



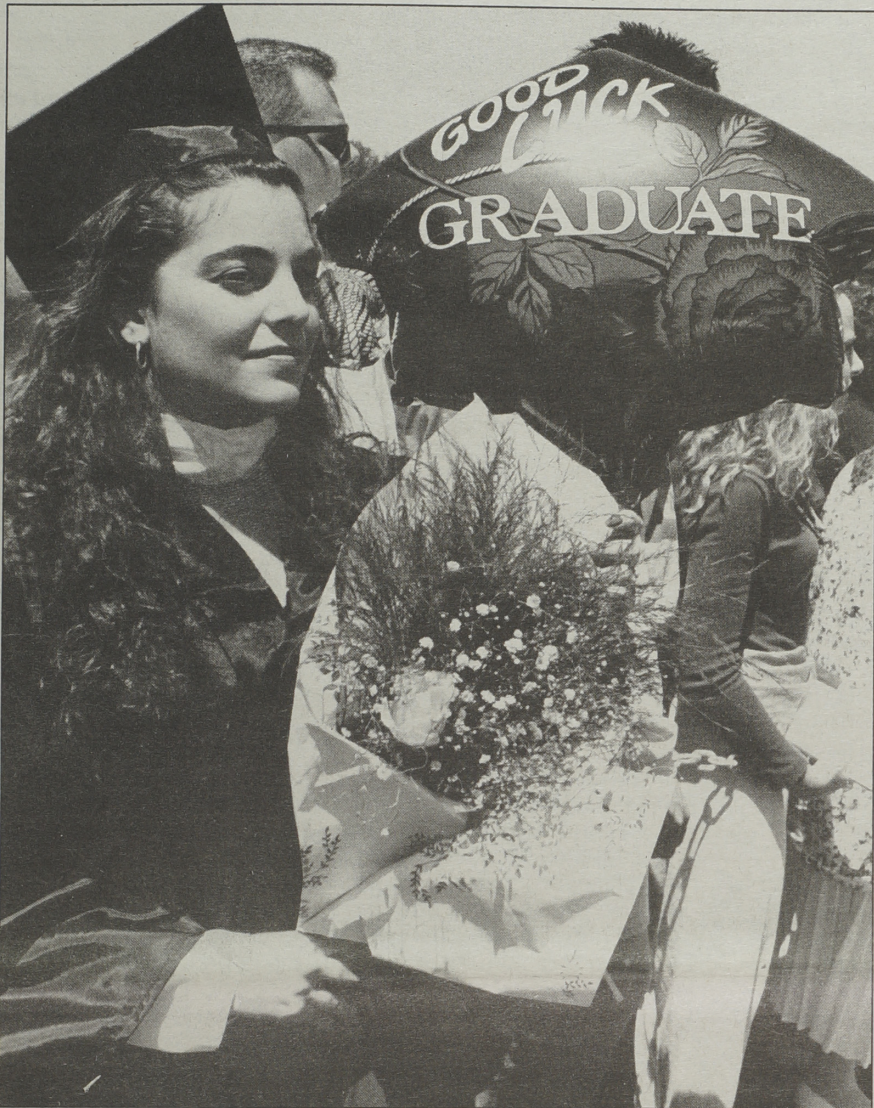
WHAT'S NEWS

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GRADUATE Aimee Santucci of Smithfield, a liberal arts and communications major, awaits the awarding of degrees during May 21 commencement exercises outside Whipple Hall. For more photos of commencement, see pages 8 and 9. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

RIC one of top recipients in humanities grant activity

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College, it seems, has been one of the top recipients of grants in the state as far as the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities (RICH) is concerned.

Since the inception in 1973 of RICH, the state arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities, RIC — with 32 — has been awarded more grants than any other organization except Brown University.

Brown's total is 68 but includes the John Carter Brown Library and the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology.

Third behind RIC is the University of Rhode Island with 30 funded proposals.

Other top recipients of RICH grant money (regranted from the national organization) are the Rhode Island Historical Society, Trinity Repertory Company, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, RISD itself, the Langston Hughes Center for the Arts and the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

All total, the number of organizations served by the grants since 1973-74 is 285, reports Jane H.

Civins, administrative associate to RICH executive director Thomas H. Roberts, who has held that position since the planning stages of RICH in the 1970s.

Ideas for various projects originate with the individual faculty member or members. They usually coordinate their quest for RICH funding with R.N. Keogh, director of research and grants administration at RIC, who works closely with RICH's Roberts or Civins.

"We try to work together for a grant that meets everyone's needs," says Keogh.

The goal of RICH in all the projects is a strengthened public understanding and appreciation of the humanities, explains Civins.

The result of RICH funding, consequently, has been a "mutually satisfying exchange among Rhode Islanders from every walk of life, and professional scholars in the humanities."

From its inception until about 1980, RICH grants had a public policy emphasis, says Civins, but a shift at the national level then took place to a more academic emphasis. Consequently, the type of grants

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1994 commencement —

1,800 get degrees in two ceremonies

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Amidst the annual pomp and circumstance of commencement at Rhode Island College this spring some 1,800 degree candidates received either master's or bachelor's degrees in two separate ceremonies.

Advanced-degree recipients gathered with family, friends, College administrators, faculty, staff and special guests on Thursday evening, May 19, in Roberts Hall auditorium to hear the commencement address of retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Spann Watson, who told the students to persevere for a better world.

"For you who can command the discipline of a multicultural people: Hurry, for some of us are about to rot in the debased subcultures of self-destruction," said the former black pilot who flew in World War II with the Tuskegee "Black Eagles" despite early resistance to that fully trained cadre having combat duty.

Later, he would play a key role in

the development for the armed forces of an integration plan.

Near-perfect weather greeted the several thousand people attending the out-of-doors undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 21, at which Colonel Watson, the founding director of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Edmund Barry Gaither, and the Muir String Quartet were awarded honorary degrees.

The Muir Quartet, minus one member who could not be present, performed several selections.

Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun spoke at both ceremonies, bringing the official greetings of the state to the graduates.

"You come from different races, backgrounds, desires and dreams," said the governor. "One thing brought you all together: to get an education...to increase your opportunities in life."

"I'm not going to stand here today and tell you you're going out into a scary world," said Sundlun, who earlier had announced his plans to seek re-election.

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Summer Theatre presents 'Hit Parade 1994'



"HIT PARADE 1994," two musical reviews slated for next month, will feature the following singers. (L to R), Christine Perron, Jen Barrette, Joseph Carvalho, Melissa Barrette. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

"Hit Parade 1994," two musical revues slated for July by Rhode Island College Theatre, will feature the music of Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin and Jerry Herman.

Revue I will be performed July 14-16; Revue II, July 28-30. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

The performers will be Melissa and Jen Barrette, Christine Perron and Joseph Carvalho.

The three women were all featured in RIC Theatre's production of *Gypsy*. Carvalho was the pianist for the show as well as the assistant conductor.

The director will be Raymond Picozzi; the choreographer, Elaine Colaneri, and the musical director, Robert Elam. Doug Cumming will design sets and lights; Marcia Zammarrelli, costumes.

Tickets will be \$12 for regular admission; \$10 for senior citizens. A subscription package is available. For more information, call 456-8639.

Focus on Faculty and Staff



Lenore Collins, assistant professor of industrial technology, has recently been appointed as examiner for the Rhode Island Quality Awards Program. Her

responsibility will be to score applications and to document and verify the internal continuous improvement procedures of organizations that have applied for the quality award. This newly created program is to honor those companies who promote quality excellence as a competitive initiative. The award program is administered by the Rhode Island Area Coalition for Excellence.

The New England Association of College Admissions Counselors presented its college counselor of the year award to **Patricia Marzocco**, associate director of admissions. She was recognized by professional colleagues as the outstanding college counselor in the college admission process from Rhode Island for 1993-94.

David C. Woolman, acting director of the curriculum resources center, presented a workshop on "Student Involvement in Human Rights: Resources and Activities that Link the Classroom with the World" at the 25th Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies. The conference was held in Boston recently and focused on "Promoting Equality and Human Rights."

William Aho, professor of sociology, had an article entitled "Using a Computer to Improve Classroom Teaching and Meeting Presentations" published in the April issue of *ASA Footnotes*, a publication of the American Sociological Association.

Jeannine Olsen, associate professor of history, received the following grants: a Faculty Research Fellowship, H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1994-95; a J. K. Cameron Faculty Fellowship, St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland, fall semester, 1994; a research grant, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 1994; and a Rhode Island College Research Grant.

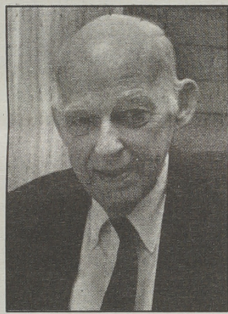
T. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, is one of

eight Rhode Islanders named to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. He and the others were inducted in ceremonies Sunday, May 15, at the 1025 Club in Johnston. According to the Heritage Commission, Tegu is widely recognized "as one of Rhode Island's most acclaimed ambassadors of good will." He resides in Providence with his wife, Catherine.

Thomas H. Meedel, assistant professor of biology, presented a seminar entitled "Lineage Specification of Muscle Cells in the Marine Invertebrate, *Ciona Intestinalis*," at the Samuel C. Johnson Medical Research Center at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., March 14.

Stephen E. Fisher, associate professor of art, is among 30 New England artists from more than 750 applicants to receive a \$5,000 1994 regional fellowship for visual artists from the New England Foundation for the Arts in the works-on-paper category.

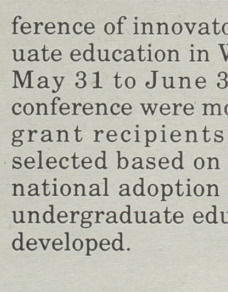
James J. Scanlan, M.D., director of student health, is the author of an article in the current issue of *Old Rhode Island* on "The Independent Man," the statue that adorns the top of the Rhode Island State House. He notes that Gorham Manufacturing Company cast the 12-foot, 800 lb.-plus, re-cycled bronze statue (re-cycled from an equestrian statue of Simon Bolivar in New York's Central Park) in 1899 and for its work charged the grand



sum of \$3,000. The State House itself—all 327,000 cubic feet of Georgia marble—cost a little over \$3 million, which would be considered "a mere pittance" at today's

prices.

Vivian R. Morgan, associate professor of mathematics, has been recognized as a successful innovator in science, mathematics and engineering education by the National Science Foundation, which invited her to attend a national conference of innovators in undergraduate education in Washington, D.C., May 31 to June 3. Attending the conference were more than 250 NSF grant recipients who have been selected based on the potential for national adoption of the reforms in undergraduate education they have developed.



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ASSOCIATION & ALUMNI FUND NEWS

When the Class of 1944 held their 50th Reunion on May 19, I was invited to attend. Actually, they invited me to attend three days of festivities and I had a ball (I don't know why it surprises so many people that it would be such fun to spend time with a "slightly older" group of alumni)! Their first event was a dinner at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Warwick.

Claire Crohan, reunion chairperson, asked me to say a few words at dinner. I talked about the fact that RIC alumni are everywhere—in all 50 states. Actually, that's only true as long as Joan Olsen, Class of '78, doesn't move. She's our only graduate living in North Dakota. I had my back to a corridor in the hotel and as I was speaking, someone came up behind me and gave me a hug. It was Lou Marciano who was there for a different event. Marciano received his masters degree in education in 1960.

