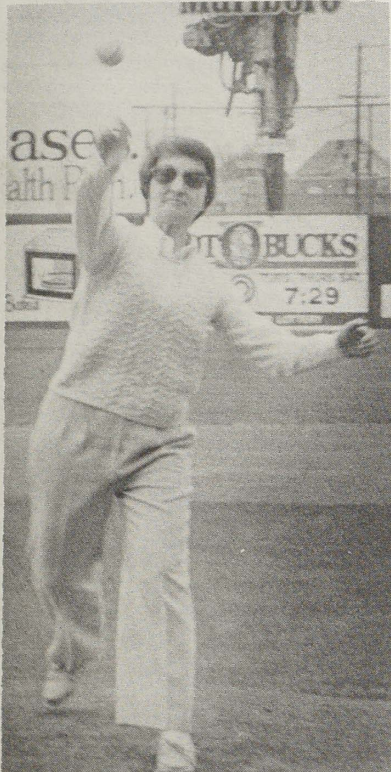




WHAT'S NEWS AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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Mr. Olsen



THROWING OUT THE FIRST BALL at Rhode Island College day in McCoy Stadium is College President Carol J. Guarido. The May 3rd game featured the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Tidewater Tides of the International AAA League. An enthusiastic crowd of fans from Rhode Island College turned out to support the Paw Sox and the College. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales benefitted the Rhode Island College Foundation. (*What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley*)

Asbestos removal set for summer

Rhode Island College will undertake a costly and logistically difficult project this summer with the removal of asbestos from several rooms of Craig-Lee Hall, according to John Nazarian, vice president for administration and finance.

Nazarian stressed that the asbestos is "not a hazard" to the college community, but that it was cited as a "potential hazard" after inspection by an independent consulting firm.

Nazarian made the announcement in a recent interview with *What's News* and *Anchor* reporters. College physical plant engineer Jack Vickers was also present.

Vickers said that the college campus is sampled quarterly for asbestos particles that might pose a danger, and that none of the tests has shown any asbestos in the air.

Asbestos was commonly used as an insulating material around heating pipes and in ceiling tiles in the late 1950s when many of the buildings were built on what was then the new Rhode Island College campus, according to Vickers. The State of Rhode Island is currently in litigation (along with hundreds of other corporations and agencies across the country) with Johns Mansville, the contractor who installed much of the asbestos. The firm is now bankrupt, he said.

The consultant's inspection was part of a state-wide probe designed to locate friable asbestos, or the type of asbestos that can become airborne, according to Nazarian. The fact that friable asbestos was found on campus does not mean there is a health hazard. "All air sampling and testing to date

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1,000 to receive degrees here May 23

Four honorary doctorates to be awarded

More than 1,000 students will receive degrees at Rhode Island College commencement on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.

Approximately 800 undergraduate and almost 300 graduate degree candidates will get their diplomas at the ceremony.

Honorary degrees also will be given to four individuals with distinction in their respective fields.

Addressing the degree recipients will be Dr. Alexander William Astin, a nationally renowned researcher of issues related to higher education. Dr. Astin will also receive an honorary degree from the college.

the faculty and platform guests.

Epple, as chair of council, will open and close the ceremonies. Deirdre David, a graduating senior from Cranston, will sing the national anthem.

Recessional music will be "National Spirit March" by S. E. Hummel.

Dr. Astin, who will be given a Doctor of Pedagogy degree, is a professor of higher education at the University of California, Los Angeles, and director of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

The author of 16 books and numerous publications, he has served as director of research for both the American Council on

child study and resident scholar at the Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Recently elected as president to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, he is the author of numerous scholarly books and journalistic articles on early childhood as well as children's fiction. He is also the contributing editor to *Parents* magazine.

He received his Ph.D. from UCLA. As a National Science Foundation Senior Postdoctoral Fellow in Geneva, he studied perceptual, cognitive and social development theories and has built his research on



John N. Wilford



Alexander Astin



David Elkind



Eileen Farrell

Honorary degrees will be conferred upon Dr. David Elkind, a well-known professor of child study, Eileen Farrell, considered by many as one of the great dramatic sopranos of this era and John Noble Wilford Jr., a highly acclaimed reporter of science.

Weather permitting, commencement will take place on the esplanade in front of Walsh Health and Physical Education Center.

The faculty will be led in the processional by Dr. George M. Epple, chair of Council of Rhode Island College, the college's faculty governance organization. He will carry the DelSesto Mace.

The college's wind ensemble, directed by Dr. Francis M. Marciniak, will start with "Prelude" by Malcolm Arnold and will play "Flourish for Wind Band" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "Marche Militaire" by Peter Ilytch Tchaikowsky.

During the recessional Joseph A. Neri, president of the college's alumni association, will carry the DelSesto mace and lead

Education and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. For the last 20 years he has been directing an on-going national study of some six million students, 50,000 faculty and 1,200 higher education institutions.

Among Dr. Astin's studies was the "Value Added Project," a qualitative study of what a student actually learns from his college education other than facts and figures. Rhode Island College has since adopted the project for its own students.

Dr. Astin has received many awards and grants for research from professional organizations as well as honorary degrees from colleges across the nation.

He received his Ph.D. from University of Maryland and has held several teaching positions—and lectured extensively—at distinguished colleges and been a member of many advisory boards and panels.

Dr. Elkind, who will receive a Doctor of Science degree, is currently a professor of

the developmental theory of Jean Piaget, famed Swiss psychologist. He also taught at University of Rochester, N.Y.

A member of several professional associations and a frequent lecturer, Dr. Elkind is also a consultant to many state education departments and private foundations.

Eileen Farrell, who will receive a Doctor of Fine Arts degree, first reached public recognition via radio in the early 1940s, initially as a soloist on CBS programs, later as the star of her own network program.

She started singing in operas in 1955 and made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 1960. She has starred with almost every major opera company and symphony orchestra in the United States and has received critical acclaim from the press and praise from the public.

She had her first music lessons from her mother, and later studied with voice teachers in New York. She auditioned for, and got, a

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Author of school-desegregation plans --

'Not a crusader' but he influenced lives of millions

by George LaTour

Insisting that he's "not a crusader," Rhode Island College's Myrl G. Herman, nonetheless, is credited with influencing the lives of millions of minority children as author of school desegregation plans in 13 cities over a 19-year period, 1960-1979.

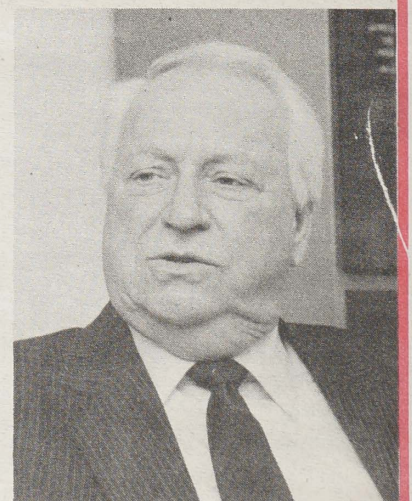
For this work, which included expert testimony in numerous court cases on desegregation in cities like Birmingham and Tuscaloosa in Alabama, Atlanta, Ga. and Shelby County, Tenn., the retiring professor of elementary education is just now beginning to be recognized.

