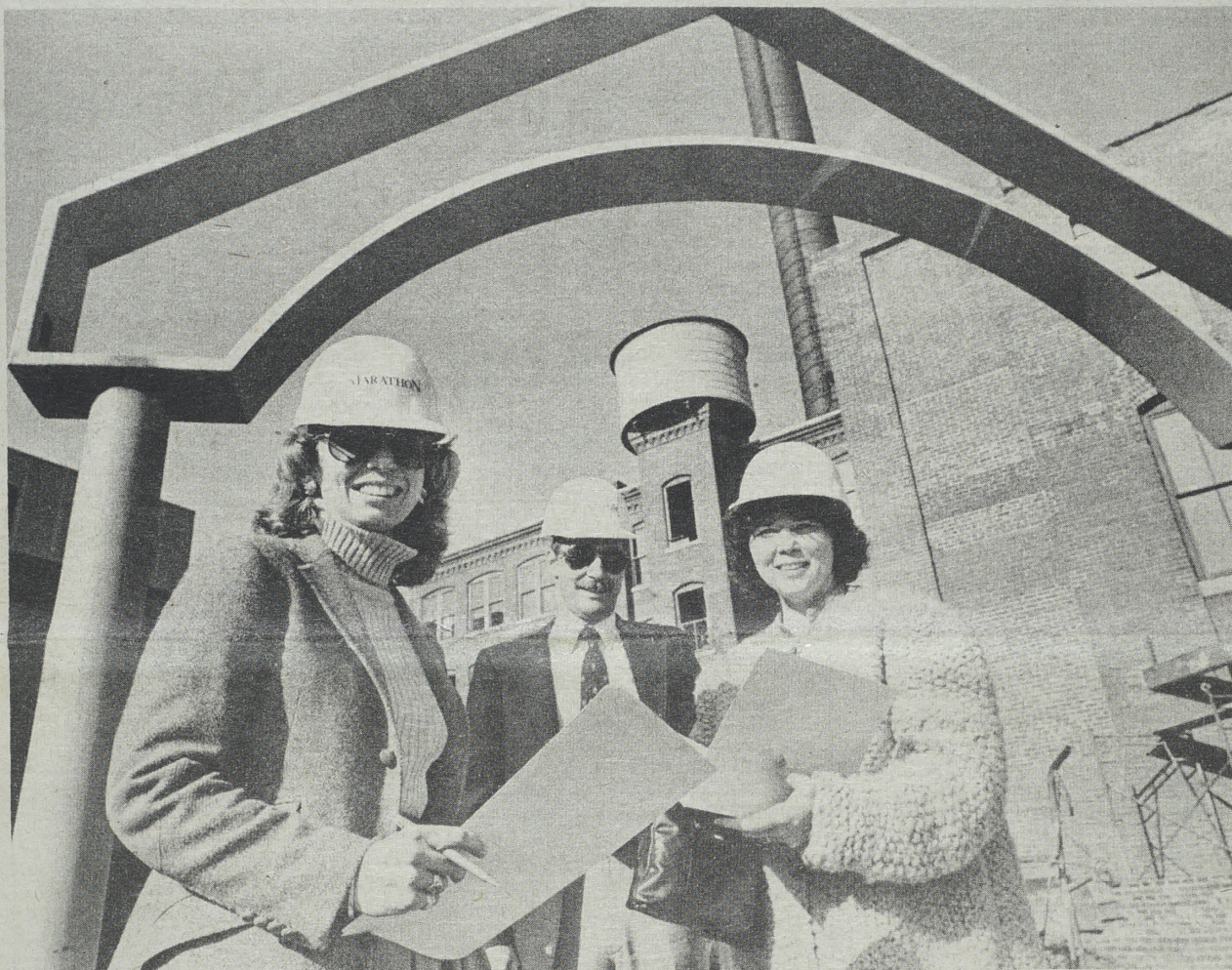


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GETTING THE GRAND TOUR of Davol Square in Providence are RIC's John Foley and Kathryn Sasso (right). Conducting the tour of the former manufacturing plant now being renovated as a business and market complex is Karen Vaughn of Marathon Corp., the contractors. Davol Square will be the site of the reception following the college's annual Holiday Gift Concert to the Community which will take place on Monday evening, Dec. 6, at the Ocean State Theatre. The RIC Orchestra, Chorus and Chamber Singers will perform "Judas Macabaeus" at 8 p.m. (What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

RIC to remove structural barriers to handicapped

Gets \$1-million

Rhode Island College is scheduled to receive approximately \$1 million from the state via a bond issue to remove structural barriers to the handicapped on campus.

In Phase I of a two-phase construction modification project, \$310,654 has been allocated for a new elevator building addition to both Alger Hall and the Henry Barnard School, among other modifications to both these buildings and eight others.

Phase II will provide modifications to the Art Center, Clarke Science Building, Gaige Hall, Mann Hall and Walsh Gym.

The bids have gone out, the contract awarded and work is to start soon on Phase I, according to Dr. James R. Cornelison Jr., assistant vice president for administration and finance.

Cornelison said the college already had plans made for such structural modifications prior to the approval of the bond issue.

He said Dr. John Nazarian, vice president for administration and finance, had consulted with the RIC handicapped organization (ABLE) and was ready to go as soon as the funding was approved.

In addition to modifications and the construction of elevators in Alger and Henry Barnard, the following buildings will be modified under Phase I: Adams Library, Craig Lee, Donovan Dining Center, Faculty Center, Fogarty Life Science, Roberts Hall, Student Union and Whipple Gym.

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RIC's General Education Honors Program:

A challenge to students

By Amber E. Cabot

Carol Elsbree had been bored with her classes at Rhode Island College, skipping them frequently and still pulling "B"s. "I was beginning to wonder if this was the right college for me," she said.

When she heard about the General Education Honors Program, she decided to try it, thinking it would be a challenge. "I saw a big difference," she said, "I even liked history for a change. I even wanted to do my papers."

For Mary-Jo Whitaker, honors programs had never existed in high school. "I always wanted to be in something like that," she said. She, too, has found the results gratifying.

Just what exactly is this program? According to Dr. Spencer Hall, director, "The point of the honors program is to do something for the academically superior student."

The participant enrolls in special honors sections for eight of the 12 courses required by the regular general education program. Generally, the four core courses, "Western Literature" (English 101 and 102) and "The Western Experience" (History 110 and 111) are included in those eight.

According to Professor Hall, honors classes are characterized, first and

foremost, by their small size (average of 15) and their seminar approach. "We want that interaction, which can only occur in a small course," he said.

In addition, more attention can be given to theory and methodology, and to primary sources, than in a regular class.

