



WHAT'S NEWS

AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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"HOW LONG IS THIS LINE?" Dale Levesque, a graduating art major, seems to be saying as she peeks around a fellow classmate during the processional for Cap and Gown Day, May 3. Other Cap and Gown photos are on page 3.
(What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

College to honor 16 retirees at Commencement Gala fete

Rhode Island College will honor 16 members of the faculty and administrative and support staffs who are retiring after 10 or more years at the College in a special presentation ceremony at the Commencement Gala reception on the evening of May 19 in Donovan Dining Center.

Each of the retirees being honored will be presented a necklace or tie chain with a gold pendant bearing the College flame symbol.

Faculty being honored (with number of years at the College noted in parentheses) include Kenneth E. Borst, professor of chemistry (26); Miner K. Brotherton, professor of physical sciences (21); Robert D. Cloward, professor of psychology (22); John A. Finger, Jr., professor of education (23); Anastasia C. Hoffman, professor of English (24); and Philip R. Pearson, Jr., professor of biology (22).

Administrative staff to be honored at the Gala include Ruth E. Rounds, library assistant (24), and Richard E. Sevey, principal of the Henry Barnard School (16).

Support staff to be honored include Marion A. Bouley, chief clerk, student loans (20); Dorothy M. Cambio, house-

keeper (17); Ann T. Carnevale, assistant business management officer (20); Alex J. Gauthier, patrol person (17); Robert F. McCreedy, recreation area manager (20); Cecile E. Mescal, cook (15); Carl Pesaturo, patrol person (15); and Robert W. Vanner, janitor (17).

The College acknowledges with gratitude the many contributions of other members of the staff retiring this year. They are: Carolyn B. D'Amico, accountant (6); Colette T. Durand, principal clerk typist (4); John J. Palombo, carpenter supervisor (9); Eleanor K. Stasio, housekeeper (9).

Recognition Guidelines

The following guidelines were developed for recognizing retirement in the College's new Service Recognition Program implemented last fall by President Carol J. Guardo.

According to Gordon Sundberg, director of personnel services, members of the Rhode Island College community retiring after 10 years or more of service with the College will be recognized at an annual

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National figures highlight R.I. College graduation

John O. Pastore, M.D. to deliver commencement address

Lauro F. Cavazos, secretary of education for the country, and Ronald H. Brown, chairman of the Democratic National Committee head the list of dignitaries receiving honorary degrees during Rhode Island College's spring commencement exercises scheduled to begin on the campus esplanade at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

Other distinguished honorees include *Providence Journal-Bulletin* columnist and author Mark Patinkin; physician and humanitarian, John O. Pastore, M.D.; and NASA astronaut Colonel Sherwood C. 'Woody' Spring.

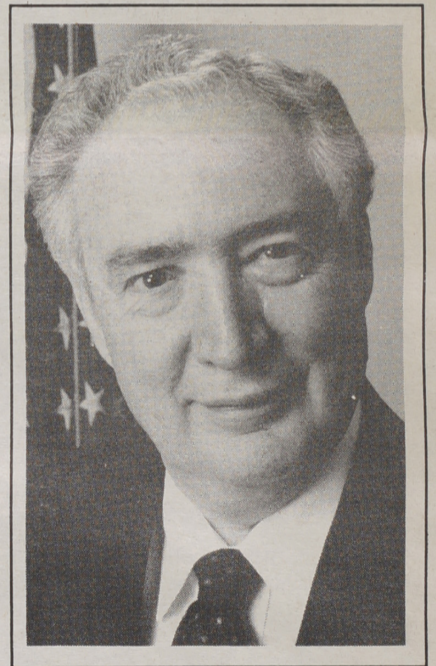
The five honorary doctorate degree candidates, along with the College's administrators, staff and faculty will witness the graduation of nearly 1,000 undergraduate and graduate candidates during commencement exercises in this the College's 135th year.

Internationally recognized and respected for his commitment to the nuclear disarmament movement, Dr. Pastore, who will receive an honorary degree in humanities, will deliver the commencement address.

race, and for exemplifying East-West accord on these vital issues.

Dr. Pastore serves as the group's liaison to the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the Vatican, and the United States State Department. In 1984, as one of six selected American and Soviet physicians, Dr. Pastore participated in the historic Moscow telecast, "The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War," seen by millions of Soviet, European and United States citizens.

Presently residing in Winchester, Mass., Dr. Pastore is a native Rhode Islander and the son of former Governor and Senator John O. Pastore.



LAURO F. CAVAZOS

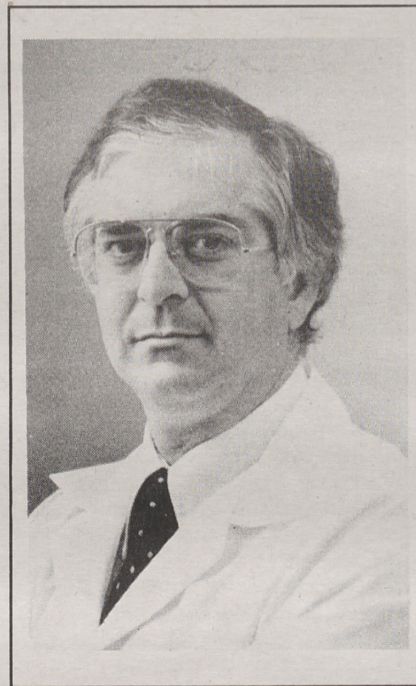
Also addressing the commencement gathering and recipient of an honorary doctorate of public service degree will be Cavazos.

Appointed to the Cabinet position under President Ronald Reagan and asked to remain in the post by President George Bush, Cavazos earned degrees in zoology and cytology and a doctorate in physiology.

An educator and respected author of approximately 75 publications in the areas of physiology of reproduction, fine structure of cells and tissues, and medical education, Cavazos has served as a member or leader of councils of higher education on the state and national levels.

He is the recipient of several awards including a 1984 recognition by President Reagan for outstanding leadership in the field of education, the Distinguished Service Medal from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1985, the Texas Tech University Extension Association 1987 award and the League of United Latin American Citizens 1988 National Hispanic Leadership Award.

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JOHN O. PASTORE, M.D.

Currently serving as director of the Echocardiography Laboratory at St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Boston, Dr. Pastore's formidable and respected background as a spokesperson and secretary of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) has caused him to travel worldwide to deliver major policy addresses for the group.

The organization represents over 200,000 physicians in 61 countries and was the 1984 recipient of the UNESCO Peace Education Prize. In 1985 the group received the Nobel Peace Prize for highlighting the devastating medical effects of nuclear war and the nuclear arms

Focus on the Faculty and Staff



SHEILA M. TYLER

Sheila M. Tyler, an instructor in the nursing department, has been appointed to the Special Legislative Commission to study the establishment of universal health insurance for the State of Rhode Island.

Kenneth E. Borst, a professor of chemistry, who will retire July 1, will deliver a paper at the Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. The conference is being held Nov. 17-20 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The paper deals with the assessment of the effects of acid precipitation on natural freshwater.