On May 14 the college alumni association will present him with its Alumni Service Award for the "tremendous service he has rendered to the education of minority children and the cause of social justice in the country."

Neither Herman, who has taught here and resided in Cranston since 1965, or college officials had dared to publicize his work prior to now as he has been the subject of death threats made during or in the wake of landmark desegregation cases, some of which reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Of German extraction—one side of his family settled in the Mid-West in the 1700s and the other at the end of the American Civil War—Herman grew up in Lebanon, Ill., getting an A.B. degree from McKendree College in 1946 with a major in history.

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MYRL HERMAN

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Dr. Carol A. DiMarco, assistant professor of health/physical education, conducted a workshop April 23 on Stress Management/Teacher Burnout for 75 elementary school teachers at the Central Elementary School in Lincoln.

Dr. Hanoeh Livneh, associate professor of counseling and educational psychology, has co-authored a book with Dr. Richard Antonak of the University of New Hampshire entitled *The Measurement of Attitudes Toward People with Disabilities: Methods, Psychometrics and Scales*. It will be published by C.C. Thomas next fall.

Dolores M. Harrison, assistant professor of nursing, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation "Predictors of Role Conflict and Role Ambiguity Among Nursing Faculty Involved with Interdisciplinary Endeavors" at the University of Connecticut April 30.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Ruggiero, assistant professor at Henry Barnard School, has been awarded a grant to be a teacher-participant for one year to study "Social Change in America: 1790-1840" at the Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts.

Letters ...

Dear Editor:

On April 29 and 30, 1987, students, faculty and staff of Rhode Island College came together in support of the homeless during the Rhode Island College Rallies for the Homeless.

More than 4,000 letters were signed and delivered to the State House to the offices of Governor DiPrete, Rep. Smith, Speaker of the House, Sen. Revens, Senate Majority Leader and Rep. Tucker, Chairman of the House Finance Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE who helped to make the Rally a success, the administration and staff, speakers at the rally, people who spent the night without a home, planning committee and supporters of the rally.

We also thank the establishments in Providence who donated food for the people who spent Wednesday night in the cardboard city.

Russ Antonelli and Carol Brotman
Organizers of R.I. College Rallies for the Homeless

English majors get career advice

Get involved in volunteer work and "most of all, be skills-oriented," Rhode Island College English majors were told at the annual English Department Careers Day April 29.

Speaking before a group of 40 students and faculty members in Craig-Lee Hall 255, Dr. Lois A. Cuddy, Class of '56, and a professor of English at the University of Rhode Island, encouraged the English majors to "seek job experiences before you graduate, learn all the skills you can, especially how to deal with people," and "never give up."

"If you give up," she warned, "you'll never have a chance."

Cuddy was one of four former English majors, who have gone on to make successful careers for themselves, who were invited to visit the college to advise current English majors about career options. In addition Dean W. Martineau, a current English major here who is employed as a paralegal trainee at a Providence law firm, added his own advice.

Sharon E. Mazyck, coordinator of career development in the Office of Career Services, was panel moderator.

Frank McGoff, Class of '75 and co-owner of an insurance agency, told the students that should they not obtain employment directly related to their English studies (teaching, for instance), then they must have a specific skill to offer an employer... "something he/she needs."

In addition, indicated McGoff, a little enthusiasm on the part of the prospective employee wouldn't hurt. "You must show the employer not just that you want to help him/her, but that you want to enjoy your career," he said.

Dean Chatty, Class of '85 and general manager of a wine business, seemed to agree with McGoff that enthusiasm was a key element in selling yourself to a prospective employer as well as in selling a product. He assured his listeners that having been an English major proved an asset in his business, having given him the ability to more effectively communicate with diverse audiences.

Job Fair for disabled

There will be a job fair for the disabled Tuesday, June 2, at the Providence Civic Center from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rhode Island College students are being encouraged to attend.

The fair, designed for the 'handiCapable', is sponsored by the federally funded state agency Projects with Industry.

More than 60 companies from the area will be accepting applications for a variety of jobs.

During the day job skills workshops will be conducted as well, which will include resume writing, job search and interviewing techniques.

If enough interest is shown, the college will provide transportation to the job fair and back.

To sign up for workshops call Projects with Industry at 861-4460. To find out more information call Sara Weiss at the Student Life Office, 456-8051.

Give books to AAUW

Books are being collected for the fall book sale of the Providence Plantations Branch, American Association of University Women, informs its co-chair Mary G. Davey, also director emerita of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs here.

The 44-year-old annual sale benefits the AAUW scholarship fund for women in advanced study.

Magazines, records, music and art objects are also welcome. You can leave them at the office of the Central Congregational Church on Angell Street or make other arrangements to have them picked up by calling 751-0571.

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Professors emeriti named by President Guardo

Four Rhode Island College professors have been appointed to the rank of *Professor Emeritus* and *Emerita* by the college's president, Dr. Carol J. Guardo.

The honorees are Dr. Philip M. Whitman of the mathematics and computer science department, Dr. Alene Silver of the biology department, George Deckey of the physical science department and Dr. Ridgeway F. Shinn Jr. of the history department.

The ranks are awarded in recognition of their distinguished careers. The action is based on the unanimous recommendations by departmental advisory committees of their respective departments as well as the endorsements of Dean David L. Greene of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Provost Willard F. Enteman.

Dr. Whitman received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He worked at Los Alamos, Tufts and Johns Hopkins universities before coming to Rhode Island College in 1961 to establish the Department of Mathematics.

to present papers at the International Pigment Cell Conference and the European Society for Comparative Skin Biology. She is on the roster of several prominent professional associations and "has served as an important role model for many of our students," according to the current department chair.

Retiring at the end of this academic year, George Deckey came to Rhode Island College in 1965 from Rhode Island School of Design. He graduated from Brown University.

At Rhode Island College, he developed the analytical chemistry course into a demanding and professional experience for chemistry and medical technology majors, according to the department chair. He coordinated general chemistry laboratories, published nationally and distributed experiments for the labs. His research on photophysical and fluorescence quenching studies of 2-naphthols has led to many publications.

Deckey has served in many capacities; he



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He served as department chair for its first six years. "He is responsible for building the department and indeed played a major role in building the college," according to the current department chair. Dr. Whitman served as chair of the Curriculum Committee and of the Council of Rhode Island College during key development years when the charter of the present Council was being established.