It was perfect timing to tell the class of my recurring nightmares about RIC alumni being everywhere. I never open my car window to yell at a driver who has done something I don't like. I figure if I do, the next day that same person will come into the Alumni Office. She would say, "Hi, I'm Mary Smith, Class of '58, here to plan my reunion, and you look very familiar." Remember, they're (we're) everywhere.

The Class of 1944 is everywhere from coast to coast. Herb Frolander managed to fly in from Oregon after learning about the reunion only 30 hours before. His mail had been held at the university where he taught. Mary Heffernan arrived via the most unusual transportation. Not having a wheelchair accessible van or bus, she hired an ambulance to get to the reunion.

Several men from the class left for the war during college. Although Francis Searle and Art Nelson actually finished in 1946, they want to remain a part of their true class of 1944 (we've updated the files to count you in both places). And Ed Sullivan and Arline Cowell have been made honorary members of the class. Although they started at RIC and have strong feelings for the class, they finished elsewhere.

The spirit and fellowship of that evening was tremendous. Their class president and RIC professor emerita Marion Wright encouraged classmates to share memories about the college and the time that had passed. What a great group! Thanks for including me.

This is my last column for the summer and I look forward to writing again in the fall. Something to think about. We are doing some renovations at Alumni House and the progress has been excellent so far. I thought as we get the interior looking



good we should have an open house. Actually, call the office if you want to be notified of the date. Here's the deal. We thought the best way to have an open house and improve the outside appearance would be to ask everyone who comes to the open house to bring us a plant or shrub to replant on the grounds. I'm also hoping to find someone to donate a landscape design and give us a list of housewarming plants and shrubs. We can make this place look wonderful with your help.

Holly Shadoian
Director of Alumni Affairs

Former RIC librarian Katherine Cuzner dies

Katherine L. Cuzner, who played an integral role in the life of the institution for a span of 38 years before, during and after its transition from Rhode Island College of Education (RICE) to Rhode Island College, died May 14 at Rhode Island Hospital at age 91.

A resident of Providence for over 50 years, she had resided in Beneficent House and Hallworth House in that city in recent years.

Having joined the staff of RICE in 1927, she was extensively involved with the relocation of the College library when the College moved from its Providence site to its present location on the Mount Pleasant campus in 1958 and then to its present location in what is now the James P. Adams Library.

The College changed its name and emphasis from primarily a teachers college to a comprehensive institution of higher education in 1959. Miss Cuzner retired with the academic rank of associate professor in 1965.

A collection in the College archives of papers, records and memorabilia relating to RICE from 1898 to 1959 is known as the Katherine Cuzner File.

Professor Cuzner was among a group of College retirees honored at a luncheon given by the Class of 1940 last June.

Born in York, Maine, a daughter of the late Willie and Ada Cuzner, she was educated at Simmons College, Boston, where she received her bachelor of science degree in 1923 and her master of arts from Columbia University Teachers College, New York, in 1941.

She began her career as a librarian at the former Trinity College, now Duke University, N.C. from 1923 until joining the RICE library staff. She was a member of Grace Church, Providence.

She leaves three nephews, Robert Cuzner of Portland, Maine, James E. Cuzner of Danvers, Mass., and John R. Cuzner of Watertown, Mass. She was sister of the late Edith Ashley, and Albert and William Cuzner.

A graveside service was held May 19 at the First Parish Cemetery, York, Maine.

G.L.

College Shorts

Art workshops at RIC for children

Rhode Island College is offering several two-week art workshops during the summer for children ages 5-15.

Workshops include mixed media, sculpture, drawing, clay and computer art. Cost is \$125.

Dates are July 11-21, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Students are asked to bring a light snack.

Registration deadline is June 24. A brochure on the workshops includes a registration form and can be obtained by calling the RIC art department at 456-8054 or Henry Barnard School at 456-8127.

HBS News

Four students at the Henry Barnard School have been designated as winners in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Earth Artists Program, it was announced by Ronald Tibbetts, HBS principal.

The four students, Brent Johnson, Katherine Meckel, Chelsea Toder and Lynn Hu are third graders at HBS. The student received a certificate at an awards ceremony held at Rhode Island College recently.

According to the EPA, thousands of students from all over New England, in grades kindergarten to six, entered this contest.

In addition, a group of students in Dr. Ruggiero's sixth grade class were honored at an awards luncheon recently for winning the "Most Creative Presentation of a Company in the Providence Journal-Bulletin's Newspaper in Education Department Stock Market Game's Portfolio Profile Contest.

The students were Allison Rogers, Dionne Williams, Amanda Rowley, Jesse Dover and Harry Cicma.

They assessed Bell Atlantic's stock and charted its performance over a period of time.

Also, during the MS READATHON, HBS students raised over \$2,000 this year.

Robert Young Memorial Scholarship

As a tribute to his 24 years of distinguished service at Rhode Island College and in recognition of his steadfast commitment to the educational enterprise, the biology department will establish a memorial scholarship in the name of the late Dr. Robert M. Young.

All persons interested in honoring his good name and perpetuating his memory may contribute to the Young Scholarship Fund by writing a check to the RIC Foundation, Robert M. Young Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Development Office, Roberts Hall.

The 'ultimate' reward for Mom Brown



ONE HAPPY FAMILY: Claudette Brown is surrounded by her twins Stephen (left) and Sheri and son Bill. All three graduated from college this spring.

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

When Claudette Brown's sons became Eagle Scouts, she remembers being "very proud." But "the ultimate" came recently when all three of her children graduated from college.

Brown, of Smithfield, has been a cook's helper in Donovan Dining Center for the past 13 years. Her daughter, Sheri, and son, Stephen, 23-year-old twins, graduated from Rhode Island College in May. Her son, Bill, graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island in June.

"I like working at RIC," admits Brown. "My job has served me well and was a big help in putting my children through college."

Sheri attended RIC for five years and double majored in justice studies and sociology. Her brother Stephen first attended CCRI receiving an associate's degree and later transferred to RIC. He also received a B.A. in justice studies with an emphasis in criminal justice and, after completing a summer course, will obtain a minor in sociology.

Bill, 22, received an associate's degree in liberal arts from CCRI. He is employed as a district service representative for the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*.

The fact that the twins majored in the same field is coincidental according to Sheri. "Stephen wanted to be a police officer since he was five years old, so criminal justice was always his interest. I changed my major from elementary education and later to accounting before finally finding my niche in justice studies."

Sheri explains that she chose to attend RIC after high school because it was close to home, many of her friends were planning to attend and of course "because Mom worked there. RIC was a positive experience for me," she said. "It was everything I expected from college."

Sheri gained practical experience in her field by participated in two

internships while at RIC — one at the Department of Children, Youth and Families and one with Channel 10's Tuesday's Child.

Presently, she works part time as a substitute teacher's aide at the Child Enrichment Center in Providence but hopes to obtain a full time position in the human service field. Much of her time is spent babysitting. "I love kids," she stated. Some day she hopes to return to RIC to pursue a master's degree in social work.

Stephen had the fortunate opportunity of interning at the State Police headquarters in Scituate. He said his interest in being a police officer, particularly a state trooper, came from being around his godfather, who was a state trooper. "I have a genuine interest in policing," he professes. "The internship was very exciting for me."

In his pursuit of fulfilling his dream of becoming a state trooper, Stephen has been somewhat successful. At only 18 years old he made his first attempt. His plan now is to keep trying. In the meantime, Stephen wants to become a police officer in a town or city. In fact, Brown said, "Stephen left the commencement ceremony at RIC right after receiving his diploma because he had to take a test for employment as an officer."

Stephen works for Eastern Utilities tinting windows for offices and homes. He's been working for the company for about eight years, working full time while a student.

He and his wife Kimberly (Warren), a dental hygienist he met at CCRI, live in North Providence.

Both Sheri and Stephen credit professor Pamela Jackson for making their experience at RIC more positive. "She was always willing to help," said Sheri. Stephen, who admits to not really having much interest in school, said Jackson's encouragement helped him stick it out. Sheri said professor Jason Blank was also very helpful to her.

The twins agree they had the support of both of parents, Claudette and her husband Benjamin, a self-employed printing representative, in furthering their education. Sheri said her mother was naturally more empathetic to their situation because she works at the College and "sees what kids go through, especially during exam time."

Brown said all of her children are "good kids." During a trying period when she cared for her aging and ill parents, the Brown family pulled together as a unit and pitched in.

Helping each other is not unusual, especially for twins.

They took a few classes together and, since Sheri was further along in her studies, Stephen got to use a lot of her notebooks. "That helped," he said with a laugh.

"Being twins, Stephen and I were always together... we got our licenses together, doubled for the senior prom and graduated from high school together. It was nice that we also graduated from RIC together," said Sheri.

RIC to host biology teachers' conference

A regional conference for biology teachers is planned for August 3 through 5 at Rhode Island College. Sponsored by the College and the Rhode Island Biology Teachers' Association, the conference is being coined "Biology Teaching in the 21st Century."

Among the topics to be presented are "Genetic Information for the 21st Century" and "Bioethical Issues in the Classroom," along with discussion on the national science standards. A tour of a local biotech firm, BW Manufacturing, formerly WelGen, is planned for August 5.

RIC professors include Lloyd Matsumoto, molecular biologist, and Sheri Smith, medical ethicist. Other presenters are Paul Gregory, education coordinator for the National Institute of Health, Human Genome Project, and Judith Sweeney, National Science Teachers Association District Director.

For registration and fee information, call Prof. Matsumoto at 401-456-9539.



STUDYING SPEED AND ACCELERATION at the Technology Education Fair sponsored by The R.I.C. Technology Education Club are (L&R) Michael Graichen and Jeremy Taylor of Exeter-West Greenwich Junior High. The fair was held May 14 in Whipple hall. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

New Media3 features *Next Exit*

The final event of New Media3, an annual conference focusing on New Media Art and Technology, is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 on the Rhode Island College campus. The evening opens at 7:30 p.m. with video works of several recent RIC graduates, and closes with the east coast premier of the internationally acclaimed multimedia performance, *Next Exit*.

Dana Atchley, a Dartmouth College graduate, is a San Francisco multimedia artist whose attendance will coincide with the College's first offering of an all digital video course. During the day, the artist will work in the class with Philip Palombo, associate professor of communications, in RIC's newly-established MultiCultural Media Center and later that evening present the east coast premier of his much lauded digital multimedia performance, *Next Exit*.

NextExit is set in a large-screen projection of a computer display which displays graphical representations of stories which are fully interactive. The performance was recently highlighted in *Electronic Entertainment*, *Videography* magazine, *Morph's Outpost*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, and on the Cable News Network. Aside from recently winning a top award at the International Quick Time and Multimedia Festival in San Francisco, Atchley was also nominated for a distinguished award at the Digital World International

Interactive Multimedia Festival.

Palombo, coordinator of the NewMedia3 conference, said, "I've been familiar with Dana and his video artwork since the 70s when he was performing Road Show. He has always been one of the artists working in video in a thoroughly refreshing and engaging way. While he uses the latest in available technology the view never gets a sense of its presence."

Palombo said he recently experienced a special presentation of *Next Exit* where Dana was performing to an audience containing some of America's leading technology

developers and media critics and "he just never missed a beat in elevating the audience to another level of experience in his narrative. He is a craftsman of the highest order in the new cyber frontier."

