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Requested Cuts Put Squeeze on RIC

Rhode Island College, along with other state agencies and institutions of higher education, has been asked by the governor to cut its present operating budget by five percent to ensure a balanced state budget this year.

For RIC this means a \$1,069,489 cut in the 1981-82 budget with the possibility that "some programs are going to have to go," according to John W. Speer, controller/treasurer.

The request came from Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy in a letter to Arthur R. Pontarelli, acting commissioner of education.

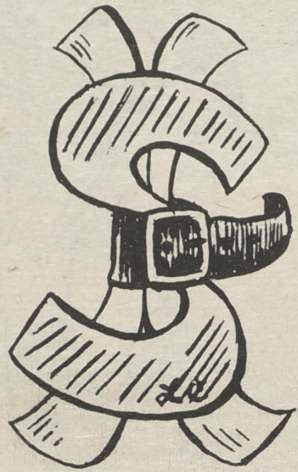
Mail

Increased postage rates have caused cutbacks in the college mail service, it was announced last week by Dr. James R. Cornelison, assistant vice president for administrative services.

Effective immediately, all mail to faculty and staff must be sent through inter-campus mail and not to their homes.

Mailings to home addresses (using college-affixed postage) will be returned to the senders unless approval from the office of the vice president for administrative services has been granted beforehand, Cornelison said.

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Pontarelli, in turn, wrote to President David E. Sweet of RIC and the presidents of the University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island.

Pontarelli asked each president "to provide a specific plan of how the five percent reduction will be met by each institution and the impact of such cuts, i.e. what will not get done and what will

happen as a result."

The commissioner asked that each president submit the information to him by last Friday which he will then report to the Board of Governors for Higher Education at their Oct. 15 meeting.

As *What's News* went to press, President Sweet said that RIC was working on its response to the request.

"Obviously, it is important to absorb such a cut without damaging important programs and activities of the college," said Sweet, adding, "but at the present time, we have only been told to prepare a plan. We were not told whether it will be implemented in whole or in part."

According to Sweet: "Much depends, it would appear, on the state's tax receipts during the remainder of this year as well as on the actual results of President Reagan's budget cutbacks."

"My hope is that no cuts will actually be imposed on Rhode Island College this year," he said.

Speer, in a memo to the college's executive officers, outlined two proposed cut plans, one a four percent and the other a five percent. Both feature across-the-board cuts.

Under the four percent cut plan, it is assumed all divisions of the college will be equally assessed. The five percent plan would "enable us to differentiate among the divisions on the basis of priority."

"For example, we might choose to take a five to six percent cut in one division and

a three or four percent cut in another," wrote Speer.

He proposed that each executive officer review the four and five percent cut plans and determine how he or she will allocate them: "In other words, what actions will you take to live within a reduced budget if it is reduced four percent or five percent?"

"On the basis of this review by each executive officer, we will attempt to come forward with some reasonable plan" which he called for as of last Friday.

Speer emphasized that the proposed

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Phones

Dr. John Nazarian, vice president for administrative services, has called for a reduction in all "non-essential" telephone calls by all departments.

Citing increased telephone service charges of \$85,000 this fiscal year, Nazarian called for a review of service "with the purpose of eliminating telephone lines, phone sets, and telephone service which are not absolutely essential."

He has directed his assistant, Dr. James R. Cornelison, to meet with department heads to review present service and recommend cuts.

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It All Began With Some Apple Pie

By Arline Aissis Fleming

Two years ago, John Taylor baked several apple pies to get some RIC students to an apple orchard, by bicycle.

The idea worked, but he has since developed a more concrete — and less fattening — way to entice students to participate in weekend activities.

A Weekend Club, which can offer camping trips, historical tours and sporting events, not to mention apple-picking, has reached the formation stage.

Developed by Taylor, recreation director, and Leslie Montagne, of RIC Residence Life, the objective of the Weekend Club is to spur more involvement by faculty and students at RIC.

