



April 27, 1979

What's New(s) at RIC

College Observes 125th Anniversary

May to Be Month of Celebration

Always a busy and celebratory time on a college campus, May will assume special significance this year. In addition to the usual commencement season activities and rites, RIC is observing its 125th anniversary.

It was on May 4, 1854 that the General Assembly, meeting in Newport, passed the bill establishing the Rhode Island Normal School; and it was on May 29, 1854 that the

first class assembled in the hall of the Second Universalist Church in downtown Providence.

Second oldest post-secondary institution in Rhode Island, the college is celebrating its birthday with a number of events.

On May 1 at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Center, the RIC Alumni Association will hold its annual meet-

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Three students from Anchor Christian Fellowship will be serving food in the Chinese booth at the International Fair, part of the college's 125th anniversary celebration. From left to right are Mary Manning, JoAnn Gaumond and Beatrice Ortiz.

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ing and awards dinner honoring six members of the college community. On May 2 the annual Cap and Gown Day Convocation will take place in Roberts Hall Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. On May 4 at 8 p.m. in Walsh Center the RIC Foundation will sponsor a Pops Concert featuring the college's Symphonic Band.

The centerpiece for the observance of the 125th year of RIC's service to Rhode Island will be a "birthday party" and international fair to be staged May 9 on the college mall. Beginning at 12:15 p.m., the festivities will include a seven-foot high birthday cake in the form of a tetrahedron. Consisting of 48 square feet of cake, it will feed 400 people. To be baked by the college food service, the cake will be assembled and decorated under the auspices of the Art Department. Professor Larry Sykes will coordinate.

As part of the observance of the 125th anniversary, the administration will also present certificates recognizing those faculty and staff members who have served the college for 20 years or more. President David Sweet will speak, citing the certificate recipients.

In addition to the cake and honors, there will be a varied program of activities including an international fair planned by students. Focal point for the fair will be a series of booths representing different countries and cultures. Foods, fashions, music, artifacts and visual displays typical of the nations involved will be exhibited in the booths. Each booth will be sponsored by a different student organization.

Other events in the celebration will include musical selections, gymnastics and a performance by the Suzuki violin students of the Henry Barnard School.

On May 25 the graduate division commencement will be held at 6 p.m. Undergraduate commencement ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. on May 26.

On May 29 a plaque will be mounted on the building at 151 Weybosset Street in Providence where the first class was held in 1854. Following the plaque ceremony there will be a reception at the Providence City Hall for members of the Anniversary Club (individuals who have donated \$125 or more to the college's annual fund drive or the 1979 RIC Foundation appeal).

Faculty and staff members who will receive certificates in recognition of 20 or more years service on May 9 are the following:

Helen M. Murphy, 38 years; Renato E. Leonelli, 37 years; Marion I. Wright, 33 years; Rita V. Bicho, 30 years; Chester E. Smolski, 26 years; Mary G. Davey, 25 years; Billie A. Burrill, 25 years; Ida Maccarone, 25 years; John Nazarian, 24 years; Joseph D. Graham, 24 years; Clement J. Hasenfus, 24 years; James E. White, Jr., 23 years; Gertrude T. Hanley, 23 years; Dorothy R. Pieniadz, 23 years; Lillian D. Bloom, 22 years; and Robert W. Comery, 22 years. Those with 21 years of service are Ruth B. Whipple, Angelo V. Rosati, Anna R. Mullaney, George C. Hartmann, Lawrence W. Lindquist, Mary S. Gilmore, Sidney P. Rollins, Harry S. Novack, Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr., Agnes V. Markarian, and Ernest A. Stockwell. Calvin Tillotson and Thomas G. King have completed 20 years of service.

Roger Bennett Named Dean of Ed Studies

Roger V. Bennett, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Memphis State University in Memphis, Tennessee, will be the next dean of Educational Studies at the college.

Bennett, 45, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

At Memphis State University he headed one of the largest departments which incorporates a pre-

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RIC Calendar of Events

APRIL 27 - MAY 6, 1979

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

SOFTBALL. RIAIAW Tournament at Providence College. For time of the event call 456-8007. Continuing until Saturday, April 28.

