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## Conference at RIC:

# Former Atty. Gen. Speaks on 'Human Rights'

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

Julius C. Michaelson, former Attorney General of Rhode Island was the speaker at a special breakfast meeting in the Rhode Island College Faculty Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The purpose of the meeting, arranged by the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, was to provide an opportunity for Michaelson to report on his participation as a delegate to the Madrid Conference of November, 1980.

The Madrid Conference was held to review the historic pact signed five years ago in Helsinki, Finland by 35 governments. Officially entitled the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the agreement is popularly known as the Helsinki Accords. Under the terms of the agreement every two years the signatories convene

to review adherence of the individual nations to provisions of the accords.

Michaelson, and his wife, Rita, who was also designated a delegate when tight security threatened to exclude her from conference sessions, spent five weeks in Madrid participating in the deliberations.

At the early morning Jan. 27 meeting in the Faculty Center, RIC President David E. Sweet greeted the approximately 100 member audience, setting the tone for the talk to follow. Observing that "if a college education stands for anything, it stands for human liberty," Sweet welcomed the former Attorney General who spoke on human rights to the audience made up of representatives from government, various labor groups, civic, religious and educational organizations.

In a somewhat informal presentation which recounted the atmosphere and mood of the multi-nation conference, Michaelson described the month of eventful conference meetings.

Quoting various delegates from socialist and communist nations as well as from the United States and the democracies of Europe, he sketched a scene which revealed the style and methods of international politics.

Contrasting the stance of the delegates from the USSR and the Eastern European countries of the Warsaw Pact with those of the West he said that the "socialist point of view" tended to be that human rights are the right to a job and a roof overhead. He said that freedom of religion, speech, cultural heritage and the like were not seen to be inalienable human rights as they are in

the West.

He said the socialist countries asserted repeatedly that they were doing a better job of guaranteeing human rights - according to their definition - than the U.S. and Western Europe.

Griffin Bell, former U.S. Attorney General, spoke for the United States and, said Michaelson, was effective in challenging the non-Western nations to cite specific instances in which the U.S. violated basic human rights, while enumerating a number of instances in which political dissidents, Soviet Jews and other minorities were denied their human rights by Soviet bloc countries in the view of the United States.

Characterizing the conference as taking place in "a very charged at-

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SHE HELPED put together Ronald Reagan's presidential inauguration. Ann M. Gancz of Bristol, a RIC political science major, was the only non-office holder in Rhode Island to work on the inauguration. (What's News photo by Peter Tobia.)

## RIC Student Had 'Inside Track' at Presidential Inauguration

by George LaTour

A young Bristol woman who "is fascinated by government" recently had the chance of a lifetime but took it with some hesitancy.

She worked on President-elect Ronald Reagan's inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and as such was the only Rhode Islander not holding political office who had the distinction of being part of the pageantry that goes with installing an American president.

"It would be great if everyone could work on the inauguration. It would make you really feel like an American - very patriotic," said Ann M. Gancz of 35 Burton St.

It all came about when this junior in political science at RIC happened to mention to Dr. Herbert R. Winter, a professor of political science, that she has relatives in Washington that she normally visits during semester break and, also, "happens to know" the staff director "on the Hill (Capitol Hill)."

Professors Winter and Victor L. Profughi "pushed me to go," assuring her it was an opportunity she would certainly regret missing.

"I want to thank them for that," she says now.

### The Only Lament

The only lament about going to the presidential inauguration Ann had is that

she had to miss the gubernatorial inauguration of Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy. You see, Ann is a Senate page in Rhode Island in addition to her duties as a member of the Bristol Democratic Town Committee.

A died-in-the-wool political activist, she had helped coordinate Sen. Edward Kennedy's campaign and had first-hand knowledge of the intricacies of protocol to say nothing of the complexities of organizing a political event.

After she had approached her staff director friend on the Hill and volunteered her services for the inauguration, she was sent to Sen. Mark O. Hatfield's (Rep.-Oregon) office. Senator Hatfield headed the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Her reputation as a dependable worker preceded her, and when she told the "powers that be" of her experience in the political area and topped it off by saying she "wanted to ride the inside track of government" - well, that did it. She got the job!

### Started Right Off

Ann started right off with the Inaugural Ceremonies Committee which arranged for "everything from A to Z, including the swearing-in ceremony." The only other committee involved was

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## 'Messiah' In Top 10

The Rhode Island College "gift concert" of Handel's *Messiah*, offered to the Rhode Island community on Dec. 1, has been deemed one of the top 10 entertainment events in the state for 1980 by a local critic.