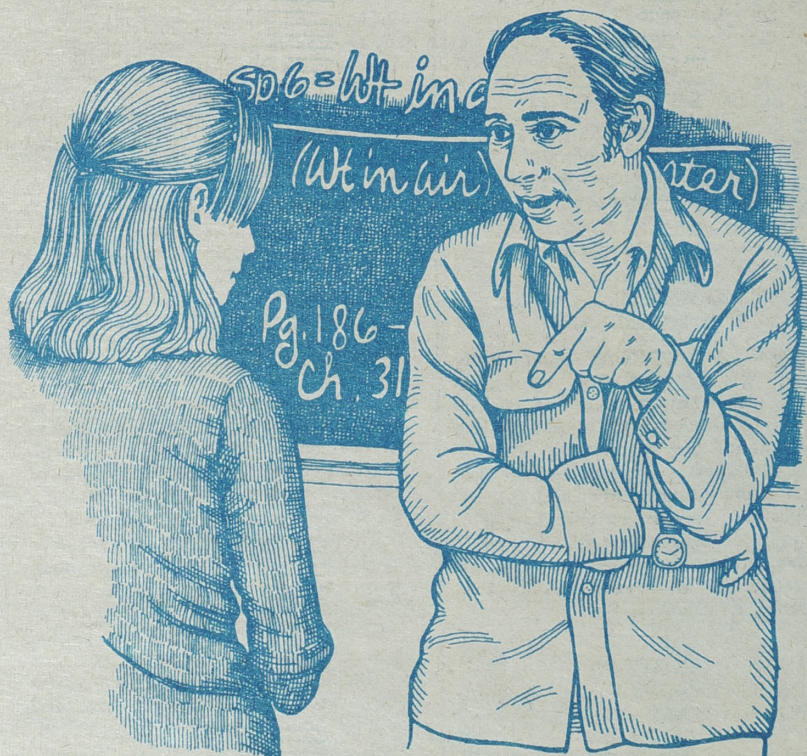
"I like the small classes," Mary-Jo said, "Things can be explained a little bit more." She also enjoys the large amount of class discussion and the greater attention given to detail. Carol agrees. She also finds more delving into the abstract.

Both students were at first leery of the oral presentations required, but they learned to accept them as an integral part of the course. "Everyone's pretty supportive because you're always working for the same thing, striving for the same goal," Carol said.

According to Professor Hall, "The honors students are supposed to be more active in the actual running of the courses . . . they're supposed to take more responsibility for their own education." He is referring to participation both in the class and in the feedback and planning of the program itself.

"I think it's a very exciting program,"

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Notes from Bernadette

by Bernadette V. Small



Mrs. Arline Aissis Fleming, staff assistant at the RIC News Bureau and writer for *What's New(s) at RIC*, has left the employ of the college to have a baby which is due in mid-November. Arline has assisted George LaTour, the bureau's acting director, for the past year and a half. She filled in George's slot while he substituted for Larry Sasso who has been on educational leave. Larry is scheduled to return Jan. 1, 1983. George reports that Arline—while only leaving as of Nov. 1—is missed already. Good luck, Arline!

Congratulations to Donna and Joseph Konicki of the Computer Center! They are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sara. Sara was born at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Womens and Infants Hospital, weighing 9 lbs., 4 ozs. Please send notes to Donna and Joseph at RFD #1, Mount Hygeia Road, Foster 02825.

We were saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Mr. Peter J. Miniati, Sr., Mrs. Dorothy Meierowitz, Mrs. Marguerite Malboeuf and Mr. Emidio A. Pinto.

Mr. Miniati, age 77, was the father of Peter Miniati, Jr., budget director with Rhode Island's Office of Higher Education. Mr. Miniati died on Oct. 31 in Morton F. Plant Hospital. He was the owner of Miniati's Market on Division Street in Pawtucket for 25 years, retiring 15 years ago. We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife and family and specifically, to Peter Miniati, Jr. and family at 105 Highland Ave., Barrington 02806.

Mrs. Meierowitz of 75 Dartmouth St., Pawtucket, died on Sunday, Oct. 31. She was the sister-in-law of Sandra Levine, secretary to James Colman, director of admissions. We extend our sincerest condolences to Sandra, her husband, Marvin, and family. Notes should go to them at 78 Waite Avenue, Cranston 02905.

Mrs. Malboeuf died on Friday, Oct. 22. She was the mother of Sue Murhammer

who is employed in the publications office. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sue, her husband and family. Please address notes to 1283 Manville Road, Woonsocket 02895.

Mr. Pinto was the father-in-law of Cecelia Pinto of the records office. Mr. Pinto died on Thursday, Oct. 28, in Esmolfe, Portugal. Cecelia's husband, Alex, went to Portugal to be present for the funeral. We extend our deepest sympathy to Cecelia, her husband and family. Their address is 65 Elder St., Pawtucket 02860.

As I was finishing my column, Ann Scanlan of the secondary education department called to tell me that Richard A. Grellner, father of Dr. Mary Alice Grellner, died on Friday, Oct. 29, in Oklahoma at Oklahoma City Hospital. Dr. Grellner lost her mother on August 5 last summer. Our deepest condolences go out to her and her family at this sad time.

President Sweet received a short letter recently from Roy Frye, retired associate professor in the department of instructional technology. He expressed regrets to Dr. Sweet that he and his wife would be unable to attend the retirees Thanksgiving Dinner since they are in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The message he asked the president to convey to his colleagues and friends here at RIC is as follows:

"I would take it as a kindness if you would advise my friends there that we are doing well in the New Mexico sunshine and find the nearby mountains with their pure air and lovely scenic view much to our liking, albeit we miss the many good friends we made at RIC."

The campus community joins together in wishing the Fries a happy and healthy retirement.

Symphonic Band Performs Sunday

The symphonic band will give a free performance at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, in the Roberts Auditorium.

Composed by Grainger, "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon" will be performed in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the composer's birthday. "Overture in C," by Catel, is one of the earliest works originally composed for a band, written for one of the French military bands.

The longest piece on the program is "The Tribute to Canterbury," composed by Gordon Jacob and based on some of the religious musical works found in Canterbury.

Other pieces to be performed include: "The Battle," by Susato, "Prelude and Fugue in F Minor," by Bright, "Fantasia," by Giannini, "The Solitary Dancer," by Benson, "Aria and Toccata," by Willis, and "The Man of the Hour March," by Fillmore.

To present photo essay Thursday

A photographic essay on the "Cities of the World" will be presented by Dr. Robert W. Nannay, associate professor of industrial education at the University of Southern Maine, on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 7-9:30 p.m. in Clark Science 125.

This special presentation, sponsored by the Industrial Arts Club, will utilize slides, lecture and music.

Nannay has traveled extensively over the past 10 years, visiting 62 countries and numerous cities throughout the world.

Highlights of the program will deal with the architecture, culture, environment and political atmosphere in such cities as London, Belfast, Rome, Athens, Istanbul, Tehran, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Sydney, and Johannesburg among others...including Portland, Maine!

Grant deadlines announced

Faculty and staff should pay particular attention to possibilities for program development under the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE).

Preliminary applications are due on Dec. 15, for projects beginning in the fall of 1983.

