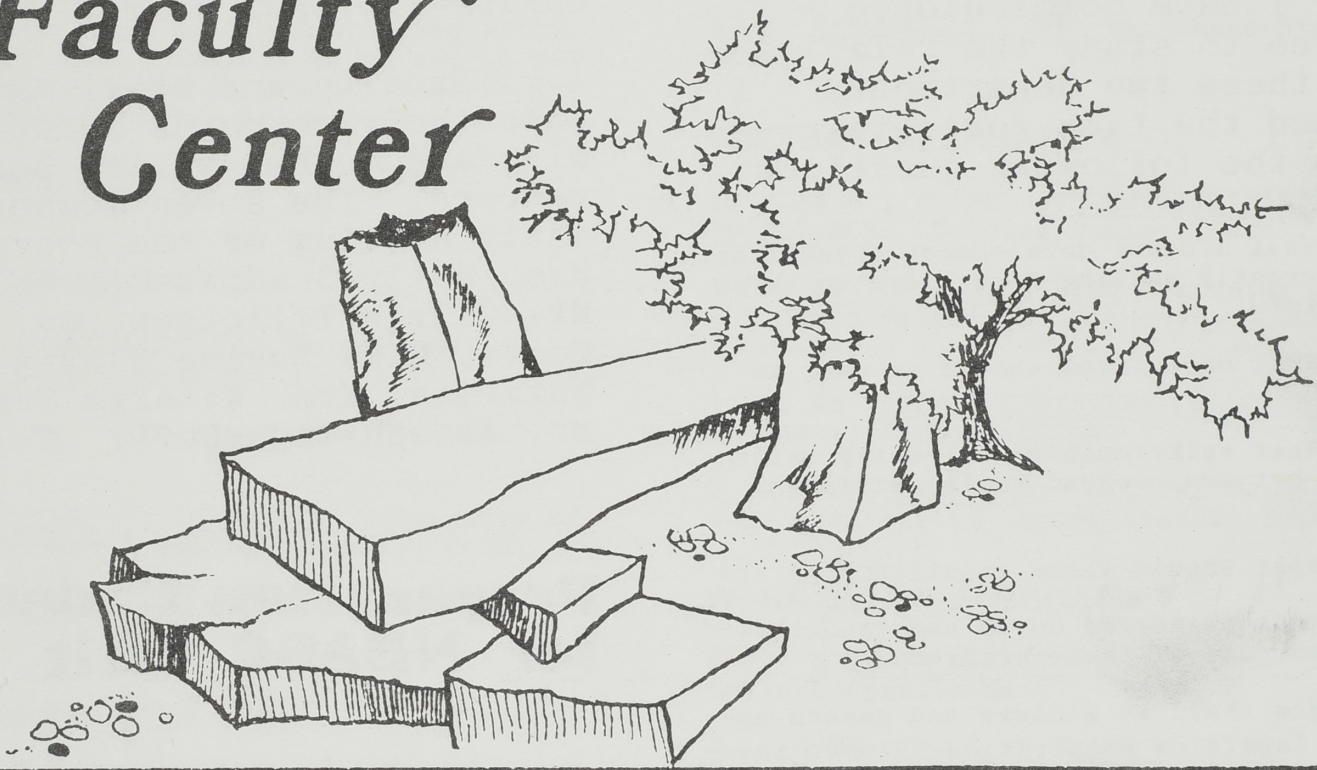


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# What's New(s) at RIC

## Faculty Center



### The Faculty Center - A Growing Concern?

When was the last time you visited the Faculty Center? For some RIC faculty and staff, this visit may have yet to occur. Others frequent the center on a daily basis for lunch when classes are in session. Some only come to the center for conferences, meetings or social gatherings.

As part of a promotional drive to encourage greater use of the Faculty Center, the center's board of directors circulated a questionnaire to college faculty and staff members asking them what they like and dislike about the center and

what suggestions they have for improvements. Response to the questionnaire has thus far been very good with 206 forms completed and returned to date. Suggestions for improvements to the center include installing a clock in the dining room, offering a greater variety in meals at better prices, offering dining room patrons a free refill on coffee and expanding the salad bar. It is anticipated that some of the suggestions received can be implemented.

