

# What's NEWS @ Rhode Island College

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## Writes St. Joan Pavane

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

When he was performing folk music in restaurants and clubs several years ago, Steven Jobe probably never imagined he would write a piece of dance music commemorating Joan of Arc.

Jobe, 26, a senior at Rhode Island College, took five years off after high school. During that period he sang folk music semi-professionally and devoted some energy to writing songs and dance pieces.

It was not until May of 1979, however, that he was inspired to write a *pavane* based on the Maid of Orleans. He had read Mark Twain's *St. Joan of Arc* and it moved him to create the five-to-seven minute long piece. At the modern language department's Christmas Party Jobe dedicated the composition to Rita L. Couture, associate professor of modern languages at RIC. He did so, he says, in light of her "well known interest in Joan of Arc" and to recognize her support of his efforts.

"The interest she has shown in the piece is gratifying," he explains. "In fact, my entire experience with the language department has been a creative experience. It has made it more meaningful to have a piece like *Joan of Arc* to play." Jobe describes his composition as containing a mixture of joy and sorrow which combine to produce a feeling of transcendence.

At Couture's behest Jobe has performed the *pavane* several times for French classes and at departmental receptions and parties. He has been struck, he says, by the enthusiasm and excitement within the modern language department. He is especially impressed by the way students are encouraged to "get outside themselves."

Written for viola, and other instruments (if desired), his *Jeanne D'Arc* represents a synthesis of Jobe's interests. A music performance major who is concentrating on the viola, he is also fascinated by the study of French.

"I wanted to complete my conceptual understanding of music," he explains, telling of his decision to come to RIC and get a degree in music. Originally from Medina, Ohio, he played guitar and mandolin when he was on the folk song circuit. Now living at 141 Ivy Street, Providence, Jobe switched his focus to the viola when he enrolled at the college.

"The striking thing about a state school is that if you come and have some interest and proficiency, you can begin playing an instrument like a viola," he observes, implying a more closed atmosphere exists in programs at some larger institutions.

While he plans to go to graduate school in the future and continue his study of the viola as well as French, Jobe has some rather exciting plans for the near term. He has been accepted to the North Carolina School of Arts in Winston-Salem, an international summer music program. After four weeks of rehearsal at Winston-Salem he will spend four weeks with the school orchestra touring in Germany and Italy.

A member of the RIC Symphony Orchestra and student chamber music groups, he contemplates a career playing the viola in an orchestra professionally. Although he doesn't intend to write music as "a main focus" of his career, he does hope that he will be able to integrate it "later on."

In the meantime Professor Couture is attempting to interest others in his *Jeanne D'Arc pavane*, calling attention to the fact that this year is the 550th anniversary of the death of St. Joan. Jobe is enjoying the notice his work has received and is planning to possibly include it in his senior recital next spring.

(See photo on page 2)

## Summer Rec Program Set

Rhode Island College Summer Recreation program starts today and runs through July 31 with various instructional sessions and tennis clinics being offered.

An aerobic dance workshop is set for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Walsh Gym, and a dance workshop the same days and time in Whipple Gym.

Yoga I and II which began June 15 is

being offered Monday and Wednesday 7-9 p.m. in Whipple Gym.

Learn-to-sail course with classes being conducted from Bristol Harbor from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, is being offered July 20-25 and July 27-31.

Life Time sports instruction in tennis is being offered for beginner and intermediate individuals. Beginner tennis is Monday and Wednesday 3-4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 10-11 a.m.; ad-

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## MSW Program Wins Accreditation

The culmination of an effort which began in November, 1979, occurred when the Rhode Island College School of Social Work's master of social work (MSW) program received its initial accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education recently.

Notification was received by Dr. George Metrey, dean of the school, on June 1, that the RIC MSW program has been accredited for three years, the maximum time allowed for initial accreditation.

The MSW accreditation comes less than two years after the initiation of

candidacy, faster than Metrey has ever known it to occur.

"Normally, a school is in candidacy for two years," he pointed out.

The three year initial accreditation will mean that the RIC program will be reviewed in June, 1984, at which time if found satisfactory it will be accredited for four more years. After that the school will be subject to seven year accreditation cycles. The initial accreditation is retroactive to July 1, 1979.

"The reason why we were able to move as fast as we did was the support of the (RIC) administration, the faculty and the community. This cooperation made the reality of an accredited master's program for Rhode Island possible," Metrey said.

In the successful effort to obtain accreditation, the School of Social Work submitted a self-study report on Dec. 1, 1980 and there was a site visit by a team from the Council on Social Work Education in March.

Chaired by Scott Bryer, dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Washington, the team was at RIC from March 24 through the 27th. Other members were: John Turner, dean of the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Florence Vigilante, professor of social work at Hunter College's Graduate School of Social Work; and Dorothy Harris, assistant chief social worker at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Metrey appeared before the council's accrediting commission on May 28 to respond to questions about the RIC MSW program. In a matter of four days he received word by telegram that accreditation had been granted.

## Reception

There will be a reception for Donald P. Hardy tomorrow (June 23) from 2 to 4 p.m. in Alumni Lounge.

## RIC Foundation Elects

Philip B. Toole of Seekonk was elected president of the Rhode Island College Foundation at the annual meeting held recently at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank Towers.

Toole, a member of the RIC Foundation Corporation since 1979, is president of Philip B. Toole, Inc., a Providence-based advertising agency.

Other executive officers elected include Barbara M. Leonard of Providence, chairman and executive vice

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CLARK TERRY

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## A Rhode Islander in New York

A "very talented" RIC freshman has won an audition with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in New York City this June.

The audition could lead to a full summer of study for Gladys Wesley and performing on the professional level in the New York area. Or, it could lead to a 44-week study in technique and performing with the company on its regular tour.

The 19-year-old major in art education from East Providence is in somewhat of a quandry over what to do if given the bigger offer. At this point she feels, however, that she would like to finish her college education at RIC as two of her five brothers and sisters have done already.

Even the mother of this RIC-oriented family, Mrs. Anna (Wesley) Barros, is attending RIC.

Of course, Gladys doesn't want to count her chickens before they hatch,

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## Stories by George LaTour - Photos by Peter Tobia



GLADYS WESLEY



ELIZABETH TOCCO

## An Italian-American in Paris

Today - June 22 - is Elizabeth Tocco's 22nd birthday. As a present to herself this recent RIC graduate will take herself to Paris.

Paris, you say! What's a nice Italian girl like this going to do in Paris?

The answer: she's going to study French - she just loves the French language - and immerse herself in the French way of life for some 18 months, at least. Maybe longer. Possibly a lot longer.

The charming light-haired daughter of Joseph and Sylvia Tocco of 8 Druid Road, Warwick, graduated May 23rd from RIC, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in art history with minor credit in French.

She graduated with honors. Elizabeth's fascination with the French language and culture started back in junior high school.

"I had a beautiful French teacher right from the Sorbonne and she hooked

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## Focus on the Faculty and Staff

**Dr. Howard E. Reed** of the department of economics and management, was a guest speaker at the annual Rhode Island Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar for outstanding high school sophomores held recently at the Alton Jones Campus of the University of Rhode Island. Reed spoke on corporate social responsibility. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Bankers Association and the Jaycees.

**Dr. Jerry E. Melaragno**, assistant professor of biology, co-authored a paper with Dr. Michael A. Walsh of Utah State University entitled "Structural Evidence for Plastid Inclusions as a Possible 'Sealing' Mechanism in the Phloem of Monocotyledons" which was published in the *Journal of Experimental Botany* in April.

**James N. Adams**, head basketball coach, accompanied Peter McCutcheon, a hammer thrower on the RIC track team, to the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships in May. Track coach Ray Dwyer was unable to attend due to scheduling a conflict.

During the month of May **Dr. P. William Hutchinson**, professor of communications and theatre, participated in a variety of activities. On May 15 with **Rose Abraham**, administrative secretary to the vice president for student affairs, and **Mary Nocera**, departmental secretary in the communications and theatre department, he performed a spoof of the film *9 to 5* for the Rhode Island Division of Professional Secretaries International.

On that same date Hutchinson also performed in the evening at the Mediator Coffee House with the musical group called "Empty Pockets."

The program, entitled "Empty Pockets, Pleasant Dreams," consisted of poetry readings and performance by Hutchinson as well as musical selections by the group which is made up of college photographer, **Peter Tobia**, John Barbeau, a RIC student, and Frankie Lee, a RIC alumnus and graduate student.

On May 21 Hutchinson did a one-man show called "Recollections of Clarence Darrow" in the Grace Church Uncommon Lunch series. He repeated that show on May 28 at Hope High School as an offering of the Providence School Department's arts magnet program.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS of the RIC Foundation elected at the annual meeting at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank Towers are (seated) Philip B. Toole and Barbara M. Leonard, (standing from left) John S. Foley, Robert A. Perry and Louis A. Marciano.

### Foundation

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president of H & H Screw Products Mfg. Co., vice president; Robert B. Perry of Weekapaug, president of the Washington Trust Co., treasurer; Louis A. Marciano of Cranston, chief of health promotion, state department of Health, secretary, and John S. Foley of Riverside, executive director of College Advancement and Support, executive director.

Elected to the 15-member board of directors are: Dr. Renato E. Leonelli and Edward Winsor Esq., both of Providence, and Richard Zorabedian of Saunterstown.

