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## Gov's Summer Program in Math, Science here for fifth year

Governor's Summer Program in Science and Mathematics for academically able high school students throughout the state is being offered again through a cooperative program at Rhode Island College and Providence College from June 20 to July 14.

Sponsored by the state Office of Higher Education, this marks the fifth year of the program in which selected students will have the opportunity to explore a limited number of topics in more depth than is usually available in high schools.

Some 69 students from the 10th and 11th grades have been selected from 44 private and public high schools to participate in the free four-week program during which they will attend morning and afternoon classes at either Rhode Island College or PC.

"The acquisition and application of new knowledge is central to the economic development of Rhode Island, especially in the current technological age.

"The best and brightest of our students need a special opportunity to develop and improve these skills. The payoff will be of benefit to the students and to the entire state," said Gov. Edward D. DiPrete concerning the program.

The governor's office reports that he hopes to be able to attend the summer program commencement on July 14 at PC.

The courses offered at Rhode Island College, under the direction of Robert E. Viens, associate professor of physical sciences, are: Chemical Investigations with Drs. J. and E.S. Magyar; Enrichment Topics in Mathematics with Drs. P. O'Regan, M. Younce and M. Rodrigues; Heredity: Models and Molecules with Dr. N. Gonsalves, and Optical Investigations in Physics with Drs. B. Gilbert and P.K. Glanz.

Those at PC, under the direction of Dr. Robert Krasner, are: Computer Programming with Pascal with Prof. M. Russell; Contemporary Topics in Mathematics with Dr. C.L. DeMayo; Modern Biology with Dr. R.M. Zarcaro, and Astronomy for the Inquiring Mind with Dr. J.J. Tattersall.

## R.I. College to award degrees to 1,000

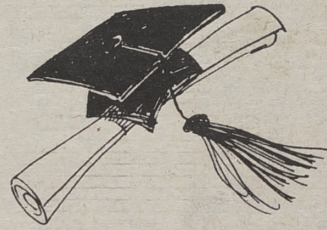
*A college president, hospital chief pediatrician, private investor and psychologist to receive honorary degrees*

### Metropolitan State University president to deliver address at May 21 exercises

by George LaTour

PROVIDENCE, R.I....Some 1,000 students will receive their bachelor's and master's degrees in commencement exercises at Rhode Island College on Saturday, May 21.

More than 700 seniors and 200 graduate students who have completed all their academic requirements will file in academic procession to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" to their seats on the esplanade in front of the College's Walsh Health and Physical Education Center for the ceremonies which begin at 10 a.m.

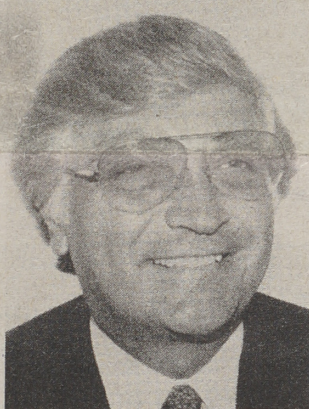


cine, who will receive the Doctor of Science degree;

**Robert M. Andreoli** of Barrington, a private investor with the firm of Andreoli Enterprises, Inc., who will receive the Doctor of Public Service degree, and

**Seymour Sarason** of North Haven, Conn., a psychologist, educator and author, who will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Opening the ceremony will be Neil I. Gonsalves, chair of the Council of Rhode



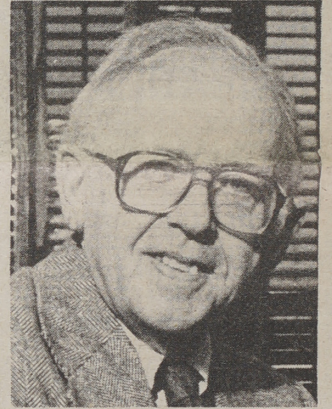
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SEYMOUR SARASON

Honorary degrees will be given to four individuals who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields, including Reatha Clark King, president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., who will deliver the commencement address.

King, a research chemist, college teacher and administrator, had succeeded David E. Sweet as president at Metropolitan State in 1977 when Sweet, founding president and professor of political science there, became president of Rhode Island College.

King will be given the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service for her "distinguished achievements in the fields of science, education and community service," and for her work on behalf of minority and disadvantaged students.

Others receiving honorary degrees are: **Dr. William Oh** of Barrington, pediatrician-in-chief at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and professor of medical sciences in pediatrics and obstetrics at the Brown University Program in Medi-

Island College. Candace A. Jennings will sing The National Anthem. Sister Mary Ann Rossi, C.N.D., will give the invocation.