At a meeting held at the Alton Jones campus early last month, the need for more student involvement was emphasized.

"We want to get people to do things on weekends with students. It has a lot of potential," said Taylor, "but we'll need help from the faculty."

Among the possible activities mentioned by Taylor are hiking tours, weekend trips, on-campus sing-a-longs and junkets to off-campus arts or athletic events.

What he would like to see is coordination between faculty members who could, for example, supplement a theatre trip with pre-play information. Or, a hike in the woods might be more enjoyable if a biological explanation about plant life came with it.

"If we go somewhere I want to go and have the people learn something," he said. "I want the students to be more than just

tourists. I strongly believe in the educational aspect of it," he added.

Members of the club will pay a \$5 membership fee which will entitle them to take part in events at a lower price, or

sometimes, at no fee at all. The larger the club, the easier it will be to get discounted group rates, Taylor said.

Among the activities currently planned by the club is a weekend trip to Montreal

on Nov. 6, 7 and 8. The \$85 fee includes transportation, lodging, a tour, breakfast and a show.

A sing-a-long is scheduled for Sunday,

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AUTUMN DAYS AT RIC: Henry Butler and Lisa Natale, both freshmen, from Gloucester, enjoy a quiet moment.

(What's New(s) Photo by Peter Tobia)

Notes From Bernadette



By Bernadette V. Small

Mrs. Mary H. Brown, telephone operator on the college switchboard, retired Sept. 11 after eight years of service. Her friends and colleagues at RIC wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs. Mary Luzzi wishes to extend her deep appreciation to the entire college community for their many expressions of sympathy on the recent loss of her brother, John Ricci, a former employee of Rhode Island College.

Joseph G. Lecount, retired lawyer and former honorary degree recipient at Rhode Island College, died last week at his home. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Patricia A. Mathews, formerly employed at the college. We extend our sincerest condolences to Mr. Lecount's family.

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Deadlines for Grants, Sponsored Projects Announced

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is awarding women's studies research grants for doctoral candidates.

The fellowships encourage research about women in such topics as the evolution of women's role in society, women in history, psychology of women and women as seen in literature. Average awards are \$1,000. Application deadline is Nov. 13.

The National Institute of Education is announcing continued support for a research program on elementary-secondary school and higher education desegregation. These programs will

support studies, theory development, and syntheses of research relevant to improving outcomes of desegregated educational institutions, and research on trends in big cities. Small grants of up to \$15,000 and major grants will be awarded. Deadline for application is Nov. 24.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is awarding grants to institutions to engage the services of consultants in the development of humanities programs. Consultant grants support institutions which are in the early stages of planning new programs or are in the process of reconsidering existing curricula. Application deadline is Dec. 1.

Additional awards are also available for pilot grants and implementation grants.

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism is awarding alcohol research grants to support research on the psychological, sociological, epidemiological and biomedical factors associated with the use and abuse of alcohol. The application deadline is Nov. 1.

The National Institute of Mental Health is awarding minority mental health grants for research to improve minority mental health grants for research to improve the quality of life for minority groups, including a focus on minority mental health services and the impact of racism on the mental health of all populations. Deadline for applications is Nov. 1.

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Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. in Weber Hall. Admission for members will be \$1, and \$2 for all others.

This weekend, the group traveled to Franconia Notch to camp and hike. Last weekend, the group went to Boston, walked the Freedom Trail and visited Quincy Market.

Taylor also mentioned seminars on the care of ski equipment before going off on a weekend ski trip. Also, trips to Providence, Newport and South County could have an historical angle, while current topics, such as nuclear energy and pollution, could also be explored through weekend trips.

According to Taylor, with enough help and participation, trips could be taken two or three weekends a month. He emphasized, however, that the Weekend Club is not "another program on top of a program." The club will just try to supplement activities which are already going on here at RIC.



"We always hear the complaints that there's not enough to do," he said.

With enough campus participation, perhaps those complaints can be silenced.

Cutbacks

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cuts are for just 1981-82. He also expressed his concern about 1983.