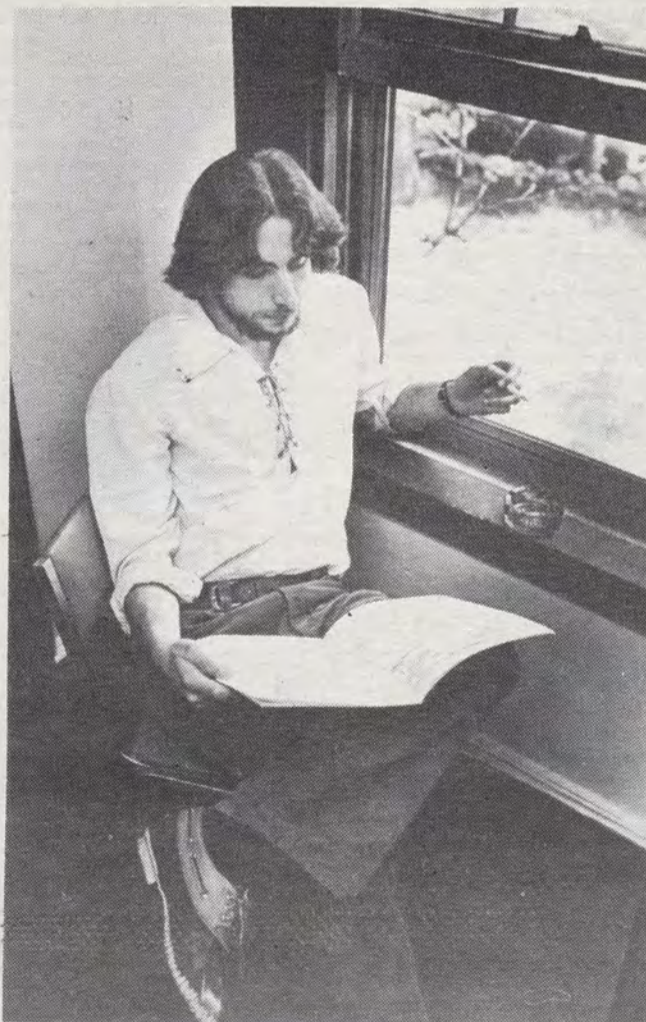
New corporation members include Kenneth P. Borden, Esq. of North Scituate, Joseph S. Cataudella of Rum-

ford, Carolyn Criscione of Coventry, Herbert W. Cummings and P. Scott Eubanks, both of Barrington, Maureen E. Massiwer of Pawtucket, Susan E. McGuirl of Providence, and Richard Zorabedian.

Dr. John Nazarian of Pawtucket chaired the nominating committee comprised of Virginia Belanger of East Greenwich, Harry Kizirian and Aaron Roitman, both of Providence.

Established in 1965, the foundation has \$333,829 in total assets and received \$36,707 in gifts and realized gains in the year ended April 30.

Foundation endowments, designated gifts and special funds provide support for scholarships, prizes and library acquisitions as well as operating and capital development needs of the college not funded by state appropriations.



CONTEMPLATING ST. JOAN: Steven Jobe, a Rhode Island College senior, studies the score for his *pavane* commemorating Joan of Arc. The seven minute dance has been performed several times at the college in this the 550th anniversary year of the death of the Maid of Orleans. See story on page 1. (What's News photo by Peter Tobia)

### Recreation

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vanced beginner tennis is Tuesday and Thursday 3-4 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, 11-12 noon and Tuesday and Thursday 2-3 p.m.; intermediate tennis is Tuesday and Thursday at 11-12 noon and Monday and Wednesday 2-3 p.m.

Swedish slimnastics is offered Tuesday and Thursday 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

A conditioning program for total fitness with weight training, running and swimming is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

A morning aerobic dance workshop is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-9:30.

Tennis clinics designed to help individuals with advance stroke technique is set for July 10 (forehand and backstroke); July 17 (serve), and July 24 (net play).

A noontime tennis league will be offered July 6 through the 31 from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The USTA 100th anniversary Doubles Tournament is set from July 31 to August 2. Registration deadline is July 24.

A breakfast golf tournament will be held July 29 at 6 a.m. at Triggs Golf Course. Registration deadline is July 24.

A youth program for those aged 10 to 17 will offer instructional tennis junior development program Monday and Wednesday 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 11-noon and 1-2 p.m.

An all-day two-week learn-to-sail program for youth will be offered July 20-31 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Bristol Harbor.

A dance workshop will be offered for youth July 20-31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

A summer swim program is already underway at the Sandra E. Surdut Pool and will run till August 30. Membership is open to the RIC community and the Department for Children and their Families. This is the second year the RIC Recreation Department has managed the pool.

For further information and registration contact the RIC Recreation Department at Whipple Gym or call 456-8136 or 456-8179.

### Grants and Awards

Dr. George S. Hartmann and Dr. Salman Wasti, both professors of biology, have received a grant of \$2,440 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service to conduct lab tests on various fungi to determine if any might be lethal to the Gypsy Moth.

The title of the grant is "Bioassay of Entomogenous Fungi Against Larvae of the Gypsy Moth."

Professors Hartmann and Wasti have also received a similar cooperative grant to study Dutch Elm disease.

Dr. Victor L. Profughi, professor of political science, has been named director of a RIC project entitled "Consent of the Governed: Informed or Manipulated?" A continuing dialogue which has been funded by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities.

A grant of \$1,000 was awarded to support two forums, the first on June 29 at the State House from 7:30-9:30 p.m. to which the public is invited, and the second early in September for media and advertising professionals.

Participants will include William Kinnaman of the Community College of Rhode Island; Hans-Wennberg of Rhode Island College; David Duffy of Shanley Advertising, and John Martilla and Associates.

Professor Profughi said the forums will focus on the broad issues of morality and ethics in political campaigns.



## Music Festival Set

The ninth Musical Festival of Rhode Island will offer a series of six concerts this summer from June 30 to September 20 at Rhode Island College.

The series will provide a wide variety of performances as well as master classes at both RIC and the O.I.C. building on Prairie Avenue in Providence.

All performances will be in Roberts Auditorium at the college beginning at 8 p.m.

Artists scheduled to perform and the dates are: Clark Terry and his Rhode Island friends comprising the Festival Jazz Quartet, June 30; Joseph Silverstein, violinist, July 6; Festival Chamber Orchestra with Edward Markward conducting, and Arthur Delmoni, guest violinist, July 14; Rogeri Piano Trio, July 28; Festival Gospel Concert with Bobby Jones and New Life, Aug. 4, and the American String Quartet, Sept. 20.

General admission is \$6 and senior citizens (over 65), students and handicapped, \$4. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance from the Music Festival of Rhode Island, Inc., Howard Building, Box 76, 10 Dorrance St., Providence.

**Terry** has played trumpet with Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton and on the *Tonight Show*. He is appearing with Hal Crook, trombone; Greg Wardsen, piano; Artie Cabral, drums, and Bob Peterutti, bass. A master class will be held on the same day from 2-4 p.m. in Room 138 in Roberts Hall at RIC.

**Silverstein** is presently the concert master and assistant conductor of the

Boston Symphony Orchestra. Performing with him will be Gilbert Kalish on piano. Master class will be held the same day from 3-5 p.m. in Room 138, Roberts Hall.

**Delmoni** is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music and has been a featured soloist with symphony orchestras of Dallas, St. Louis, Fort Worth, Spokane, Tucson and others. A master class will be held July 15 from 10-noon in Room 138, Roberts Hall.

**The Rogeri Trio** has performed in numerous concerts and on radio and television. They have been in residence at Yale University where they presented the complete Brahms chamber music cycle with the Tokyo Quartet. A master class will be held July 29 from 10-noon in Room 138, Roberts Hall.

**Jones** and his group of 10 singers and nine musicians has been selected by many as the premier inspirational ensemble in the new wave of gospel music in the country. A master class will be held Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the O.I.C. in Providence.

**The American String Quartet** has become one of the most successful young string quartets in the country since its founding at the Aspen Festival and the Juilliard School in 1974. They come to Providence upon completion of a seven week tour of Europe. A master class will be held Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Room 138, Roberts Hall.

For further information call Elaine A. Perry, executive director at 751-3680 or the RIC Music Department at 456-8244.

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## In Memoriam



### Martha B. Ballinger

Martha Bacon Ballinger, 64, associate professor of English at Rhode Island College, died of cancer on May 26 in Hallworth House, Providence. She was the widow of Prof. Ronald B. Ballinger, former chairman of the college's history department.

Born in Berkely, Cal., April 2, 1917, daughter of the late Leonard Bacon and Martha (Sherman Stringham) Bacon, she lived for a number of years in Peacedale, R.I., and for the last 10 years in North Providence.

Her father, a distinguished poet and translator, won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1940.

Educated privately both in the United States and in Europe, she gained entrance to the Juilliard School of Music, but chose to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Mrs. Ballinger served on the editorial staffs of the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Vogue*, and *Harper's Bazaar* and was the author of two novels, *A Star Called Wormwood* and *A Masque of Exile*; four books for young people, *Sophia Scrooby Preserved*, *The Third Road*, *In the Company of Clowns*, and *Moth Manor*; two volumes of poetry, *Lament for the Chieftains* and *Things Visible and Invisible*, a book of historical essays

entitled *Puritan Promenade*; a translation from Italian of G. d'Allessandre, *The Child Across the River*, in addition to numerous periodicals and reviews.

