the types of child abuse and neglect, the ability to discern and identify them and what one should do if they develop what the law calls "a reasonable suspicion" of child abuse and neglect.

A reasonable suspicion is the legal standard for reporting it, says Whiteside.

Call 1-800-RICHILD

"In other words," he says, "if you have reasonable suspicion that child abuse or neglect is occurring, you are mandated to report it." In such cases you would call the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) at 1-800-RICHILD.

In addition to training and speaking around the state, Whiteside says his group is "seriously supporting" statewide home visitations focusing on families with the most need. This would include couples expecting a child in a family which already has experienced spousal abuse.

"There is a clear correlation between spousal abuse and child abuse," says Whiteside.

"There has been research and the evidence is clear that early intervention provided by a home visitor is a powerful tool in the prevention of child abuse and neglect," he stresses.

As with any small non-profit human service agency, money is tight and the need is great. Thus raising public consciousness of the issue and what can be done is vital to fulfilling its mission not only by helping prevent abuse but also by raising the support necessary to continue its work.

In April, which is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month, Gov. Lincoln C. Almond helped kick-off the PCA-RI 1998 Blue Ribbon Campaign during which 10,000 blue ribbons were distributed throughout the state. In October, Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. and Col. Urbana Prigano Jr., Providence chief of police, served as honorary co-chair for PCA-RI's fundraiser.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month during which groups plan public marches, displays and other events to draw attention to this prevalent issue, see photo essay, p. 6 & 7.

The task before Whiteside and PCA-RI is challenging to say the least.

Observes Whiteside: "There's just so much to do and we're so small."



TED WHITESIDE

a formal medical diagnosis until 1961. When Dr. Henry Kempe presented the 'Battered Child Syndrome' as a formal diagnosable condition at the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1961 it was the first time that physicians were able to

nate enough to inherit."

Whiteside's wife is Heidi Brinig, who serves as the director of Families Together at the Providence Children's Museum. One of his brothers, James, is a RIC grad, Class of 1979, who is currently in the master of social work program at RIC.

Work very broad

"Our work is very broad," explains Whiteside. "We are an education and advocacy group."

The group's work includes distribution of a sexual abuse prevention activity book to all third graders in the state — over 13,000 copies, and the Shaken Baby Campaign alerting the public and particularly new parents about the dangers of shaking an infant.

The Shaken Baby Campaign also includes distributing flyers printed in English and Spanish to all maternity wards in the state; speaking to groups around the state and working closely with the child protection team at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

One of the hallmarks of the PCA-RI's program is the day-long Parenting Matters conference, which includes more than 45 individual workshops.

Hosted by co-sponsor Lifespan, a Rhode Island health system, renown speakers in the field

Most people don't know that child abuse and neglect wasn't even a formal medical diagnosis until 1961.

Prospect St. in Pawtucket, Whiteside seemingly works day and night running some 10 different programs most of which are focused on providing education and creating public awareness.

He has one part-time staff assistant and on occasion has a student intern from RIC or PC to assist him, but mostly "we make use of volunteers."

The "we" he refers to is the PCA-RI 18-member board who hired him and to whom he answers.

National organization

PCA-RI is one of 42 chapters of a national organization created in the early 1970s and headquartered in Chicago. It goes by the name of the National Committee to Prevent

label what they had been seeing in children for some time," relates Whiteside.

The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse was formed several years later leading to the creation of the Rhode Island chapter. A number of concerned Rhode Island professionals came forward and petitioned for the charter, formed a board of directors, and began highlighting the serious issue of child maltreatment.

"If it were not for the passion of folks like Dr. Richard Solomon, John Symynkywicz and others we would not be here today," says Whiteside, adding, "We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude."

The board operated without any full-time staff until the late 1980s

RIC Athletics



DONALD E. TENCHER

director of intercollegiate athletics,

Tragedy strikes Rhode Island College

Monday, Oct. 19 was a beautiful autumn day at Rhode Island College until late afternoon when the storm clouds of a human tragedy encompassed the campus and in particular the College's intercollegiate athletic program.

It was late afternoon when the candidates for this year's wrestling team started out on a three mile warm-up run, a short time later one of their own lie unconscious in front of the College's Recreation Center.

