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# What's New(s) at RIC



*A view of the Providence skyline from the Rhode Island College campus.*

Best Wishes for a  
Happy Holiday Season

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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE



## Perspectives / RIC

(A new feature of *What's New(s)*, this column focuses on the attitudes and opinions of members of the college community.)

Quo Vadis RIC?

America's demographic profile is changing. Its citizenry between the ages of fifty and fifty-nine has risen 17 percent. Close to one-third of its college population is over twenty-five. One half of them are part-time. Not only is the age pattern shifting, but learning environments are being supplemented with television, travel and independent study. Students are no longer accepting, *pro forma*, the myth that colleges and institutions hold master keys to fame and fortune.

A recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (November 27, 1978) describes the "invisible university." Adult learners are forsaking the ivy walls for "do it yourself" instruction. Utilizing a variety of media materials, field trips, local libraries and museums, they have planned self-study programs in vocational areas promising immediate returns for their efforts.

Yesterday, a student handed me a five-page proposal for a graduate program that he had developed to meet not only his needs but those of others in the same occupation. It was interesting to note that the word *skill* had been used 15 times. RIC's continuing education course titles and enrollment figures for the 1978 fall semester indicate increasing interest in "hands on" rather than cultural enrichment subjects, i.e., First Course in Computers, Photo I, Lettering and Layout, Occupational Health Nurses, Basic Writing Skills.

No magic, master syllabus is available to meet fully the immediate or long-term educational needs

of Rhode Islanders for the next decade. Certain steps can be taken, however, to provide a framework in which to adapt to future market needs. The college should maintain an up-dated inventory of its human and physical resources and examine and evaluate its existing and alternative delivery systems. In the days ahead, it must significantly modify its academic schedule, greatly expand its campus parameters and take a critical look at its "tried and true" teaching techniques and strategies. Academic excellence will not be compromised. To the contrary, it will mean that RIC will have placed itself in a strategic position for the 1980's.

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## Newsletter to Continue in January

December 15 marks the last issue of *What's New(s)* at RIC for the fall semester. Publication of the bi-weekly newsletter will resume on Friday, January 19, 1979. News items for this issue should be received in writing at the News Bureau, Roberts 111, by noon, Friday, January 12.

Nine issues of *What's New(s)* are planned for the 1979 spring semester. A list of the publication dates and deadlines for each issue will appear in the January 19 issue of the newsletter. Copies of this list will also be sent to the college's executive officers, deans, directors and department chairs.

To all those who have contributed to *What's New(s)* — thank you. Your continued support is essential to the successful dissemination of information within the RIC community.



# Opportunities

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada are available for American citizens. Information is posted outside Gaige 150.

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The Business and Professional Women's Foundation announces the LENA LAKE FORREST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM and the BPW FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM, which support research pertaining to economic, educational, political, social, or psychological factors affecting working women. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000. Applicants must be doctoral candidates or post-doctoral scholars whose proposal for research has been approved by academic authorities in an accredited graduate institution, or persons able to demonstrate that the proposed research will be conducted under standards of scholarship recognized at the doctoral level. Applications must be postmarked before January 1, 1979. Requests for applications should include a project summary and be addressed to the BPW Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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The NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER announces that it will accept approximately 35 Fellows in 1979. In general, the center will provide stipends to Fellows that will match their normal academic income plus the expenses incident to moving to the center. In some cases, funds for research assistance may be available. Recipients of fellowships or other forms of financial support from sources other than the center are eligible to apply. Applications are due January 10, 1979. Requests for application forms can be addressed to the National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709.

