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Study abroad program still popular despite world events

by Jane Fusco
What's News Editor

Mark Motte, director of study abroad programs and associate professor of geography, anticipated a halt in interest and pursuit of international study programs in the days following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the nation. To his surprise, the opposite has happened. Student interest and willingness to participate has increased by more than a third compared to previous years.

"Our students continue to pursue their study abroad plans in record numbers despite the events of and since Sept. 11," said Motte. He attributes the increased popularity of the program to students beginning to think globally.

"The recent events have aroused intense curiosity on how the rest of the world sees Americans," Motte explained. "Students have told me that they want to show people in other countries that Americans are an intelligent, caring and unselfish people, and not at all the way they are portrayed in some countries."

Motte said that no students cancelled travel plans after the terrorist attacks, though he had several conversations with anxious parents. "It shows that students have an open mindedness that many might not credit them with in this cynical age," he added.

"Many countries have had terrorist problems of their own in the past. When our students arrive in a host country, they immediately become aware that immigration, security and customs checks are much more intrusive and that they have stricter regu-



PUNTING on the River Cam in Cambridge, England, is Ronald Volpe (standing), while Daniel Spero, Courtney Labbe, and Esther Gonzalez enjoy the ride.

lations than the United States. When they return, they realize that the United States is slowly coming up to speed and adapting to border control

and immigration standards that have long been in place in other countries," said Motte.

However, some students are reluctant to come into the United States at this time. Four students scheduled to arrive at RIC from St. Martin's College in Lancaster, England, cancelled their plans after Sept. 11, postponing the annual student exchange program until next year.

Ezra Stieglitz, professor of elementary education and coordinator of overseas programs for the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, said that the St. Martin's students were due to arrive on Sept. 15, but British travel agents cancelled the travel arrangements after the terrorist attacks forced the closing of many airports and halted or re-routed flights.

"The UK students were very disappointed," Stieglitz said. "They were enthusiastic about the opportunity to study in America and were really looking forward to it."

"We decided to postpone the exchange plans because travel plans for a January trip would have to have been made in October and it was all too fresh in everyone's mind," Stieglitz said. He added that the students were eager to go, but not so soon after all that had happened.

Stieglitz is confident the program will be intact for the spring semester.

The student exchange program between St. Martin's College and RIC has been in effect since 1998. Students from St. Martin's College spend two weeks in Rhode Island at the College in September then host the RIC students for two weeks at St. Martin's College in January. During

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Where are they now...?

Guided in his childhood by his grandparents Roberto and Assunta DiPadua and uncle, aunt and cousins of the Di Martino family, Rhode Island College graduate Gary DiPadua '91 has grown into the kind of person that would make them proud — a faith-based man intent on achievement.

Starting what he calls his "martial arts journey" in 1970, he is today the holder of Black Belts in Tae Kwon Do, Kenpo Karate and Tai Jitsu, and a second-degree in Vee Arnis Jitsu and third degree in Kunato Ju Jitus.

He was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in March of last year.

His wife, the former Lynne Cervone, a junior at RIC majoring in psychology, is also a martial arts practitioner, holding a second degree rank in Kuntao Jiu Jitsu and currently awaits testing for her Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Lynne comes from a RIC fam-



STRIKING A COMBATIVE POSE are Gary and Lynne DiPadua at their martial arts school in Johnston.

ily. Two brothers and a sister have degrees from the College. Richard '78 is a neurologist in Providence; Anthony '84, an attorney in Cranston, and Karen '78 and '99, a special education teacher in Coventry, who recently retired.

Lynne, not to be outdone by her husband, was also inducted into the Marshal Arts Hall of Fame last March.

Gary explains that she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in a different classification from his, and adds the induction is a feat "quite rare for a woman."

"As you can see, we both compliment each other because of the burning desire to learn martial arts," says Gary.

Both are effusive in their praise of the various instructors (masters or above of the martial arts) who brought them along to this point in their lives. They carefully and respectfully

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TOYS FOR TOTS: Kristine Di Nicola, a junior, chooses a card from "The Giving Tree" sponsored by the Chaplains' Office and set up in Donovan Dining Center. Each card describes a child for whom a volunteer gives a new toy for the holiday season. For more on the Chaplains' Office activities for the holidays, see page 7. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News continues so you can revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from 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.



THEATRE HISTORY: For this issue we travel back to May 1969 and a publicity photo for the College's production of "Major Barbara" by George Bernard Shaw. From left are Justine Boluch; the director, P. William Hutchinson, professor of theatre; Anita Cipolla; and Eileen Regoli. Hutchinson, who is still a professor at the College, informs us that this was the first play he directed at RIC. (File photo)

Human Rights dinner Dec. 10

Amnesty International and the Rainbow Alliance are sponsoring a Human Rights Dinner to be held Monday, Dec. 10, in the Faculty Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Anwar Ahady, a professor at Providence

College and a leader of the Social-Democratic Party in Afghanistan. He will discuss human rights and the ongoing humanitarian situation in Afghanistan.

Cost is \$5 for RIC students; \$7 for all others.

Open Forum on Children's Center Project

An open session has been scheduled to discuss a proposal for an academically-focused Rhode Island College Sesquicentennial project.

As proposed, the project is a multi-disciplinary study of the former Rhode Island State Home and School for Children, located on what is now the eastern part of the College campus.

The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 2-3 p.m. in Classroom B of the Forman Center.

Weather permitting, a brief walking tour of the site will take place following the forum.

Anyone who wishes to attend (or cannot attend but is interested in the project) should contact Pierre Morenon at 456-9724 or by email at pmorenon@ric.edu.

A description of the project proposal is posted on the College Website under "News."

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit items of information about their professional endeavors to What's News, Office of News and Public Relations, 300 Roberts Hall or e-mail them to cpage@ric.edu.

Karen S. Castagno, associate professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education, received the Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Committee Service from Special Olympics Rhode Island (SORI) at its Annual Awards Banquet on Oct. 25. She has been involved with the Rhode Island Special Olympics program since her arrival at Rhode Island College in 1995. She has been cited "as having made significant contributions toward empowering persons with mental retardation to realize their full potential and to become productive members of their communities."



Castagno, and her students majoring in physical education, have provided sports opportunities for individual with mental retardation by conducting the Motor Activities Training Program and volunteering for numerous SORI events.

Mathematics and Computer

Science Assistant Professors **Chris Teixeira** and **Rebecca Sparks** are members of the development team for the grant project involving RIC and URI, "Pro-Calc: A Key Step toward Web-Based Learning." Funding for the project was awarded by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education Incentive Fund for Excellence in Technology.

In addition to creating and piloting technology-based assignments in precalculus, with help for completion available via video clips that are being developed, both faculty members are using materials from an earlier portion of the project in their courses at RIC. **Dave Abrahamson**, professor of mathematics, was involved in the earlier project, also a grant sponsored by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, in which Maple worksheets were developed for the same population.



D. ABRAHAMSON

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wishes its readers
a safe and joyous holiday season.*

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The first annual Robert M. Young Memorial Scholarship

The first annual Robert M. Young Memorial Scholarship was presented to Scott R. Baum at the eighth annual Young Memorial Lecture Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Young was a former chair of the biology department and long-time treasurer of the RIC/AFT.

Because of his involvement in the establishment of the biology master of arts program and his commitment to the value of student research, the Young Scholarship was established to recognize the current biology graduate student who is best able to articulate the value of research experience to his/her career plans.