Donald Fowler, who writes a weekly column on the arts and entertainment for several local papers, rated the concert by the RIC Chorus and Symphony Orchestra sixth on his list of "outstanding

entertainment events."

In his column on Jan. 8 Fowler said that the performance of Handel's *Messiah* given to a capacity crowd at The Ocean State by RIC's Chorus and Orchestra proved that "excellent entertainment can be given away and still appreciated." He observed, "It also proved the many talents of our state college."





## Notes From Bernadette

by Bernadette V. Small

Lola Gamba, a secretary to the president, and David Wright were wed on Saturday, Jan. 31. After a skiing honeymoon in Vermont, it is expected that Lola will return to her duties on Feb. 11. Congratulations!

Lola, who has been with the college for over 10 years, was the guest of honor at a surprise luncheon-shower given recently at the home of the president by Arlene Sweet and the women in the administrative wing of Roberts Hall. A great time was had by all.

The campus community may be interested to know that **Bertha O'Hara** of telephone services is coming along but her progress is slow. Anyone wishing to send a card, letter or plant, etc. should address them to Bertha in Room #219, Fatima Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital, 200 High Service Ave., North Providence. She is in our thoughts and we hope that her complete recovery will be soon and permanent!

We are saddened to hear of the death of Inberto Norge Nobile on Jan. 24. He was the infant son of **Umberto Nobile**, a public property officer with the Department of security and safety. Our sincerest condolences go out to him and his family at this difficult time.

## To Raise Funds

The Rhode Island College Associates is offering tickets to the RIC Theatre production of "Father's Day" and a champagne reception to follow for their annual fund raising event.

The play, a comedy by Oliver Hailey, is set for Friday, the 13th at Roberts Auditorium.

Tickets for the play sell at the door for \$4, but the associates are charging \$6 to provide the reception and to add funds to the scholarship money they raise.

Reservations for the play and reception must be made by mail to Holly Shadoian at the Alumni Office by Feb. 6.

The reception to which the cast has been invited will be held in Alumni Lounge.

# Fellowship, Research, Program Support Deadlines

The Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects has announced the following deadlines:

The **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES Basic Research Program** supports projects that meet a pressing scholarly need and advance a fresh understanding of matters of importance to scholarship in the humanities. Support in American and foreign archaeology provides for survey, excavation, materials analysis, research, preservation of artifacts and pre-publication preparation of manuscripts. **APRIL 1** is the deadline for proposal submission.

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**Elementary and Secondary Education Projects Grants** are also available from NEH. These grants support the development and testing of imaginative approaches to the humanities through demonstration projects which improve teaching at elementary and secondary levels. **APRIL 1** is the submission deadline.

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The NEH *Summer Seminars for*

*College Teachers* has an **APRIL 1** deadline for application. College teachers are provided with the opportunity to work with distinguished scholars in their fields. A total of 120 seminars will be held, enrolling about 1,140 teachers. Stipends are \$2,500.

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The **ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES** is offering *Postdoctoral Fellowships* for study or training in the Western Hemisphere. **APRIL 30** is the deadline, but applications should be received as far in advance of the deadline date as possible, as additional paperwork is often required after the initial submission.

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Grants are available from the **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION** to support *Basic on Organizational Processes in Elementary and Secondary Education*. Organizational Processes are defined as processes which enable people to work together--such as recruitment of personnel, communications, resources generation and distribution.

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For additional information or guidelines and application forms, call the Bureau at Extension 8228.

## Inauguration (Continued from p. 1)

the Presidential Inauguration Committee which concerned itself with the "festivities" of the occasion, said Ann.

She worked with the press initially, checking credentials and issuing passes and making seating arrangements. "There was one section for press photographers and another for the 'pencil press,'" she pointed out.

I spent a week just working out ticket arrangements for the ceremony for members of the Senate and Congress, the Supreme Court and federal judges," said Ann.

She added that the federal judges were "very pleased" to get invited this time to sit on the presidential platform. She said they had not been so invited at Jimmy Carter's inauguration at least and maybe not for many years before that.

During this time she took it upon herself to take care of the tickets for the Rhode Island contingent which came through the office of Sen. Claiborne Pell who was one of only eight senators and congressmen on the inaugural committee.