The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation and the History Department of the University of Delaware jointly sponsor a PROGRAM OF GRADUATE STUDY for students interested in one or more of the following academic specialties: American economic history, the history of technology and museum studies. Financial aid consisting of a \$3,300 stipend per year, full tuition and a small travel fund is available. In addition, an allowance of \$1,200 per year is available to married students with dependent children. The deadline for applications is February 7, 1979 for the academic year 1979-80. Application forms can be obtained by writing to: Coordinator, Hagley Graduate Program, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Box 3630, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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Western New England College, School of Law, announces a limited number of FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS for students with outstanding academic records who can show a commitment to the practice of law, and who, in the opinion of the admissions and financial aid committee, have the potential for acquiring a distinguished law school record. Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the School of Law of Western New England College is fully accredited by the American Bar Association with a focus of training lawyers to enter practice anywhere in the country. Further information can be obtained by writing to: Diane K. Youn, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions, Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, Massachusetts 01119.

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The SAINTE-MARIE PRIZE will be granted for original research concerned directly with 17th century Canadian history and other national or international circum-



stances or events directly influencing 17th century Canadian exploration, colonization, politics, economics, individuals, relations between the colonies, and other matters. Submissions will be considered on a broad, interdisciplinary basis, and the award of \$1,649 will be given to the author of the submission making the most significant contribution to knowledge and the interpretation of 17th century Canadian developments. The deadline is December 31, 1979. For additional information, contact the Manager of Public Information, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, P. O. Box 160, Midland, Ontario, L4R 4K8, Canada.

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The RUTH STRANG RESEARCH AWARD will be given by the National Association of Women Deans to any woman for an original manuscript of a historical, philosophical, experimental, evaluative, or descriptive nature. Manuscripts (2 copies) should not exceed 50 pages, typed, and must be submitted by January 1, 1979. For information, contact Ruth Strang, Research Award Committee, NAWDAC Headquarters, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 922, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS to be held in British universities are open to graduate students and to undergraduates who will have completed the junior year by June 1979. Scholarships are available. Applications can be obtained from the Study Abroad Division, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017. The application deadline is March 1, 1979. A brochure describing the programs in Victorian Literature and the Arts, Shakespeare, the Medieval World and British History is available in Gaige 153.

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Historic Deerfield, Inc. will conduct its annual SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM in early American

history and the decorative arts at Deerfield, Massachusetts from June 12 to August 11, 1979. Between 7 and 14 fellowships will be awarded to single men and women of undergraduate status who are interested in careers in the museum field and related professions. Application forms may be obtained by writing to Historic Deerfield, 1979 Fellowship Program, Deerfield, Massachusetts 01342. Inquiries should be addressed to J. Ritchie Garrison, director of Education.

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The American Association of State Colleges and Universities is sponsoring a HUMANITIES INSTITUTE, "Modernization and Social Change in Asia," from June 4-29, 1979 at Edinboro State College in Pennsylvania. A stipend covering travel, housing and board is funded by NEH. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate faculty with two years teaching experience. Application forms are available from Annette Ducey, Gaige 153.

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Applications for FULBRIGHT-HAYS AWARDS for university teaching and advanced research abroad generally must be submitted by June 1 (Australia, New Zealand and American Republics) or July 1 (Africa, Asia and Europe), 12 to 18 months in advance of the grant period. They should be submitted as soon as possible. Changes in country programs create new openings from time to time, and other positions are available for various reasons.

Basic eligibility requirements are U.S. citizenship; for lecturing—usually postdoctoral college or university teaching experience, except for awards designated "junior" or for teaching English as a foreign language; for research—a doctoral degree at the time of application or recognized professional standing as demonstrated by faculty rank, publications, compositions, exhibitions, etc.; and for some

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## Focus on the Faculty and Staff

ROBERT M. BOBERG, associate professor of music, served as adjudicator for the National Music Teachers' Association at the Music Mansion in Providence on December 2, 1978. The event determined the Rhode Island state winner of high school-age pianists who will now compete at the division level prior to national competition. Each contestant played five selections including Mozart's *Piano Concerto #15 in B Flat Major*.

Professor Boberg also served as a participating conductor of the "Christmas Festival of Baptist Choirs" at the Phillips Memorial Baptist Church in Cranston on December 3. Of the 14 selections sung by the massed choir of 120 voices, he conducted 8, including carols from European countries, a spiritual and selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

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BRENDA DANN-MESSIER was appointed to the position of admissions officer in the Office of Continuing Education, effective December 4. Previous to this appointment, she was coordinator-counselor for Project Choice at the Urban Educational Center.