Baum graduated from RIC as a biology major in 1995, then completed

the RITE program to acquire his teaching certification. He currently teaches science at Foxboro High School, works as an assistant wrestling coach at RIC, and is enrolled in the biology masters program.

The \$750 Young Scholarship will help support Scott's summer research activities in a virology laboratory at Brown University.



SCOTT BAUM

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Retirement beckons to Jim Rubovits after 30 years in front of the class

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The dry humor and no-nonsense approach of James J. Rubovits, professor of psychology, has served him well with both students and colleagues for the past 30 years at Rhode Island College.

Many of his students have found his classes interesting, challenging and fun. But even those who didn't, he believes, have found him to be fair. His colleagues in the Faculty Center luncheon group, of which he has been an integral part, enjoyed his give-and-take in conversations that ran the gamut from academics to world affairs.

At the end of this semester, Rubovits will call it quits and retire to a life filled with various interests, including fly fishing, motorcycling, travel with his wife and colleague, Pamela C. Rubovits, also a professor of psychology at RIC, and friends who have "come in and out" of the luncheon group through the years.

Also retiring this semester (and their start dates) are Clyde C.

**"I've always felt pretty strongly about contributing to the community, the notion of giving back. I've had a pretty good life."
— Rubovits**

Slicker, professor of elementary education (1969); Diana L. Mulberry, assistant to the director of Continuing Education (1973), Helen A. Feole, senior teller in the Development Office (1973), and Gail Davis, associate director of athletics (1976).

Together with Rubovits, they have performed approximately 145 years of service.

A native of Chicago, Rubovits attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for two years before flunking out, an experience, he feels, that has given him a deeper understanding of students.

"I flunked out of college and got into plenty of hot water with my parents," says Rubovits, who recalls having to drive home afterward.

"I stopped at a trout fishing farm somewhere in Michigan where I spent the afternoon fishing before I went home to face my parents. So, fishing has always been a comfort to me."

Three years later, he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill., then a master's and doctorate in educational psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana where he served as a research assistant and later instructor.

A short stint as a visiting faculty

member at Boston College followed after which his tenure at RIC began. The year was 1971 and Rubovits started as an assistant professor of psychology.

Through the years he would rise to full professorship and serve the psychology department as assistant chair, acting chair and in 1990 to 1993 as chair.

Over the years he has been involved in most departmental activities, serving on many standing, ad hoc and advisory committees.

He made numerous professional presentations and served as an editorial consultant for a half dozen publications. He holds memberships in several professional groups, including the American Educational Research Association and the New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO).

His major teaching responsibilities included educational, industrial, adolescent and behavioral psychology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He developed specialized courses in the psychology of sports, creative problem solving, motivation in the workplace, adult psychology and organizational behavior management.

In 1981 he received the College's Distinguished Teaching Award.

"The opportunity to work with students has always been a priority with me. The part I'll miss most is the kids," Rubovits assures.

While explaining that "research was not my thing," his involvement over a period of many years with NEERO as a conference director and board member resulted in its naming a research award in his honor.

The Jim Rubovits Best Paper Award will be made at the organization's 2002 annual conference in Northampton, Mass., in April.

"There's an irony in that," he says with just the hint of a smile. He adds, however, that the naming of the award after him is "something that's meant quite a bit to me."

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nity, the notion of giving back. I've had a pretty good life," says Rubovits, who, in addition to his service with NEERO, has been heavily involved with volunteer work in two other areas.

He's served on the board of the Rhode Island Muscular Sclerosis Society since 1985 and just completed a six year term on the Rhode Island Supreme Court Disciplinary Board. The board hears complaints about lawyers who might have acted unethically, says Rubovits.

His activity in the MS Society was prompted by former College



THE COMPLETE ANGLER: Jim Rubovits, with fly fishing rod, is mounted on his BMW and ready for retirement. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

vice president John Foley, who, upon being inflicted with MS, had asked Rubovits if he knew of anyone who would serve on the board.

"Yeah, me!" he told Foley.

He met his wife, the former Pamela Charles of Philadelphia, while both were studying for their doctorates in psychology at Illinois. She joined him on the RIC faculty in 1974.

"One of the real joys of this job is that we've worked together. It's been good for us and I think it's been good for the College.

"When counting the time we've worked together, you could say we've been married longer than most people," he quips.

Over the years, the couple has traveled extensively from their home in Foster to France, Italy, Ireland and Asia. Then there were the "luncheon crowd" trips.

In 1990 there was the "hometown lap" that saw the Rubovits and a number of their RIC colleagues spend a portion of the summer motoring in five cars to each other's hometowns. Ten years later they got together again for a tour of the old Route 66 (Chicago to Los Angeles), made famous in the early TV show and its song, the words of which go "Get your kicks on Route 66!"

About two years ago Rubovits took up motorcycling, thanks to the encouragement of colleagues James J. Betres, professor of elementary education, and Crist H. Costa, pro-

fessor of computer information systems. Both have been members of the Faculty Center luncheon group.

That, and the fact that his wife relented and, in fact, gave him a check to buy his first bike — a BMW 850 cc 1986 R80RT.

"I secretly think she took out a life insurance policy on me right then and there!" he says.

Rubovits doesn't "go on these long cross-country rides" that Betres, Costa and others do, but occasionally on weekends he'll ride to nearby Connecticut.

Other regular trips include camping each October and fly fishing and golfing junkets each spring to Pennsylvania. Of course, both include members from that luncheon group.

"These social relationships have been very important to me," says Rubovits, emphasizing that "they are colleagues" as though no higher accolade could be given.

Perhaps a comment written by one of his students best sums it up: "My first impression (of you) was that you were a dry sarcastic teacher and I thought the semester was going to be a long one.

"Boy, was I wrong!"

"Your sense of humor is one of the best; the semester was too short, and I am going to miss you a lot!!!"

A retirement reception will be held for Rubovits Wednesday, on Dec. 12, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in — where else — the Faculty Center.

Foundation & Alumni Affairs

Foundation News



Marguerite M. Brown,
Vice President for
Development &
College Relations

December is often a time of transition, and the Division will undergo an important one this month. Helen Feole, who has served the Foundation and the Offices of Development and Alumni Affairs in a number of capacities for over 28 years,

will retire on Dec. 28. Helen has provided support for nine vice presidents and directors of development during her tenure at the College, and represents the institutional history of this division.

The original ledgers of the Foundation are written in Helen's hand, and she often reminds me that when she began her record keeping, the Foundation had total assets of \$33,000.

If I ever need to know something about a fund the Foundation has held for several decades, or a donor calls and inquires about a gift made in the early 1980s, I can count on Helen to remember the details or, more importantly, to remember where the details are stored!

On Dec. 14, at noon in Alumni Lounge, we will gather to express our thanks at a luncheon in Helen's honor. Please feel free to drop in, or to send your best wishes at her office in Alumni House.

While we bid goodbye to a long time valued employee, we welcome a new face to the Foundation and Alumni Offices.



HELEN FEOLE

On Nov. 27, Julie E. Heylin joined our staff as Manager of Gift Processing Systems and Donor Information. Reporting directly to the Foundation's chief fiscal officer, Julie will be responsible for gift entry, gift acknowledgement, donor prospect research, and other campaigns for Rhode Island College related events.

Julie, who holds a BA in public and community service studies with a concentration in non-profit management and a minor in business studies from Providence College, joins us from Prevent Blindness Massachusetts where she served as community services and marketing director.

She is involved in a variety of community activities, including VIPS Providence, Special Olympics, Samaritan's of RI, and the Southside Community Land Trust. We are delighted to welcome Julie to the development team!