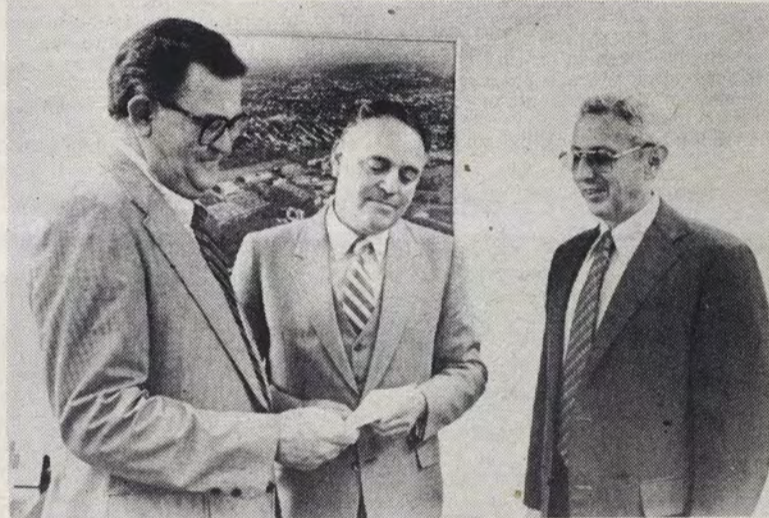
She was a regular book reviewer for the *Providence Sunday Journal*.

Mrs. Ballinger joined the faculty at RIC as a lecturer in 1965 was appointed assistant professor of English in 1971, and promoted to associate professor in 1978.

She also lectured in creative writing at the University of Rhode Island, Southern Oregon State College, the University of Birmingham in England, and at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. In August of 1980, RIC conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen (Oliver-Smith) Drew of Providence and Mrs. Martha (Oliver-Smith) Morrison of Reno, Nev.; a son, Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith of Gainesville, Flor.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Frances Ann (Ballinger) Eskelund of Grahamstown, South Africa, and Mrs. Rosslyn (Ballinger) Nelson of Birmingham, England, and eight grandchildren.

She also leaves two sisters, Alice (Bacon) Westlake of Princeton, N.J., and Dr. Helen Bacon of New York City.



PRESENTING A CHECK to Dr. William A. Small (at left), associate dean of graduate studies at Rhode Island College, is Dan Bierman of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, while Dr. John J. Salesses, assistant vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, looks on. The \$4,000 check goes to support minority students at the college as a result of Small's recent proposal to increase minority graduate enrollment and faculty awareness of the minority graduate students' needs.

CONDUCTING A SUMMER WORKSHOP in music for elementary children and adults at Henry Barnard School June 29 - July 3 are Alice Pellegrino, assistant professor of music education (at left) and Elizabeth Crook, a RIC alumna, author of two textbooks on music and summer faculty member this year at Western Carolina University, University of Oklahoma and Ball State University in addition to RIC. The workshop - the first of its kind - is an experiment in cooperative teaching and learning for fifth, sixth and seventh graders, teachers and parents. The workshop will meet Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.



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but she is excited about the possibilities. Joseph L. Costa, counselor in special services and Gladys' mentor at RIC, says they are working to raise funds to assist Gladys meet travel and living expenses as is Harambee, the black student club on campus.

He terms Gladys "a very talented young lady" and she, in turn, credits him with encouraging her to apply for the Ailey (pronounced Ay-ly) audition.

Gladys has been "interested in the Ailey company for awhile" as they specialize in ballet, modern and jazz dancing.

She has studied ballet this year at RIC with Winthrop Carey, and the intermediate level of modern dance with Jennifer Cooke, director of the RIC Dance Company. Gladys is not a member of the RIC Dance Company at this point, however.

At East Providence High School, she

taught modern dance to beginning students for two years through the Performing Arts Club at the school, and was in junior high school the state champion in gymnastics.

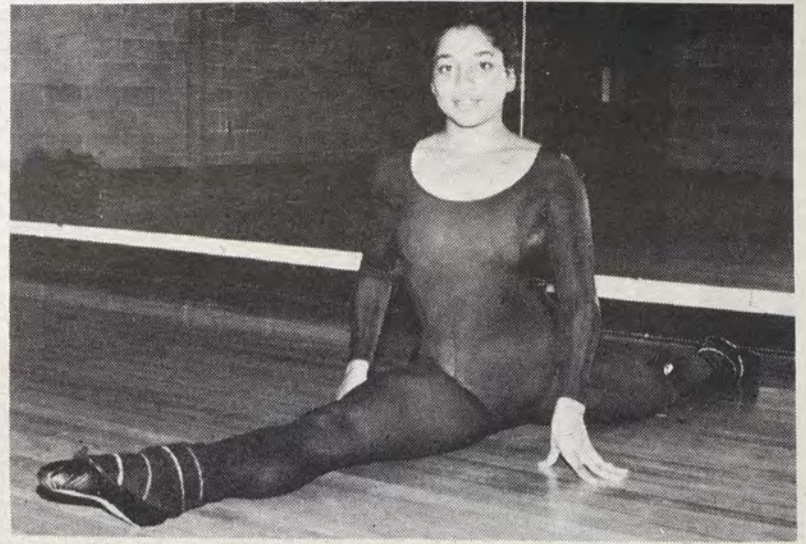
For a time she participated on a Brown University preparatory gymnast team but "my mother didn't want me to stay in gymnastics. She thinks its too manly and, besides, I was hurt a couple of times."

Brown's loss was RIC's gain.

Her favorite form of dance is jazz - "I definitely want to teach jazz dancing at the high school level. I feel comfortable with them," she said referring to high school students.

But, first things first. Teaching dance in high school is a possibility and a goal for the future.

Right now, she's looking forward to her June 29th audition at the American Dance Center in the BIG APPLE!



**DOING HER WARM-UPS** is Gladys Wesley, a freshman, who has won an audition with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in New York City. (What's News photo by Chris Altomari)

**Paris**  
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me on French," claims Elizabeth.

Thus began her nearly 10-year romance with all things French and plans to eventually - somehow - get to Paris to learn and see things first hand.

In 1979 she managed a trip to the land of liberty, equality and fraternity where she visited friends and "traveled a bit."

Smitten with the French, she "couldn't wait to get back."

Last summer she studied French at Middlebury College in Vermont where she had to speak French exclusively day and night. She raves about the effectiveness of Middlebury's program.

"I not only started to think in French, I even started to dream in French," she said in amazement. When that happens, she assures, you know you're starting to be fluent in the language.

She will leave for Paris via England in

late September or early October and once there will be assigned to live and work with a French family as a mother's helper (au pair).

As such she will receive 750 francs a month or about \$150.

"I could never afford to live in Paris otherwise. It's as expensive as New York City," testifies Elizabeth. In addition she's been saving up for some time.

The Au Pair program was specifically designed by the French Cultural Embassy and the Ministry of Labor to enable English and American girls to come to France and work and study. As part of the conditions for acceptance in the program they have first to apply, have their visa, and be accepted at a French school.

Elizabeth is squared away on all counts.

She will attend Alliance Francaise in

Paris, a language school. While in Paris she hopes also to study art history at the Ecole du Louvre (the Louvre Museum's school).

Elizabeth applied too late to study at the Sorbonne but has high hopes of being admitted to that prestigious French institution in January.

She hasn't been assigned a French family with which to live at yet and doesn't know at this point if she will stay with one family. After the completion of one academic year the program breaks for the summer.

Elizabeth said she "will probably pick grapes in the Burgundy region" during the summer and may return to live and work with a different family the following fall.

Asked if she was abandoning her Italian heritage, she laughed and replied: "Oh, no. Italian - that's the next

language I want to learn."

As a matter of fact, she was runner-up for a national scholarship to study art history in Florence, Italy, next year.

Elizabeth is a graduate of Pilgrim High School in Warwick. Her father is a guidance counselor at Hope High School.

After her stay in France, she plans to study art history in graduate school and eventually work for an auction house. She hints that this may be in France.

What does her family think of all this?

"They're waiting for me to leave so they can have my room," laughs Elizabeth referring to her younger brothers, Peter, a junior at Pilgrim High, and Paul, a sophomore at the University of Rhode Island.

About her parents: "They're already making plans to come and visit me."



**MARIE A. GUAY** strikes a happy note in her address at the bachelor of general studies reception in May at Alumni Lounge. One of the other 15 BGS graduates enjoys her humor as does Dr. David E. Sweet, college president (at right). Mrs. Guay, 72, is a piano teacher in the Edgewood section of Cranston.

**23 Honored By Academy**

Some 23 members of the RIC community were among those honored by the Adult Academy of Basic Skills at its annual volunteer tutor recognition night held at the United Way building on May 26th.

All had completed a 12-hour training program and tutored at least one undereducated adult.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by Barbara S. Goldstein and Dr. Marilyn G. Eanet, academy co-directors to faculty, staff, students and family members.

They are: Dr. William Aho, Dr. Walter Crocker, Mrs. Judith DiMeo, Dr. Allan Fingeret, Elizabeth Gunning, Jack O'Neill, Dr. William A. Small.

Diana Gregoire, Barbara Zito, Terri Crocker, Ellen Fingeret, Janeann Orsini, Elli Tillotson, Joy Asadoorian, Sandra Bataycan, Peggy Branco, Pat Denoncourt, Pamela Goldberg, Sue Lauzon, Elaine Moscardi, Sandra McCarthy, Barry O'Rourke and Lorraine Potter-Cooper.

A highlight of the evening was the appearance of Sen. John H. Chafee and Rep. Claudine Schneider, both of whom lauded the volunteers for their commitment to the eradication of illiteracy.

Outstanding achievement awards were presented to community volunteers Annah Anderson of North Scituate, James Ellison of Warwick and Mary Lowe of East Greenwich.

**To Study French**

Four RIC students have been accepted by the Universite Laval summer school in Quebec where they will study French language and literature.