Recently retired, he was the recipient of the first Distinguished Service Award in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and is a member of many professional organizations.

Dr. Silver graduated *magna cum laude* from Columbia University. She pursued graduate work at the University of Chicago and received her Ph.D. from University of Illinois.

Retiring in July 1987, she joined the Department of Biology here in 1970 and was named Mary Tucker Thorp Professor in 1981. She has published more than two dozen articles and has been a contributor to five books.

Her specialties include skin biology and wound healing. She has collaborated with distinguished scientists and has been invited

was most recently the chair of the Academic Standing Committee.

Dr. Ridgeway Shinn Jr. has been a history department faculty member for 29 years. He has served first as the department chair, then as dean of the Faculty Arts and Sciences as well as vice president for academic affairs.

The primary developer of the Providence Social Studies Curriculum Project, a curriculum revision in social studies from kindergarten through 12th grade in Providence public schools, he has designed a model linking the college's academic resources to the local public schools. He received major grants from the U.S. Office of Education for this project as well as grants for other research.

He was named a Distinguished Service Professor of the college in 1981 and honorary life member of Friends of Edinburgh University Library in 1982.

With a concentration on British history, he has published numerous research studies and reviews and is a member of several professional organizations.

He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University after graduating from Oberlin College. He held several teaching positions before coming to Rhode Island College.

Reception for faculty May 15

Rhode Island College will hold a reception in honor of faculty members who have been promoted and those who have been given *emeritus* status.

Hosted by the college's president, Dr. Carol J. Guardo, the reception will be held on Friday, May 15, at 4 p.m. in the Adams Library.

The college community is invited to attend the reception and join in honoring these faculty members.

The faculty members who have been promoted to professor: Dr. Gary R. Grund (English); Dr. Hanoeh Livneh (Counseling/Educational Psychology); Dr. Bennet J. Lombardo (Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance); Dr. James J.

Rubovits (Psychology); Dr. Donald V. Sippel (History); Dr. Ellsworth A. Starring (Elementary Education); Dr. William M. Jones (Music); Dr. David L. Greene (Physical Science).

The faculty members who have been promoted to associate are: Dr. Judith A. Babcock (Economics/Management); Carol A. Hryciw-Wing (Library).

The faculty members who have been promoted to assistant include: Mary L. Burke (Nursing); Rachel H. Carpenter (Library); Charles L. Roy (Mathematics/Computer Science); Matthew Younce (Mathematics/Computer Science).

(See related story on the *emeriti* additions).

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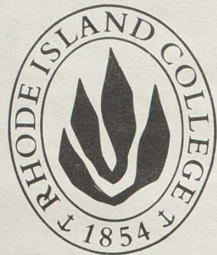
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Educators visit, evaluate 'all aspects' of academic quality

Four prominent educators recently visited Rhode Island College to evaluate all aspects of its academic quality.

Individually appointed by the college's president, Carol J. Guardo, and Provost William F. Enteman to the External Committee for Academic Quality at Rhode Island College, they were asked to advise the provost on their findings of the academic programs, policies and facilities here.

"The Office of Higher Education has requested a report on academic quality from each [state] institution of higher education," said Pat Soellner, assistant to the provost. This request came as a result of "a continuing effort to inform the Board of Governors about the procedure for program reviews and assessment of academic quality. We at Rhode Island College agreed to go first."

To approach this project comprehensively, in addition to the internal committee of educators, the four-member committee of outside educators was invited to submit its findings of the overall academic quality of the college, Ms. Soellner said.

The chair of this committee, Dr. Martha Church, is the president of Hood College in Maryland. Other members are Dr. William Vasse, academic vice president at State University of New York at New Paltz; Dr. Patricia Plante, academic vice president at Towson State University in Maryland and

Dr. David Dixon, former president of Montclair State in New Jersey.

During a two-day visit to the campus on April 8-10, the committee members met with all the deans, department chairs and other executive officers of the college. Faculty and students were also given the opportunity to meet with them. They toured the library and other facilities on campus.

Other meetings took place between the committee and RIC/AFT, Committee on General Education, Institutional Research, the Honors Committee as well as the dean of admissions and director of financial aid offices and the Internal Committee on Academic Quality.

The internal committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Green of the elementary education department here, is the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee of the College Council. It has been appointed to advise the provost in the formulation of this report.

The Office of the Provost expects a written report from Dr. Church's committee by late May. Combined with the findings of the Internal Advisory Committee, the provost's office then will present an overall report to the Board of Governors in August.

Faculty are invited to contact the Office of the Provost for further information, suggestions and questions, Soellner said. She can be reached at 456-8782.

'Private' loan aims to keep middle-class students in college

by Jean Rubin

(CPS) — Some private companies and colleges have come up with a new kind of student loan that, they hope, will help keep middle class students in college.

Last week, a group of colleges and private financial firms — calling itself the Consortium of Universities of the Washington D. C. Area — introduced a new loan called "ConSern."

Students nationwide can borrow up to \$15,000 a year under the program, which carries a higher interest rate — currently 9.5 percent — than the federal Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) it is meant to supplement.

Many students from families earning more than \$30,000 a year can no longer get GSLs under new regulations that went into effect this year.

The ConSern Loans, in fact, are aimed at "the middle 70 percent" of students who now have trouble getting GSLs, explains Janice Moyer of the consortium.

"The 15 percent at the top don't need financial aid," she says. "The lower 15 percent have access to other programs. This is for the middle group that has difficulty. This is the alternative for the family that would otherwise have to take out a second mortgage (to pay for college)."

It's not the only program aimed at making up for strict new federal aid regulations and cutbacks that first made it harder to get grants, and now have made it harder to get federal loans.

"Several supplemental programs have been developed to fill the gaps that the federal programs can't meet," notes Jean Frohlicher of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs in Washington, D.C.

The new programs, she says, "are in response to the changes and limitations in the federal laws."

Massachusetts, Texas and several other states have developed their own programs designed to help people being eliminated from federal aid programs.

The U.S. Department of Education, moreover, also is pushing similar programs — called the Income Contingent Loans and Parent Loans — which, unlike GSLs, carry a high interest rate, require a credit-worthy co-signer on a loan and have the student begin repaying the loan 30 to 60 days after getting the money.

But the ConSern loan is different, Moyer says, because it is national and less cumbersome than the Department of Education programs.

"ConSern is the only program at this scale," Moyer claims. "It's a unique approach as far as we know."

Even so, Frohlicher predicts ConSern and the other private programs will remain much more expensive than federal loans, and that GSLs "will remain the backbone of the student financial program for the foreseeable future."

She graduates from R.I. College after coming --

From the killing fields

by George LaTour

From the killing fields of Cambodia a flower has sprung which blooms today in Rhode Island in the person of Vanna Sun.