While this is a highly competitive program, the college has received two grants from FIPSE in the past. A carefully written proposal that meets the fund's agenda for improvement of post-secondary education should receive careful consideration. The eight broad purposes of the fund as defined by Congress are:

(1) encouraging the reform, innovation, and improvement of postsecondary education and providing equal educational opportunity for all;

(2) the creation of institutions and programs involving new paths to career and professional training and new combinations of academic and experiential learning;

(3) the establishment of institutions and programs based on the technology of communications;

(4) the carrying out in postsecondary educational institutions of changes in internal structure and operations designed to clarify institutional priorities and purposes;

(5) the design and introduction of cost-effective methods of instruction;

(6) the introduction of institutional reforms designed to expand individual opportunities for entering and reentering institutions and pursuing programs of study tailored to individual needs.

(7) the introduction of reforms in graduate education, in the structure of academic professions, and in the recruitment and retention of faculties; and

(8) the creation of new institutions and programs for examining and awarding credentials to individuals and the introduction of reforms in current institutional practices related thereto.

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 per year and projects may receive support for one, two, or three year periods.

For further information on this program please call John C. O'Neill at the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects at ext. 8228.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

FRANCIS MARCINIAK, professor of music, served as a member of the Interstate Certification Compact Program Approval Team in a review of the music education program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on Nov. 1-4.

DR. SPENCER HALL, professor of English and director of honors, will have a lengthy article, "Religious Mythmaking in Shelley's 'Hymn to Intellectual Beauty,'" published in the forthcoming volume of *Keats-Shelley Journal*.

Another article, "Shelley, Skepticism and Critical Styles," has just been accepted

by *Southern Humanities Review* and will be published early next year.

Hall has also been selected to edit a volume on Wordsworth's poetry for the Modern Language Association's Approaches to Teaching series which is scheduled for publication in December, 1983.

Hall will also chair the meeting of the Keats-Shelley Association of America at the Modern Language Association meeting this December and will deliver a paper titled "The Second Generation English Romantics: An Introduction."

President's Report

By David E. Sweet



The first week of November the American Association of State Colleges and Universities held its annual meeting in Nashville.

The theme was "Human Capital: The Profitable Investment."

William Norris, chairman of Control Data Corporation, gave the keynote. He pleased most of the presidents in attendance when he began by emphasizing the need for massive increases in support for high education. He said that public expenditures for higher education have not been perceived as the investments in the development of human capital, which they are. Otherwise we would not be underinvesting in this development as a society.

He noted that the U.S. lags behind the Soviet Union, West Germany, and Japan in its investment in education for human development.

After describing the work done by his corporation in computer-based teaching and learning, including the recent development of a complete lower-division engineering program, he called on colleges and universities to cooperate in finding new ways to make teaching and learning both more efficient and more effective. CDC, he said, has had considerable success in creating new markets for itself through such cooperation with institutions of higher education.

Presidents were divided in their response to Mr. Norris's enthusiasm for such partnerships between industry and education and about his conviction that computers and other technologies would, in fact, make teaching and learning more efficient and more effective. About his final point, however, they were nearly unanimous in their concern and even hostility.

After paying eloquent tribute to the effectiveness of low tuition public institutions during the first two-thirds of this century, and acknowledging that he had himself benefited from such an education at the University of Nebraska, he said it was no longer possible for the various levels of government to come up with the money which higher education required if this country was to make the necessary investment in the development of its human

capital.

He has concluded that if this investment is to be made, it must be made by the recipients of the education — the students and their families. They should make this investment by taking out loans which they would pay back through the income tax system and the IRS. Thus individuals would capitalize their investment in their education and then amortize this investment against subsequent income.

Each education institution would set its tuition at a level sufficient to cover the cost of its own operations. This would encourage competition among the institutions to be both more efficient and more effective. Mr. Norris acknowledged that there would have to be special policies and subsidies to assist the disadvantaged and the handicapped to cope with the "opportunities" of this approach.

In response to a question which I asked, he really had no answer to how his approach would cope with those students (and their families) who were unwilling to take out huge loans to capitalize their educations.

Mr. Norris's ideas have much in common with proposals brought forward by the conservative economist Milton Friedman and Boston University President John Silber. They take on new importance, however, when advanced not by academicians but by persons having the power and influence of a major corporation chief executive. He made it clear he intends to be a forceful advocate.

Those who believe in the need to preserve publicly-supported, low tuition (or relatively low tuition) institutions had better be prepared to organize and argue for our case with equal force and cogency.

We also need to respond to Mr. Norris's call for massive new investments for the development of human capital. Both our students and our society — the world as a whole — demand this investment. Where are the resources to come from?

I will be writing about these topics in subsequent "President's Reports." These columns will appear more or less regularly so that I can share both information and ideas shaping RIC's future.



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With election data at RIC—

Could they forecast 2002 winners?

by George LaTour

An election day may come when Rhode Islanders won't even have to bother to go to the polls!

Based on information gathered at the recent elections and now stored at Rhode Island College, a pretty clear picture of why Rhode Islanders voted the way they did has emerged.

The information gathered—both just prior to the election and at exit polls (taken from voters after they had voted)—showed what party affiliation they had, their attitudes on candidates and issues, their age, sex, union membership and even the time of day they voted, among other things.

Based on this information, pollsters were pretty much able to predict who would win in the various races even before the polls closed.

Conceivably—at the very least, one would think—the day will come when a scientifically-selected sample of voters (say 2,500 “average citizens”) will be allowed to cast their votes and decide for all of us who gets elected to what.

(Cynic that he is, this writer rather suspects the day will come when they'll try to tell us the outcome of an election on the basis of the first three votes cast!)

To take the premise one step further: if—election after election—the pollsters gather and the experts analyze the votes for whom and what and why, is it not conceivable that, say, in 10 or 20 years, these experts could just come to RIC, scrutinize the data collected and call the winners without benefit of a vote?

Well, RIC's Dr. Victor L. Profughi, a professor of political science, certainly wouldn't go so far as to agree with that rather outrageous assumption, but he is enthused about the kind of data collected and its potential usefulness.

“This is the first time in Rhode Island that there is available to any legitimate researcher good information on demographic data and why people voted the way they did,” he said the other day amid stacks of computer tapes in his office in Craig Lee Hall.

“We have a very excellent data bank on the 1982 mayoral and statewide elections,” he assured. He explained that he or other researchers could study the data and say, for example, that 10 percent of the vote was cast by 11 a.m. and what kind of people voted.

“We have all this information available in a cross-tabular format,” said Profughi.

Television Station WLNE (Channel 6) had commissioned Alpha Research Associates of North Providence to conduct two surveys prior to the election. The surveys were taken each night beginning a week before the election.

One survey, which was statewide, called for the interviewing of an average of 200 people per night except on election eve when 322 were interviewed for a total of 1,722 interviews.

The other survey, on the Providence mayoral race, saw some 200 persons interviewed each night and 250 on election eve. Since three statewide districts are also in Providence,

noted Profughi, another 400 interviews were conducted on the mayoral race, bringing the total to some 2,050 interviewed.