They are Lisa C. Remillard of Woonsocket, Marta F. Teixeira of Pawtucket, Joan E. Heston of Providence, and

Michael H. Keefe of Central Falls.

Calvin Tillotson, chair of modern languages at RIC, said scholarship assistance has been granted to the students.

Laval is the oldest French university in North America.

**Sports Roundup**

by Bud Focht  
Director of Sports Information

The RIC Baseball Team won the first annual Rhode Island Collegiate Baseball Tournament by defeating the University of Rhode Island 4-3 on a two-run homer in the seventh inning.

RIC's Jim Dennett, a junior catcher from Warwick, hit the home run with two out over the left field wall of McCoy Stadium, giving the Anchormen a lead that held for the remaining innings.

Dennett's 365-foot blast was his 11th of the season, tying his own school record, but his 26th career home run, also a school record.

Sophomore southpaw John Wilkins (5-1) went the distance against the Rams, holding URI to three runs on nine hits and just one walk, while striking out three batters over the nine innings. Wilkins' two-year career record for RIC is now 11-3.

RIC's Steve Long, a senior tri-captain from Lincoln, was voted the tournament Most Valuable Player because of his six hits and his outstanding performance at second base. Although Long saw his 18-game hitting streak come to an end, he still finished with a sensational .419 batting average, and the team lead in hits with 47.

RIC's Mike Cantone, a sophomore third baseman from Cranston, had a great three game series in the tournament, going 4 for 8 with a pair of walks, four RBI's, a triple and a sacrifice. The 5 ft. 9 in., 190 lb. third baseman also did a fine job in the field with four put-outs and five assists with no errors.

RIC's junior shortstop John Votta of Providence, hit his ninth double of the season in the eighth inning to put him among the national leaders in Division III.

Other Anchormen who rank among Division III national leaders are Dennett with 11 home runs and 31 RBI, Paul

Gavigan of Cranston with a .434 batting average and 14 stolen bases, Votta's five triples, and Ken Lamond of Cranston with 33 RBI's in 28 games.

RIC finishes with a 16-12-1 record, URI with a 14-17 record.

**Named All-New England**

The RIC Baseball Team has placed three players on the N.C.A.A. Division III all New England Baseball Squads.

Paul Gavigan, a sophomore center fielder from Cranston, was voted to the first team. Junior catcher Jim Dennett of Warwick and senior secondbaseman Steve Long of Lincoln, were selected to the second team.

Gavigan, a 1978 graduate of Cranston East High School, led all RIC hitters at RIC after only three seasons (26 home runs), tied the school record of 11 home runs this season, a record he set as a sophomore when he finished fifth in the country in that category.

A 1978 graduate of Warwick Vets High School, Dennett totaled 31 RBI's in 29 games, one of only two Anchormen to play in all 29 RIC games. The tri-captain caught 26 of those games, including five doubleheaders.

Long, also one of RIC's tri-captains, led the squad in hits with 47 while compiling an 18-game hitting streak. In the 28 games Long played, he hit safely in 24 of them.

A 1977 graduate of Lincoln High School, he was voted the Most Valuable Player in the state tournament, contributing six hits in the three games along with some outstanding defensive plays.

**RIC elderhostel:****Something New For Those A Little Older**

Something new and different happened at Rhode Island College this summer. From May 31 through June 13 two separate sessions of Elderhostel were sponsored by the college. Patricia Stevens of the School of Continuing Education and Community Service staff coordinated the operation.

A residential academic program which brings small groups of older citizens to a college campus for a week, Elderhostel was established at the University of New Hampshire in 1974. Since then the program has grown and spread to become an international endeavor involving more than 400 colleges and universities.

This year 406 institutions are offering week long elderhostel experiences to those who are 60 years old and over. Participating institutions offer a wide variety of week-long, non-credit liberal arts and science courses which explore the many aspects of human experience. Nation-wide more than 30,000 people are attending sessions.

At RIC the elderhostelers, as they are called, lived in Thorp Residence Hall, occupying the entire ground floor. Each week-long session accommodated 47 people. The groups ate their meals in Donovan Dining Center, took part in cookouts, learned to play bocce, and went on field trips which coincided with the courses they took.

A total of five different learning experiences were offered at the two sessions. From May 31 to June 6 the elderhostelers took victorian architecture: Providence and Newport, ocean science, and three classic American films. The group, which came to RIC from June 7 through the 13th, had courses entitled: who rules America, and the friendly stars. The victorian architecture course was also repeated. No prior knowledge of the subject was expected of the participants. The classes were taught by members of the college faculty.

Participants came from all across the United States to attend the RIC Elderhostel sessions. Among the states represented were Florida, Michigan, Virginia and California (see story this page). Two Rhode Islanders also signed up and commuted to take the classes.

Tuition, which includes everything,



**JOYFUL PROGRAM:** Patricia Stevens (l), coordinator of the RIC Elderhostel program, takes a moment to share some mirth with one of the participants prior to the group's departure on a field trip.

was \$115 per person. By tradition, the national organization limits tuition costs to a maximum of \$140 to insure that the hosting tradition of low cost, simple accommodations is retained.

"It's just exciting," said Pat Stevens, who began working on the arrangements for RIC's debut as an Elderhostel location last September. "At times I never

thought I could pull it off," she said, noting her varied responsibilities.

"The residence hall directors and volunteers at Thorp (Hall) have been outstanding in the services they have contributed to this program," she said, citing the work of Stephanie Keans, director of Thorp and Cherie Withrow, director of Browne Hall. She also cited

the work of Spencer Crooks, graphic artist in the audiovisual department, who made all of the signs for the program.

It is anticipated that the Elderhostel program will become a regular RIC summer activity according to Stevens and Dr. Walter Crocker, dean of the school of continuing education and community service.

**Make Pilgrimage Back to Youth**

by George LaTour

If you're one of those Rhode Islanders who's always dreamed of visiting sunny California, per chance to ride the world-famous San Francisco cablecars up Nob Hill or in other ways enjoy the Golden Gate State's hospitality - CONSIDER YOURSELF INVITED!

Nathaniel and Helen Snyder of Oakland, Cal., feel that's the least they could do...invite all those wonderful Rhode Islanders who have made their first trip to the Ocean State so memorable.



**ELDERHOSTEL GUESTS** in Rhode Island are Helen G. and Nathaniel A. Snyder of 481 Merritt Ave., Oakland. The California couple returned to New England to finish their honeymoon trip started 47 years ago.

The Snyder's recently spent a week in Rhode Island through the Elderhostel program under which senior citizens from around the country can visit any state for a set period at nominal costs and stay at any of 331 colleges or universities participating in the program.

The over-65 travelers must bear their own travel expense.

The retired Snyder's, who have visited almost every state in the Union, chose Rhode Island for a very special reason: In 1934 they came to New England for their honeymoon and managed to visit every New England state but Little Rhody.

Both working at the time, they had to cut short their travels to get back to their jobs.

"For 47 years we've been determined to get back to New England and see Rhode Island," says Mrs. Snyder, adding, "in a way, we were making a pilgrimage back to our youth."

"And when we did get to Rhode Island we found we had missed a lot," assured Mr. Snyder.

"We had no idea of the wealth of architecture here, or the beautiful ocean vistas," he exclaimed.

The Snyder's stayed at Rhode Island College's Thorpe Dormitory the first week in June along with 45 other retirees from most of the New England states, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and throughout the South.

Only two were resident Rhode Islanders who wanted to share in the interesting and varied programs offered by RIC for their Elderhostel guests.

"That's another reason why we wanted to come to Rhode Island," explained Mr. Snyder, referring to RIC's courses in ocean science, classic American film analysis and Victorian ar-

chitecture.

The Snyder's were particularly enthralled with the architecture of Newport and Providence buildings.

"They should preserve the whole city of Providence," said Mrs. Snyder, chuckling at the outrageous prospects of such a thing.

Originally from Philadelphia, the Snyder's have lived and worked in California for 34 years. She was primarily involved with vocational counseling and he with social work administration and teaching.

"I've had kind of a checkered career," noted "Nat" Snyder as he refers to himself, "but we're both retired now."