The team was readying for its fourth day of preseason practice and was heading into the final stretch of the run when veteran wrestler James Quinn encouraged team members to sprint the last leg of the run. Minutes later, Quinn collapsed after congratulating fellow team members on a solid effort.

The College's athletic trainer Jerry Shellard was summoned and administered first aid to Jim within seconds. The student-athlete was unresponsive and Shellard almost immediately started cardiopulmonary

resuscitation. With the help of a Recreation Center member Shellard continued to administer CPR until the Providence Fire Department rescue personnel arrived on the scene within minutes. Jim was transported immediately to St. Joseph's Hospital's Fatima Unit where he was pronounced dead at 6 p.m.

Word immediately spread around campus about this devastating event. A large group of student-athletes and students (including the entire wrestling team) gathered outside of the Rec Center at the spot Jim had collapsed for a candlelight vigil.

They were joined by members of the College's administration, the coaching staff and the College's counseling center. College President Nazarian, Vice President for Student Affairs Penfield, and myself met with different student groups throughout Monday evening in an effort to convey to the College community the series of events that lead up to the tragedy.

Calling hours for Jim were held on Friday where hundreds of student-athletes from RIC as well as other institutions paid their respects. The funeral was held on Saturday. A campus memorial service was held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

On behalf of everyone in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation our heartfelt sympathies go out to Jim's family.

Additionally, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to the entire Rhode Island College family for all of their support during this very difficult time. I would also like to commend athletic trainer Jerry Shellard for his professional efforts under extreme circumstances.

Jim's family has requested donations in Jim's memory be made to the Rhode Island College Foundation, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, or 456-8105.

Katie Hagan finds the net for women's soccer

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Scoring goals has never been a problem for Pascoag's Katie Hagan. The 20-year-old forward on RIC's women's soccer team has been doing that for the past 15 years. "Soccer has always been my number one sport," the sophomore says. She began playing at age five in the Burrillville-Gloicester Youth Soccer Association and has never looked back.

Since coming to RIC in the fall of 1997, Hagan has proved herself to be one of the top players in the Little East Conference.

In 16 games this fall, she is second in the LEC in scoring with 11 goals and four assists for 26 points. She has scored a goal in eight games, scoring multiple times on three occasions. In her best performance of the fall, Hagan scored two goals and registered an assist for five points in the team's 7-1 win at Lasell on Oct. 7. Earlier in the season, she was named to the Roger Williams University All-Tournament team.

RIC Head Women's Soccer Coach Nicole Barber loves penciling Hagan's name in the starting lineup each game. "Katie comes to play every day. She has excellent field vision and a knack for scoring key goals. She works well with our other forward, Joan Hencler, to give us a formidable one-two punch up front. Katie is dedicated to making herself a better player each day."

RIC is currently 6-9-1 overall with three games left on schedule. "We've

had tough luck this year," Hagan says. "We've played right with the top teams in our conference, but we've lost a lot of those games by one goal." In fact, six of the Anchorwomen's nine losses were by



one goal. "We want to finish the season out on a winning note."

Hagan was a welcome addition to a young squad as a freshman in '97. She played in 18 games, starting 16 of them. The 5'7" forward finished the year as the squad's leading scorer with nine goals and four assists for 22 points. She registered a career high six points, scoring two goals and assisting on two others, in a 4-1 win over Rivier. She was selected to

the Salve Regina All-Tournament Team and capped the year off by being named RIC's Most Valuable Player. "I was really surprised with the success I had last year. I just wanted to break into the starting lineup and help the team win games."

Keeping their game in top condition is a priority for most athletes and Hagan is no different. Like the majority of her teammates, Hagan plays in several indoor leagues during the off-season. "I played in four different leagues this year," she says. The RIC team won the indoor championship at the Bridgewater State Invitational in the spring. Hagan was the MVP.

Hagan is a 1997 graduate of Burrillville High School. She played soccer and basketball during her playing days for the Broncos. In soccer, she was named First Team All-Division in each of her four years at BHS and was Second Team All-State as a junior and senior in 1995 and 1996.

Although she was recruited by several Division I and II schools, Hagan decided to stay at home and attend RIC. "I came to RIC because of its prestigious education program. Academics was my first concern when it came to choosing a school. RIC was a good choice because it had the major I wanted and I'd be able to play soccer." The physical education major is hoping to teach and coach soccer after college. "I plan on playing in several women's soccer leagues after college too," she says.