In an *Electronic Entertainment* interview of May '94 Atchley stated, "Multimedia is nothing new, but the power of computers to integrate and control various media is—and it's very exciting. For the first time I am not limited by available technology. We're talking about a whole new way to store our memories—the Electronic Family Album."

This is the only scheduled Rhode Island performance of *Next Exit* after which Atchley leaves for a European tour. This event is free and open to the public and sponsored in part by the Committee for College Lectures and Films and the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

RIC to sponsor youth basketball camp

The Rhode Island College men's basketball team, under the guidance of head coach, James Adams, will sponsor a summer basketball camp for girls and boys from July 11 through July 15. The camp will be held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Corliss Park, Providence.

Adams said the "Invest in Dreams" basketball camp stemmed from some brainstorming by his staff and members of the team to think of ways to raise money for team expenses and "give something back to the community at the same time."

"Organizing a summer basketball camp for local kids benefits them because they'll learn some new skills and have fun," the 15-year

head coach said. "And it's a way for us to raise money for equipment and travel expenses for the next season."

The camp will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will be staffed by members of the RIC basketball team. Assisting Adams will be his assistant coach at RIC, David Johnston, former head basketball coach at North Kingstown High School. Youngsters 9 through 16 years old are eligible to participate. Adams said a typical day includes mini-lectures, drills, games, foul shooting, lunch, guest speakers and individual instruction.

The fee is \$100, which includes lunches, instruction, and t-shirt. Call 456-8007 or 821-2819 for registration forms or more information.

RIC and Prov. Chamber to sponsor int'l business conference

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

The Rhode Island College Center for Industrial Technology and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce will welcome more than 25 business executives and educators from Russia, Latvia and other CIS Republics for a month-long conference intended to stimulate international economic development opportunities and business-to-business networking links between Rhode Island and those foreign countries.

"Doing Business with Americans," will run from July 5 through Aug. 2 on the RIC campus. The foreign business men and women and educators will travel throughout Rhode Island visiting local companies, and learn how American businesses operate. Each of the conference participants will be linked with a Rhode Island company during their stay, which will also include day-long sessions and tours of various companies and plants for the entire group.

"This idea of having the foreign companies come to America to actually see how American businesses operate is unique," according to conference organizer Karon Dionne, RIC Project Graphics coordinator. "Local business and educational enterprises usually travel to the various countries. This conference will give the new-comers to American business first-hand knowledge on how business is done on our turf."

Dionne said the conference is the brainchild of her administrative assistant, Leonid Gurevich, a Latvian native, who was an editor of a medical journal before coming to Rhode Island three years ago. It was through his continued relationship with friends and business acquaintances in Latvia that the idea of the conference took hold and mushroomed.

Providence international business entrepreneur, William Bergh Gamble, who learned to speak Russian from Gurevich, is helping to coordinate events, along with the faculty and staff at RIC and the Providence Chamber of Commerce. Gamble, who regularly works with companies from Russia, Latvia and

the CIS Republics will keynote the conference with a presentation on "Why Rhode Island is the Appropriate Place for Eastern Europeans to do Business with Americans."

According to Chamber President James Hagan, his organization "is pleased" to welcome the business delegates from Russia and Latvia to the United States.

"We are very optimistic about the upcoming conference," he said. "The Russian and Latvian Republics offer a tremendous opportunity for international trade that cannot be ignored as area businesses struggle to emerge from a lingering recession. I am particularly pleased that the conference is being held in Providence, consequently offering our local businesses an opportunity to develop business relationships with the delegates."

Among the foreign visitors include business people in the automobile industry, medical equipment and pharmaceutical businesses, electronic product sales, marketing, sugar production, storage and distribution, banking, commercial fisheries, and management professors from Latvian University.

The Chamber is working on matching local businesses to their appropriate foreign counterparts to build networks for international trade and continued economic development. Some of the companies confirmed to participate are Brosco and Brosco Legal Services, Soluol Chemical in West Warwick, Quest for Excellence in Providence, and J.F. Moran Company with offices in Massachusetts and Cranston.

Interpreters and intensive business-English mini-classes will be offered by the College, along with seminars and lectures on topics such as "How to Present a Business Plan" and understanding the terminology of an American corporation, to marketing techniques used in American businesses.

Dionne said additional activities are planned including cultural, recreational and social exchanges between Rhode Island residents, businesses and the visitors.

For further information, call Dionne at the Center for Industrial Technology, at 401-456-8698.



EARLIER this year Dr. Laurence Marlow (center), of the Division of Legal, Political and Social Studies of South Bank University, London, visited with President John Nazarian (right) and Dean of Arts and Sciences Richard Weiner to develop a sister school relationship with R.I.C. for the purpose of student and faculty exchanges. As a result, his summer seven R.I.C. students are studying at South Bank University. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

Retirees honored for a collective 324 years of service;

Ken Walker retires from three 'careers'

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A man of diverse interests and successes, this Rhode Island College professor attributes it "all to education" which, he says, enabled him to feel "very comfortable" doing other things during his years as an educator.

Kenneth R. Walker served on the RIC faculty for 23-plus years; has served as a highly regarded high school and college basketball official, and continues to serve as chairman of the state Parole Board.

Consequently, when he decided to retire a few years ago, he was looking at retirement from three "careers."

As it worked out, he's retired from full-time responsibility in each of these endeavors, but he hasn't quit altogether yet.

He retired as a professor of secondary education last Christmas and was one of 14 RIC retirees honored at the recent Commencement Gala.

He stopped officiating at college basketball games four years ago at which time he was asked to be an observer in the Atlantic 10 Conference and Ivy League, which means he goes to games to evaluate officials.

As chairman of the Rhode Island Parole Board for the past eight years, Walker has served on a part-time basis under three governors.

Upon the chairman's position being made full-time by an act of the state legislature last year, Walker was offered the job but declined and today serves as chairman only until the governor fills the position. Then Walker, in all likelihood, will continue to serve as a board member on a part-time basis.

Very interesting life

"I've had a very interesting life," feels Walker, who is a life-long resident of East Providence where he lives with his wife, Gail. They are the parents of three children and

grandparents of five.

Walker sees education as the basis of his "well-being," an education that provided degrees from Providence College (bachelor's in education), RIC (master's in guidance and counseling) and Boston University (doctorate in education).

While studying for his advanced degrees, Walker pursued a career in education, starting out working with boys in the John Hope Settlement House, Providence; then as a classroom teacher at Central Junior High School in East Providence; guidance counselor and assistant varsity basketball coach at East Providence High; assistant principal at Central Junior High, and then, in 1970, faculty member at RIC where he began as coordinator of urban education.

Not long after he began his tenure at RIC, Walker served as project director for a series of seminars on race and poverty. The seminars were conducted at six different locations in the state and were attended by more than 400 elementary and secondary school teachers.

At another point

At another point in his years at RIC, Walker was invited to teach by the inmates at the Adult Correctional Institution's Wing of Hope, which houses prisoners serving terms on drug-related charges.

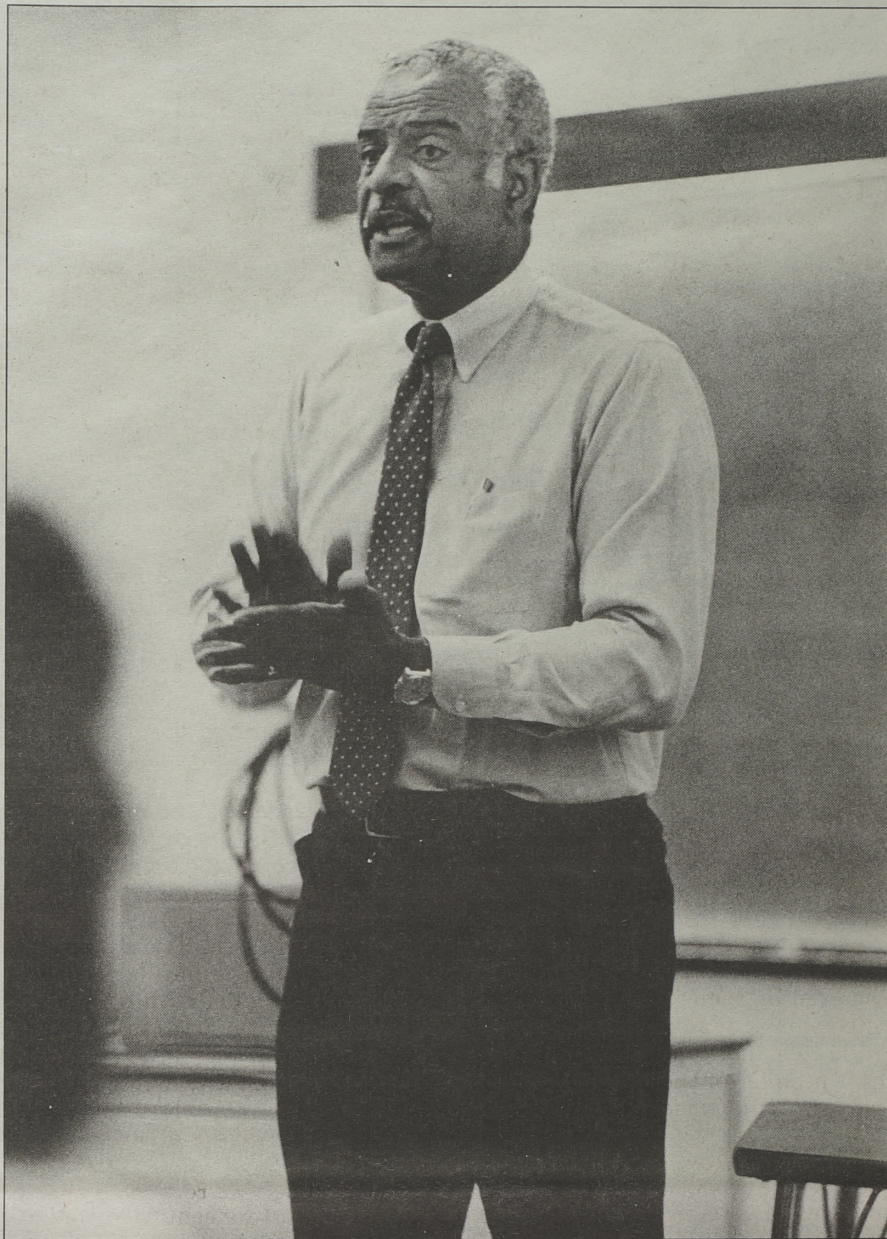
They had heard about this tall, rangy, black man who was both teacher and athletic official, and they wanted him to teach them.

As one of the inmates said later, Walker was "teaching history as you never heard it in high school"... history not necessarily from the white man's point of view.

"Rhode Island College...the people..." Walker says, momentarily struggling to find the right words, "my colleagues, made it possible for me, in the 23-plus years here, to get a good perspective on life."

"I'll always be grateful to the fine human beings I've met at this campus," he adds, capping off the tribute.

On May 20, RIC people, his colleagues, paid him and the 13 other retirees their own tribute, noting



KENNETH R. WALKER, PROFESSOR EMERITUS

the 324 years or so of service given collectively to the College by the eight faculty members, two members of the administrative staff and four members of the support staff.

College President John Nazarian, noting the 324 years of collective service at the recent Commencement Gala in Donovan

Dining Center, thanked each of the retirees while presenting each with a memento of their service.