A word about year-end giving. The next mailing of the Annual Fund appeal will arrive at your home around Dec. 7. We know that many organizations are appealing to you at this time of year, and recognize that many need your help and assistance.

Should you choose to support the College, this appeal provides an opportunity to make a gift before the close of the tax year. All gifts to the Annual Fund support student scholarships, faculty research, and alumni activities and publications.

We count on your gift to provide the measure of excellence in all of these areas.

All of us in the Division of Development and College Relations wish you and your family a safe, peaceful, and joyous holiday season.

police for the security of state prisoners in court and hospital settings. On occasion, he is required to travel out of state and even out of the country to transport prisoners.

He is a graduate of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy.

DiPadua says that in the performance of his duties "marshal arts helps me a great deal."

He explains that when you are a marshal arts practitioner "you should be a role model," displaying such characteristics as good judgement and tact.

"You should avoid confrontation, if at all possible. If defense is justified, you should use only the amount of force necessary to control the situation," he stresses.

"My goal is to constantly strive to learn, improve, excel and instruct in the martial arts, passing down the ancient traditions to dedicated practitioners," he says.

A man of conviction, he seems to draw his outer and inner strengths from the marshal arts and weight training, church attendance and Bible reading.



JULIE HEYLIN

RIC scholarship honors fire victims Deborah Griffin/family

It has been nearly one year since Deborah Griffin, a music education student at the College, and four of her five children, died tragically in a fire that ripped through their Providence home on Dec. 8, 2000.

To honor their memory, a Deborah Griffin Family Memorial Scholarship has been established in the Rhode Island College Foundation.

Scholarship fundraising efforts will begin with a benefit concert at the E.W. Flynn Elementary School - the school attended by the Griffin children - on 220 Blackstone Street in Providence on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Members of Beavertail Opera Productions and students from Flynn School will perform the music of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Members of Providence's legislative, educational and religious communities formed this committee to set up the scholarship at RIC and organize fundraising events. Serving on the committee are: Thomas Lawlor, adjunct professor of music at RIC; Jill Lawlor; Maureen Bracewell; Senator David Iglizzi; Representative Steven Smith; Representative Aisha W. Abdullah-Odiase; Sister Ann Keefe; Reverend James Lewis; Councilman John Iglizzi; Councilwoman Balbina Young; Senator Charles Walton; and Kim Cotter-Lemus, music teacher at Flynn

Elementary school.

Griffin was a talented vocalist and had a passion for opera. She intended to teach music in the Providence public school system. Griffin's children - Ricaldo, 14; Corinthia, 11; Christian 8; and Lucas, 7 - were also budding talents that several teachers at the Flynn school were eyeing for future productions.

The Griffin scholarship will give students from Providence public schools the opportunity for private instrumental or vocal instruction. Awards will be based on talent and financial need.

"They were such a special family," said Kim Cotter-Lemus who taught the Griffin children in her music classes and worked with Deborah Griffin when Griffin volunteered her services for school productions. "This scholarship is just one way we can help the children of Providence develop their talents and fulfill their dreams. Deborah understood how important this is. It would make her happy to know we will now be doing this in her honor."

Those interested in donating to the Deborah Griffin Family Scholarship Fund or needing more information can contact the Rhode Island College Foundation at 456-8105.



DEBORAH GRIFFIN
(File photo)



2001 PHONATHON CALLERS

Record-breaking phonathon collects pledges of \$117,000

by Nancy Hoogasian

Hard work and persistence paid off. After five weeks of calling the College's alumni, student phonathon callers collected a record-breaking \$117,000 in pledges toward the annual fund goal of \$338,000.

As callers for the event, students also had the chance to speak with and share their own experiences with alumni.

Top callers included Thom Lawrence '01, who collected the most pledges at \$12,244, and Susan Fiero '01, who collected the most increases in gifts for a total of \$717. Fiero's total pledges

amounted to \$6,984.

Caller Suzanne Kahrs '03 said, "It was beneficial to speak with alumni. I got an insight as to what they felt they obtained both educationally and personally from the College. I learned that what I share with many of them is an appreciation of the excellent education Rhode Island College offers."

The funds collected from the phonathon help support alumni scholarships to qualified students, faculty research and development projects, and alumni-related activities like Homecoming and class reunions.

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name each of them along with their individual ranks, providing a long list of mentors.

The husband-and-wife team recently established a marshal arts school in their hometown of Johnston and are excited about the prospect of introducing others to the world of marshal arts.

In addition to his RIC degree in management, Gary has two associate degrees from the Community College of Rhode Island - in business administration and applied science in technical studies.

He has over 11 years experience in law enforcement, serving as a high security officer for the state Department of Corrections at the Adult Correctional Institutions, then as a state marshal recently transferred to the Rhode Island State Sheriff's Department.

In this current position, he serves as liaison between state and local

Alumna Emily Harrington tells her entrepreneurial success story

by Ellen Weaver-Paquette

Emily Harrington, chair and founder of Qualified Resources, Inc., a full service staffing agency with offices in Cranston and Pawtucket, returned to Rhode Island College on Nov. 15 as a guest of the Career Development Center to speak on the topic of "Entrepreneurial Success."

A native of the Philippines, Harrington has overcome many obstacles facing entrepreneurs, including financing and business management, dominance of national chains, a changing economy and an evolving marketplace. Beyond that, she has faced issues of race, language, gender and cultural differences.

She started her business from her home in Warwick eight years ago with a \$22,000 investment. Qualified Resources is now a multi-million dollar enterprise expected to double in sales by 2004.

Harrington earned the Rhode Island Small Business Administration's "2000 Entrepreneur of the Year" award. Her company was

named one of America's fastest growing privately held businesses by *Inc.* magazine for 2000. Harrington has been hailed by *Providence Business News* as one of the largest and fastest growing staffing companies in Rhode Island.

Harrington attended Rhode Island College from 1972-74 before returning to the Philippines to complete her education. She is active in Filipino charitable associations and numerous business associations.

Students and faculty attended the presentation scheduled before recruiters arrived in the Career Development Center/OASIS office to interview seniors for prospective employment. This one-day recruitment event precedes the four week spring recruitment program slated for March 1-8, 18-29, April 1-12, and the Rhode Island Teacher Job Fair on April 19. Additional recruitment in various school systems is scheduled for late April.



OLD FRIENDS Emily Harrington, left, and Dolores Passarelli '74 reunite on campus.

RIC's MPAC program off to good start

by David Filipek

Rhode Island College's new Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAc) program is off to a successful start, with approximately 14 students enrolled in the program for the spring 2002 semester. In existence for only a year, this enrollment is very typical for a new graduate program, and right on target for an initial class of 15 to 20 students, according to James Schweikart, director of the Center for Management and Technology, which includes this graduate program at RIC. According to Schweikart, this enrollment comes primarily from RIC students who have completed the undergraduate accounting program, since the new MPAc program has not yet been marketed significantly beyond the RIC campus.