Having wisdom born of suffering, the 27-year-old refugee from the horrors of the Khmer Rouge can now also be called "educated."

On Saturday, May 23, she will receive her bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from Rhode Island College, bringing to fruition a dream she shared with her father.

"I never thought I would ever be able to get an education because so much damage was done to . . . my mind, my thinking," she said, struggling to find words adequate to explain the effects of long-term exposure to deprivation, torture and murder, and the outright attempts at brainwashing by the Communists under the infamous Pol Pot regime.

Sun related how, in 1975 "when the Communists took over" in Cambodia, she was "locked out in the country" where she and millions of her countrymen were forced to grow rice or clear jungle growth.

"There was no more schooling" or anything of life familiar to her during her first 15 years in the capital city of Phnom Penh.

Basically healthy now, although suffering from recurrent seiges of malaria which she had contracted while performing slave labor for more than four years, Sun had feared that disease, too, might prevent her from ever acquiring an education.

"My father encouraged me to try again when we got here. I had always been a good student in Phnom Penh. He had been a professor there and always placed much emphasis on education," Sun related.

Having married before fleeing the country, she and her husband, Bonny Sun, and their young son and other members of her immediate family, including her parents, "escaped from Cambodia to Thailand where we stayed in a refugee camp for one year." A brother already had been killed before they fled.



VANNA SUN

Then, except for her parents who proceeded on to the United States, the family, including Vanna's three brothers and a sister, was transferred to a camp in the Philippines for another six months. Her husband's family had not fared so well.

"My father-in-law had been the mayor of a town in the capital area. When they (Khmer Rouge) found out, they killed him. His wife got sick and died. A lot (of people) in my husband's family were killed . . . and their children, too," Sun explained with eyes searching for understanding/comprehension on the part of the listener.

As if anyone COULD comprehend the purposeful killing of millions.

A further indication—and perhaps the most telling—of the horror inflicted upon the Cambodian people was the nearly insane fear by the Khmer Rouge of anyone who gave the slightest indication of possessing anything more than average peasant mentality.

"They didn't trust educated people" said Sun, and someone wearing eye glasses, for instance, gave indication enough of intelligence. They were killed on the spot.

Reaching Rhode Island at age 21, Sun tried Hope High School. She succeeded and was named class valedictorian upon graduation.

She enrolled at Rhode Island College where she has achieved outstanding results scholastically with about a 3.5 average (out of a possible 4.0), despite having some difficulty with the English language. She speaks Cambodian and French fluently.

"I hope to get straight A's this semester," she confided softly, with just the hint of a smile.

Last Wednesday at the college's Cap and Gown Day ceremonies she was awarded the Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award for outstanding achievement in her studies.

Come June 29, Vanna Sun and her family, which now includes another child, a six year old daughter, will move again, this time to Stamford, Conn., where she has landed her first career job as management information systems (MIS) analyst for Pitney Bowes.

Summer Session Registration Continues

Session I: May 18 — June 26

Session II: June 29 — August 8

Register at the Bursar's Office in Alger Hall, Room 133.

Cap and Gown Day offers a

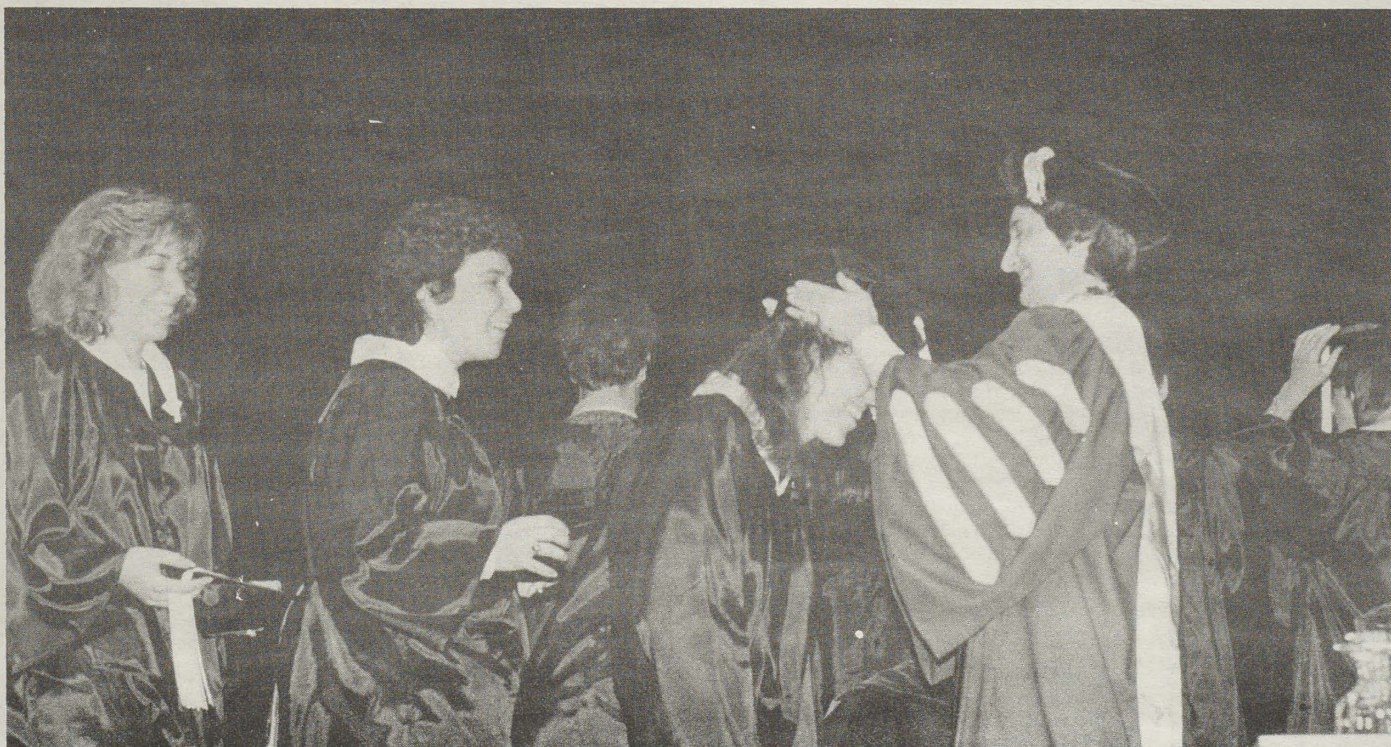
Cap and Gown Day ceremonies at Rhode Island College this year were held on May 6. The day began with a breakfast for the honorees hosted by President Carol J. Guardo. It was a day marked by academic regalia, scholastic recognition, bright smiles and an increasing awareness on the part of the graduating seniors that their undergraduate college experience was drawing to a close.

A final day of pomp and circumstance yet awaits them and their loved ones — commencement on May 23.