### For Her Efforts

For her efforts here she was presented an autographed picture of Senator Pell by the senator along with his personal thanks for handling the arrangements.

About getting tickets to the

inauguration (for future reference): Ann said, "Most people don't know this, but anyone can get tickets to attend through their own senators and congressmen. And they're free!"

Along with her work on issuing authorized passes, tickets and the like, Ann was impressed with the protocol involved and particularly the dress code for the ceremony.

Those dignitaries who would sit on the presidential platform received the "suggestion" from Reagan that they wear the following:

- gray striped trousers
- gray vest
- four-in-hand gray striped tie
- white shirt (plain or pleated with studs)
- black oxford shoes and socks

Women, it was suggested, should wear gray tailored suits.

Of course, when the Republican president-elect suggests what you should wear, you tend to comply (if you're a Republican). The Democrats were a different story, however.

"Not all the Democrats followed the suggestion," noted Ann, but quickly added, "what they did wear was very nice and appropriate."

For a woman who wants "work on Capitol Hill someday" she certainly has a headstart.

## Employers Conducting Interviews

Representatives from various firms, schools and hospitals have started to conduct job interviews with some of the approximately 900 RIC seniors who will graduate in May.

Interviews began on Jan. 28 but most will take place between today and mid-March.

Personal interviews are being conducted in the Office of Career Services.

Signing up for an interview(s) must be done in person at the career services offices and is on a first-come-first-served basis, said Frankie S. Wellins, assistant director of career services.

"Job interviews are not easily obtained and this is your chance to sell yourself to a number of employers," said Wellins in a memo distributed recently to all graduating seniors.

A list of employers and dates they will be interviewing is given on the memo. Further information, including job

specifications, is available in the career services office in Craig-Lee 054.

Wellins asked each senior to establish a "credential file" prior to interviewing so that the interviewer can become familiar with their qualifications and be able to keep it as a written record after the interview.

"At the very least," said Wellins, the seniors "must fill out a Personal Data Form (available at her office) or provide an attractive resume."

The Office of Career Services has scheduled a number of workshops to help seniors in their job search, with interviewing among them.

workshops offered throughout the academic year include those on resumes, interviews, job search and career/life planning.

Further information and sign-up sheets for the workshops are also available at the career services office.

## SAR Weekend

A Sexual Attitudes Reassessment Weekend will take place at Rhode Island College on Feb. 7 & 8 in the Faculty Center.

Ralph Detri, director of RIC's Sexual Information Referral Service (SIRS), calls the instructional weekend "an innovative approach to sex education." SIRS is sponsoring the event.

The last SAR weekend in November was very successful, Detri said. It taught participants how to better handle their own, and others sexual questions and attitudes, he feels.

The workshop is not an encounter or sensitivity session, and no overt sexuality is involved. However, the explicit and factual multi-media presentations should remove uneasiness and create an open atmosphere according to Detri. The sessions will run from 9 a.m. until after 10 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The sponsors describe the SAR as a comprehensive view of human sexuality which focuses on what people do sexually and how they feel about it. The aim is to desensitize the participants, and resensitize them to a "sex positive" attitude with the assistance of films and group discussions.

Detri, a certified sex educator, and his staff of six are all experienced on the subject of human sexuality, and the SAR process itself. The SIRS at RIC is the only agency in New England offering a comprehensive, recognized program of this sort. The fee for the weekend is \$20 for the public, \$10 for RIC students, and \$15 for other students.

For further information contact Ralph Detri at 521-7568 or 9260.

## 'German' Scholarships

Two short-term scholarships are available through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for advanced students and faculty this summer.

The programs - to be in the Federal Republic of Germany - are: "Germany Today," A German studies course (in English) at Bonn University, July 24-August 15. Applicants from the professional fields will receive preference, and "Deutschlandkundlicher Sommerkurs," German studies course at the University of Regensburg, July 3-August 14. Juniors, seniors and first year graduate students in all fields except German are encouraged to apply.

For further information, contact Noreen Andreoli in the graduate office, Robert Hall 114, extension 8117.

## Legislative Alert

The following bills of possible interest to the RIC faculty and staff were introduced at the current session of the legislature.

**Senate Commission:** S-150 by D'Ambra, a resolution creating a special legislative commission to study the existing model of tax structure that directly impacts on the operations of state and local government. Finance.

**Providence:** S-156 by Quatrocchi, a resolution asking the State auditor general to investigate the fiscal condition of Providence. Finance.