Official greetings of the state will be presented by Gov. Edward D. DiPrete. Others addressing the graduates will include Albert E. Carlotti, chairman of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education; Eleanor M. McMahon, commissioner of higher education, and College President Carol J. Guardo, who will confer the honorary degrees

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## Graduate to help needy 'because I've been there'

by Denis Bessette



CYNTHIA LAWSON

"A dream come true."

It's not unusual to hear a graduating senior use these words to describe the achieving of a college degree.

But for Cynthia Lawson, receiving her degree in social work at this Saturday's Rhode Island College commencement, it means the realization of what once seemed an impossible dream.

Married at 17, she soon found that her marriage was not what she expected.

"I left (him) and came back, left and came back."

Finally, she left for good, she said.

Grabbing her children and stuffing a few items of their clothing into her pocketbook, she moved in with her grandmother.

Later, the family moved to a motel, and four months later, to an apartment outside of Cynthia's hometown of New Haven, Conn.

Although her mother and four brothers had all graduated from college, Cynthia had only hoped to one day finish high school.

"I never thought I'd get my G.E.D. (General Equivalency Diploma)," she said during a recent interview. "Every time I'd try, something would get in the way."

Instead of continuing her education, Cynthia devoted herself completely to her four children—to feeding them, clothing them and to "just trying to bring them up right."

At various times, she worked as a nurse's aide, housekeeper, motel maid, laundry worker and also worked in a shoe factory.

Although she was working most of the time, it wasn't enough and she found herself on and off the welfare rolls.

Cynthia's source of strength during those difficult times was her religious faith, the United House of Prayer for All People, she attests.

One day she went to an event at the religion's Providence church. While in the capital city, she spent some time looking around, decided she liked it and shortly thereafter moved her family here.

Finally, in January, 1984 she enrolled in a

G.E.D. class and received her long-sought-after diploma that May.

In the meantime, she became involved in social work as a volunteer at Providence's Elmwood Community Center. Her involvement there grew to encompass a number of different programs, including the Food Basket, Breadline, Toys for Tots, cheese distribution and housing and legal referrals.

Cynthia credits the center's director, Patty Kampper, with urging her to enroll at Rhode Island College.

"She told me about Pell grants and other programs that could help me afford it," said Cynthia.

Once enrolled, Cynthia faced a new set of obstacles, some of them of her own making.

"I suffered from a lack of self-esteem, going back to my marriage," she explained.

In addition to that, Cynthia felt intimidated by younger students who seemed smarter than she was. She also worried about whether she was neglecting her

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Congratulations

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'Well done!'

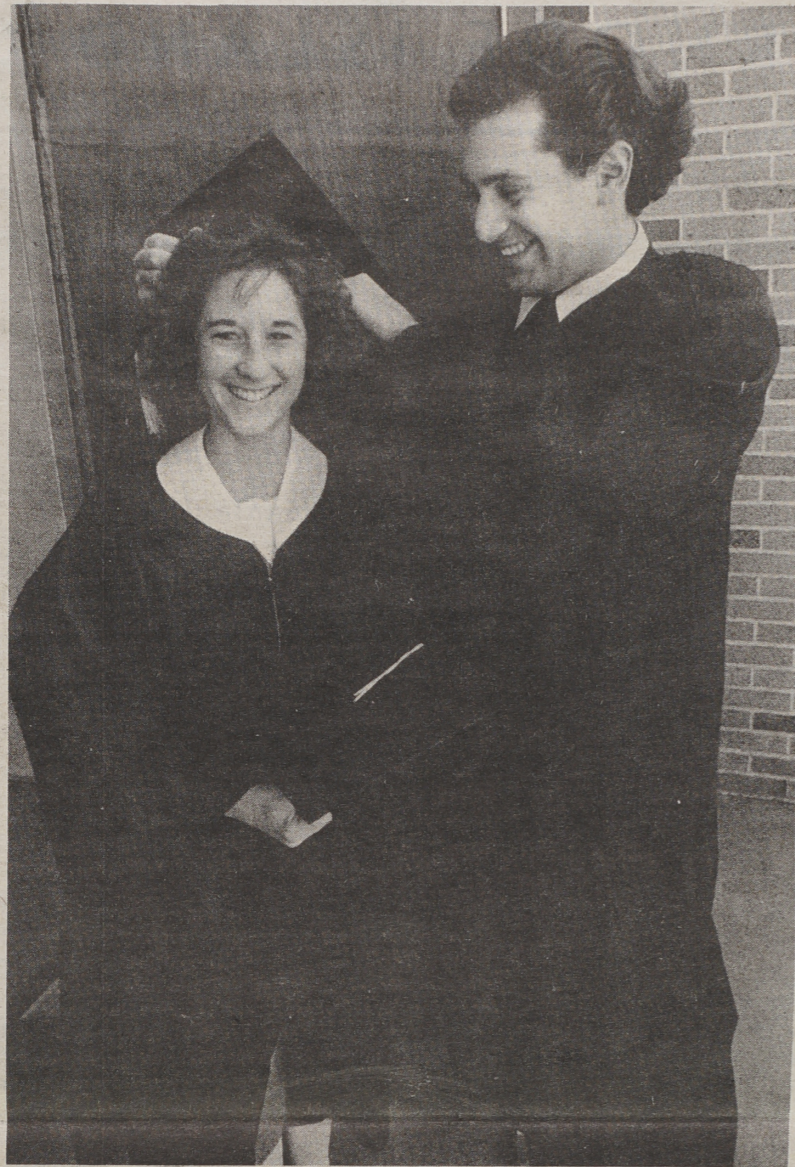
Next issue of What's News (Summer Issue) is Monday, June 20.