Fortunately for the Anchorwomen, Hagan has plenty of games left to play in her career.

Sports Roundup

MEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach Len Mercurio's squad is 8-7-0 overall and 1-4 in the Little East Conference. RIC won perhaps its biggest game of the season with a 2-1 overtime victory against Eastern Connecticut State University on Oct. 17. The Warriors were the LEC's first place team at the time.

Tim Brown was named the LEC's Player of the Week after netting the game-winning goal, just 52 seconds into the second overtime period, against Eastern Connecticut.

Erik White scored three goals in the team's 8-2 win over Johnson and Wales University on Oct. 15. White has 83 career points, fourth all-time at RIC.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach Nicole Barber's team is 6-9-1 overall and 0-4-1 in the Little East. Joan Hencler was named the Little East's Player of the Week after scoring two goals and assisting on three others for seven points against Lasell and Plymouth State on Oct. 7 & 10. Hencler is second on the club in scoring with eight goals and a team-high eight assists for 24 points.

Co-captain Jill Lozeau has six goals and six assists for 18 points.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Anchorwomen are 13-14 overall and 4-3 in the Little East Conference. RIC will participate in the Little East Conference Tournament hosted by UMASS-Dartmouth on Oct. 23 and 24.

Brandee Trainer was named to the LEC's Weekly Honor Roll after her performance against Johnson and Wales University. Trainer had 12 kills and five blocks in the win.

Kate Wolloff leads the team with a .212 hitting percentage and 209 kills.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team finished the 1998 season with a 9-0 win over Johnson and Wales University on Oct. 22. Head Coach Dick Ernst's squad closed out the year with a 10-2-1 overall record and a second place finish at the Little East Conference Championships.

Joy Fox was the LEC's number three singles flight champion. MeLeah Hall was the number four singles flight champ. Cynthia Murray and Sue Figueira were the conference's number three doubles champions.

RIC posted its highest winning percentage (.833) since the 1985 squad went 11-0 (1.000). The team's ten wins were the most in a single season since 1995.

MeLeah Hall set a single-season school record with 14 singles wins. She teamed with Nicole Taylor in doubles for a 13-2 record, the most doubles wins in a single season in school history.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country teams took part in the Eastern Nazarene College Invitational on Oct. 17. The men's team took home first place overall, outdistancing the Crusaders and Mass. Maritime in the win. RIC had all six of its runners place in the top ten. Five members of the squad had times under thirty minutes in the five mile event.

Marc Lavallee placed second overall for the men with a time of 28:03. It was his fastest time of the year. Laurie Giguere was women's top finisher, posting a fourth place time of 22:30 over the three mile course.

RIC Theatre presents a classic comedy 'The Servant of Two Masters' Nov. 12-15

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The *Servant of Two Masters*, a classic comedy by 18th century playwright Carlo Goldoni, will be staged by Rhode Island College Theatre Nov. 12-15 in evening and matinee performances in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Written in 1740 in Venice, this slapstick from the commedia dell'arte tradition centers on the extravagantly contradictory character of Truffaldino, the servant of the title, and on his finally unsuccessful attempts to serve two masters while keeping each one unaware of the other's existence.

He is engaged first by Beatrice Rasponi, a gentlewoman who arrives in Venice disguised as her own brother. Beatrice has come to collect the dowry which her dead brother had been promised by Pantalone, a rich merchant, whose daughter Clarice was meant to become the dead man's bride.

Out of greed and a sense of bravado, Truffaldino then agrees to serve as well another new arrival to Venice, Florindo Aretusi, who turns out to be Beatrice's finance and who is a fugitive from Turin where he faces a murder charge over the death of Beatrice's brother.

Truffaldino's need to conceal one master from the other keeps each

one ignorant of the other's presence in Venice until very nearly the end of the play, when, in a wel-

ter of revelations, the true identities of Beatrice and Florindo are revealed, and Beatrice is forgiven for



attempted fraud.

Although Goldoni is not often performed in the United States and Britain, his reputation is sharply higher on the European continent.

As one approaches his native land, Goldoni's stature becomes downright majestic, says the *New York Times*.

Nearly every Italian city, and especially his native Venice, is festooned with Goldoni statues, piazzas and boulevards. And in 1993, the 200th anniversary year of his death, stages all over Europe were crowded with Goldoni's works. *The Servant of Two Masters* has been described as "a delightful romp through the fun of a classic comedy."