**House Assaults On Teachers:** H-5176 by Connors, a bill mandating that minors

found by the Family Court to have assaulted teachers be suspended from school for the remainder of the school year, and specifying that their parents are responsible for the medical expenses of the assaulted teacher. Judiciary.

**Elderly:** H-5190 by Crowley, a bill authorizing the Department of the Elderly Affairs to regulate firms that provide transportation for the elderly. HEW.

**Education:** H-5223 by Lima, a bill making the office of education commissioner an elected position with a salary the same as that of the lieutenant governor. Finance.

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# RIC Media Policy Reaffirmed

Approximately one year ago the college announced the official institutional policy governing release of news and information to the media. In recent weeks several inquiries have been made regarding the college's stance in this area. For the information of the RIC community the official college media policy is restated in full below.

## Media Policy

The director of news and information services in consultation with the executive director for college advancement and support is authorized to release information pertaining to emergencies, crime, and controversies related to Rhode Island College to which the media has a reasonable claim.

College administrators, faculty and staff are expected to keep the director of news and information services and appropriate College Advancement and Support staff fully informed, both factually and promptly, about such occurrences in their areas of responsibility. Similarly, the director of news and information services is expected to inform appropriate executive officers in advance of any disclosure by him of such news affecting their unit/division.

The Office of News and Information is also responsible for the release of routine publicity and news items originating at Rhode Island College.

## Guidelines Provided

The following guidelines for dealing with the news media have been developed by the Office of News and Information Services and the Division of Advancement and Support, based on models provided by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). They have been approved by the executive officers of the college and were distributed to all deans, directors and department chairs in February 1980.

Copies will be made available upon request by the Office of News and Information Services.

## Guidelines For Dealing With The Media

It is strongly recommended that inquiries from representatives of the media be referred to the director of news and information services. However, if it is deemed necessary to respond directly, it would be advisable to adhere to the following suggested guidelines:

1. Get the reporter's name and the publication or station that he or she is working for. If you feel that the request for information is reasonable, give the press person your full cooperation.
2. In answering questions, be fair, friendly and factual.
3. Normally, you are expected to comment only on matters within your area of expertise. Sometimes, however, a reporter may ask you to comment on a subject outside your area of expertise. If you do not wish to comment, do not hesitate to tell the reporter so. Refer the reporter to the Office of News and Information Services if a reporter's questions can best be answered by other persons within the college.
4. Some reporters may ask you to comment on a controversial issue with the promise that, if you so wish, your name will not be used. Unless you know the reporter, it is not usually wise to do so. (When in doubt, you may want to call the Office of News and Information Services for advice.)
5. When you give a personal opinion on any subject, make certain that the reporter understands that you are speaking for yourself, not for your colleagues or the administration.
6. You should not assume that you will see the reporter's story before it is published or broadcast. The reporter is under no obligation to show copy. If scientific or technical data are involved,

you might suggest that the reporter check his or her story back with you for accuracy, particularly if the reporter is not a writer specializing in the field. (Some reporters are willing to check their technical data back with the source to assure accuracy if time permits).

7. When an interview is for broadcast, remember that people in radio and television news usually can report only the barest essentials of a story. They are looking for succinct answers to one or two questions. It is best to avoid time-consuming details, rambling explanations and complicated answers. This does not imply that you should withhold necessary facts.

8. Most reporters dislike material which is "off-the-record". The reason: They may later receive the "off-the-record" information from another source. If for some reason, however, you feel that you must make remarks "off-the-record", do so according to the following standard of ethics: (a) Preface each "off-the-record" statement by saying, "The following material is off-the-record"; (b) Indicate clearly when the reporter is "on-the-record" again; and (c) Don't say belatedly, "The material I have just given you is off-the-record." After answering a press query, please inform the Office of News and Information Services of the call and your response. Subordinates who receive queries on policy matters should refer them either to their superiors or to the executive directors of CASU.

Whatever other considerations apply, members of the staff should always refer queries to the Director of News and Information Services when: (a) News and Information Services has already been provided information concerning the subject on which the information is being sought; (b) the query deals with an area where responsibility lies with or is shared with another administrative area; and (c) the query deals with a matter of college-wide concern or policy.

## On 'Live Line'

Dr. James Davis, assistant professor of instructional technology, will discuss Rhode Island's cable TV and RIC's "master plan for public access to telecommunications" on Station WEAN's "Live Line" with Pam Watts at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.