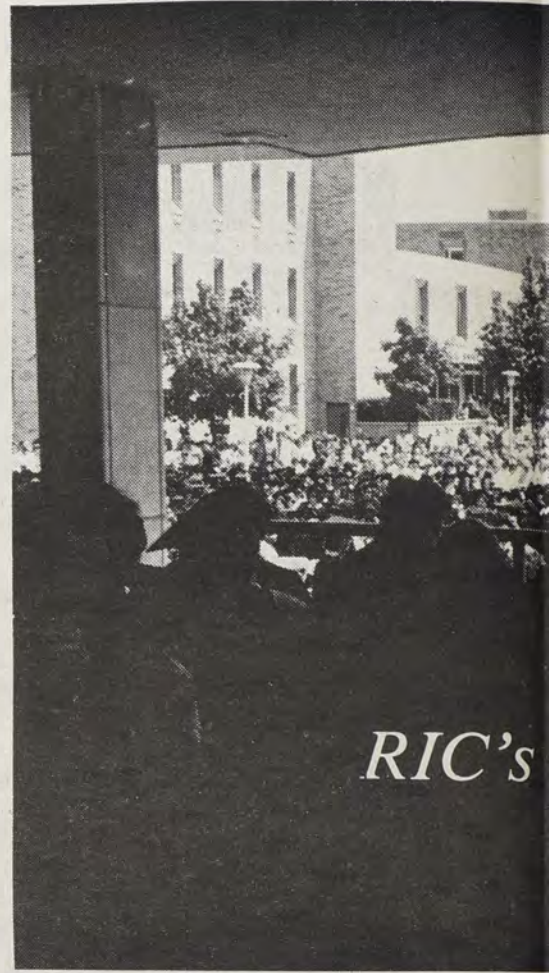
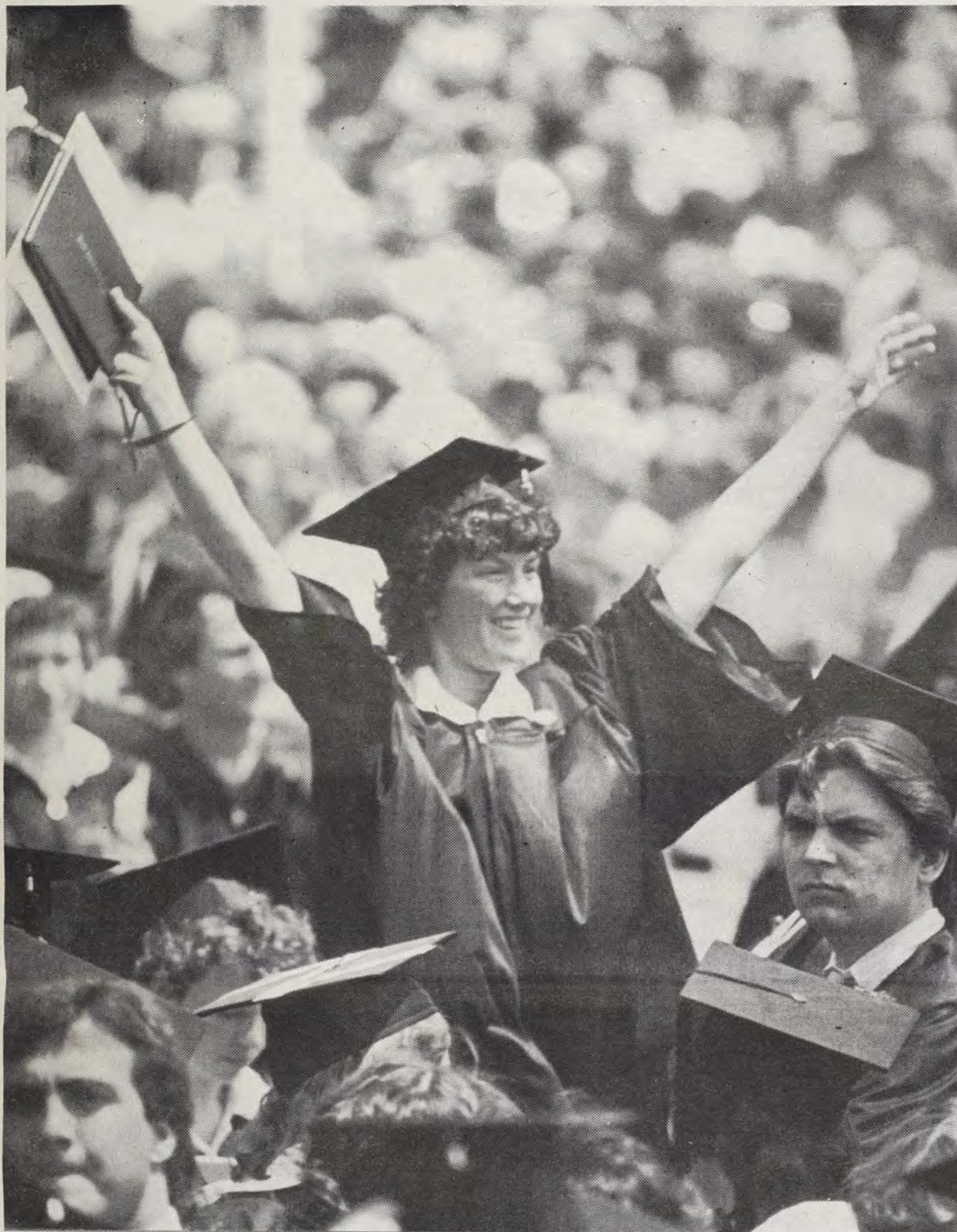
"We're both retired," affirmed his wife, "except for the fact that a housewife is never fully retired," she added, aiming a twinkling eye at her husband.

"Well, then, I'm not really fully retired either," he countered. "I do have a parttime job."

The "honeymoon couple" as Pat Stevens, coordinator of RIC's Elderhostel, calls them, have two "grown and married" children, Neal, an attorney, and Karen Mead, both of California. They have four grandchildren.

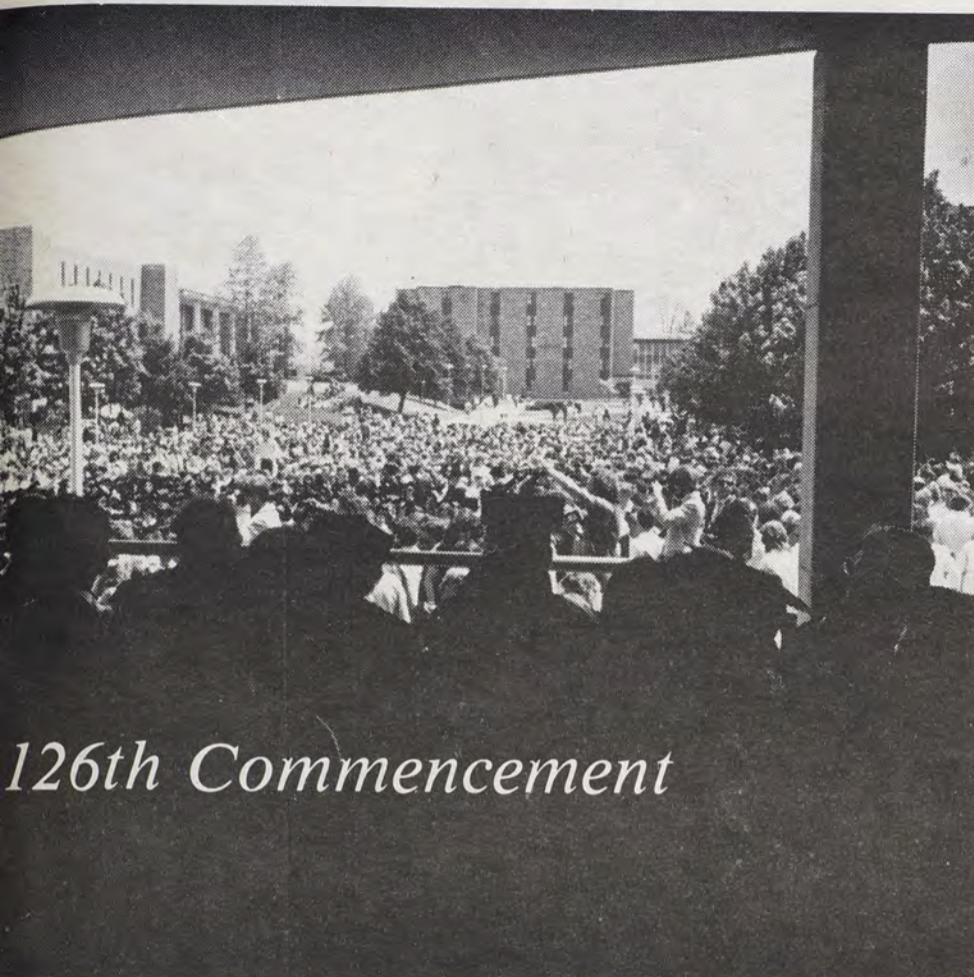
Prior to visiting the smallest state in the Union, the Snyder's visited Bethlehem, Penn., to see a high school classmate of Mrs. Snyder's, Eleanor (Kane) Kochenberger, and then spent a week at the Elderhostel at Gwynedd-Mercy College near Philadelphia.

As their visit in Rhode Island ended, the Snyder's felt they had successfully combined the traditions of one of the original 13 colonies with the "free spirit" of the newer state of California.