"We are excited about the future of this program, since it is the newest graduate program of this type in the state, and was specifically designed for those entering the CPA profession who need 150 hours of education to become certified," said Schweikart. The program contains two concentrations, one in Personal Financial Planning and another in Accounting Information Systems, although the PFP track is the overwhelming choice

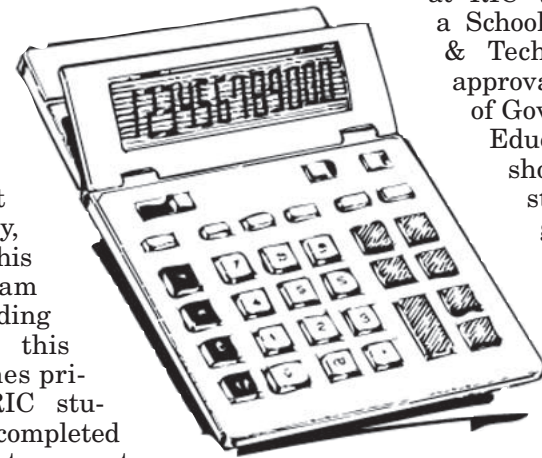
of most applicants right now. The program has also become registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP Board). The CFP designation is the most widely recognized financial planning credential in the United States.

Schweikart also said that he is confident that the business program at RIC will soon become a School of Management & Technology, pending approval by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. This should elevate the status of all programs in the Center and increase public awareness of what RIC has to offer.

While there might be other programs offered elsewhere that can be used by prospective CPAs, none can match the value provided by a state-run institution such as RIC, according to Schweikart.

The MPAc program at RIC is taught by full time professors who also have practical experience in their fields, as well as several highly qualified adjunct professors, who teach specialized courses in their respective fields.

For information on the MPAc program, contact Lori Martin at 456-8009. Applications are now being accepted for spring enrollment.



Fidelity Investments welcomes leaders in higher education

by Holly Jensen
Assistant Manager
of Communications
Fidelity Investments

Fidelity Investments recently hosted its 5th Annual Higher Education Dinner at its office in Smithfield. The event celebrated the diverse relationships between Fidelity Investments and the higher education leadership in Rhode Island.

Over 70 attendees visited the Salem Street office, including presidents from six Rhode Island colleges and universities, local government officials and Fidelity senior management.

The dinner included a keynote presentation from Steven Akin, president of Fidelity Capital, the new business development arm of Fidelity Investments. Akin provided an overview of several Fidelity Capital businesses, including the World Trade Center in Boston, Seaport Hotel, Boston Coach, Veritude, Charitable Gift Fund, OPserver Inc., and Advisor Technology Services, LLC.

Also featured were Elyn McColgan, president of Fidelity Financial Intermediary Services and David Weinstein, Fidelity's chief of administration.

The annual event is part of Fidelity's initiative to develop an integrated partnership with key higher education institutions in Rhode Island.

"Fidelity Investments values our relationship with the colleges and universities throughout the state. We are working together to develop short and long-term goals and outcomes that address the issues facing the

current and future financial service marketplace," said Joseph Pratt, director of college relations at Fidelity Investments in Smithfield.

Throughout Rhode Island, Fidelity Investments is participating in college-

related events and activities, organizing alumni chapters for associates, developing joint community service initiatives with the schools, as well as on-campus recruiting.

In addition, Fidelity Investments works to enhance the curriculum at several of the institutions through certification programs and professional development opportunities.



UNITED LEADERS: Rhode Island government officials and higher education leaders met with Fidelity Investments senior management during the firm's 5th Annual Higher Education Dinner. Standing (from left): John Yena, president, Johnson and Wales University; Fred Henning, president, Fidelity Corporate Services; John Nazarian, president, Rhode Island College; Ronald Machtley, president, Bryant College; William Irons, Rhode Island Senate Majority Leader; Steven Akin, president, Fidelity Capital; Thomas Sepe, president, Community College of Rhode Island. Seated (from left): Steven Elterich, president, Fidelity eBusiness; Elyn McColgan, president, Fidelity Financial Intermediary Services; Governor Lincoln Almond; David Weinstein, Chief of Administration, Fidelity Investments; Father Philip Smith, president, Providence College.

Let's do lunch!

The Take-a-Professor-to-Lunch Program is a popular way for faculty and students to get to know each other in an informal setting. The program began in 1995 at the suggestion of Charles Marzacco, professor of physical science. This semester's program was held during the week of Nov. 12.

A student or small group of students goes to the dining center office, fills out a form and receives lunch vouchers for each student and each professor. Students are also permitted to invite a RIC staff member who has been helpful to them in some way.

Here are just a few of this semester's participants:



SEEN FROM THE BALCONY of Donovan Dining Center are (from left) sophomore Nicole Turner, junior Cara Collins, senior Kristen Oliver, James Bierden of mathematics and computer science, and sophomore Nicole Simore.



LABORATORY COORDINATOR of biology, Victoria Hittinger (standing) joins her hosts (from left) junior Jenn Marti and sophomores Carrie Raines and Jaclene Ciocca.



TENOR SAX PLAYER Jason St. Germain, a freshman, dines with jazz musician and music faculty member Greg Abate.



THE CREATOR of the program, Charles Marzacco of physical sciences, has lunch with members of his "two top classes." From left, senior and researcher Memeh Kizekai, Marzacco, juniors Carla Moreira and Karen Robinson, and seniors Marisa DiDoneto and Brigid Bucci.



TWO PROFESSORS: Senior Corinne Piner treats Barry Gilbert (left) and Peter Glanz, both of physical sciences, to lunch.

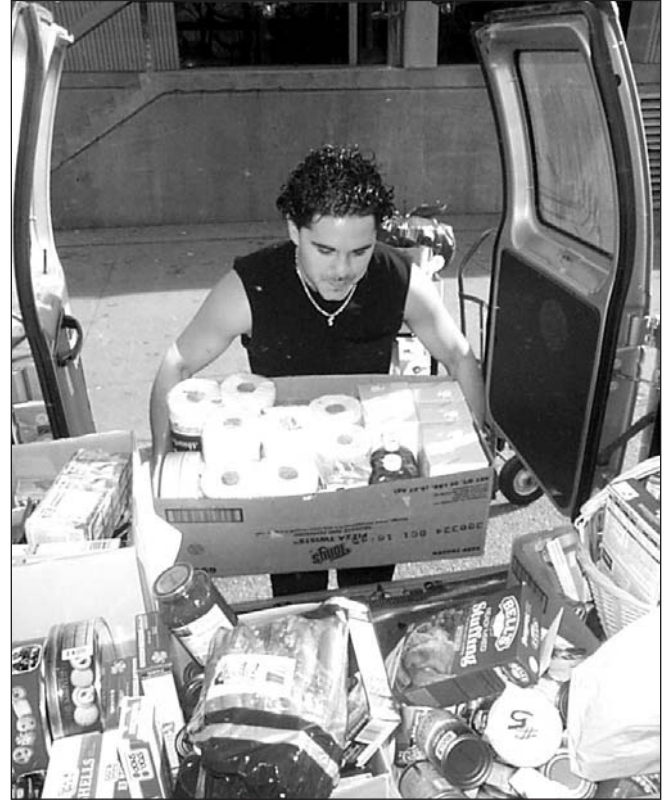
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Gordon E. Rowley**

TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING



FOOD DEPOT: Sophomore Samantha Hedden prepares to send out the Thanksgiving baskets. Each year Lorraine Barnes, the secretary of nearby St. Teresa's Church, sends the Chaplains' Office a list of about a dozen needy families – no names just the number of persons in each. Then various offices and departments on campus "adopt" a family and prepare a basket for them. For Thanksgiving, the largest family, with 10 members, was adopted by the Office of Security and Safety.

The holiday season is always a busy time in the RIC Chaplain's Office. Canned goods and packages for baskets are collected before Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, a "Giving Tree," set up in Donovan Dining Center, is an opportunity for people to donate toys to needy children. *What's News* offers a glimpse of these charitable works.



LOADING UP one of the College's vans is sophomore Nicholas Lafreniere.