In photo below happy faces meet the photographer's lens while below that more happy faces watch President Gaurdo as she sets a student's cap. On far right Dr. Albert Stecker, associate professor of economics and management and the seniors' choice as speaker, offers remarks.

At bottom right faculty and staff who are Rhode Island College alumni join in song on the Roberts Hall stage. It was quite a day!

What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley



AT THE CAP AND GOWN DAY CEREMONIES, several students were recognized with awards. Front row, Danielle Grieco (Sigma award in Industrial Sociology); Ellen Murrain (Sigma Award in Special Education); Danielle Grieco (Sigma Award); Maureen Gustafson (Sigma Award). SECOND ROW: Marianna Williams (John H. C. Rauch Melcer Dance Award in Physical Sciences); Dr. Peter Jeffrey Archambault (Helen Murphy Award in Music); Kim Viall (Peter Jeffrey Archambault Theatre Award); Jane Sun (Anastacio BSW Award in Academic Excellence). FOURTH ROW: Leonard Lough (Philosophy Faculty Award); Joseph Ferrer (Christina Andrews Emery Award); Walter DeLuca (Faculty Award in R.N.).

★ DEGREES

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job in the CBS chorus, which later led to a soloist career with an average of 60 concerts a year.

She has done various recordings and has been a guest on several TV variety shows.

John Noble Wilford Jr., who will receive a Doctor of Letters degree, is a science correspondent for *The New York Times* and a science commentator of WQXR.

A 1984 Pulitzer Prize recipient for national coverage of scientific topics, he has reported on space exploration as well as developments in geology, paleontology, archeology and anthropology fields.

He is the author and editor of several books, articles and book reviews on science-related topics. He has lectured at several universities and natural history museums on science programs and science writing.

He is a member of professional associations and on the advisory boards of various science writing programs.

He received his master's degree from Syracuse University in Political Science and worked as a general assignment reporter for major daily newspapers before specializing in science coverage.



★ ASBESTOS

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have demonstrated that our air is safe to breathe. Not a single asbestos fiber was found in the air," he said.

Nazarian said that two areas on campus were cited as "potentially hazardous." The other area, in addition to portions of Craig-Lee, is the basement of the Alumni House. He said that most of the asbestos is in mechanical rooms that are off limits to unauthorized personnel. "Even I can't get into these areas," he said.

Because it involves a major task of temporarily relocating offices, Nazarian said that the removal will be undertaken in Craig-Lee Hall first and in the Alumni House later on.

The Craig-Lee project is slated to begin in late May and will be completed in late July or early August, Nazarian said.

The offices affected by the project are all in the east wing of Craig-Lee Hall. Nazarian said the whole east wing of Craig-Lee will be closed and access barred to unauthorized personnel. This will necessitate a major task in relocating offices and personnel, he said.

Nazarian emphasized that relocation sites are subject to change. The affected offices and tentative plans for their relocation site are:

—Upward Bound, Special Services, Counseling Center and Office of Student Life to the top two floors of Browne Hall.

—Political Science and Modern Languages to the humanities wing of Craig-Lee.

—Writing Center to the Honors Lounge of Craig-Lee.

—Reading Center (not very active this time of year; director will be housed in Office of New Student Programs).

—Language Lab to the Curriculum Resources Center in Horace Mann Hall.

—Department of Industrial Education (second floor only) to the first floor of Craig-Lee with the rest of the department, where there is no potential asbestos hazard.

—Telephone Services to the Art Center.

—Microcomputer Lab will be closed (other labs are available and can handle the demand at this time of year),

—Center for Financial Aid and Student Employment Services to Henry Barnard School (later in June when classes are over).

Nazarian met recently with representatives of the offices involved in the temporary relocation. He said all were very cooperative and came up with positive suggestions to make the transition easier.

Nazarian said that all office materials and equipment needed during the project will be moved to the new sites, and other materials and furnishings will be stored. Trailers will be rented and stationed near Craig-Lee for storage, and rooms on the first floor of Craig-Lee that don't contain asbestos will also be utilized.

The first office to move will be Telephone Services in order to ensure that there will be no disruption in campus telephone service, according to Nazarian.

He said the most "challenging" move will involve the financial aid and student employment offices because of the need to have continuous access to a large number of files.

Once the project is complete, all affected areas will be sampled and analyzed to ensure that no asbestos is in the air, according to Nazarian. He said that if the air does not satisfy Rhode Island Health Department standards, the contractor will be required to reclean and revacuum the areas until testing indicates the areas are completely safe for occupancy.

Nazarian said the project will cost "in excess of \$400,000," half of which is to come from bond money and the balance from college money.

Nazarian noted that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management recommended the removal as "most cost effective in the long run."

'Not a crusader' but he influenced lives of millions

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By that time he had already begun his work in education, serving as principal of Oak Grove School in Lebanon. From 1948 until 1950 he was superintendent of schools in East St. Louis, Ill., and completed his studies for a master's degree in curriculum and administration.

It was in the 1950s while serving as an assistant professor of education at the University of Oklahoma that he became involved in "Negro education" as it was then called in Oklahoma.

"I had some black teachers in my classes and they invited me back to their schools," relates Herman, who points out that was the beginning of his interest in the "separate schools for blacks."

Didn't like conditions he saw

"I didn't like the conditions I saw (there)," he affirms in the measured tones of the courtroom expert.

Later, in his University of Oklahoma extension course on curriculum for teachers at an Ardmore high school, "if blacks came in to enroll, the courses were closed down." At one point, the school board in Ardmore refused entry to black teachers "so we had to relocate the class to the courthouse."

"I felt badly about it, but I'm not a crusader," he assures, "but, by invitation, I gradually became a participant in black education in Oklahoma."

One invitation came from the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, or "some judge would call me to give expert testimony," relates Herman. In some cases, "just lay people" would contact him to testify. These were usually whites who were interested and concerned about black education.

"Ordinarily, I would spend anywhere from a full day to a full week testifying in court. Sometimes, a case was deferred for months," he explains.

Asked if there had been any courtroom disturbances when he testified on behalf of desegregation, Herman responded that "most of the time people were well behaved, but on occasion someone would call out."

Issues were 'very prominent'

"The issues in court (on desegregation) were very prominent. They received big press (coverage) and drew a lot of people."

While the "issues" got national and even international attention, Herman was interviewed mostly by local reporters in the various communities in which he had appeared in court.

"One TV station actually shot (film) footage of the hotel I was staying in ... just showing a brick wall up to the window in my room!" he says still in disbelief.

Public access to Herman and others testifying was, obviously, restricted for his and their protection. In several communities where he and others testified "federal marshals drove us everywhere we went," relates Herman.

Modestly, the white-haired professor explains that "most of the testimony" he gave was based on "factual conditions." He adds: "I was not there to make decisions. That was the judge's job."