Gordon N. Sundberg, director of personnel, told the retirees, faculty, staff and officers of the Class of 1994 and their guests that retirees, so called, were now being called "refirees" and the act of retirement "renewment."

Amidst the chuckles that followed, he wished them well in whatever activity they next sought to pursue.

The retirees, their departments and their years of service are:

Faculty

Dr. Kenneth R. Walker of East Providence, secondary education, 23; Dr. Earl E. Stevens of Cumberland, English, 25; Dr. Vincent F. Calia of East Providence, counseling/educational psychology, 30; Dr. Henry P. Guillotte of Providence, mathematics and computer science, 30; H. Samuel Hall of Little Compton, mathematics and computer science, 34; Dr. David M. Hysell of Greenville, art, 23; Dr. Carolyn R. Swift of Providence, English, 29; Dr. Panajotis T. Votoras of Providence, English, 31.

Administrative Staff

Dr. William F. Kavanaugh of North Smithfield, industrial technology, 24; Christine L. Watts of Providence, Henry Barnard School, 24.

Support Staff

Virginia Broccoli of Johnston, music, 25; Marie D'Andrea of Johnston, School of Social Work, 8; Herbert H. O'Neill of West Warwick, security, 11; Kenneth Stanley of North Providence, custodial services,



CELEBRATING THEIR RETIREMENT from Rhode Island College at the Commencement Gala with President Nazarian (center) are: (L to R) David M. Hysell, art, 23 years; H. Samuel Hall, mathematics and computer science, 34 years; Christine L. Watts, Henry Barnard School, 24 years; William F. Kavanaugh, industrial technology, 24; Henry P. Guillotte, mathematics and computer science, 30 years; Earl E. Stevens, English, 25 years; Kenneth R. Walker, secondary education, 23 years. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

All 43 Upward Bound grads headed to college



SIX UPWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded at the program's graduation ceremonies June 7 in Gaige Auditorium. Recipients were (L to R) Denise C. Bairos of East Providence High, \$500 from the City of East Providence; Marcin G. Ruszkowski of Shea High School, \$200 from the City of Pawtucket; Diania M. Inoa of Central High School, \$300 from the Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Fund; Anna V. Dyachenko of Mt. Pleasant High School, \$250 from the City of Providence; Juan Carlos Samayoa of Central High, \$1,000 from Upward Bound Alumni Scholarships Fund; and Zankhana M. Patel of Central Falls High, \$250 from the City of Central Falls. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Upward Bound program at Rhode Island College graduated 43 students at its 28th annual commencement ceremony on June 7 in RIC's Gaige Hall auditorium, capping from one to four years of study for the students who were selected from six target high schools in the area to prepare for college or university acceptance.

All 43 have been accepted and will head to 14 different colleges or universities in the fall, reports Mariam Z. Boyajian, program director.

Glenda Green, an Upward Bound graduate from the Class of 1986, delivered the main address.

She had attended Mount Pleasant High School prior to participation in Upward Bound, then went on to graduate from Boston College and the University of Baltimore Law School. Green is currently the assistant court monitor for the Baltimore

city schools.

Other speakers in the ceremony which was attended by parents, friends, target school administrators, community representatives, College and Upward Bound staff included College President John Nazarian and Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs.

Each of the graduates received a diploma and commemorative pen.

Alumni Scholarship winners were Juan Carlos Samayoa, \$1,000 and Diania M. Inoa, \$300, both of Central High School.

RICH grant activity at RIC

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changed somewhat.

Grant formats have included discussions, dramatic productions, workshops, lectures, public exhibits and the production of films, slide-tape presentations, and television and radio programs.

One of the earliest

One of the earliest grants from RICH in 1973-74 was to the RIC political science department for "Criminal Law in Rhode Island's Future" for which \$4,200 was

Theatre for Emily, Inc. to communications professor Lawrence Budner. It was entitled "Wonder of the World: The Brown & Sharpe Company and the Rhode Island Industrial Experience."

"A wonderful and innovative grant in 1979," according to Civins, went to English professor Carolyn R. Lenz Swift. It was entitled "Commuter Classroom" and provided great quotations' posters that were installed in city buses and

received grants as RICH projects directors, in addition to those named, are Victor L. Profughi, political science; E. Pierre Morenon, anthropology; John Custer, Performing Arts Series; P. William Hutchinson, theater; David Burr, theater, and the late Tess Hoffmann, English.

In addition to being the recipients of grants, a number of RIC faculty have served on the committee.

"RIC members have been a very big part of our history," says Civins, who explains that membership in RICH is divided between those from the community and those from academia, about a 50-50 ratio, giving RICH "members who represent the state."

Civins points out, however, that members of RICH serve as individuals and not as representatives of an institution. Members do not vote on grants for themselves.

Appointment to RICH is made by RICH itself or by the governor, says Peter S. Allen, RIC professor of anthropology and current RICH member along with Professor Lemons.

Other RIC members who have served on the RICH board include Sheri Smith, Donald Deignan, Carl Stenberg, William H. Robinson Jr. and, as a founding member, Joseph Kauffmann.

which proved to be very popular.

Other funded proposals for RICH included "Technology/Culture: Man-Made vs. Machine-Made Art, 1830-1880," "Macbeth: Ambition, Power and American Politics," "Ritual, Music and Dance," "Liberty and Justice for All: A Night with Clarence Darrow," "Always Servile?: Black Women in the White World of American Film" and the "Complete Beethoven String Quartet Cycle: Lectures and Performances."

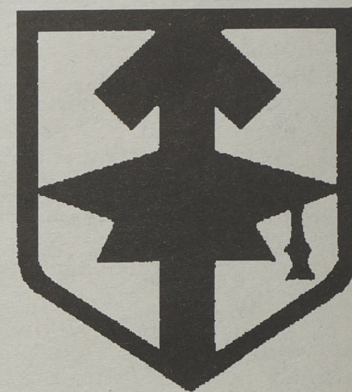
RIC faculty

Some of the RIC faculty who have

Target School Scholarships of \$250 each were presented to the seniors who have the highest academic average at their respective high schools.

Winners are Zankhana Patel of Central Falls High School, a participant in the Upward Bound program since the 9th grade; Denise Bairos of East Providence High School; Marcin Ruszkowski of Pawtucket's Shea High School, and Ana Dyachenko of Providence's Mount Pleasant High School.

The graduates by high school and the college or university they will attend are:



Central

Elisy I. Blanco, Providence College; Alexi Franco, RIC; Diania Inoa, University of Rhode Island; Claribel Polanco, Providence College; Chan Pong, Providence College; Keisy Salado, University of Rhode Island; Juan Samayoa, University of Rhode Island; Gabriel Shepherd, RIC; Ruad Sok, RIC; Say Xiong, RIC.

Central Falls

Marelviz Benitez, University of Rhode Island; Zankhana Patel, Brown University.

East Providence

Denise Bairos, RIC; Nicole Garnett, Providence College; Lavie Stanley, University of New Hampshire.

Hope

Aktabia Hodge, University of Rhode Island; Erroll Lomba, Grambling State University; Amilcar Lopes, Boston College; Danielle Roberts, Syracuse University; Grizzel Rodrigues, University of Rhode Island.

Mount Pleasant

Vilayvanh Arounlangsy, University of Rhode Island; Anna Dyachenko, RIC; Noni Gobern, Providence College; Luis Grullon, Brown University; Sixcia Henderson, University of Rhode Island; Niphone Lithavong, RIC; Jessica Martinez, Drexel University; Maria Monteiro, University of Rhode Island; Saen Mullix, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Keoaroun Phrathep, RIC; Shirley Sandoval, Boston College; Joyel Traylor, RIC.

Shea

Abner Correia, University of Rhode Island; Jorge Correia, Boston University; Maria Coutinho, Yale University; Natalya Goman, RIC; Chetan Mistry, University of Rhode Island; Osvaldo Monteiro, Boston College; Mildred Portillo, Connecticut College; Edith Restrepo, Roger Williams University; Marcin Ruszkowski, Brown University; Monica Sousa, Brown University; Erin Wilcox, RIC.

Commencement

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He cited the economic recovery in the state and his administration's record in human services and told the students they have "an unlimited chance" for success.

"There's nothing that is going to stand in your way," he said.

College President John Nazarian introduced the 50th Anniversary Class of 1944 which received a loud round of applause. Class representatives Claire V. Crohan and Marion I. Wright presented Nazarian with a check for over \$7,000 to benefit the College library.

Remarking that this year's graduating class is the first since his inauguration as President in 1990, Nazarian reinforced the need for continued financial support from the state, congratulated all the graduates, and welcomed everyone in attendance to "these commencement exercises...And what a beautiful day it is!"

He urged the graduates to "use what you have learned at the College to make this a better world for all people." He asked each "to help restore the sense of duty, responsibility, respect, understanding, compassion and, above all, the sense of community and family."

Other speakers in the ceremonies included representatives from the state Board of Governors for Higher Education Richard A. Licht, chairman, and Joseph A. Almagno; president of the senior class David Fazo; master's degree candidate Kevin J. Costa, and chair of the Council of RIC John J. Gleason.

This was the first time in 13 years that the College has held separate commencement exercises for its undergraduate and graduate classes. Degree recipients included those who completed their studies last January, this May or who will complete them this August.

Grove students 'make college a habit' with School of Ed faculty



"MAKE COLLEGE A HABIT" program between Rhode Island College and the Grove Avenue Elementary School in East Providence brought parents, children, teachers and RIC faculty together to explore the campus and interact with professors. The two-year-old program began last year when about 48 first graders and their parents visited the RIC campus for the first time. On May 23, the same students visited as second graders, along with their parents. They participated in two science classes taught by elementary education prof. MacGregor Kniseley and secondary education prof. Paul Tiskus. On May 27, first graders at Grove visited the campus to begin their six year journey to "make college a habit" as they travel through their elementary school years. Each student is given a notebook during their first visit with their name and a "footprint" with the grade level on the cover. Following the visit, they return to their classrooms and write a story about their experience at RIC. Each year they write a new story. Upon graduating from Grove, they will leave with the notebook and "a better understanding about what college is all about."