A membership drive is also  
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# President's Column

There has been considerable discussion on this campus about the relationship of the Departments of Health and Physical Education and the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Department. In order to insure that the energies, talents and resources of the individuals in these departments are being used to achieve goals and objectives that are both mutually supportive and supportive of the college's mission, I have commissioned a task force to study the relationship of these two departments. I have asked the task force to respond to the following questions:

1. What student development objectives are we currently seeking to achieve in these departments?
2. What objectives should we seek to achieve?
3. What relationships currently exist among and between program goals, staff and facilities?
4. What should these relationships be?
5. What standards do we use to determine the success of these programs?
6. How shall we achieve and assess appropriate levels of cooperation between these departments?

The membership of the committee is Dr. Neil Gonsalves, chair, Ms. Lee Ann Butler, Mr. Kevin Gatta, Ms. Gail Davis, Dr. Pat Glasheen, Dr. Kenneth Ainley and Dr. Gary Penfield. Mr. William Baird and Dr. Nelson Wood are serving as support staff and resource persons for the task force, and Mr. Donald Hardy is the executive officer.

I have asked the task force to report to me no later than the end of the spring semester, 1979. I am grateful to all these individuals for their interest and assistance. I hope that members of both departments as well as the rest of the college community will cooperate and assist this group in its work.

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planned for the spring of 1979, and new privileges are being developed for Faculty Center members. Membership in the Faculty Center is separate from use of the center, and membership fees are not used to subsidize the center's lunch program. Profits from membership fees, food services and rentals of the center have been used to finance improvements to the center including the purchase of new chairs for the dining room and repair of the tables during the past year.

Faculty and staff may also discuss their concerns about the center with any member of its board of directors. The seven members presently serving on the board are Mrs. Holly Shadoian (president), Mr. Calvin Tillotson, Dr. Crist Costa, Miss Louise Sherby, Dr. John Nazarian, Mrs. Kathryn Sasso and Mr. Joseph Ingegneri.

## Preparation Under Way for NEASC Visit

As Rhode Island College begins a new semester and a new year, it is also embarking on an 18-month, self-examination process. This comprehensive self-study is being done in preparation for an accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), scheduled for October 1980. The college last received such a visit in 1969.

Prior to this visit, all segments of the RIC community will be involved in evaluating and reporting on the college's programs, faculty, students, goals and governance. Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Annette Ducey, will serve as coordinator for the accreditation process and chair the Steering Committee which consists of the following members:



# RIC Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 11, 1979

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

11 AM - 4PM WOOD AND FIBER EXHIBIT. Works represent six weavers and six woodworkers from the New England area. Continuing until Sunday, February 4. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, Sundays 1-5 p.m. Bannister Gallery, Art Center.

8 - 11 PM SKI CLUB MEETING. Lounge F, Student Union.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FENCING. RIC vs. MIT, URI, Holy Cross at URI. Time to be announced.

1 PM WRESTLING. RIC vs. Boston College. Away.

1 PM GYMNASTICS. RIC vs. MIT, University of Maine - Farmington, and West Point. Home.

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Boston State College. Home.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Ballroom, Student Union.

6:30 - 8:30 PM KAPPA DELTA PHI MEETING. Lounge F, Student Union.

7 - 9 PM THETA LAMBDA CHI MEETING. Parliament Chambers, Student Union.

7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Upper Lounge, Browne Hall.

7:30 - 9:30 PM RIC SPRING FILM SERIES: *Smokey and the Bandit*, starring Burt Reynolds, Sally Field and Jerry Reed. Admission is 75¢ with a RIC I.D. and \$1.25 general admission. Gaige Auditorium.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12 NOON DAILY MASS. Meditation Room, Student Union.

12 NOON - 2 PM PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SUB-COMMITTEE II MEETING. Members of the college community are invited to participate. The committee also invites commentary on college services for women from the consumer or participant's point of view. Five minutes will be allotted for individual presentations of services or recommendations for women in the college community. A written

statement of the presentation should be sent to Lucie Minuto, Craig-Lee 128, prior to the meeting. Parliament Chambers, Student Union.

6 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Providence College. Away.

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Keene State College. Home.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12 NOON - 1:30 PM STUDENT/ADMINISTRATION ROUNDTABLE. Donovan Dining Center.

1 PM RIC CHAMBER SERIES featuring Marlane and James Fairleigh, piano-duo. Roberts Hall, Room 138.

1 - 2 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Lounge F, Student Union.