Judges asked his opinion

He admits, though, that judges had asked for his opinion "all the time."

Herman made more than 30 court appearances as an expert witness and consultant during this time and/or developed desegregation plans—in addition to those already mentioned—for: Augusta and Richmond County in Georgia; Durham, N.C.; Eldorado, Ark.; Houston, Texas; Jackson and Lebanon and Wilson County, Tenn.; Muncie, Ind.; San Francisco, Calif., and Nashville, Tenn., the latter taking 10 years of litigation.

Compensation received from the NAACP he usually donated to aid other—"mostly black"—groups.

After several more terms as an educator at Ball State, Yeshiva and Illinois universities, Herman joined the Rhode Island College faculty upon the encouragement of friend and colleague, Dr. Myron Leiberman and then college President William C. Gaige.

He was only at the college two weeks when he had to appear in the Durham case. "I would commute back and forth to a case. I don't think I ever missed a class here," he says, while pointing out that his "students weren't aware of what I was doing at the time."

"I didn't say a great deal (to them) about it."

During one week, a colleague reported, Herman made three round-trips to Houston so as not to miss a class at Rhode Island College.

Some didn't know significance

Herman says he received "good support" from the upper level of college administrators here at the time, but experienced "some difficulty with middle-level" management at the college, who, one supposes, had failed to comprehend the ramifications of Herman's work.

Once at Rhode Island College, he recruited others partial to the cause of desegregation, including the late Dr. Robert Passy, and Drs. Jack L. Larsen of Johnston, J. Howard Munzer of Warwick and John A. Finger Jr. of Providence, of whom Herman says "did extremely fine work" and was "widely involved in desegregation."

"Some people knew about it (their work) here, but they didn't know the significance of it. A number of cases Rhode Island people were involved in went to the Supreme Court," he points out.

Rhode Island College may have had more faculty involved in desegregation cases than any other institution (in the country)," Herman notes, adding in understatement, "I think this college has made some difference."

Upon closing of this academic year, Herman and his wife, Ruth, plan to relocate to Illinois where one of their four children resides. Three others live in Rhode Island.

Over the years he's had telephone conversations with some of the attorneys in those desegregation cases. On such occasions, he would inquire about the progress or lack of same on desegregation.

"But, after I retire," Herman assures, "I intend to visit some of those places to see what changes have taken place."

Minority Alumni Reunion



A REUNION of Rhode Island College minority alumni was held May 2 at the Marriott Inn in Providence. As they await the elegant dinner, guests get reacquainted and visit with (standing, left to right) Jay Grier, assistant director of student life for minority affairs and Gary Penfield, vice president for student affairs, with his wife, Kate. The theme of the event was "Back to the Future: A Reunion of all Rhode Island College Minority Alumni." This was the second such event for Rhode Island College minority alumni. The first was held in 1984.

Two more colleges drop the SAT

(CPS) — Middlebury College in Vermont has become the fourth private college in recent years to drop Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores as an entrance requirement.

Two weeks before Middlebury dropped the SAT, Union College in New York announced it will no longer require SAT scores, either.

Last year, Bates and Bowdoin colleges in Maine had dropped SATs.

Union College spokeswoman Brin Quell says future Union applicants will submit a piece of creative work — artistic, scientific and/or written — along with high school records, and an achievement — not an aptitude — test score.

Dean John Emerson says Middlebury dropped the SAT to help attract a broader spectrum of students.

He also cited research that indicates students who can afford SAT coaching courses can score up to 100 points higher on the tests, and to concerns the SATs may be biased against women and minorities.

Union President John S. Morris also said he had come to agree with research showing the SATs are "culturally biased" against some students.

The SATs consistently underpredict girls' first-year college performance," says Blair Horner, a program analyst with the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), a long-time critic of the tests.

NYPIRG researcher Joe Sammons notes one SAT question, for example, requires knowing that some boat races are called "regattas," but that people who aren't white or from upper middle-class homes probably would not be familiar with the term.

Women, moreover, tend to score lower than men on SATs, although "women have higher high school and first-year college grades than men," he says.

That translates into fewer opportunities for women. Of the 1,000 Empire State Scholars chosen on the basis of SATs and American College Test test scores, 67 percent were male while only 27 percent were female, a review by NYPIRG and a SAT

critic group called Fair Test found.

The gender of the remaining seven percent of the winners could not be determined from official lists.

Nationally, girls average 61 points lower than boys on the SAT: 50 points lower in math and 11 points in verbal categories.

"SATs," Horner says, "are only nine percent better at predicting performance than pure chance."

Yet, argues Fred Morino of the College Board, the agency that sponsors the SATs and other standardized tests, "admissions officials know that. They take (the discrepancy) into account if they're using (SAT scores) properly."

"The SAT is measuring developed learning to see how a student might perform in college. It doesn't measure motivation or willingness to learn," Morino says.

"There is not a divided opinion" about the SATs' usefulness in admissions, counseling and placement, he says. "We don't agree that there's racial or sex bias in the tests, either."

He says the lower scores for women and minorities are "sociological."

"Women take less math than men. Girls are not very often encouraged to go into math and science. They tend to go into liberal arts, where they do very well," Morino says.

Any SAT sex bias would be hard to explain, Morino says, since "slightly more women (than men) are making up the tests."

Whether Middlebury and Union have accelerated a trend away from SAT use is difficult to say, observers say. Some graduate schools have relaxed testing requirements in recent years, too.

Harvard University two years ago stopped requiring Graduate Management Admission Test scores, and Johns Hopkins' med school no longer requires applicants to take the Medical College Admission Test.

On the other hand, Morino notes that since 1978, 400 colleges have picked up the SAT requirement. "Now 75 percent of all four-year colleges use it," he says.



Keeping Score

with Dave Kemmy

Alnas sets school record

Senior Cristina Alnas has really made her mark in two seasons with the Anchorwomen softball team.

She has been just brilliant on the pitching mound, carrying the team to two successive winning seasons and the 1986 ECAC New England title.

On April 20 she became the school's all-time career victories leader with her 21st win, a 1-0 decision over Southeastern Massachusetts.

She currently has 26 career wins, including a 9-4 mark this year. She is tops in every statistical pitching category, including innings, ERA, strike outs and winning percentage.

She is the first pitcher in Rhode Island College history to finish with a career ERA under 1.00 and to have struck out more than 100 batters in a season.

In the opener the Huskies scored in the top of the eighth off starter John Silva for a 1-0 victory. Silva pitched a fine game, allowing just seven hits and the winning run.

In the nightcap freshman Steve Pezzullo knocked in the winning run with a base hit in the bottom of the eighth, giving the Anchormen a 3-2 win.

Richardson came on in relief and shut the door on the Huskies who were leading 2-0 at the time. He allowed three hits in four and 1/3 innings to pick up his fifth win of the year.

