



What's New(s) at RIC



ANTICIPATION. JoAnn Gonsalves waits in line at the bookstore to begin the college's first semester in the 80's.

SURVEY PROFILES FRESHMEN

Rhode Island College freshmen entering college last September with the class of 1983 have a better academic record than their peers as reported by a nationwide survey of new students in which RIC participates.

This is but one of the findings of the annual survey of new students administered at RIC in conjunction with the American Council on Education's cooperative institutional research program. Conducted by Richard Prull of the college's Counseling Center and institutional research operation, the study provides a wide range of biographic and demographic data as well as information on the high school background, career plans, educational aspirations, financial support, and current attitudes of these students.

Forty-one percent of RIC's freshman class compared to 33 percent nationally reported they were in the top 20 percent of their high school class. Forty-six percent of the RIC class of 1983 reported a high school average of B+ or greater. This compares to 36 percent for the national group. The freshman class at RIC is two-thirds female. Females consistently reported a better high school record and class rank than males both nationally and at RIC.

Seventy-one percent of the new freshmen and 81 percent of new transfer students who come to Rhode Island College reported that it was their first choice of college. Reasons cited as very important in deciding to attend college

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included "to get a better job" (76 percent of the freshmen, 80 percent of the transfers), "to learn more about things" (77 percent for both freshmen and transfers), "to gain a general education" (70 percent of the freshmen, 72 percent of the transfers), "to meet new and interesting people" (64 percent of the freshmen, 47 percent of the transfers), and "to make more money" (53 percent of the freshmen, 58 percent of the transfers).

Probable major fields of study for both the new freshmen and transfers reflect the diversity of majors exhibited by RIC undergraduates in recent years. In decreasing order, freshmen reported a probable major in the Professional (primarily health profession) fields (25 percent), Education (22 percent), Arts and Humanities (18 percent), Social Sciences (13 percent), Business (7 percent), Biological Sciences (4 percent), and Physical Sciences (one percent). Transfer students followed essentially the same pattern with Professional fields (25 percent) followed by Education (22 percent). Social Sciences (19 percent), Arts and Humanities (13 percent), Business (9 percent), Biological Sciences (3 percent) and Physical Sciences (2 percent). Sixty-one percent of the freshmen and 73 percent of the transfers plan to obtain at least a Master's degree.

The freshmen's concern about financing their education parallels that reported by their peers nationwide with slightly over one half expressing some concern and about 15 percent citing major concern. A series of items on sources of financial support suggest, however, that RIC freshmen depend less on parental aid and loans, and more on grants and scholarships, college work-study, and part-time employment than the norm group. For example, over 25 percent of the RIC freshmen reported college work-study as a financial resource as compared to 12 percent nationally, and 41 versus 25 percent named part-time employment as means of meeting college expenses. Transfers expressed slightly greater concern about fi-

ancing their education, with 28 percent citing major concern. Two-thirds of these students, as compared to 39 percent of the freshmen, expect no financial assistance from their parents, and appear to rely to an even greater extent than the freshmen on both part and full time employment.

The demographic characteristics of the class of 1983 are essentially the same as those of classes entering RIC in previous years. The majority of new freshmen are first generation college students from local communities. One half of them come from homes within a ten-mile radius of the RIC campus. Females outnumber males by about a two to one ratio. About 4 percent of the new students identify themselves as minority group members. Three percent are handicapped. Seventy percent are Roman Catholics. Sixty-one percent characterized themselves as "middle of the road" politically and 28 percent said they were liberal. More than 95 percent were age 19 or younger upon enrollment. Almost all were single. Median parental income of the group was reported to be \$18,788. This is up from last year's entering class which reported a median parental income of \$15,900, but is below the national norm of \$21,733 for four year public colleges.

Complete copies of the survey data will be distributed to department heads. Anyone desiring a copy may receive one by contacting Richard Prull at Ext. 8094 or stopping in at Craig-Lee Hall, Rm. 128.

ZORABEDIAN AWARDS GIVEN

The first five recipients of scholarships given in honor of former Board of Regents member Richard Zorabedian received the awards at the January 24 meeting of the Board of Regents at the college.