SANTA'S HELPER Joan Barden, secretary, with some of the holiday toys collected by the Chaplains' Office through "The Giving Tree."



UNLOADING: The College van arrives at St. Teresa of Avila Church on Manton Avenue.



A VERY THANKFUL Lorraine Barnes, St. Teresa's secretary, and Deacon Mike Napolitano, College chaplain, go over a list of the bounty.

On-line services now available to students and faculty

Hang up the telephone. Don't even think about waiting in a long line. Registering for courses, adding or dropping a class, getting transcripts or checking student account information is as easy as turning on your computer.

A new student on-line services link is now available on the Rhode Island College website for students to access course, grade and account information from any computer on or off campus.

This same website service will soon be available for faculty to post grades and view their schedules and class rosters.

A letter mailed to active degree students at the start of the semester informed them of the service and provided them with an operator identification code and password to connect to the service so they could use it immediately.

The service was tested with a number of incoming freshmen during last summer's orientation. The service is available for currently enrolled degree students but will eventually be available to all degree and non-degree students.

"Improving services to students was the impetus to get this service up and running. We wanted

this task to be as convenient as it could be for students," said James Dorian, acting director of the Records Office. "It provides immediacy and functionality that the phone system didn't have," added Dorian.

The phone registration system is still active for anyone choosing to use that method.

The consulting firm of KPMG worked with Management Information Services and other administrative departments at the College to set up RIC's on-line system.

"The next major release of PeopleSoft, scheduled to be implemented next year, is entirely web-based, so we felt it was important to allow web access to services such as student registration as soon as possible," said Richard Prull, assistant vice president for information services.

A reminder about the service will be sent from the Records Office in advance of summer/fall 2002 registration.

Previously in Roberts Hall, the Records Office has moved to the lower level of Building 4 on the east campus.

If only the DMV would make things so convenient!

Records office introduces new feature to college website

Here's a tip for you...go to the RIC web page, click on Academics, Records Office, then Records, and a valuable bit of information for students, faculty, staff and department chairs will appear at the top left corner of the page.

The "Tip of the Week" was introduced to improve the advisement process at the College and provide information on College policies, procedures and standards for commencement. A new tip will be posted each Monday and will remain in place for the week.

All tips will be archived for future reference.

The effort is one of many initiatives at the College to accommodate the growing reliance on electronic communication to students and faculty.

"It is my hope that the College community will use this feature as a way to become more knowledgeable about the College's policies and procedures," said Teresa Riley-Wilcox, senior recorder/advisor and originator of the Tip of the Week.

"The messages are meant to give students and faculty a heads-up on what's expected of them, to reduce the consequences of not acting on such matters early on," Riley-Wilcox

said. She explained this would be most helpful in the cases of students who have not satisfied all degree requirements when graduation approaches, or to inform a new department chair on critical issues, especially if he or she has not had any formal advisement training.

"Hopefully, this feature will become a frequently used resource," she added.

The "Tip of the Week" currently appears only on the Records Office website. Web manager Karen Rubino is working on a program to include it as part of the newly created student on-line services website used for registration and to access grades, transcripts and course schedules.

Riley-Wilcox said the idea came to her as part of a conscious effort to continually improve the advisement process and avoid the pitfalls of students being misinformed.

"I see the same problems and frustrations of students year after year and decided it was time to take a proactive approach via a medium that is so widely used these days, so students will get the most out of their educational experience" she explained.

Study Abroad

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the visits, students attend classes, visit public schools, and learn about the local culture and environment.

The program with St. Martin's College also offers two internet forums to share ideas and cultural experiences in teaching reading and science to elementary age children via an overseas teaching experience. Stieglitz conducts a forum for students from both countries that are completing a course in reading methodology. Greg Kniseley, of the department of elementary education, conducts a methods forum for teaching science. Three stu-

Martin's partnership program for teacher preparation studies.

The Ridgway Shinn study abroad scholarship program is another RIC offering which makes grant awards to students for international studies programs upon acceptance of competitive academic proposals.

Motte said that students could also contact other American colleges and universities for study abroad programs if they want to study in a location that is not offered by RIC, though this process is usually more expensive. Many foreign universities have outreach programs available to American students, which are generally less expensive, but offer little assistance

for travel arrangements, meal plans and accommodations that are covered under the RIC programs.

Specific programs for independent study or specific research programs have been developed for students as

needed.

Financial aid can be applied to study abroad programs as long as credits earned overseas are transferable back to RIC.

RIC currently has 16 students studying abroad in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Italy, Spain, France, Brazil, Ghana and South Africa. Fifteen to 20 RIC students sign up for study abroad programs each semester; 30 or more during the summer

months.

No students have expressed interest in traveling to the Middle East at this time, which is "not surprising," according to Motte.

The United Kingdom is the top choice because language and communication methods are similar to America's, and the university system is comparable. Motte says that these partnerships make for an easier transition for students studying abroad for the first time.

Ireland is the second international choice, with Italy and Spain running closely behind.

Most students have a preference to study in European countries because of an affinity to family ancestry.

Maria Quiray, a Ridgway Shinn scholarship recipient and communications major who will be graduating in May, returned from Australia on Nov. 18 after spending the semester finishing her general education studies at LaTrobe University in Melbourne. She traveled

to Australia with 20 other American students as part of the AustraLearn program based in Colorado.

Quiray described her experience as "enlightening."

"It's not just the American way anymore."

"I was always curious about other cultures so when I heard about the study abroad program, I decided to find out more information, then took advantage of it. I would encourage anyone who is interested to do the same," Quiray said. "And try to go somewhere you probably wouldn't go to on your own," she advised.

Motte said that many students who study abroad become "repeat customers" and opt for a second and even third experience, usually wanting to try a more adventurous cultural experience the next time.

For more information on any of

RIC's study abroad programs, contact Mark Motte at 456-8378 or email mmotte@ric.edu.



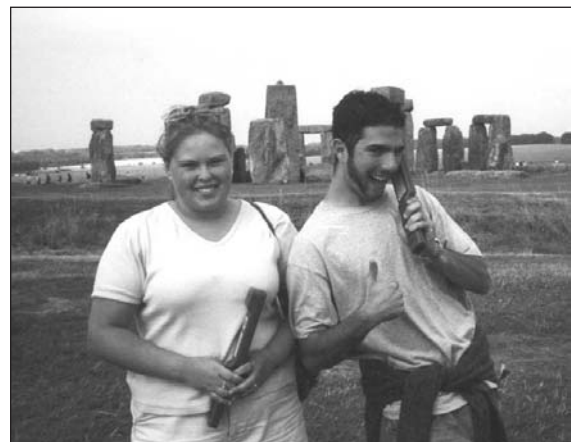
GATHERED AT KING'S COLLEGE in Cambridge are (left to right) R.J. Whittaker; Robin Christy; Daniel Spero; Rachel Hughes; Ronald Volpe; Esther Gonzalez; Courtney Labbe and William Dorry IV.

dents from RIC are scheduled to teach in British schools this spring as part of the St. Martin's exchange program.

The College offers several options for students interested in international study programs: the London Course held during the summer for six credits in conjunction with South Bank University; Cuernavaca Mexico modern language program for four credits during the winter break and summer months; and the RIC/St.



HANGING OUT at the Tate Modern Gallery of Art in England are Courtney Labbe, Esther Gonzalez and Daniel Spero. (Photo by Rich Weiner)



VISITING STONEHENGE at Salisbury Plain, England, are Alexandra Lewis and Michael Zompa.

