



WHAT'S NEWS AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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RIC honors local educators at May 22 commencement

by Clare Eckert

The founder and director of Rhode Island's Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program (UCAP), Robert DeBlois, and the superintendent of the East Providence public school system, John DeGoes, will receive honorary doctorate degrees of pedagogy during the Rhode Island College 1993 spring commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn area west of Whipple Hall.



DeBlois, who has been locally recognized for his innovative approach to reaching out to at-risk middle and junior high school students, will give the commencement address to over 1,200 undergraduates and graduates and members of their families and friends during commencement exercises.

A native of Pawtucket, DeBlois earned his bachelor's degree in 1976 from the University of New Hampshire in English education; a M.A. in English from Brown University in 1982, and a Master's of Education in secondary administration from RIC in 1991.

Paralyzed from the shoulders down as a result of a diving accident in 1975 while a student in New Hampshire, DeBlois is said to have "inspired students who were targeted as potential drop-outs" to stay in school through UCAP and Spirit, a similar program he established in 1984 and runs throughout the summer.

Spirit and UCAP operate within the same philosophical framework "in which teachers and students work together to produce an atmosphere of high status and high expectations." UCAP works with the Providence, Pawtucket and East Providence schools systems. Spirit includes the three systems as well as the Central Falls district. Students attending UCAP have repeated at least one year of school in the past. The program allows the students an opportunity of accelerated promotion in grade to make up for lost time.

The academic program at UCAP focuses on four main subjects: English, math, social studies and science. Students voluntarily attend the alternative public school and are required to demonstrate good behavior and attendance. Also available to students are activities, electives and workshops in areas such as dance, drama, music, visual arts, sculpting, martial arts, career preparation, basketball and wrestling.

DeBlois's career thus far has been "highlighted by forming partnerships" in school districts, and with other public agencies and the private sector. The programs are funded by the cities with which he works, the state and through private businesses and foundations.

The program has received high evaluations from the Rhode Island Department

of Education and was recently featured in the PBS "Health Quarterly" television program.

DeBlois grew up in Pawtucket. He and his wife and child reside in Seekonk, Mass.

John DeGoes, superintendent of schools for East Providence since 1985, has held numerous educational and community leadership positions throughout his career. He is also responsible for initiating a number of innovative programs dedicated to helping disadvantaged, bilingual and multi-cultural youth and their families.

Among these alternative programs are Outreach, which provides tutors and mentors for potentially at-risk middle school students, and the Parents as Teachers Program, which works with pregnant teenagers to teach parenting skills and at the same time offers professional assistance for academic and vocational development for the expectant mothers.

In addition, DeGoes was instrumental in the establishment of Grove Avenue Elementary School's collaborative effort with RIC's School of Education and Human Development in designing a school-based management profile of operation. He also is responsible for developing "Chalk Talk," a bi-monthly, cable television show highlighting noteworthy programs and initiatives in the East Providence public schools. In addition, DeGoes began the East Providence "America 2000" Initiative, now in its second year.

Cited as "an outstanding leader in Rhode Island, both in education and civic affairs, and an extraordinary contributor to the quality of life in the state community," DeGoes, a native of Central Falls, began his education in the local schools. After graduating from Central Falls High School, he entered Providence College where he earned a B.A. in education and history in 1959. He later received his M.A. in history from Providence College in 1969. DeGoes has done post-graduate work at RIC, Brown University and Suffolk University.

Before taking on the superintendent's position in East Providence, he had worked as the assistant director of the Central Falls Boys Club, assistant principal of personnel at Cumberland High School and superintendent of schools in Central Falls.

He is the founder and a member of the advisory board of the New England Consortium for Education of Language Minority Students; a member of the advisory board of the Children's Crusade of Rhode

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CAP 'N GOWN ADDRESS is delivered by Sister Mary Ann Rossi, chaplain, who ends 11 years of service to the the College community this June. See pages 6 and 7 for more on Cap 'n Gown Convocation. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

RIC prof of psychology named RI Supreme Court Justice

Second woman in history of state



Assembly, was recently appointed to the highest court in the state. The 56-year-old Providence resident will be sworn in to begin her new duties as a Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice today (May 17).

Victoria Santopietro Lederberg, a Rhode Island College professor of psychology for the past 20 years, City of Providence municipal judge and an eight-year veteran of the Rhode Island General

Only the second woman to be named to the Supreme Court in the history of the state, Judge Lederberg's selection was announced by the speaker of the RI House of Representatives, John Harwood, on April 30 after the General Assembly voted to elect and endorse her candidacy. (Supreme Court Justice Florence Murray was the first woman appointed in 1979.)

Referred to as a "Renaissance woman" (psychology professor, lawyer, homemaker, head of a national education commission), by the *Providence Journal Bulletin* (Nov. 1, 1980), Judge

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ALUMN



ASSOCIATION & ALUMNI FUND NEWS

On May 5, at Cap and Gown Convocation, I watched as more than 40 students received awards from the College. It was an impressive group of students. Several are going on to prestigious graduate programs of their choice; others are moving directly into a chosen career path. The key words there are "of their choice."

It has been repeatedly demonstrated to me in my contact with alumni that a RIC degree can take you **wherever you want to go**. I see alumni in the medical, manufacturing, legal, political, educational and human service fields.

Since I returned to Rhode Island, my eyes have been opened to the number of RIC alumni who are extremely successful at what they do.

A RIC degree is something of which each of you should be very proud. I welcome each of this year's graduates into the alumni body and look forward to hearing about their inevitable successes, as well as yours.

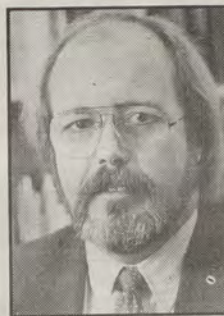
Kristen Jalbert

It probably happens to you—the "it's a small world" syndrome. Go to the movies, a wedding, a restaurant, wherever and you'll probably run into a RIC graduate. If not, someone there will have a relative who came to the College. And yes, it might happen more at a wedding, where the bride or groom's best friend from College is an attendant.

A small wedding held in Westerly on May 1 may be an unusual case. The bride was Kimberly Whitman, Class of '87, and groom Eric Jacobson, who attended RIC. The rest of their group included maid of honor Cyndi Whitham, Class of '89, bridesmaid Danielle Grise, Class of '87, best man Eric Emerson, Class of '88 and the judge who married them was Judge Robert Rahill, Class of '54. (I was the so-loist)

Holly Shadoian, Class of '73.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff



Robert F. Carey, director of the center for evaluation and research, last month addressed the national conference of the Education Writers' Association in Boston. He spoke on "Interpreting Educational Inquiry." Carey also recently contributed several articles on evaluation in the *Whole Language Catalog Supplement on Authentic Assessment* published by Random House.

Atilla Dicle and Ulku Dicle, professors of management in the department of economics and management, were invited by the universities of Wisconsin and Michigan State to present a paper on "Organizational Transformation and Managerial Development in the Ex-Soviet Turkic Republics of Central Asia" at the International Conference on Democratization of Former Soviet Republics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, recently. The paper concentrated on organizational and managerial transition in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. The conference was attended by the scholars, top level administrators and politicians from 22 countries and delegations from many republics of the Russian Federation and all of the Central

Asian republics. The papers presented will be published in a book to be edited by Kemal Karpat of Wisconsin University.

The 5th Annual Rhode Island Authors Reception and Bookfair at the Providence Public Library April 25 honored 49 commercially published authors born or raised in Rhode Island, including four Rhode Island College faculty members and an alumnus who is married to a RIC faculty member. The faculty members and their books are: Kathryn M. Kalinak (English department), *Settling the Score: Music and the Classical Hollywood Film*; Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban and Richard A. Lobban (anthropology department), *The Historical Dictionary of the Sudan*, and Ezra L. Stieglitz (elementary education), *Assessing Reading Behaviors from Emergent to Advanced Levels*. Frances Diodato Bzowski, Class of '79, wife of Edward D. Bzowski (industrial technology), was cited for her *American Women Playwrights 1900-1939: A Checklist*.

Head coach of the women's basketball team, **Ken Hopkins** received a special State Award of Merit at the Rhode Island Athletic Director's Association spring conference in Newport May 7. Hopkins is athletic director for Cranston public schools.

Class of 1938 celebrates 55th reunion



CLASS OF 1938 poses for the camera outside the President's House on May 17 where they enjoyed lunch with President John Nazarian.

The President's House was the setting for the 55th reunion of the Rhode Island College Class of 1938 held on April 29. Thirty-one members of the class attended, including out-of-state travelers Sophie Stizpeck Leddy from California, Roberta Baldwin Brown from Virginia, Rosalie Corkery Reischl from New York and Vivian Morrill Sproul from Maine.

The Class of 1938 has been a particularly active class in its support for RIC. In the 1992 Alumni Fund, the class had the third highest participation rate, with 43.8 percent of the class as donors, according to the Alumni Office.

This year's reunion held even more surprises and support. One class member announced her intention to establish a \$10,000 scholarship endowment. And the funds given to the College for the Golden Anniversary in 1988 will be awarded this fall to several students who are pursuing degrees in education. In addition, a special 55th reunion gift of \$1,300 was presented to President John Nazarian to be used for much-needed library acquisitions.

Madonna Emin Mott donated two historical items to the College, the Rhode Island Normal School diploma of her mother, Bertha Andrews Emin, Class of '12, and a framed photograph of the old Normal School and its entire student body and faculty.

Greetings and congratulations to the class were given by Patricia Ross Maciel, Class of '61, Alumni Association president; Kathleen McNally Wassenar, vice president for development and college relations, and Holly Marty Shadoian, Class of '73, director of alumni affairs. President Nazarian shared an update on the College with the class and conducted a lively question and answer session.

Members in attendance included the following: John Berg, Virginia Ibbotson Berg, Dorothy Nelson Brophy, Roberta Baldwin Brown, Miriam Geoghegan Carey, Kathryn Carley, Isabel Zweir Clement, Rosemary Cole, Mary Eagan Farrell, Ruth Thomas Gomberg, Dorothea Smith Green, Ruth Svenson Howarth, Mary Howe, Dorothy O'Brien Johnston, Gilda Martone, Frances Coffey McKeon, Lucille Manning Money, B. Maddona Emin Mott, Alma Corrigan Nolan, Mary Byron O'Leary, Helen Kelly Oxley, Rose Waterman Peirce, Frances Noon Petterutti, Antoinette Scungio Plunkett, Rosalie Corkery Reischl, Virginia Higgins Ruberty, Rita Bliss Shepard, Vivian Morrill Sproul, Sophie Stizpeck Leddy, Marjorie Riley Taylor and Eleanor Patten Young.