10 - 11 AM LECTURE/DISCUSSION: "How to Say No Without Feeling Guilty." Sponsored by Lucie Minuto, Special Health Program coordinator. Health Services, Browne Hall.

11 AM - 4 PM ART EXHIBIT. The works of the six artists in residence for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts will be exhibited or performed. The exhibit runs through May 11 and is open to the public free of charge. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. Art Center, Bannister Gallery.

1 - 4 PM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMUNICATIONS. Several representatives from agencies including Doug White, Channel 10 News; Gary Berkowitz, WPRO; Daniel Donahue, *Providence Journal Bulletin*. Robert Newbert, Duffy and Shanley Advertising Agency, and Lisa Finn, of the Career Development Center will speak. Sponsored by Communications/Theatre Department. Craig-Lee, 156.

6:30 - 10:30 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING. Room 310, Student Union.

8 PM RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE THEATRE PRODUCTION: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.* Continuing until April 29. Admission for RIC students with a valid ID is \$1.50, \$3 general admission, \$2.50 for RIC faculty and staff. For reservations call 456-8144. Roberts Hall Theatre.

8 PM & 10 PM AZTEC TWO-STEP CONCERT. Admission is \$3 with a RIC ID and \$5 general admission. This event is part of "Spring RIC-End." Gaige Hall.

SAIURDAY, APRIL 28

TRACK. Tri-States. Time and location to be announced.

9 AM TENNIS. NESCAC meet. Rhode Island College, Plymouth College, University of Maine, Castleton State College and Keene State University will compete at Plymouth State College.

1 PM BASEBALL. RIC vs. Assumption College. Away.

8 PM - 1 AM SUPER MIXER featuring Hollywood. Admission is \$2 with a RIC ID and \$4 general admission. This event is part of "Spring RIC-End." Donovan Dining Center.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Student Union Ballroom.

2 - 4 PM MEETING OF SUMMER STUDY AND TRAVEL IN POLAND GROUP. Orientation, discussion and film with Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz, director, Philosophy and Foundations of Education Department. Roberts Hall, Kelly Board Room.

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

7 - 10:30 PM KAPPA EPSILON MEETING. Student Union, Lounge E.

8 - 10 PM PERFORMANCE: "The Comedy Store," featuring young comedians. Admission is 1.50 with a RIC ID and \$3 general admission. Gaige Auditorium.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

10 AM - 2 PM HEALTH COUNSELING sponsored by Lucie Minuto, Special Health Program coordinator. Health Services, Browne Hall.

12 NOON DAILY MASS. Student Union, Meditation Room.

2 PM SOFTBALL. RIC vs. Central Connecticut. Home.

3 - 5 PM INTERVIEW WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Craig-Lee 050.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

12 NOON - 1 PM LUNCHTIME HISTORY COLLOQUIUM: Conversations with Canadian historians. Professor Ridgway Shinn will draw upon several hours of conversations with Canadian historians during the summer of 1978 at the University of Toronto and McGill University. Gaige, Room 211.

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

12 NOON - 2 PM WOMEN'S AWARENESS GROUP MEETING. Student Union, Lounge E.

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1 PM LECTURE: "Berkeley's Quest: The Search for the Basic Experience of Idealism." Dr. David Berman of the Philosophy Department, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland will speak. All interested are invited to attend. Fogarty Life Science 120, Philosophy Department Lounge.

1 PM ENGLISH DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIA SERIES: John Salesses, assistant professor of English at RIC, will speak on "Voice and Persona in the Sixteenth Century Lyric." English Seminar Library Room, Craig-Lee 255.

1 PM RIC CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES featuring Delight Immonem and Huengbok Fulton, oboe. Roberts Hall, Room 138.

1 - 3 PM JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP. A workshop focusing on the techniques and strategies of an effective job search. Sponsored by the Career Development Center, Craig-Lee 050.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

10 AM - 3 PM THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Everyone from the RIC community is invited to join the Blood Assurance program by donating a unit of blood. This will assure blood credit for the following: (1) Single participants: coverage for donor and two listed individuals, (2) Married participants: coverage for donor, spouse and dependent children, (3) Divorced participants: coverage for donor, one individual, and dependent child. Continuing on Thursday, May 3, Student Union Ballroom.