Athletics

From the athletic director's desk



Donald E. Tencher
Director,
Intercollegiate
Athletics, Intramurals
and Recreation

Representative. The Faculty Athletics Representative position is an appointment mandated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for each institution's CEO to appoint.

Carty will act as a liaison between the NCAA, the Little East Conference and the College. She has been a member of the College's staff since 1973 when she joined the nursing department as an instructor. She was appointed as an assistant professor in 1975, an associate professor in 1992 and as a professor in 1995. Additionally, she has served as the director of the Nursing Resource Lab since 1995.

Carty was born in Baltimore, but has lived in the Ocean State most of her life. She has an undergraduate degree from Salve Regina University, an M.S. from Boston College and a doctorate from Boston University. She has been active on the RIC campus by serving on various committees. She has also been involved in countless professional organizations. Despite her busy professional life, Carty is also involved in a number of community service activities. From 1998-2000 she served on the College's Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Policy Committee.

I look forward to working with Carty as we continue our journey towards making the Rhode Island College Athletic Program one of the best in New England!

*In conjunction with our feature article this week, I want to take the time to wish Associate Athletic Director Gail Davis the best of luck in her retirement. Gail has served the College for 25 years as an administrator and coach. Also, I want to thank Gail for all of her support during my tenure as athletic director. Best of luck!

*We wish long-time Community College of Rhode Island Athletic Director, Basketball Coach and RIC Alumnus, Vin Cullen '55, a most successful final season. Cullen has announced that after 36 years and 700-plus wins (he actually has seven more to go to reach this amazing plateau), this year will be his last.

Davis Fete

A retirement reception and dinner honoring Gail Davis will be held at The Little Inn in Johnston on Monday, Dec. 17 beginning at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the RIC Athletic Department at 456-8007.

Gail Davis to retire on Dec. 29

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

So much has happened in the world of women's intercollegiate athletics, and Rhode Island College's Gail Davis has seen it all. On Dec. 29, Associate Director of Athletics Davis will call it a career, stepping down after 25 years and three months of service to RIC student-athletes.

A native of Philadelphia, Davis first became involved with sports while at Frankford High School, where she participated in field hockey, basketball, softball, swimming and her favorite sport: gymnastics. "Some of my closest friends are my high school classmates," Davis says. "We still get together and have reunions to this day."

Upon her graduation in 1959, she headed off to East Stroudsburg University. Over the next four years Davis was exposed to a variety of different sports. She competed in field hockey and archery, as well as performing on a traveling, co-ed, exhibition gymnastics team. During her junior year she had the opportunity to learn the sport of lacrosse.

Davis graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and immediately embarked on a teaching career. Her first job was at Fels Junior High School in Philadelphia where she taught health and physical education for one semester. She then moved on to the Philadelphia High School for Girls in February of 1964, where she taught and coached until 1967.

It was in 1967 that Davis entered the world of intercollegiate athletics. Davis had been coaching and judging gymnastics for several years and, through her connections, was offered a graduate assistant's position at Southern Connecticut State University. "Muriel Grosfeld [U.S. Olympic Gymnast] had mentioned the position to me and it was something I really wanted to do," Davis recalls. "I had taken courses over the summers at both the University of Oregon and at the University of Wisconsin and I wanted to pursue my masters degree more actively."

Davis was a G.A. at SCSU until 1970 when she earned her masters degree in education. The staff was impressed with her enough to hire her on the spot for a full-time faculty position. In addition to her gymnastics coaching duties, Davis taught fencing, golf and gymnastics classes. "That was a great experience. It allowed me to begin my career in higher education and as an intercollegiate coach. I also made some life-long friends."

In 1976, Davis felt she needed a new challenge after nine years at Southern Connecticut. She began applying for jobs and landed at RIC. Little did Davis know that would be her final career move for the next quarter of a century. "I was ready to make a move at that time. RIC gave me the opportunity to get more involved on the administrative side of athletics."

During her tenure, Davis coached both the softball and women's tennis teams, but she will always be remembered for her coaching of the women's gymnastics team. "Back then, it was a real challenge to build some of

the women's programs. Some of the teams only had two players and we had to concentrate on recruiting."

Gymnastics was the last sport Davis gave up coaching, stepping down in 1995. "I felt it was time to let some 'new blood' takeover." She has continued to stay involved with the sport and she stills helps out with NCAA National Collegiate Regional and National Championships each year. She has judged gymnastics competitions worldwide, but has recently concentrated on the Rhode Island high school scene.

She has twice served as RIC's Interim Director of Athletics, in 1980-81 when then A.D. Bill Baird took the College's Development Officer's position for a year and a half, and then again for a three-year stretch from 1992 until 1995. It was during that time period that she helped guide RIC Athletics through perhaps its most difficult hour.

"Everybody around here remembers January 5, 1992 when Walsh Gymnasium burned down. With no gym, what do you do? We immediately got on the phone to all of the other schools in the area. URI gave us some old uniforms to replace the ones that were lost. We were able to use Providence College's gym. Then we used Our Lady of Providence for the basketball, wrestling and women's volleyball teams."

"Things weren't easy for the staff either. The athletic offices were bounced around from the Student Union, to Clarke Science to eventually the Adams Library. Most of the paperwork and computers were lost, but everyone pulled together to get through it."

Davis oversaw much of the day-to-day activity at that time. Although she began a sabbatical in May of 1992, an unexpected twist occurred: Bill Baird retired. She returned to assume leadership of the department in July. Davis was involved in much of the planning of the current Intercollegiate Athletics Building,

which is a cornerstone of the facility renaissance at the College.

"We wanted to include modern offices, a training room, expanded coaches' offices and a weight room in addition to new classroom spaces. A lot of those areas were just 'improvised' in the old Walsh gym."

When current Director of Athletics Don Tencher came on board in 1995, Davis resumed her duties as associate athletic director and focused primarily on athletic compliance, which ensures every RIC student-athlete is in good standing with the NCAA.

Her responsibilities also included overseeing RIC's fleet of athletic vans and cars, which allows the teams to travel and the coaches to recruit.

Davis will relocate to Ocean City, New Jersey in the near future after spending the past 16 years in Cranston.

"I'm not really sure what I'll look to do next. I will probably stay involved with the sport of gymnastics in one way or another. I would really like to travel. I have some close friends who live in South Africa and have never had the time to visit them. I have family all over the country and it will be nice to be able to visit them."

As for her career, Davis says, "What I am most proud of is that I think I can appreciate and treat all sports equally. I think I have been able to make a positive contribution to Rhode Island College Athletics. One of the biggest changes [in RIC Athletics] is that student-athletes are seeking us out now. We have a good reputation, good programs and our facilities have improved dramatically."

"Athletics is such a vital part of the College and we work with many other offices on campus. I have enjoyed being part of committees and learning about other areas."

Although Davis is leaving RIC, she has left an indelible mark on the many coaches, student-athletes and administrators she's worked with over the past 25 years. She will be missed.



Sports Roundup

Men's Basketball

Head Coach Mike Kelly's team is 0-3 overall and has yet to see action in the Little East Conference. Kevin Payette leads the team in scoring, averaging 11.0 points per game.

Women's Basketball

Head Coach Mike Kelley's team is 1-2 overall and has yet to see action in the Little East Conference. Monyca Vickers leads the team in scoring, averaging 11.7 points per game.