7:30 PM GYMNASTICS. RIC vs. Connecticut College and Yale at Connecticut College.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Barrington College (preliminary). Home.

7 - 10 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Room 306/307, Student Union.

8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Barrington College. Home.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7 PM GYMNASTICS. RIC vs. Smith College and URI. Home.

7 - 8 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Room 306/307, Student Union.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7 - 10 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Room 307/310, Student Union.

8 PM CARD PARTY to benefit the Helen Willard Scholarship Fund which provides money to a RIC student each year. Reservations must be made by calling Marion Browning at 353-1030. Sponsored by the Women of Rhode Island College. Faculty Center.

8 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State College. Away.

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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 1 PM FENCING. RIC vs. Brandeis, Brown at Brown University.
- 1 PM WRESTLING. RIC vs. Western New England. Away.
- 5 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. University of Bridgeport. Away.
- 8 PM BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Southeastern Massachusetts University. Home.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Student Union Ballroom.
- 6:30 - 8:30 PM KAPPA DELTA PHI MEETING. Parliament Chambers, Student Union.
- 7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Upper Lounge, Browne Hall.
- 7:30 & 9:30 PM RIC SPRING FILM SERIES: *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With the Sea*. Starring Kris Kristofferson and Sara Miles. Admission is 75¢ with a RIC I.D. and \$1.25 without. Gage Auditorium.

### PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

Friday, February 2 - Sunday, February 4, Association of American Colleges meeting, Washington, D.C. Monday, February 5, 12 noon, luncheon meeting with Dr. Carl Trendler, deputy assistant commissioner for post-secondary education, the presidents of URI and RIJC, and the vice presidents for academic affairs at RIC, URI and RIJC, at the Red Coach Grill. Tuesday, February 6, 12:15 p.m., R.I. Higher Education Council meeting at Roger Williams College; 6 p.m., Board of Regents meeting, Regents Board Room. Wednesday, February 7, 8:30 a.m., Executive Committee meeting of the Council of RIC, Regents Board Room; 4 p.m., PEEC meeting, RIJC; 6 p.m., Postsecondary Education Sub-Committee meeting, Regents Board Room. Thursday, February 8 & Friday, February 9, follow-up of accreditation visit, Goddard College.

### Playwright to Offer Colloquium

Distinguished, avant garde playwright Susan Yankowitz will present a colloquium on "Writing for the Theatre" on Wednesday, February 14, at 2 p.m. in Craig-Lee 156. Sponsored by the Communications and Theatre Department, the presentation will include a video-tape of one of her best known works, *Terminal*. Produced on CBS television, *Terminal* was also offered by the Open Theatre at Rhode Island College in March 1971 as part of the Rhode Island Theatre Festival. Her plays have been produced at various off-Broadway theatres, and several have been published. A new play by Ms. Yankowitz will have its premiere performance in Paris in March.

### Biology Colloquia Series

A seminar on "Cancer in Childhood: Genetic and Environmental Etiologies" will be given by Judith L. Bader, M.D., on Wednesday, February 14. Dr. Bader, a clinical investigator of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, will speak at 2 p.m. in Fogarty Life Science, Room 050.

This seminar is part of the Biology Colloquia Series which is partially funded by a grant from the RIC Lecture Committee. Future topics in the series will be listed in the next issue (February 16) of *What's New(s)*.

Dr. James Bierden, Dr. Jack Larsen, Dr. Ken Lundberg, Dr. Anne Petry, Dr. Sheri Smith and Mr. Dick Sundberg. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are being asked to serve on various sub-committees.

Preparation of statements on institutional objectives and governance and planning for report preparation will begin this spring, while the gathering of data and preparation of self-study materials is scheduled for the fall of 1979. Work on the documents should be completed by the summer of 1980 for submission to NEASC in August.

## **RIC Cited for Newspaper Course Success**

Students currently enrolled in Nursing 150, "Death and Dying: Challenge and Change" taught by Sylvia Zaki, assistant professor of nursing, are taking part in a novel educational program. Since the fall of 1974, Rhode Island College in cooperation with the *Providence Sunday Journal* has participated in the Courses by Newspaper program. "Death and Dying" is the tenth in this ongoing series of courses, nine of which have been successfully offered at RIC. The first course in the program was not offered at the college.