The invitation comes to Davis as a result of a feature article which appeared in last week's *What's News at RIC* entitled "RIC Has Role in R.I. Cable TV."

## Letters To The Editor

Jan. 26, 1981

Dear Editor:

In my quest for information I am hoping that you might be able to enlighten me.

As a comparative "new comer" to this campus, I feel that I may have jeopardized the survival of the RIC Food Co-op.

I was elected director for the present school year but have not been successful in dealing with "the powers that be" and so have failed to secure a permanent space for the Food Co-op.

Due to the loss of space (June 1980) our members have had to find alternate food sources and are getting disgusted with empty promises.

Last year as a first-time member of RIC's Food Co-op, I was able to save money while enjoying good quality food. For some on campus, saving money is not a matter of concern *but* many students as well as staff and faculty found the Food Co-op here on RIC's campus a big plus.

Why, then, does the administration act so indifferent to what in fact is one of RIC's assets?

Thank you for any information you may be able to give me which might shed some light on this problem of indifference.

Yours truly,  
Louise B. Evans  
Director/Food Co-op

(The "What's News" staff will look into this matter and make a full report to its readers in a subsequent issue. The Editors)

## Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Rebecca Lissan, assistant professor in the department of nursing, has contributed a chapter in the text *The Neuman Systems Model: Application to Nursing Education and Practice* which will be printed by Appleton-Century Crofts this summer. Chapter title is "Use of the Neuman Health Care System Model in the Care of the High Risk Newborn."

Judith N. Mitchell, assistant professor of English, has been contacted by the Federal Union of Jewish Students in West Germany in regard to her article "Children of the Holocaust" which appeared in the October 1980, edition of *The English Journal*. The article, which deals with literary portrayals of the holocaust will be translated and appear in the German publication *Cheschbon* (The Accounting).

Professor Mitchell has also had articles accepted by the NEATE Leaflet and the special edition on children's literature of *The Journal of Popular Culture*. She is speaking at the spring Popular Culture convention on psychosis in adolescent literature and spoke at the fall, 1980, NEATE convention in Providence on the subject of changing attitudes towards homosexuality in adolescent literature.

## Conference

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mosphere", Michaelson provided his audience with a historic overview of the evolution of the Helsinki agreement. Explaining that the human rights section of the accords, principal 7, was the one which has generated the greatest public attention and was the portion of the document in which he was personally involved, he pointed out that the agreement also dealt with trade, travel, and a variety of other interactions among the 35 signatories.

The United States delegation to the Madrid Conference was "intensely committed" to human rights, Michaelson said. It was ethnically diverse, with delegates representing a wide variety of minority groups. Included were American Indians, Puerto Ricans, Jews and the like.

Michaelson's description of participants from other nations added up to a colorful portrait of international diplomacy in process. He spoke of "fierce" looking Afghan rebels, priests, realists, idealists and trade unionists coming and going. Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, Albert Shanker of the AFT, 16 congressmen and Joan Baez were there, he noted.

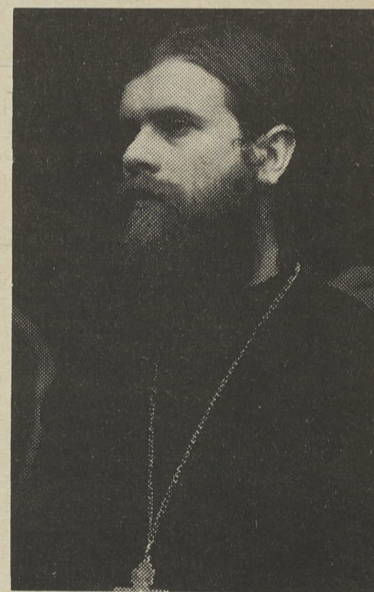
"The communists always appeal to the hearts and minds of men," he said. "It is difficult to appeal to the hearts and minds of men when you're repressing human rights."

He concluded by pointing out that while some of the delegates came close to despairing of the seemingly endless marathon of talks, debates and discussions, one of the friends who visited him in Madrid raised the point - what is the alternative to all of the talk? It convinced him, he said, that something good will come of it (the conference).

Human rights and their place in foreign policy is an issue which continues to be debated by the United States government at the current time, he pointed out. In all the 35 nations which signed the Helsinki Accords there is to a greater or lesser degree continuous appraisal, evaluation and review of policies affected by the agreement. That, he said, is why the follow-up conferences at two year intervals are of value and importance.