"If we're talking cuts of this magnitude, some major programs are going to have to go," he said.

He said both vertical and horizontal cuts would be considered. By "vertical" cuts an entire program could be eliminated. A "horizontal" cut would affect everyone. "Certain programs will have to stay intact while others are cut," he explained.

"It may be that we will have to bite the bullet in some areas," he said.

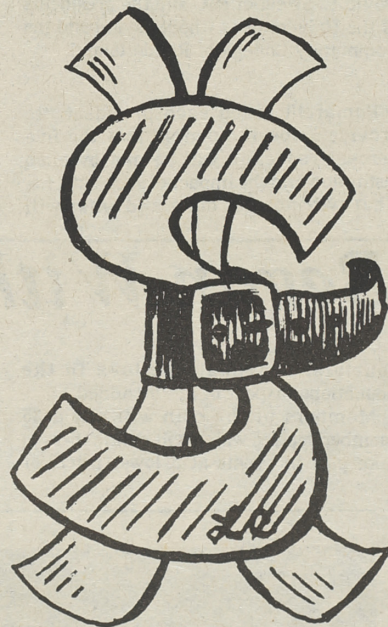
Possible areas for consideration include personnel costs which account for 76 percent of RIC's budget, and "discretionary" money (that not absolutely essential to the day-to-day operations of the college) such as deferrable repair and maintenance work, capital funds for library acquisitions and audiovisual equipment, films, replacement of office and educational equipment, scholarship money, student help money, and part-time personnel money.

Money for utilities, salaries and wages for personnel who are presently on board, insurance and audit fees and fees mandated by collective bargaining agreements and/or law, among others, is considered non-discretionary (not to be cut).

Speer told the executive officers he would make himself available "to work with you in any area you wish to explore" and "will entertain counter proposals with regard to the allocation of cutbacks."

He noted that the college will probably have additional revenue generated by increased enrollment but said "to use this at this time to offset potential cutbacks would be to invite additional cutbacks."

Governor Garrahy, in his memo to Pontarelli, noted the state is faced with some \$23 million in federal program cuts and that additional reductions "are forthcoming."



He said the state also stands to lose \$14.3 million in state personal income taxes and corporate taxes this fiscal year, hence, "challenging our ability to maintain a balanced budget."

Phones

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Nazarian said telephone rental charges for the college increased this year by approximately \$75,000. In addition, the Public Utilities Commission in May authorized New England Telephone Company to increase charges for long distance calls by 16 percent, resulting in additional costs to the college of \$10,000.

"These increases were unexpected and were not budgeted," Nazarian said.

The allocation for telephone service for this fiscal year is \$277,839, an increase over last fiscal year of more than \$23,000.

"In anticipation of increased costs of \$85,000 for telephone service, a deficit of \$61,893 in the telephone budget is expected," Nazarian said.

"This estimate is based on the assumption that no new telephone service, phone sets, or lines will be added to our present system," he added.

A cutdown on all personal local calls was urged as well as elimination of all long distance personal calls.

Cornelison noted that the college does rent a "tie line" from the phone company which connects all other state offices. The college pays for the line "whether it is used or not."

He urged that all calls to other state offices or departments be made by dialing 182 and the last four digits of 277-prefix numbers to effect further savings.

Mail

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Personal mail with the sender affixing his or her own postage will continue to be handled.

Cornelison said some departments in the past have thought it more effective to mail items to the homes of faculty and staff rather than through inter-campus mail, and they expected the college to pay for the postage.

He said this will no longer be the case.

Large envelopes and packages received by the mail room must be left unsealed so that the contents can be identified and sent by the least expensive rate, Cornelison said.

Sealed packages will be returned to the sender unmailed and unopened.

Mail addressed to the state agencies can be delivered by the college carrier rather than through the regular mails.

Carrier deposit stations are located at the central mail room in Alger 114, the controller's office in Roberts 104, and the president's office in Roberts Hall.