“In this pre-election phase—tracking of the campaign—we plotted the results each night to see if things were changing,” said Profughi.

The RIC professor, who is affiliated with Alpha Research, said some RIC students were involved in the first (statewide) survey “although this was not really a RIC project.” On the mayoral survey, on the other hand, RIC students were heavily involved. Overall, some 30 RIC students participated in the polling.

During the actual elections, exit polling was conducted by all three television stations. This was a first for Rhode Island, noted Profughi.

Alpha Research (for Channel 6) interviewed some 2,500 voters at 18 randomly selected polling sites across the state by 18 interviewers and runners who returned the completed forms to the computer center at RIC for tabulation.

Aside from its own use of this information, Channel 6 provided the *Journal Bulletin* with the data.

“The day after the election they (Alpha Research) were able to look at the computer printouts and draw conclusions,” said Profughi. Alpha Research and Channel 6 can claim a perfect projection record if Cianci is declared a winner of the Providence mayoral race, he reported with the pride of accomplishment.

Station WLNE, which paid for the research, has authorized RIC to keep the data permanently on computer tape. “As far as I know, the WLNE data is the only such data available to the public,” Profughi observed.

Such data he contends, has a “very broad-based value.” It will allow researchers to analyze and discuss “what's happening in Rhode Island.”

“This is the first time we have excellent hard data,” said Profughi, who indicated the value to him as a researcher. He plans to put the information to use almost immediately as an authority on political science. This week he will chair a panel on “Ethnic Politics in the Northeast” at the Northeastern Political Science Convention in New Haven. Profughi will deliver a paper on ethnic politics and ethnic patterns in the recent Providence mayoral race. He has also already been asked to write an analysis of Rhode Island's statewide races for the *Comparative State Politics* newsletter.

As for RIC students, they will benefit in their political science studies. Profughi had received a grant from the Faculty Research Committee which helped support the RIC involvement in the mayoral pre-election survey with Alpha Research. The research will now be used in conjunction with two RIC classes: “Parties and Elections” and “Campaign Management.”

As for RIC itself, Profughi reports that the college “is already being called upon for this data.” He assures the college is—again—being looked at as a community resource. “Rhode Island College is definitely looked to as a repository of voting data,” he assures.

As for the Rhode Island elections in the year 2002.....

D-Day Memoirs is subject

The United States involvement in World War II will be the theme for the next two History Department Lunchtime Colloquia this Wednesday and next.

Prof. Norman H. Cooke of the Rhode Island College History Department will present “D-Day Memoirs” this Wednesday in Gage 207 at noon.

Next week, Dr. Armand I. Patrucco, professor of history, will talk on “Hiroshima, 1945” at the same time and place.

The colloquia in the month of December will focus on the theme of survival in a nuclear age.

On Dec. 1, Dr. Charles Millard, president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, will look at the issue of “Nuclear Survival from a Medical Viewpoint.”

On Dec. 8, Dr. William Stringfellow, a moral theologian and activist in the 1960s peace movement, will talk on “Nuclear Weapons—A Moral Perspective.”

The series will close on Dec. 15 with Dr. Carmela E. Santoro giving an analysis of “Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor.”

Students and faculty are invited to attend the colloquia and bring their lunches and join in the discussion.

Econ Ed winners announced

Rhode Island Council on Economic Education announced the nine winners of the Old Stone Bank Incentive Awards Program at its fourth Economic Educators Conference at the Rhode Island College Faculty Center recently.

Some 120 teachers from 11 school districts attended the conference which included workshops, a dinner, and a chance to share new materials, programs and experiences, according to Agnes M. Johnson of the RIC Center for Economic Education.

Dan Gregg, director of the Vermont Council of Economic Education, was the guest speaker. His topic was “Econ-Trek”, a video-tape presentation currently being shown on Vermont public television.

RIC's president David D. Sweet was introduced by John Sapinsley, director of the

Rhode Island Council.

First place award winners received \$300; second place, \$200; and third place, \$100.

Certificates and the cash awards were presented by J. Normand Vaillancourt, coordinator of public services for the bank.

First place winners are: Frank Iacono of Nathanael Greene Middle School in Providence, and Bert Finan of the Hoxsie School in Warwick.

Second place winners are: Deborah Anderson, Eloise Boyer and Dennis Robidoux of the Western Hills Junior High School in Cranston; Antoinette L. Costa of the Bridgman Middle School in Providence; and Mary Anna McVey of the William L. Callahan School in Harrisville.

Third place winners are: Barbara Duggan of Narragansett High School, and Bert Finan.

Reagan retains Pell Grant

President Reagan signed legislation last week retaining the current Pell Grant and Guaranteed Student Loan eligibility standards (updated for inflation) and setting them in place for the 1983-84 school year.

A total of \$30 million in Pell Grants money also was restored by the bill to aid veterans whose grants were reduced when the president's budget cuts were enacted last year.

Also contained in the legislation is a provision automatically extending the inflation-updated standards into following years whenever the Education Department misses its deadlines for submitting it to

Congress.

The measure is intended to prevent the delays in aid delivery that ensued this year when the department was four months late in issuing guidelines for the 1983-84 school year.

The president said, however, that he would not abide by a provision allowing one house in Congress to veto new standards that are proposed by the administration in upcoming years.

The “legislative veto” power of Congress to void regulations issued by the executive branch is one of the cases pending before the Supreme Court this year.

Nellie Dean is the narrator in Emily Bronte's novel, *Wuthering Heights*. Dr. A. Abbott Ikeler, assistant professor of English at RIC, will be the speaker.

The colloquium is free and open to the general public.

Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, during which the American Cancer Society urges smokers to “stamp out the cigarette habit” for at least 24 hours.

To prepare those interested in trying to give up the “evil weed” the Office of Health Promotion will set up a table in Donovan Dining Center on Nov. 16, 17 and 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and

from there offer you information on smoking.

Available literature will expose the dangers of smoking as well as tips on quitting.

They'll even have an Ecolizer on hand to measure the amount of carbon monoxide you expire.

If that doesn't convince you, nothing will.

Book bazaar

The annual book bazaar and craft sale of the Henry Barnard School Parents' Association will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16, through Friday, Nov. 19, in the school cafeteria.

New books of all types will be sold as well as book bags, note cards, children's

games, puzzles, and educational toys.

Daily times for the sale are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends are invited.



Keeping Score

with Kathy Feldmann

He has been coaching boys and girls in high school since 1971. Many of his CYO teams have been division and state champions. His teams racked up an impressive 96-8 record between 1971-80. Johnston, 34, is single and resides in Warwick. He is presently pursuing a degree in business administration from Johnson & Wales College.

Nancy McLaughlin is the women's assistant basketball coach. She is a 1982 magna cum laude graduate of RIC, where she earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary physical education. She was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* in 1981 and 1982, and was the recipient of the Helen Murphy Award at RIC, the highest award given to a female athlete by the department of athletics.

In her four years at RIC, Ms. McLaughlin played varsity basketball and volleyball and served as co-captain of both teams.