It will be the last issue of this academic year.

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for copy, photos, etc., is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14.

# Cap and Gown Day '88



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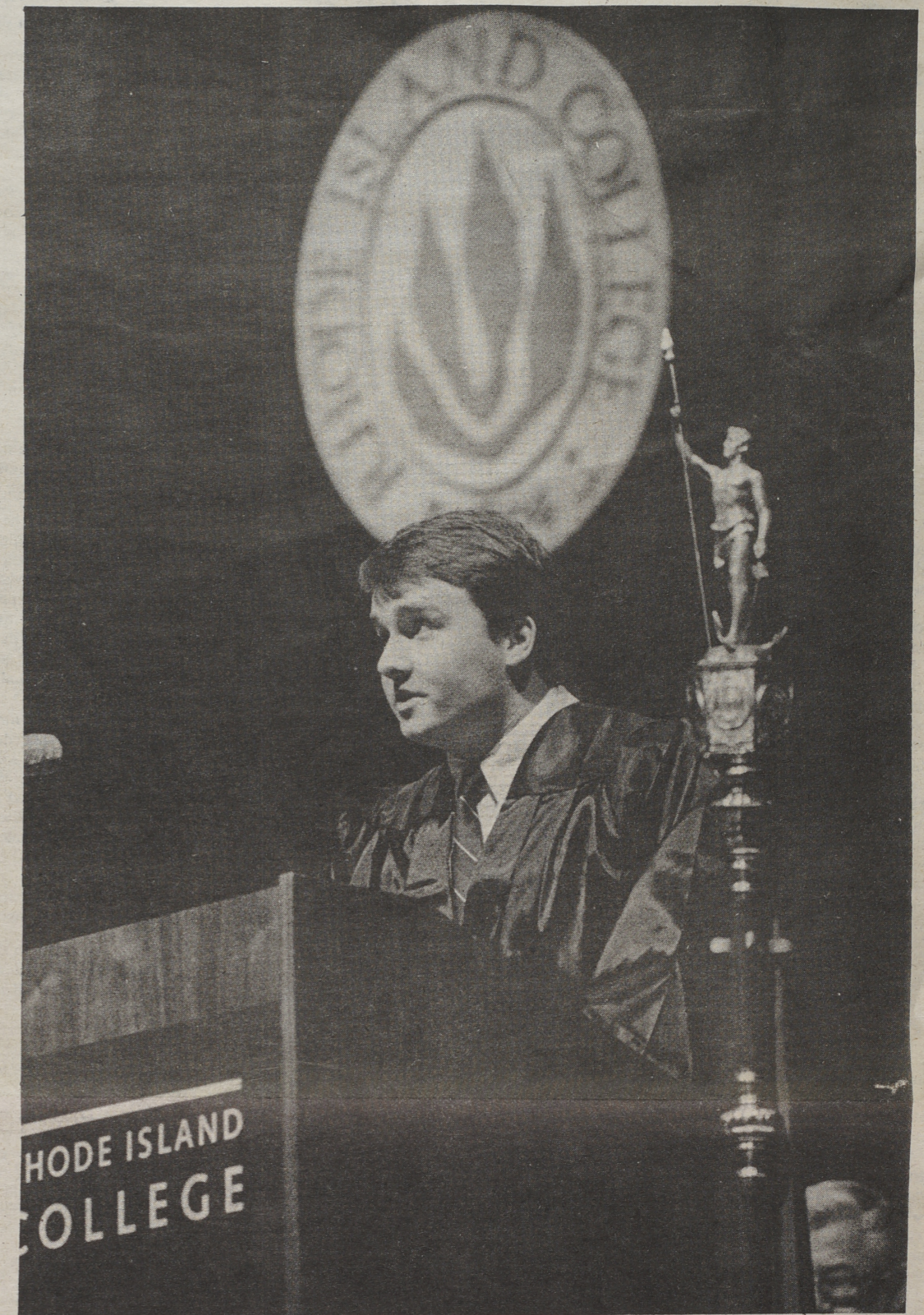
AT THE CAP AND GOWN ceremony seniors with outstanding academic performances were recognized with awards. This year's recipients and their awards are from left to right (bottom left): Front row, Deborah Lloyd (Bachelor of Social Work Program Award-Academic Excellence); Donna DiQuinzio (John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award and the Wall Street Journal Award); Yolanda Nieves (Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-Spanish); Susan Iacobellis (Rhode Island College Theatre Award); Debra Meunier (Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award); Laura Sunderland (Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-French).