RIC's David Burr will direct a cast of 13 players with senior Tania Rocha of East Providence playing the role of Truffaldino.

Others in the cast and the roles they play are: Eric Greenlund, Pantalone; Dina Cataldi, Clarice; Michael Roderick, Dr. Lombardi; Cory Guglietti, Silvio; Holly Beaudry, Beatrice; Jason Anthony, Florindo; Laura Ames, Brighella; Esther Zabinsky, Smeraldina; Jessica Shiano, first waiter; Sara Walker, second waiter; Michael Cellemme, porter. Stage manager is Beth Vanasse.

Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-14, are at 8 p.m. The Sunday show is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with discounts for senior citizens and students and may be purchased in advance by telephone via VISA or MasterCard by calling 456-8060. The box office is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and until time of performance.

RIC's Calbert writes second book of poetry

Cathleen Calbert, associate professor of English at Rhode Island College, will have her new book of poetry released in February by Sarabande Books out of Louisville, Ky.

Entitled *Bad Judgment*, it is Calbert's second collection of poems offering feminist fables appropriate to the millennium:



C. CALBERT

tales of when the world lost meaning, of falling in love in an age of indeterminacy.

"Her sense of comic absurdity is uncanny: in one poem, the speaker attends a

costume party as a dead debutante; in another, facile positivism is shredded by satire," according to Sarabande publicity.

In poems that balance realistic and surrealistic narratives, irony and sentiment, Calbert records the journey of a woman reeling from a number of losses — her youth, the death of a close friend, religious faith toward love and marriage.

Calbert writes an updated feminist song of herself, a song that celebrates the pleasure of being the modern "woman as wild card, as other than wife, mother, lover, friend," the woman who delights in forging herself with wit and wisdom, according to the publisher.

Calbert's previous collection of poetry was *Lessons in Space*.

She was a recipient of The Nation Discovery Prize in 1991, the Gordon Barber Memorial Award of the Poetry Society of America in 1994, and a writing fellowship from the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts in 1995.

Her poems have appeared in *The Best American Poetry 1995*, *Feminist Studies*, *The Hudson Review*, *The Paris Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry Northwest* and *TriQuarterly* and others.

Price of the 72-page book is \$20.95; \$12.95 in paperback. G.L.

Fidelity showcases art works of RIC faculty



FIDELITY EXHIBIT: Nine RIC art faculty members displayed some of their works at a private exhibit opening and reception at Fidelity Investment in Smithfield Oct. 15. The exhibit, which will run for three months, is the first in a series sponsored by Fidelity for art faculty from Rhode Island colleges and universities. Each exhibit will run for three months. Pictured above from left are: John Muggeridge, vice president of Rhode Island communications for Fidelity; RIC adjunct faculty members and artists Yizhak Elyashiv, Anne Tait and Bruce Lenore with Robin Weiss, Fidelity's associate curator. Other RIC faculty participating are Paola Ferrario, Stephen E. Fisher, William G. Martin, Dennis M. O'Malley, Bryan E. Steinberg and Leigh Tarentino.

Symposium

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and Accountability in Teaching project.

The panel of experts at the symposium includes Anne Lydecker, provost at Bridgewater State College; David E. Nelson, dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development; and Kathy Swann, of the Rhode Island National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Former RIC provost and former commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island Eleanor McMahon, a visiting professor at Brown University's Taubman Center for Public Policy, will be moderator.

Organized under the leadership of the RIC president and the faculty of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, it is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

For more information, call Susan Schenck, director of clinical experiences, at 456-8114.