10 AM - 3 PM BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. Student Union Ballroom.

11 - 11:50 AM HISTORY DEPARTMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM: Dr. Norman Pyle of the RIC History Department will speak on "Castro's Personal Revolution." Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence.

2 - 4 PM RESUME WORKSHOP. A workshop designed to cover every aspect of the resume presentation. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Craig-Lee 050.

2:30 - 4 PM CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION. Roberts Hall Auditorium.

3 PM BASEBALL. RIC vs. Bryant College. Away.

3 PM TENNIS. RIC vs. Central Connecticut College. Away.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

9 AM - 12 PM RIC CONSORTIUM MEETING. Student Union Chambers, Room 306 and 310.

10 AM - 3 PM BLOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. Student Union, Lounge F.

12 NOON LECTURE: "If I'm pregnant, do I still have to take final or effective birth control?" Sponsored by Lucie Minuto, Special Health Program coordinator. Health Services, Browne Hall.

4 - 6 PM INTERVIEW WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Craig-Lee 050.

7 - 9 PM PRESENTATION: "Is Now the Time to Buy a Solar Water Heating System?" The presentation will deal with rising energy costs, price of fuel in the future and escalating energy demands. William Foster of the General Energy Office and John Meeker, program manager for the solar hot water program of the Northeast Solar Energy Center, will speak. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

7 - 11 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Student Union, Lounge E and Lounge F.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

BASEBALL. NESCAC Tournament at Keene State College. For time of event, call 456-8007. Continuing until Sunday, May 6.

3 PM TENNIS. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.

6:30 - 10:30 PM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING. Student Union, Room 310.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Student Union Ballroom.

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

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

7 - 10:30 PM KAPPA EPSILON MEETING. Student Union, Lounge E.

PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

Monday, April 30th, 1 p.m. President will welcome members of CASE on behalf of the AASCU to the Conference at the Cranston Hilton. Tuesday, May 1 a member of the panel at the case conference, he will speak on The Need for Coordination of Advancement Functions at 9 a.m. Tuesday 3:45 give closing remarks at CASE Conference. Tuesday 5:15 Alumni Awards Dinner. Wednesday May 2, 9-11 Touring Veterans Auditorium: 1:30 Cap and Gown Convocation, 4:00 Senior Reception.

school facility, an early childhood education center, a campus school, a reading center, a media center and a teacher laboratory experience program. He was responsible for supervising 40 faculty members, 25 graduate assistants and 20 staff members. Prior to assuming the position at Memphis State he served as assistant professor in the Department of Administration, Supervision and Curriculum at the University of Maryland.

During his recent visit to the campus *What's New(s)* at RIC asked Bennett to comment on his approach to the post he will assume.

He prefaced his remarks with the observation that "coming from Wisconsin I believe strongly in the democratic form of administration, and I perceive Rhode Island to be a place which will be hospitable to such a style."

He characterized himself as more than "paper-oriented," adding that he would call himself a "humanistic administrator."

"I would like to be an action-oriented dean who involves a broad



Roger Bennett, new dean of Ed Studies.

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range of faculty in the decision-making process wherever appropriate," he said. He also said that he hopes to get out into the schools and in contact with students.

From the contacts he has had with the RIC community so far he feels that there is a fine faculty at the college and says that he is anxious to begin working with them.

Bennett is married and the father of a son, 8, and a daughter, 6. He will assume his duties as dean on July 1.

Seniors to Be Honored at Cap and Gown Event

Excellence - highest of the plateaus of achievement - aspired to by many, attained by few. Each year Rhode Island College honors those graduating seniors who have excelled in a particular area at traditional cap and gown ceremonies.

Ushering in a month of commencement activities for the class of '79, the Cap and Gown Convocation will take place on Wednesday, May 2 from 2:30-4 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium. President David Sweet and senior class representative William M. Stapleton, Jr. will greet the assembly. Representing the faculty, Emily-Stier Adler, associate professor of sociology/social welfare, has been chosen by the graduating class to address the convocation.