She has been assistant girl's basketball coach at the St. Paul's School in Cranston, assistant coach in softball for the Mount Pleasant Little League, and cross country coach at St. Xavier Academy, which is her *alma mater*. She is now teaching physical education at St. Raymond's Academy.

Both the men's and the women's teams will kick-off their regular basketball season the weekend of Nov. 19-20.

'My Hidden Enemy' colloquium topic

“My Hidden Enemy—The Case Against Nellie Dean,” will be the topic of the English department's November Colloquium, to be held from 12 to 1 p.m., Nov. 16, in Craig Lee 255.

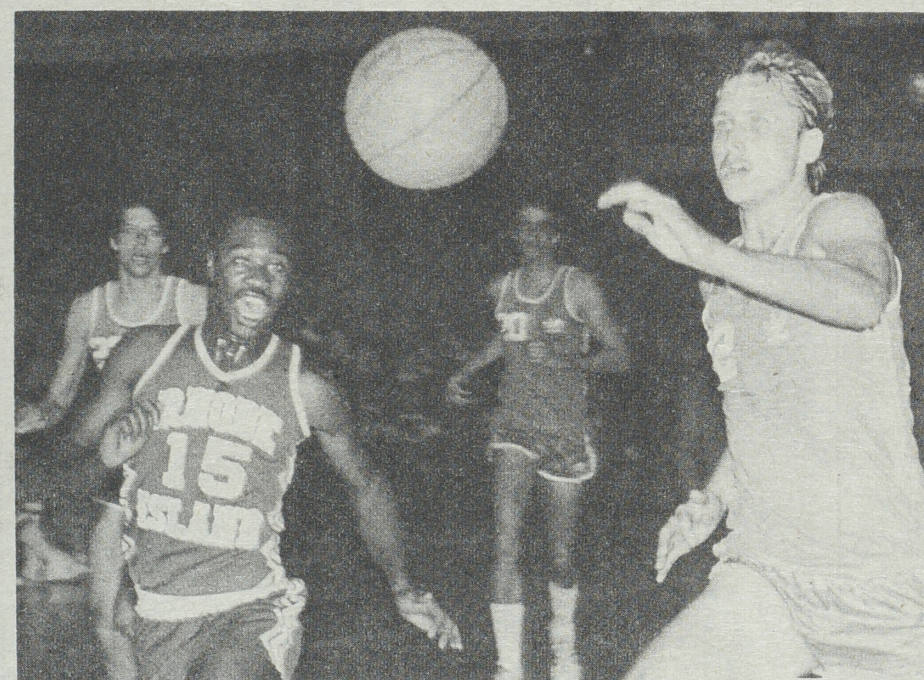
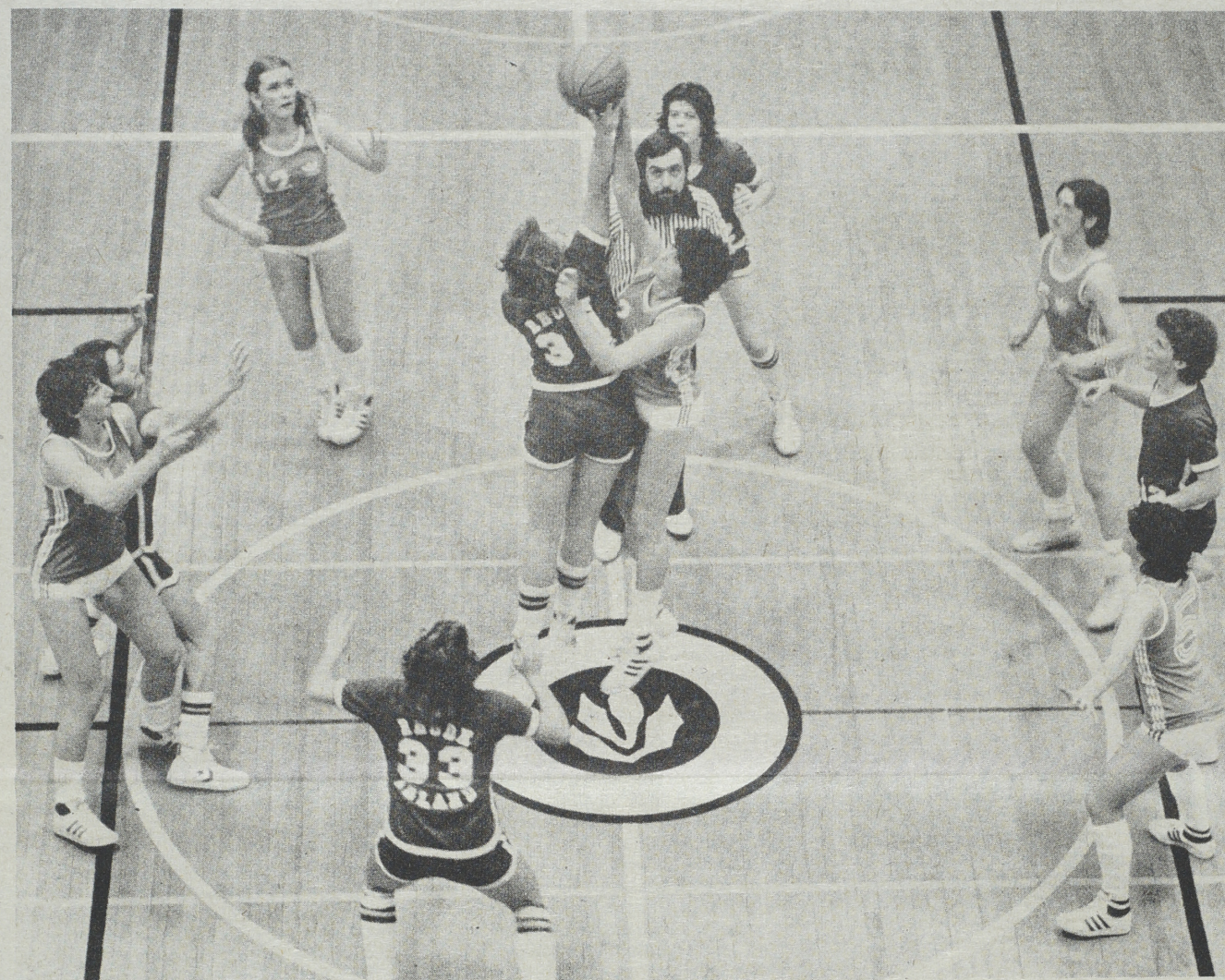
THE IRISH CAME --- and left as winners



CHEERING FOR RIC (above right) is Ruth Harnois while at right Rhode Island's Derry Irish Step Dancers entertain between the women's and men's games played between the RIC basketball players and teams from Ireland last week at Walsh Gym.



THROWING A BASKET is Rob Crichton of the Irish Men's Basketball Team while RIC's Michael Chapman is forced to back off (top). Mrs. and Former Pawtucket Mayor Dennis Lynch welcome their sons to the basketball court. John Lynch plays for RIC while Billy Lynch plays for the Irish. Their younger sister, Peggy, also plays for RIC's women's team.