SECOND ROW: Betty Rogers (Theodore Lemeshka Award); Ann Gale (Studio Art Award); Donna Crawford (Nursing Faculty Award-Generic); Dianne Reilly (Nursing Faculty Award-R.N.); Eric Emerson (Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award); Mathew Kukulka (Claiborne deB. Pell Award); Janet Massa (Jean Garrigue Award); Linda Caduto (James Houston Award in Anthropology/Geography); Donna Henry (Christopher R. Mitchell Award).

THIRD ROW: Octavio Borges (American Institute of Chemists Award and the W. Christina Carlson Award); Rene Horent and Kenneth McCarthy (Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award); Sharon Tobias (Air Force Leadership Award); Lisa Scotti (Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award-Outstanding Achievement); Cynthia Williams (Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology); Lisa Hanrahan (Josephine A. Stillings Award); Michelle Martineau (Psychology Faculty Senior Award).

FOURTH ROW: Paula Roy (Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award); Sharon Wishevsky (Helen M. Murphy Award); David Moscicki (Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award-Scholastic Excellence); Richard Farley (John H. Chafee Award); Christina Charello (North Providence League of Women Voters Award); Zovig Vichabian (Elementary Education Faculty Award and the Tegu Polyglot Award); Paul Caldarella (Philosophy Faculty Award); Cynthia Lawson.

HELP WITH HER CAP is given Chris O'Connor (far left) by Anthony Cinelli as Rhode Island College seniors don academic attire for the first time. Prof. Neil Gonsalves, chair of the Council of Rhode Island College, (immediate left) carries the Del Sesto Mace in the processional into Roberts Hall auditorium. At right, Richard Farley, a senior, addresses the assembly, while below, three seniors in the College's nursing program enjoy refreshments on the lawn outside of Roberts after the ceremony. They are from left, Donna Guay, Tom Isherwood and Denise LePage.



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# Grad donates over \$5,000 for scholarship fund in counselor ed

## To benefit female, single head of family who returns to college as grad student

A 1988 recipient of a certificate of advanced graduate studies in counselor education has donated \$5,300 to establish a scholarship at Rhode Island College to benefit a female, single head of family who enrolls in the graduate counselor education program.



H. PENZA

To be known as the Helene Penza Scholarship after the donor, it has already provided an initial scholarship of \$300 this year to an adult student who has returned to college for an advanced degree in that program.

This year's scholarship winner is Elizabeth Maddalena of Cranston. Selection was made May 1.

Upon review of the funds available in later years, the amount or number of scholarships may be increased, reports Richard E. Payne, executive director of the Rhode Island College Foundation which is custodian of the fund.

"It has been the wish of the contributor of this fund to give back to the College community something that will assist others to further their growth," according to Dr. Stephen M. Rothschild, an associate professor of counseling and educational psychology and administrator of the fund.

The donor, a resident of North Providence, is director and founder of the Elmhurst Counseling Services in Providence.

Prior to beginning a counseling career, she served as administrative assistant at the Catholic Charismatic Conference of New England, Inc. and was the property manager and accountant for federally subsidized real estate holdings. Penza is a licensed real estate broker and insurance adjuster, according to Professor Rothschild.