32 inducted into nurses honor society

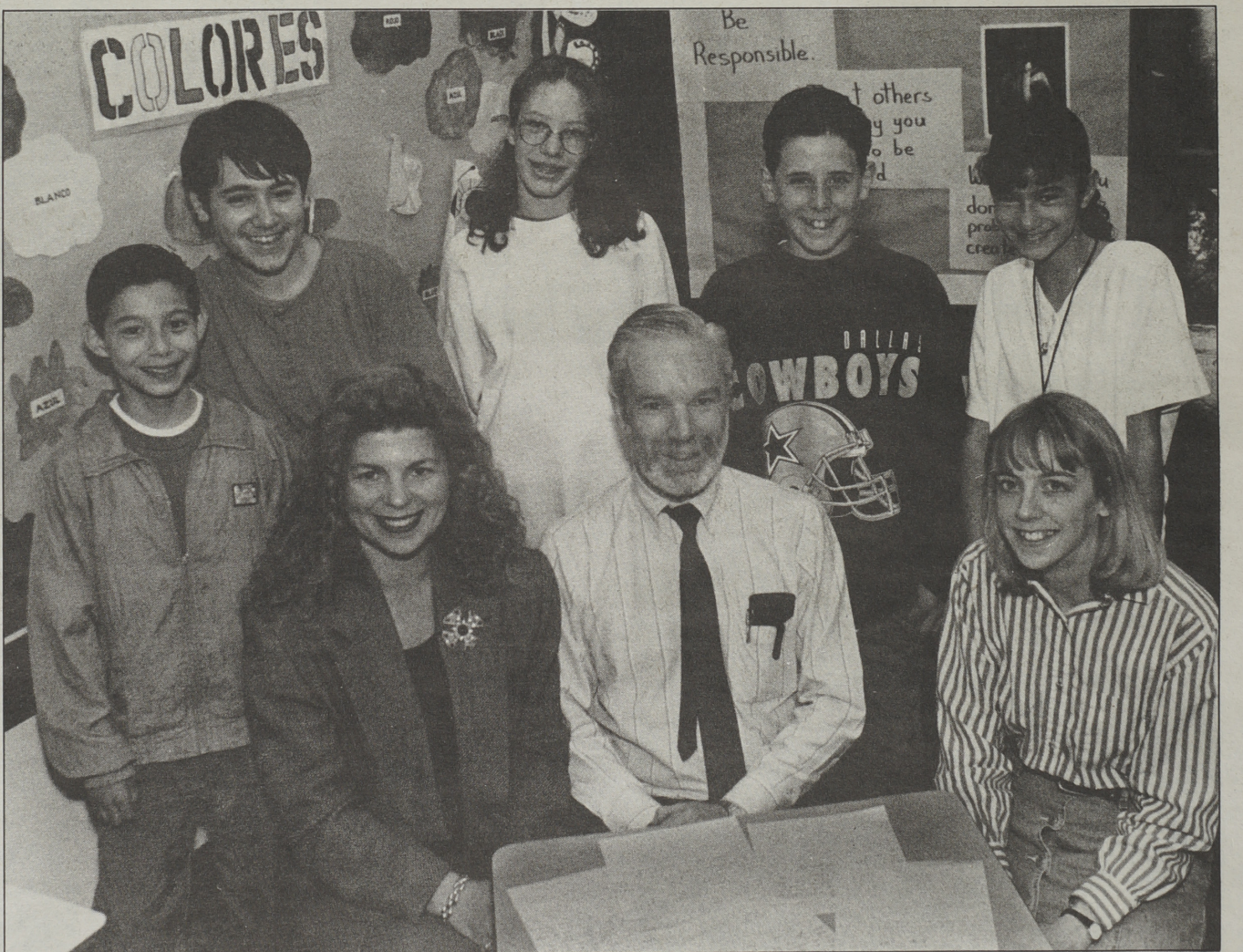
Some 32 Rhode Island College students of nursing were inducted into the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, in ceremonies May 13 at the Doubletree Hotel, Newport.

The local chapter-at-large, Delta Upsilon, serves both RIC and the University of Rhode Island College of Nursing students. It is one of 321 chapters at colleges and universities worldwide.

The students and their hometowns are: Monica Manooshian and Michael Marsella, both of Providence; Beverly Smith, Jean L. Soscia and Charles LaFlamme, all of Cranston; Jean Rathbun, Newport; Jodie A. Souza, Johnston; Audrone M. Satas, Pawtucket; Susanne M. Hogan, Cumberland.

Also, Stacy H. Benedict, Coventry; Diane M. Ellis and Mary Polverino, both of Barrington; Ruth F. Lanctot and Sean J. Kelly, both of Woonsocket; Christina M. Cushman and Lisa A. Balcom, both of Smithfield; Sheri A. Leduc and Debra Priestley, both of North Smithfield; Abigail Champlin, Warwick.

Also, Jodie Bey and Stacy A. Lopes, both of East Providence; Anne-Marie Dufault, Forestdale; Kathleen M. Lonardo, Pascoag; Mary V. Gavigan, North Scituate; Cathy J. Bennett, Portsmouth; Cynthia Morchetti, Riverside; Eva S. Holland, Tiverton; Denise A. Elliott, Warren; Karla M. Charest, Attleboro; Chere M. Bellanance and Therese M. Gimler, both of North Attleboro; and Karen L. Laracy, Foxboro.



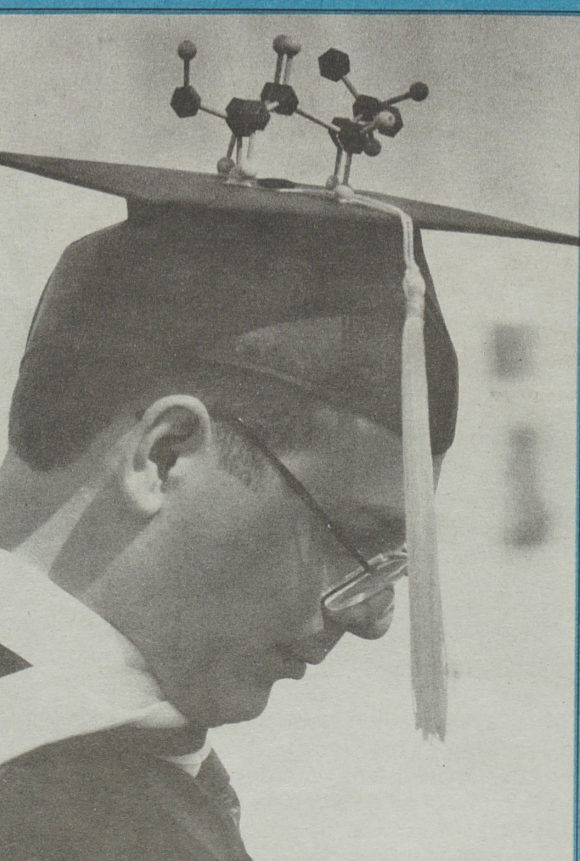
D.C. TRAVELERS: Kelly Kolodny, Rhode Island College elementary education major, who recently completed her student teaching at the George J. West Elementary School, and classroom teacher and RIC grad, Ron Nelson, Class of 1967, traveled to Washington, D.C. last month to participate in the Clintons' Children's Defense Fund event held to focus on health care for children. Nelson and Kolodny were invited to attend along with teacher representatives from across the country as a result of their students' letters to the Clintons on health care. Nelson said he wasn't that interested in attending the event until one of his students, upon hearing he had been chosen, blurted out, "that's really exciting!" Nelson said he decided then he "would go for the kids." The American Federation of Teachers organized the local letter writing campaign. Pictured above seated (l to r) are Isabella Lee, principal and RIC Class of 1966; Nelson and Kolodny. Sixth graders who wrote letters are standing (l to r) Raul Castro; Daniel Medeiros; Alita Pontin; James O'Neill; and Jacquelin Rivera. Keila Flores was absent from photo.

1994 Undergraduate Commencement Exercises

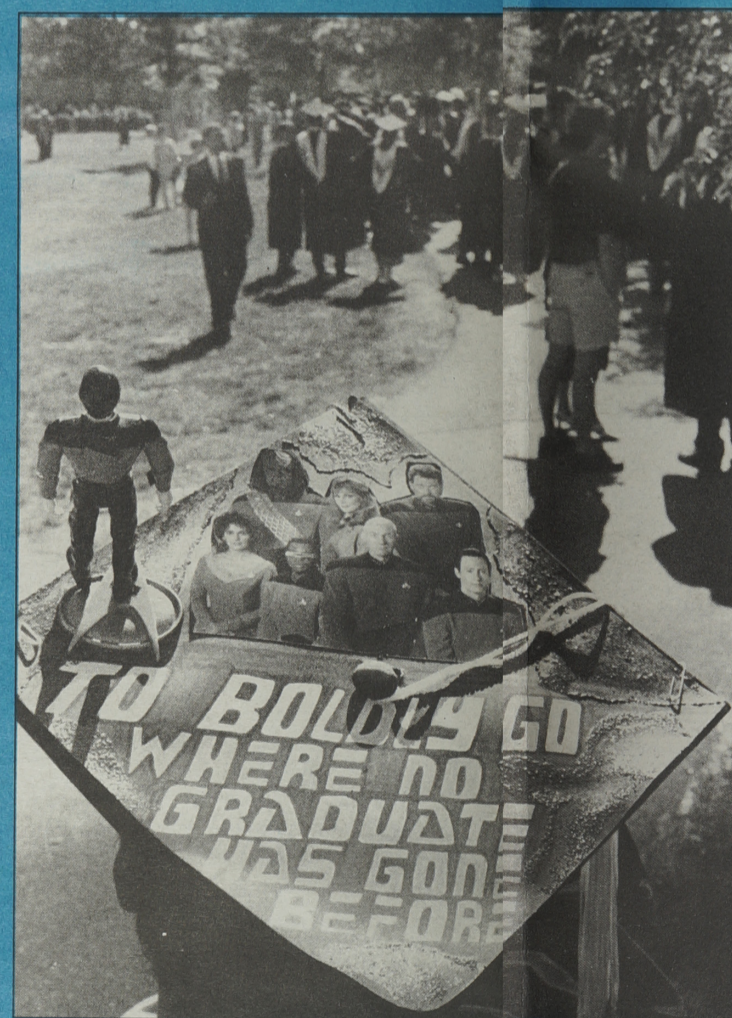
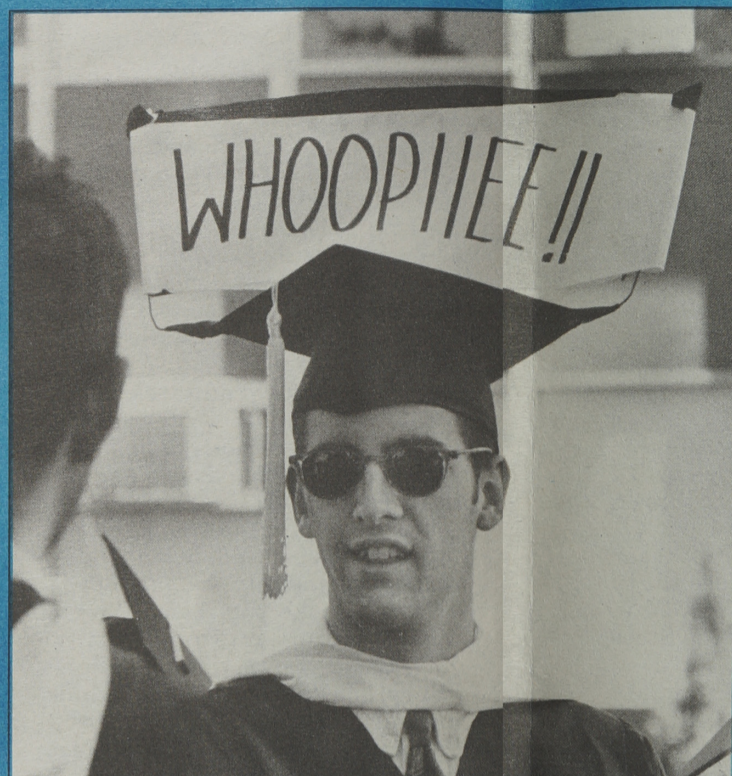


For the first time in memory, classical music replaced a commencement address at R.I.C.'s May 21st graduation exercises. Above, The Muir Quartet (minus one member who was unable to attend) performs after receiving honorary degrees. Other honorees were Tuskegee "Black Eagle" airman Lt. Col. Spann Watson and art historian Edmund Barry Gaither.