Bannister Gallery exhibit Nov. 5-25

Rohm's works abstracted from human form

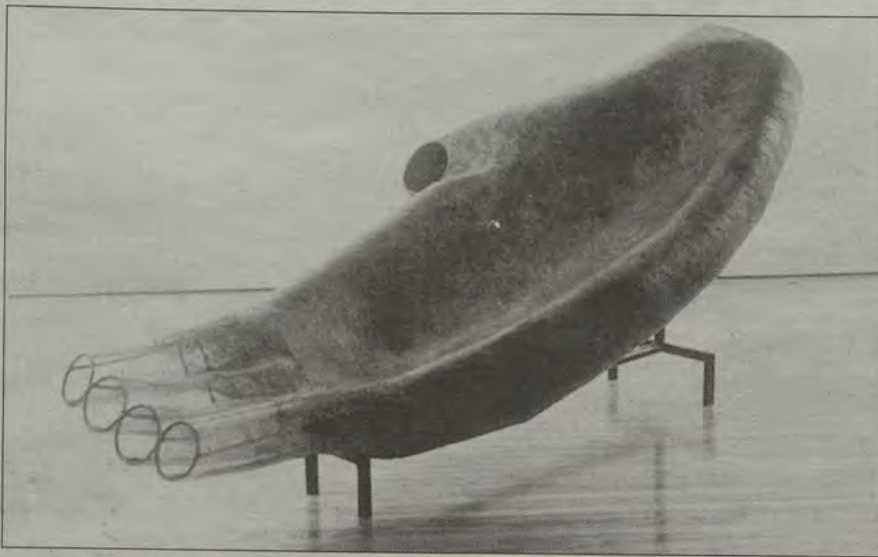
The sculpture and drawings of Robert Rohm, recently retired from the University of Rhode Island where he taught sculpture for 30 years, will be on exhibit in Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery Nov. 5-25.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Exhibit opening is Nov. 5 from 7-9 p.m.

Rohm's sculptures are abstracted from the human form. Through them, according to Dennis O'Malley, gallery director, he explores the enigma of human life and its vehicle — the body.

His work has been influenced by



UNTITLED (SLIDE), 1977. Steel mesh with encaustic, 56" x 113" x 55" by Robert Rohm.

extensive travel to Southeast Asia where monumental statues and ancient temples embody the distilled wisdom of thousands of years of human history.

Rohm's drawings provide a glimpse of the thought processes

and the private internal discourse which runs simultaneously with the making of the sculpture, says O'Malley.

His work is included in numerous collections, including the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Regular hours for the gallery, which is located in the RIC Art Center, are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. The gallery is closed holidays.

For more information, call O'Malley at 456-9765.

Alumni scholarship

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I see teaching from an array of perspectives. It is a form of help, which is especially important to me. To help another is to help countless others, and ultimately, to help one-self.

To spark life into one's mind with new knowledge, ideas, dreams and possibilities is the infinite opening of passageways in a devoted teacher's lifetime. To validate and crystallize a child's pure imagination of their vastly unfolding world is what I one day aspire to do an enlightened, positive teacher.

After having successfully completed by freshman year at Rhode Island College, I see it is a promising place of education for me.

I have met interesting and dedicated professors, friendly students and classmates.

Some of my classes were very educational, and for me, they provoked unknown areas of my mind which makes the learning experience so much richer and worthwhile.

I would like for all people to discover their interests and learn about our amazing world on which we are so fortunate to be.

The world might then be aware that one of the only real acceptable forms of power is knowledge.

The only real battle to fight is that in one's mind which says one is not capable of learning. These ideas are very idealistic, but a teacher comes into contact with so many lives, and is giving so many opportunities to help make each grow.

The process of growth could be like the sprouting of sunflowers in the middle of a desert.

Since my ultimate goal is to become a teacher of elementary education, I will strive to learn as much as I can to become stronger for myself and for my future students.

It is quite important for a teacher to have confidence and faith in oneself so that the students have a positive role model from which to learn.

I have had experience in working with young children for years now as an older sister, as having been a frequent baby sitter, and through taking a class in Child Development my senior year of high school.

Patience is the virtue needed by anyone working with children and it is one that I, fortunately, possess. I have yet to experience any of the education classes at RIC or enter classrooms for observations and student teaching, but I know the experiences will be wonderful.

As a student at RIC, any type of financial aid helps immensely. It makes everything easier, especially the learning process. A scholarship is a generous award, for one knows that by having received one, it was earned.

Dreams can and do come true.

Soprano Fortunato, baritone de la Garza in recital Nov. 18

D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo soprano, and Rene de la Garza, baritone, will present a recital of vocal duets by Purcell, Saint-Saens, Brahms, Beach, Debussy, Rossini, Bock/Harnick, Faure and Bernstein in the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138 (recital chamber).

The performance is free and open to the public.