The squad has just three games remaining.

The Rhode Island Collegiate Tourney is in limbo right now, as the schools are trying to get together on dates to finish the event.

The Anchormen are in the finals of the tourney and are waiting for CCRI and Brown to play. We will know Monday if the squad received an ECAC tournament bid.

Compete in championships

Several men's track and field performers competed in the Eastern Collegiate Conference Championships at Westfield State College May 2.

Junior Jesus Berrio continued his fine running with a fourth place finish in the 800 meters. His time of 1:52.9 set a new school record in the event. His time also left him just shy of the qualifying time for the NCAA Division III National Championships. If he can improve by half a second he will qualify for the Nationals.

Junior Jim Bowden placed fourth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:19.4. Mike Leddy placed fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 43'4 1/2 and seventh in the long jump with a jump of 21'1 1/4'.

With these performances, all three earned spots on the All-Eastern Collegiate Conference Team.

In addition to Berrio, Bowden and Leddy, Lynn Cousineau, Mark Cousineau and Leny Harmon will also be competing in the New England Division III Championships at W.P.I. on May 9.

Freshman Maria Teeman continued her outstanding performance this season by placing fourth in the discus at the Open New England Championships held May 2.

Teeman's toss of 129'5" also set a new school record in the event. She has broken the record three times this season.

She also came very close to qualifying for the NCAA Division III Nationals. Her record-setting throw fell just short of the qualifying standard, but she has another chance this weekend at the ECAC Division III meet.

Junior Kris Nicholas took second in the long jump at the W.P.I. Relays May 2. She had a leap of 15'9 3/4'.

Tennis team finishes season

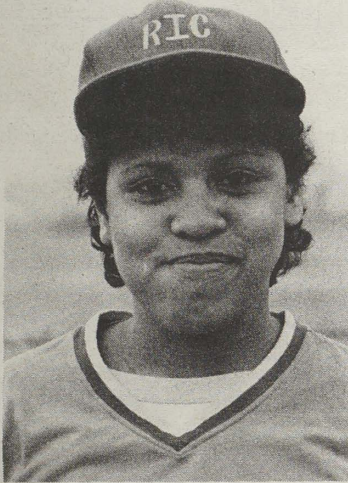
The men's tennis team finished its season with a 6-3 loss to Assumption College on May 2.

Number one player Marc Dubois won his singles match 6-0, 6-0 and number five player Jack Moukhtarian won 6-4, 6-4. Moukhtarian teamed with Brian Dunn for the only doubles win, 6-3, 6-4.

Dubois finished the season with the best singles record on the team with an 8-2 mark. Marc Remillard, the number two player, had the next best mark at 7-3, and number three player Joe Lamoreaux was next at 5-5.

In doubles play Dubois was the top performer with a 6-4 slate, Remillard and Lamoreaux were next at 5-5.

The squad finished with a 4-6 record for the season.



CRISSY ALNAS

Unfortunately, the Anchorwomen were snubbed by the ECAC New England Division III Selection Committee in their bid for a post-season berth.

The selection committee chose Bridgewater State as the top seed, a team the Anchorwomen defeated 6-5 on April 16. Also chosen was S.M.U. who split a doubleheader with the Anchorwomen, and two teams Rhode Island College didn't play, Westfield and Southern Maine.

Eastern Connecticut and Worcester State received the NCAA bids from the area. Worcester defeated the Anchorwomen 1-0 on April 22.

In action last week the squad trounced Roger Williams 12-0 and squeezed past Salem 4-1.

Alnas struck out 10 and allowed just four hits in picking up her ninth win of the year against Salem.

The squad's record is 10-8 with one game left, May 6.

Anchormen pound Wesleyan

The baseball team's bats finally came alive last week as they pounded highly regarded Wesleyan 19-6.

Junior Jim McGlynn played a strong game with three hits and two RBI's and Greg Grall also hit well, with a grand slam home run, a double and five RBI's. Len Silva, Tom Campbell, Tom Duff and Dave Guglielmo added two hits apiece.

Senior tri-captain John Richardson picked up his fourth win of the year with a four-hitter. He struck out four and didn't allow an earned run.

In other action, the Anchormen split a doubleheader with the University of Southern Maine, the number three team in New England Division III.



SOUTHEAST ASIAN DANCERS perform in Rhode Island College's Gage Hall auditorium May 5 in the college's first Asian Awareness Month activity. The Laotian Women's Corp and The Hmong Group performed in native costume to traditional music. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Summer Session Registration Continues

Session I: May 18 — June 26

Session II: June 29 — August 8

Register at the Bursar's Office in Alger Hall, Room 133.

HBS kids learn a lesson in John Brown House

by Asli G. Hines

Can a museum be a classroom? Can the John Brown House be a textbook?

As a group of 45 kids from the Henry Barnard School shuffled through this 18th Century mansion, taking notes, following charts and their student teachers and sometimes shouting with excitement, it was better than a classroom.

And this posh house on Power Street, filled with exotic goods and decorative arts and crafts, was more fun than even a picture textbook.

A third grader checked herself in an old mirror, one of many in this wealthy colonial merchant's house.

"I don't know if I can stand these wall papers," contemplated fifth grader John Magyar, looking at the reproductions of the busy and cobalt-blue French imports.

"Look, an electrical switch," a third grader nudged his buddy. "They didn't have electricity then, you bimbo," declared his friend as they caught up with their "college teacher" who was telling the group about the use of light in the 18th Century.

Although the lesson was the John Brown House, the objective was to teach the kids not only how to use a museum, but also the different ways they can relate to history and give them a sense of "long ago," according to Dr. Patricia Lyons, an associate professor of elementary education here.

In a special project this term, the college's HBS and the Rhode Island Historical Society designed a new learning experience for both the social studies education class students, "college teachers," and their students.

They explored the potential teaching and learning that exist in non-standard classroom sites such as this museum house.

HBS is known as a laboratory school on campus for future teachers, which enrolls students from kindergarten through sixth grade. According to Dr. Lyons, carefully designed and supervised classroom teaching is a hallmark of the teacher education programs.

In addition, "it is important for our prospective teachers to recognize that there are many learning environments beyond the traditional classroom," remarked Dr. Lyons.

The student teachers met with the JB House staff for background information, researched on their own and developed a series of lessons for third and fifth graders at the HBS to use the different aspects of JB House (such as the fabric, architecture and paintings) as a "textbook" for learning.

Noticing a pair of odd-looking scissors, "Did they used to clip their eyebrows with these?" asked fifth grader Andrew Goldberg, likening them to eyelash curlers. "That's a good, ingenious guess," said the museum staff member. "But they're actually candle snippers."

In another corner, a third grader took notes on the oversized vest. "He was rich and he ate a lot," she wrote about the 300-lb. John Brown.