Wrestling

Head Coach Jay Jones' Anchormen have competed in two tournaments so far this season, placing 10th (15 teams) with 56 points at the Roger Williams Invitational on Nov. 10 and 14th (18 teams) with 26 points at the Doug Parker Invitational held at Springfield College on Nov. 17. Mike Riley leads the team with a 9-3 record at 133 lbs.

RIC Symphony to feature international soloist Eric Ruske

Edward Markward will lead the Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra and internationally acclaimed French horn soloist Eric Ruske in a concert Monday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Ruske will be featured with the symphony orchestra in Mozart's Concerto No. 4 in E-flat Major and Villanelle for Horn and Orchestra by Paul Dukas (composer of the *Sorcerer's Apprentice*).

The program will open with Brahms' powerful Tragic Overture. Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G Major rounds out the program. "The symphony is one of the composer's most Bohemian works, bucolic and infused throughout with the spirit of his homeland," says Markward.

Dvorak conducted the first performance with the Prague National Theater Orchestra in 1890.

Named associate principal horn of the Cleveland Orchestra at the age of 20, Ruske's impressive solo career began when he won the 1986 Young Concert Artists International Auditions at age 22.

In 1987, he won First Prize in the American Horn Competition, and in 1988, the highest prize in the Concours International d'Interpretation Musicale in Reims, France.



ERIC RUSKE

He gave the 1980 world premiere of Gunther Schuller's Concerto for Horn and Orchestra with the San Antonio Orchestra with Schuller conducting.

Ruske has performed as orchestra soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Shanghai Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony, the Milwaukee Symphony, the Seoul Philharmonic, the Rhode Island Philharmonic and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

He has toured with the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Tel Aviv and throughout Israel. His recitals have been presented in such venues as the Louvre in Paris, the 92nd Street Y in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and Dukes Hall in London.

An active chamber musician, Ruske has appeared at the Newport Music, Les Flaneries Musicales d'Ete' de Reims (France), the OK Mozart International and the Sarasota Music festivals.

He also has performed in the Bargemusic series in New York City.

He is in demand as both a teacher and clinician, having worked at many universities in this country, the Royal Academy of Music in London, the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, and the College of Music at Seoul National University.

A native of LaGrange, Ill., and a graduate of Northwestern University, he has been a recipient of grants from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts and the International Institute of Education.

He has served on the faculties of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music and is currently on the Boston University faculty. Ruske also heads the horn seminar at the BU Tanglewood Institute.

General admission tickets are \$7; seniors and non-RIC students, \$5; RIC students free.

World-class trombonist George Masso to perform in Chamber Music Series



GEORGE MASSO

Rhode Island native George Masso, who has played trombone with the Big Band elite, will perform with his quartet in the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

The program will include Cole Porter's "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To," Harold Arlen's "Sleeping Bee," Burnett's "Melancholy Baby" and a trio feature of "Old Folks" and "Three Little Words."

The recital is free and open to the public.

RIC Wind Ensemble records live CD of *Blue Shades* concert

The Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble, conducted by Rob Franzblau, director of bands, has recorded a compact disc of the Nov. 16 *Blue Shades* concert. The seven-song CD also features guest soloists Greg Abate and Greg Wardson on the Michel Legrand jazz epic *Images*.

Other selections include Leonard Bernstein's *Four Dances from West Side Story*, Frank Zappa's *The Dog Breath Variations*, Frank Ticheli's *Blue Shades*, and John Philip Sousa's *Washington Post March*.

The CD will also contain a specially recorded rendition of the *Rhode Island College Alma Mater* performed by the RIC Chorus and Wind Ensemble.

The *Blue Shades* concert played to a full house and showcased the tal-



ROB FRANZBLAU

ents of over 50 student musicians.

"Producing this CD was a great educational project. It allowed the students to experience another level of making music," said Franzblau. "It also gave them a higher level of performance motivation to hear themselves during rehearsals then have the opportunity to enhance it for the final recording."

David Pardini, a senior at the College studying graphic arts, was commissioned to design the CD jacket.

The CD is available only by special order for \$15. Orders are now being taken for early 2002 delivery.

To order, contact Rob Franzblau at the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 456-9514.

MUSIC HAPPENINGS

by Edward Markward

Rhode Island College Chorus and Wind Ensemble, conducted respectively by Teresa Coffman and Rob Franzblau, remain active this fall.

In addition to their on-campus activities and events mentioned in the last edition of *What's News*, they performed in concert at Tiverton High School on Nov. 11. Coffman and Franzblau also worked as clinicians with Tiverton High School students in master classes held during the week prior to the concert.

Both music teachers at the high school, Richard Vars and Christine Johnston, earned their music education degrees at RIC. Because of the excellent reputation of the school's music program, RIC frequently places student teachers in music at Tiverton High.

Two additional master classes have been scheduled in December for music students. On Friday, Dec. 7, mezzo-soprano Cynthia Munzer of the Metropolitan Opera and a member of the voice faculty at the University of Southern California, will present a class for five RIC voice students at 2 p.m. in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts 198.

And on Monday, Dec. 10, at noon, internationally acclaimed French horn artist Eric Ruske will present a class for horn students (also in the Nazarian Center 198). Ruske will appear as soloist with the RIC Symphony Orchestra that evening at 8 o'clock in Sapinsley Hall. Call 456-8144 for ticket information.



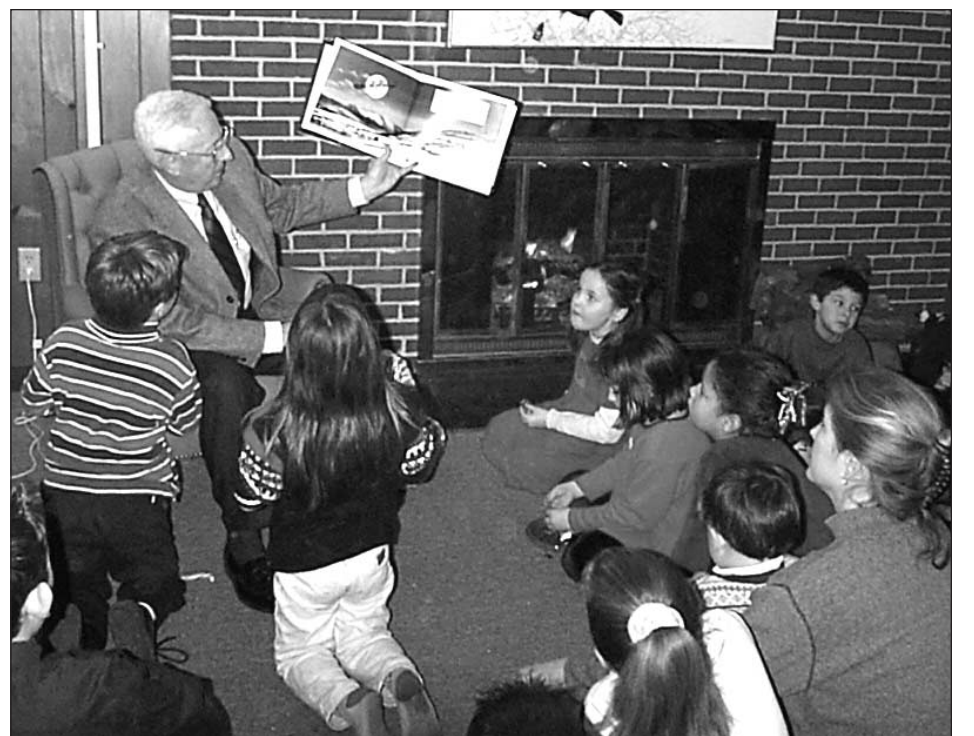
RIC WIND ENSEMBLE



Judith Lynn Stillman (center), professor of music and artist-in-residence at Rhode Island College, is the musical director and pianist of the All Children's Theatre Ensemble's holiday production of *Oliver!* Featured players are: (clockwise from top) August Fensterer of Rumford, Liana Stillman of Providence, Mathieu Whitman of Cranston, Tristan Viner-Brown of Cumberland, Rebecca Lipman and Sam Adrain of Providence. Performances will be held at the Vartan Gregorian School Dec. 7-16. Call 435-5300 for reservations. (Photo by Wrenn Goodrum)



KAPPA DELTA PI: One hundred and eight RIC students were initiated as new members of Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) at ceremonies in Gaiage Hall Nov. 19. Above, Andrea DiCicco, president of the College's Epsilon Rho Chapter, lights a candle signifying one of the ideals of KDP. The organization is an international honor society of undergraduate and graduate students, teachers and administrators dedicated to excellence in education.