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Nominees sought for Service Award

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences seeks nominees for the Distinguished Service Award for the 1993-94 academic year. Criteria: 1. Excellent service to the College and community. Note the following two passages from Section 8.11 of the Board of Governors-RIC/AFT Agreement: 8.11b "Leadership and service to the College, including responsibility and creativity in departmental affairs, service on College committees, and quality of student advisement;" 8.11-bd "Leadership and service the community, state, or nation where such service is clearly related to the faculty member's professional responsibilities at Rhode Island College." 1. Evidence of the above include memberships, testimonials, solicited and unsolicited comments, elections to office and organizations, authorship of proposals for governance and curricula and so forth. Earl Stevens is serving as chair of the committee. Faculty are invited to submit letters to the chair of the committee nominating colleagues for the award. Deadline for nomination is Thursday, May 20.

Get fit!

Employee Health and Fitness Week

Just a reminder that the week of May 17 through May 21 has been designated as National Employee Health and Fitness Week. RIC has scheduled a week full of activities to foster healthier lifestyles.

Walking programs leave daily from the library steps at noon and at 1 p.m. and body fat assessment and fitness evaluations will be offered at the Recreation Center from noon until 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; on Wednesday a nutritious breakfast will be served at the Faculty Center from 8 to 9 a.m. for \$1.

For more information, call John Taylor at 456-8517.



RIC dancers to perform in benefit at RISD May 23

Seven members of the Rhode Island College Dance Company, under the direction of Dante Del Giudice, will perform in the 581 Steps for AIDS/A Benefit Concert at the Rhode Island School of Design on Sunday, May 23, starting at 7 p.m.

The RIC dancers will perform "Dogmas" choreographed this year by the duet dance theatre company of Art Bridgman and Myrna Packer out of New York City. Costumes will be by Shellie Carr of the RIC Dance Company.

The dancers are Michelle Bastien, Tone Bernard, Liam Clancy, Donna McGuire, Deirdre Morris, Laura Newell and Samantha Stevens.

For ticket prices or more information, call Heeja Lee, coordinator, at 454-5145.

Former Soviet chess player now at RIC — 'He's top-ranked college player in country'

by George LaTour

The Rhode Island College Chess Team's winning tradition was further enhanced this year by the addition to its ranks of a polished young player from the former Soviet Union.

Michael Braude, 22, formerly from Kharkov in the Ukraine, is ranked 25th in this country in the "international" category for college/university and other non-professional players.

Now considered the best player on the RIC Team, according to James Della Selva, Chess Club president and team player, Braude finished as the "first scorer on the top board" at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Championships last December in Detroit while the RIC Team finished fifth among all teams on the North American continent.

"I don't think anyone would dispute that he's (Braude) the top ranked college player in the country today," says Della Selva.

The exact date is etched in his memory as he was 'so glad to get away from communism.'

Braude came to this country on March 15, 1990. The exact date is etched in his memory as he was "so glad to get away from communism."

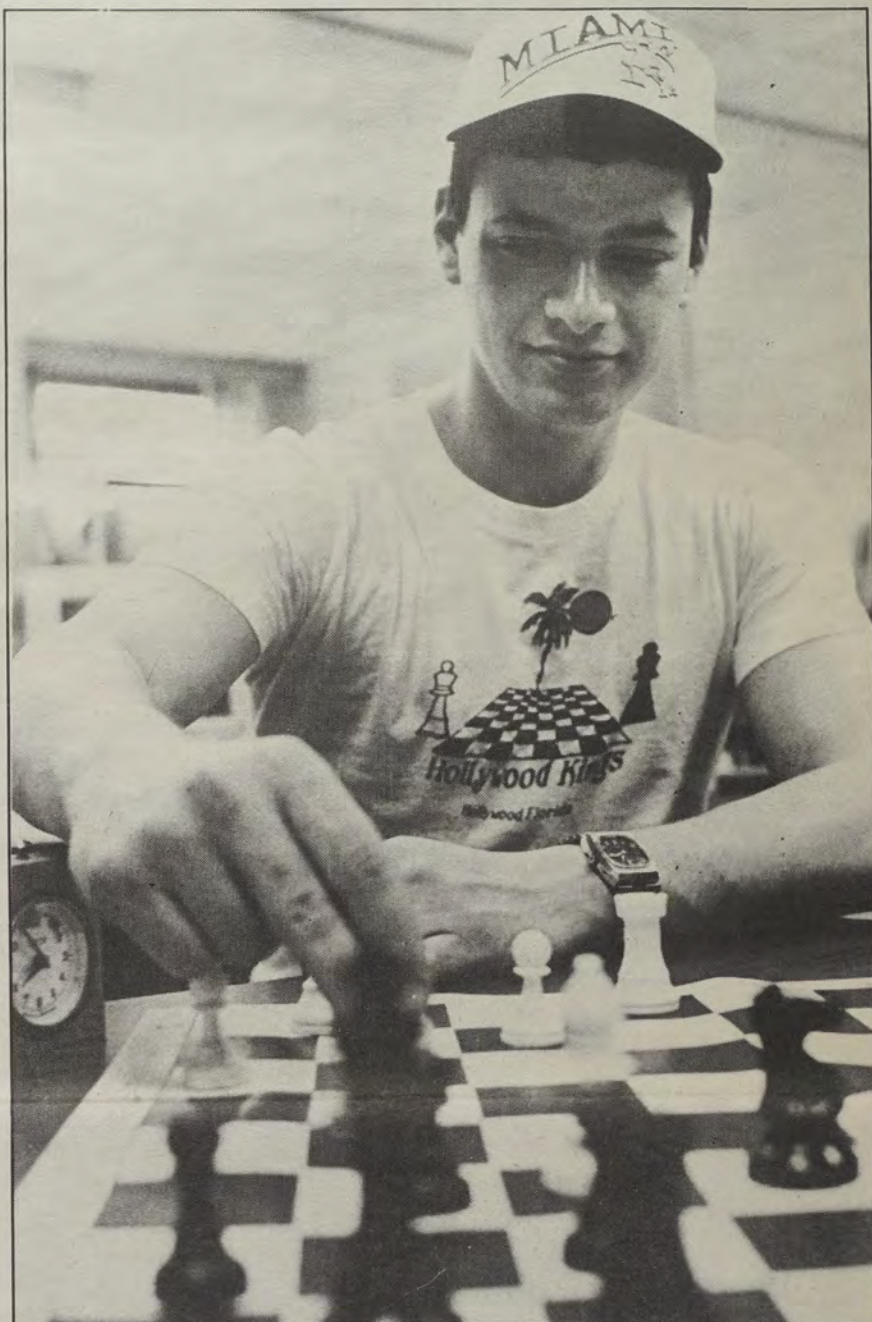
He arrived with his parents and his sister and her family in Miami Beach, Fla., where his father, Pavel, still resides. His mother has since died; his sister, Tanya Rabinovich and her family now reside on Cape Cod.

In 1991, international chess master Alex Sherzer, who was then a freshman at RIC, met, played and defeated Braude in the final round of the U.S. Invitational Junior Championships in Illinois. Sherzer came in first; Braude, second.

During the matches, Sherzer "talked up RIC" to Braude where a chess scholarship would virtually be assured. He eventually applied and was accepted to study computer science. And, yes, he has a chess scholarship which pays for a portion of his college expenses.

Meanwhile, Sherzer has dropped out of school to play professionally. Della Selva reports that Sherzer finished second in the U.S. Invitational Championship this year, a tourney described as "the biggest in the country."

Della Selva says he hears that Sherzer "is open" to returning to college and RIC to get his degree before returning to professional play.



PAN-AM CHESS CHAMP Michael Braude, formerly of the Ukraine, makes a move. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Having started playing chess at age 7, Braude says he "got serious" about it at age 12 and by the time he left his homeland was considered one of the top junior players in the Ukraine Republic.

Since arriving in this country, he has finished second in the New York Open, considered "one of the toughest tournaments around" and has led the RIC Team to first place among Rhode Island colleges and universities and second among colleges and universities in the east in the U.S. Amateur Team Championships.

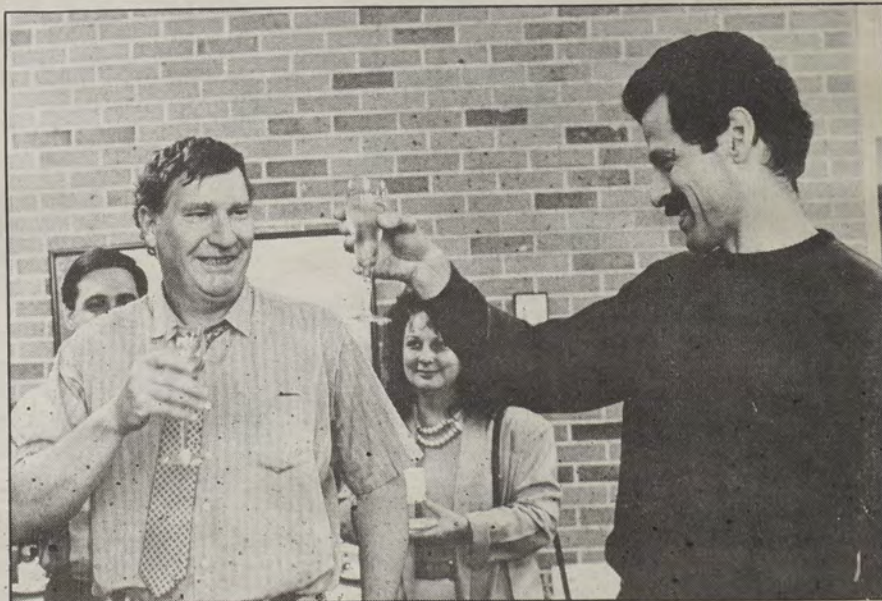
A Dean's List student, Braude is planning to head "home" as soon as this semester ends to Miami Beach where he'll spend the summer with his father while continuing to play chess and teach the game to some students he has.

He plans to return to RIC in the fall semester.

What are his plans after that?

"We'll see where it goes," he says about his chess playing, but, "right now, I just want to graduate."

PROPOSING A TOAST to Curtis LaFollette (left), the annual Mary Tucker Thorp Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, is art department chairman Sam Ames. LaFollette's lecture, on May 7, in the Bannister Gallery, was entitled 'The Metalsmith and Postmodern Deconstruction.'



James and Andrade recipients of Rose Butler Browne Award



ROSE BUTLER BROWNE AWARD WINNERS Diane Andrade (left) and Eileen James with President John Nazarian at May 7 luncheon in the Faculty Center.

Two Rhode Island College students "who have distinguished themselves by their exemplary service to the public" were the recipients of the Rose Butler Browne Award at ceremonies held on May 7 in the Faculty Center.