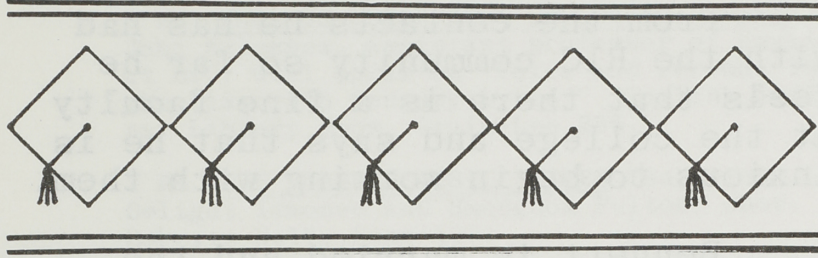
Last year awards presented to graduating seniors for outstanding achievement included eight which were given for the first time. This year three new awards have been added: the James Houston Award in Anthropology/Geography, the Elementary Education Faculty Award and the Helen M. Murphy Award in Physical Education. Twenty-five awards will be given in all.

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A reception for the class of '79 will be hosted by President and Mrs. Sweet in the Faculty Center directly following the ceremonies. Faculty members are also invited to attend.

Six to Be Honored at Annual Awards Dinner

Awards will be presented to six individuals by the RIC Alumni Association at its annual dinner on Tuesday, May 1. The dinner will be held at the Faculty Center at 6 p.m. A reception will precede dinner at 5:15 p.m.



Those receiving awards will be CLAIRE DUCHARME CROHAN ('44) - Alumna of the Year; CLINTON H. WYNNE, past president, RIC Foundation and vice president and director of government affairs for the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank - Award for Service to the College and Community; and WILLIAM K. WALTERS ('64), teacher at Park View Jr. High School - Charles B. Willard Award for Achievement. Faculty and Staff Awards will be presented to ANGELO ROSATI, professor of art; HELEN M. MURPHY, ('39) teacher of physical education at Henry Barnard School and the REVEREND JOSEPH D. CREEDON, Catholic Chaplain at RIC.

Security Director Named

Richard M. Comerford, a lieutenant in the Providence Police Department, has been named to the position of director of security.

Comerford, 42, began his career with the Providence police force in 1962 after eight years in the United States Marine Corps. In 17 years of service with the Providence Department he was commended 39 times for outstanding police work and devotion to duty.

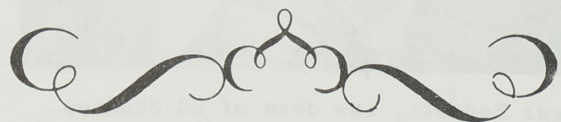
He holds a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Bryant College and is currently enrolled in the master's degree program in instructional technology at RIC. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

In addition to his police work, Comerford is a certified teacher of history and social studies, and since 1973 has taught at Central Vocational High School in Providence where he lectures students interested in a future career in protective service (law enforcement, fire science, natural resources, private security work, etc.). It is the only high school program of its kind in Rhode Island.

Comerford is married and the father of three children, two sons and a daughter. He will begin his duties on April 30.

People

Three chemistry students from RIC accompanied by Professors Charles J. Marzzacco and John C. Williams of the Physical Sciences Department participated in the thirty-third annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference held on March 29-31 at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Presenting papers at the conference were Maureen Mulvaney and Lori Charie of Warwick and John Degata of Pawtucket. This is the fifth consecutive year that RIC students have taken part in the conference.



Library Reopens Roof Deck

An attractive new roof deck complete with picnic tables is once again officially open for use by members of the campus community. Adjacent to the fourth floor of Adams Library, the new deck can be used from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, weather permitting.

The hours of access have been limited by the necessity to provide some staff surveillance of the roof deck. In the past months when the roof deck had been open unofficially, students had been seen climbing over the side of the deck to walk on the roof. Children once were found playing on the skylights. As this type of activity is obviously dangerous and damaging to the roof, the deck was closed indefinitely. Rules for its use are now posted at the doors and should be observed.