On the program is Purcell's "Sound the Trumpet," Faure's Pleurs D'Or; Beach's "Ellie et Moi;" Debussy's "Les Femmes de Paris;" Saint Saens' Pastorale; Brahms' Vier Duette, Opus 28; Rossini's Dunque Io Son from The Barber of Seville; Bock/Harnick's "If I Were A Rich Man" from Fiddler on the Roof, Bernstein's "Easily Assimilated" from Candide and "Carried Away" from On the Town.

Accompanying on piano will be Laska Meseck.

As a concert and oratorio soloist,



D'ANNA FORTUNATO

Fortunato has appeared internationally with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, St. Luke's Ensemble, Musica Sacra and the New York Choral Society, among many others.

Her festival engagement are numerous as are

her singing appearances with major orchestras.

She has played leading roles with New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Kentucky Opera, Opera Company of Boston, Monadnock Festival, Connecticut Grand Opera and Rochester Opera Theatre.

She continues her collaboration with the Bach Aria Group, touring and conducting master classes and seminars throughout the country.

She has recorded with Harmonia Mundi, Nonesuch, MusicMasters, Musical Heritage, London Records, Vox, Northeastern and Newport Classics.

De la Garza's singing has been praised for its rich color and strong



RENE de la GARZA

dramatic delivery.

He has sung with the Albany and New Haven symphonies, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the St. Cecilia Chamber Orchestra and the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

His operatic repertoire is quite diverse, singing leading roles in Lully's Alceste, Rameau's Platee,

Handel's Semele and Acis and Galatea.

Frequently in demand as a solo recitalist, he has performed the music of the baroque with harpsichordist Robert Conant and appeared at Avery Fisher Hall, The Newport Music Festival, the Gardner Museum and the Kennedy Center.

He is a featured singer on a recently released CD recording of Kurt Weill's Johnny Johnson with the Boston Camerata. De la Garza teaches voice and directs the opera programs at the University of Rhode Island and RIC.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.

RIC alumna named head of Independent Colleges



L. EDMUNDSON

Lorna Dufhney Edmundson, a 1964 graduate of Rhode Island College who was named president of Vermont's Trinity College in 1996, has been named president of the Association of

Vermont Independent Colleges (AVICI).

In announcing her selection the AVICI said she would serve in a new, expanded leadership role designed to ensure that the association's 16 member colleges continue to thrive and remain players in higher education in the state, the region and the nation.

She assumed the association presidency July 1.

Edmundson earned a baccalau-

reate degree in English and education at RIC, masters degrees at Columbia University and Boston College and a doctorate in education at Columbia.

Before serving as president of Trinity, she held senior leadership roles in administration and teaching at Columbia University, the American University in Paris, Colby-Sawyer College, Marymount College Tarrytown, the French-American Foundation and schools in the U.S. and abroad.

New gallery for children's art in the CRC

The Curriculum Resource Center is pleased to announce the opening of a new gallery for the exhibition of children's art located in the south corridor of the center on the 4 floor of Adams Library.

The first show features works by students in grades one through six at HBS, arranged by Chris Mulcahey Szyba, the supervising teacher, from work done in the art classes this past year.

RIC CALENDAR

NOV. 2 - 16

Tuesdays

Noon to 1 p.m.—*Bible Study* will be conducted in an informal discussion group in room 300 of SU. Bring you lunch.

1 to 2 p.m.—*Stress Management Laboratory/Meditation Group* in CL 130 with Tom Lavin. This group will teach a variety of stress management and relaxation strategies, including the use of biofeedback. It will also include at least 15 minutes of meditation during each session for those who want an ongoing, formal meditation practice. No appointment or intake is required. Participants may attend as often as they wish.

Wednesdays

12:30 to 1:45 p.m. —*Catholic Student Association* will hold a meeting in SU 300. Any Catholic student who would like to be a part of this group is asked to drop in on any meeting. You can join at any time. Pizza and refreshments are provided on a bi-weekly basis. For more information, call 456-8168.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—*Emotions 101* in CL 130 with Denise DeSesa-Smith. Pain and distress are part of life. The ability to tolerate and cope with distress is an essential skill. Come to this six-session training group to learn techniques designed to increase your ability to regulate emotions and tolerate distress. Call 456-8094 to sign up or to find out more about it.

Sundays

10 p.m.—*Catholic Mass* in second floor lounge in SU. Sponsored by the Chaplains Office.

