



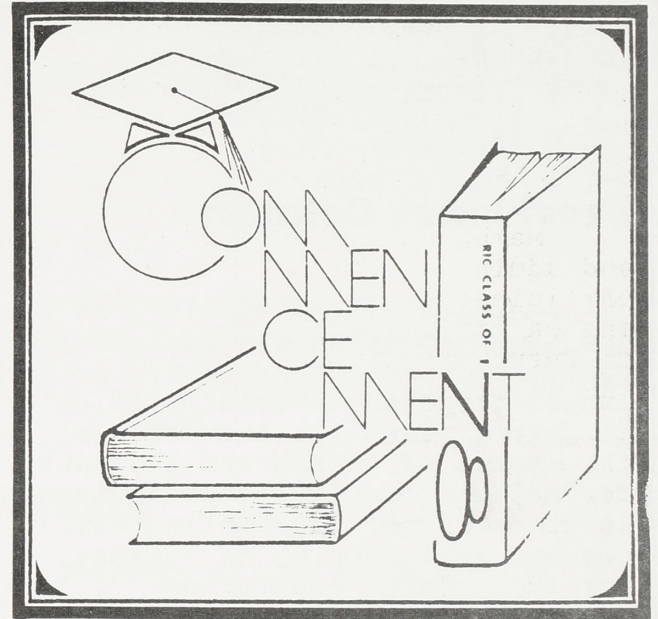
What's New(s) at RIC

Six Honorary Degrees to Be Conferred

Approximately 700 undergraduate degrees will be conferred on members of the class of 1978 at the college's 123rd commencement. In addition, approximately 250 students who completed degree requirements in August 1977 or January 1978 may participate in the commencement exercises if they choose. The ceremonies will take place, weather permitting, on the esplanade in front of Walsh Center beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 27. In the event of inclement weather, ceremonies will be held inside the center.

William H. McNeill, professor of history at the University of Chicago and National Book Award-winner, will deliver the commencement address. McNeill will be awarded the honorary degree of humane letters at the ceremonies. Also receiving honorary degrees will be Joseph F. Kauffman, professor of educational administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a former president of Rhode Island College; Joseph LeCount, a lawyer, civic leader and civil rights advocate; and Eleanor Slater, retired director of the Rhode Island Division on Aging (now the Department of Elderly Affairs). Kauffman will be awarded the doctor of pedagogy degree. LeCount and Slater will be awarded doctor of humane laws degrees.

At separate commencement ceremonies to be held Friday evening,



May 26 at 6 p.m., also on the esplanade in front of Walsh Center, approximately 425 graduate degrees will be conferred. Rhode Island Governor J. Joseph Garrahy will receive the honorary doctor of laws degree from the college. Speaker for the graduate division exercises will be Virginia B. Smith, president of Vassar College. She will be awarded the honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Committee Named to Promote Bond Issue

President Sweet has appointed Admissions Director John S. Foley to head a committee of faculty, staff and student representatives who will work to gain support for the bond issue referendum for educational facilities which will appear on the ballot in November. (continued on p. 2)

The education referendum will ask voters to approve \$16.18 million for projects at RIC, URI, RIJC and the School for the Deaf. If passed, the bond issue will provide RIC with \$4.5 million to improve health and physical education facilities and fine arts facilities at the college. Serving on the steering committee are representatives from the music department, the theatre department, the athletic director, the dean of students, faculty members, the news bureau, and student government.

President's Column

Members of the faculty, staff and administration are invited to participate in a convocation focusing on progress made in relation to future plans for the college, the impact of PACBAM and the RACR review, and faculty contributions to the college. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 in Gaige Auditorium.

Professor Donald Averill, president of the RIC/AFT, and Professor Philip Whitman, chair of the Council of RIC, will report on the activities of their organizations. President Sweet will discuss briefly "the state of the college" in relation to specific plans for the next three to five years which are emerging from the PACBAM-RACR process. Professor Ronald Ballinger of the History Department will conclude the meeting noting the importance of the faculty to the college and recognizing faculty who are being promoted, granted tenure, or appointed to emeritus status. President Charles Willard will be a special guest for this occasion.

A reception given by the executive officers and President Sweet in honor of the faculty will follow at the Faculty Center.

Faculty Grants and Awards

A grant of \$5000 has been awarded to DR. DAVIS S. THOMAS of the History Department by the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies. He is also the recipient of a \$3200 grant from the American Research Institute in Turkey. These grants will be used to support his travel and research in Turkey during the summer, and in conjunction with his sabbatical leave scheduled for the fall semester of 1978.

Dr. Thomas will pursue his extensive study of the Ottoman Middle East, concentrating on the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, with the purpose of attaining a better historical framework for understanding the response of Middle Eastern society to the intrusion of the West during this period.

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DR. KENNETH F. LEWALSKI of the History Department has been selected for the second, consecutive year to receive a Summer Associate Grant for 1978 from the Russian and East European Research Center of the University of Illinois (Champaign/Urbana). There are approximately 60 scholars in residence in the Associate program.