The Library hopes that the roof deck will be enjoyed by everyone, and that the privilege of its use will continue indefinitely.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

JOSEPH CONFORTI, assistant professor of history, presented a paper entitled "The Rise of the New Divinity in Western New England, 1740-1800" at a conference on the history of western Massachusetts held at Westfield State College on March 31. An expanded version of the paper will be published in the fall 1979 issue of the *Historical Journal of Western Massachusetts*. Another article by Professor Conforti entitled "Samuel Hopkins and the Revolutionary Antislavery Movement" is forthcoming in the May issue of *Rhode Island History*.

JAMES V. KOCH, dean of Arts and Sciences, and Anthony L. Ostrosky are co-authors of *Introduction to Mathematical Economics* recently published by Houghton-Mifflin of Boston.

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RENA M. MADDOX, chair of the Nursing Department, and LINDA CATHERS, assistant professor of nursing, attended the spring conference of the New England Council on Higher Education for Nursing (NECHEN) held in Enfield, Connecticut on April 5-6. The theme of the conference was "The Impact of National Developments on Nursing Education in New England - 1979." Faculty from schools of nursing throughout the region attended the meeting. Topics presented included requirements for entry into practice, credentials for nursing, and supply and distribution of nurses.

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An article by JOHN E. PETERSON, associate professor of physical sciences, has been accepted for publication in *The Physics Teacher*. Entitled "Hearing by Bone Conduction," the paper will appear in one of the fall issues.

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A book entitled *How to Teach Reading* by Wayne Otto, ROBERT T. RUDE, and Dixie Lee Spiegel has just been published by the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company of Reading, Massachusetts. Dr. Rude is an associate professor of elementary education at RIC.

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The last issue of WHAT'S NEW(S) for the '79 spring semester will be published on May 11. News items for this issue should be submitted to the News Bureau (Roberts 111) by Friday, May 4.

What's Happening

Rhode Island College will host RIC Preview '79, a program for high school juniors on Tuesday, May 1 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. High school juniors will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, enter into discussions with faculty and students and attend an outdoor barbecue with entertainment.

On Thursday, May 3 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., high school minority students will have the opportunity to participate in RIC Minority Perspectives '79. College-level workshops, a barbecue similar to the May 1 barbecue, and discussions with faculty and students from minority organizations at RIC will take place

- Art -

In a unique presentation which includes both the visual and performing arts, works by the six artists in residence for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts will be on display in the Art Center's Bannister Gallery through May 11.

Exhibiting or performing will be Maggie Pickard, visual artist; Tom Ahern, writer; Vincent Fraioli, classical guitarist and composer; Diana Jackson, craftsman; Alma Davenport, photographer and Marilyn Cristofori, dancer. Taped selections of Vincent Fraioli's performances will be played during the show. Tom Ahern's work will be hung with photos, and videotapes of the dance work by Marilyn Cristofori will be shown.

The Bannister Gallery will be open for viewing and listening from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Concert for Scholarship Fund Slated

A benefit concert to establish a scholarship fund in honor of RITA V. BICHO, associate professor of music who is retiring after 30 years as a RIC faculty member, will be held on Monday, May 7. The fund will be used to assist talented music students pursue their musical training at RIC.

The program will feature the RIC Chorus and Orchestra, the Providence College Chorus (Rosalyn Chua, director), internationally acclaimed tenor Jon Humphrey and baritone William Jones of the RIC faculty. Dr. Jones, who has sung both opera and musical comedy, was the music director for the award-winning RIC production of *The Robber Bridegroom*.

Under the direction of Dr. Edward Markward, the RIC Chorus and Orchestra and two soloists will perform Benjamin Britten's *Cantata Misericordium*. The massed forces of both college choruses will present William Walton's exciting *Belshazzar's Feast*.

General admission to the benefit concert will be \$3; students with a RIC I.D., \$1. The concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium.

Opportunities

A SCIENCE FICTION SEMINAR ABROAD will be conducted during August 1979 at University College in London, England and at the University of Sussex in Brighton. Attendance at SEACON-79 is part of the program as well as informal social hours with British science fiction writers and critics. For information and a brochure, write to Dr. Marshall B. Tumn, English Department, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.