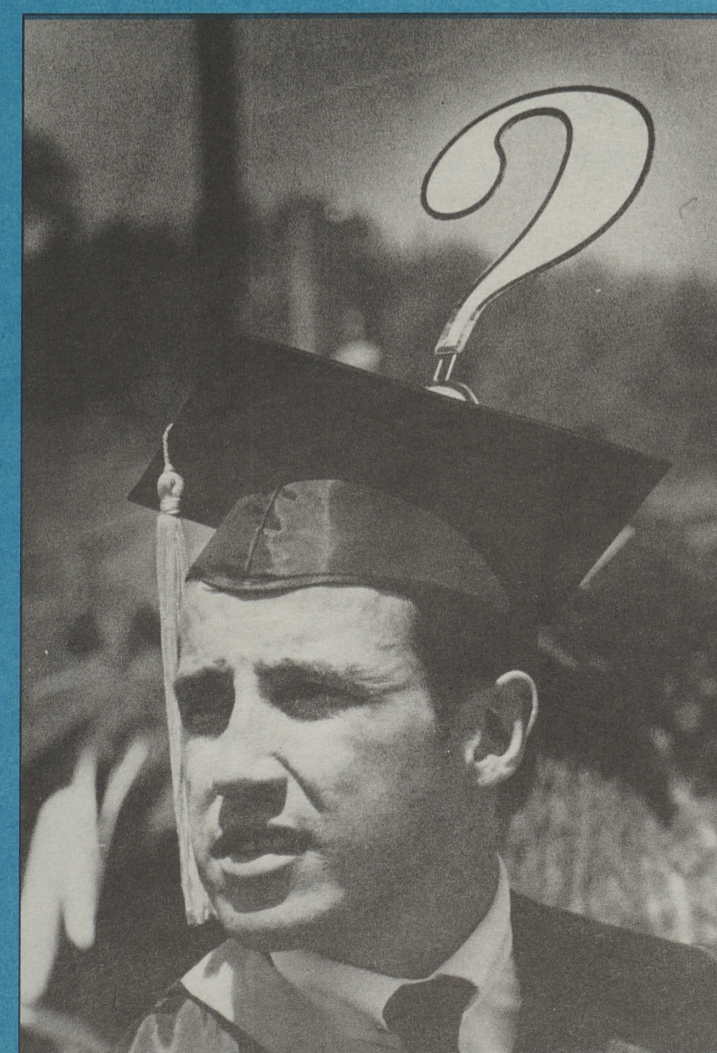
Among the graduates, decorative mor-



tarboards were the order of the day. Below, Russell Rondeau, a chemistry major as you might have guessed, sports a model of a glucose molecule, while Pat Cauley (top center) has one word for the occasion. Just below, "Trekkie" Anthony Pecchia is perhaps hinting at his uncertain future, while John Diego Restrepo's expression (far right) seems to match his quizzical headgear.



Photos by
Gordon E. Rowley



83-year-old citizen of the world; Prof. Tegu inducted into R.I. Heritage Hall of Fame



FAMOUS FOR HIS FLAGS: Professor Emeritus T. Steven Tegu last displayed his "Flags of the World" during the College's cultural pursuit days in 1990. (File photo)

It was the summer of 1965. I had just graduated from Hope High School and was getting ready to attend Boston University that fall. I decided to take a Spanish course in June to prepare for the September semester at BU so I enrolled in the Rhode Island College summer school program.

Today, almost thirty years later, I remember that first day of class better than any other first day at school. As I walked down the corridor toward the assigned room I heard the blare of Spanish music and encountered an entire family dressed in ethnic costumes. Professor Steven Tegu, a Greek immigrant, greeted students at the door speaking only Spanish. Before we could escape to the registrar's office to drop this bizarre course, Tegu's wife and children blocked our exit. Once we were herded into the classroom, there was no way to flee because he had stationed one of his young sons to guard the back door.

The room was festooned with flags, banners and posters from Spanish speaking countries. We never heard an English word uttered in that class the whole summer. We suffered from culture shock despite being in our native land. But did we ever learn Spanish!

Tegu, as he liked to be called, painstakingly drew Spanish vocabulary out of our puckered mouths a letter at a time. He would grunt and groan, gesticulate and throw his hands up in exasperation only to share a hearty laugh before winding us up again. Ever the consummate Greek, our professor played Socrates and somehow enticed students, who were deathly afraid of public speaking in English, to speak Spanish in front of the rest of the class.

Over the course of the summer we somehow managed to place adjectives after nouns, just like the Spanish, and successfully conjugated that damn irregular verb "to be." As if twice a week was not enough of this torture, Tegu called the entire class on the phone every week for more dialogue and practice. Most students pleaded with their parents to say they were not home if a man with an accent called, but he

then practiced Spanish with parents who quickly turned the phone over to you.

After the first summer session was completed, students vowed not to return for a second indoctrination. Of course, just about everyone showed up again. By August we could actually speak Spanish, however imperfectly, and none of us had ever worked so hard because no one wanted to disappoint Zorba, our nickname for this energetic professor.

One the last day of class we held a fiesta. Tegu was so sure of our progress that he invited the Spanish ambassador from Boston to attend. To our own amazement we recited Spanish poetry and literature. (Twenty nine years later I can still recite Cordoba by Garcia Lorca.) After our presentations we feasted on Spanish delicacies. Tegu hosted the affair outdoors in the middle of the campus to advertise that foreign languages could be fun. This time we all had to sport some Spanish attire.

Of course, Steve Tegu was more than a teacher of languages for he taught us something else that has stayed with me long after time stole my Spanish vocabulary. We learned about people and culture, folklore and travel. We learned about respect and tolerance for others. We learned how a kind word by ordinary people in another language could bridge cultural chasms that diplomats could only dream about. And Tegu practiced what he preached. Free-of-charge, he taught English to local immigrants the same way he taught us—without ever speaking a word of their own language.

I went off to Boston University that September expecting all college professors to be just like Tegu. They weren't. Two years later I transferred to Rhode Island College. Tegu was still there. As an Air Force veteran of over 100 flights during the Berlin Blockade, he loved our democracy and expected Americans to practice it. He didn't seem to care about promotions or peer acceptance as long as students were educated to life's big picture.

In 1969, at an age when many contemplated retirement, Tegu decided to get a Ph.D. at the University of Salamanca in Spain. His whole family went. When I graduated a year later I spent the summer in Europe. I embarked on a twenty-four hour train ride from Paris to Madrid to see my old friend. When the cab pulled up to his apartment there was a huge sign welcoming me in English and Spanish. He took me under his wing for a few weeks and we visited places Spaniards didn't know about in their own capital. He often approached tourists and tried out about a dozen languages until he hit the right one to everyone's delight. One day he suddenly informed me that I was becoming too dependent on him, so he made me find my own way back on a local bus. By then, with his tutoring, I felt comfortable in a foreign country. Now I could roll my R's with the best of them and pronounce Spanish words beginning with Z as if the letter were TH.

Tegu, like a lot of immigrants to America appreciates and enjoys our freedoms more than we do. Long before he became a teacher he sampled this country's vocational smorgasbord: photographer, television host, World War II pilot, inveterate traveler, Air Force major, even a boxer. But most of all a teacher. He used to say the Spanish had sterilized the story of Don Quixote by making young students memorize and regurgitate the tale. Like the Man of LaMancha himself, Tegu has faced life's inquisition singing the impossible dream.

On May 15, 1994 the state's heritage commission inducted Dr. Steven Tegu into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. This 83 year old citizen of the world has brought honor and decency to our shores. On behalf of those students who trembled in his class almost three decades ago, let me say thank you for helping us to learn what America was all about in a Spanish summer class.

Contributed by Scott Malloy, Assistant Professor, Labor Research Center, URI

President names 14 to emeriti status

College President John Nazarian recently announced the names of those people who have been named emeriti.

They follow:

Vincent F. Calia, Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education—A.B., Northeastern University; Ed.M., Ed.D., Boston University

John E. de Melim, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Art—B.S., Tufts University; M.F.A., Instituto Allende, San Miguel

Henry P. Guillotte, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Secondary Education—Ed.B., Rhode Island College; A.M., University of Illinois; Ph.D., University of Connecticut

H. Samuel Hall, Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics—B.S., Bloomsburg State College; Ed.M., Pennsylvania State University; M.S., University of Rhode Island

Thomas J. Howell, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy—A.B., Kenyon College; A.M., Ph.D., Brown University

David M. Hysell, Professor Emeritus of Art and Secondary Education—B.F.A., M.F.A., Ohio University; Ph.D., The Ohio State University

James J. Kenny, Associate Professor Emeritus of Instructional Technology—B.S., Fairfield University; M.S., Ph.D., University of Connecticut

Richard A. Kenyon, Professor Emeritus of Art—B.F.A., M.S., Rhode Island School of Design; Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University

Ira J. Lough, Associate Professor Emeritus of Biology—B.S., Providence College; M.A.T., Brown University

Earl E. Stevens, Professor Emeritus of English—A.B., Indiana University; M.A., University of Michigan; Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Carolyn R. Swift, Professor Emerita of English—Ph.B., University of Chicago; A.M., Columbia University; Ph.D., Brown University

Taki Panajoffs Votoras, Associate Professor Emeritus of English—A.B., A.M., Wayne State University; Ph.D., University of Connecticut

Kenneth R. Walker, Professor Emeritus of Education—A.B., Providence College; M.Ed., Rhode Island College; Ed.D., Boston University

Frank S. Williston, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy—B.A., Clark University; M.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

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a safe and
enjoyable summer.

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Rose Butler Browne recipient credits family and friends for award

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

This year's Rhode Island College Rose Butler Browne Scholarship winner epitomizes the essence of what the award is all about: Self-confident; brave; proud; driven and willing to work hard to overcome life's obstacles.

Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, a sophomore in school and community health, who hopes to teach some day, is as well a wife, mother, and volunteer at the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association. She was honored for her efforts at a reception on May 18 in front of her friends, co-workers, family and members of the College community. Ranglin-Vassell received a check for \$250 which comes out of an endowment in the name of Rose Butler Browne.