Faculty and about 25 students from Rhode Island College attended the National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Boston, April 18-23. Carol DiMarco Cummings, assistant professor of health, presented two papers. Nelson F. Wood, associate professor of health/physical education, served on the convention planning committee and assisted in organizing the health education presentations. Adjunct professor Kathleen LaQuale, currently the athletic trainer at the College, presided.

R.I. College ROTC holds commissioning ceremonies here

Six Rhode Island College seniors will be commissioned into the Reserve Officer Training Corps at ceremonies scheduled to be held Friday, May 19 in Gage Auditorium.

Major General John J. Salesses, USMCR (retired) and assistant vice president and dean of the School of Graduate Studies will be the guest speaker. Other members of the College scheduled to address the graduates and their families include President Carol J. Guardo, Chaplain Robert Marcantonio, and James McCroskery, associate dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Director of the Military Science Department Major Karl Peterson will officially induct the following students into the Corps; Dennis Coffey, political science, John Polion, nursing, Tracy Keene, medical technology, Domenic Marabello, community health, Patrick McGaffigan, political science, and Scott Tirocchi, communications.

Two students receiving special recognition and awards are Scott Tirocchi and Tracy Keene. Tirocchi is the recipient of the 76th Division MTC Award and the Professor of Military Science Special Achievement Award. The Rhode Island College President's ROTC Award and Reserve Officer Association Award will be presented to Keene.

A reception in the Faculty Center for the students, their families and guests, and the College community will follow the commissioning ceremonies.

ed at two sessions related to athletic injuries. Sheri Smith, associate professor of philosophy, and Professor Ben Lombardo also presented papers.

John P. Roche, professor of sociology, was recently licensed as a marriage and family therapist by the State of Rhode Island. Licensing is based on the high standards set by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). It requires a minimum of 1,000 hours of client experience and 200 hours of supervision by an approved senior therapist beyond the appropriate graduate degree. Roche is a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and has a private practice in Warwick.

Assistant professor of history, Jeanine E. Olson, has been selected to attend a National Endowment for the Humanities 1989 Summer Seminar at Yale University. The seminar is entitled "The Women's Question in Europe, 1770-1850."

Books, etc. needed for annual sale

The Providence Plantations Branch, American Association of University Women, is currently collecting books for its annual book sale to be held in September. All kinds of books are welcome, as well as records, sheet music, postcards and art objects.

Information about delivery or pick up of books can be obtained by calling 351-5924 or 944-7720.

Six R.I. College students give talks at science conference

Six Rhode Island College students gave talks about their undergraduate research projects at the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, from April 20-22.

The Conference is attended by students from about 30 New England schools and some mid-Atlantic states.

Each year, according to Charles Marzzacco, professor of physical sciences here, science students who do research are encouraged to give a presentation. "Since 1975 we have been sending students to this conference with funds appropriated to us by the Student Community Government/Student Parliament," he said. Marzzacco said the conference was held at Rhode Island College in 1976.

"We try to encourage students to participate. Although a bit frightening, it's a good experience," he said.

Participants were David Bourgeroy of Blackstone, Mass. speaking on "Calculations on Small Ring Phosphorus Heterocycles"; Sean Carrigan of Providence speaking on "Fluorescence Quenching of Azaphenanthrenes"; Melissa Craig of New Bedford, Mass. reporting on "The Isolation of Cholesterol and Cholesterol Oxides from Food Products."

Also, Farzaneh Seyedi-Esfahani of Warwick spoke on "Electrochemistry of Diphosphoniacyclohexadiene Salts"; Foster resident Craig Morton's talk was titled "The Solvent Effects on Excited State Proton Transfer Reactions"; and Keith Rice of Scituate gave a presentation on "The Kinetics of the Oxidation of Hydrogen Sulfide by Hydrogen Peroxide."

This is the last regular issue of *What's News*. The next issue will be the special Summer Issue on June 19.

Nursing prof commissioned into U.S. Naval Reserve Nurse Corps

Rhode Island College Assistant Professor of Nursing Silvana F. Richardson was recently commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve Nurse Corps during ceremonies held at the Newport Naval Education and Training Center.

According to Naval Reserve Officer Recruiter Joseph Buben "Richardson was selected at an advanced pay grade as lieutenant because of her academic and professional background."

Richardson holds a B.A. from Loyola University in Chicago, an M.A. from Governors' State University in Illinois, and a Ph.D. in health education from Southern Illinois University.

Committed to the Navy Reserves for the next eight years, Richardson said of her decision to enlist, "I see it as a new challenge professionally and a way to put my nursing skills to work for another good."

She has been a member of the College's nursing faculty since 1985, most recently as coordinator of the sophomore level of health promotion and child promotion.

Richardson will be stationed out of the Newport Naval Hospital.



SILVANA F. RICHARDSON

R.I. College's chess 'queen' Sharon Burtman invited to U.S. Women's Championships

The Rhode Island College chess team's Sharon Burtman, now undefeated in her last 20 games, has been invited to participate in the U.S. Women's Championships at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C.

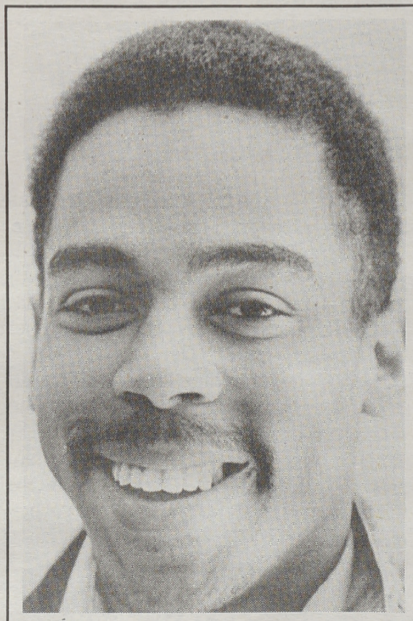
Burtman, of Stoughton, Mass., extended her winning streak from Dec. 29 to April 15 with a recent win over the New England Women's Championships' favorite, senior master Esther Epstein of Lithuania.

In fact, she played three of the top four players which included those from Yugoslavia and Poland.

That match—an individual performance for Burtman as opposed to team competition—took place in Boston April 15-16.

Burtman's wins now stand at 17 with 3 draws.

S. B. Jones wins Browne Award



S. BRIAN JONES

S. Brian Jones, formerly of Philadelphia and now of Providence, a sophomore communications major at Rhode Island College, was awarded the Rose Butler Browne Award this year for best exemplifying the ideals of the late Dr. Browne, an alumna and the first black woman to obtain a doctorate of education from Harvard University.

The \$200 award will be presented to Jones by President Carol J. Guardo at a May 16 luncheon here.

The U.S. Women's Championships are slated for July 6-16.

Burtman will attend as one of four alternates to the 10 "first players" invited, with an average "invitational rating" of 2087, based on 1987 published ratings.

Top rated Anna Achsharumova has 2560. Lithuania's Epstein, in the recent New England Championships, had an average rating of 2427.

"I would like to thank the Rhode Island College Student Community Government and the College community for their tremendous support," says Burtman, whose achievements, along with those of the chess team and its advisor/coach Dr. Armand Patrucco, have drawn the praise of many, including College President Carol J. Guardo.