She had taught pre-primary through eighth grade and has served as a coordinator of religious education for a number of years, says Rothschild.

She is active in counseling organizations and is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists.

The fund was established at Rhode Island College in honor of Penza's father, Harry Gautieri, for his "support and assistance" and Professor Rothschild for his assistance as a faculty member here.

Mr. Gautieri has held the positions of inspector of general construction for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, property manager for the state of Rhode Island, and president of Land Distributors, Inc., among others.

Professor Rothschild was cited for his "support and an encouragement" to Penza upon her return to graduate studies after a delay in her education.

Application deadline for the scholarship will be May 1 each year, with notification of the winner announced by May 20.



ONE-WOMAN SHOW: Senior Viola Davis of Central Falls portrays one of the 14 characters in her repertoire to raise funds for a scholarship to benefit future students in the College's Upward Bound program. More than \$1,000 was raised by her two performances on May 10 and 11 in Roberts Little Theatre.

# ★ DEGREES

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with the assistance of Provost Willard F. Enteman and Dr. John Nazarian, vice president for administration and finance.

A golden anniversary class gift will be presented by Antoinette Scungio Plunkett and Miriam Geoghegan Carey on behalf of the Class of 1938.

Graduate student Helena G. Richards will offer brief remarks preceding the conferring of advanced degrees by the president. Degree candidates will be presented by Dr. John J. Salesses, dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree will be presented by Dr. David L. Greene, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Robert F. Schuck, dean of the School of Education and Human Development, and Dr. George D. Metrey, dean of the School of Social Work.

Lisa Ann Scotti, president of the Class of 1988, will offer the farewell. Professor Gon-salves will officially close the ceremonies.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of her presidency of Metropolitan State University, a brochure noted "This publication is dedicated to Ola Mae and Willie Clark, who knew little of opportunity or alternatives. Their daughter experienced both."

Having grown up in Pavo, Ga., Reatha Clark experienced the obstacles of racial discrimination and limited educational opportunities.

Black children in rural areas had only a smattering of formal education in the 1930s, often because they were pulled from the classroom to work the fields. Reatha's mother, Ola Mae, had a third grade education. Her father, Willie, was illiterate.

Despite such obstacles, Reatha began her schooling in 1942 and credits the support of her family, especially her grandmother, Mamie Watts, and friends for contributing to her eventual success.

She graduated from Clark College in Atlanta in 1958 with major academic credit in chemistry and mathematics; received a master's degree and Ph.D. in chemistry, both from the University of Chicago, and a masters of business administration from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

Prior to her assuming the presidency at Metropolitan State University, Reatha Clark King was a consultant/evaluator for government agencies, foundations and accrediting organizations; a project manager and research chemist with the National Bureau of

Standards, and an associate dean at the York College of the City University of New York.

She holds leadership positions in a number of national associations of higher education; has lectured internationally on a variety of education and community issues; is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Drum Major for Justice award of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Builder of Brotherhood award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

She is a national medical fellow and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow.

She has extensive corporate and community involvement, serving on the board of directors of four firms in Minnesota and holding numerous memberships in county and state boards and commissions.

Among her associations, she is affiliated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE). She has published widely both in the fields of chemistry and higher education.

Doctor Oh is cited for his "distinguished service to the people of Rhode Island and the nation" through his research in the care and development of the newborn and in diseases of the newborn.

A native of the Philippines, he graduated from Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro; received his medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila and an honorary master's from Brown University School of Medicine.

Mr. Andreoli was cited for his "contributions to the people of the state of Rhode Island as both community and business leader."

He has or now serves on the boards of various businesses, banks and associations, including Roger Williams College, Citizens Trust Company and Rhode Island Hospital, and has won awards from United Cerebral Palsy and Unitam, the latter being its Outstanding Citizen Award in 1987.

Sarason, a professor at Yale University, holds a Ph.D. from Clark University. He has written extensively in the areas of psychology and education, having to his credit *The Preparation of Teachers: An Unstudied Problem in Education* (1962), *The Culture of the School and the Problem of Change* (1971), *Educational Handicap, Public Policy and Social History* (1978), *Psychology Misdirected: The Social Scientist in the Order* (1981), and *The School as Scapegoat and Salvation* (1983), among others.

## Graduate to help needy 'because I've been there'

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children and home while "doing something for myself."