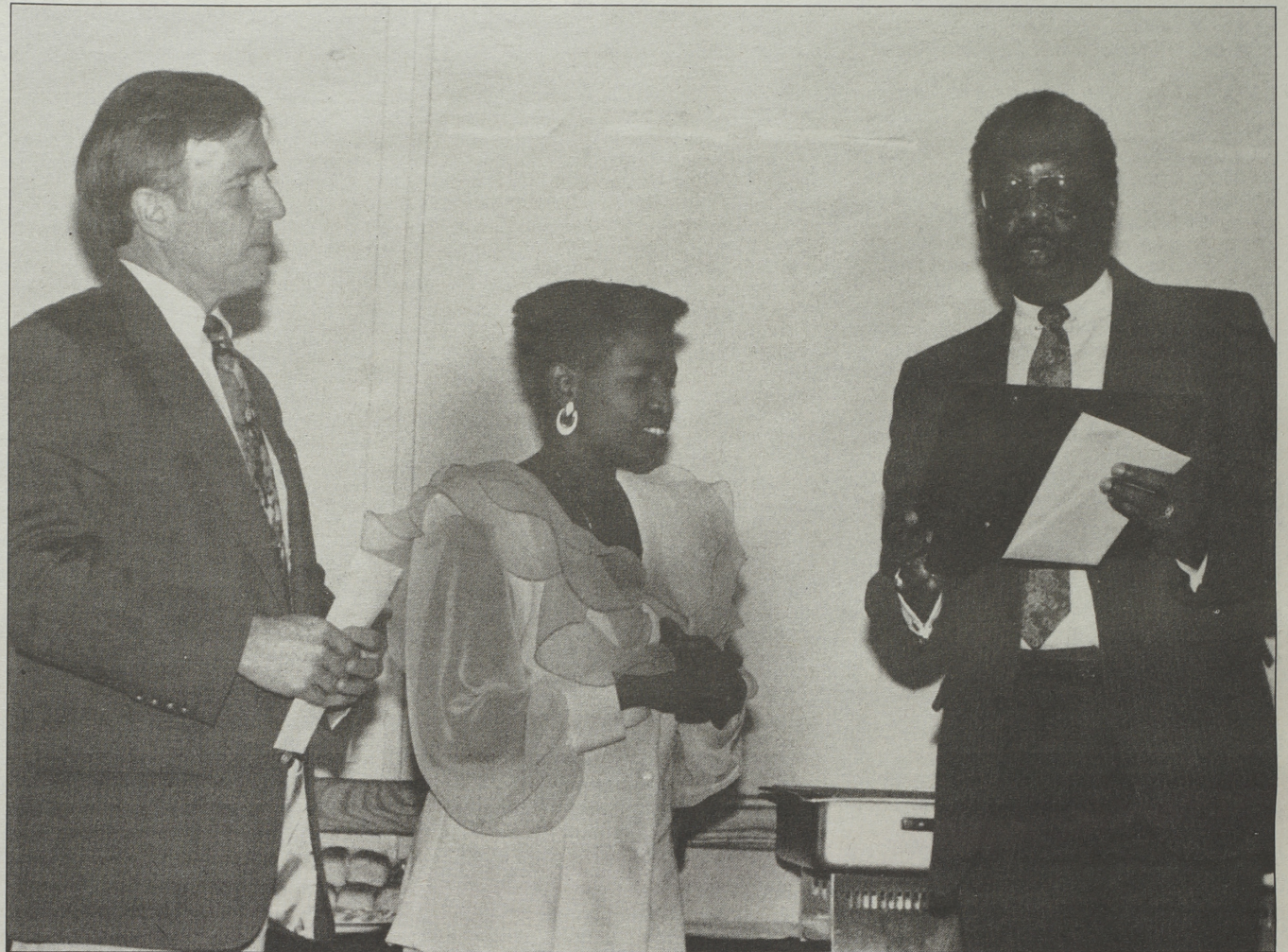
Prof. Browne received her undergraduate and master's degrees at RIC and went on to become the first black woman to earn a doctoral degree in education from Harvard University in 1939. In 1950, the College bestowed on her an honorary doctorate degree, and in 1969, a seven-story residence hall was named in her honor.

Addressing the reception audience, Ranglin-Vassell turned to Emmitt Brown, the son of Rose Butler Browne, and said, "Thank you Emmitt...and thank you Mrs. Browne. I'll make you all proud."

In keeping with her spirit of generosity, the Jamaican native, began her address by pointing to others in the crowd who are special people in her life, with whom she intends to share the honor.

"I am special today, because I am the winner," she said. "But it is all the others who believe in me....my husband, my brother, my sister, the volunteers at the Center..."

She dedicated the award to her



ANNUAL ROSE BUTLER BROWNE AWARD: Emmett Browne (right), son of the late Dr. Rose Butler Browne, presents the award, for \$250, named in honor of his mother, to Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, full-time R.I.C. student, mother, and intake/outreach coordinator at the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association in Providence. Looking on is Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Penfield. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

mother, who was unable to attend the ceremony because of pre-arranged travel plans, and her deceased father, who "was a very special person and such a good support system. If it were not for my support system, I would not be here today," she said. "I am so overwhelmed. Thank you all very much."

Ranglin-Vassell credited sociology professor Thomas W. Ramsbey with initiating her application process for the award. She tells the story of how she went to Prof. Ramsbey to dis-

cuss a graded paper which he had marked up to her dismay. Once the two began to discuss Ranglin-Vassell's school, work and home activities, "he told me about the award and said I should apply."

Without skipping a beat, she raced to get an application, began writing the required essay and went to her family and friends for support in her endeavor.

Prior to being notified of the award, "my sister (Valarie) said, 'Marc, you're going to win,' 'So sure

of her instinct all along and trying to motivate her younger sister, Valarie, who works as a GED counselor at the Urban League, said, "Whatever (Marcia) wants to do, she's going to do. She has a strong background and is committed to what she does." Valarie, as well as brother, Ephraim and husband Van, all agreed that they were proud of her good work at the Center and her effort in college.

"She worked hard for it," said Ephraim. "We are proud."

Math/computer science majors successful in math competition

Three Rhode Island College students majoring in mathematics/computer science officially have been designated "successful participants" in the recent math competition in modeling sponsored by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications.

Participating in the annual three-day competition were Gail Bianco and Brian Guckian, both of North Providence, and Missy Medina of Pawtucket. They worked on-site at RIC under the direction of advisor David L. Abrahamson, associate professor in the math/computer science department.

The problems tackled by the students are open-ended and require research, modeling and simplifying assumptions, and result in a report which includes an attempted solution and discussion of strengths and weaknesses as well as an analysis of "where to go next," says Abrahamson.

It is to be emphasized that these are real-world problems where perfect solutions are not possible.

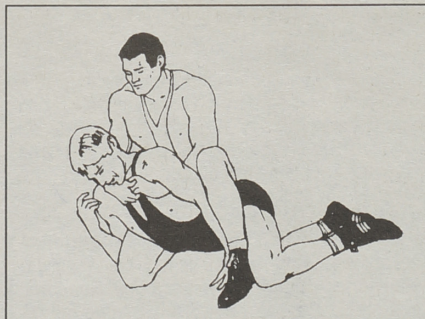
This year the RIC team opted for the problem "optimization of time required for electronic data transfer through a computer network under assorted storage and transmission constraints."

"Gail, Missy and Brian are to be congratulated for their achievement" of successful participation in the competition, says Abrahamson.

Student athletes cited for academic achievement

The following individuals qualified as members of the Rhode Island College 1993-1994 Academic 3.0 Club for Athletes.

To be eligible for the Athletic 3.0 Club, a student must be a member in good standing of a Rhode Island College intercollegiate varsity team for the entire season, have earned a minimum of 12 credits in each semester of the academic year while maintaining at least a 3.0 grade



point average in each of those semesters.

Students named to the Club were: Derek Barden, Central Falls, R.I., tennis; Tracey Bradley, Middletown, R.I., volleyball; Peter Burns, Kingston, Mass., tennis; Alex Butler, East Prov., R.I., basketball; Dawn Camire, Pawt., R.I., cross country/track & field.

Also, Andrew Coughlin, North

Prov., R.I., cross country/track & field; Stephanie Cleary, Cranston, R.I., volleyball/gymnastics; Rollice Ernst, Cranston, R.I., tennis; Lolita Lipa, Coventry, R.I., gymnastics; Joceline Maurais, Middletown, R.I.,



softball; Virginia Mello, Cumberland, R.I., gymnastics.

And, Joan Murphy, Cumberland, R.I., tennis; Debra Napolitano, East Greenwich, R.I., cross country/track & field; Susan Obara, Portsmouth, R.I., gymnastics/track & field; Andra Plante, W. Warwick, R.I., basketball; Pamela Prendergast, Warwick, R.I., tennis.

Also, Amy Schauble, Barrington, R.I., softball; Sandra Spemulli, East Providence, R.I., basketball; Maria Venagro, Cranston, R.I., basketball; and Jennifer Verrill, Westbrook, Maine, gymnastics.

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Business partnership with InTech breeds success for students and alumni alike

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The owners of Integrated Technologies Inc., Rhode Island College Class of 1983, Steve Aldous, and his brother Tom, who attended the College briefly, and their general manager, Tony M. Nunes, a one-year student at RIC during the 1980s are the pictures of success: Young, energetic, smart, well-groomed and ready for adventure. The Aldous brothers' success as business owners is an Horatio Alger-American-Dream story. And Nunes is cut from the same pattern. He's the mouthpiece in his job as marketing manager and "clerk-of-the-works" for everything else.

The two brothers, originally from Attleboro, are real, down-to-earth businessmen, who took a risk and have worked hard 24-hours-a-day for six years to get where they're at today. Nunes came on board two years ago when he tired of the corporate structure of a Fortune 500 company that didn't allow creativity to expand and personal drive to excel.

Last January, the three gathered all of their collective experience, maturity, business-sense and natural good will and started to give something back to other young men and women — like themselves at one time— who needed a "foot in the door" of the business world.

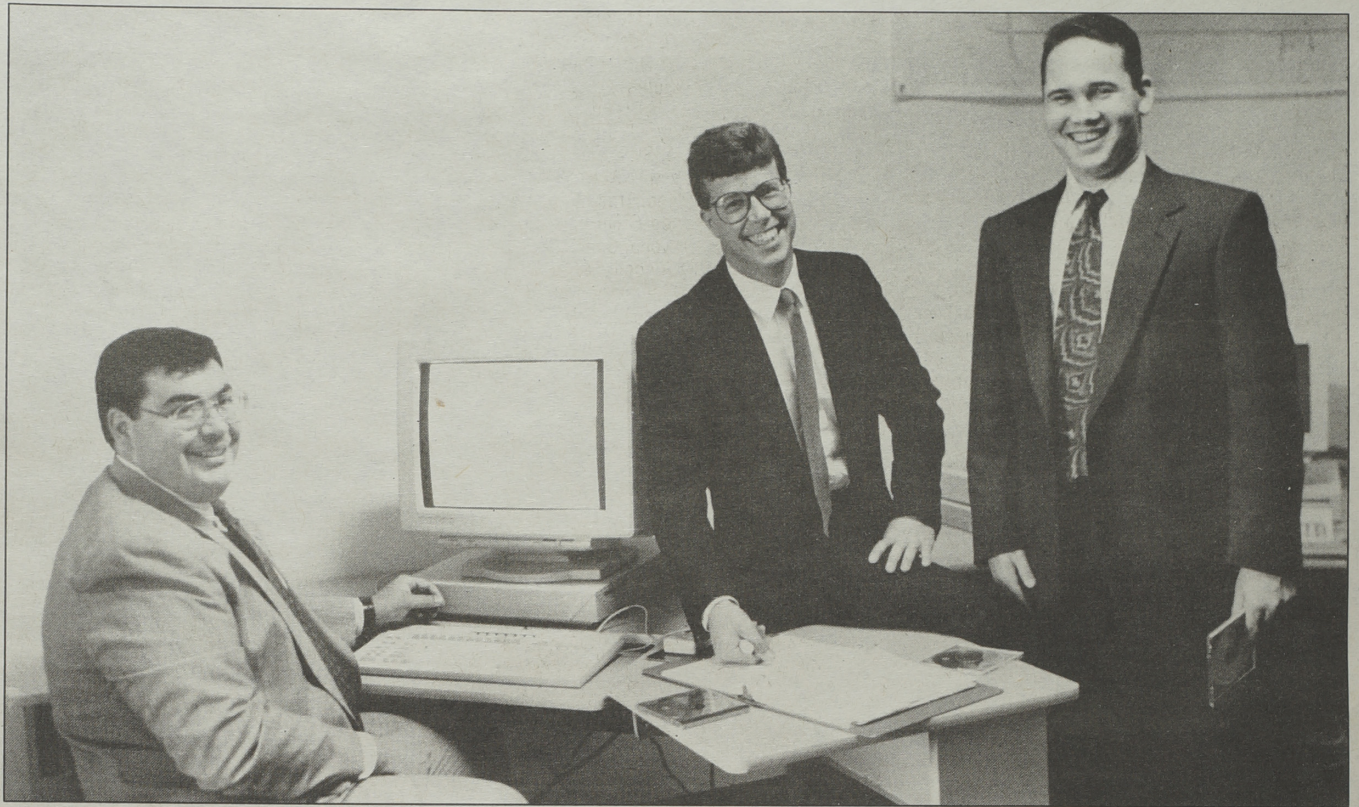
The Aldouses and Nunes consciously chose RIC and the students in the Department of Economics and Management to build a network of student interns for their business, and at the same time, offer opportunities of employment with Integrated Technologies Inc. once they graduated from RIC, or career assistance to help line up jobs with companies InTech works with.