Michaelson was introduced by Edward J. McElroy, Jr., president of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, who also made closing remarks. McElroy called attention to the emphasis the labor organization places on human rights, and to work done by the unions it represents in promoting the cause of human rights.

FORMER RHODE ISLAND Attorney General Julius C. Michaelson addresses audience of approximately 100 guests who came to the college Faculty Center to hear him report on his role as a delegate to the Madrid Conference in November. Among those attending were representatives of several religious organizations and faiths.



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## Wire Service Pick



THIS PHOTO by college photographer Peter P. Tobia, taken to illustrate a story on the mainstreaming of hearing impaired students into regular classes at the Henry Barnard School, has been selected for nation-wide distribution by Newspaper Enterprise Association of New York, a wire service. The photo shows Jason Florio, third grader at HBS (right) talking in sign language to Steven daFronseca of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. A caption accompanying the photo describes the scene and the program at HBS. It will be offered to newspapers throughout the country.

### Year of Disabled:

## RIC Sponsors Series

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons, and has challenged each nation to establish goals and programs aimed at improving the lives of its citizens with disabilities.

In accordance with this proclamation, the Rhode Island College Office of the Dean of Students has scheduled a series of presentations which will take place on Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

Featured presentors at the series are the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke, and the Rev. Ralph K. Showers.

Reverend Wilke, born without arms, is a distinguished churchman, teacher, lecturer, therapist, author and consultant on rehabilitation. He is the director of the Healing Community, a project related to a number of denominations and designed to help the religious community receive various alienated groups (including handicapped) into the mainstream of society. Reverend Wilke is married and has five sons.

Reverend Showers, author, pastor, missionary, and lecturer, is the founder of "Rainbow Acres Ranch" in Camp Verde, Arizona, which he developed in 1973 after an accident which required the amputation of both his hands and forearms. On his ranch, Reverend Showers uses innovative approaches to allow the mentally retarded young adults to grow and develop to their fullest potential. The ultimate goal of the ranch is to become totally self-supporting and to make each rancher become self-sufficient.

Other presentors include Rabbi Theodore Friedman, interim rabbi, Temple Emanuel El of Providence; the Rev. Dr. Paul Gillespie, executive minister of R.I. State Council of Churches, and Rev. Gerald Savarin of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence.

Reverend Wilke and Reverend

Showers will begin the series on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center on Elmgrove Avenue in Providence with a presentation entitled "Is Heaven Accessible? Ways of Entrance - Means of Involvement." This presentation takes an inter-denominational approach to the needs and concerns of handicapped individuals in today's society.

On Monday, Feb. 9, the series will continue with a luncheon with President Sweet, executive officers, academic deans and department chairs at 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Center. At 2 p.m. there will be an in-service program for Educational Opportunities Center personnel at the Urban Educational Center, and at 7:30 p.m., Reverend Wilke and Reverend Showers will present "Rehabilitation - It's History Legislation and Promise" in the Faculty Center.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the series will resume with a lunch with students at Donovan Dining Center to be followed at 2 p.m. with a presentation entitled "The Handicapped and their Families". Facilitators for this presentation will be Dr. Mary Ann Hawkes, sociology department; and Michael Nordstrom, peer counselor with handicapped students. Reactors will be Reverend Showers and Reverend Wilke.

The series will conclude with Reverend Showers and Reverend Wilke who will discuss "1981 - The International Year of Disabled Persons, Why?" The presentation will take place in the Faculty Center South Dining Room from 7:30-10 p.m.

This series is being sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, the office of the dean of students, the Rehabilitation Counseling Program of Rhode Island College, and the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

For further information, please call 456-8061.

### As Hostages Return:

## RIC Gymnasts Get In On Excitement

As Gail H. Davis puts it, 13 turned out to be a lucky number for the RIC gymnasts.

Some 11 women athletes and their two coaches were on hand at West Point for the festivities preceding the arrival of the hostages from Iran.

The team had driven up to the Point on Saturday, Feb. 23 for their meet with West Point and SUNY, Brockport with the knowledge that they were to stay overnight at the Five Star Motel at Stewart Field in Newburgh, some 14 miles from West Point and the Hotel Thayer where they were originally scheduled.

Davis said she had received word prior to leaving on the trip that because arrangements were being made to host the former hostages at the Thayer, the RIC visitors would be "bumped".