Fortunately, Cynthia got the support she needed to persevere in her college studies.

She is grateful to her professors "who gave me confidence and showed me that my opinion counts" and to her children who had admonished her, "you've come this far, you're not quitting now."

Special Services Counselor Antoinette Littlejohn was her "mentor" during her intensive, four-year, year-round undergraduate program, Cynthia noted.

"On bad days, like the time my kids all got chicken pox during mid-terms or the year I had walking pneumonia during finals, she was there for me," she said.

Not only did Cynthia make it through her classes, she also became involved in other campus activities, including the S.O.S. (Slightly Older Students) and Harambee, the black student organization.

Cynthia spent a year-and-a-half in the Office of Student Life, assisting visually-impaired students with their reading and library work. She also spent a summer as a personal-care attendant to a wheelchair-bound student.

This semester, Cynthia has continued her community involvement through a field placement in the Office of Refugee Resettlement on Westminster Street. There, she has helped deliver a variety of social services to members of the Southeast Asian community.

Cynthia's Bachelor of Social Work degree will not be the first recognition she has received during her college career.

She was the 1987 winner of the Rose Butler Browne Award, given annually to a minority student who demonstrates outstanding community service. This year, she

is listed in the prestigious *Who's Who at American Colleges and Universities*.

When associate professor of sociology Thomas W. Ramsbey needed someone to pinch-hit for him at the Eastern Sociological Conference, he called on Cynthia. She delivered Ramsbey's paper and later discussed it with a panel of professors.

"That really built my confidence," she said, smiling.

Cynthia has also addressed her fellow social work students, speaking frankly about her personal experiences as a black mother on welfare, caught in what she calls "a bureaucratic circle of dependence."

"I used to be ashamed of it (having been on welfare), but I came to understand why I was in that situation," she explained. "As a social worker, it will help me to understand others' situations and to help them."

Cynthia continued: "When I'm sitting opposite someone who says their check didn't come in and their kids are hungry or they don't have any heat, I'll be able to say 'I understand' because I've been there."

A newly-arrived resident of New Bedford, Cynthia is not completely sure where she will be working after graduation, but she knows her position will be as an advocate for the poor.

"I might like to get a job in a social service agency," she said. "My first love is community organizing. I'd like to go into an area and help the people get it together, to improve their neighborhood."

Another role she might enjoy would be that of a lobbyist, Cynthia observed.

"Anything where I can help see to it that people have adequate housing and enough to eat," she concluded.

## Summer Course Additions

Session I: May 23-July 1  
Session II: July 5-August 12

Session	No.	Title	Day(s)	Time	Location	Cr.	Inst.
<b>Biology (0401)</b>							
Ses. I	109-02	Fund Concepts of Biology Lecture Lab	M-TH M, T, W	8-9:30 a.m. 9:50 a.m.-12:40 p.m.	FLS108	4	Bohnsack Staff
<b>Economics (2204)</b>							
Ses. I	331-01	Human Resources Economics	M-W	6:30-8:35 p.m.	CL105	3	Kazemi
<b>Philosophy (1509)</b>							
Ses. II	205-20	Introduction to Logic	M-W	4-6:00 p.m.	FLS209	3	Smith
<b>Physical Science (1901)</b>							
Ses. I	103-02	Physical Science Lecture Lab	M-TH M, W, TH	8-9:30 a.m. 12-2:00 p.m.	CS128	4	Peterson Staff
<b>Music Education (0832)</b>							
Ses. I	341-02	Meth/Mat Teaching Music Ed	M-TH	8-9:30 a.m.	R134	2	McClintock
<b>English (1501)</b>							
Ses. I	101-05	Western Literature I	M-TH	8-9:30 a.m.	CL227	3	Staff
Ses. I	102-05	Western Literature I	M-TH	8-9:30 a.m.	CL153	3	Staff
<b>Writing (1599)</b>							
Ses. I	100-02	Intro to Academic Writing	M-TH	10-12 p.m.	FLS100	4	Staff
<b>Psychology (2001)</b>							
Ses. II	402-21	Social Psych of Adolescence	M-W	6:30-8:35 p.m.	HM186	3	Rubovits
<b>Anthropology (2202)</b>							
Ses. I	200-04	The Non-West Exp: SE Asia	M-W	6:30-8:30 p.m.	G254	3	Fidler
<b>Art Education (0831)</b>							
6/13-6/30	340-02	Meth/Mat Art Ed	M-TH	4-7:00 p.m.	N/A	2	West