JUMP BALL: Irish and RIC women (top) prepare to play for the honor of the Irish (either Ireland's or Rhode Island's) while Dwight Williams of RIC (above left) races for a loose ball against Paudie O'Connor of the Irish men's team. About 1,000 Irish and would-be Irish shouted their approval of the games which the Irish (from Ireland) won 91-79 for the men and 66-53 for the women. At right Jimmie Adams, RIC's coach, gives his team a pep talk.



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RIC FACTS

from the Office of
Institutional Research and Planning

Faculty Profile

Two recent reports prepared by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning analyzed the assignment of faculty positions department by department and reviewed the tenure make-up of the faculty.

Some facts about RIC faculty excerpted from these reports are as follows:

Faculty Positions	
Authorized faculty positions.....	376
Number of continuing faculty.....	349
Number of faculty on leave — Fall '82.....	13
Number of term appointments.....	12
Number of temporary appointments.....	16
F.T.E. parttime faculty.....	37.8
Total number of faculty — Fall '82.....	401.3 FTE
Faculty Characteristics (continuing faculty only):	
Average age.....	45.7 years
Sex: Male.....	63%
Sex: Female.....	37%
Average number of years at RIC.....	11
Highest degree:	
Masters.....	40%
Doctorate.....	60%
Appropriate terminal degree.....	63%
Rank:	
Professor.....	31%
Associate professor.....	33%
Assistant professor.....	33%
Instructor.....	4%
Tenure Data:	
Number of tenured faculty.....	283
% of tenured faculty positions held by tenured faculty.....	75%
Number of non-tenured faculty in tenure-track positions.....	66

Departments differ considerably in the percentage of their faculty who are tenured. Newer departments such as social work and nursing, and expanding departments such as economics/management and mathematics and computer science have the lowest per-

centage of tenured faculty. Longer established departments, not surprisingly, have the highest tenure rates.

A department-by-department tenure analysis is listed below:

DEPARTMENT	# OF FACULTY POSITIONS	# OF TENURED FACULTY	% POSITIONS HELD BY TENURED FACULTY
Admin/Curr/IT	9	8	89
Anth/Geo	13	13	100
Art	15	12	80
Biology	17	15	88
Comm/Theatre	12.5	8	64
Counselor Ed	7	6	86
Econ/Mgmt	18	9	50
Elementary Ed	21	20	95
English	29	25	86
Health/Phys Ed	10	6	60
Henry Barnard	26.5	24	91
History	17	17	100
Industrial Ed	8	5	62
Library/CRC	10	7	70
Mathematics	22	15	68
Mod Languages	8	6	75
Music	12	11	92
Nursing	28	6	21
Philosophy/FE	10	10	100
Physical Sciences	14	13	93
Political Science	7	7	100
Psychology	24	19	79
Secondary Ed.	2	2	100
Social Work	13.5	1	7
Sociology	12.5	11	88
Special Ed	10	7	70
COLLEGE TOTALS	376	283	75

(Questions or comments about RIC FACTS should be directed to the Office of Institutional Research and Planning at Ext. 8435.)

HONORS PROGRAM: A challenge to students

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very challenging for an instructor," exclaimed Dr. Mark W. Estrin, who teaches one of the English honors sections. In this class, he deals more with theory, and with an attempt to connect literary works regardless of chronological order.

Professor Estrin also feels that the students are "very modest and reticent about their own intelligence." He tries to encourage them to develop and express themselves to their full potential.

"Most students take it seriously," Mary Jo said, speaking of the program. Carol agreed: "We're all very interested in our classes; we're concerned with getting the

program can still take honors courses if there are spaces available.

As well as the academic side, a social component is also stressed. One "quiet section" dormitory suite is set aside for honors students, as well as the honors lounge in Adams Library.

A student advisory committee, open to anyone in the program, discusses both academic and social concerns. Presently they are planning trips to Boston and New York, as well as participation in the RIC-sponsored musical evening at the Ocean State Theatre on Dec. 6.

"The idea here is to create a sense of

and anthropology.

The program has gotten much financial backing from the college. At present, one Presidential Scholarship and 10 Bacon-Ballinger Honors Scholarships are awarded to students. Both are awarded solely on merit — regardless of financial need — and both are renewable for four years.

The first covers all tuition and fees, book, and dormitory costs. The latter awards \$500 per year.

The college is also trying to get additional funding for the honors program.

James M. Colman, director of admissions, remarked that state colleges have traditionally been promoted on the basis of cost rather than quality. He feels that the honors program at RIC, however, offers concrete evidence of quality.

"We need to let the people know that we (RIC) are a lot stronger academically than we were . . . years ago," Professor Hall says.

Next semester, three courses will be offered: English 102, History 112, and Chemistry 104 (General Chemistry). Students interested in being admitted to the program next semester can contact Professor Hall at 456-8671.

"I think we're still feeling our way with the program," Professor Estrin said. Professor Hall agreed, claiming that it generally takes two or three years for a program such as this to run "smoothly."

However, in Professor Hall's opinion, "This is something whose time has come." According to Carol, "Honors programs are really what's keeping me at RIC."



most out of them." She feels that she is comfortable with this level of learning; if she works at one that is lower, she tends to lose momentum.

Presently, 32 students are enrolled in the program, all of them freshmen except Carol, who is a sophomore. The first regular sessions started this fall, but Carol took two pilot courses last semester.

There are also 25 students on the waiting list, due to the lack of available space and qualifications, as well as other reasons.

According to Professor Hall, most of the students in the program ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class, and most of their cumulative SAT scores fall in the top 10 percent category at RIC.

Students are selected by a special General Education Honors Committee, which also helps pick professors to teach the classes, and to develop the program.

However, this is not an elitist program, as Professor Estrin points out. "There are many fine students in regular sections," he says. Furthermore, an expansion of the program is planned in the fall of 1983. In addition, students who are not enrolled in

community and identity as honors students," Professor Hall says. "They realize there is a peer support group, where . . . there are other students who do not think it is irrelevant to be interested in an assignment."

"Basically, you want everyone to get to know everybody so you don't feel so isolated," Carol says.

What does the future have in store? Professor Hall would like to see students actually working with faculty to plan course curricula. He expects this to take place next year or the following year.

In addition, plans are in effect for an upper-division program to complement what already exists, which is basically for freshmen and sophomores. This upper level "college honors," for juniors and seniors, would include interdisciplinary colloquia and specialized departmental honors programs. Professor Hall hopes to see this implemented in the fall of 1984, with a possible pilot session next year.

In the fall of 1983, the existing program will be expanded — eight honors sections being offered, including some in biology

Happy retirement



DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID: Russell Walch, obviously enjoying a quip by RIC's President David Sweet (left), is one of 17 faculty and staff members honored at a dinner Nov. 4 at the Faculty Center for recent retirees. (What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

Digging in dirt—looking in the past

By Amber E. Cabot

A model skeleton of a cat catches the eye as one descends the stairs. Emerging into the room, one is greeted by a mass of plump plastic bags lining the floor, and boxes filling up the shelves.