Cornelison noted that postage rates for first class mail rose from 15¢ to 18¢ last spring, and from 18¢ to 20¢ on Sept. 30.

He asked members of the college community "to assist in reducing mailing costs to an absolute minimum."

Planning of Honors Program Under Way

An honors program is being designed for the first time at Rhode Island College to offer academically gifted students the opportunity to attend specially designed courses under the guidance of selected teachers.

Dr. Spencer Hall, director of the new program, announced this week that a five-member committee of representatives from various departments has been formed. The committee hopes to have the program ready for next fall.

The new program is a dimension of the general education program now required of all freshmen.

The honors program will, however, be open only to a group of students who meet specific criteria.

According to Professor Hall, honors program students will be selected on the basis of their high school records, their SAT scores, evaluations from teachers, class standing, or special referrals.

"We'll be giving a new opportunity to our brightest students," he said.

The courses will be created with more individual responsibility in mind, Professor Hall said. Classes will resemble seminars and enrollment will purposely be kept small.

"More emphasis will be on individual work," he added.

Field trips and some on-campus lectures may also be worked into the program in an effort to help the students get to know one another, he said.

An initial get-together for about 40 students will be held on Nov. 17. Professor Hall expects about 20 people from that group will choose the new program.

Some pilot courses may be offered during the spring semester. Honors courses will be offered in most of the academic sections, Professor Hall said.

However, he does not expect more than four courses a semester, he added.

Although individual honors programs have been held in the various majors on campus, the new programs have been held in the various majors on campus, the new program will be a separate entity tied only to the general education requirement.

The committee members are, in addition to Professor Hall of the English department, Dr. Thomas Ramsbey, sociology; Dr. Joan Glazer, education; Dr. John Williams, physical sciences; and Angelo Rosati of the art department.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: College President David E. Sweet (center) and college officials David L. Greene, William H. Hurry Jr. and Gary M. Penfield share a light lunch last week at the president's house with potential student leaders in the freshman class.

(What's New(s) Photo)

Truman Scholarship Deadline Near

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program is again offering a full scholarship of up to \$5,000 to outstanding students from Rhode Island College.

One student is selected from each state to receive the award. In 1977-78, Mary

Gonzalves of RIC was chosen as the recipient.

Those applying must be juniors in the 1982-83 year and pursuing a degree which would prepare them for some public service employment, or, a career in

government. Applicants must have a college grade point average of at least 3.0 and be in the upper quarter of the class.

An essay of 600 words or less on some public policy issue must be submitted by the student.

Courses in history, political science, sociology, public administration, economics, finance, management and international studies are considered types of studies appropriate for public service.

The student must have selected an undergraduate field of study that will permit admission to a graduate program leading to public service or government.

The scholarship was established as an official federal memorial to honor the thirty-third president of the United States.

Each scholarship covers tuition, books, room and board up to a maximum of \$5,000 annually for four years.

For more information, contact Prof. Philip K. Quarcoo at extension 341 or Prof. Marilyn Weston at extension 8036. Deadline is this Thursday.

A. A. Fleming Named to RIC Post

Arline Aissis Fleming, formerly the arts and entertainment editor for three Rhode Island weekly newspapers, has been appointed temporary information and public relations specialist at RIC.

She will assist George LaTour, acting director/editor, in the office of News and Information Services. The News Bureau is responsible for publication of *What's News at RIC*, the weekly campus community newspaper, and for dissemination of news and feature articles to the media.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Rhode Island where she majored in journalism, Mrs. Fleming worked for more than six years at *The Narragansett Times*, *The Wickford Standard-Times* and *The Chariho Times*.



She was employed previously by *The Pawtucket Times*.

She lives in Narragansett with her husband, Terry.

Assertiveness Weight Control Workshops Set

Assertiveness training and behavioral weight control will be discussed in free workshops beginning today and tomorrow in the counseling center conference room, Craig Lee, Room 130.