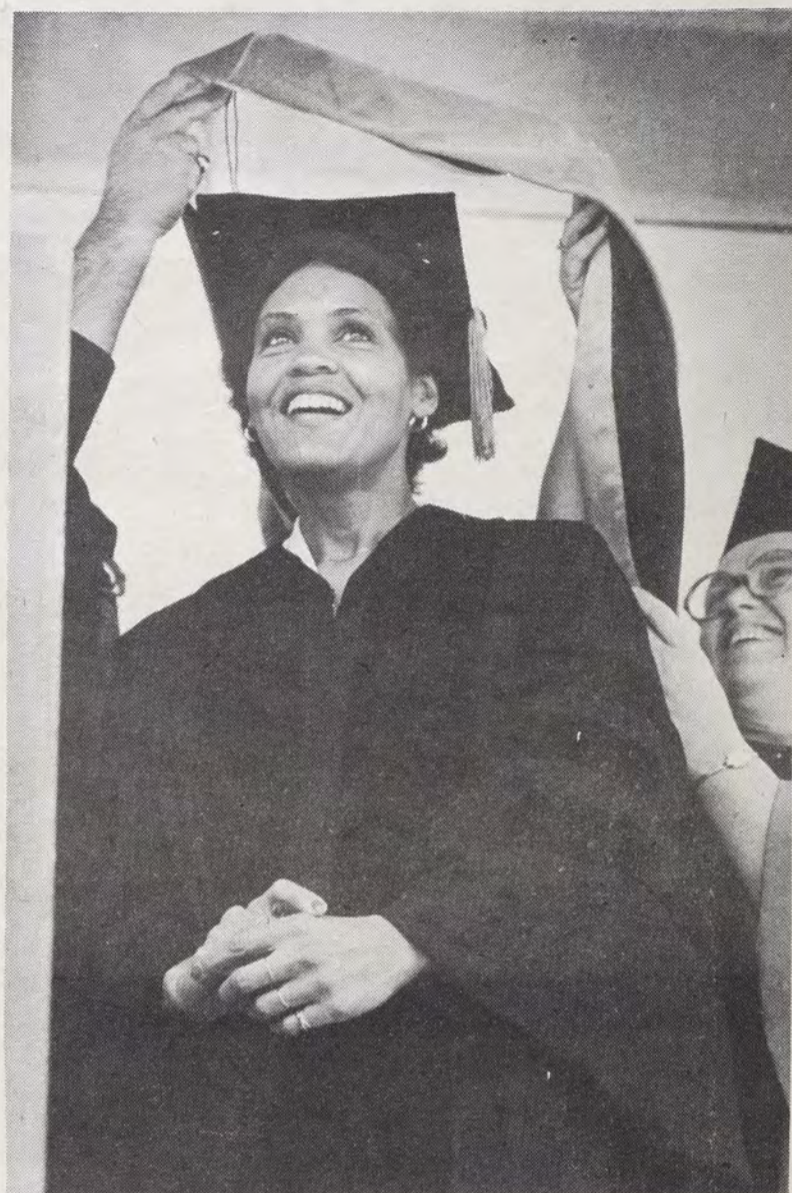


*RIC's*





## 126th Commencement



May 23, 1981. The weather was right. The crowd was happy. Nearly 900 graduates were ready. RIC was holding its 126th commencement. More than promise, it seemed to hold affirmation. Russell Chernick, one of the seniors, afflicted with muscular dystrophy, became only the third person with his condition to complete a college degree. Michael Nordstrom, whose activism on the part of the disabled has raised both the consciousness and the hackles of the campus community at various times, showed his determination and commitment by graduating and immediately establishing a scholarship fund for the handicapped. Marie Guay at age 72 received her BGS degree.

Speaker for the day was Charlayne Hunter-Gault, correspondent for public television's "MacNeil/Lehrer Report." She asked the graduates to use their new status as degree holders to open doors for others. "Man is here for the sake of other men," she told the class. "My hope is that in the next phase of the American Revolution, you'll summon the courage and commitment to face it." Amid the music, panoply and grace of the ceremony it was a noble charge.



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## Summer Gymnastic Camp Planned

A summer gymnastic camp which provides programs in aerobic dance, boys and girls gymnastics and one for tiny tots is planned for July at Walsh Gym.

Dates for the camp are July 6-10, July 13-17, and July 20-24.

Girls gymnastic program is open to girls eight years old and over. The boys is for those seven through 12 years of age. Sessions for both meet at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. No previous gymnastic experience is necessary. Instruction will be offered for the beginner through the advanced student.

Placement will be in small groups according to ability. The program will include daily instruction and workouts on the four Olympic events of vaulting, balance beam, uneven bars and floor exercise as well as instruction in dance and trampoline.

Tiny tots program for both boys and girls will be conducted 8:30-9:55 a.m. or from 10:05-11:30 a.m. It is open to those in the age range of four to eight.

The program is one of developmental activities and is designed to increase

coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and body awareness. Instruction will cover working on mats, low beams, bars, rings, ropes, Swedish box and trampoline.

The aerobic dance program will be conducted at the same time periods as the tiny tots program.

Kathy Feldmann, RIC gymnastic coach, will be camp director.

Enrollment will be limited. Deadline for registration is June 26. A late registration fee of \$2 will be charged after this date.

Costs of the programs are:

<b>Gymnastics</b>	
1 week	\$37.50
2 weeks	65.00
3 weeks	90.00
<b>Tiny Tots</b>	
1 week	\$15.00
2 weeks	25.00
3 weeks	30.00
<b>Aerobic Dance</b>	
1 week	\$15.00
2 weeks	25.00
3 weeks	30.00

## To Hold Picnic

Summer session faculty and students will hold a picnic outside the Faculty Center on Wednesday, July 15, to which the campus community is invited.

A blue grass band is scheduled to perform.

Dr. William A. Small, session director, reports that an estimated 2,800 persons are registered for this summer's 220 courses at the college. An "early bird" session offering some 50 courses was "very successful" said Small.

## Softball Camp Set

A three-day fast pitch softball camp is planned for June 29, 30 and July 1.

The all-day program, under the direction of Cindy Neal, varsity softball

coach, will be conducted at Walsh Gym and on the playing field.

A brochure with complete details will be released soon.

## Get In The Swim!

The Sandra E. Surdut Pool, located at the Department for Children and Their Families' office complex at 610 Mt. Pleasant Ave., is open and the water's fine!

The pool will be open and operated by the RIC Recreation Department in conjunction with the DCF until the last weekend in August.

**Pool hours are:**  
Monday-Friday - 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**The pool will be closed Sundays.**

A pool membership plan has been established to provide support for the pool operation. The plan is available to members of the college community and

to staff of the DCF.

Individual membership is \$25; family, \$50; individual daily fee, \$2; book of 10 passes, \$10.

Memberships are on sale at the college recreation department in Whipple Gym, Room 113.

Special learn-to-swim and fitness programs will be offered through RIC's recreation department at additional costs.

DCF's foster children and their families and other children served by the department will be able to utilize the pool between the hours of 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at no charge.





## Staff/Title Changes

### Takes Wisconsin Post

Donald P. Hardy, assistant to the president for capital planning and development, has been named to the post of assistant chancellor for student affairs at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

The assistant chancellor for student affairs is in charge of all student programs including dean of students office, admissions, counseling, athletics, financial aid, housing, registration, placement and career development, student health and university special student/summer sessions. He reports directly to the chancellor of the university.

Hardy, 53, will succeed Meredith Watts who has served as acting assistant chancellor for the last two years.

At RIC, Hardy has served for the last year in the capital planning position in which he was responsible for the planning, design, financing and construction elements of the college's capital development program, \$20 million endeavor.

Prior to that assignment, Hardy was vice-president for student affairs at RIC, a job he assumed in 1969. In his 12 years at RIC the student affairs division of the college grew dramatically in size as the college's enrollment grew. In 1978 Hardy was recognized for his achievements by the National Association for Student



DONALD P. HARDY

Personnel Administrators, Region I with that group's distinguished accomplishment citation.

A graduate of Springfield College, Hardy also earned his master's degree in counseling from the Massachusetts institution. He holds a professional diploma in guidance from Harvard University and expects to receive a doctorate in higher education administration from Boston College in the near future.

The appointment is effective July 1. Hardy will actually assume his duties on July 15.



GARY M. PENFIELD

### Named VP for Student Affairs

Dr. Gary M. Penfield has been named vice president for student affairs at Rhode Island College. Penfield, 39, came to RIC in 1976 as dean of students but has been serving as acting vice president for student affairs for about two years. Hence forward he will hold both positions at the college.

Penfield, who holds the Ed.D. from the University of Cincinnati, was dean of student groups and university programs at that institution prior to coming to RIC. A graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, where he majored in business education he also holds a master of science degree in student personnel administration in higher education from SUNY Albany.

In November 1980 the National Association of Student Personnel Administration, Region I, honored and recognized Penfield with the organization's continuous service award. Penfield is a member of NASPA's national conference planning committee which will oversee arrangements for the organization's annual meeting in April of 1982. The event will take place in Boston.

### Title Changes

Dr. David E. Sweet, president, has announced the following changes in titles: Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, from vice president for academic affairs to provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Ridgway F. Shinn Jr., from professor of history to distinguished service professor of the college and professor of history. The changes have already taken effect.

### Earn Certificate

Some 16 students have completed a course in "Topics of Small Business Management" through the Urban Educational Center and received certificates from the Small Business Association.

The course was part of a program funded by the Rhode Island Department of Education entitled "Business Management and Ownership."

Students received four credits from RIC. Dr. Howard Reed, associate professor of economics and management,

taught the course.

The students are: Diane and Michael Baron, Sandra Lincoln and Baudelino Pena, all of Pawtucket; Katherine and Shirley Callahan, Susanne and William Stock of Warwick; Rui Gonsalves of Central Falls; Lecia Holston of West Warwick; William Kawka of Riverside; Anthony Lupino of Cranston; Nancy Skaletsky of North Kingstown; Christine Sipes of North Providence, and Barbara Robertson and Kwok Wong of Providence.

### Re-Elect President

Rose S. Abraham, administrative secretary to the vice president for student affairs at RIC, has been re-elected to a second term as president of the Rhode Island Division of Professional Secretaries International (PSI).

Abraham has been employed at the college for 15 years. She resides at 14 Holiday Drive in Lincoln.

Previous to serving as president, Abraham served as vice president for two terms and treasurer on the state

level. Prior to this she had served as corresponding secretary and president of the Pawtucket chapter.

PSI was founded in 1942 as The National Secretaries Association as a non-profit professional association for secretaries. In 1954 with the advent of Canadian membership it added the word "international" to its name, and in 1981 officially changed to the PSI reflecting its widespread membership totaling some 44,000 persons.

### Attend Conference

A RIC faculty member and two from Henry Barnard School recently attended the 59th annual International Council for Exceptional Children's conference in New York City, where they presented studies on practical classroom research.

Dr. Steve Imber, associate professor of special education, served as a session leader at a workshop entitled "Glasser's Classroom Meeting: A Multi-level Intervention Approach for Modifying Social and Academic Behavior in Special and Regular Education Settings."