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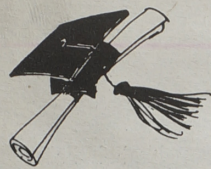
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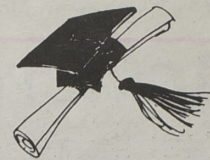
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Cap 'n Gown honors our best, kicks off commencement season

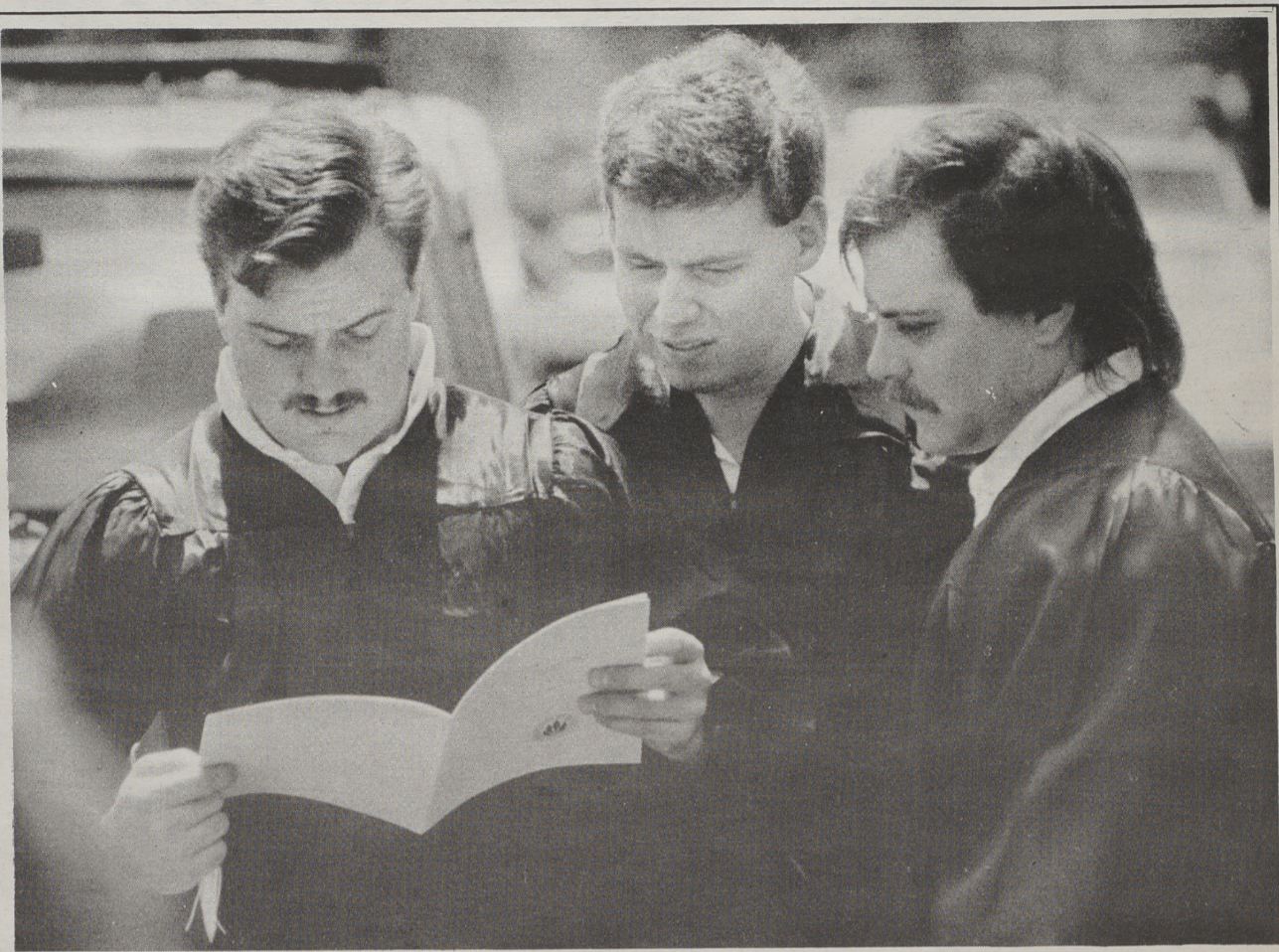


Cap and Gown Convocation May 3 in Roberts Hall auditorium honored Rhode Island College's best students while beginning commencement activities.

Some 37 academically outstanding seniors were accorded individual departmental honors in recognition of their achievement. (See photo.)

Cap and Gown is traditionally the occasion when seniors first don academic attire, and they and faculty members and College administrators march in procession much as they will at commencement which falls on Saturday, May 20, this year.

Upon special request of the Class of 1989, Dolores A. Passarelli, director of new student programs and class advisor, addressed the seniors as did College President Carol J. Guardo and other College officials, capping a memorable day.



CLASS advisor Passarelli

CHECKING FOR THEIR NAMES on the program, while waiting for Cap and Gown ceremonies to begin are (l to r) seniors Tom Duff, Dave Botelho and Mike Terranova. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



1989 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARD WINNERS and their awards and departments are: (Front from left) Suzanne Spitzer, *Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-French, modern languages*; Carmen Rodriguez, *Faculty Award, elementary education*; Marybeth Cousineau, *Helen M. Murphy Award, athletics*; Wendy DeLuca, *Lauris B. Whitman Award, sociology*; Kathryn Van Orsouw, *Yetta Rauch Melcer Award, dance*; Barbara Sanky, *Richard A. Howland Award, computer science*; Dawn Del Ponte, *Faculty Award-Undergraduate, nursing*; Cynthia Perkins Danyluk and Gretchen Robinson, *Jean Garrigue Award, English*; Christine Willett, *Evelyn Walsh Prize, history*; Alyssa DeAndrade, *John H. Chafee Award, political science*; (2nd row from left) Susan Cooper, *Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award, music*; Scott Martin, *John E. Hetherman Award, athletics*; Marythea Irving, *Faculty Senior Award, psychology*; Paul Stabila, *Ronald J. Boruch Award, physical sciences and Theodore Lemeshka Award, biology*; Michele Cocroft-Winn, *Studio Award, art*; Elissa Schleifer, *Christopher R. Mitchell Award, mathematics/computer science*; Karen Silva, *Bertha Christina Andrews*

Emin Award for Scholastic Excellence, alumni; Marianne Dalpe, *Bachelor of Social Work Program Award for Academic Excellence*; Patricia McDuff, *Faculty Award-Undergraduate-Registered Nurse*; Jacqueline Meerbott, *Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award, industrial education and technology*; Sandra Ball, *John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award and Wall Street Journal Award, economics/management*; Sharon Marsella and (3rd row from left) Jonathan Ruhan, *James Houston Award, anthropology/geography*; Maria Albina, *Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-Spanish, modern languages*; Kimberly Smith, *Rhode Island College Theatre Award, theatre/communications*; Bethany Goldberg, *Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award-Outstanding Achievement, alumni*; Amilcar Silva, *Tegu Polyglot Award, modern languages*; Richard Anterni, *Claiborne deB. Pell Award, history*; Keith Rice, *American Institute of Chemists Award, physical sciences*; Ernest Carlucci, *North Providence League of Women Voters Award, political science*; Celeste Steffanci, *James Houston Award, anthropology/geography*; and Marianne LaPorte, *Wall Street Journal Award, economics/management*.

Achievements of distinction...

New beginnings for the Mulvey women



Pauline and Phyllis Mulvey are ready for graduation Saturday.

There's a party planned in Middletown for Sunday, May 21 at the Mulvey house. This celebration has been a long time in coming. In fact, it's been in the works for the past five years. And it isn't a birthday party, an engagement party, or a wedding shower.

This party will be held in honor of achievements, persistence, and fulfillments.

It was during the summer of 1984 when it all began. That July, two Mulvey women—mother Pauline J. and oldest daughter Phyllis T.—sat down at their kitchen table, filled out application forms to enroll at Rhode Island College, and began making new plans for their futures.

Their adventure will end with a family celebration the day after the spring 1989 Rhode Island College commencement exercises, when both women will walk across the stage and receive bachelor of arts degrees.

Mother Pauline credits her daughter with putting the "bee in her bonnet" to continue her education.

"When Phyllis started talking about getting an application to college, I said I'll take one of those," Pauline remembered.

From there, the next five years became a battle of wits, time, typewriter, and textbooks for the mother and daughter student team.

Mother and daughter graduate together

by Clare Flynn Joy

Having married at 23 years old, Pauline, now 51 had completed only one year of college. She began raising a family of five daughters, and for many reasons was unable to continue in school. But she never lost the drive to acquire a degree, knowing that with a college degree her chances at advancement in the work world would increase.

For Phyllis, 26, who graduated from Middletown High School in 1980 and began raising a son while working three jobs to cover her young family's expenses, the motivation to begin college just struck her later, she said.

"I decided to start college a little later, so I moved back home and began."

Both mother and daughter are petite, soft-spoken, and similar in many ways. And when they discuss the last five years, they talk as college roommates would, laughing about sharing textbooks, "we both got an A in that history course," Mom said proudly and remembering notes left on the kitchen table to "schedule who would be using the typewriter."

The A they received in that one history course was not the only A they would achieve over the next few years.

Academically both women excelled.

Phyllis, who attended school fulltime, except for this semester, will graduate magna cum laude, with a grade point average of 3.6. Her degree is in film studies.

Presently working as a silversmith apprentice at Bartend J. H. Breakel and Company in Newport and bartending at the Ramada Inn in Portsmouth, she hopes to "maybe one day work more in the film industry producing films in the industrial, instructional, or environmental areas."

Phyllis was the recipient of the Film Studies Program \$500 scholarship award in her junior year. She has also acted as the student representative to the departmental meeting and was secretary to the student Film Club.

She is proud of her mother. And at one point during the interview at their Middletown home she blurted out, "She's going to graduate school in September!"

Indeed, Pauline acknowledged that the MBA program at the University of Rhode Island is in the plans for September, but before that she will accept her degree in general studies with a grade point average of 3.1 for her efforts.

Because of having to hold down a full-time job as budget analyst at the Newport Naval Dental Clinic, Pauline was enrolled as a part-time student.

"At first it was more than I expected. I wasn't sure I could follow it through," she said. "It ended up I could. I was able to do it all."

Throughout the last five years, she believes the four promotions she has received are directly related to her attendance at college.

"It gave me a good boost," Pauline said of her self-esteem. "And it helped me tremendously with my jobs. I tried to take courses that would be relevant to my work."

If either, soon-to-be college graduate had any complaints, those disappointments were "not always having enough time to spend with my family."

"But we always tried to make Sunday a family day."

Next Sunday on May 21 will be a very special family day in the Mulvey household.

Let the party begin.!

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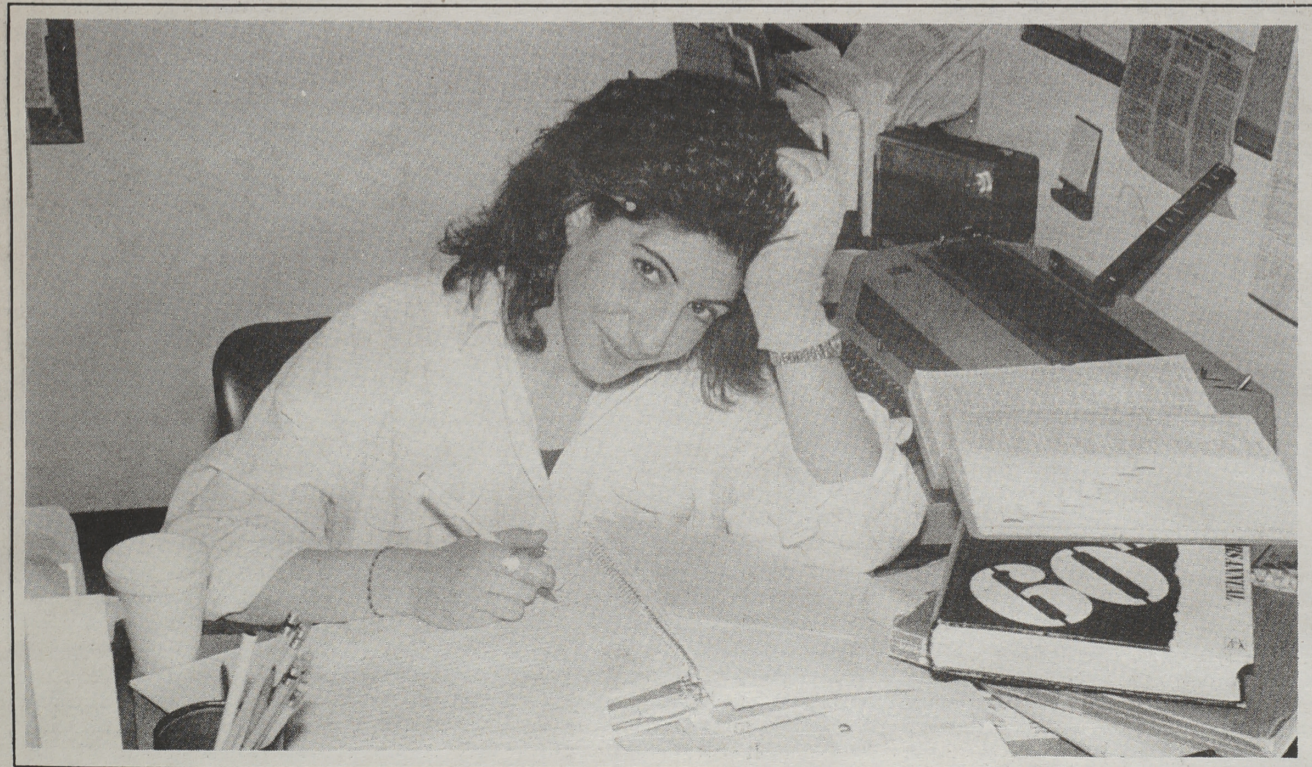
Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, May 20
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In case of rain,
admission by ticket only.

Ready for commencement and the future

by George LaTour



LAST STUDY SEIGE before finals and graduation finds senior Michelle Bastien poring over textbooks. (What's News Photo by George LaTour)

Michelle Bastien of Cranston, like so many seniors about to graduate from college this spring, has accomplished much in her young life despite her share of obstacles on the road to acquiring an education.

Come May 20, Michelle will join approximately 1,000 of her classmates at Rhode Island College as they march to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" in commencement ceremonies and receive the coveted diplomas.

For the 20-year-old major in physical education, the diploma will lead the way to a career in teaching, her dream for as long as she can remember.

In so doing, she will follow in the footsteps of her mother, the former Linda Spacagna, who also graduated from Rhode Island College when it was Rhode Island College of Education (RICE) and who then taught in Providence for a few years.

Having been listed in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*, the "A" student expects to graduate with high honors, or *magna cum laude*.

Her immediate goal is to "get into grad school" at what will soon be her alma mater (Rhode Island College) to pursue studies in health education.

And then, she hopes, it will be off to teach in the Cranston or Warwick school

Jackie Meerbott, student and working mom, found a home in the I.T. program

by Cynthia L. Sousa

Without the support of her husband and four children, Jackie Meerbott's dream of obtaining a college degree would never have been realized.

Over the past few years, husband Richard, acting battalion chief on the Pawtucket fire department, 17-year-old twins Scott and Glen, 15-year-old Kerry and 13-year-old Brian have increased their domestic experience greatly. Cooking, cleaning and doing laundry have been shared by them all. "My husband is very disciplined which has helped," says Jackie. "I thank them all," she says.

On Saturday, Jackie, of Pawtucket, will receive a B.S. degree in industrial technology with a concentration in graphics. She has a cumulative average of 3.55 and was the recipient of the industrial technology program's Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award and the Jr. Craftsmen Award for 1989 Outstanding Student from the Providence Club of Printing House Craftsmen.

In addition to her duties as mother and student, Jackie works the second shift at Paramount Cards in Pawtucket as a black-and-white camera operator, fills in as a substitute bus monitor mornings in Pawtucket and wallpapers for friends and relatives.

Lenore D. Collins, an instructor in the I.T. program said that Jackie has worked very, very hard. "She helps everyone, she is extremely tireless—no matter how much she has to do, she just keeps plodding along until it gets done."

After high school Jackie said she wanted to go to college but she didn't have the confidence or courage to attend. She married, started a family, and pushed a college education to the back of her mind.

In 1981, she began taking one course at a time at the Urban Education Center (UEC) in South Providence. Jackie attributes her success there to the staff, including Dr. Thomas Calhoun, assistant professor of elementary education at Rhode Island College, who encouraged her.

Having gone as far as she could at the UEC, Jackie enrolled as a full-time student at Rhode Island College in 1985. She admits it was very difficult to go back. "It was frightening," she says.

Jackie found her niche in the industrial technology program. "Before finding out about I.T. I felt like I had no direction—I.T. provided me with a goal," she says. She said she especially liked the "real-world" experience that her professors in the program brought to the classroom.

"Dr. Bill Kavanaugh, Steve King and Lee Collins have helped me tremendously," Jackie says. "I feel right at home here."



Jackie Meerbott with her children at Cap and Gown Convocation May 3rd. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

She said she never needed the support that the Slightly Older Student (SOS) organization provides returning adult students because she fit into the program immediately. "It's good to know that others not as fortunate as I was have a place to turn to," she says.

"Even though the I.T. program was primarily made up of men when I started, I never found a professor who made me feel as if I shouldn't be here," she says.

Jackie found her fellow classmates to be "really great." Working in the graphics lab several hours a week Jackie made some good friends.

Graphics and printing interested Jackie who says she was always good with her hands. Through the program she was able to participate in a couple of internships. "I really learned a lot at Federated Lithograph in Providence and made many contacts," she recalls.

Jackie was very active in College activities, especially in the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS), an organization which provides contacts in business and industry for people with an interest in production control and materials resource production.

Bob Viens, student leader of APICS said, "Without Jackie's involvement in APICS, the idea would never have gotten off the ground. She was the heart of the organization."

Assistant professor Steve King said he is very proud of Jackie. "She's displayed tremendous leadership potential in the program and has been a prime leader of APICS." He said that through her contacts Jackie planned a tour of the Bostich company for her classmates. "She has a high level of energy and works hard," he says.

Jackie said she believes in "networking" before graduating. "It really helps to get exposure and to meet others with similar interests," she says.

She plans to continue her involvement in APICS and to continue to attend printers meetings after graduation to expand her associations.

In her "spare" time Jackie plays softball, bowls and is active in scouting. "I always loved sports and try to make time for them," she says. She also enjoys watching her children participate in school sports.

Jackie says she won't force her own children to attend college but she hopes they will follow her example. "I had a great time at my age," she exclaims, "imagine how much fun it could be for them!"

Carmen Rodriguez is already a success and she's just graduating

by George LaTour

systems. Michelle did her student teaching at Cranston High School East.

Michelle has been active at college in other ways than her studies. She has been a member of the Physical Education Majors Club and a member of the Rhode Island College Dance Company, which she considers to have been "the highlight of my four years in college."

She has the highest praise for dance company acting director Dante DelGiudice, whom, she points out with admiration, "knows how to calm down and give confidence to the dancers before a performance."

"He's wonderful!" she exclaims, as she relates the way DelGiudice relates to his students and the patience he displays with both the novice and more advanced dancers.

Originally from Louisiana, Michelle has been interested in dance for some time, having studied jazz dancing with the Jean DeLuca Dance Studios for four years prior to attending Rhode Island College.

Since joining the college company, she has been studying and performing modern dance, she says.

Slim and petite in size—"You can say I'm five feet tall," she says with a chuckle—Michelle is "into" aerobics and weight lifting.

In fact, she teaches weight lifting part time in addition to serving as the secretary to the College dance company, also a part time paying job. Michelle also handles some of the publicity for the dance company as a student intern, she says.

She has won several dance scholarships from various sources while at college, including one for \$500 from the Rhode Island Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (RIAPERD) as this year's outstanding student. Selection was based on her grades, her leadership and extra-curricular activities at college.

Michelle won over competing students from the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the state's high schools.

One of four children in what has been a single-parent family for some time now, Michelle gives her "Mom" a lot of the credit for making her education possible, a task most of us realize is not easy today even with two working parents.

And, she is quick to credit her Rhode Island College education as "the best thing in the world."

Now formally educated, grounded in reality, and possessing healthy enthusiasm, Michelle Bastien is surely ready for college commencement, and the challenges of the future.



CARMEN RODRIGUEZ and daughter, Monica.

"Life in this country is not easy for everyone. It can be discouraging. You need the support of your family."

These are the sentiments of Carmen Rodriguez of Providence, an older than

average college-age senior who is about to graduate from Rhode Island College.

Commencement on May 20 will cap nine years of part- and full-time study of

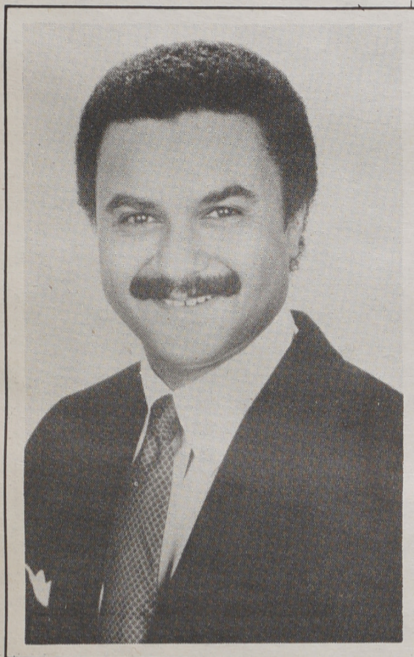
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In addition, Cavazos has been a consultant to national and international health organizations such as the World Health Organization and a variety of inter-American health groups.

His efforts in the field of education have concentrated on raising the quality of and funding for research projects and campus facilities, strengthening minority student programs, and providing leadership in special programs against drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS education, and career planning. Also, he has provided counseling and guidance in developing plans to raise academic standards, to increase teacher accountability, and to review core curricula.



RONALD H. BROWN

Recipient of the College's honorary doctorate of public service, Ronald H. Brown, is a respected national campaign veteran who served as senior political advisor to the Dukakis/Bentsen campaign, as 1988 Democratic Convention manager for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and as deputy national campaign manager for the 1980 Kennedy presidential campaign.

Lawyer and public servant, Brown also served for 12 years with the National Urban League as its deputy executive director, and in the roles of general counsel, vice president for Washington operations, and chief Washington spokesperson. In addition, he was appointed Middle East representative for the Urban League at the invitation of the Israeli General Federation of Labor.

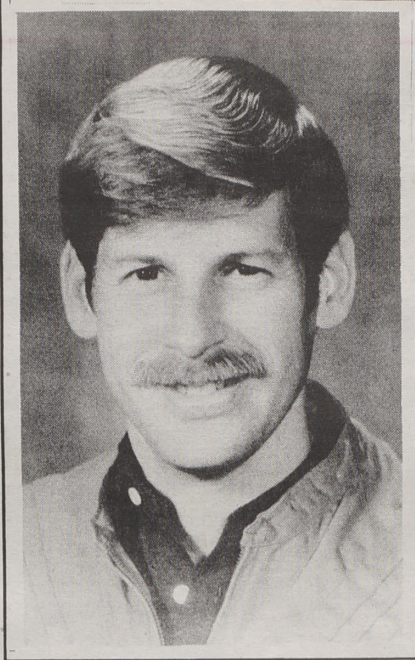
Brown received his undergraduate degree from Middlebury College and earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law. He is a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the State of New York, and the District of Columbia.

A member of the Standing Committee on Law and Electoral Process of the American Bar Association, Brown served as chief counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary in 1981. One year later, he became general counsel and staff director in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, who he has served as chief political advisor.

Since 1986, Brown has chaired the Senior Advisory Committee of the John F. Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics at Harvard University. He is also a trustee of the University of the District of Columbia and of Middlebury College.

NASA astronaut, Vietnam veteran, and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Colonel Sherwood C. 'Woody' Spring, who considers Rhode Island his home state will receive an honorary doctorate of science for his distinguished career.

One of 19 astronauts chosen by NASA in May 1980 to train and qualify as a mis-



SHERWOOD C. SPRING

sion specialist on Shuttle crews, Colonel Spring has logged over 4,000 hours of flying time in 25 different types of airplanes and helicopters, has spent approximately 165 hours in space travel, and has walked in space for 12 hours.

In 1985, while aboard the Space Shuttle *Atlantis*, Mission 61-B that blasted off from Cape Canaveral for a seven-day mission, Colonel Spring along with fellow astronaut Jerry Ross, who billed themselves as the 'Ace Construction Company,' assembled and disassembled two structural prototypes for elements of future space station construction, and deployed three communications satellites and performed a pharmaceutical experiment before the craft landed after a 2.8 million-mile trip.

After graduating from West Point with a B.S. in general engineering, he went on to earn a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the military academy and a second M.S. in aerospace engineering from the University of Arizona. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School.

Having served two tours in Vietnam, the first with the 101st Airborne Division and the second with the 1st Cavalry, Colonel Spring received numerous awards and medals. Among them are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit Award, two Army Bronze Stars, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and Vietnam Service Medals.

As a result of his expertise, Colonel Spring was asked to serve on the tiger team accident investigation task force at Kennedy Space Center immediately following the *Challenger* accident.

He is currently assigned to the Army Space Program Office in Fairfax, Virginia, and is the designated director/program manager for the Tactical Exploitation of National Space Program Capabilities.



MARK PATINKIN

New dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences to take post in July

Will replace Dean Greene

Interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Florida has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Rhode Island College, capping a six-month search for a replacement for Dean David L. Greene.

President Carol J. Guardo announced that Dr. Richard R. Weiner, 42, of Jacksonville, will assume his new position this July.

Dean Greene had announced last September that he would step down as dean and return to teaching here as a chemistry professor after his replacement had been selected. He had served as dean since 1981.

A member of the faculty at the University of North Florida since 1976, Weiner had also served as chair of the department of sociology and political science and interim chair of the department of modern language and literature.

Ph.D. in political science/sociology from Columbia University.

His experience as department chair and interim chair also includes administration of undergraduate baccalaureate programs in anthropology and criminal justice, and graduate programs in public administration and criminal justice.

He is credited with initiating an anthropological photography gallery, the Jacksonville Anthropological Research Center, plans for a bachelor's in social work, the North Florida Video and Asian-Pacific festivals, the A. Philip Randolph Social Justice Lecture Series, and the new department of communications and visual arts, all at North Florida University.

Weiner has taught extensively, including at the Florida State University's London Study Center.



RICHARD WEINER of Jacksonville, Fla., has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences here, effective in July.

In making the announcement of Weiner's selection, Guardo took "special note of the excellent efforts of the search committee and especially its chair, Dr. Eugene Perry" for identifying "extremely well qualified candidates" for the post.

The president also expressed her appreciation and that of the entire College community for "the many contributions" of Dean Greene, whom, she noted, "has worked very effectively to develop the Faculty of Arts and Sciences" here.

Weiner is a *cum laude* graduate in political science/economics of Brooklyn College at the City University of New York; holds certification for a New York State Regular Teacher's License from Hunter College at the City University of New York; a master's degree in political science/sociology from the New School for Social Research in New York; and a

Among his published works are a book, *Cultural Marxism and Political Sociology* and numerous articles in educational journals.

He holds membership in a number of professional organizations, including the Florida Teaching Profession National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the Society for the Study of Social Problems and Centre d'Etude des Mouvements Sociaux (Paris).

Weiner has been involved extensively in community projects in Florida and has been the recipient of numerous academic honors and recognitions. He has traveled widely throughout Europe.

Weiner, a native of New York, is married to Danielle Dispagne-Weiner who holds French citizenship. Their two sons, Yann Roby and Sean Matthieu, hold both American and French citizenship.

An honorary doctorate of journalism will be presented to Patinkin, syndicated columnist, Pulitzer Prize finalist and author.

A 10-year veteran journalist for the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, Patinkin's columns reach over 300 newspapers through the nationally syndicated Scripps-Howard Service.

In 1985, Patinkin published *An African Journey*, a chronicle of a month spent in famine country. Two years later, a newspaper series he wrote on religious violence in Northern Ireland, India and Beirut earned him the position as one of

two finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in international reporting.

Most recently, Random House published the *Silent War*, co-authored by Patinkin and Rhode Island economist Ira Magaziner. The book addresses the global economic threat to the United States by increasingly sophisticated foreign nations.

He is a 1974 graduate of Middlebury College. Before joining the *Journal-Bulletin*, Patinkin was a staff reporter for the *Utica Daily Press* in upstate New York. He is a resident of Rhode Island.

Five outstanding men and women cited by Rhode Island College Alumni Association



HELEN GINSBURG FORMAN



ELEANOR M. McMAHON



NEIL I. GONSALVES



STEVEN D'AGUZZO

Helen Ginsburg Forman of Providence, Class of 1934, a retired special education teacher, was among five outstanding men and women honored at the annual Rhode Island College Alumni Association awards dinner at the Donovan Dining Center on May 11.

Forman was cited as Alumna of the Year for her "extraordinary efforts" on behalf of the College's annual fund drive.

Others honored were Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon of Pawtucket, a former academic vice president and provost here who went on to become the state's first commissioner of higher education. She was given the Alumni Service Award for her "exemplary service" to the College and to higher education;

Dr. Neil I. Gonsalves of Providence, professor of biology here, received the Faculty Award for his 20 years of service as teacher, researcher and active participant in the College community;

Steven D'Aguzzo of Greenville, Class of 1974, senior vice president for research and design at Hasbro, Bradley, Inc., the world's largest toy manufacturer, was accorded the Willard Achievement Award for his "outstanding career achievement;"

Douglas G. Cureton of Providence, Class of 1980, associate director for training and activities at the College Campus Center, was presented the Staff Award for his "excellence in contributions to the College community and, in particular, the alumni association."

As a participant in last year's phonathon, Forman served as a role model and inspiration to the other volunteers by raising the "greatest total dollars of any caller and raising the greatest number of increased gifts to the fund," according to Holly L. Shadoian, director of alumni affairs.

Forman studied at Providence College, the University of Rhode Island, Brown University and the University of London, completing 90 hours of study beyond the master's degree. In addition to her bachelor's degree here, she also earned a master's in special education.

After retiring in the late 1970s as a school teacher for 22 years, she went on to earn a gerontology certificate here. Her other activities in education have been numerous as has been her association with music organizations such as the Rhode Island Music Festival and the Chopin Music Club, among other organizations.

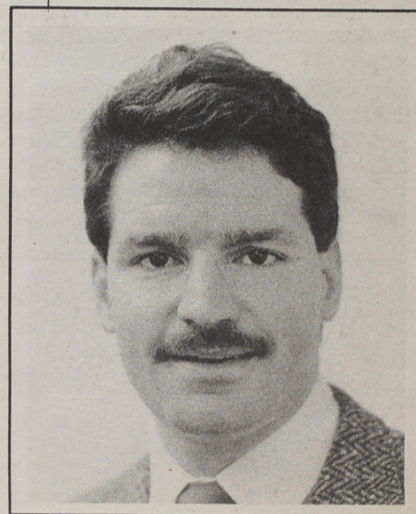
McMahon, who stepped down as provost here in 1982 to assume the position of commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island, one of only 10 female commissioners of higher education in the country, left that post in April to become a distinguished visiting professor at the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions at Brown University.

Gonsalves' research on eye development has received recognition from the National Eye Institute, reports Shadoian.

Active with the faculty union, he has served 15 consecutive years as its vice president.

Gonsalves has developed and taught a number of courses here. His other campus activities include chair for 10 years of the Colloquium Committee, chair for seven years of the Honors Committee, and chair for two years of the Curriculum Committee.

D'Aguzzo was hired in 1974—after graduating with a degree in art education—as a sculptor in product design at Hasbro. Since then he went through the ranks as manager of industrial design, associate vice president, vice president and, last year, senior vice president.



DOUGLAS G. CURETON

Cureton graduated with honors with a concentration in music education. He also holds a master's degree in human resource management.

In addition to his current activities here, he serves as a consultant to Creativity Consultants in Providence and aerobics staff supervisor at Healthtrax International-New England Health and Racquet in Warwick.

Internship in Sen. Pell's office provides an inside look at the political process

by Cynthia L. Sousa

Since 1962, Rhode Island Sen. Claiborne Pell has opened the doors of his Washington office to students of Rhode Island colleges and universities for one-week internship programs.

This year eight Rhode Island College students were chosen by political science professor Herbert R. Winter, program coordinator at Rhode Island College and state-wide director of the program, to spend one week during the spring term in Washington.

The internship program, according to Winter, is open to any Rhode Island resident attending a college or university in Rhode Island and having a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

Students apply and are selected for their interest in public affairs as demonstrated by their previous activities. "We try to choose students who are good representatives of Rhode Island College," says Winter, who has been working with the program for many years.

Many interns are political science or history majors but Winter says he has chosen interns with biology, English and education majors.

"Each year the interns learn something about the operation of a senator's office and are able to take in some major politi-

cal events," Winter says. Some are able to attend conferences, sit in on Supreme Court sessions, Senate hearings and roll call votes and attend Rhode Island delegation hearings.

Some of the sessions attended by the College's interns this spring included Col. Oliver North hearings and Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings concerning Soviet affairs, says Winter.

Senator Pell is "very interested" in the program and tries to make sure as many young people as possible get a view of the political process at the national level, according to Winter.

"Pell and his staff have been extremely helpful over the years in helping to make the interns' stay in Washington educational and enjoyable," he says. Judging by the contents of the many postcards Winter has received from interns over the years, the experience is highly rewarding.

At Rhode Island College, the Student Community Government/Student Parliament provides funds each year for the program so that the interns receive stipends to defray their expenses. This year each intern received a stipend of \$375. Winter thanks the organization for providing the funds saying that over the years, without the stipends, many interns could

not have participated in the program.

Winter helps the interns find appropriate housing while in D.C. and sends them in co-ed groups of two to three to ensure safety.

Beatrice A. Lanzi, of Cranston, a senior political science and communications major was selected along with Edward G. Soares and Frances H. Duval to spend the week of April 3 in Washington.

Lanzi served as sophomore and junior class vice president at Rhode Island College and has been a member of the Rhode Island College Council, Performing and Fine Arts Committee and the Rhode Island College radio station.

She has served two terms as treasurer of the Rhode Island College Student Community Government in 1985 and in 1986. In 1987, she was elected president of the Student Community Government where she coordinated Alcohol Awareness Week. Lanzi received the Outstanding Student Leadership Award for 1984-88 because of her extensive involvement in Rhode Island College student government.

Lanzi was also named to *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges* for the 1987-88 year. She also established the Rhode Island College Democrats and was

elected president of the organization in 1988.

Lanzi's activities outside of Rhode Island College include serving as the special events coordinator for the Marlene Marcello McKenna campaign for treasurer of Rhode Island. She also interned in the Public Affairs Office of the Rhode Island State House during the summer of 1988. She is an executive board member of the Rhode Island Young Democrats and serves on their Political Action Committee. Lanzi is also a lobbyist, registered and certified, for the 1989 Rhode Island legislative session.

"I feel very fortunate that I was actually able to work in Pell's office and get an inside look at national politics," Lanzi says.

Legislative assistant and intern coordinator Robert S. Foust helps the interns plan their days.