The assertiveness training workshop begins today and continues for the next four Tuesdays. All sessions will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The focus will be on identifying members' assertiveness problems and helping to correct them.

Group discussions and role-playing will be used.

Judy Gaines, director of the workshop, says that many assertiveness problems "are really amenable to change," and by working out such problems with others one can deal more effectively with employers, employees, teachers, and in other relationships.

Tomorrow, the behavioral weight control workshop begins and continues for eight consecutive Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m.

Behavioral weight control was developed at Butler Hospital in Providence and later introduced into the Weight Watchers program.

The focus of the workshop is not on weight control, but on eating habits and how to change them.

Exercise and nutrition are stressed.

The group is supportive of its members, Gaines said. The only requirement is that participants attend all of the sessions.

For further information, contact Judy Gaines at Ext. 8094.



NEITHER RAIN no wind no autumn's early chill discouraged the hardy few alumni, faculty, staff and students who turned out for RIC's annual Homecoming on Oct. 3. Their loyalty was rewarded with diverse activity and warm camaraderie.

(What's New(s) Photo by Diane Bricault)

Orchestra Concert Oct. 19

The Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, on Monday, Oct. 19 at 8:15 p.m.

The concert will mark the first time the 65-member orchestra has performed in the auditorium.

Edward Markward will conduct and soloists are Barbara Poularikas, violinist, and Miron Yampolsky, cellist.

The concert will open with Paul Cooper's "Variants," followed by Brahms' "Concerto for Violin and Cello with Orchestra." Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" will open the second half of the concert.

Poularikas is a graduate of the Eastern School of Music where she was a scholarship student of Joseph Knitzer. She participated in the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood for four seasons.

While at Tanglewood, she studied chamber music with William Kroll and Joseph Silverstein. She is a member of the music faculty at Rhode Island College and is a founding member of the New Music Ensemble and the Providence Chamber Singers.

Yampolsky, the son of Russian pianist Vladimir Yampolsky, has performed throughout the Soviet Union. In 1972, he went from the USSR to Israel where he performed as soloist with the Jerusalem Soloists Chamber Music Group and as soloist with the Kol Israel Radio Orchestra.

Since emigrating to the United States in 1974, Yampolsky has performed throughout the country and at the Tanglewood Summer Festival.

The concert is free and open to the public.



Guest soloist Barbara Poularikas.

(What's New(s) Photo by Peter Tobia)

Courses In CPR Slated

Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), will be offered by the Health Education Program beginning Oct. 22.

The Heart-Saver is a three-hour class which provides information on the symptoms of a heart attack, risk factors, rescue and prudent living.

The more-inclusive certification program, is a six-hour course which covers one and two-person CPR methods for relieving an obstructed airway, practice and written testing. Certification is a prerequisite for E.M.T. and lifeguarding programs. There is a \$10 fee for the certification program.

The courses use standards of the American Heart Association.

Janet Guillemette will instruct the courses in the Parliament Chambers of the Student Union.

Class size is limited and registration must be made by Oct. 19.

The Heart-Saver Program will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. The certificate program will be held on Oct. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Oct. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Janet Guillemette in Craig Lee, Room 127.

Dance Program For Children Is Scheduled

The Rhode Island College Dance Company Mini-Concerts, held annually for Rhode Island school children, will take place on Nov. 10 and 12 in Roberts Hall Auditorium.

There will be two performances each day for children from Kindergarten through Grade 12, one at 9:30 and another at 11 a.m.

There will be a special performance Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. for the college community and public at no charge. Reservations are not needed.

The mini-concerts, a condensed version of the annual spring concert, try to awaken interest in modern dance in school children.

Each routine is introduced and explained and questions are asked of the audience.

Routines used are actual concert performances, but are reduced to an average of seven or eight minutes. The total concert lasts less than an hour.

Jennifer Cooke, dance company director, says the mini-concerts are well received. The early performances on both days have already been booked to capacity, she said.

RIC to Get Backstage Look at Opera

A backstage view of the workings of a professional opera company will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 21, when several opera company members visit the campus for a lecture and reception.