Katherine Hickey, a learning disabilities resource teacher at Henry

Barnard, shared the results of some research she has helped to coordinate with Imber and a third grade teacher, Deborah Svengalis. Hickey presented data on classroom meetings as they effect children's accuracy in completing their arithmetic assignments.

Jackie DiOrto, a kindergarten teacher at Henry Barnard, presented a study on the effects of the classroom meeting on kindergarten children's social and academic behavior. She had worked with Imber also.

The conference was from April 12 through the 17th.

### Welcomes Letters

*WHAT'S NEWS AT RIC welcomes the receipt of letters of college-wide interest and will publish them regularly. The editors reserve the right to limit length and to condense submissions with the author's consent in order to meet space requirements. Letters to WHAT'S NEWS should be sent to the attention of the editor, The Bureau. All letters must*

*be signed by the author and dated. We look forward to airing readers' views and concerns and continuing the expansion of internal communication at Rhode Island College.*

*Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.  
Editor*

### RIC Hosts Conference:

### Change in Special Ed is Topic

Unprecedented changes have been experienced in the special education field within the last decade. Economic, political and personal factors have influenced the approach to special education. That is the view of Dr. Richard L. Dickson, associate professor of special education at Rhode Island College. On June 19, a conference at RIC, coordinated by Dickson, addressed the topic "Change In Special Education." The conference audience was the special education administrators of the state.

Particular attention was paid at the affair to such areas within special education as the individualized education program, due process for students, protection in the evaluation process, and placement in the least restrictive environment.

The conference commenced with a breakfast business meeting of the Administrators of Rhode Island Special Education (ARISE) in the RIC Faculty Center. Keynote speaker for the conference was John F. Cawley, professor of special education at the University of Hartford, formerly of the University of Connecticut. His topic was "Past Practices, Current Conditions, Future Possibilities."

Administrators gathered for small group discussions of accomplishments

and opportunities in school districts at the conference and a panel considered the individualized education program as a management tool, an instructional tool, and a planning guide on the case and systems level.

Participants in the panel discussion were Michael Tracy of Indiana University, a major figure in the Child Variance Projects, Cawley, and Patricia Gillespie-Silver, a private special education consultant in Massachusetts.

Joseph Ballard of the governmental relations unit of the Council for Exceptional Children also spoke at the affair. He focused on the federal perspective relating to legislation dealing with special education.

John J. McKenna, special education director for the Providence Public Schools, was presented with the John E. Fogarty Award in Special Education at the conference. The Honorable Matthew J. Smith, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, made the award presentation.

Following the program there was a reception for McKenna in the foyer of Horace Mann Hall.

About 60 special education administrators from around the state attended the conference.



### On T.V.

Two local television stations - Channel 36 and Channel 12 - have beckoned to members of the RIC community to appear on talk shows this month.

The invitations stemmed from articles published in *What's News at RIC* and released to the media.

Jeffrey S. Burrows, a RIC junior who recently won the American College Theatre Festival national costume design competition, will be interviewed by Hank Bouchard on TV 12's "Front and Center". An article entitled "RIC

Costume Designer Wins National Competition" ran in the April 27th edition of *What's News*.

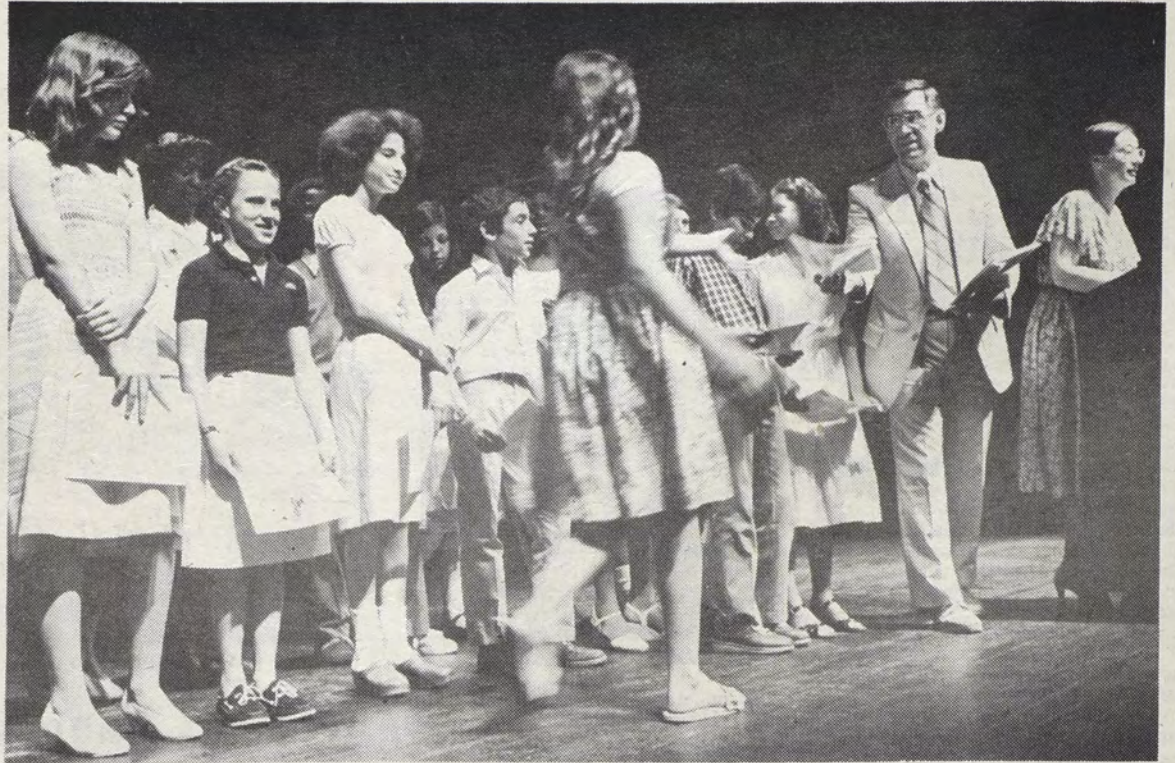
Dr. Marilyn Eanet and Barbara Goldstein, co-directors of RIC's Academy of Basic Skills were interviewed by Glenn Russell, host of TV 36's "13th State" program, on June 12.

An article entitled "Can't Read and Feel Helpless" about the academy's programs was published in the Jan. 19th edition of *What's News*.

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**SIXTH GRADE GRADUATES** from Henry Barnard School receive their diplomas from Principal Richard E. Sevey in June 12th ceremonies in RIC's Roberts Auditorium. Pictured is Mrs. Jane D. Malone's class, one of two to graduate.

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*Henry Barnard Graduates*

## It's The Commencement Season!

### *UEC Graduates*



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**ADDRESSING UEC GRADUATES** is Charles D. Walton, director of the Urban Educational Center. Commencement exercises were held on the RIC campus on June 11. Some 115 graduates, their families and friends heard Clifton Moore, president of Business Opportunity, Inc., deliver the main address. Mary T. McGovern was the first graduate of the associate degree program of the UEC in conjunction with RIC and the Community College of Rhode Island. Leslie Dickson, Carrie Crockett and Roberta Williams were winners of \$100 scholarships to pursue their education.

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## New Honor Society Admits First Initiates

Thirty-nine parttime matriculating students recently became the first members in Rhode Island College history inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, an honor society for parttime undergraduates.

On May 13 Gamma-Gamma chapter of the national society was chartered at RIC in a ceremony at the Faculty Center which featured the initiation of the 33 women and 6 men.

Greeted by Dr. David E. Sweet, RIC president, the group also heard remarks from Dr. Walter Crocker, dean of continuing education and community service, Dr. John Roche, assistant professor of English, faculty advisor to the chapter, and two student speakers, Theresa Crocker and Cheri Markward. Dr. John Salesses, assistant vice president for academic affairs, offered the congratulations of the division to the initiates.

A composite profile of the inducted members provided to those who attended the ceremonies gives some insight to the type of student selected for recognition. For example, the average age of the group is 37 years. Well over half of them are parents. The oldest initiate is 57. Cumulative grade point index for the group is 3.80.

Twelve of the people inducted are nursing students. Five are in the bachelor of general studies program. The others are distributed among several areas of study. Nine of the new Alpha Sigma Lambdas began at RIC in the performance based admissions program. One began at the Urban Educational Center. Although characteristically committed to a variety of responsibilities as mature adults, 20 members of the group volunteered nevertheless to serve in some leadership capacity within the new chapter.

Established originally in 1947 at the

University of Cincinnati Evening College, the honor society not only brings together outstanding students and faculty, but also offers each individual an exposure to interests other than his own. Dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognition of high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career, the society encourages many students to continue toward, and to earn associate and baccalaureate degrees.

To qualify for membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda, a student must have completed at least four semesters at a recognized college or university, have been a parttime student for a minimum of two semesters, be a matriculating student who has completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at RIC, and be in the top 10 percent of all matriculated parttime students at the time of evaluation, provided, however, that the grade point average be no lower than 3.2. To maintain active membership, the student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

Instrumental in founding the Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter were Crocker, Roche, Ira Lough, assistant professor of biology, Joseph DiMaria, acting registrar, Dr. Sheri Smith, assistant dean of arts and sciences, and Patricia Stevens, staff member in the School of Continuing Education and Human Services. Also in the founding group were Dr. John Bucci, assistant dean in the school, Dr. Robert Castiglione, associate professor of philosophy and foundations of education, Dr. Earl Stevens, professor of English, William Swigart, director of the office of continuing education, Dr. William Lawton, director of laboratory experiences and Dr. William Lopes, executive assistant to the president.