RIC Calendar of Events

JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 3, 1980

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8 PM RIC PERFORMING ARTS SERIES presents "Gary Burton Quartet" with jazz performer Gary Burton, vibraphone, Tiger Okoshi, trumpet, Chip Jackson, electric bass, Bob Moses, drums. Admission is \$5.50 general, \$4.50 RIC Faculty/staff, and \$2.50 for students with RIC I.D. Tickets go on sale one week prior to the show at the Roberts Hall Box Office. Roberts Hall, Little Theatre.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

NOON WRESTLING. RIC vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute and University of Maine (Presque Isle). Home.

NOON GYMNASTICS. RIC vs. University of Bridgeport and Hofstra. Away.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 SUPER SPRING FILM SERIES. "Superman", starring Marlon Brando and Gene Hackman. One show only, 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$1.50 general, 99¢ with a RIC I.D. Gaige Hall, Auditorium.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

7 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Stonehill College. Home.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.

8 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

2 PM PHYSICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM COMMITTEE will sponsor a seminar entitled "Effects of Derivatives of 1-Methyl-3-isobutylxanthine on cyclic nucleotide metabolism in cultured cells" by Dr. Georgina M. Nemecek, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited free of charge. Clarke Science Building, Room 106.

2 PM FINANCE COMMISSION MEETING. Student Union, Parliament Chambers.

7 PM WRESTLING. RIC vs. Boston College. Home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

7 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Southeastern Massachusetts University. Away.

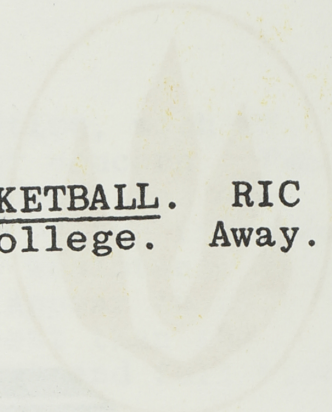
8 PM STUDENT CONCERT. "Dance Gallery". Roberts Hall, Little Theater.

8 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State College. Home.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1 PM WOMEN'S FENCING. RIC vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Rhode Island. Away.

1 PM GYMNASTICS. RIC vs. University of Maine at Farmington and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Away.



4:30 PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Brown University. Away.

7:30 PM MEN'S BASKETBALL. RIC vs. Boston State College. Away.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2, 1980

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8 PM PATRIOT POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLEGE FOOTBALL. RIC vs. Springfield College. Home.

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Established in 1979 shortly after Zorabedian stepped down from the board, the awards are approximately \$200 each. They are reserved for students who have received their general education development certificate (high school equivalency) from Rhode Island College's Urban Educational Center or one of several off-campus programs which offer the certificate through the UEC. Among the programs which RIC oversees is one which is made available in cooperation with Local 57 International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers. Zorabedian is affiliated with Local 57 in an administrative capacity.

Receiving the five awards, the first made under the Zorabedian Scholarship program were: John LaChapelle of 24 Shore Drive, Johnston; Debra-Lee Welch of 55 Maplewood Avenue, Warwick; Jennifer D'Alo of 19 Myrtle Avenue, Johnston; Donna Gallant of RFD 3 Box 99A, Esmond; and Nancy Lee Manzi of 100 Stony Acre Drive, Cranston.

LEGISLATION ALERT

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWSLINE -
A listing of recent legislation of interest to RIC faculty and staff introduced in the Rhode Island legislature.

SENATE

S 2009 ENERGY COURSES (M. Flynn) A Senate resolution asking the Board of Regents to integrate training in energy use into school courses. HEW

S 2015 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RAISE DRINKING AGE (Kinch & Castro) A bill raising the drinking age from 18 to 20. Special legislation.

S 2071 RAISING THE DRINKING AGE (Auclair) A bill raising the drinking age from 18 to 20. Special Legislation.

S 2080 ABUSE OF ELDERLY (McBurney) A bill requiring social workers and medical personnel to report suspected abuse of elderly persons to the Department of Elderly Affairs, and setting a fine up to \$1,000 for failure to make a report. HEW

S 2087 PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (Inglesby & Others) A Senate resolution creating a five-member special Senate commission to study programs for gifted children, with an April 10, 1981 reporting date. HEW

HOUSE

H 7002 EDUCATION OF GIFTED CHILDREN (Batastini) A bill appropriating an unspecified amount of money for the education of gifted children, with the money to be spent in accordance with regulations of the Board of Regents. Finance.