LAST HOLIDAY SEASON: John Salasses, vice president for academic affairs, read Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (a.k.a. "The Night Before Christmas") at the President's House. A reading of the popular Christmas story traditionally follows the tree lighting ceremony during the president's Holiday Open House. This year's open house will take place Dec. 18 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. This year's reader will be Elizabeth Henshaw, assistant professor of elementary education. See page 12 for invitation. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Around the campus



MUSIC AND MISTLETOE, the Ocean State Lyric Opera holiday concert for the whole family will feature Rhode Island College alumnus Fredrick Scheff '83 as tenor in the Dec. 8 (8 p.m.) and Dec. 9 (2 p.m.) shows at the Grant Recital Hall at Brown University. Scheff is one of four vocalists who will sing selections that include Christmas and Hanukkah songs. A special feature will be a visit from the North Pole for the kids. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Call 331-6060.



HONORS STUDENTS gather in the Faculty Center Nov. 9 for their annual dinner. Prof. Spencer Hall (front, center) is director of the Honors Program. Inset, is Kevin Middleton, this year's Nazarian Merit Scholarship winner. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)



RIC CALENDAR

Dec. 3 - Jan, 28, 2002

Nov. 29-Dec. 21

Art: "Otherwise Portraits"* by Lauren Fensterstock in Bannister Gallery.

5 Wednesday

7 p.m.—*RIC Annual Art Auction* at the former Bannister Gallery in the Art Center. Preview art works at 6 p.m. Donations are welcome. To arrange for donations, please call the RIC Art Department office, 456-8054.

7 Friday

8 p.m.—*Dance: Winter Concert*** in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center. General admission \$10.

8 Saturday

Habitat for Humanity work date. Meet in front of the Student Union by 8:15 a.m. Leave approximately 8:30 a.m. and return approximately 3 p.m. Call 456-8168 to register.

10 Monday

8 p.m.—*RIC Symphony Orchestra* with Eric Ruske, French horn**, and Edward Markward, conductor, in the Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center. General admission is \$10.

5:30 to 8 p.m.—*Human Rights Dinner*. Amnesty International and the Rainbow Alliance will hold a dinner in the Faculty Center to promote awareness of human rights in Afghanistan. Anwar Ahady, a professor at Providence College and a leader of the Social-Democratic party in Afghanistan, will discuss human rights and the on-going humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. For ticket information email ric.amnesty@yahoo.com. The cost is \$5-RIC students, \$7 for non-RIC students and faculty.

12 Wednesday

1 p.m.—*Music: George Masso Jazz Quartet** in the Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center. Part of the Chamber Music Series.

*Admission Free

** Admission discounts for senior citizens, faculty /staff, RIC and non-RIC students.

Performing Arts
Information: 456-8194
Box Office: 456-8144

13 Thursday

Holiday Dinner: "It's a Small World" which will be held in DDC. Hors d'oeuvres will be served on the mezzanine level at 4 p.m. and the dinner buffet will begin at 4:45 p.m. A talent show will follow. Admission price for the College community is \$10 and students on the meal plan will have one meal's worth of points deducted from their board plan. This event is proudly presented by the Campus Center, Office of Residential Life and Housing and DDC in conjunction with the RIC Campus Center Graphics Department.

Sports Events

Men's Basketball

Tues.	Dec. 4	Coast Guard	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 8	at UMASS-Boston *	3 p.m.
Tues.	Dec. 11	at Johnson & Wales	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 2	at Warner Southern	6 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 4	at Flagler College Invitational	6/8 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 5	at Flagler College Invitational	6/8 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 8	at Southern Maine *	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 10	at Bridgewater State	8 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 12	Plymouth State *	8 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 15	at Western Connecticut *	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 17	Keene State *	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Eastern Connecticut *	3 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 22	at UMASS-Dartmouth *	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	UMASS-Boston *	3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Tues.	Dec. 4	Pine Manor	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 8	at UMASS-Boston *	1 p.m.
Tues.	Dec. 11	at Johnson & Wales	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 15	Keene State *	1 p.m.
Mon.	Dec. 31	at Warner Southern	1 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 4	at Webber Tournament	Noon/2 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 5	at Webber Tournament	Noon/2 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 8	at Southern Maine *	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 12	Plymouth State *	6 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 15	at Western Connecticut *	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Eastern Connecticut *	1 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 22	at UMASS-Dartmouth *	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	UMASS-Boston *	1 p.m.

Wrestling

Wed.	Dec. 5	Plymouth State *	7 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 9	Yeshiva	Noon
Sat.	Dec. 29	at Citrus Invitational (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)	TBA
Sun.	Dec. 30	at Citrus Duals (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)	10 a.m.
Mon.	Dec. 31	at Citrus Duals (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)	8:30 a.m.
Sat.	Jan. 12	Quad-meet with Oneonta State, Wilkes and NYU	11 a.m.
Wed.	Jan. 16	WPI *	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 19	at New England Duals (at Wesleyan)	11 a.m.
Tues.	Jan. 22	Western New England *	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	Tri-meet -New Hampshire at Southern Maine *	6:30 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics

Sat.	Dec. 8	at Bridgeport	Noon
Sat.	Jan. 19	at SUNY-Brockport Invitational	1 p.m.
Fri.	Jan. 25	at Ursinus *	6 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	Tri-meet with MIT * at Wilson *	1 p.m.

Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field

Sat.	Dec. 8	at Harvard Invitational	Noon
Sat.	Jan. 19	at Brandeis Invitational	Noon
Sat.	Jan. 26	at Southern Maine Invitational	1 p.m.

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Sponsored by the Young Alumni Group
Open to all alumni & friends of Rhode Island College

Rhode Island Community Food Bank Contest

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, 5-8 p.m.
104 Hay Street, West Warwick

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank has planned a friendly competition between local college and university alumni clubs culminating in the "Golden Pallet Award," presented to the club who successfully inspects and sorts the most food during the evening shift.

Please help The RIC Young Alumni Group sort food for some of the 36,000 people served by the food bank each month.

Join us for pizza at 5 p.m. We will begin sorting food at 6 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP call Shana Murrell at 456-9625 or email smurrell@ric.edu.



Celebrate...
the tradition of Friendship,
the beauty of the Season,
and a New Year
of Peace and Happiness

Join RIC President John Nazarian
for a Holiday Open House
and tree lighting ceremony.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001
3:30- 6 p.m.
President's House, RIC campus

The tree lighting
will take place
outside the President's
House at 5 p.m.
followed by a reading
of "A Visit
from St. Nick"
by Elizabeth Henshaw,
assistant professor of
elementary education.



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