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LAURENCE J. SASSO, JR., director of the News Bureau, read his poetry at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts on December 5. His reading was presented by the Wheaton Poetry Series which is co-sponsored by the college's Department of English and the library. A recently published chapbook of his poetry and prose vignettes, *Harvesting the Inner Garden*, is available at the Rhode Island College Bookstore.

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JEANETTE TAMAGINI, professor of counselor education, received

a certificate of course completion from Project HERS, Wellesley College. HERS is a national project designed to identify and prepare women in higher education for administrative positions. The project consisted of weekend workshops from November 1977 through October 1978, dealing with management, fiscal, and personnel issues and skills.

## What's Happening

A conference on "Parenting: The State of the Art" will be held on campus January 11, 1979. Sponsored by the Child Abuse and Neglect Training Project which is based at RIC, the conference is administered by the Rhode Island Consortium for Continuing Education in Community Welfare and Human Services and Rhode Island Social and Rehabilitative Services. Cheryl Livneh of the Child Abuse and Neglect Training Project is coordinating the program.

The conference is designed for people currently leading parenting groups and those interested in becoming involved in parenting education. At the morning session of the program, a group of panelists representing family and social service programs in the state will discuss "The Scope of Parenting Programs in Rhode Island." Group discussions will precede and follow a luncheon in the Faculty Center. Reservations for the conference can be made with Cheryl Livneh, Adams Library--New Wing, through December 15.

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awards, foreign language fluency.

The terms of the awards vary from country to country but generally consist of a maintenance allowance for the grantee and family and one or more other allowances. Roundtrip travel is provided for the grantee and usually for one dependent of lectur-



ing grantees appointed for a full academic year. Application forms are available from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Suite 300, Eleven DuPont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education has announced FY 1979 proposal deadlines under the COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM COMPETITION. The program seeks to support proposals concerned with reform, innovation and improvement of postsecondary education. All proposals will be measured against the following three general criteria: Is the proposal cost-effective? Does it have impact beyond the applicant's setting? Is it a learner-centered improvement?

A five-page, *preliminary* proposal is due on or before January 9, 1979, followed by a final submission *by invitation* in March. Additional information on this program or assistance in developing a proposal for submission is available from the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects, ext. 8228.

## **New Grant Handbook In Works**

The Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects has completed a new guide to proposal development and program management. Entitled *Everything You Wanted to Know About Grants, But No One Would Tell You*, the publication features a recommended "Six-Stage, Thirty-Day Proposal Development Sequence" designed to guide faculty and staff through the essential steps in the preparation of a proposal. Also included in the handbook is extensive material on the development of contracts and cooperative agreements and a comprehensive section which explains the procedures involved in the administration of a grant once it is awarded.

The bureau expects the handbook to be available for distribution to all faculty and staff by the beginning of the spring semester. Workshops will be held for interested faculty and staff on the use of this guide. One major workshop will involve a representative of the Office of Federal Programs of AASCU who will work with us on identification of funding sources and proposal development. A key segment of this workshop will be a presentation on the CETA legislation and funding possibilities under that Act.

John O'Neill, director of the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects and coordinator for program development, will also offer a three-credit Continuing Education course, "How to Write and Administer a Successful Grant Proposal," in the spring semester.

## **RIC United Way Contributions Increase**

A final report issued by the college's 1978 United Way Campaign Committee, chaired by Dr. Sheri Smith, indicates increased support by members of the RIC community. Sixty-three percent of the college's full-time employees participated. Contributions totaling \$24,676 were raised this year, an increment of \$1,941 over 1977. Participation through payroll deductions, approximately 63 percent, also increased from 264 employees in 1977 to 337 this year.

While the 1978 campus campaign was successful in surpassing the 1977 totals, the campaign fell somewhat short of reaching its goals. The committee had established this year's goals at a 70 percent participation with 80 percent participating through payroll deductions for a total goal of \$27,500 in contributions.