Eileen James, 22, of Coventry, "has proven herself to be a self-motivated, self-starter and is a true example of what Dr. Browne worked very hard to achieve in her lifetime."

James' accomplishments are demonstrated in her work at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island as a program aide for its afterschool activities and in helping present the "traveling" museum to elementary school classrooms in Rhode Island.

In addition, the junior English major, initiated and organized the first One-on-One Program at Camp Harkness in Connecticut, a summer camp for adults and

children with disabilities, where she will continue to work this summer. She said her work at the camp led her to the West Bay Residential Services, where she currently holds the position as assistant manager of a group home run by the agency.

An avid reader and writer, James won first place in the Kaleidoscope Coalition's essay contest in 1992 for her essay, "Living in a Multicultural World." She is a writer for the RIC student newspaper, *The Anchor* and worked as the chairperson of the Kiddie Kraft fair, sponsored by the Campus Center.

A well-rounded young woman who plans on attending graduate school after RIC with hopes of teaching English at a college or university, James was a member of the cast of a musical production staged by the Trinity Arts Center. She also was a member of the Arts Center's Drama Troupe which produced two performances for youth at the Rhode Island Training School.

Diane Andrade, who hopes one day to become a hearing and communications disorder expert working in a school or hospital setting, is a senior special education major from Seekonk, Mass. She believes that by working in her field she will be able to inspire children to believe "that everyone deserves an opportunity to successfully achieve a belief or dream..."

Andrade has worked for the past five years as a teacher at the Providence Carter Day Nursery, which services primarily low-income, disadvantaged children.

She writes: "As a young, black, Cape Verdean, woman I have witnessed much struggle and loss of hope striving for achievement. As that same woman, I have witnessed my childhood role models succeed and teach me to do the same...Now, I want to be a role model, a leader. I want to relay a sense of hope, pride, and self-worth to the students who look up to me as their instructor."

The Rose Butler Browne Award was established in 1976

According to her supervisor at the day care center, "Diane has demonstrated competence in her academic field of study as well as leadership in developing units and topics in our kindergarten class."

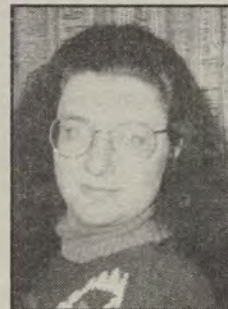
Both women will share a cash prize of \$250, according to Sharon Mazyck, coordinator in the Career Development Center.

The Rose Butler Browne Award was established in 1976 by friends and admirers of its namesake, who earned her master's degree at RIC and in 1939, became the first African-American woman to earn a doctoral degree in education from Harvard University. A crusader for black rights and author of the book, "Love My Children," she was awarded an honorary degree from RIC in 1950 and had a residence hall named for her in 1969. She died at the age of 89 in 1986.

Anne Herman is Warwick B.P.W.'s 1993 Young Careerist



SIGN IN, PLEASE: Anna Klian, a senior from Cranston, signs the register at the Alpha Kappa Delta initiation ceremony April 28 in the Department of Sociology Lounge in Craig-Lee Hall. She and eight others were inducted by faculty members John Roche and Jianhong Liu into the sociology honors society at an awards program of the department. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)



Anne Herman, executive director of Annie's Place, East Greenwich, is the 1993 Young Careerist of the Warwick Business and Professional Women's Club. She will represent the Warwick chapter

in a statewide Young Careerist competition during the annual convention of the Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women on May 15 at the Omni Biltmore, Providence.

The Young Careerist program, begun in 1963 by the national federation (BPW/USA), recognizes the achievements of young women between the ages of 21 and 35 who have made significant contributions in community service and in their chosen career fields.

Herman, a Providence resident, is a graduate of Community College of Rhode Island, where she received her A.A. degree in human services/mental health, and a graduate of Rhode Island College in 1988 with a B.A. in psychology. Since then she has continued her studies at RIC, doing graduate work in social work, education and administration.

Herman is the 1990 founder and executive director of Annie's Place, a non-profit recreation and respite corporation for teenagers with disabilities. Her duties include but are not limited to overseeing the operation of all programs; training, scheduling, and supervising staff; securing funding through grants and fundraisers; interfacing with community agencies; maintaining bookkeeping, usage data, and progress records and working with and carrying out the wishes of the board of directors.

Annie's Place is designed to meet the needs of young people with disabilities in an integrated environment, with programs which include an after-school activity center and weekend respite care. Funding

is provided by federal and state grants, private donations, corporate grants, grants from business, fraternal and community organizations.

The after school activity center is located at Cole Junior High School in East Greenwich, and is open for any Rhode Island resident 12 to 21 years old. Programs include homework assistance, sports and games, a debate team and a variety of creative activities. The Weekend Respite Program provides activities such as arts and crafts, nature walks, sports, and group discussions. Currently the integrated after-school and weekend program serves over 100 families throughout the state. Annie's Place is now a model respite program for the nation and the only fully integrated social/recreational/respite program exclusively for teenagers in the country.

Herman's community activities include memberships in Warwick B.P.W., the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and the National and Rhode Island Rehabilitation Associations. She is coach of the East Greenwich High School Debate Team, and serves on the Feinstein Community Services Advisory Board. In December of last year, while attending the Fourth Annual National Conference of Crisis Nurseries and Respite Care Programs, held in Washington, D.C., Herman moderated a session which focused on special issues regarding temporary child care for foster and adoptive families. During the conference, Annie's Place was recognized as a model program for respite services for teenagers and their families.

Herman's goals include the continued growth and expansion of Annie's Place, and development of new programs which address the needs of families with teenagers with disabilities.

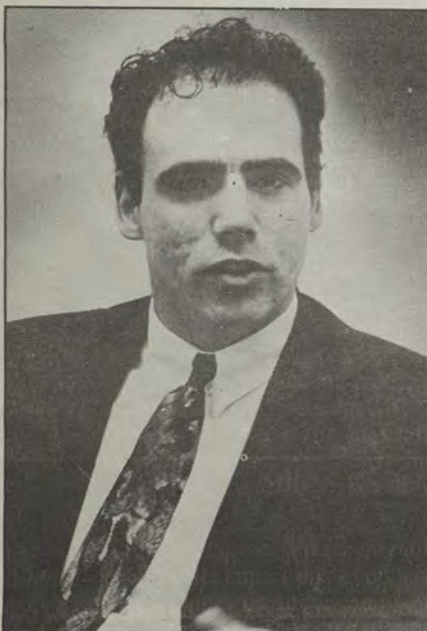
B.P.W., with a membership of 80,000 in local organizations throughout the country, supports full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for all working women.

Colafrancesco: RIC's 'knight in shining armor'

by Clare Eckert

If Beneditto A. Colafrancesco — better known on the Rhode Island College campus as simply Ben — was "king for a day" with all the power and might to make changes in the world, what would he do? "I would be thinking and doing what's right. Rather than for personal gain, I would do what's right for everyone. I would do what's good for this country."

Ben may never be "king," but the 31-year-old certainly has a proven track record at RIC as having been a "knight in shining armor" to many within the College community for his "distinguished public service...in organizing public forums on racism and discrimination...and having worked tirelessly to legitimize the disabled community on campus."



A recipient of the John H. Chafee Award, given to a student in the political science department who "has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and superior public and community service," Colafrancesco accepted his award to rousing applause and whistles from his classmates and friends during Cap and Gown Day ceremonies held May 5. He will receive his B.A. degree in political science and public administration on May 22, having completed all departmental and College requirements in three years.

But the Johnston resident, who graduated from Johnston High School in 1980 as class president, didn't always intend to take up the cause of civil rights he so thoroughly works at today. Rather, "all I wanted to do was own a business and open my own restaurant."

And that he did! Called Chef's Unlimited, which was a catering enterprise and food-service dining arrangement operating out of the Woonsocket restaurant/club, Enrico Caruso, Colafrancesco worked hard for several years in the business after graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design's culinary arts associate program in 1982.

Prior to his entering RIC in January 1990, Colafrancesco, who was born with cerebral palsy, discovered that "too much time on my feet" was not healthy for him and soon he sold the business. It was one of his goals as a youth and he is proud to say the business was "successful. I still love to cook and entertain." (Linguine with clam sauce is a favorite!)

Changing from entrepreneur to social activist was an about-face for the handsome young man. But as he reminisced about his childhood, one story he remembered was most telling of why, perhaps, Colafrancesco, had just taken a detour on the road to becoming a civil rights advocate.



He tells it this way: "I knew I couldn't do what the others could do," when he was a youth. But, he said, "my family's philosophy was molded into me that I could do anything I set my mind to." He remembered the time when he and a group of his classmates "went down a steep incline and all the other kids got out. Eventually I did do." Colafrancesco's climb to the top was a struggle that had to do more with determination than with muscle or physical stamina.

Colafrancesco's advocacy is 'fueled by people'

Climbing over obstacles laid before him on life's journey and reaching higher and higher for fairness, justice and equality for all people is what Colafrancesco has been doing all his life - sometimes against the odds and sometimes with the wind to his back.

His advocacy now is "fueled by people," he said, referring to the positive responses he began receiving once he started organizing public forum events on civil rights issues at RIC. "And when you start to see that you are effecting people's lives, then you realize the responsibility you have. The gratification comes later."

Besides organizing an open forum on racism following the L.A. riots and representing the student voice on a number of other campus issues, Colafrancesco is most proud of rejuvenating the ABLE organization at RIC. ABLE is the student organization "dedicated to promoting handicap awareness and equal opportunity in education." In January 1992, with Student Government approval, he began the effort that included creating a video tape highlighting the Americans with Disabilities Act and organizing a public conference, "Opportunity and Responsibility" under the auspices of ABLE.

"People from all different walks of life showed up," he said. "it was great! About 80 people were there."

The group has about 18 active members and has embarked on a number of fundraising activities to support a scholarship for an incoming freshman at RIC. "When I took on the responsibility, I knew I had go through with it," he said. "You've got to believe in what you're doing."

Colafrancesco's a believer. He credits the political science department and Prof. Fran Leazes's public administration classes for opening his eyes to the necessity of "needing to know how things work in order to get access" to the American system of government.

Family is important to him, as well. "When I needed a laugh or a break from studying," he turned to his nieces: 4-year-old, Vanessa, 8-year-old, Dione, and baby, Melissa. (They still think Kermit the Frog lives at his house!)

Colafrancesco goal is to become a Harvard University graduate of law and continue working on civil rights issues. "Much is expected of me," he said. "I have my degree and my awards...now it's time to give back."



Chem students attend conference

One wins prize for 'best paper'

Three RIC chemistry majors attended the 47th annual Eastern Colleges Science conference at Central Connecticut State College recently with chemistry professor Charles Marzacco.