Over to the left of the room are a few plastic containers holding what, on closer inspection, is seen to include hand-wrought nails, old cigarette butts, bits of glass and brick, and remnants of beer bottles.

This is Rhode Island College's archaeology lab, appropriately hidden away under the ground in the basement of Alumni House. Here, staff—several of whom are RIC alumni—and students sort and study material collected from various digs in Rhode Island.

"You don't have to go off to the exotic places," says Dr. Pierre Morenon, head of the public archaeology program at RIC. He claims that there is a great deal of interesting Rhode Island history of which many people are unaware.

One of the projects now being carried out at the lab is a study of the dirt at the base of the State House and from the nearby rail yard. This study is taking place in advance of the city's planned relocation of the railroad tracks in that area.

Bruce McDonald, a student at RIC who is working on the project, explains that background surveys such as this are required by federal law before major construction changes that involve federal money can take place.

Mary Ellen Threlfall, a 1981 graduate of RIC, is also working on this study. Both she and Bruce are hired by the DeLeuw, Cather/Parsons engineering firm; however, they utilize the facilities at RIC.

This is the first time that this type of cooperative arrangement between RIC and an outside company has taken place, according to Dr. James Cornelison, assistant vice president for administration and finance. "I think it can work to the benefit of both organizations," he said.

The first step for Bruce and Mary Ellen is to take samples of dirt and run it through a floatation tank. The tank is located outside, next to the advancement and support building.

"It's basically like a huge mixing machine," Bruce says. The sample is swirled around by a steady flow of water; dirt settles to the bottom of the tank and fine and coarse materials are filtered out separately.



19TH CENTURY COW BONE is the subject of study by Bruce McDonald while RIC alumna Mary Ellen Threlfall filters dirt through a floatation tank. Both are working in RIC's public archaeology program. The site above is outside the college's Advancement and Support Center. (What's News Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

These materials are allowed to dry, and then Bruce and Mary Ellen sort through them, finding seeds, stone flakes from the making of tools, bits of brick, stoneware, bone, and glass, and occasionally a live spider.

"It literally is buried treasure," Bruce says, claiming that most of what they find is from the mid-1800s.

He explains that the archaeologist's goal is to make an accurate speculation of the

kind of natural and human environment that existed in an area. Clues to the environment come from such things as chemical analysis of the soil, soil profiles, kinds of seeds in an area, the ratio of seeds in an area, the ratio of seeds to soil and seeds to seeds, animal remains, and man-made objects.

He says that once such a picture is gained, it can be compared to what exists nowadays. "We can only look at it through

our own eyes," he says, "we're very biased."

Right now, most of Bruce and Mary Ellen's time is spent working outside with the floatation tank, though they have to spend some time sifting through materials in the lab. In the winter, much more time will be spent inside. Then they will identify, measure, sort and preserve their findings, as well as record much information.

"If you think beauracracy has a lot of files, archaeology has even more," Bruce says, stressing the importance of good record keeping.

The lab also houses materials from other current and past projects on which people from RIC are working. All of the projects are funded by outside sources, such as the Historic Preservation Society, according to Professor Morenon.

On a table is a map of the Hannah Gardiner Farm Site in North Kingstown; it is on part of the land where Route 4 will be extended. The former house on this site was from the late 1700s, according to Mary Ellen.

Mary Ellen is also currently working on this project. She spends time in the field, and will also be working in the lab, primarily identifying bone fragments that are found. She has her own personal collection of skeletons which help her with identification.

Of archaeology, Mary Ellen says, "It seems to me...to transform you back in time for a few hours, and you try to imagine—what it was like?" She even had a dream about the man who lived in the Hannah Gardiner house, whom she envisioned as having, long, flowing, white hair.

Speaking of the public archaeology program at RIC, Professor Morenon feels that it offers tremendous opportunities for students. Opportunities are available to work in the lab, to do grant-assisted research, to write and publish, and to give symposiums.

Moreover, he stressed RIC's role in really making a contribution to the field of archaeology. "Archaeology is one thing that RIC can really excel at," he said; "we're really not in competition with other colleges."

Professor Morenon also feels that many opportunities for women exist in the field of archaeology.

"I don't think we can have any present or future without knowing where we've been in the past," Mary Ellen says, "archaeology is sort of an extension of that."

Alzheimer's group to meet

The Providence, Cranston Support Group of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall.

Sylvia Zaki, vice president of the association which is based at the RIC Gerontology Center, has asked the various support groups to encourage local officials to join in a national effort to increase public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and ex-

pand membership in the organization.

She reported that President Reagan recently proclaimed the week of Nov. 21-27 as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Week.

Other support groups in Rhode Island include the East Bay area, the North Providence, Johnston, Scituate, Smithfield area, Central Falls, Pawtucket, Cumberland and East Providence area, South County area and Newport area.

RISD collection at RIC

Contemporary prints, drawings, and watercolors from the Rhode Island School of Design museum collection will be on display in the Bannister Gallery at the Art Center, from Nov. 18 to Dec. 16.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Works from the 1960s on will be exhibited. Over 20 artists will be featured, in-

cluding Robert Rauschenberg, James Rosenquist, Rother Motherwell, Chuck Close, Jasper Johns, and Peter Milton.

In addition, a reception for Deborah Johnson, a curator of the collection, is tentatively scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Johnson made the works available to RIC. For confirmation of the reception date, check the BRIEFS or call the art department at 456-8054.

Think Optometry

Career Routes in Advanced Medicine Club (CRAM) will host the New England College of Optometry on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. in Clarke Science 210.

If you are thinking of a career in optometry, a representative of the college will be glad to talk with you in this informal session.

All are welcome.

Blood Drive

The annual blood drive of the Lymanville Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held Dec. 8 from 5-8 p.m. at post quarters at 354 Fruit Hill Ave., North Providence.

Any person 18 or over may donate a pint of blood and designate someone (family member or friend) with the donation so that he/she will be eligible to receive blood for one year. Donors will not be detained for more than 30 minutes.

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Modifications include removing and replacing existing doors at upper and lower level entrances in Adams Library; modifications of men's and women's toilets in Alger, Craig Lee, Donovan, Faculty Center, Fogarty Life Science,

Henry Barnard, Roberts and Student Union; revising the entrance at the Rathskellar (Student Union) to provide a new vestibule; and revising men's and women's shower and locker rooms in Whipple Gym.

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES' AWARDS

Nominations to Who's Who are now being received by the Selection Committee. The Committee has established the following criteria:

- Scholarship
Undergraduates: minimum cumulative index of 2.5 and 60 earned credits completed as of September 15, 1982.
Graduates: minimum cumulative index of 3.25 and 15 earned credits completed.
- Participation and leadership in academics and extra curricular activities and service to RIC.
- Service to community at large.