RECEIVING THE INITIAL donation for the creation of the Stuart Chernick Memorial Fund is (at left) John S. Foley, executive director of Advancement and Support, who accepted the \$500 check on behalf of the RIC Foundation from Michael Nordstrom at a May 22 luncheon.

## Fund for Handicapped Established

A fund has been established to assist handicapped students at RIC in their pursuit of higher education.

Designated "The Stuart Chernick Memorial Fund," it honors the ninth grader who died of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in 1978 and whose brother Russell, graduated from RIC this year. Russell also suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Initial donation for the establishment of the fund comes from Michael S. Nordstrom, a peer counselor with the handicapped at RIC who is himself handicapped. Nordstrom, too, graduated from RIC this year.

Nordstrom presented a check of \$500 to the Rhode Island College Foundation at a luncheon on May 22 honoring Albert Pimentel, executive director of the National Association of the Deaf.

Pimentel is a 1981 honorary degree recipient who was honored for his work with the deaf both in New England and worldwide.

The fund is to be administered as a designated fund within the RIC Foundation. Others are encouraged to donate to the fund.

"In the judgement of the original donor, awards are never given in recognition that a job is finished, rather to acknowledge the effort that has been made to overcome obstacles that prevent individuals from developing to their maximum potential and ability," wrote Nordstrom of his intent to establish the fund.

"Rhode Island College has come a very long way in overcoming the physical and additudinal barriers that have prevented handicapped individuals from participating in all aspects of college life."

"I am pleased, therefore, to recognize the effort and to challenge the college community to continue that effort to ensure that all qualified handicapped in-

dividuals have as near a normal collegiate experience (as possible) during their tenure at Rhode Island College," he said.

The purpose of the fund, in addition to offering financial assistance to handicapped students, is "to provide support for institutional priorities and initiatives in serving this population."

Stuart, son of David and Tina Chernick, was in the first honors program at the Hugh B. Bain Junior High School, acquired fluency in both Hebrew and Italian and won several awards for his entries in the Rhode Island Science Fairs using his own x-rays to discuss the nature of his illness. He won a second grant award just five weeks before he died at age 15.

His brother, Russell, had received much publicity in connection with his being Muscular Dystrophy poster child from 1972 to 1974.

Also attending the luncheon at the RIC Faculty Center was Noel Quinn, a native Rhode Islander who was honored for his work in opening up job opportunities in the field of theatre and television for the blind.

He also received the Alumni Award from the Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Association at their graduation ceremonies. Now of Los Angeles, the 1936 RISD graduate is a noted water colorist and author of *Blind People in the Arts*.

William Stringfellow, an internationally known philosopher, lawyer and theologian long noted for his work on the needs and concerns of the handicapped, was scheduled to attend but reportedly was unable to do so due to illness.

The luncheon was sponsored by the office of the dean of students and the handicapped student organization, ABLE.



STUDENT SPEAKER: Cheri Markward, who with Teresa Crocker, served as student speaker at the charter meeting of Alpha Sigma Lambda, gives her remarks to guests. Looking on are (right) Dr. Walter Crocker, dean of the school of continuing education and community service, and Dr. David E. Sweet, RIC's president.

## Elected VP of Professional Organization

Dr. Steven Imber, an associate professor in the special education department, has been elected to the vice presidency of the Council for Children With Behavior Disorders (CCBD), a 5,000-member national organization which supports the development of innovative programs for children with behavior disorders or emotional disturbances.

Imber assumes the post July 1 and will serve the organization for the ensuing four years. The CCBD is structured so that the vice president automatically becomes president-elect, serves as president, then as past president.

Since 1976 Imber has worked in coor-

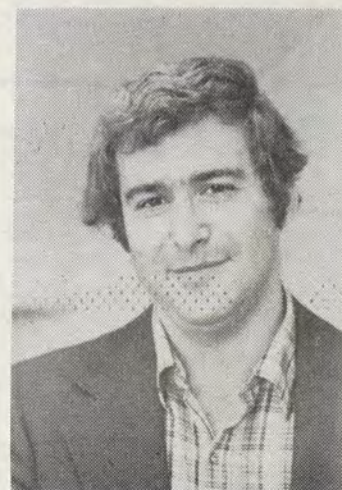
inating the organization's activities in the Northeast and in New England. As regional coordinator he and several state coordinators received funds from the CCBD to establish the first CCBD regional conference. It took place in 1979 at Boston College. In May of 1980 he gave the opening address at the third regional conference held in East Hartford, Connecticut. He received the organization's distinguished service award at that affair, which 140 Rhode Islanders attended.

During his tenure at Rhode Island College, Imber has taught several undergraduate and graduate courses offered by the department of special education. He has served as a consultant

to the Rhode Island College Learning Center and has most recently coordinated the master's program in emotional disturbance designed to train teachers to work in resource and self-contained special education classes at the elementary and secondary levels.

In the past several months Imber has been instrumental in developing a new state-wide organization for parents and school and mental health professionals - the Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children. This organization is designed to advocate for behaviorally disordered children and adolescents and assist those who interact with troubled children.

Imber was one of three nominees for the vice presidency. The CCBD is an affiliate of the International Council for Exceptional Children, a body which sponsors educational activities for professionals, publishes scholarly works, works with government regarding the rights of exceptional children and acts as an information center.



DR. STEVEN IMBER

## Star Spangled Sunday

An old-fashioned picnic-in-the-park and band concert is set for Sunday, July 26, at Roger Williams Park's Temple of Music for the RIC community, their families and friends.

Billed as a "Star Spangled Sunday," the college, in conjunction with the Department of Public Parks, will offer a catered picnic by Gallimaufry, Inc. complete with homemade lemonade, assorted sandwiches on homemade breads and homemade sweets beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Following the picnic - at approximately 3 o'clock - the American Band under the direction of RIC's Francis Marciniak will perform a concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

Kathryn M. Sasso, director of conferences and special events, assures you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch at no charge. In addition, she said, the park rules have been relaxed and you may bring your own wine or beer also.

Cost of the picnic if you don't bring your own is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children under 10.

Tickets may be purchased from Kathy anytime after July 1st or you may make reservations in advance.

Rain date for the affair is Monday, July 27 at 6 p.m. for the picnic and 7 p.m. for the concert.



## RIC Designer's Work Shown

A design of Walter Kopec, graphic designer in RIC's Office of Publications, has recently been selected for national distribution by Appleton Paper Company.

In addition, 11 pieces of his work have been selected for hanging in the Boston Art Director's Show.

The American Band Stationary Suite has been recognized for its "outstanding integration of color, design, type, prin-

ting and paper" by Strathmore Paper Company Graphics Gallery and a certificate of excellence awarded to the office of publications, Eleanor Panichas, director.

Kopec, a 1977 honors graduate in the communication design option of the department of art, State University of New York at Buffalo, gave a showing of his design work and met with students at his alma mater on May 8.



HUTCHINSON AS DARROW.

## Gets Grant To Do Darrow

"*Liberty and Justice for All. Recollections of Clarence Darrow, Civil Libertarian*" is the title of a project developed by Dr. P. William Hutchinson, professor of communications and theatre at Rhode Island College. The project, which will combine a one man performance by Hutchinson as Darrow with a discussion by a humanist scholar, has been funded with a \$1,000 grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities. The college and Providence Inner City Arts are cosponsoring the project and will provide services and support. Larry Estepa, a newscaster at WJAR-TV, will moderate the presentation which will take place at 8 p.m. on July 13 at Trinity Square Repertory Company's Lederer Theatre. The humanist scholar has yet to be named.

Hutchinson will perform as Darrow for one hour. Following the show the audience will be invited to participate in an open discussion with Hutchinson as Darrow, and with the humanist. Estepa will moderate.

In explaining his choice of Clarence Darrow as a figure for the project Hutchinson said, "Darrow (1857-1938), as a prominent lawyer, free thinker and

dissenter, was an outspoken advocate of liberty and justice for all and a defender of American civil liberties. Over the 50 years of his legal career, and at a time when it was most unpopular to do so, Darrow defended labor unions, blacks, murderers, and the concepts of academic freedom, free speech, free thought and free love. In many respects Darrow foreshadowed almost half a century ago the political and social issues and concerns which we face today and which have become even more pressing and urgent because of the advances of technology and the increasing opportunities which exist to violate the civil rights of the individual citizen."

The primary objectives of the project are: to examine some of the pertinent public issues regarding civil liberties in contemporary American society, to compare and contrast certain social, political and cultural issues of 75 years ago with similar issues of today, and to stimulate interest, awareness, and discussion of these vital issues which affect the liberty of each American citizen.

For more information contact Hutchinson at 456-8270.

## Cabaret Dates Announced

Dates for the three segments or "revues" of Cabaret '81 have been announced.

**Revue I** will run from June 18 - July 6 and will feature a set devoted to the musical *Fame* which won an academy award for best musical score, an arrangement of music and dance from *West Side Story*, and a set featuring Cole Porter classics.

**Revue II** will run from July 9 - July 27 and will feature music from Richard Maltby and David Shire's musical revue

*Starting Here, Starting Now*, a tribute to the Beatles, and a trip down memory lane with salutes to the big band era with the Andrews Sisters and the Mills Brothers.

**Revue III** will run from July 30 - Aug. 16 with music from *Chicago*, a tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein, and a look at Broadway today with music from three hit shows, *Barnum*, *Evita* and *They're Playing Our Song*.

Performances will be in the Student Union Ballroom.

For tickets, call 456-8227.