Students from approximately 30 colleges and universities in New England and the Middle Atlantic region participated in the conference.

The RIC students presented talks on research that they have done at RIC. One of the students, Cheryl Jones, a junior chemistry major, was awarded a prize for the best paper in the chemistry competition. Her paper dealt with the energetics of light-induced chemical reaction. Marzacco and Jones are collaborating on this research.

The other RIC students attending the conference were senior chemistry major Yan Burdett and Benjamin Peterson, a retired high school teacher who is pursuing a second degree in chemistry. Peterson won a first place award at the conference for the best presentation in one of the chemistry sessions.

This is the fourth consecutive year that RIC chemistry students have won first prize awards for papers submitted to this conference.



PRINCE PANYA ALAIN SOUVANNA PHOUMA of Laos (second from right) meets with President John Nazarian (center) in his office on April 30 with (from left) Richard Weiner, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Tony Teng, associate professor of history, and Heemong Kim, assistant professor of art. Prince Souvanna Phouma addressed the topic of 'The Old Laos and the New Laos' in his address in the Student Union ballroom.

1993 Cap 'n Gown Convocation — 'We're finally here!'

by George LaTour

With a parting message of peace and love, one that decried today's increasing level of violence at home and throughout the world, Sister Mary Ann Rossi, C.N.D., College chaplain, bade farewell to the Class of 1993 and to the community of Rhode Island College in the annual Cap 'n Gown Convocation address May 5.

The nearly 1,000 graduates, administrators, faculty and staff present in Roberts Hall auditorium stood to applaud the Catholic nun about whom President John Nazarian said "words could not sufficiently express her worth to the College community" over the past 11 years.

Sister Rossi will continue to live in Providence, but her new ministry for the Congregation of Notre Dame will find her traveling around the United States encouraging other women to join the order.

"From Bosnia to the East Side Tunnel in Providence," observed Sister Rossi, "it seems we have not come up with any better ways to solve our problems other than violence."

"To have an enemy is to be an enemy," she observed. "People who choose non-violence are our hope."

Referred to without formality by the students simply as "Mary Ann," Sister Rossi cited a long litany of public service that RIC students over the years have performed throughout the community, and thanked them for the "peaceable diversity" they have brought to the campus, coming from so many racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

"I thank you all for helping us not to be enemies," said Sister Rossi.

After an initial welcome by President Nazarian to the start of the commencement season at RIC in this, the College's 139th year, the students — donned for the first time in their formal academic regalia — heard fellow graduating senior Maryanne McCluskie observe: "Well, we're finally here!"

McCluskie, chosen by the students to recap their college experience in a convocation address, brought chuckles and laughter by her fellow graduates as she recounted the trials and tribulations, the joy of achievement and overall success they had experienced in their college "adventure."

"I guess it just goes to show you, you never know when you're making a memory," she said in reference to the students' years — whether "four or five or six" — at RIC.

Citations were read by John J. Salesses, vice president for academic affairs, as departmental chairman and chairwomen presented awards to the outstanding students in their respective departments.

Those elected to *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges* were asked by Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs, to stand and be recognized which they did as a group.

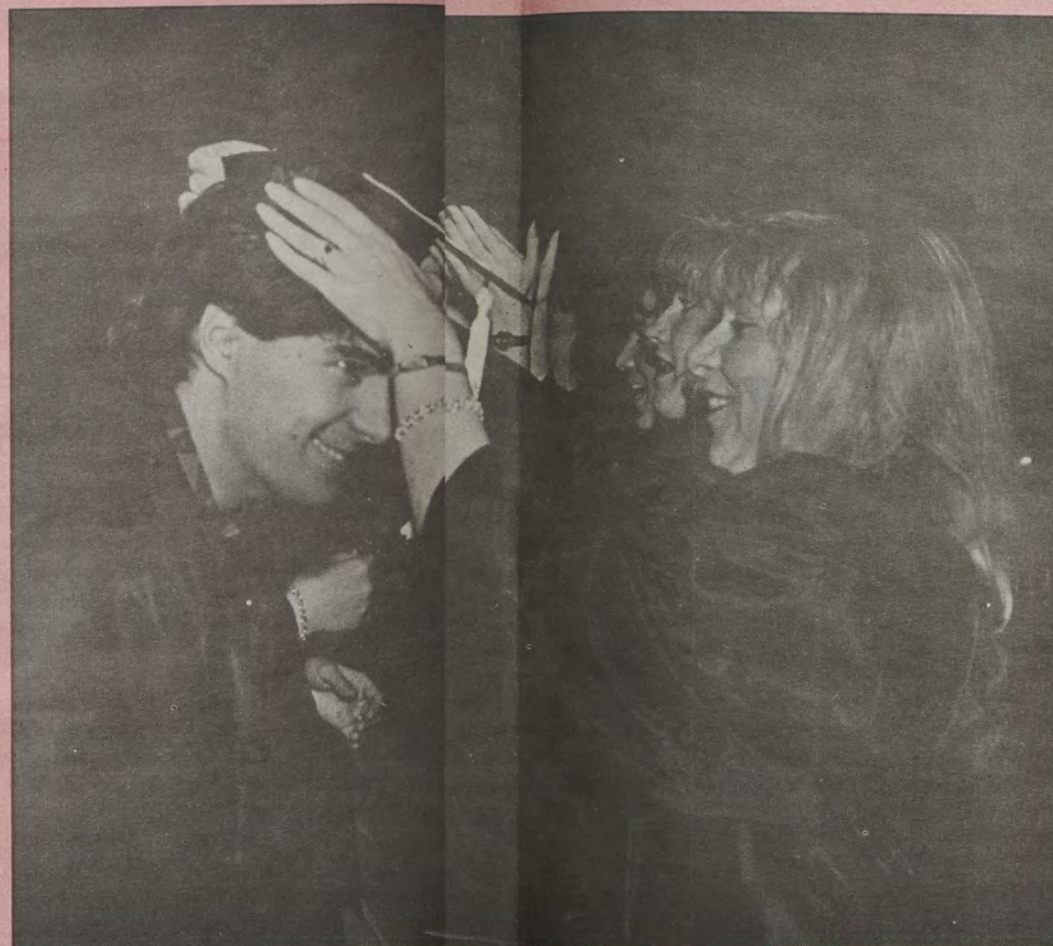
President Nazarian conducted the cap and gown investiture.

The senior class gift, a check for a mosaic of the College seal to be placed by the new dining area, was presented to the president by Holli J. Brousseau, class vice president, and Brian M. Bursell, class treasurer.

Erin C. McCarthy, class secretary, provided an introduction to the RIC Alumni Association to the graduates.

Patrice L. Tiedemann, a music education major, sang the National Anthem. The RIC Wind Ensemble under the direction of Francis M. Marciniak, provided the musical selections. Chairman of the Council of Rhode Island College, John J. Gleason, led the processional and recessional.

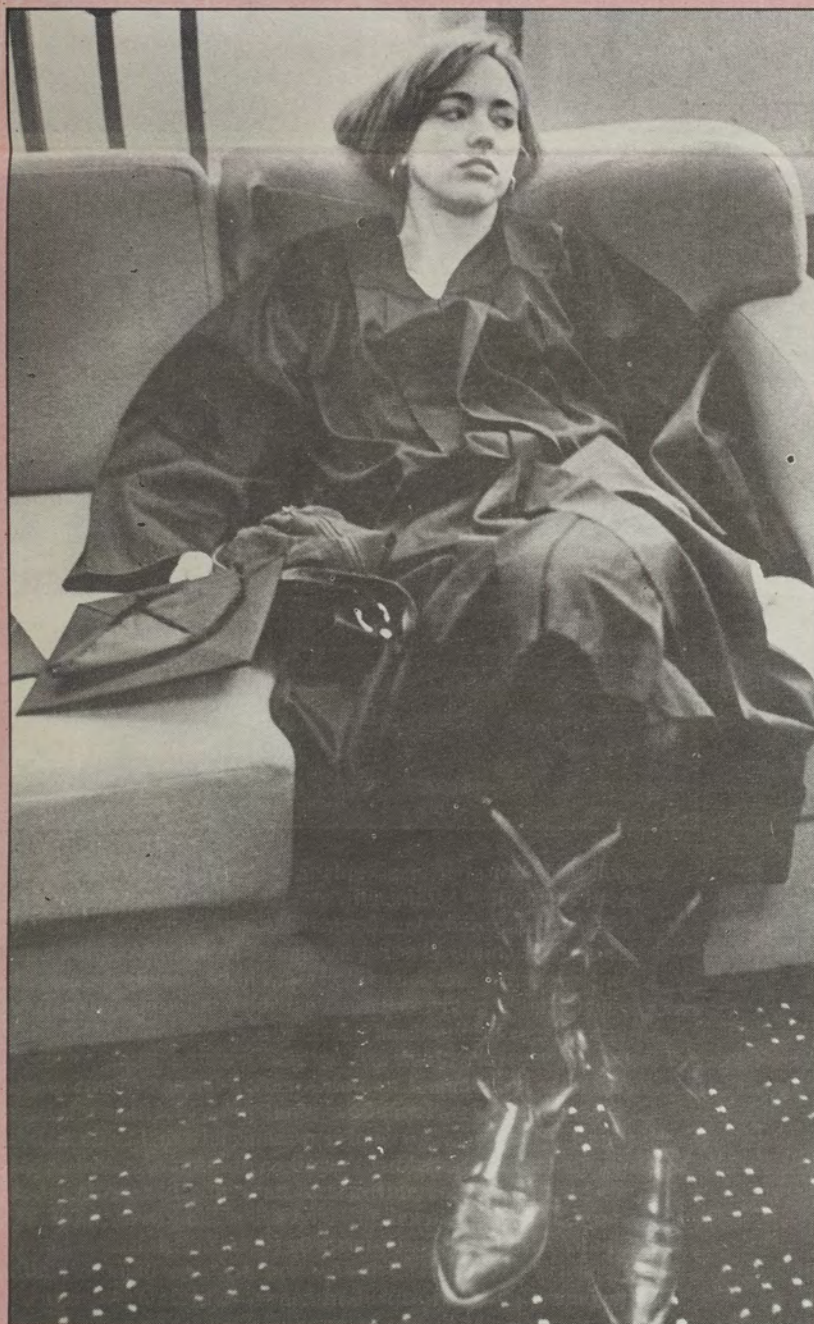
A reception followed the ceremony on the southeast lawn outside of Roberts Hall.



At the highlight of ceremonies, Joyce Seravo caps Mark Scetta.