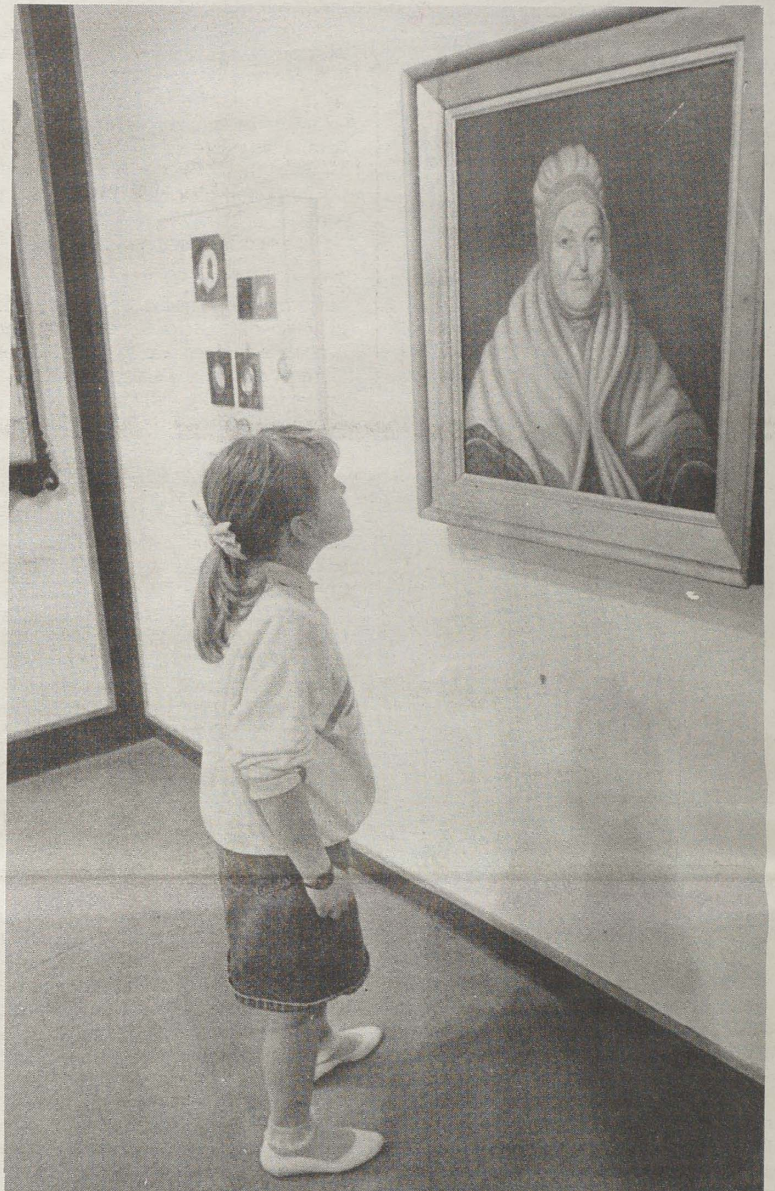
This kind observation was especially encouraged as a part of teaching the students how to see, document and draw conclusions. "They are becoming more aware of histor-

ical detail," Dr. Lyons said. "Casual is not good enough any more."

Fifth grader Joey Castaldi, for example, insisted that the little sculpture labeled George Washington he noticed in one of the rooms actually looked like Benjamin Franklin. It turned out the sculpture was mislabeled.



Denise Lefebvre, a graduate student in teaching here, shows third graders Lauryn Sasso and Justin Chevalier details of carved marble mantel at the JB House.



Johanna Whelen studies a painting of Mrs. John Brown.

Calendar of Events

May 11 — May 23

Monday, May 11

Noon to 1 p.m.—*Alcoholics Anonymous* meeting. Student Union 305.

2 to 4 p.m.—*Disability Support Group* to meet. Craig-Lee 127.

Monday-Thursday, May 11-14

Hypergraphics International VIII to be on display at Bannister Gallery, Art Center. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6 to 9 p.m.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—*Book Buy-Back* to be held outside the Bookstore.

Monday-Friday, May 11-15

8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.—*Pre-Renovation Sale* at the Rhode Island College Bookstore. The price of all merchandise (except textbooks) will be reduced by 20%.

Thursday, May 14

6 p.m.—*Alumni Awards Dinner*. Donovan Dining Center.

Friday, May 15

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—*Book Buy-Back* to be held outside the Bookstore.

4 p.m.—*Reception* to honor faculty members who have been promoted and those who have been given *emeritus* status. Adams Library.

Saturday, May 16

8 p.m.—*Cabaret* to be presented by Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Delta Phi to benefit St. Matthew's School Tuition Assistance Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Union Information Desk. Donation is \$6. St. Matthew's School auditorium, at the corner of Elmwood and Park Avenues in Cranston. Open to all. For further information call 456-8158.

8 p.m. to midnight—*Fun and Games night* to be held by S.O.S., Slightly Older Students, to celebrate the end of the semester. Admission: \$3; \$2 if a refreshment is brought along; free if five or more friends are brought along. Student Union ballroom. Participants should bring their own game. For further information call 456-8474.

Sunday, May 17

10 a.m.—*Sunday Mass*. Student Union 304.

Monday, May 18

Noon to 1 p.m.—*Alcoholics Anonymous* meeting. Student Union 305.

Tuesday, May 19

8:15 a.m.—*Third workshop* in the series "Integrating Materials about Women into the Curriculum." Gaige Hall auditorium. Free. For further information call Dr. Joan Rollins at 456-8578.

Friday, May 22

6:30 p.m.—*Spring Commencement Gala*. Donovan Dining Center. Festivities to include a reception, buffet dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available through the office of College Advancement and Support. For further information call 456-8022.

Saturday, May 23

10 a.m.—*Rhode Island College commencement* to be held on the esplanade in front of Walsh Health and Physical Education Center.

Senior Week Events

Tickets for all Senior Week events for seniors and their guests are now on sale in the Donovan Dining Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, reports Danielle Marcotte, class president.

Senior Week is May 18-22 at Rhode Island College.

For those who may be unable to purchase their tickets in person during that time period, call Marcotte at Ext. 8315.

Events scheduled are: Monday, May 18 — *Senior Cruise* (in the evening) on board the Bay Queen which sails out of Warren.

Tuesday, May 19 — *Jazz Night* in the college Coffee House. Buffet. Music by the Groovemasters.

Wednesday, May 20 — *Senior Semi-Formal* at the Venice De Milo Dining Room, Swansea, Mass. Music by Catch 22 band.

Thursday, May 21 — *Beach Day*. Bus will provide transportation from the college to beach to be selected.

Friday, May 22 — *Champagne Brunch* at 11 a.m. in the Faculty Center. After commencement rehearsal an outside barbeque will be held with deejay entertainment.