When they arrived about noon on Saturday they "ran into big crowds," said Davis.

On the drive from their motel to the Point "the roads were just lined with people wearing yellow ribbons, and carrying signs."

They had their gym meet and beat West Point 94 to 88 but lost to SUNY which made 103 points.

But after the meet came the real excitement.

Through the efforts of Nancy Bergstrom, a gymnast, who knows Cadet Diane Capotosto (daughter of Augustine Capotosto, Jr., vice chairman of the state Board of Regents), they had the opportunity to eat in the cadet mess hall and attend a hop in Eisenhower Hall Saturday night.

"The air was bristling with excitement" as TV monitors brought the latest news of the whereabouts of the returning hostages to the Point, said Davis.

"As the hostages got closer to home the announcements were greeted with cheers."

Since the former hostages weren't due to arrive at West Point until 3 p.m. Sunday and the RIC team had to start the drive back home via bus before that, they did the next best thing: They hung yellow ribbons on the bus and exited West Point by way of the Thayer Gate which had been blocked off to the public at noon.



GAIL H. DAVIS  
Acting Director/College Athletics

They drove out amidst cheering throngs with flags and banners waving.

For just a fleeting moment the thought arose: could all this be for the RIC Gymnasts?! Nah. But a hint of a moistening around the eyes could have been seen if anyone cared to look.

"It was very, very exciting," assured Davis, as the 13 RIC people momentarily became a part of history.

## Black History Month

In honor of "Black History Month" the affirmative action office of the Community College of Rhode Island has issued an invitation to the RIC community families to attend an exhibit they are sponsoring at the junior college Feb. 5-7.

The 400-panel exhibit offering a comprehensive view of black history will be presented at the Knight Campus in Warwick from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 6 and from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7.

"At this time there is no RIC money budgeted for such a project due to current economic considerations," said Patricia E. Giammarco, RIC's affirmative action officer, who endorses the junior college's program.

She said she and Jack White, the junior college affirmative action officer, "view the exhibit as an inter-institutional cooperative effort".

She added that they see the exhibit as

an "opportunity to experiment with the possibilities of interinstitutional program sharing in the future."

Giammarco said it is hoped that this "cooperative effort will strengthen relationships between the two colleges and bring an awareness of the contributions of black Americans to society."

The nationally acclaimed exhibit - called "Black Odyssey" - is the creation of George Norman, an author and award-winning educator in Negro history.

It utilizes pictures, facts, poetry, documents and artwork to explore the lives, contributions and frustrations of black men and women who have made their mark on the world.

Open to the public at no charge, the exhibit is viewed as an attempt to define the past of the black people. The author's stated intent is "to show without rancor or hate" the struggles of blacks and other minorities to overcome oppression.

## Calendar Of Events

FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 9, 1981

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Stonehill College. Away.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12 Noon-1 p.m. History Department Luncheon Colloquium. "Higher Education Issues: Cuttington University College (Suacoco, Liberia)". Prof. Peter Harman (economics and management) will lead the discussion about higher education issues in Liberia. He will draw upon his experience as a Fulbright scholar during 1978-79. Gage Hall, Room 211.

8 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Keene State. Home.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Second Annual Gerontology Forum. Conducted by the gerontology department, the forum will give the practitioners the chance to present their perspectives on different issues in the field. Nationally recognized speakers have been selected to conduct the forum and workshops. Student Union Ballroom.

2-4 p.m. Women's Issues in the Western Experience Course at Rhode Island College. Prof. Susan Mosher Stuard (SUNY, Brockport), president of the New York State European Historian's Association, will speak. She is a key participant in the FIPSE-funded project of the Organization of American Historians addressing the need to integrate women's history into basic courses in Western Civilization. Members of the college community are invited and welcome. Professor Stuard will also be available for conference and conversations. Sponsored by the history department

curriculum committee. Gage Hall, Room 207.

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Brown. Home.

8 p.m. Wrestling. RIC vs. Brown. Home.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30-10 p.m. RIC Film Series. "All That Jazz" starring Roy Scheider. Admission is \$1.00 with RIC I.D., \$1.75 general admission. Gage Hall Auditorium.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

1 p.m. Gymnastics. RIC vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Away.

1 p.m. Wrestling. RIC vs. Western New England. Away.

8 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Southeastern Massachusetts University. Home.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Student Union Ballroom.

4 p.m. RIC Chamber Singers. Edward Markward, conductor. Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island.

7 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass. Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.