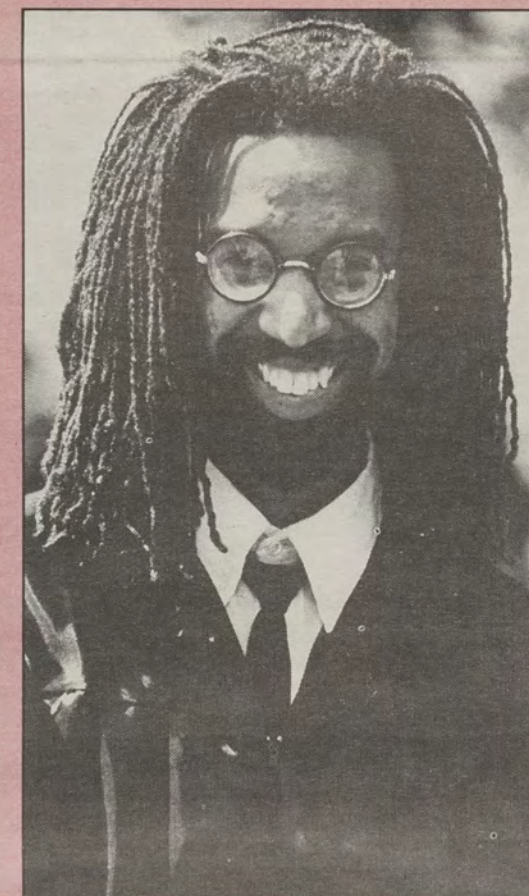
Taking pictures for the senior week slide show, Kristen King, coordinator of student activities (back to camera) photographs (l to r) Joanne Forlini, Wendy Gould, Cheryl Hvizdos, Lori Autiello and Brenda Delluso.



With cowboy boots beneath her gown, Christa Albrecht awaits the procession in the Alumni Lounge.



DEPARTMENTAL AWARD WINNERS and their awards and departments are (l to r) first row: Shellie Carr, Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance (Theatre and Dance); Maria Gallo, Cantor Jacob Hohenemser (Music Department); Mary Jo Mansolillo, Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice (Social Work); Yan Liu Burdett, American Institute of Chemists (Physical Sciences) and Christopher R. Mitchell Award (Mathematics and Computer Science); Paula Rebelo, Tegu Polyglot (Modern Languages); Carla Blain, Wall Street Journal Award (Economics and Management); Penney Schutt, John Silva Memorial Scholastic (Economics and Management); Aaron Yarlus, Psychology Faculty Senior (Psychology); Theresa Levine, Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award for Scholastic Excellence (RIC Foundation); Deborah Krous-Gaskell, Evelyn Walsh Prize (History); Christa Albrecht, Film Studies Program Faculty Award; C. Calbert; Scott Altonian, Jean Garrigue Award (English); second row: Christine Corrigan, Nursing Faculty Award-Undergraduate Registered Nurse; Andrew Leclerc, Nelson A. Guertin Memorial-French (Modern Languages); Erin McCarthy, Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award for Outstanding Achievement (RIC Foundation); Anthony Parrillo, Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award; Leah Wahrhaftig-Jeri, Nelson A. Guertin Memorial-Spanish (Modern Languages); Eleanor Morin, James Houston Award-Anthropology; Jonette Walker, Helen M. Murphy Award (Intercollegiate Athletics); Christine Conway, Health and Physical Education Faculty Senior; Daniel McKenna Jr., John E. Hetherman Award (Intercollegiate Athletics); R. Barboza; Rand Queenan, Josephine A. Stillings Award (Special Education); Kevin Bartels, Claiborne deB. Pell Award (History); K. Kalinak; third row: John O'Connor III, Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology; H. Brousseau; B. Bursell; Monica Kunkel, Nursing Faculty Award-Undergraduate; David Cardin, Ronald J. Boruch Award (Physical Sciences); Kyle Kurek, W. Christina Carlson Award (Biology); Dawn Huntley, Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies (Sociology); Tracy Gearing, Rhode Island College Theatre (Theatre and Dance); Barry Albright, Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award (Theatre and Dance); Ben Colafrancesco, John H. Chafee Award (Political Science); Scott Candage, North Providence League of Women Voters (Political Science); Richard Grant, James Huston Award-Geography; Carolyn Montalbano, Elementary Education Faculty Award; and Frances Lopes, Health and Physical Education Faculty Senior Award.



His dreadlocks neatly coifed, art major Christian Goncalves is ready for his mortarboard.

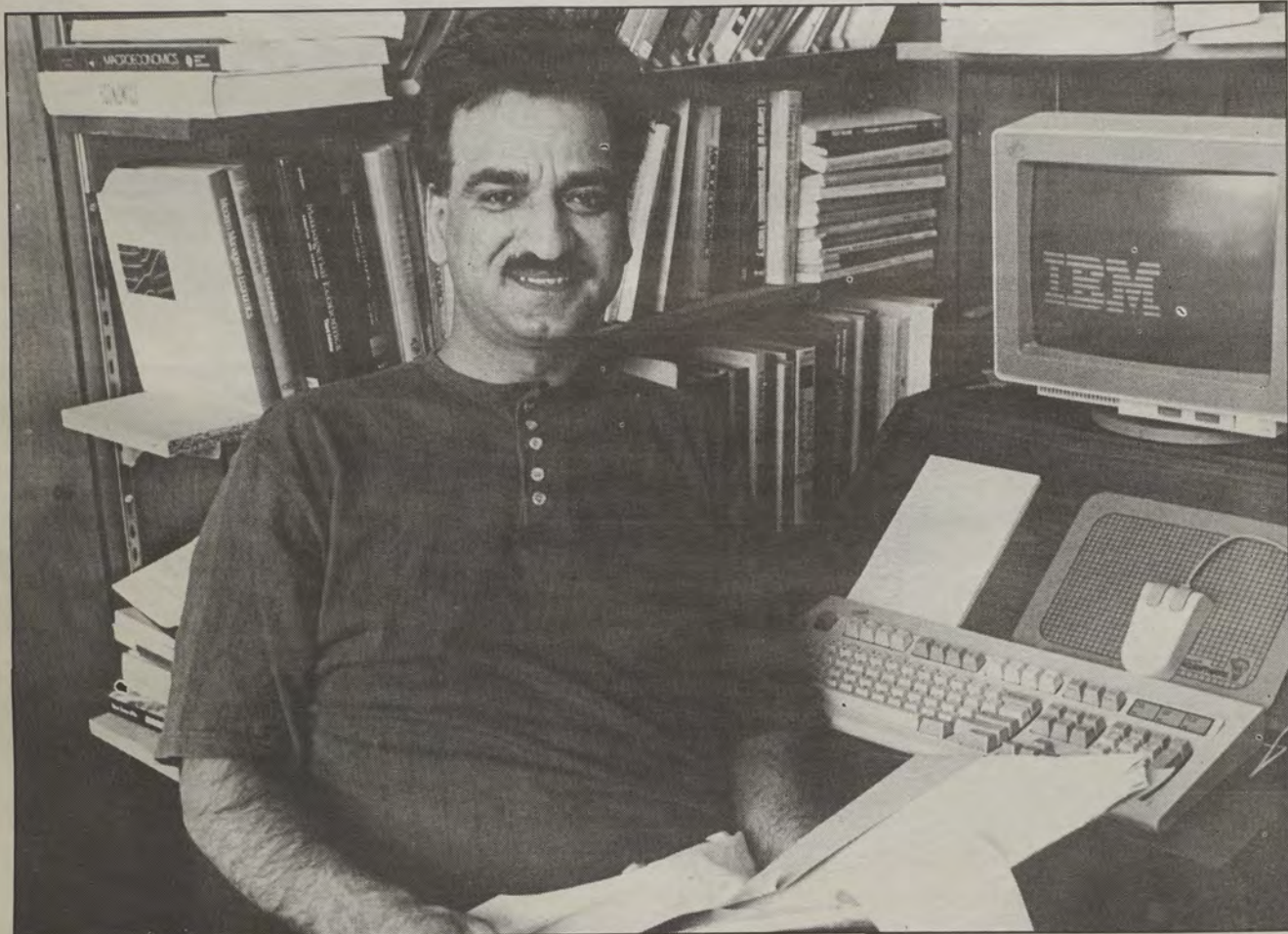
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by
Gordon E. Rowley



Silhouetted by a window in the music wing, nursing major Kim Niles tries on her cap before the ceremonies.

RIC prof Abbas Kazemi receives Fulbright Scholarship to study in Turkey

by Cynthia DeMaio



ABBAS KAZEMI

Abbas Kazemi, assistant professor of the Department of Economics and Management at Rhode Island College, has received a Fulbright Scholarship to work in Turkey during the 1993-94 academic year. He will research the impact of Turkish workers' migration to Europe and will teach at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Turkey has a 20 percent unemployment rate, so people leave the country seeking work, Kazemi said. Typically they go to Germany where job prospects are good and labor laws are relatively flexible. Professors Kazemi and Atilla Dicle (of the RIC Department of Management) recently presented a paper on this phenomena. While in Turkey, Kazemi will gather em-

pirical data on Turkish migration to determine the impact this trend has had on the economies of Turkey and Germany.

Kazemi will also try to predict the impact on Turkish workers that new European trade laws will have. By 1997, citizens of any European country will be free to work in any other European nation without government restriction. Workers from low wage countries such as Portugal and Greece will then compete for jobs currently held by Turkish workers.

This problem of a future labor glut is compounded by the reunification of Germany, Kazemi said. "East German workers are now competing for the same low skill jobs that Turkish workers seek. This creates social as well as economic problems."

The same questions will face American workers if the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is signed, Kazemi pointed out. The agreement would open Mexican and Canadian jobs to U.S. citizens, but would also allow workers from Mexico and Canada to compete for jobs in the U.S.

During his year in Turkey, Kazemi will teach graduate level courses at the Middle East Technical University. Kazemi noted that help from both Dicle and department chairman Halil Copur made it possible for him to receive the Fulbright scholarship.

★ COMMENCEMENT

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Island; a Governor's appointee to the advisory committee of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; past president of the New England School Superintendents Association and Rhode Island Association of School Administrators, and a former member and past treasurer of the Diocesan Regional School Board.

DeGoes was named the 1990 "Man of Year" by the Prince Henry the Navigator Club of Rhode Island, and "Superintendent of the Year" in 1991 by the state.

In addition, he is a member of the board of directors for the Portuguese Ethnic Heritage Congress of Rhode Island, auditor of the Portuguese Social Club of Pawtucket and a Third Degree Knight, Knights of Columbus/Delany.

DeGoes is a member of the Memorial Hospital Board of Incorporation, a board of directors member of Notre Dame Hospital, a member of the East Providence Recreation Board, a trustee of the Pawtucket Boys and Girls' Clubs, an advisory committee member of the Salvation Army, a member of the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America and vice president of the Narragansett Council-Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife and four children live in East Providence.

**Rhode Island College
Commencement
Ceremony
Saturday, May 22
9:30 a.m.**

The president of RIC, John Nazarian, will address the graduates, as well as other education and state officials. Patricia Ross Maciel, Class of 1961, will welcome members of the class into the Alumni Association.

In case of inclement weather, the undergraduate ceremony will move to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Weybosset Street and be held at 10:30 a.m. Graduate exercises will be held in Roberts Hall auditorium on the campus at 10 a.m. Students are asked to call the RIC inclement weather telephone line at 456-9500 after 7 a.m. on commencement day, or listen to their local radio station.

★ LEDERBERG

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Lederberg's resume notes more than 20 local, state and national awards and honors; several leadership positions in state, regional and national legal and educational organizations and societies, and numerous legislative and public service accomplishments.

Judge Lederberg graduated *summa-cum laude* from Classical High School; *cum laude* from Pembroke College with a bachelor's degree in biology, 1959; a master's degree from Brown University in biology, 1961; and a Ph.D. from Brown in psychology, 1966. She went on to earn her J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1976.

Among her many awards and honors, she was named "Woman of the Year" in 1982 by the Woonsocket Business and Professional Women's Association; given the "Outstanding Citizen's Award" in 1980 by the United Italian Americans; the "Citizen's Award for Service" in 1979 by the Rhode Island Educational Media Association, and cited by the Rhode Island Association of School Committees, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Rhode Island Mental Health Association. She was the recipient of the RIC School of Education and Human Services Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

Among her professional affiliations, she holds membership in the Rhode Island and American Bar associations, is a certified psychologist in the state of Rhode Island, and member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the Rhode Island and New England Psychological associations.

During her tenure in the General Assembly, Judge Lederberg was responsible for the initiation and passage of many bills, which include calling for open and ethical government, broadening the scope of educators, increasing funding for state libraries and providing responsible environmental laws.

An advocate of education and higher learning, Judge Lederberg calls it "the common denominator" to solving problems. "(Education) is an important base. It is the vehicle and means by which it not only gives an individual the means to improve their private lot, but it gives everyone an opportunity to better their society."



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU: Jules Cohen (left) of the economics and management department gets inducted into the Travelers Aid Society of Rhode Island Hall of Fame for his work for the society through the College's Computer Information Systems (CIS) program. The ceremonies April 27 took place at the society's annual meeting at Citizens Bank, Providence. Doing the honors is society president Thomas Hoagland.

Former vocational school student excels in academics, athletics and helping others

by Cynthia DeMaio

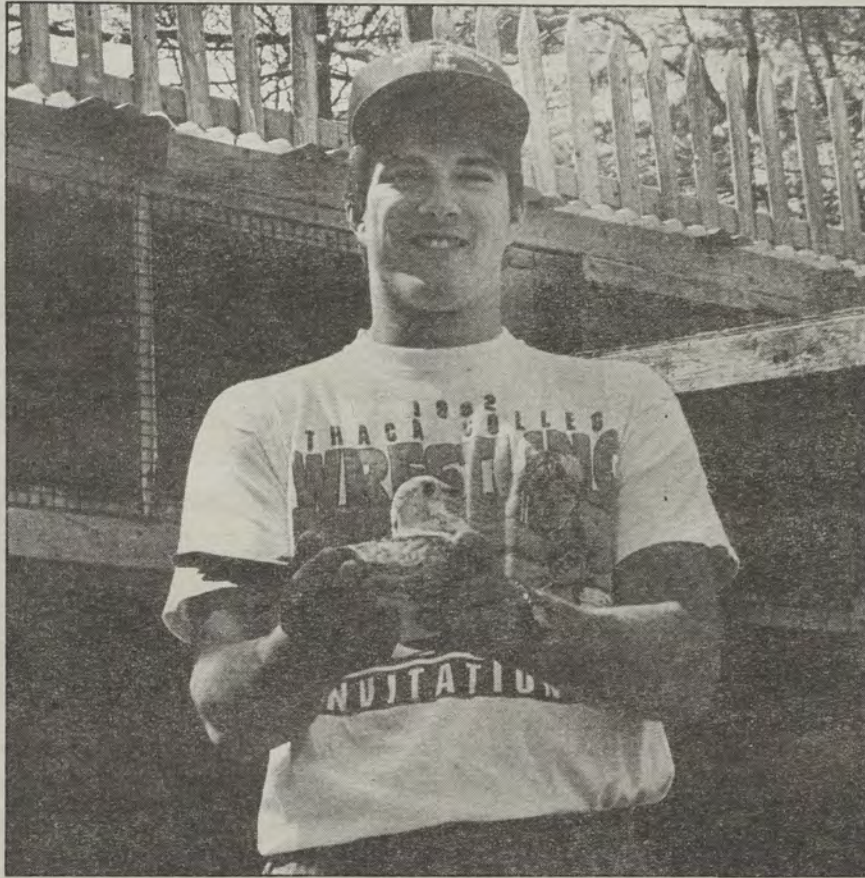
This year's winner of the Hetherman Award, Daniel McKenna Jr., of West Greenwich, is indeed the athlete, gentleman and scholar that the award seeks to acknowledge. Not only does McKenna have a 3.28 G.P.A., he is also the captain of the wrestling team, is involved in the Foster Brother Program and coaches in nearby high schools.

A former student at the West Bay Vocational Technical School in Coventry, McKenna decided to go to college during his senior year of high school. He entered the Preparatory Enrollment Program (P.E.P.) at RIC. This program is open to first generation college students. The summer before his freshman year, McKenna participated in a six-week, no credit training course to get up to speed on study skills, public speaking, English and math.

This year McKenna has been student teaching in technology education (what used to be "shop") at the Exeter/West Greenwich Junior/Senior High School. After graduation, McKenna will be certified to teach architectural design, CADD (computer aided drafting design), and woodworking. He says a lot has changed in the shop curriculum, "It's not strictly woodworking anymore."

McKenna has been active in intramural sports including street hockey and indoor arena football. He has also been on the college's wrestling team since his arrival at RIC, this year serving as team captain. McKenna feels the team is the "best sports team on campus. We were five-time New England champions and we came in third this year."

He describes a family-like bond between members of the team and says



DANIEL MCKENNA JR. WITH ONE OF HIS BREEDING PIGEONS.

(What's News Photo by George LaTour)

members took good care of the wrestling area in the old Walsh gym, painting the walls and decorating it with photos and trophies of accomplishments.

In a description of McKenna's accomplishments, interim Director of Inter-

collegiate Athletics Gail M. Davis noted that "Dan is an outstanding role model not only for his athletic and academic success but for his humanitarian contributions as well."

McKenna has been a foster brother for many years. "When I was eight years old

my parents asked my brother and me how we would feel about becoming a foster family. Since then, there have been hundreds of kids in our home. At one point there were seven foster children, two adopted brothers, two adopted sisters and my biological brother," McKenna said.

"The foster brother program shows you how to treat everyone with respect and make your home their home."

The school year ends for McKenna in May, but it begins for his team of racing pigeons. Birds hatched in January begin training now, he explained. Pigeons are trained to return to a specific loft (a coop). Their first trip out is five miles away from the loft, the next, 20 miles. The trainer goes through the summer with the birds until they can find their way back from 100 miles away.

In August, the birds are loaded into a truck with other racers' teams and driven to Pittsfield, Mass. They are released at 7 on a Saturday morning and are back to the loft by 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., an average speed of 45 miles per hour. Individual times for each bird are determined by a sealed clock and the local Racing Pigeon Club hands out awards the following weekend.

Older birds race on routes which are 100 to 600 miles long. "Not bad for an animal that weighs only 1-1/2 pounds," McKenna said. The birds usually make it back unless they fall victim to hawks or hunters.

McKenna said that although people may laugh at the idea of pigeon racing, he feels he's in good company. At a recent awards ceremony, McKenna sat with RIC President John Nazarian. "Dr. Nazarian has been involved in pigeon racing for years," McKenna said.

Growing up in New York City slums, RIC Justice Studies student says — *'I don't know how I survived it'*

by George LaTour

Having been raised in what would generally be considered less than a healthy environment in New York City and then married to an abusive husband with two children by age 18, this Rhode Island College honors graduate faced an up-hill struggle to say the least.

"I don't know how I survived it," Dawn L. Huntley of Providence says now.

Today, she is remarried to Cedric Huntley, a local man, and oh-so-proud of her sons Stephfon, 20, and Dale, 17, who will soon graduate from Classical High School where he has been an outstanding athlete.

And, she has completed her undergraduate degree requirements as of last August with a 3.6 average overall (out of a possible 4.0) and an average "higher than that" in her justice studies.

At RIC's May 5 Cap 'n Gown convocation, she was the recipient of the 1993 Mary Ann Hawkes Justice Studies Award as the outstanding justice studies student.

The award honors the work and career of Professor Emerita Mary Ann Hawkes of Newton, Mass. This is the third annual award.

Huntley feels she shares the award "unofficially" with two fellow students, Tina LaPierre and Teresa Desautel whom, she says, displayed a real "competitive spirit."

How did she...

How did she get interested in justice studies, she was asked.

"I was very much aware of co-



DAWN HUNTLEY

dependency issues and all the issues revolving around substance abuse, so that's why I took an interest" in these issues, she relates. From there, it was just a short step to justice studies and the work she performed fulltime for three years while a student at RIC at the state Department of Corrections in the substance-abuse program for incarcerated women.

About substance abuse: "That's something that I speak about (with knowledge gained from personal exposure while growing up in New York City slums)." Today, she considers that knowledge "important."

It aided her in dealing realistically with women offenders in the drug-abuse program at the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI).

There, she would run group sessions with counseling and substance-abuse education for the inmates. From there, she branched out to develop (with a co-worker) a group on women's issues in general.

She throws her head back and allows herself a good laugh...at her self.

Another aspect of her volunteer work at the ACI while an undergraduate at RIC was her assistance to the director of the mentor program. Huntley helped recruit and train mentors for the female inmates in the substance-abuse program.

"We helped abusers with problems while they were still incarcerated, gave them support. I helped train the mentors and (then) matched them up (with inmates)," she relates.

The mentor program trains community members to help incarcerated addicts in their transition to life outside of prison. Huntley, in addition, networked with community agencies and committees in the hope of better meeting the needs of drug-involved female prisoners.

"We are proud of Dawn, and recognize that her continued success in the criminal justice system will result in its improvement," noted Pamela Irving Jackson, director of the RIC Justice Studies Program, in Huntley's Cap 'n Gown citation.

To practice law

Another reason Dawn Huntley took up justice studies was that she wants to practice law someday, hopefully, in Washington, D.C., where she wants to be on the federal bar so she can practice in the federal courts.

Her studies at RIC included political science and other "all good undergraduate preparation" toward her goal, she says, of being a lawyer who will concentrate on constitutional law and civil rights.

When asked why she moved to Rhode Island in 1977, Huntley says she "just moved." Rhode Island seemed as good a choice as any to get away from her inner-city environment at the time.

Now that she has her degree, she will apply to law schools and "may move out of Rhode Island" as unceremoniously as she had moved in.

For now, however, she notes, "I never stopped working all my life until now. I've been 'responsible' for so long..." she says then pauses, thinking, "that, I guess, I owe it to myself to be irresponsible — just once."

She throws her head back and allows herself a good laugh...at herself. For Dawn Huntley, irresponsibility would be completely out of character.

8 music students receive scholarships/awards

Winners of this year's Rita V. Bicho, Melody Stappas and Louis Appleton Memorial scholarships have been announced by the Rhode Island College music department, which also announced the winner of a new scholarship as well as the department's Outstanding Service Award winners.

Jill Boyd of Riverside and Paul Barrette of North Providence, both juniors studying music education, are the winners of the Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship. Boyd in the voice category; Barrette, strings. Announcement of their selection came at the 15th annual Bicho Concert at the College on May 3.

Each received \$500 from the Bicho Fund which is housed in the RIC Foundation. The scholarship honors the late Rita V. Bicho, who retired from the College's music department in 1979 after serving with distinction on the faculty for 30 years.

Winner of the Melody Stappas Memorial Scholarship for \$250 is Regina Ferucci of Cranston, a sophomore majoring in music performance.

The award is given to a sophomore or junior studying piano, who "reflects the joy and inspiration that Melody Stappas gave to everyone she encountered." Ms. Stappas, a pianist/organist, graduated from RIC in 1982 and died a year later.

Winner of the Louis Appleton Memorial Scholarship for \$250 is Krishan Oberoi of Smithfield, a sophomore studying music education.

The award, for one who is a music major currently active in church music as a performer or director, honors the late Louis Appleton, who graduated in 1974 and died in 1983.

Both the Stappas and Appleton awards were presented at the April 30 Collage Concert at RIC.



MUSIC AWARD WINNERS are (rear from left) Diana McVey, Raechel Robidoux, Kristan Oberoi, Jill Boyd, Paul Barrette and Wendy Rios; (front from left) Maria Gallo and Regina Ferucci. Gallo is this year's winner of the music department's Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award as the outstanding music student. See related story on Gallo.

A new award — from a fund designated by the Rhode Island Foundation and the Rhode Island Community Foundation — provides approximately \$500 for a select music major. The award, the Katherine Bryer Kruger Fund Scholarship, was awarded for 1992-93 to Wendy Rios of Warwick, a second-semester freshman, in recognition of her "outstanding performance abilities in music."

Faculty members within the music department nominated students for the award focusing on talented freshmen so as

to motivate and encourage such students early in their academic careers, reports Kathleen McNally Wassenar, vice president for Development and College Relations and executive director of the RIC Foundation.

Rios is described as "one of the most talented violinists" encountered on the freshman level.

Recognized for their "outstanding service" are Diana McVey of Greenville, a music performance major, and Raechel Robidoux of Chepachet, a music educa-

tion major. Awards were presented to them at the April 16 Honors Recital, reports Robert W. Elam, chairman of the music department.

Another new award established recently within the RIC Foundation and called the Sylvan R. and Helen Forman Scholarship will be made annually starting next year. It was established by Helen Forman, Class of '34, in memory of her husband, and will provide support for students pursuing a major in music.

Maria V. Gallo...

Music and teaching are near to her 'home and heart'

by Clare Eckert



MARIA V. GALLO

The sun must shine a little brighter in West Warwick when Maria V. Gallo sits down at her Baby Grand Kimbel piano at her home and begins to play her favorite classical music. An award winning pianist, singer and scholar, with a broad smile and twinkling eyes, Gallo has been playing piano since the age of five.

"Music is something that is very important and special to me," said the 21-year-old, who graduated from West Warwick High School and was the recipient of the Paul Douglas Teachers Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding senior high school student interested in pursuing a teaching career.

On May 22, Gallo will graduate from Rhode Island College with a cumulative grade point average of 3.88 in the Honors Program and a degree in music education and a minor in mathematics, with hopes of fulfilling her dream of sharing her love for music with junior high school students one day.

Besides the Paul Douglas Teachers Scholarship she received upon her graduation from high school, she also was the recipient of the RIC Presidential Scholarship award as a freshman student and a scholarship from the College's music department.

In her sophomore and junior years, the petite woman was chosen to receive the music department's Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship for outstanding musical accomplishments.

And on May 5 during Cap and Gown Day ceremonies, Gallo received the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award, given annually by the music department to "an outstanding graduating student of music."

Modest about her accomplishments, she quickly credits her family for their encouragement and the music faculty at RIC for "being able to share their talents" with her during her tenure at school. Gallo said she is especially grateful to faculty member, Judith Stillman, who has been her instructor at RIC for four years.

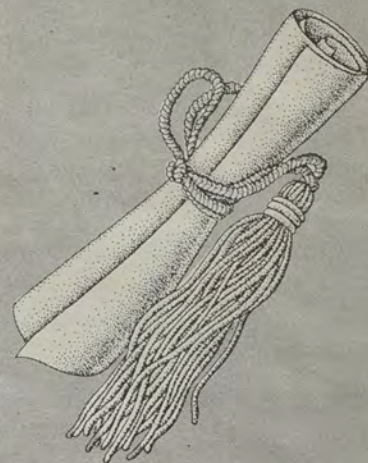
She has been a member of the College's Wind Ensemble, the RIC Symphony Orchestra and has performed in the RIC Chorus. Soon, she said, she will be looking to perform with other musical groups.

"It's important to perform in some capacity (while teaching) to keep you up to date and to continue playing," Gallo said. "I am looking to get involved with other musical groups."

Becoming a teacher is very near to her "home and heart." Her mother, Frances is a 1971 graduate of RIC and the principal at Eldridge Elementary School in East Greenwich. Her father, Robert is a teacher at the junior/senior high school in Scituate, and brothers, John, 20 and Steve, 18, both stand-out football athletes at West Warwick High School are considering the teaching profession.

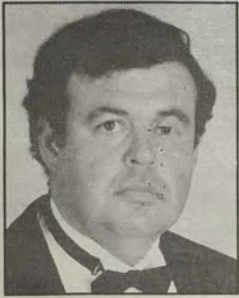
Her advice to other young people thinking about music is to "relax, and try to make practice (sessions) enjoyable. Think about the fun aspects."

*Congratulations
to the
Class of 1993*



*from the staff
of What's News*

In Memoriam — Classical singer Dana McGovern dies at age 42



Dana E. McGovern Jr. of East Greenwich, a 1980 Rhode Island College graduate who went on to distinguish himself in Rhode Island musical circles as a classical bass singer, reportedly was struck and killed by an Amtrak train April 22 outside Boston's Back Bay Station. He was 42.

McGovern had performed in a number of music and theatre productions at RIC, including last year's Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship Concert which featured Haydn's "Die Schopfung" (The Creation).

The state's musical community mourned the loss of a talented singer who had a great bass voice and a knack for putting fellow performers at ease in the tense moments before a performance.

"He was a wonderful singer," said Dr. Harold Falconer, founder of the South County Chamber Singers. "He had a terrific bass voice with a terrific range. The whole musical community feels terrible about this. He's irreplaceable," Falconer told the *Providence Journal*.

RIC music professor Edward Markward, with whom Dana had studied and worked closely as a student and who often conducted productions in which Mr. McGovern later performed, termed his loss "a tragedy."

Markward noted that Mr. McGovern "took his art very seriously" and yet was often the life of a rehearsal or party after a performance.

A true bass singer, Markward said he was "a rare commodity" with a voice "hard to duplicate. He'll be sorely missed."

Mr. McGovern performed as soloist with the Concord Civic Orchestra, the Gordon College Chorus, the Boston University Opera Theater and with the Rhode Island Civic Chorale, the Bel Canto Opera, the Chaminade Opera, the South County Chamber Singers and at several churches and synagogues in addition to his periodic performances at his alma mater.

His list of solo credits was extensive and included Handel's *Messiah*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Verdi's *Manzoni Requiem*.

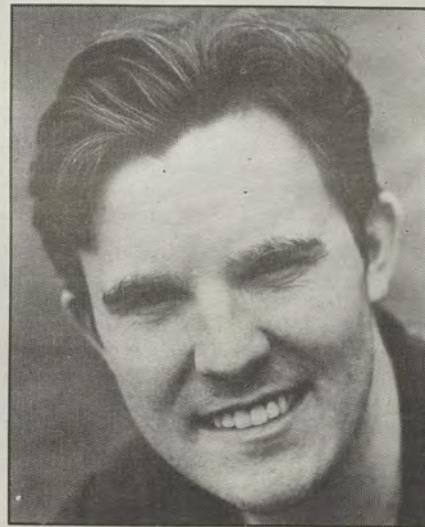
Mr. McGovern worked as a sales representative for T. & J. Container Systems of Johnston since 1987 and was a substitute teacher in the East Greenwich public schools. He had coached basketball for the Town Recreation Department.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Eva (Marthy) McGovern of East Greenwich and the late Dana E. McGovern Sr. Besides his wife, Esperanza M. (Molina) Berry-McGovern and his mother, he is survived by a son, Michael Berry; a daughter, Melissa Berry, both at home; a brother, William McGovern of East Greenwich, and a sister, Sharon McGovern in California.

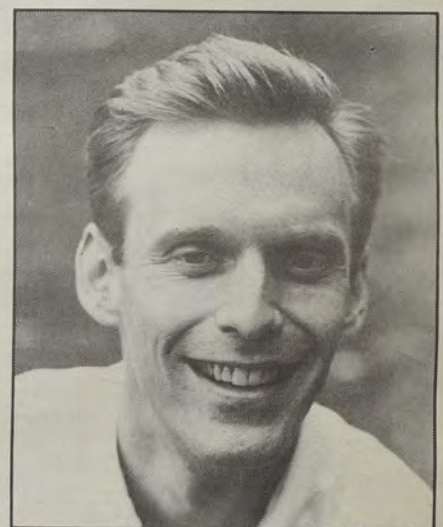
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich. Burial was private.

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RIC Theatre to present its Hit Parade 1993 this summer



ERIC TUCKER



DAN KIRBY

Rhode Island College Theatre this summer will present Hit Parade 1993, another in its continuing series of "successful" musical reviews, announces Edward A. Scheff, professor of theatre.

This year there will be two completely different revues, says Scheff, featuring the music of such great composers as Richard Rodgers, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Alan Jay Lerner.

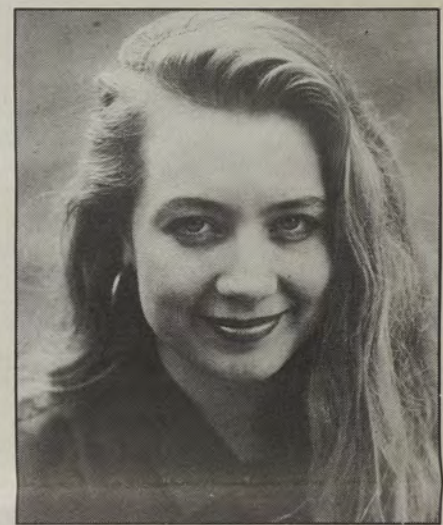
Revue I will be presented July 8-10; Revue II, July 29-31. All performances will be in the air conditioned Roberts Hall auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

The shows will highlight the songs that made the Hit Parade during the 1930s, '40s and 50s, with old favorites from Hollywood, Broadway and Tin Pan Alley.

The cast will be comprised of both RIC and non-RIC performing artists: Jennifer Mudge, Daniel Kirby and Eric Tucker, all of Providence, Rachel Padoll of Pawtucket, Kelly Lynch of Smithfield and Donald Sheehan of Pembroke, Mass.

Director will be RIC theatre Prof. Raymond Picozzi of Newport; the choreographer, Elaine Colaneri; the musical director, Joseph Parillo; the set design, Douglas Cumming; the costumes, Susan Kandziolka; the lighting, Edward Scheff. Parillo will be at the keyboard with Dan Scheff at the drums.

Tickets are \$12 with discounts for senior citizens and students. For more information, call 456-8060.



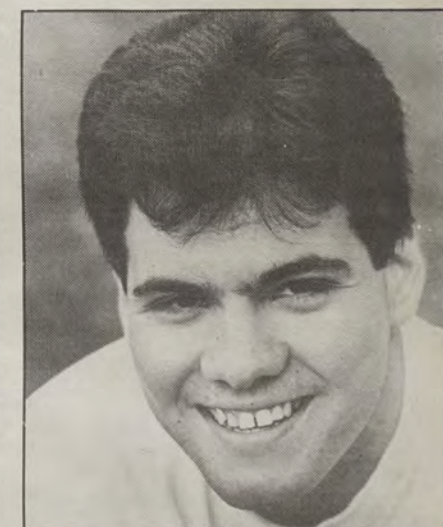
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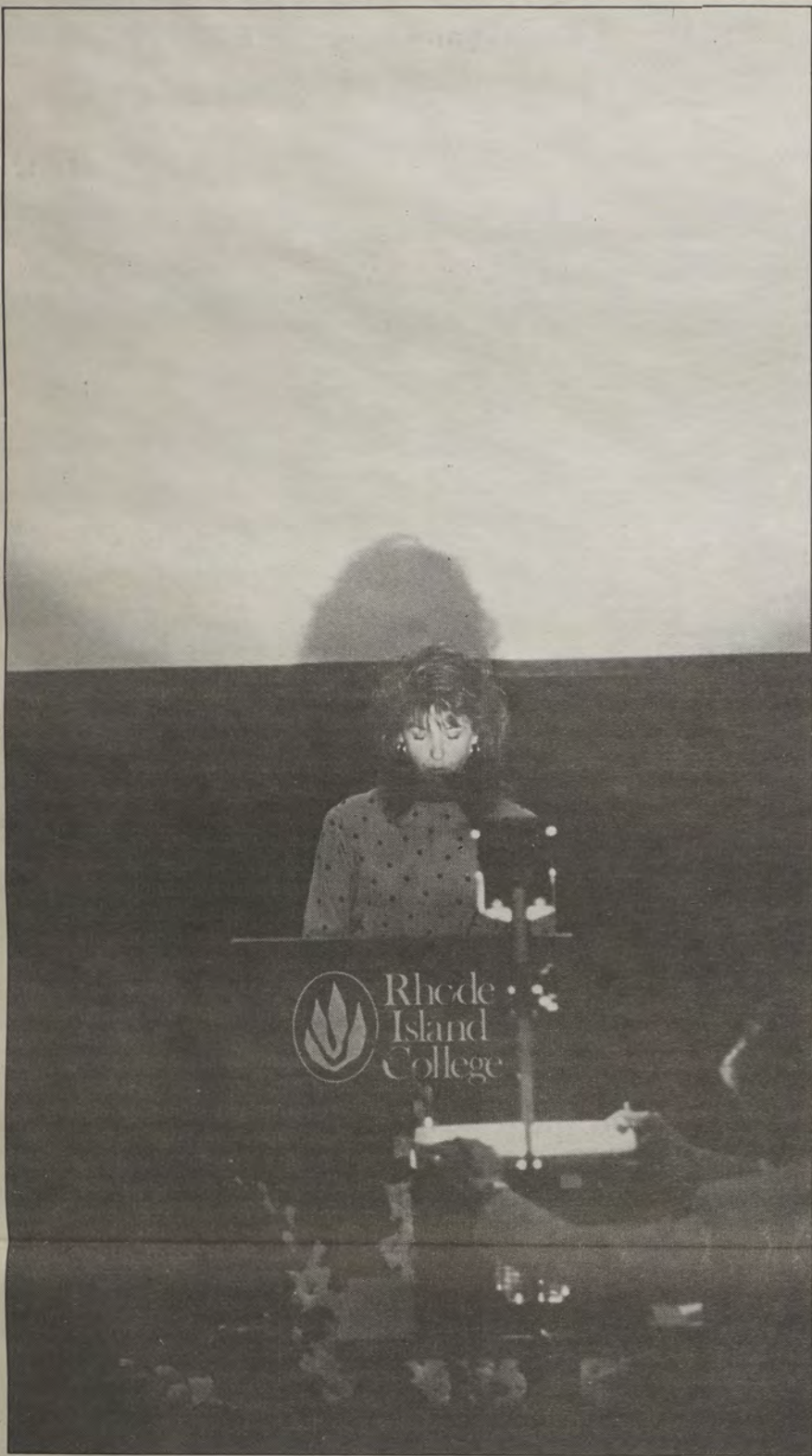
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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE alumnae Kathy St. Jean, Class of 1980, and a partner entertain the crowd at the recent RIC Foundation Gala. St. Jean is the owner of the Dance Connection in Johnston and North Kingstown. (What's News photo by Gordon Rowley)



PRESENTING HER PAPER on 'The Relationship Between Mistreatment as a Child to Adult Relationships and Self Esteem' at the second annual Student Psychological Research Conference April 28 in the Student Union ballroom is Kathleen Carty. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Christa Albrecht— On the 'write' track

by Cynthia L. Sousa

Over the past weekend, thousands of Rhode Islanders visited their local cinema to watch a movie. Or they rented a movie and watched it in the privacy of their home.

The majority of movie-goers watch for the sake of being entertained and to relax. Recommending a movie to friends because "it was good" or not recommending a movie is about as far as people get to critically analyzing or examining a movie's merits or low points.

One viewer among us is in the minority: Rhode Island College senior film studies major Christa Albrecht of Seekonk, Mass.

Albrecht, who has a strong creative writing background, has long pursued her interest in film criticism, defined as "critically breaking films down, analyzing them and writing reviews."

And, she has been doing this while maintaining a 3.85 average at RIC, writing a 115-page novella and several short stories and poems (some of which have been published), working part-time at CVS, occasionally babysitting and spending her free (?) time riding her motorcycle!

The 22-year-old was born in Oklahoma and raised in Colorado and Texas. Her family moved to Massachusetts in 1986. She graduated from Seekonk High School in 1989.

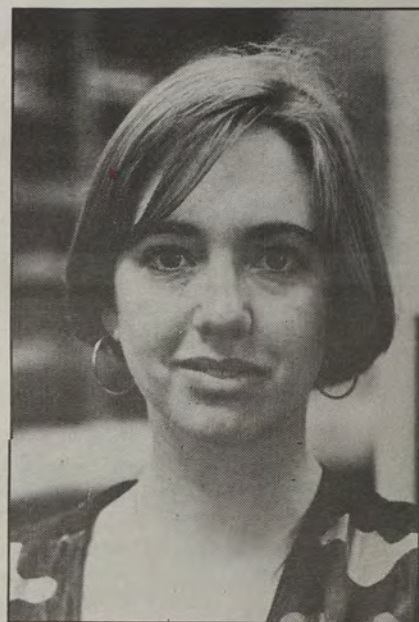
Albrecht says she has been writing creatively since she was a young child and that her interest in film studies mushroomed "when I found out that it was a scholastic area which I could study legitimately."

When she was searching for a college to pursue her interests, she found that "RIC was the only school around" that had a program that suited her.

"I was very impressed with their program," she says. "The faculty had extensive backgrounds in critical film analysis."

Albrecht says she has enjoyed the changes her courses have made in the way she watches films. "The films have all become bigger, I absorb more and feel like I am participating in the film rather than just watching it."

During her sophomore year, Albrecht received the English Writing Award and in her junior year she received the Film Studies Award. Recently Albrecht was chosen as the Film Studies Program Fac-



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ulty Award recipient for "demonstrating outstanding scholarly achievement and unusual promise in the discipline."

Her 26-page short story titled "In Heat" will be published in *Shoreline*, the RIC English department's literary magazine in the fall, which she says she is very happy about. "I'm flattered that they would consider publishing a story of this size."

Two weeks ago she gave her first public reading of the short story at a party celebrating *Shorline's* fifth year of existence.

Her novella is, according to Albrecht, "short on plot and heavy on theme." She says it is a "tragedy of the human spirit" involving someone who wants to break all the attachments in her life.

After graduation, Albrecht and her "motorcycle buddy" John Silvia of Jamestown, plan to travel across the country for four to six weeks on their motorcycles, camping along the way.

Albrecht received her motorcycle, a Suzuki Savage, last December as a gift from Silvia and says she and her friend don't have any specific travel route mapped out, although Otus, Colorado, will be one of their stops. Albrecht grew up in the small town of 500 and says it is "deeply rooted" in her, although she now calls New England her home.

WRITING CONTEST WINNERS, all first place in the annual high school contest are: (front from left) Alison Franklin and Elizabeth Shah-Hosseini, both of the Wheeler School, and Vanessa Smith Valliere of Mount St. Charles; (rear from left) Evan Sicuranza of Wheeler; Rachel Cane of Lincoln, and Rachael Lee Arestad of Wheeler. Each received pens courtesy of the Quill Company, Providence. The contest is sponsored by the Rhode Island Council of Teachers of English, M. Alice Grellner of RIC, president, and RIC. Site is Alumni Lounge on April 29. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