The company members are being brought together by the Providence Opera Theatre to stage Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Saint of Bleeker Street" at the Ocean State Performing Arts Center in Providence, Oct. 24.

Members of the opera company, including director John Margolis of the New York City Opera and conductor Lorenzo Muti, will speak and answer questions in Gage Hall at 8 p.m. A champagne reception, sponsored by President David E. Sweet, will follow in the Faculty Center.

Gian Carlo Menotti, who has composed "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "The Consul," and "The Medium," was expected to speak at the RIC event. However, he will be delayed in Vienna and will not arrive in Rhode Island until the day of the production.

Discount tickets will be offered to RIC faculty, staff and students at a cost of \$3.

Dr. Earl Stevens of the English Department can be contacted for tickets and more information at Craig Lee Hall.

According to Dr. Stevens, the Wednesday night lecture will be the only public appearance in conjunction with the Saturday evening production.

"A backstage view can be more exciting than just a cut-and-dry lecture," he said.

The program will provide an opportunity for questions and answers. It is free and open to the public.

The evening is being dubbed "A Menotti Celebration," Dr. Stevens said. Menotti, who founded and directed the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds, was commissioned by NBC to write the first opera expressly for television. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" was first televised on Christmas Eve, 1951, and is broadcast annually.

The cast for "The Saint of Bleeker Street" will also include Michael Harrison, tenor; Gloria Capone, soprano, and Maryann Martini, mezzosoprano.

Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

12-1:30 p.m. *Programming Meeting.* Student Union, Lounge F.

12-2 p.m. *Finance Commission Meeting.* Student Union, Chambers.

12:30-2 p.m. *Assertiveness Training Workshop.* Held for four consecutive Tuesdays, this free program is designed to increase your interpersonal power. Craig Lee, Room 130.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12 p.m. *RIC Lecture Series.* "Ethnicity in America: Mosaic or Melting Pot?" Dr. Rudolph Vecoli, director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, will be the guest lecturer. Clarke Science, Room 125.

12-1 p.m. *Behavioral Weight Control Series.* An eight session (held each Wednesday) program to help individuals change their eating habits and attitudes. contact Judy Gaines at 456-8044

3 p.m. *Facilities Management Colloquium.* Dr. Robert H. Sigholtz, manager of the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C. and chairman of the federal investigation into "The Who" incident in Cincinnati, will speak. Student Union, Chambers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

11 a.m.-4 p.m. *Sculpture Exhibit.* Works of David Phillips. Continues through Oct. 30. Art Center, Bannister Gallery.

1-3 p.m. *Leadership Conference Follow-Up.* Student Union, Ballroom and Chambers.

3:30 p.m. *Women's Tennis.* RIC vs. Bryant College. Away.

6 p.m. *Women's Volleyball.* RIC vs. Clark with Bradford College. Away.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

12-1:30 p.m. *Women's Center Meeting.* Student Union, Room 310.

3 p.m. *Women's Tennis.* RIC vs. University of Bridgeport.

8 p.m.-12 a.m. *Browne & Thorpe Hall Coffee Hour.* Student Union, Room 310.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

10 a.m. *Women's Volleyball.* Bryant Invitational.

11 a.m. *Women's Soccer.* RIC vs. Brown University. Away.

1 p.m. *Women's Cross Country.* Tri-State Championships at Bryant.

2:15 p.m. *Men's Cross Country.* Tri-State Championships at Bryant.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

1 p.m. *Men's Soccer.* RIC vs. North Adams State College. Home.

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

7-9 p.m. *Kappa Delta Phi Meeting.* Student Union, Chambers.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

3:30 p.m. *Women's Soccer.* RIC vs. Stonehill. Away.

7-8:30 p.m. *Student Council For Exceptional Children Arts & Crafts Program.* Student Union, Gamesroom.

8:15 p.m. *RIC Symphony Orchestra.* Conductor, Edward Markward. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence.