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Spring Commencement '91 —

### Despite economic hard times, 1,000 RIC grads told 'just do it'

by George LaTour

With a summer-like sun glaring upon them, the nearly 1,000 graduates at the annual spring commencement at Rhode Island College May 25 sat uncomfortably in the near 90-degree heat as they listened to speaker after speaker remind them they were graduating in tough economic times, but, also, that their education had equipped them to succeed and now they had to get out there and "Just do it!"

It was a day of elation and uncertainty, as the *Providence Journal* reporter Thomas Frank noted in the next day's newspaper account.

Cheers greeted John J. Gleason, chair of the Council of Rhode Island College, who opened the ceremony with the traditional welcome to this, the 1991 commencement.

Gleason, an associate professor of special education who holds a doctorate from Harvard University, told the graduates — who would soon receive bachelor's and master's degrees — that "Rhode Island needs what you know."

He asked them to "give truth and alternatives a chance" as they made their way and exhorted each graduating group individually to "just do it."

#### Governor Sundlun

Several thousand family members and friends, staff, alumni and guests sat or stood on the campus esplanade around the seated students.

Many used the printed commencement programs as hats to ward off the sun's burning rays or as fans to move the air. The Coffee Ground refreshment area in the basement of the Student Union did a brisk business.

As Rhode Island's Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun was introduced by Gleason, graduating social work students hoisted banners that urged him to "Keep Education Afloat," "Keep Families Afloat" and "Don't Starve Human Services."

"Let me immediately take cognizance of the banner in the back of the audience," said Sundlun, whose voice boomed through the loud speakers.

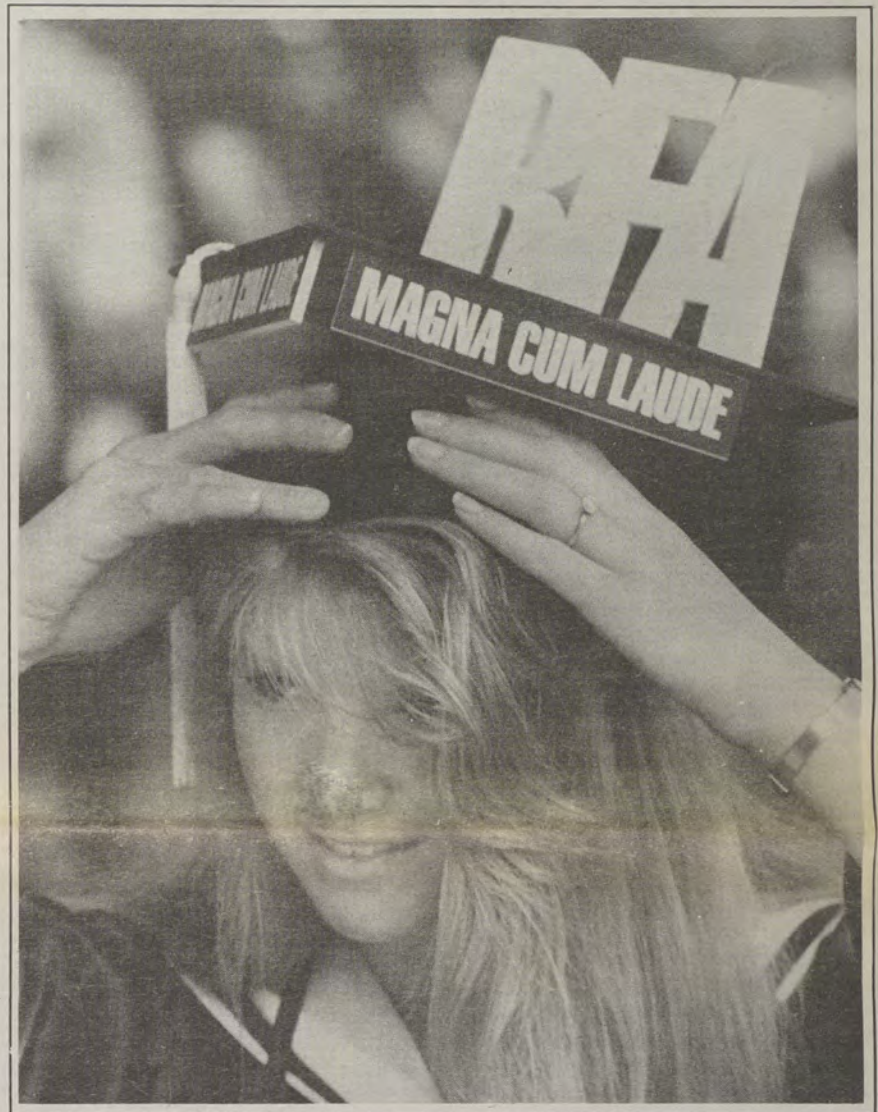
Noting the budget compromise reached Friday with General Assembly leaders that restores money to education and human services, he assured his audience the state has a budget that "gives a sense of fiscal responsibility."

"I'm proud to say that for the first time the state has a balanced, reasonable budget," asserted Sundlun.

Terming the economic state of affairs in Rhode Island "clearly a depression," the governor urged: "Don't come to the government complaining without contributing. There is a greater need when things are tough."

"We're on the way up and we need your help," he said.

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ARTFUL HEADGEAR: Michele Cournoyer, a graphic-design major, adjusts her personalized mortarboard before going on to receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree at May 25 commencement at RIC. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

## Newspaper designates RIC as 'main preserver' of Cape Verdean materials

The publisher and general manager of the CVN (Cape Verdean News), published in New Bedford, has donated a collection of materials to the Rhode Island College library and designated RIC as its principal depository for materials "of importance to the Cape Verdean community."

Thomas D. Lopes, in making the announcement, said that RIC "above any other institution in the New England area clearly has demonstrated its true commitment in advancing the Afro-African experience of Cape Verdean-Americans and others."

He cited RIC's "excellent selection" of African/Afro-American studies and for having been the first public institution of higher education to "warmly greet the first President of the Republic of Cape Verde, Aristides Pereira, upon his visit to this country" in 1983.

Lopes — whose daughter, Denise, is a sophomore at RIC — also cited the "commitment and dedication" of such faculty members as Richard A. Lobban Jr., professor of anthropology, as well as the College's sponsorship of conferences centered around the Cape Verdean culture.

Lobban had published in 1988 the second edition of his bibliography, *Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Cape Verde*, which was co-authored by Marilyn Halter.

He also co-authored (with former RIC master's student Waltraud Berger Coli of Cranston) a study of Cape Verdean-Americans in Rhode Island.

The CVN publisher also applauded the College administration for the appointment of Marlene L. Lopes (no relation) to head its Special Collections unit of the James P. Adams Library. Assistant Prof. Lopes, of Providence, is of Cape Verdean ancestry. She was appointed to administer the Special Collections after the retirement of Sally Wilson last spring.

As part of the newspaper's commitment to support the library's Special Collections and RIC, publisher Lopes said it will contribute to the establishment of a fund to support a lecture series in honor of the memory of Dr. Baltazar Lopes daSilva, lawyer, educator, writer and humanitarian, reports Richard A. Olsen, Adams Library director.



THOMAS LOPES

The fund also would be used to purchase materials or otherwise enhance the study at the College of Cape Verde and Cape Verdean-Americans, says Olsen.

The publisher says the CVN will encourage all Cape Verdeans who have any books, materials or artifacts of value "which they wish to preserve and share" to consider contributing them to RIC's Special Collections.

A recent issue of the CVN published Lopes' announcement and told its readers they may contribute such materials by contacting Marlene Lopes at RIC or the newspaper.

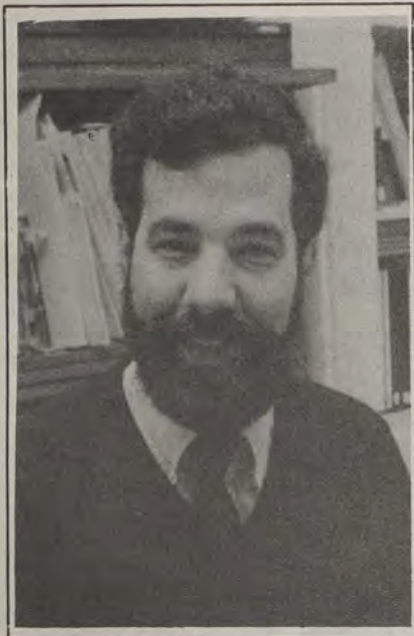
A series of Cape Verdean cookbooks, bound volumes of the CVN, and a rare painting of the Statue of Liberty and the schooner Ernestina (the 1894 sailing ship which brought many Cape Verdeans to this country) were turned over at a recent RIC conference on Cape Verdean life to Professor Lobban for the Adams Library Special Collections.

Other artifacts that will be donated include a collection of stamps issued by the Cape Verde Islands, rare coins, a model of the schooner Ernestina and a hand-woven blanket which had been presented by the Cape Verde government to Lopes upon his first visit there.

Lopes was then a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and had traveled to the islands as a guest of the Cape Verde government.



## Focus on the Faculty and Staff



E. PIERRE MORENON

**E. Pierre Morenon**, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Public Archaeology Program, of Providence and Paul Robinson, principal archaeologist at the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, discussed at a May 29 public presentation at the Museum of Primitive Culture in Peacedale the finding of a 1,200-year-old Indian village at Green Hill Pond in South Kingstown. The archaeological study, conducted over the past year by the RIC Public Archaeology Program, examined the remains of several Indian dwellings for a National Register nomination. Channel 10 TV aired a segment on the findings on the 6 o'clock news that evening.

Professor of elementary education, **Elizabeth Rowell**, of Woodstock Valley, Conn., has been named as an "Outstanding Educator of Law-Related Education" by the University of Rhode Island's Ocean State Center for Law and Citizen Education. Rowell's commitment to the promotion of law-related education was cited.

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On May 15, **Richard H. Doolittle**, a specialist in the Center for Evaluation and Research at Rhode Island College (CER-RIC) of Warwick, gave a workshop presentation of the "Findings on the Focus Group Evaluation of Substance Abuse Education" at the Drug-Free School and Communities Act Application Workshop sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Bristol resident **Chester E. Smolski**, professor of anthropology/geography and director of the Urban Studies program, presented a paper entitled "Rhode Island Redistricting: Lessons to be Learned for the 90's" at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association held in conjunction with the Planning Institute of British Columbia in Vancouver. His paper "Waterfronts as a Key to City-Center Redevelopment," based on a paper he gave at the Rhode Island Historical Society, appeared in the latest issue of *Rhode Island History*, a publication of the Society. With RIC professor of elementary education, **Anne Petry**, of Warwick, Smolski spoke on the Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, the National Geographic Society funded project to improve the teaching of geography in the schools of the state.

Additionally, Smolski has been appointed by Governor Bruce Sundlun to work on the Governor's Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) Working Group to suggest improvements in public transit. Smolski will also be a facilitator at Lieutenant Governor Roger Begin's conference on regionalism in Rhode Island that will be held at the Community College of Rhode Island.

**Valeri Duarte**, of Harmony, assistant professor and computer education teacher at Henry Barnard School, has authored an article entitled "Using the Computer in the Elementary Classroom: Mathematical Language Development," which appeared in the May issue of the *New England Mathematics Journal*. The article describes how the use of the computer and the language experience can enhance the development of mathematical thinking skills by having children create and solve their own problem solving situation. The article describes an effective and efficient use of technology in the integration of language arts and mathematics.

**Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban** and **Richard Lobban**, both professors of anthropology, from Cranston, recently returned from Durham, England, where they attended and presented papers at the Second International Conference of Sudan Studies. The Sudan Studies Association, based in North America and jointly founded by the Lobbans, was a co-sponsor of the conference, along with the Sudan Studies Society of the United Kingdom and the Institute of African and Asian Studies of the University of Khartoum. Carolyn's paper was entitled "Toward a Sudanese Law Appropriate to Majority and Minority Populations in the Sudan" and Richard's paper was "The Origin of the Pig Taboo in the Nile Valley."

Carolyn was an invited presenter at a conference held in April at the State University of New York at Binghamton on the subject of "Islam and Ethnicity in Africa and the Middle East". She also presented a paper, "Women and the Gulf War" at the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies meeting held at Villanova University May 16-18. She currently serves on the board of the American Council.

**Thomas R. Pezzullo**, vice president for development and college relations of Wakefield, was the co-author of a paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in April. The paper, presented by his co-authors, Judy D. Grace and Barbara E. Brittingham, "Ethical Decision-Making and the Preparation of Faculty and Administrators: The Use of Case Studies," was based on a chapter of *The Campus Green: Fund Raising in Higher Education*, 1990, Brittingham and Pezzullo.

Director of the College's Office of Research and Grants Administration **R.N. Keogh** of Lincoln, was one of three featured speakers focusing on issues relating to the management of small offices of sponsored programs at the 1991 joint Northeast Regional Meeting of the Society of Research Administrators (SRA) and the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA). The four-day conference was held in Hyannis, Mass. on May 5-8. Keogh also is a national committee member of NCURA, representing the New England region on NCURA's membership committee.

Somerset, Mass resident **Kevin J. Garganta**, an adjunct faculty member here and former assistant professor in the School of Social Work was recently named in the 1991-92 edition of *Who's Who in the East*. Through his own Somerset, Mass.-based consulting company, Management & Training Enterprises, Garganta lectures throughout the country on topics related to the development, management and marketing of non-profit social service, health and educational organizations. Currently a doctoral candidate in administration, planning and social policy at Harvard University, he is also the vice president of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Somerset, Inc. Garganta is also an instructor and director of the Human Services program at Bristol Community College and an adjunct faculty member at Stonehill College.



CONSTANCE KAMII, renowned researcher, theorist and educator in the field of children's intellectual development, addresses a Rhode Island College audience June 3 in the Faculty Center.

## Richard 'Dick' Zorabedian dies; labor leader, scholar with ties to RIC

Richard "Dick" Zorabedian, 65, of Saunterstown, an administrator for Local 57 of the International Union of Operating Engineers apprenticeship and training program for 18 years before retiring in 1988, died May 4 at South County Hospital after being stricken at home.

He is credited with having introduced an innovative graduate course known as CPS (Creative Problem-Solving) at the University of Rhode Island in the mid-1960s and later with helping introduce it at Rhode Island College. He received an honorary doctorate from URI in recognition of his concern for public education, and had a scholarship fund named after him at RIC.

In 1977, he received the John F. Kennedy Award from the RIC Alumni Association, and in 1978, the Providence Parents & Teachers Award on Behalf of the Handicapped.

This past academic year, his son, Thomas Zorabedian of South Kingstown, served as an assistant professor here in television and film studies.

Husband of Mary A. (Magarian) Zorabedian, he was born in Providence, a son of the late Thomas and Rose (Bozoian) Zorabedian. He moved to Saunterstown in 1969.

Mr. Zorabedian had enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942, served in the South Pacific Theater of operations with the rank of staff sergeant, and received the Purple Heart.

He later attended the former Johnson & Wales College; matriculated in the business administration program at URI, graduating in 1965. He later enrolled in the URI master's degree program in English and also studied at the University of Buffalo.

In 1973, he was appointed to the newly-created Board of Regents for Education in Rhode Island and served as a member for six years.

Mr. Zorabedian had entered the construction industry as a laborer. In 1950, he became a delegate to the Providence Central Federated Council, and at the time of his death was the oldest delegate in terms of years served. From elected membership on the PCFC executive board, he became a trustee, a position he held until his death. He also became an officer of the Local 57 executive board and a trustee of the Local 57 pension program.

He was named as a labor delegate to visit Israel in 1978; was a member of the Providence mayor's advisory board on recreation and the Providence School Committee Steering Committee; was a founding member of the Providence Civic Center Authority, and president of Creative Problem-Solving, Inc. of Rhode Island.

He was vice president of Tower II International and a consultant of Art Originals Inc., Oak Creek, Wis., and a member of the Rhode Island Council for the Arts.

Since retiring, he worked as an international labor consultant, and did volunteer work in South County and attended workshops and seminars of the Thomistic Guild at Providence College.

His publications included *The Creative Education Movement in Rhode Island*.

Besides his wife and son, Mr. Zorabedian leaves a daughter, Donna M. Santaniello of South Kingstown; three sisters, Diane Montecalvo, Alice DeAngeles, both of Warwick, Grace Topazio of Bristol, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church, Providence.



## Rhode Island Veterans' Home —

*RIC prof brings discussion of American democracy to vets*

by George LaTour

The subject was the role of the media in the recent Gulf War.

Did the media cover the war adequately? Were there restraints placed on the media by the military and/or the United States government (or governments of the other countries involved)?

Did the American public get the real story or just what the Powers-That-Be wanted it to know?

How did coverage of the Gulf War compare to the coverage of the wars in Vietnam and Korea, World War II and, yes, even World War I?

There were people in THIS audience who would know.

They were officers and enlisted men and women, who had served from World War I onward and who now call the Rhode Island Veterans' Home in Bristol "home."

The occasion was the third session on "Crises in American Democracy" in which Rhode Island College's Victor L. Profughi of Greenville, a professor of political science, read thought-provoking articles — pro and con — on the role of the media in the Gulf War and how that role has changed.

Other topics in the series this spring include those on Democratic theory, political parties and Congress.

Professor Profughi gives out large-print texts for their reading and some tapes for listening.

The series began last year when the State Library Services obtained left-over funds from the New England Foundation for the Humanities for a series on the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Profughi gave two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Without outside funding this year, says Profughi, the Veterans' Home itself picked up the cost.

**Listened intently**

Some 16 veterans, most in regular or motorized wheelchairs, sat comfortably around a large table and listened intently.

Profughi's voice was at a level somewhat higher than he usually speaks out of deference to those with hearing problems.

The ages of those in his audience ranged from what might politely be called "middle age" to 92.

The atmosphere was informal — a table nearby had an urn of hot coffee and a tray of cookies, windows were open allowing in summer-like breezes, the room itself (the Home's library) was large, bright, clean and altogether inviting with well-stocked bookshelves and large over-stuffed chairs.

Profughi, after finishing the reading of one article, asked: "What is the author saying about censorship?"

A woman suggested that the Gulf War "might have been staged" for whatever reason or reasons.

Several men, who had served in World War II, nodded their heads in agreement.

Profughi leaned back and grinned somewhat.

"You people are very cynical today," he said.

Some nodded again; others just smiled.

They'd seen it all before...in one fashion or another.

For instance, "managed news" (an aspect of censorship): was there anyone more adept at it than Hitler's minister of propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, who had painted a rosy picture for the German population of the Third Reich's "victories" almost up to the day that the Russian and American armies breached the outskirts of Berlin in a rush to Hitler's bunker?

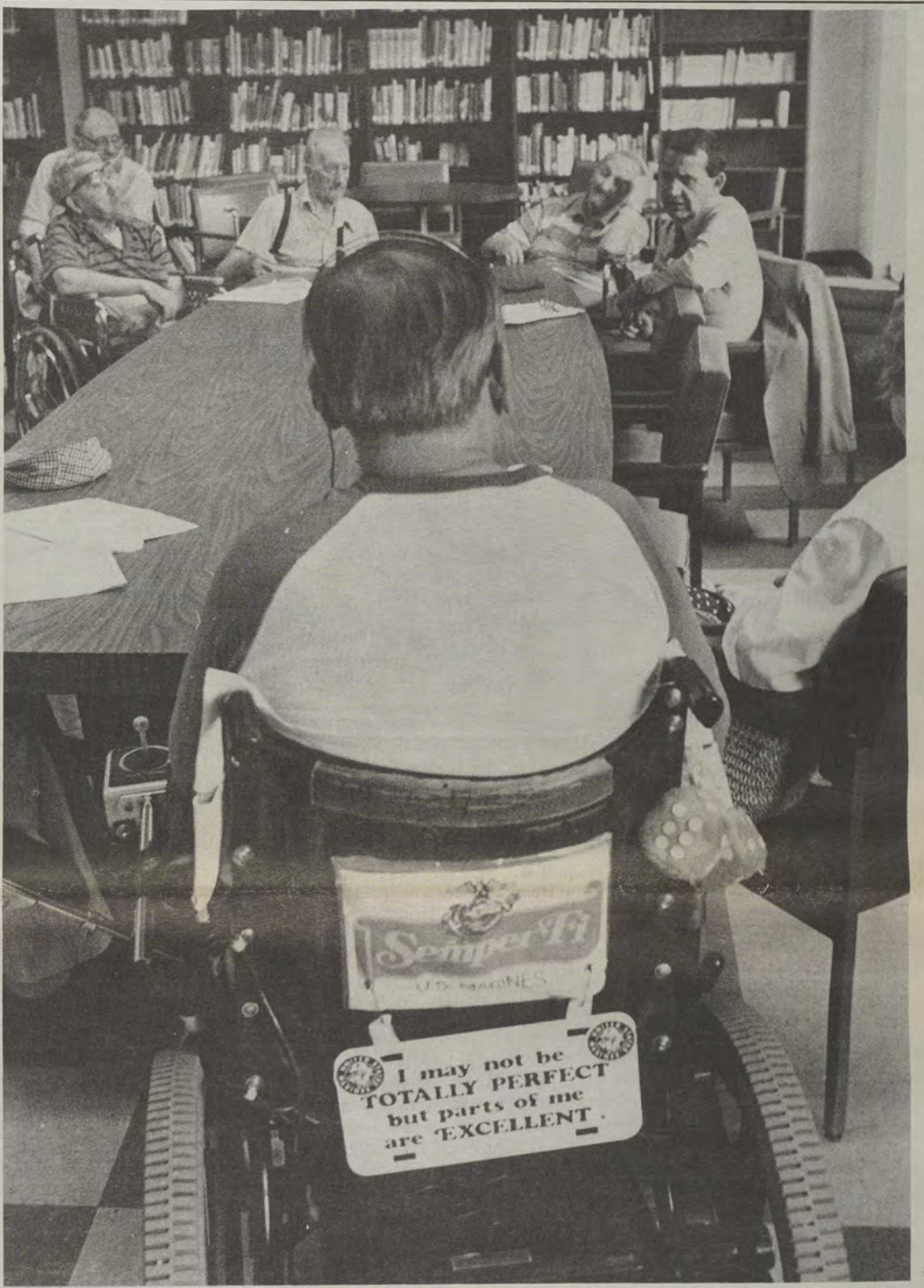
**Veterans of America's wars**

But, these veterans of America's wars enjoy the stimulation of discussion and even debate.

"They are articulate, opinionated and interested," says Profughi.

What's more, they seem to enjoy life itself despite infirmities brought on by age or war or both!

"Every day as I walk through the Home, I see tangible evidence of the effort and courage of some members with severe disabilities, who strive to make their lives worthwhile," noted then Commandant Louis P. Alfano Jr. in "The Vet's Gazette" special centennial issue last June.



DISCUSSING DEMOCRACY with RIC Prof. Victor Profughi (right rear) are veterans of America's wars, now residing in the Rhode Island Veterans' Home in Bristol. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

"It's important to note that age and disabilities are not valid reasons for giving up living," he wrote, adding, "Many Home residents and some of our senior employees are living proof of this adage."

To even the casual visitor to this haven of honor, it is apparent that the atmosphere is up-beat. Dignity and courage win out daily over despair and defeat.

**Officially dedicated**

The Veterans' Home was officially dedicated on May 21, 1891, with the ceremonies suitably begun by a performance of The American Band under the direction of its founder, D. W. Reeves. The American Band lives on today under the direction of Dr. Francis Marciniak, professor of music at RIC. A number of musicians in the College community regularly perform in it.

Rhode Island Gov. John W. Davis provided the introduction followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" and other selections by The American Band and "addresses by prominent guests."

The Home is situated on nearly 100 acres of land on Metacom Avenue, which was given to the state by the Town of Bristol over 100 years ago.

The 339-bed domiciliary and nursing care facility provides services to all qualified veterans who served during specified dates of various wars and conflicts and who are residents of Rhode Island.

Currently, there are 270 residents who receive all three levels of nursing care — from light to complete, according to Pam Dow of Barrington, the activities therapist.

In addition, a strong volunteer program helps bring recreation and a "warmth of friendship" to residents.

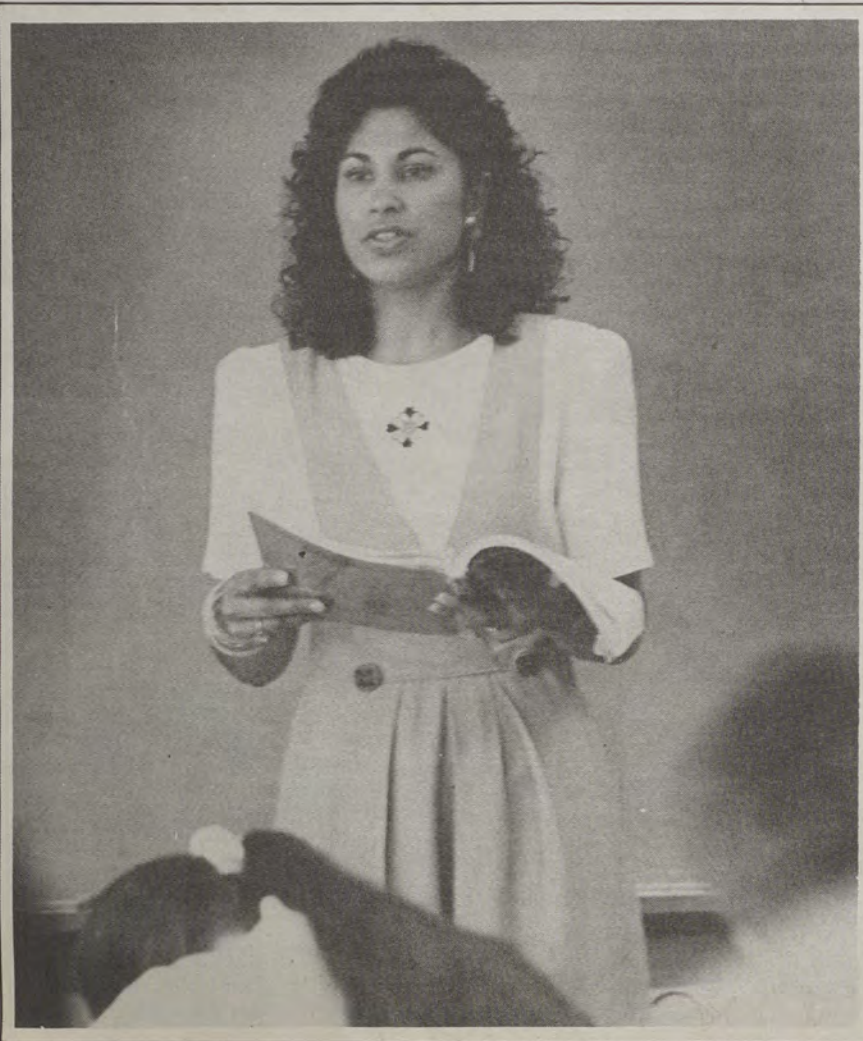
"Our goal here at the Veterans Home," said the former commandant, "is not only to help members improve their health, but to encourage them to live up to their capacity, make the most of life day-to-day and not use old age as a reason or justification to give up on life."

With some 120,000 living veterans in the state, the Veterans' Home promises to be an important part of the care delivery system for them in the foreseeable future, providing a home where —

*Around the fire an evening group may draw  
And tell of all they did and all they saw.  
And husband out life's taper to its close,  
And keep the flame from wasting, by repose.*



# A shared spirit of caring leads to hard-earned degree



DIANNE BEAULIEU finishes out her final days as a student-teacher at the Henry J. Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket.

Except for a brief few months in 1975 when Dianne Beaulieu worked as a secretary after graduating from high school, this 34-year-old wife and mother has been in a classroom in one way or another all her life, as an elementary and secondary grade student, part-time college student, teacher assistant, full-time college student, and student teacher.

But when September rolls around this year, Beaulieu of Central Falls, who graduated magna cum laude from Rhode Island College on May 25 with a B.S. in

elementary education with a concentration in special ed, hopes that the desk she is assigned in 1991 will be the "large one" facing out over her own classroom.

The road she has taken to reach her destination as a classroom teacher has been a long one and sometimes bumpy, according to Beaulieu. But she is the first to say "you can do anything you want if you're willing to work hard enough for it."

Beaulieu was born in the Fiji Islands. At the age of three, she moved to England with her family, who sought out "better opportunities." At 11 years old, her father moved the family once again to the United States "for the sake of opportunity."

The Beaulieus made their Rhode Island home in Pawtucket, where this young Indian girl, with a strong English accent became somewhat of a "novelty" to the other sixth graders at the Henry J. Winter Elementary School on Broadway.

She said her childhood, which was laced with a strong sense of "strict Indian ethics" and parental "control and discipline" was quite different from her American friends.

"I became the babysitter on the block," she laughed. Turning more serious in her self-introspection, Beaulieu added that she has always been shy, and perhaps lacked a sense of self-confidence. But she said, "I was always studious, and I enjoyed schoolwork."

Attending college on a full-time basis was not in the cards for this charming woman once out of high school. Instead she chose the workforce. But after a year as a secretary, she found herself "called" back to the classroom as a special education teacher assistant. She remained there for the next 13 years, helping her students and the classroom teacher.

Through all the years, her desire to graduate from college and become a classroom teacher stayed with her. She gained 70 credits as a part-time student taking courses whenever she could. But her dreams finally began to come true when she married her husband Marc, "who really motivated me" to enroll as a full-time student and finish her degree.

"Marc really played a major role in my getting this degree," she said, adding that his career as a firefighter for the city of Cranston allowed them to work out schedules to fit into her study time, school

time, and their toddler son, Marc's daycare time. "He is really a Mr. Mom," Beaulieu said of her husband.

Full of pride and excitement for her future and her family's future, Beaulieu said, "I have a wonderful family and wonderful in-laws. I feel a great deal of pride and achievement. My husband deserves this as much as myself."

During the last week in April, Beaulieu received a letter from John F. DiMeo, chair of the special education department informing the Beaulieus that Dianne had been selected — "from a great deal of competition" — as this year's recipient of the Josephine A. Stillings Award "as the outstanding baccalaureate graduate in the area of special education...in recognition of your outstanding academic record and your performance during your special education student teaching."



MARC BEAULIEU

Beaulieu, who achieved a 3.95 G.P.A. in her educational sequence of coursework, said she and her husband were excited about the surprise letter, and enjoyed the award together.

And as much as she loves the children she has taught, "who give me a sense of accomplishment that makes me feel good," she said, "my husband and my son will always make me the happiest."

## After 17 years of study he 'rushes' to get diploma

by George LaTour

"I had to hurry it up so my daughter wouldn't graduate from URI before me," explains Paul DuFault of Tiverton, who got his diploma May 25 from Rhode Island College after 17 years of study.

His daughter, Pamela, is a sophomore major in journalism at the University of Rhode Island, so Paul had two more years to go, but decided not to push his luck.

A son, Paul, is a student at Bristol Community College in Fall River.

Another reason he felt he finally had to "finish it up" is that his brother, Nap DuFault of Cooper City, Fl., already has his Ph.D. in psychology, working now in industry but who, at one time, was superintendent of schools in Elizabethtown, Ken.

"Between my brother and my kids...I HAD to get a degree," he says with a shake of his head and wave of his arm.

His family — including his wife, Janice (Kwarcinski) DuFault and Dr. Nap DuFault, up from Florida — were on hand for the commencement ceremonies on the RIC esplanade and cheered loudly when Paul received his bachelor's degree in vocational education from College President John Nazarian.

A systems-analyst teacher at the Hanley Vocational Technical Center, who's taught school under a provisional certificate pending receipt of his college degree, he began taking courses at RIC in 1974.

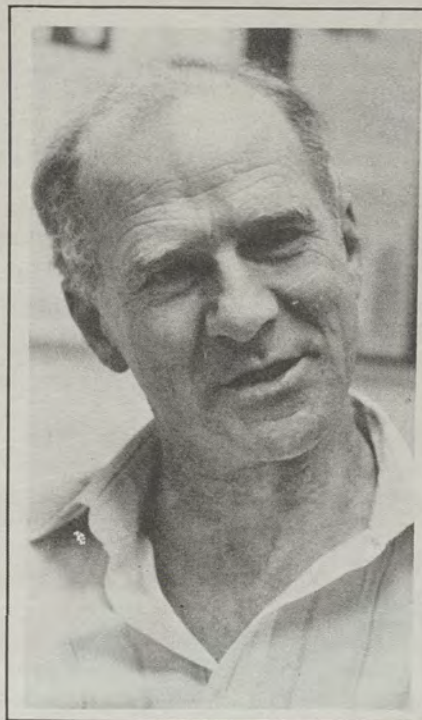
"I teach all day and have a little side business and, with two kids in college, it's been tough," he admits.

### Born in Fall River

Born in Fall River, Paul attended the Miami Military Academy in Florida and then "went into the construction business for awhile" with his father. After his father, the late Napoleon DuFault, died, Paul went to computer school.

His mother, the former Josephine Szeliga, still resides in Fall River.

"It was a six-month school in Fall River. I learned computer programming and systems design," he relates. After that, it was work for Paramount Restaurant Supply in Providence and then as a systems analyst for Valor Mfg. Co. in New Bedford before turning to teaching at the Hanley Vocational Center.



PAUL DUFAULT

Aside from the rather normal sidetracks one takes raising a family and holding down full-time jobs, how is it that it took him so long to get his degree, he was asked.

Paul indicated he was floundering among various courses, not really taking aim at a goal.

"After getting some good guidance from one of my teachers (at RIC), I got squared away and took some quality courses" which enabled him to finish his studies towards a degree.

"I take my hat off to these kids who take a full course load," he says, again shaking his head, this time in appreciation of the dedication displayed by his usually (much) younger classmates over the past 17 years.

His plans now?

"It'll be eight or nine years before I can retire. I'll keep the same lifestyle and enjoy the kids."



## Walker named Athlete of the Year



RENEE MARIE WALKER

Renee Marie Walker, a senior elementary education major from Cranston was recently named as a 1991 Athlete of the Year by the Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women for her contribution to the women's basketball team.

Each year the award is presented to a female athlete at each member institution who is recognized as a scholar-athlete, leader and role model.

Walker led the team in field-goal and free-throw percentage, was second all-time single season in field-goal percentage and third all-time career field-goal percentage.

## Wing awarded \$1,000 scholarship

Senior nursing major Elisa Wing of Lincoln was awarded the first annual scholarship of the Rhode Island Medical Society-sponsored seminar, "Current Concepts in Fetal and Neonatal Care" recently.

Wing received the \$1,000 scholarship at the seminar held at the Sheraton Islander in Newport. Each year one local institution participating in the training of maternal-child health nurses recommends one of its students for the award based on his or her interest, practice and dedication to maternal-child health.

The seminar has been sponsored for 14 years by the Medical Society and is co-sponsored by Women and Infants Hospital in cooperation with the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Rhode Island Section of Nurses Association of the American Colleges of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

## 'Musical Masterpieces' to be shown

The Providence Performing Arts Center will feature five "Musical Masterpieces" this summer at its headquarters at 220 Weybosset St. in Providence. Two daily showings of each movie are scheduled at noon and 6 p.m.

The dates and names of the movies to be shown are: June 26 — "Westside Story;" July 10 — "Yankee Doodle Dandy;" July 17 — "An American in Paris;" July 24 — "Gigi," and July 31 — "Singin' in the Rain."

Tickets are \$3 for each showing or \$10 for the five-film series. Light fare will be available for purchase at the theatre. The series is made possible, in part, by a grant from AT&T.

For further information, call 421-2997.

## Barbera's a winner — In the classroom or on the mat!

When James Barbera started off his athletic career in 1975 on the Little League field in South Kingstown, the advice offered to him by his parents, Louis and Lily, was to "play a sport because you like it. Be a good sport. If you win that's great. If you don't, don't worry about it."

The youngest of five brothers, who is described by friends and family as being "quiet, a self-made man, and an unselfish leader," listened well to his Mom and Dad during those growing-up years.

He found his "sport" on the wrestling mats at South Kingstown High School and he exemplified sportsmanship during high school and college by cheering for his teammates during those emotionally and physically tense moments when anything can happen.

What he didn't do was not worry. Barbera worried a lot. But not the kind of worrying about winning or losing. For sure, he wanted to win. Everyone wants to win. But for 22-year-old Barbera, worrying meant self-induced pressure to be the very best that he could be.

When other teenagers barely get themselves to afternoon sports practices or eat the right foods to stay in shape during a season, Barbera, at 14 years of age already had the fortitude, drive, and discipline to organize his own work-outs, consistently schedule early morning or afternoon runs, and control his weight.

And "that's the one I'm most proud of," he says. Of the more than 200 matches he has wrestled in his career, Barbera says high school wrestling was less difficult than "the pressure at the college level."

Explaining that the sport is unlike many others, he says, "it's all up to you."

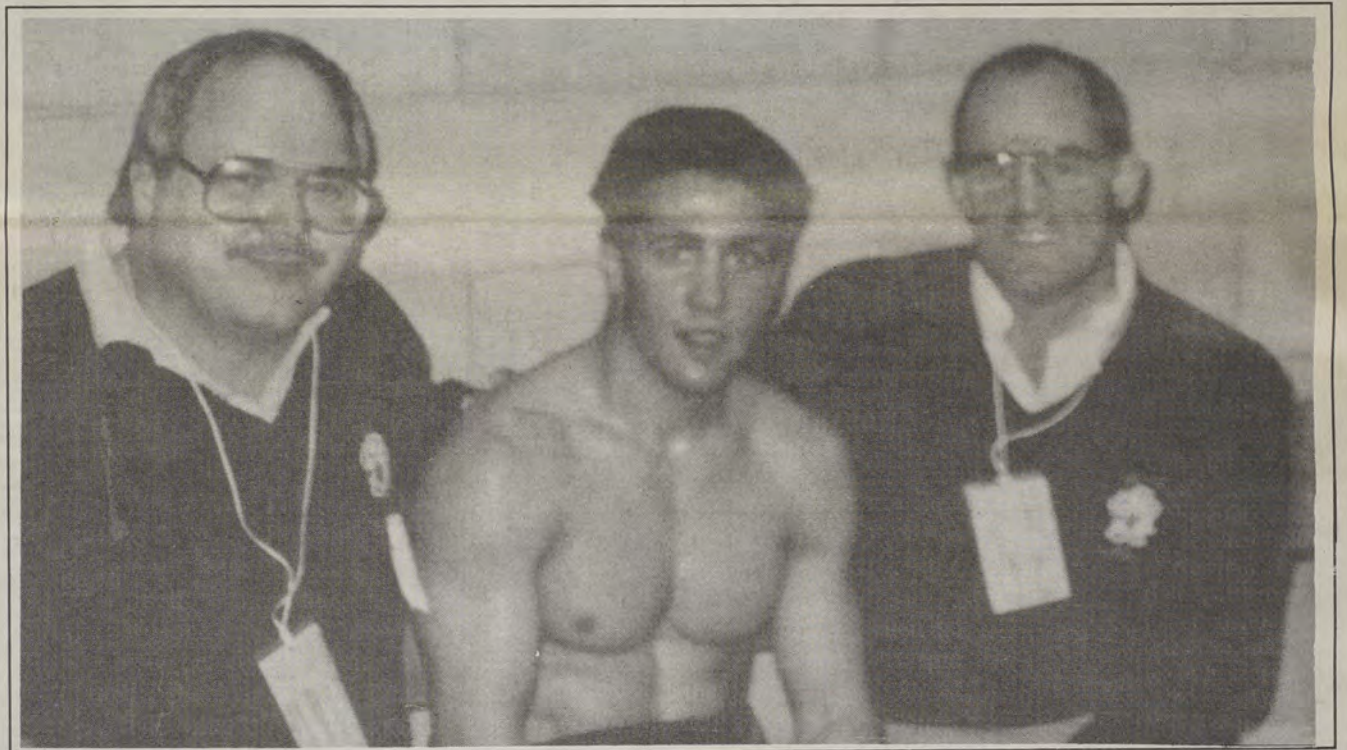
According to a boyhood friend and high school wrestling teammate, Barbera epitomized the "individualistic" attitude needed to be a winner at their sport.

He wrote about his friend James for a high school English assignment as being "the most individualist person I know....His small size wasn't important. He began concentrating on training during the off-season, starting in the spring of his freshman year. James continued to train hard as a junior. He ran before practice and would continue his own practice regimen of sit-ups and push-ups after the school practice was over. The inner discipline and self-esteem James acquired by his junior year earned him the state crown at 126 pounds. He repeated the performance as a senior at 138 pounds under pressured conditions. James' self-made physical condition and inner emotional security fulfills my definition of a true individualistic person."

Although each season brought new challenges and goals for Barbera, this season, as it came to an end and he found himself headed to the NCAA, was different in at least two ways. First, he competed in his most successful collegiate weight class, 142 lbs., placing eighth in the bracket, which made him an All-American. And secondly, his biggest supporters, Lily and Lu, were in the stands in Illinois cheering for their youngest son.

"We're very proud of James" both academically and athletically, Mrs. Barbera said. When asked to look back over the years of James' life in high school and college, she recalled that he "really buckled down" in his study habits at RIC. She said, "it was not unusual for James to get up from watching TV or playing cards with his father and announce that it was time to study."

The sense of having "to do it all on your own" never escaped Barbera as he graduated from high school wrestling to college. And when asked to recall highlights of his career, he points to winning the state crown in his junior year in high school and being named an All-American in college.



LILY BARBERA, mother of the muscle-bound "mat-rat" took this photo of her son and his wrestling coaches, Tim Clouse, assistant (left) and Rusty Carlsten, head coach at this year's NCAA's following a heated match.

"James is very goal orientated. He works extremely hard," says Rusty Carlsten, Rhode Island College wrestling coach. "You could set your clock by him, he's so consistent." If Barbera has any faults, Carlsten says, "it's his own belief in himself. That's the pressure."

For now the pressure of excelling in a sport and in the classroom is off. Not only did this "role model to his peers" recently graduate from RIC with a B.A. in economics, he was also honored by the College with its John E. Hetherman Award from the Department of Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation for "his scholastic success and his achievements as an athlete, gentleman, and participant in campus activities" and was named the 1991 Division III Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American.

Moreover, Barbera — whose bedroom at his parents home is neatly congested with medals, trophies, plaques, commendations and other wrestling awards he's received over the eight years he has participated in the sport — was named an NCAA All-American.



JAMES BARBERA

About his athletic career, Mrs. Barbera said that throughout high school her son "always kept himself in shape. And just before a match, he'd give me a list. He was faithful with that list. He wanted Gatorade and he loved his peanut butter sandwiches." Because wrestlers must "make weight" just prior to a match, they often carry food and drinks with them to matches. And they can also become superstitious or regimented about clothing, music, or behavior patterns just before matches.

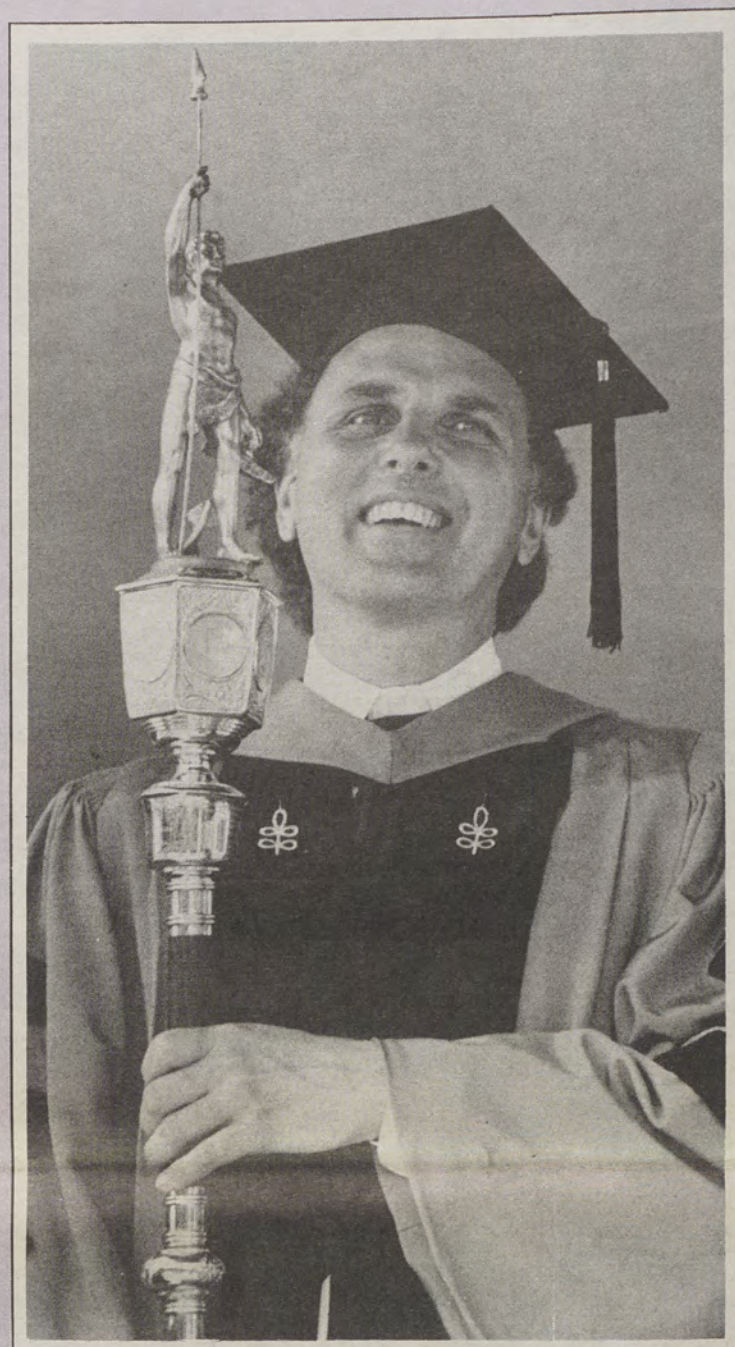
Young Barbera says "it's like having a trick. I listen to music, and I can't let anyone use my (wrestling) shoes."

Even with all the "tricks" and all the Gatorade he could drink (Mrs. Barbera said, "we should have bought it by the case!"), Barbera always knew that the bottom line in the equation of success, both in the classroom and on the mat, depended on himself. "You've got to work hard. You've got to work everyday. And you've got to work on your own."



# Spring Commencement 1991

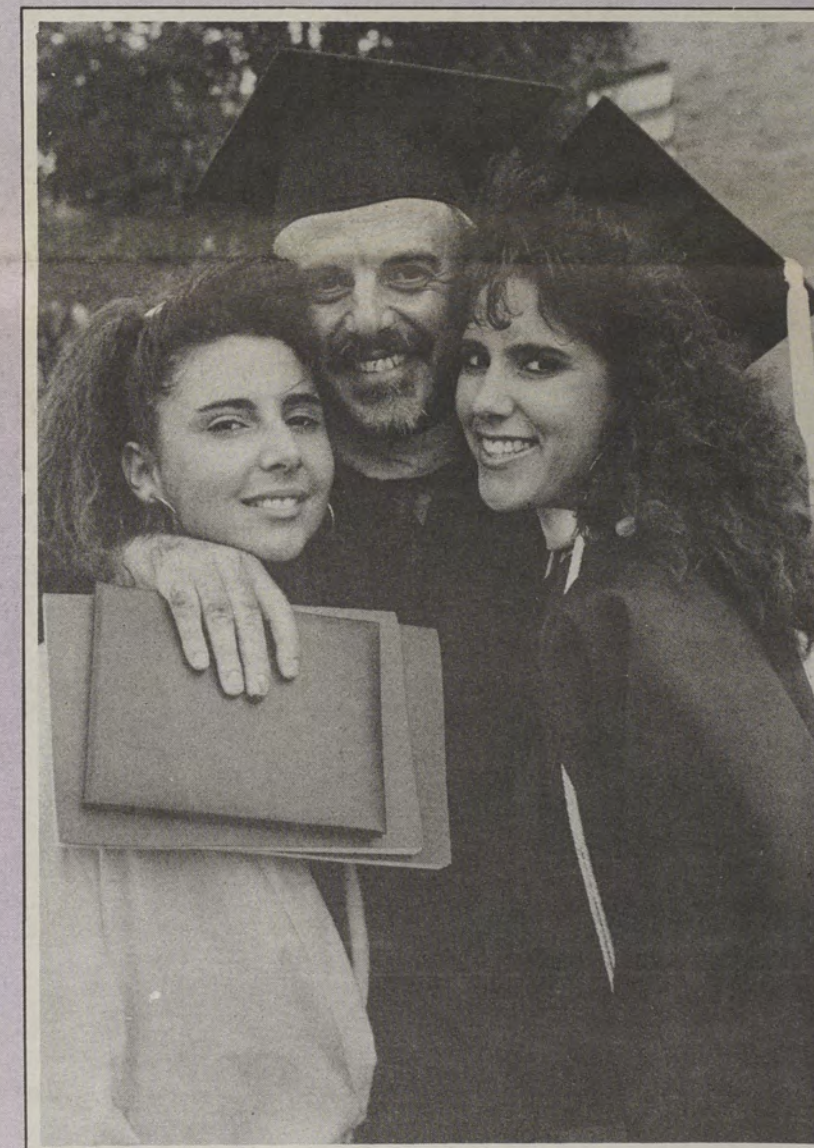
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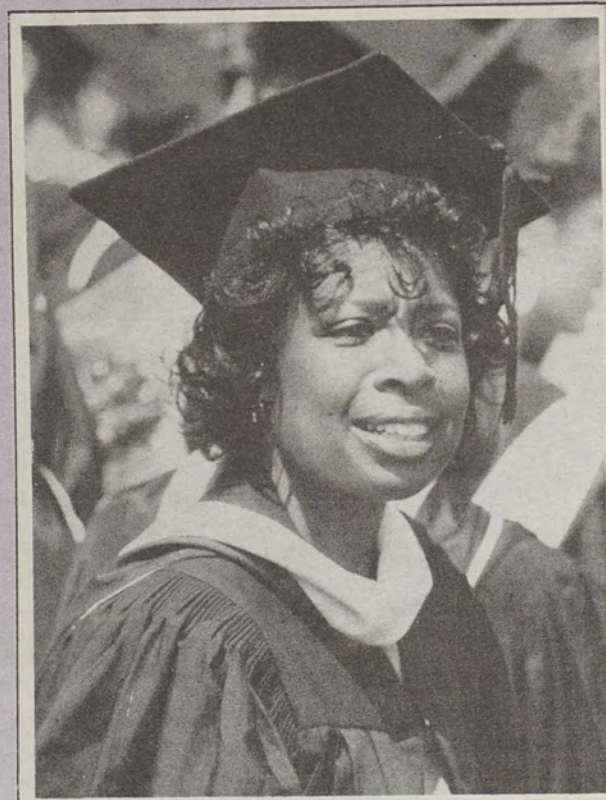
JOHN GLEASON (right) carries the DelSesto Mace during opening ceremonies.



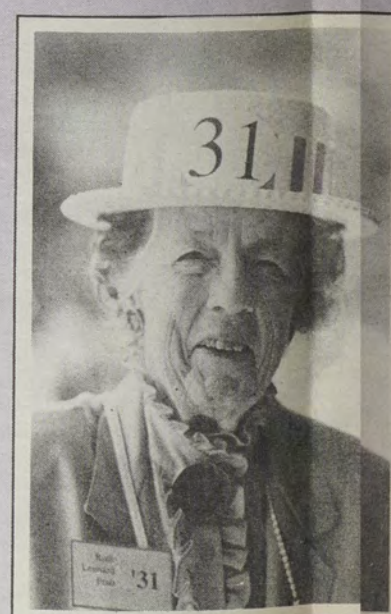
ABOVE: Daniel Smith gets his ponytail cut off (a long-standing wish of his mother) by President Nazarian before receiving his degree.



THREE GRADS: Master-of-Education-Degree recipient Antonio Cordeiro gets hugs from his two daughters, Christina (right) who earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, and Anna, who is graduating from Shea High School in Pawtucket.



MASTER'S CANDIDATE Celeste Bowler searches the crowd for her family...then finds them.



AT LEFT: Returning alum Ruth Leonard Pratt, Class of '31.

AT RIGHT: The mortar board of Jill D'Abrosca sums up the uncertainty of many grads.



*Photos by  
Gordon E. Rowley*



## All Upward Bound grads headed for college



PRESIDENT NAZARIAN presents diploma to Upward Bound graduate Ana Gomes at June 4 ceremonies in Gaige Hall auditorium.

Terming their achievement "outstanding," Rhode Island College President John Nazarian read the list of colleges and universities to which all of the 31 Upward Bound graduates have been accepted.

The occasion was the annual Upward Bound graduation, held June 4 in Gaige Hall auditorium before College and program administrators, target school officials and key teachers, family members and friends, and the state commissioner of education.

Nazarian noted that the number of Upward Bound graduates who have chosen RIC as their college and to which they've already been accepted "is the largest ever" in the 25 years of the program here.

Other institutions of higher education chosen by the high school graduates include Notre Dame, Providence and Boston colleges, the University of Rhode Island, Bates College, the State University of New York (SUNY) and Virginia State University.

Speaker, Dr. Pablo Rodriguez, medical director of Planned Parenthood, in his keynote address "Prospects for the Future," told the graduates, "If I can convince only one of you here today to continue your quest for excellence, I will have done my part."

Alluding to the teachings of the late Joseph Campbell, expert in comparative religions and author on mythology, Doctor Rodriguez assured the youngsters "we are all heroes in this journey through life" which begins "with the journey inside ourselves."

He encouraged the graduates to respond to the force in their lives and follow their destiny.

Other speakers included education commissioner Americo W. Petrocelli and Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs at RIC.

## RIC baseball camp scheduled

The Rhode Island College Recreation Center has scheduled a baseball camp for July. Two sessions will be held beginning July 8 through 12 and July 15 through 19.

Under the direction of Frank J. Anzeveno, Jr., coordinator of intramurals and community based programs, the camp will be headquartered at Walsh Gym and is open to boys between the ages of seven and 13 years old.

Instruction will include hitting, fielding, throwing and individual skills evaluation Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for both sessions. The cost is \$85. per session. Campers will be

Scholarship winners among the students for having the highest academic averages were Eugene Johnson, Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship and one from his school system in East Providence; Manish Patel, winner from Central Falls school system; Joshua Hernandez, Pawtucket school system; and Pheng Lee, Providence school system.

Scholarship monies will be applied directly to their up-coming college costs.

A slide show and reception for the graduates and their families and guests followed.

Graduates by high school are:

### Central High

Mary Jackson, Sirivan Launh and Janice Sims.

### Hope High

Clarita Allen, Anthony Edwards, Ana Gomes, Pheng Lee, Hector Silvestre and Conway Toliver.

### Mt. Pleasant High

Vanessa Irving, Valivong Khamsomphou, Alexis Lopez, Ka Men, Fatima Sequeira, Atasha Sharp and Christian Tolentino.

### Central Falls High

Ivone Lopes and Manish Patel.

### East Providence High

Helena Celestino, Crystal Davis, Eugene Johnson, Beverly Mello and Antonio Thomas.

### Shea High

Wilmer Bonilla, Irma Brito, Wanda Crique, Joshua Hernandez, Michael McGee, Susan Perrott, Maria Resendes and Jeffrey Sheffer.

registered on a first come, first served basis and will receive an official College baseball camp T-shirt.

According to Anzeveno, camp instructors and staff are fully trained and will offer opportunities for participants to use indoor batting cages as well as many other instructional stations. He said that guest speakers will also be featured, along with individual video taping for each camper to review their skills.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center. For further information, call 456-8400.

## Applicants sought for coaching vacancies

The Rhode Island College Department of Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation announces that three coaches are needed for the upcoming seasons.

The baseball team, a member of the NCAA Division III Intercollegiate Program, is seeking the services of a head coach. The position is a part-time, one year appointment with reappointment possible based on an annual review and evaluation.

According to a department spokesperson, a bachelor's degree is preferred and a driver's license is required. Applicants must also have a thorough knowledge of the rules, skills and strategies necessary for high levels of competition, and the

ability to deal effectively and motivate college aged students. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 21.

In addition, the department is looking to fill the assistant women's gymnastics and volleyball positions.

A bachelor's degree is preferred and a driver's license is required. Experience would include those skills developed as a coach or participant in the respective sport. The deadline is Friday, June 28.

A letter of application, along with a resume and three professional references should be referred to Rhode Island College Personnel Services, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908, Attn: Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

## They're Shinn-Study-Abroad-Fund winners, but who's who?



LIAM CLANCY



DANIELLE THIBEAULT

When Prof. George H. Kellner introduced this year's Rhode Island College Ridgway F. Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund winners at a reception recently in the Bannister Gallery, his audience looked from one of the winners to the other.

No one could tell to whom he was referring -- specifically -- when he noted (before identifying each) that one of the winners was an ex-Marine and ballet dancer; the other a Navy veteran and theatre major.

The thing of it is, one of the winners obviously was a man and the other obviously a woman.

Who was who?

The 120 or so attending the reception were soon to find out, much to the delight of those who had guessed wrong.

The former Marine and ballet dancer is Danielle Thibeault of Providence, a junior majoring in international business. The Navy veteran is Liam Clancy of Attleboro, a sophomore majoring in sociology and theatre.

Thibeault is now studying at the American University in Paris under monies provided by the Shinn Fund AND a matching scholarship from the American University, thanks to former dean of admissions at RIC, John Nissen, who now serves as vice president for enrollment services at the American University in Paris.

Clancy will leave in September for the University of London where he will take theatre courses and do an independent study on social policy whereby he will assess the relationship between the university and the local community "and how they address problems."

Each receives approximately \$2,000 from the Shinn Fund, which has awarded the travel-abroad scholarships to selected students for two years now.

A son of the former Jean Bosley and the late Edward Clancy, Liam was born in Warwick, moved to Attleboro, graduated from North Attleboro High School and served for three years aboard the amphibious aircraft carrier, USS Pelilue.

Someday, he plans to earn his Ph.D. and be a college professor.

Danielle had to leave for Paris before she and the staff of *What's News* could arrange an interview.



## Summer theater to feature music, dance

Next month the Rhode Island College summer theater will present a full program of music and dance featuring talented College undergraduates and graduates behind the scenes and on stage.

Under the direction of Theater Professor Raymond L. Picozzi, the two musical revues, "A Night in Hollywood" and "A Night on Broadway" will open July 11, 12, and 13, and July 25, 26 and 27, respectively. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.



Both productions will feature five performers, including; Charles Smith of Greenville, Marilyn Brown of Cumberland, Jean Sullivan of Providence, Kelly Lynch of Smithfield, and Jenna Wims Hashway of Providence.

"A Night in Hollywood" will "offer the audience a panorama of Academy Award winning songs, plus music from Disney cartoons, and much more," according to Picozzi. The second musical revue will include a series of songs from musical comedy hits and "songs from some of the newer Broadway shows."

Pianist and musical director is Tim Robertson of Cumberland, and scene designer is John Boomer of Newport. Susan Iacobellis of North Providence is choreographer, and all costumes are designed by Charlotte Burgess of Providence. Stage manager is Scott Whipple of Smithfield and technical assistant is 17 year old Perchik Miller, a student at Loomis Chafee High School in Connecticut.

Except for Hashway, who was 1988 Miss Rhode Island and has 14 years experience in community and dinner theater, and is co-owner of Pageant Interview Consultants, each of these young talents have worked on a College production either behind the scenes or on stage during their graduate or undergraduate years at the College.

Tickets are \$10. per performance and will be available June 24 at Roberts Box Office. For further information call 456-8066.

## Chemistry majors present results of their research

### Christopher M. Reddy wins first place at conference

Junior chemistry major Christopher M. Reddy of Cranston delivered an award-winning research paper at the 45th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference, held recently at the State University of New York College at Fredonia.

Four chemistry majors also presented papers at the conference. They are: juniors David Belanger of North Smithfield; Maria Gomez of East Providence; Paul Lango of Woonsocket and senior Joseph Sugrue of North Smithfield.

Reddy won first place in the chemistry/physics/environment category. His paper was entitled "The Effect of Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate on the Acid-Base Equilibrium and the Fluorescence Quenching of 5, 6 Benzoquinoline."

The third annual Rhode Island Professional Development Institute for Academic, Adult, Career, and Technical Educators will be held at Rhode Island College June 25-27.

The Institute will focus on forging more effective linkages between vocational and academic secondary education programs.

The first day of the Institute will feature a keynote address by B. June Schmidt, a professor of vocational and technical education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

A recipient of the National Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher-of-the-Year Award for 1991 and the National Association of Teacher Educators for Business Education Distinguished Service Award, Schmidt has initiated numerous research efforts focusing on the integration of vocational and academic education.

Welcoming remarks will be given by Commissioner J. Troy Earhart of the state Department of Elementary/Secondary Education, and College President John Nazarian.

Following the keynote address, a series of working sessions will be held. Teams of vocational and academic teachers, counselors, and administrators will be formed to discuss and compile all progress made by each team at a general session scheduled for the afternoon of June 27.

With permission of instructor and a fee, participants may receive graduate and undergraduate credit for attending the conference. For information concerning graduate credits, call Dr. John Boulmetis at 401-792-2424 (URI); undergraduate credit, call Dr. James McCrystal at 401-456-8383 (RIC).

Topics open for discussion include: building effective interdisciplinary teams of educators; exploring models of better integrating vocational and academic programs; accommodating cooperative teaching strategies and cooperative learning for students, and more.

Continental breakfasts and luncheons are included for all three days of the Institute in the registration fee of \$20.

The conference is sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Division of Vocational and Adult Education and Rhode Island College.

Registration will not be accepted after June 21. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call 456-8228.

## RIC senior takes Rose Butler Browne Award for 1991

Joany Corporan of Providence, a graduating senior with a major in communications/business management, is the 1991 winner of the Rose Butler Browne Award.

She received a cash stipend and plaque at luncheon ceremonies May 22 on the Rhode Island College campus.

Corporan was cited for her volunteer work with the Big Sister Association, which included College Cooperative Education experience last summer. She plans to pursue graduate studies at RIC in teacher education.

The award was established in 1976 to honor Rose Butler Browne who, among many other achievements, was the first Black woman to earn a doctoral degree in education from Harvard University in 1939. She had earned a master's degree at RIC. Browne died in 1986 at the age of 89.



AWARD WINNER Joany Corporan listens to V.P. Gary Penfield (right) as Emmett Brown, brother of the late Dr. Rose Butler Browne, looks on.

## ROTC cadet Gregory C. Strafer commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the Army

ROTC cadet Gregory C. Strafer of East Greenwich was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army on Saturday, May 18 on the Providence College campus along with 22 cadets from Providence College and Brown University. Providence College is the host school for the ROTC program.

Strafer will enter the Army Reserves Infantry.

Major General USMCR (Ret.) John J. Salesses, vice president for academic affairs at Rhode Island College was the guest speaker at the Armed Forces Day ceremony. He also administered the oath of office and assisted in the presentation of the commissions.

Salesses, a 1954 graduate of Providence College, was commissioned as a Marine Corps second lieutenant upon his completion of the ROTC program at PC.

## RIC's Lemoi takes first in national hammer throw



ANDY LEMOI

Andy Lemoi of East Greenwich, a transfer student in his first year at Rhode Island College, took first place in the hammer throw at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships in Cleveland, Ohio, May 22-25.

Sports Information Director Edward J. Vaillancourt also reports that Lemoi, a graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, already had broken the RIC record by a distance 12 feet-5 inches with a toss of 185 feet-8 inches with his "very first throw as an Anchorman" after transferring here from Rutgers this season.

"Lemoi is the first individual national champion to emerge from RIC and is now a top contender for the 1993 World Olympic Games to be held in Buffalo," says Vaillancourt.

scientists who present the results of their research before colleagues in conferences around the world. This year, nearly 200 students and faculty met from 22 colleges in New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland.

The students were accompanied to the conference by assistant professor of chemistry Laura Colley, graduate student Deborah Truchon and undergraduates David Cardin, William Clarke and Sharon Sugrue.

In addition to presenting talks at the conference, the five participants and three other RIC students made presentations at the Department of Physical Sciences Tenth Annual Student Symposium which was held at the College on April 24.

The three other students were David Cardin, Kyle Knowlton and Deborah Truchon.





## Second Annual Golf Day

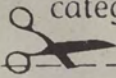
The Rhode Island College Foundation  
Monday, August 5, 1991  
Kirkbrae Country Club

Registration Fee [\$100 per person] entitles you to 18 holes, golf cart, buffet lunch, refreshments on the course, prizes, favors, and dinner!

Schedule:	11:00 a.m.	Buffet lunch and check-in
	1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start
	6:00 p.m.	Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner & Prizes

We encourage you to register early – bring your own foursome or we will be happy to arrange one for you. Out of courtesy to our players participation will be limited to the first 120 golfers to sign up. If you have any questions please call Tom Pezzullo, 456-8459 or Jules Cohen, 456-8036.

Complete the registration form below and send it with your registration fee [payable to "RIC Foundation Golf Day"] to The Development Office/RIC/Providence/RI 02908. You may also help support the event by becoming a sponsor in one of the four sponsor categories listed below.



### Golf Day Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice:  Prime Rib  Stuffed Sole

If you have a foursome, please list the others in your group, indicate their dinner choices if you are registering them, too:

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### Registration Deadline:

Since we are limiting enrollment to the first 120 players, please register – including payment in full by July 29th. Earlier registration is encouraged.

Yes! I want to become a special sponsor for the 1991 Golf Day as a

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| <input type="radio"/> \$50 Patron (program listing)                    | <input type="radio"/> \$500 Corporate Sponsor (program listing and Golf Day dinner for two)        |
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## Audition for the Alumni Cabaret!



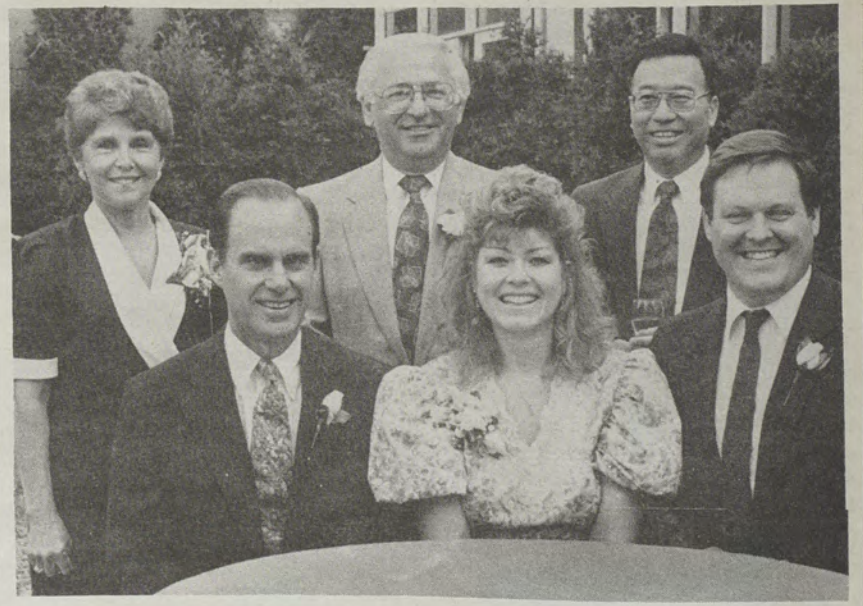
Audition for Alumnight '91—the Alumni Cabaret, will be held Wednesday, July 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Walsh Dance Studio.

No previous performance experience is required, however, all participants will be asked to prepare one song and participate in a group dance audition.

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, Aug. 14 and will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. through September.

The performances will be held Thursday, Sept 26, Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28.

For more information contact Doug Cureton at 456-8034 or Holly Shadoian at 456-8086.



ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS with President John Nazarian (rear center) are Lorraine L'Heureux and Lloyd Matsumoto, (front from left) H. Denman Scott, Diane Alexander and Michael Marran. They were honored at a dinner May 14 at the College's Donovan Dining Center.



## Refugees to exhibit art

Five Soviet refugee artists, who have been living in America for about one year will show their artwork during a two-week exhibit scheduled to run from June 27 through July 12 in the Rhode Island College Bannister Gallery. A public reception, including music by two of the artists and refreshments, is planned for 7 p.m. opening night.

The free exhibit was organized cooperatively between Ronald M. Steinberg, chair of the Department of Art, Dennis O'Malley, Gallery director, Lenore "Lee" D. Collins, associate professor of graphic arts and director of the College's Project Graphic, and Karon Dionne, coordinator of refugee training for the Project.

A member of the "5 RUSSIANS" exhibit, Andrew Krichak, who recently graduated from the Project Graphic Program offered through the College's Center for Industrial Technology, assisted in bringing together the relocated Soviets.

"All of the artists' works represent themselves," said Krichak, who is also a poet. "But all of our art is influenced by our Russian culture."

One of the reasons Krichak said he began thinking about staging the event was because "it is difficult to get involved. This will, maybe, become a network for us, and make people closer." Anxious to meet other people of their own nationality and to build a following for their artwork, Krichak said he and the others will regularly be in attendance at the Gallery to speak to visitors.

Besides Krichak, who was born into a family of artists in Kiev, in the Ukraine, Igor Khoroshev, an artist and composer, of Moscow, who trained under modern Russians artists such as A. Kostromin and E. Belakova-Serbinaar will display his works.

Also pianist and organist, Irina Bykova of Moscow, who is the choir director of Haven Methodist Church in East Providence will show her works, along with Yury G. Prokhorov, who created and developed his own technology and technique of engraving on ceramic tiles and Alex Ivanov of the Ukraine, who was a professor of painting in Industrial Arts School of Kharkov before immigrating to the U.S.

The exhibit is open to the public and can be seen at Bannister Gallery Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. For further information, call 456-8054.



NON-MELTING ICE is the invention of Kathy Fidler, a HBS 6th grader. An 'Invention Convention' was part of the school's open house May 9.

## Retirees honored at Commencement Gala

Some 30 Rhode Island College personnel, who have retired since the last Gala, were honored at the May 24 Commencement Gala in Donovan Dining Center.

"Because there exists such a close relationship between what we do as College employees and how we do it, and the suc-

cess of our College students, it is befitting that we use this opportunity to also celebrate our graduation from life as an em-

ployee to life as a retiree," personnel director Gordon N. Sundberg told the retirees.

"You invested many years in the Rhode Island College partnership. We want to acknowledge, with appreciation, your contribution to the College," said Sundberg.

Retirees are:



### Faculty and non-classified employees

Louise P. Bischoff  
Library Technician  
Henry Barnard School  
1966 - 1990

Elizabeth B. Carey  
Assistant Professor  
Elementary Education  
1961 - 1991

Irene Guglietti  
Administrative Secretary  
School of Ed. and Human Development  
1972 - 1991

Joseph G. Habershaw  
Assistant Professor  
Henry Barnard School  
1967 - 1990

Michaela M. Keough  
Administrative Secretary  
Student Affairs  
1976 - 1990

Maureen T. Lapan  
Professor  
Curriculum Resource Center  
1966 - 1990

Mildred B. Nugent  
Assistant Professor  
Elementary Education  
1961 - 1990

Betty E. Ohlin  
Associate Professor  
Art  
1973 - 1991

Eugene H. Perry  
Professor  
Political Science  
1964 - 1991

Michaelantonio D. Silvestri  
Technician II  
Audiovisual  
1986 - 1991

Jeannette E. Tamagini  
Professor  
Counseling and Educational Psychology  
1967 - 1991

Calvin Tillotson  
Associate Professor  
Modern Languages  
1959 - 1990

### Classified employees

Edmond D. Buxbaum  
Senior Maintenance Technician  
Physical Plant  
1982 - 1990

Carmela A. Burke  
Housekeeper  
Custodial Services  
1967 - 1990

Armando J. Campagnone  
Watchperson  
Security  
1977 - 1991

Louis F. Capasso (Deceased)  
Laborer  
Physical Plant  
1970 - 1990

Barbara A. Carcieri  
Clerk Secretary  
Administration and Finance  
1980 - 1990

Elena M. DeGiovanni  
Assistant Administrative Officer  
Alumni Affairs  
1969 - 1990

Virginia S. DeRise  
Teller  
Donovan Dining Center  
1962 - 1990

John J. Falvey  
Supervisory Patrol Person  
Security  
1978 - 1990

June F. Flori  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Student Health  
1973 - 1990

Mary A. Gelsomino  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Admissions  
1974 - 1990

William Hunsberger  
Maintenance Technician  
Physical Plant  
1972 - 1990

Ceceila J. Landi  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Purchasing  
1976 - 1990

Helen H. Lavery  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Library  
1965 - 1990

Aida Lucciola  
Housekeeper  
Custodial Services  
1979 - 1990

Loretta B. Matrone  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Personnel Services  
1979 - 1990

Saverio Montecalvo  
Gardener  
Physical Plant  
1971 - 1991

William Renzi  
Carpenter Supervisor  
Physical Plant  
1974 - 1990

Dawud Shakir  
Janitor  
Custodial Services  
1987 - 1990

*This is the last issue of 'What's News' this season. Our next issue will be when classes commence in September.*

*We wish you a safe and restful summer.*



## First in New England

# International biotech manufacturing conference set

The first New England based international biotechnology manufacturing conference is scheduled for October 17 and 18 in the Center for Industrial Technology on the Rhode Island College campus.

## Over 200 CEO's from, companies around the world expected

Leading scientists, educators, and business executives will participate in the "American Biotechnology Manufacturing Conference," which is expected to draw nearly 200 CEO's and other executive representatives from companies around the world.

Among those presenting topics include; Dr. Marlene Haffner, director of the Office of the Orphan Drug Development Program for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Michael Beatrice, acting director of the FDA Division of Product Certification, Fredric Bader, senior vice president of manufacturing and pharmaceutical development for internationally recognized, Genetics Institute Inc., and Ira Magaziner, co-author of *Silent War*, a book focusing on global businesses and economies as they relate to the United States.

The keynote speaker at a noontime luncheon on the first day of the conference will be Luther Williams, assistant director for Education and Human Resources for the National Science Foundation.

In addition, representatives from higher institutions of education, Rhode Island government officials, and biotechnology manufacturing business executives will present "A Case Study: State Government, Education, and Industry Working Together To Educate and Build a Workforce for Biotechnology Manufacturing." A model, multimedia demonstration for on-site training in biotechnology manufacturing will also be presented.

Significant issues to be addressed during the conference include such topics as the Orphan Drug Act and the "Issue of Divided Manufacturing," "Multi-Product Facilities," and building a nationally educated workforce in the area of biotechnology.

Conference chairperson, Lloyd H. Matsumoto, associate professor of biology and the originator and director of the RI College Biotechnology Training Program said, "the significance of these issues are of importance to the health and safety of biotechnology manufacturers, workers, and the general welfare of local communities."

Besides RIC, Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and the Community College of Rhode Island will also participate. The conference is being funded through grants from the Rhode Island Workforce 2000, an independent funding agency.

For further information, registration forms, or conference packets, call 1-800-621-6800.

## An announcement from the Council of Rhode Island College

The following resolution was formally passed by the Council of Rhode Island College on May 10, 1991. It is forwarded to the members of the Rhode Island College community on behalf of the Council.

### Resolution 91-1 Preface

The Council of Rhode Island College passed the following resolution after consideration of reports from the President and Officers of Rhode Island College, after reviewing analyses of the operation of the College from members of the faculty and staff, and after hearing the poignant stories of students trying to complete their education.

We are mindful of the state and regional economic conditions affecting revenues. We understand the implications of the budget gap as the state struggles to meet its obligations. We are particularly sensitive at this time to the personal hardship borne by vulnerable populations in the state. The educational programs we provide in the human, social, and natural sciences, technology and the arts are grounded in understanding and in improving the quality of life for the people of Rhode Island.

Furthermore, in this context, we are cognizant of the history of the three public institutions of higher education and of the unique identity and mission of each.

In particular, we see fidelity to our own mission as the way to guarantee the preservation of a vital resource to those people of the state who desire to pursue an affordable quality college education.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College reaffirm its historic role and endorse its mission to provide an affordable quality education to the people of Rhode Island. We wish Rhode Island College to remain the college of opportunity, rather than see Rhode Island citizens denied access.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College embrace and applaud the unprecedented information provided the faculty and deliberative bodies of the College by the President and Officers of the College on

the financial status of the College and on the impact of the budgetary gap between revenues and expenditures brought on by the current economic conditions. Over this past year we believe that the administration has argued forcefully on behalf of the Rhode Island College community. The Council empathizes with the Administration and Officers of the College in our shared frustration as we attempt to make decisions and to plan for the future within current economic and budgetary conditions. The Council of Rhode Island College recognizes that select curriculum areas, programs, and maintenance of the physical facilities may be in jeopardy.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College remind the Officers of Government that our enrollments are strong and growing. We understand the rationale behind capping admissions due to budgetary allocations and priorities of state government. We see this as an indication of the budget driving the quality of education, rather than as a reflection of the quality and potential of the human and physical resources of the College. We have capped admissions at the very time that we are most in demand.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College recognizes the increasing burden placed on students and their families brought on by the imposition of surcharges and increases in tuition and fees. Further increases in the cost of attending Rhode Island College can change the nature of our student body and the opportunity we provide for the citizens of Rhode Island. Such changes should not be made unilaterally without the involvement of affected constituencies.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College acknowledge the personal and collective sacrifice in the workplace of the officers, faculty and staff in renegotiation of the contract to defer pay. We maintain our commitment to quality education and wish to assert that the representatives of the faculty have negotiated in good faith and for the collective good. Any further sacrifice must be equitably distributed among all the people of Rhode Island rather than be

directed at individual or vulnerable populations.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College deplore the increasing politicalization of the higher education system based on competing budget priorities within state government during this financial crisis. Higher education is a part of the entire educational process. Rhode Island College holds a historic and unique role in providing higher education to the citizens of Rhode Island. We are a growing resource and a fiscally sound investment. The Council of Rhode Island College recognizes the necessity for establishing and maintaining a financial budget so that we can grow, manage and plan our destiny. Higher education must be given a priority, if the state is to receive a return on the investment it has already made in the education of the people of Rhode Island.

**Be it resolved that** the Council of Rhode Island College remain sensitive to the fact that students, faculty and administration have immersed themselves in the process of teaching and learning within the constraints and the realities of the resources allocated for years. Current and future budget allocations will affect not only higher education but also the human and capital resources of the State of Rhode Island for years to come. The graduates of Rhode Island College are alumni and citizens of the State of Rhode Island for a lifetime.

## ★ COMMENCEMENT

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Concerning success in obtaining that first job, Sundlun urged the graduates to "run to daylight (to paraphrase the late football coach Lombardi); get your foot in the door; take advantage of the situation and don't wait for the perfect opportunity or you won't get your foot in the door."

### President Nazarian

College President John Nazarian saluted the governor for his attempts to present a balanced budget.

While noting that the College is "mindful of the difficult times facing the state...the banking crises...the cuts that have been recommended," he said he felt all of higher education "has been forced to assume a much larger share of the burden than we consider prudent for the future of our youth."

In its 137th year with over 32,000 living alumni, "we are a great resource for a growing number of Rhode Islanders," reminded Nazarian, "and we are hopeful and optimistic that our sacrifices haven't been made in vain."

With approximately 10,000 students enrolled, RIC needs additional space, the president pointed out, and went on to say that he was happy to announce that the governor "has responded positively to our need...by transferring to RIC title to the two stone buildings on the Children's Center property which abuts our campus."

Nazarian reminded the governor that a number of years ago the Board of Governors recommended that the College take over the entire property at the Children's Center when the Department for Children and Their Families is relocated, and added he hoped that would take place during Sundlun's tenure.

There was a brief pause.

Nazarian turned toward the governor and then reported to the audience that the governor said it would.

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— Gilbert Grosvenor

### Golden Anniversary gift

Members of the Class of 1941 were then asked by the president to stand and be recognized. They were seated on the podium along with faculty, members of the College administration, the state commissioner of higher education, members and chair of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education, local Mayor Sal Mancini, honorary degree recipients and other invited guests.

Daniel and Doris Kitchen of the Class of 1941 then presented the class gift, a check for \$11,000 to go toward scholarships.

A Doctor of Pedagogy was bestowed upon Dr. James P. Comer, psychiatrist, educator and author; a Doctor of Fine Arts upon Christine Hennessy, ballerina, choreographer, artistic director; a Doctor of Public Service upon Iola A. Mabray, civil rights activist; a Doctor of Public Service upon Henry J. Nardone, engineer, educational and civic leader; and a Doctor of Humane Letters upon Gilbert M. Grosvenor, president of the National Geographic Society.

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### Gilbert M. Grosvenor

Grosvenor, as keynote speaker, told the graduates that if they were to have an impact upon the world, two items were essential: "an insatiable curiosity and a willingness to participate in the world around you."

He noted that curiosity about the world is what the National Geographic Society is all about.

Grosvenor said RIC was "at the top" of his list because "you have had the good sense to keep geography alive here and to make sure that hundreds of students study it every year."

He cited the Rhode Island Geographic Alliance, whose home is at RIC, for its strong support of Kindergarten-through-grade-12 geography education throughout the state, and reported that the National Geographic Society plans to award a \$150,000 matching grant to the Alliance next fall.

Grosvenor reminded the graduates of an old saying: There are three types of people in the world -- those who make things happen; those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened!

"Today, you have earned the right to make things happen," he said.

Other speakers included J. William Corr Jr., chairman of the B.O.G.; Cynthia F. Boland, master's candidate in English; Lisa M. Andrescavage, president of the graduating class; and Erin Kavanaugh Crowley, Class of '82 and president of the RIC Alumni Association.

Music was provided by the RIC Wind Ensemble under the direction of Francis M. Marciniak. The National Anthem was sung by Lisa C. Alves.

Commencement coordinator was Kathryn M. Sasso; grand marshal, Dolores A. Passarelli; platform marshal, Henry P. Guillotte. Student marshals were provided by the Gold Key Society.