H 7020 NEW STATE BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION (Durfee) A bill requiring that buildings constructed and financed by the state be designed for energy efficiency; requiring new buildings to be analyzed for operation costs over their lifetimes before construction, and requiring the administration director to set standards for energy performance for buildings, effective September 1, 1980. Finance.

H 7022 ENERGY COURSES (Durfee) A House resolution asking the state Board of Regents to include training in energy use in science, home economics and other school courses. HEW

H 7025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (F. Sherman) A bill creating a General Assembly committee on Education. Finance.

H 7027 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY (F. Sherman) A bill prohibiting people from bringing alcoholic beverages onto public school property. Special Legislation.

H 7030 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE - RAISING THE DRINKING AGE (Pierannunzi and others) A bill raising the legal drinking age from 18 to 20, effective upon passage. Special Legislation.

H 7075 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON BOND ISSUES (Maigret) A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment requiring that bond issues be approved by two thirds of those voting on them. Finance.

H 7015 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RAISE DRINKING AGE (Batastini) A bill to gradually raise the drinking age to 21, beginning in 1983. Special Legislation.



Security REPORT

The following property has been recovered on the campus of Rhode Island College. If anyone believes that the property may belong to them, they can respond to the Security and Safety Department and properly identify it:

- 1 8-track stereo (car)
- 1 converter (FM)
- 2 wire wheel hubcaps
- 1 large plastic cooler.



Focus on the Faculty and Staff

PRESIDENT DAVID E. SWEET served as a panelist at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges held January 10-12 at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona. The panel addressed the need for enlightenee citizens capable of functioning in a variety of settings. On the panel with president Sweet were Robert Wood, superintendent of Boston Public Schools and Howard R. Bowen, R. Stanton Avery Professor of Economics and Education at the Claremont University Center.



Psychology professor **PHILIP VERY** spoke on "The Effect of Birth Order On Your Personality and Career" at the December 10th meeting of the Western Massachusetts chapter of the Administrative Management Society.



ROGER V. BENNETT, dean of educational studies, conducted a four day pre-conference workshop for death educators and counselors in connection with the Second Annual Conference of the National Forum for Death Education and Counseling held in Orlando, Florida, November 30 through December 3, 1979. Bennett also served as a chairman of a research paper session focused on "Death and Children" during the conference. Bennett is chairman of the Program Development Committee for the national organization which deals with the issues involved in developing death education programs for a wide range of professional, student, and other client groups across the nation.

Motion A Success

At the 74th annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in early January president David E. Sweet introduced a resolution to support President Carter should he call for

Performing Arts Series-

The second half of the college's highly successful performing arts Series will begin tonight, January 25, with the Gary Burton Quartet coming to Roberts Auditorium. The Quartet features Burton, unmatched as a vibraphone player, Tiger Okoshi, formerly of Osaka, Japan on trumpet, Chip Jackson, who has played with jazz greats such as Chuck Mangione and Thad Jones, on electric bass, and Bob Moses, well-known in jazz circles as a fine studio musician on drums. The Quartet has been known as one of the most creative and innovative groups in jazz since the late Sixties. The show starts at 8 p.m.

On February 22, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, two widely-known black artists, will perform in Roberts Auditorium. The husband-and-wife team will be doing "Inside/Out", a series of Black-related poetry readings, stories and dramatic scenes featuring the work of Langston Hughes, Bob Kaufman and various anonymous African authors.

The Series concludes with the six-member Bill Evans Dance Company, appearing at RIC on April 29. The group employs the creative choreography of Evans, Anna Sokolow, and Matt Maddox.

Tickets go on sale approximately one week before each event; call 456-8144 to reserve tickets or 456-8269 for further information.

a boycott of the summer Olympic Games in Moscow due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The resolution passed without dissent, and was adopted. As a result of his role in proposing the resolution president Sweet has been interviewed by wire service reporters, Radio Free Europe, several major newspapers and local media outlets and has written an opinion piece at the invitation of the Washington Star which appeared in the Sunday January 13 edition.