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Tuesday



**Vote on Nov. 3
for facility improvements
to the state's three higher
education institutions**

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Wednesday

12:30 to 2 p.m.—*Tai Chi Stress Reduction Workshop* in SU Ballroom. Everyone is invited to this free workshop-male, female, staff, students and faculty.

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Thursday

4 to 6 p.m.—*Symposium: First statewide symposium "Are Teachers Prepared? Standards, Testing, Professional Development,"* in Gaige Hall Auditorium.

7 to 9 p.m.—*Opening:Sculpture and Drawings* in Bannister Gallery. Exhibit runs through Wednesday, Nov. 25.

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Saturday

8 a.m.—"Promising Practices: A Multi-cultural Media Fair with Workshops." Plenary session and media exhibits in SU Ballroom; three sets of concurrent workshops in Gaige Hall. Cost is \$5. Pre-registration is encouraged.

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Sunday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—*To Tell the Truth: Women's Center and RI Regional Conference for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Supporters and Professionals* in Gaige & Student Union. Volunteers needed. Cost: \$30; RIC Students \$15.Contact the Women's Center, 456-8474, for further information.

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Tuesday

1 to 2:30 p.m.—*Learning Optimism* in Craig-Lee 130 with Dr. Alex Smith. Do you generally assume the worst? Have trouble maintaining hope? Think there's nothing you can do about it? This workshop focuses on the straightforward, but not simplistic, skills you can use to gain mastery and genuine self-esteem.

4-6 p.m. — *R.I. National Board Certification Initiative informational session.* Student Union ballroom. for more information, contact the RI Foundation at 401-274-4564.

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Wednesday

Dance: Open Dance Company Class with Cornelius Carter 10-11:30 a.m., 11/11 & 14; 5:30-7 p.m., 11/12 and 13. Recreation Annex. Admission \$6 per class.

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Thursday

11 a.m.—*Seminar: "Specialization Among Desert Plant Species"* in Fogarty Life Science 209.

12-15

Thurs.- Sun.

Theatre: The Servant of Two Masters in Roberts Hall Auditorium. 8 p.m., Nov. 12-14 and 2 p.m. (matinee), Nov. 15. Reserved seating \$10, senior citizens, non-RIC students \$9, RIC students \$4.

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Friday

1-3 p.m.— *National teleconference. Alcohol Abuse & Campus Violence.* Student Union ballroom.

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Saturday

8:30 to 11:45 a.m.—*Conversations About Writing: A mini-literacy conference* in Henry Barnard School. The keynote presentation "Reflections on Successful Writing Practices in The Classroom" is being presented by Sharon Fennessey of Henry Barnard School. Following the keynote presentation, a variety of workshops will be offered on the topic of literacy. For registration information, call Rose Merenda, 781-7065, or Caroline Moakler LeStrange, 785-9476.

Admissions Open House Nov. 14

Rhode Island College Office of Undergraduate Admissions will hold its annual open house on campus Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the New Building. High school seniors and their families, transfer students and adult students are invited to attend. (Event will be held rain or shine. In case of severely inclement weather date: Sunday, Nov. 15.)

Scheduled for the afternoon will be walking and trolley tours of the campus, individual and group discussions with faculty members, and laboratory and performance demonstrations by faculty and current students.

Financial aid, admissions and residence hall representatives and other College personnel will be available to answer questions and assist visitors. Refreshments will be provided in Donovan Dining Center.

For further information or to RSVP, call 401-456-8234 or 1-800-669-5760.



KAPPA DELTA PI, an international honor society in education, inducted 74 RIC students into its ranks Oct. 22 in Gaige Hall auditorium. Above, officers who conducted the ceremony, include (l to r) Kevin Riley, newsletter editor; Cindy-Sue Dyndur, foundations representative; Amy Pompetti, historian; Judy Mailloux, treasurer; Kristin Prior, vice president; Bonnie Phalen, secretary; and Mark Maziarz, chapter president. (What's New Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Notice of Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

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Sports Events

Men's Soccer

Nov. 5
BRIDGEWATER STATE
2:30 p.m.

Men's & Women's Cross Country

Nov. 7
at ECAC Championships
TBA

Wrestling

Nov. 14
at Roger Williams University
Invitational
10 a.m.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

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Conference Opponent