Please complete the form below and return no later than Friday, November 19, 1982 to the Office of New Student Programs, Craig-Lee 060.

I nominate: _____ Name
 Grad _____ Address
 Undergrad _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NOMINATOR

The deadline for applications from the nominees is Friday, December 3, 1982. (Must be received by that date)

When snowflakes fall-

By George LaTour

When snowflakes begin to fall and thoughts turn to "getting away from it all" for a while, most of us dream about a mini-vacation in the Caribbean or at least Florida.

The dreams of some of the more hardy souls among us—notably students—may be aimed further north as the semester break approaches.

If you'd really like to take a "break" this year (and you owe it to yourself) and don't want to have to mortgage the house to do it, consider a ski week in up-state Maine.

John S. Taylor, Rhode Island College's director of intramural recreation programs, highly recommends it.

And, he should know.

He's taken small groups via bus to Squaw Mountain at Moosehead Lake in Greenville, Maine, "on and off" for the past 10 years.

For \$200 (double occupancy) or \$175 (for four), you can get on a chartered bus at the college on Sunday, Jan. 2, and be driven to Moosehead Lodge in the midst of some very fine ski country near the Canadian border where you'll be fed two meals a day (breakfast and a gourmet dinner of your choice), be given free ski lessons for an hour-and-a-half a day, and have complete access to both an indoor swimming pool and a sauna.

Of course, you can do all the skiing you want or merely enjoy the great outdoors. John warns, however, that if you go, bring plenty of warm clothing.

This winter idyll lasts for five days, ending Friday, Jan. 7.

John points out that with many package ski trips "you take what you get." At Squaw Mountain it's pretty much a RIC show as "we're basically the only ones there."

John says the lodge is right on the slopes so there's no need to take a bus or a long hike to ski.

"You're right there on the slopes," assures John, who points out that you can bring your own ski equipment or rent equipment on site.

Skiing offered is of all types—from beginners slopes through intermediate to advanced (when the snow is right).

"We're really out in the woods up there. The site is a former logging community. In fact, the lodge where we stay was originally a part of the Scott Paper Co." properties, said John.

He said the people who run the lodge now lease it from the state which apparently took it over from the paper company.

"The lodge is a regular hotel," reports John who indicated that the accommodations are first class.

After organizing the ski week trips for

a number of years more or less on his own (under the aegis of the RIC Intramural Recreation Program) John would this year like to recruit the assistance of the RIC Ski Club.



He'd like to fill a bus which can accommodate 50 persons.

In the past, it seems, mostly students were the ones adventurous enough to take the trip, although some faculty ventured out now and then.

"It's ideal for families," claims John, who normally takes his own on the mid-semester break.

If you're interested in the trip this year, you should contact John before Nov. 29 at Whipple Gym (456-8136). A \$70 deposit is required.

Yodel-lay-de-who!



PAT CARROLL as Gertrude Stein.

One-woman performance

Rhode Island College hosts Pat Carroll in a one-woman performance of Marty Martin's "Gertrude Stein Gertrude Stein Gertrude Stein," to be staged at 8 p.m. in the Roberts Auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 16, and Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Though not an artist herself, Gertrude Stein was "one of the biggest persons in the art movement at the turn of the century," according to Roger Lemlin, publicity manager of the Performing Arts Series. She associated with Picasso, Matisse, Cezanne, Fitzgerald, Hemingway and others.

In an imaginary monologue, Pat Carroll portrays Stein as she reminisces upon her past in Paris and America, her friendship with Alice B. Toklas, and the cast of characters who stepped in and out of both of their lives.

Pat Carroll has been performing the show since 1979, touring 79 cities in 30 states. She has been awarded a Grammy

for the Caedmon album of the show, the Drama Desk Award for "Best Actress for 1980," and the Outer Critics Circle Award for "Best Production of a Play or Musical Off-Broadway."

Her 33 years in professional theater includes soloing in Manhattan cabarets, radio acting, producing and writing, and performing in over 250 roles as a stock actress in both dramas and musical comedies.

She has spent 25 years in the television business, appearing on the *Danny Thomas*, *Mary Tyler Moore*, *Carol Burnett*, and *Johnny Carson* shows, as well as a host of others.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office in the Roberts Hall lobby, or by calling 456-8144. Admission is \$2.50 for RIC students with ID, \$5 for other students and senior citizens, and \$8 for the general public. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

Calendar of Events November 15 — November 22

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Noon to 1 p.m. *Behavioral Weight Control*. Judy Gaines. Craig Lee, Room 130.
3-4 p.m. *Career Services*. Job Search Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
7:30 p.m. *Lyceum Series*. "What Constitutes Beauty and Grace in a Period of Conspicuous Consumption?" Oscar Wilde portrayed by Vincent Ceglie. Free and open to all. Providence Public Library.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15-18

Noon *Mass*. Student Union, Room 304.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8 a.m. *Protestant Service*. Student Union, Room 304.
9 to 10 a.m. *Career Services*. Job Search for Cooperative Education Students. Craig Lee, Room 054.
10 a.m. to Noon *Career Services*. Interviewing Workshop for Cooperative Education students. Craig Lee, Room 054.
Noon to 1 p.m. *English Colloquium*. "My Hidden Enemy-The Case Against Nellie Dean." Dr. A. Abbott Ikeler. Craig Lee, Room 255.
1 to 2 p.m. *Career Services*. Resume Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
2 to 4 p.m. *Increasing Women's Self Esteem*. Judy Gaines and Fredlin Bennett. Women's Center.

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16-19

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday to Thursday
10 a.m. to Noon on Friday
Book Bazaar and Craft Sale. Henry Barnard School Parents' Association. Henry Barnard School Cafeteria.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Noon *History Department Luchtime Colloquium*. "D-Day Memoirs." Prof. Norman Cooke. Gaige, Room 207.
2 to 3 p.m. *Career Services*. Resume Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
3 to 4 p.m. *Career Spotlight*. Environmental Science Career. Craig Lee, Room 054.
8 p.m. *RIC Performing Arts Series*. Pat Carroll in "Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein." General Admission is \$8., students \$3.50. Roberts Theatre.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9 to 10 a.m. *Career Services*. Job Search Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
2 to 4 p.m. *Career Services*. Interviewing Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.
7 p.m. *Protestant Service*. Student Union, Room 304.
7 to 9 p.m. *RISD Collection Opening*. Prints and drawings. Bannister Gallery at the Art Center.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11 a.m. to Noon *Career Services*. Resume Workshop for Cooperative Education Students. Craig Lee, Room 054

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10 a.m. *Sunday Mass*. Student Union, Ballroom.
3 p.m. *RIC Symphonic Band*. Free Performance. Roberts Auditorium.
7 p.m. *Sunday Evening Mass*. Browne Hall's Upper Lounge.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Noon *Mass*. Student Union, Room 304.
Noon to 1 p.m. *Behavioral Weight Control*. Judy Gaines. Craig Lee, Room 130.
2 to 4 p.m. *Career Services*. Interviewing Workshop. Craig Lee, Room 054.