Each day begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m. Lanzi was able to attend committee hearings concerning the PanAm flight 103 tragedy in Scotland, and on crime in D.C. Other time was spent in Pell's office helping with mail and with press releases.

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Guardo announces faculty promotions

President Carol J. Guardo recently announced the promotion of 18 faculty members at Rhode Island College.

Those promoted to the rank of full professor (with their departments in parentheses) are: Samuel B. Ames (art) of Providence; Madeline F. Nixon (Henry Barnard School) of Warwick; John E. Peterson (physical sciences) of Lincoln; and Pamela C. Rubovits (psychology) of Foster.

Also, Amritjit Singh (English); Robert J. Sullivan (anthropology/geography) of Cranston; and Kenneth R. Walker (secondary education) of East Providence.

Those promoted to the rank of associate professor are: Francine S. Brem (nursing) of East Greenwich; Joao P. Botelho (secondary education) of Westport, Mass.; Patricia C. Cunningham-Warburton (nursing) of Exeter; and David M. Harris (economics/management) of East Providence.

Also, Francis J. Leazes (political science) of Providence; Robin K. Montvilo (psychology) of Providence; Vivian R. Morgan (mathematics/computer science) of North Providence; and Angela C. Murphy (nursing) of Smithfield.

Also, Elaine F. Perry (communications/theatre) of Cranston; Barry Schiller (mathematics/computer science) of North Providence; and David B. Sugarman (psychology) of Portsmouth, N.H.

Lithograph of R.I. College on sale



Artist Karl Rittmann's painting of selected Rhode Island College buildings and landmarks has been reprinted in a colorful 24 x 30 lithograph and is now on sale at the Campus Store for \$25. Rittmann was commissioned to do the painting by Mr. Joseph Muratore, retired vice-consul for the Italian government and prominent businessman in Rhode Island.

Commencement Gala tickets available

Tickets for the annual Commencement Gala are now on sale in the Office of Conferences and Special Events. The tickets (which are \$15 each) include a reception, buffet dinner and dance on Friday, May 19 at Donovan Dining Center.

The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. The College community is invited to join in the celebration. For further information, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events, 310 Roberts Hall (456-8022).

Summer schedule begins June 5

The College will begin the summer work schedule for clerical and administrative staff on Monday, June 5, according to Gordon N. Sundberg, director of personnel services.

The summer hours of work will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through August 25, 1989. Sundberg noted that all other work schedules remain unchanged.

Music department brochures win national design award

Five Department of Music announcement brochures produced by the Office of News and Publications Services have been cited for excellence in graphic design by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The series of publications announcing music events at Rhode Island College this spring won a Bronze Award for Design Series in the CASE Recognition Award competition, according to Rob Bower, director of communications.

The brochures were one of six entries from across the nation winning Gold, Silver, or Bronze awards in that category. The College's entry competed with 33 other entries produced by the best college and university designers in the United States, Bower said.

The designer of the series was Scott Mason of Space Visual Design in Provi-

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event to be held in the spring semester. They will receive commemorative certificates and retirement pendants (specially designed jewelry displaying the College flame) based on the following criteria:

Faculty: Members of the faculty who have or who will retire before the end of a given academic year and who have completed 10 or more years of service to the College in that year. (Includes part-time but excludes adjunct faculty).

Administrative Staff: Members of the non-classified staff who have or will retire by the end of a given fiscal year and who have completed 10 or more years of service with the College.

Support Staff: Members of the classified staff who have or will retire by the end of a given fiscal year and have completed 10 or more years of service (in a 12-month or approved reduced-work-year position) with the College.

Sundberg noted that the Service Recognition Program, which includes recognition for years of service to the College and retirement, is separate and apart from the civil service employee program. The civil service program recognizes years of service with the State of Rhode Island.

dence. Ray Ragosta, assistant director of communications/publications at the College, wrote the copy and coordinated the production of the brochures.

The brochures used abstract images and bold colors in announcing each of the five spring concerts for the Department of Music: Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, Collage, and Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship Concert.

"It's truly an honor to receive a CASE Recognition Award," Bower said. "With the cooperation of Bill Jones and Jonathan Sturm of the music department, we were able to greatly improve the quality of music publications this year."

CASE, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a support organization for college and university advancement professionals.

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elementary education by this native of St. Michael, Azores.

Fluent in three languages—Portuguese, Spanish and English—she will graduate with a 3.49 academic average (out of a possible 4.0) having completed a major in Spanish, a minor in Portuguese and having obtained bilingual certification.

She is this year's co-winner of the elementary education department's Faculty Award as outstanding graduate.

Married to Sergio Rodriguez of Guatemala and the mother of 4-year-old Monica, it hasn't always been easy for her since coming to this country 13 years ago.

The first in her family to obtain a college degree, Rodriguez is lavish in her praise of the College's faculty whom, she feels, along with the support of her family, made her success possible.

Soft spoken, she would loudly urge young people in this country to seek a higher education.

"It is not the only way...but it is a good way to make it. Life can be more pleasant," assures Rodriguez, who says this is especially true for immigrants as she once was.

Explaining that life is difficult enough at times even when you are native English-speaking, it can be very difficult for young foreign-speaking people to integrate into American society and "make it."

"Now, I can take the best of the Portuguese culture and the American culture and mix them and be part of both," she says. She adds, therefore, that she and others do not have to give up their native culture to be a success in America.

Rodriguez would urge young immigrants to embrace what is good in American culture while holding on to all they cherish in their own, study and become Americans in every sense of the word.

Rodriguez entered Rhode Island College as a part-time student in 1980, got married that December and worked as a dental assistant.

In 1985, her daughter was born, so she took a three-semester leave from the College and her job. Her husband was and is employed as a toolmaker.

When she returned to college, she did so as a fulltime student and, as an Ameri-

can citizen, having attained citizenship after five years in this country.

That family she so lovingly speaks about, includes her mother and father, a brother and two sisters, all in Rhode Island, and a sister in California.

They did not all come to this country at the same time, but they're here now and, apparently, happy to be so.

Speaking for herself, Rodriguez says, "I'm comfortable here. I'm happy in Rhode Island."

She is currently student-teaching at Oldham School in Riverside and has taken an interview with the Providence school system for the position of bilingual teacher.

Sergio, who's native tongue is Spanish, had attended Rhode Island College for a time and plans to return to study industrial technology or art, music and photography which he enjoys, relates Mrs. Rodriguez. Her husband came to America at age 18.

One can already count this family a success, having the rich cultural diversity it has and the positive attitude that makes for winners in America.

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She also had some free time to experience many cultural and educational attractions in Washington.

"It's a very full and extremely exhausting week," Lanzi remembers, "but it was exciting and well worth it. I learned a great deal."

"I got a feel for the 'long days' public officials put in. It's not as glamorous as it seems," Lanzi says she had to keep a pair of sneakers handy because of all of the walking she had to do.

As an intern, Lanzi was privy to the Congressional Records Room for research purposes. "The knowledge and materials I was able to bring back with me will be extremely useful to me in graduate school," Lanzi says.

Lanzi plans to attend Boston University where she will work on her master's degree in foreign affairs. She hopes someday to work as a political consultant or lobbyist on the national level.