During his residence at the Center, Dr. Lewalski will participate in special seminars given by outstanding scholars in the Russian and East European field. He will continue his research on Joachim Lelewel, a Polish radical and revolutionary figure. Lelewel is also the subject of a paper written by Professor Lewalski which he will present in a special seminar organized by Polish historians.

Focus on the Faculty

DR. KENNETH AINLEY of the Department of Health and Physical Education was recently appointed by Governor Joseph Garrahy to a statewide commission in Health Education. The swearing in ceremonies were conducted on April 20, 1978.

DR. PETER PICCILLO of the History Department has been selected to participate in a two-week conference on "Businesses' Role and Responsibility in Modern Society." The conference is sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences of Catholic University and The Graduate School of Business of Columbia University, and is funded by a grant from the General Electric Foundation. It will be held from June 4 through June 15 on the campus of Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

An article by Professor JOHN E. PETERSON of the Physical Science Department has been published in the May 1978 issue of *The Physics Teacher*. The title of his article is "A Low Cost Audio Oscillator."

New Academic Specialization to Be Offered

Beginning in the fall semester of 1978, the Department of Anthropology and Geography will offer a new academic offering in Anthropology, a specialization in Public Archaeology. The new specialization, which leads to a B.A. degree, incorporates the core courses of the anthropology major, plus a reading course in Public Archaeology, a field course in archaeological methods, and selected technical, environmental, and cultural historical courses. These requirements are designed to prepare students for careers in the rapidly

expanding fields of Public Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management, as well as provide a basis for entry into either a traditional program of graduate study in Anthropology, or a specialized program in Cultural Resource Management.

The new field of Public Archaeology is the result of recent federal and state legislation designed to identify endangered cultural resources through archaeological/historical surveys, and then proceed to preserve or salvage these resources. It has become known as Public Archaeology since most of this identification and preservation or salvage is funded by the federal and state governments on behalf of the public.

Further information on the design and requirements of the program is available from the Department of Anthropology and Geography, Gaige Hall 106.

Events

Members of the Rhode Island College Resident Student Association will be attending the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) conference during the week of May 22, 1978. Each of the four residence halls will be sending a delegate that has participated in R.S.A. for the 1977-78 academic year. The conference, "The Residence Hall Community," will be held in Muncie, Indiana and will be hosted by Ball State University. The delegates hope to return to Rhode Island College with many new ideas to implement, develop, and share with the College community.

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As a result of the recent, campus-wide blood drive held on May 3 and 4, RIC was able to contribute 163 units of blood to the Community Associated Blood Banks of Rhode Island. The drive was (continued on p. 4)



RIC Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MAY 22

11-4 PM IMAGES OF A NEW ERA. An art exhibit featuring work of graduating seniors of the RIC Art Department. Continuing until May 31. Main Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 - 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. Main Gallery, Art Department.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

12:30-2 PM TASK FORCE ON HANDICAPPED MEETING. Chambers Meeting Room, Student Union.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

6 PM GRADUATE DIVISION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. Esplanade in front of Walsh Center for Health and Physical Education.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

10 AM UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. Esplanade in front of Walsh Center for Health and Physical Education.

President's Calendar

Friday, May 19, 12 noon - 2 p.m., Urban Educational Center Luncheon, President's Home; 2:30 p.m. Meeting of Major Goals Committee, Regents Board Room. Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m., the President will attend the Barrington College Commencement, Barrington, Sunday, May 21, 5 - 9 p.m., Reception for RIC faculty and staff, President's Home. Monday, May 22, 9 a.m., the President will give the welcome address to the Gerontology Conference, Horace Mann Hall, Room 193; 1 p.m., Joint meeting of the EOG, RIC/AFT Executive Committee, President's Office; 6 p.m., Meeting of the Post-Secondary Education Sub-Committee, RIJC Campus, Warwick. Tuesday, May 23, 10 a.m., the President will attend the PC Commencement, Providence Civic Center; 11:30 a.m., Council of RIC luncheon meeting, South Dining Room, Faculty Center; 1:30 p.m., Convocation for faculty recognition, Gaige Auditorium; 4 p.m. Reception for the faculty, Faculty Center. Wednesday, May 24, the President will participate in a conference at Pine Manor College, Boston. Thursday, May 25, the President will attend a Continuing Ed. Conference, Burlington, VT.; 6 p.m., Regents meeting, Regents Board Room. Friday, May 26, 8:30 a.m. PACSA meeting, Regents Board Room.

THE NEWS BUREAU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. Publication of *What's New(s) at RIC* will resume with the beginning of the fall semester in September. Any comments or suggestions you have concerning the content or format of the campus newsletter are welcome and will be considered when future issues are planned. Send your suggestions and/or comments to the News Bureau, Roberts 312.

(EVENTS - continued from page 3) sponsored by the Council of RIC, and members of the Women of RIC organization served as hostesses. Those who donated blood as well as the people who attempted to donate but were unable to due to health reasons such as colds, flu, etc., are now in the Blood Assurance program. Anyone from the college community who is in need of blood can petition for blood assurance. The next blood drive will be held on campus in November. Future drives to be held on a biannual basis in the spring and fall are anticipated. An even greater response is needed from members of the college community to increase RIC's blood bank contribution.