Developed and administered by the University Extension of the University of California, San Diego, the program is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Courses have been offered at 700, two- and four-year institutions of higher education as part of regular curriculum offerings as well as in adult and continuing education programs. Institutions work closely with cooperating local newspapers in promoting interest and involvement in the courses.

In a recent promotional circular distributed nationally to all participating newspapers and educa-

tional institutions, RIC was chosen as a model of "one of the most successful Courses by Newspaper programs at a four-year educational institution." Its "Popular Culture: Mirror of American Life" course in the program, offered at RIC in the spring of 1978, attracted over 300 students. An intensive promotional campaign carried out by the *Sunday Journal* was considered vital to the course's large enrollment.

RIC was also commended by the Courses by Newspaper organization for having had the highest enrollment of all participating colleges and universities for the course "Oceans: Our Continuing Frontier" which was taught during the 1976 fall semester. Another course in the program, "Moral Choices in Contemporary Society," offered in the spring of 1977, had the second highest enrollment among participating institutions.

## **UEC Installs Community Advisory Board**

Installation of the Urban Educational Center's Community Advisory Board took place during the center's first annual Open House/Homecoming held on January 15. Charles Walton, director of the center and ex-officio member of the board, officiated at the installation.

Newly installed members of the board include Linda Bing, Urban League; Barbara Brittingham, URI; Joshua J. Brown, UEC student; Jeanne Cattegno, Joslin Community Development Corporation; Brenda Dann-Messier, RIC; Helen Drew, General Assembly; Sylvia Gomes, R.I. Group Health; Kenneth Hokenson, West End Community Center; Arthur LaPlante, Martin Luther King Center; and Robert Leaver, A. L. Nellum & Associates.

Also installed at that time were H. Edward Marshall, Blue

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Cross Blue Shield; Lela Morgan, RIJC; Arthur Mossberg, Warwick Adult Learning Center; Judith Murphy, Project Persona; Kenneth Reis, Life Cap Tire Services; Leslie Robertson, Woonsocket Council of Community Services; Kenneth Snowden, Councilman, city of Providence; and William Swigart, RIC.

## Opportunities

An opportunity to study New York City while taking an active role in its government is being offered by the NEW YORK CITY URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM. Twenty outstanding college seniors and graduate students will be selected for the program through a nationwide competition. Students accepted in a graduate program by September 1979 are also eligible to apply.

Candidates for the program must be prepared to participate on a full-time basis for a full academic year from mid-September 1979 to mid-June 1980. Participants in the program will receive a comprehensive introduction to urban government, working directly with city officials. All students interested in being actively involved in urban government, regardless of their previous field of training, are encouraged to apply.

Urban Fellows will receive a \$4800 stipend and a choice of paid health insurance plans. Travel expenses to New York City are reimbursed. In addition, it is expected that each Fellow receive a waiver of tuition and a supplementary grant of at least \$500 from their college or university. Additional information and application forms for this program can be obtained from Associate Dean Annette Ducey, Gaige 153. Applications and supporting materials should be post-marked by February 15, 1979.

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The Water Resources Coordinating Committee is accepting RESEARCH PROPOSALS until March 16 under the Department of the Interior: Office of Water Research and Technology's *Allotment Program*. The following priority areas have been established by the State Advisory Board: removal of nalomethanes from water; control of iron and manganese in ground water supplies; control of pollution from industrial plants, especially in the metalworking and jewelry industries; legal, social and economic problems of water resources; study of viruses and pathogenic bacteria in water; operational modeling of groundwater aquifers; and modeling of fresh water streams and potential reservoir development.

Individuals interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Rhode Island Water Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island, 792-1000, ext. 2267.

## Focus on the Faculty

ELEANOR M. McMAHON, vice president for Academic Affairs, recently presented a paper on "Policies and Processes Involved in Influencing Federal Policy in Education" at the Institute for Educational Leadership, held at George Washington University. The institute is a policy planning and coordinating agency supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation designed to create new forums for the interchange of ideas among federal, state, and local education policy makers.

Dr. McMahon's presentation was part of a Washington Policy Seminar for federal program directors from institutions of higher education. It centered on the context, especially fiscal, in which the Ninety-sixth Congress is likely to operate and the impact of that context on the Higher Education Act of 1965 which will come up for reauthorization in 1979.