Robert R. Barber, 21, B.S. business management, Class of 1994, is one of those students, who took the offer and went full-speed ahead. So intrigued with the company and anxious to get going on his career during his last semester at the College, Barber began an internship with InTech in January and today is employed by the company as an account manager.

The Cranston native said he's gained experience and knowledge - not only about computers - but how to get along in a tough, competitive business climate, where one mistake can mean the loss of thousands of dollars.

Integrated Technologies Inc. is an international company on the cutting-edge of "open-systems" computer technology, which trains and teaches small and large corporate employees to operate their individual computer systems for specific usage resulting in higher productivity and increased efficiency. Although there are other companies doing similar tasks, InTech has designed an educational curriculum in an "accelerated class" format done in two- or three-day training sessions, thereby beating their competitors in price and company downtime. InTech offers one-on-one labs and small class sizes "for maximum retention." Other differences include free telephone support for 30 days, "client-tuned" sessions and expertise for "business-now" environments.

Nunes explained that for years companies depended on the mainframe of their computer networks to link employees. "It was a centralized focus with not much control by



ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL: Tony Nunes (left), Tom Aldous, one of the owners of InTech, and Robert R. Barber all have that "RIC Connection." What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

the individual." An "open-system" redistributes computing power from the mainframe to the individual station, he said. "It's as much a philosophy (of good business practice) as a technological evolution." Nunes said "open systems" are essential today because of "the pace of business and the need to make decisions" by company employees.

With "open systems," Nunes said, companies with 20 or less employees can operate like a huge business because of the increased individual control. InTech trains employees to be hands-on familiar with the options of their individual programs and stations. In so doing,

any company, large or small, is at the same vantage point. From there, Nunes believes, success depends on how hard a person works and how much their willing to strive.

Steve Aldous, who is referred to as "a technical genius," developed the curriculum. Both brothers teach, along with several of their employees.

Since the link between InTech and RIC started, six students have interned there. All have been placed with the help of Nunes and the owners, and Barber plans on continuing with the company for the near future. Nunes called Prof. Nancy Brown, of the Department of

Economics and Management, "a doctor of sales" and credits her with helping make the college-business partnership a success.

"We all had a connection in some way to RIC," said Nunes, whose wife, the former Anna M. Braz, graduated with the Class of 1985.

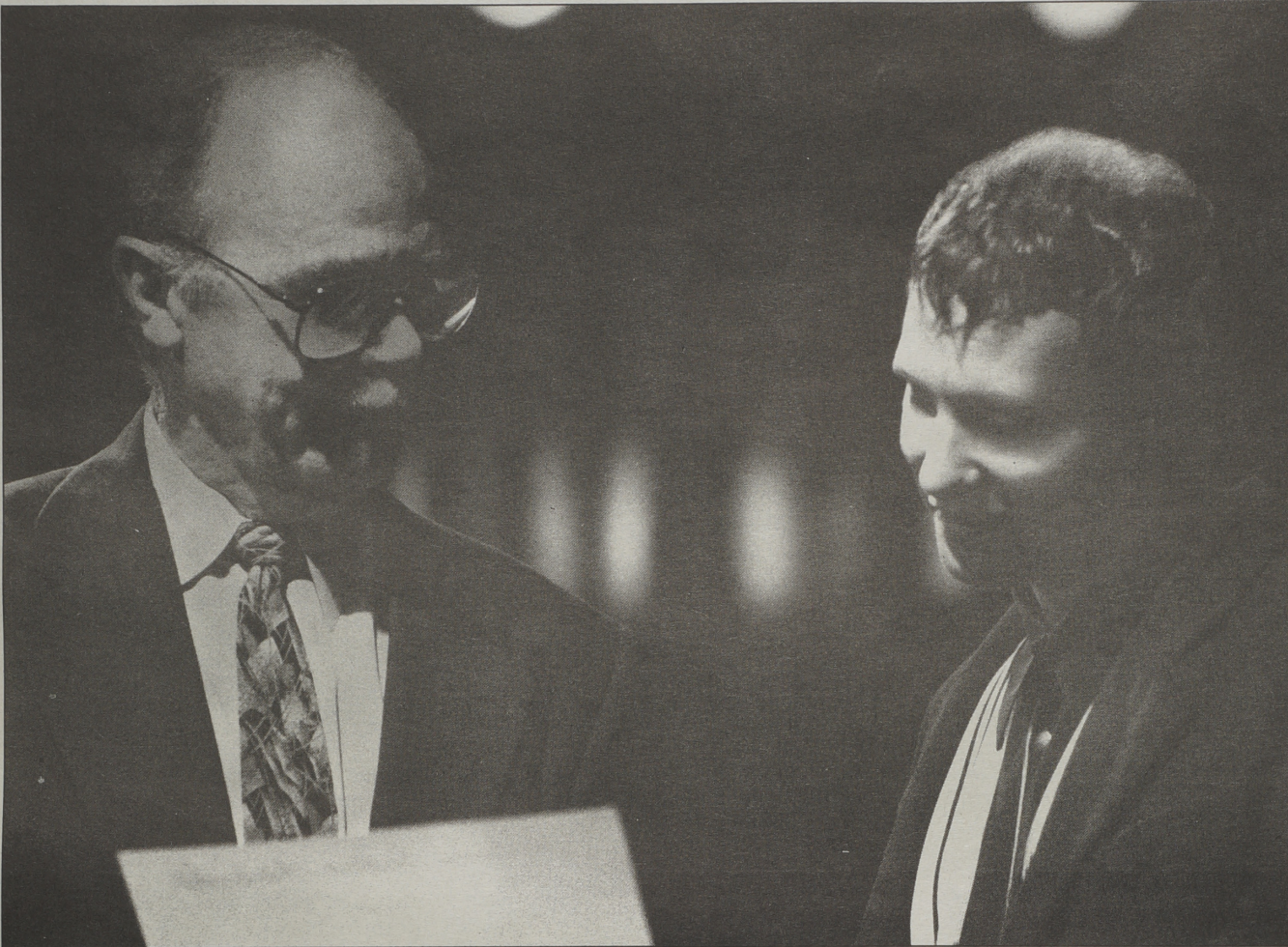
InTech is still growing. In fact, the company will relocate from East Providence off Catamore Blvd. to downtown Providence soon. The student interns will help the growth in their own way, Nunes hypothesizes, because as they work in the field, they'll remember where they started and who gave them their first chance.



ON THE ROAD: The campus community and visitors will be pleased when the recently begun DOT road work is completed some time soon. In the meantime, patience, a "soft foot" and quiet anticipation of good things to come is the order of the day. Pictured above is College Road, the east entrance to the campus. The steep hill will be reduced by two feet when done. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

David Coury wins *Heal L.A. Through Music Award* competition with 'Simply We Sing'

Int'l recognition for composition goes to Boyer



MUSIC IS HIS MAGIC: David Coury (right) accepts his award from Musicians Institute representative at ceremonies held recently in L.A. where Coury resides.

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Unaware that his song "Simply We Sing" had beat out 3,000 entrees in the Musicians Institute of Hollywood's *Heal L.A. Through Music Award* competition, David Coury, Class of 1982 was surprised and delighted when he heard from his business manager while on vacation in London, England that he had placed first.

"I was really honored," Coury said from his Los Angeles home last week. "If my song got into the top 12, I would have been happy."

The award entitles Coury to about \$30,000 in cash, equipment

and scholarship money to attend the Institute, which was established in 1977 as a vocational and degree-granting music school in Hollywood.

Nathan Smallwood, promotions manager for the Institute, said the school came up with the idea to solicit recordings from musicians as a "positive thing for the community" of Los Angeles. "We thought of it as a way to unify" the city after the infamous L.A. riots and the more recent earthquakes. Smallwood said a \$15 entry fee from contestants was donated to local charities as well.

This summer, Coury will enter the keyboard institute, one of six specific music training programs offered by the school. As part of the arrangement, he plans on expanding his private vocal performance workshops

by becoming a staff member of the vocal institute of the school once he graduates. His scholarship program will run one year.

Judging the competition were "prominent musicians, recording company people and publishers," said Smallwood, adding that Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, headed the team.

RIC audiences for the last two years were entertained by Coury when he appeared on the Roberts Hall auditorium stage during October concerts sponsored by the Foundation and performed his award-winning record "Simply We Sing," among other pieces.

Coury entered the contest as a way to "get my song heard."

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Peter Boyer, 24, Rhode Island College Class of 1991, has once again been recognized for outstanding achievement — this time as a recipient of the international Broadcast Music, Inc's (BMI) student composer award. BMI is one of the largest U.S. music performing rights societies. The competition is sponsored by BMI and the BMI Foundation.

Boyer, who won national attention as a student at RIC, is no stranger to the stage as a conductor, composer, writer and pianist. His talent won him rave reviews and standing-room-only audiences as a senior student when he conducted *REQUIEM* in RIC's Roberts Hall auditorium and St. Joseph's Church in Newport.

The winning work which was submitted for the BMI competition is *Mosaic* for orchestra, which also received an Honorable Mention in the 1994 ASCAP Rudolf Nissim composition competition in January, one of five recognized from a field of 200 nationally. The piece was also his master's thesis at The Hartt School in Connecticut, where he completed his course work for his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition last month.

In addition, Boyer's work *Suite* for chamber orchestra, won the Hartford Symphony Orchestra's composition competition as well. The work was premiered by the Hartford Symphony Chamber Orchestra on May 14, and conducted

The award-winning *Mosaic* will be premiered by the Manchester (Ct.) Symphony Orchestra in October.

by one of the most distinguished musicians in the field, Tibor Puztai, who is associate conductor and composer-in-residence of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and the Connecticut String Orchestra. This competition is open to all composition students at The Hartt School as a result of a collaborative agreement between the Symphony and the school.

In addition to a cash prize from BMI as being one of eight composers between the ages of 15 and 26 - from a field of over 450 entrees to win the honor — the award-winning *Mosaic* will be premiered by the Manchester (Connecticut) Symphony Orchestra in October, and conducted by Puztai.

According to a press release from BMI, "The BMI student composer award recognized superior creative talent." The organization is 42-years-old and headed by President Frances W. Preston, who reported that "many of today's most prominent and active concert composers have received their first recognition" through the participation in the competition. Eight former winners have gone on to win the Pulitzer Prize in Music, including Stephen Albert and George Crumb.

Boyer said he will participate in The Conductors Institute at Hartt for the third summer this year. In August, he will begin his dissertation composition. He is also the recipient of the Norman Bayles Memorial Award in Composition from the Department of Composition at The Hartt School.



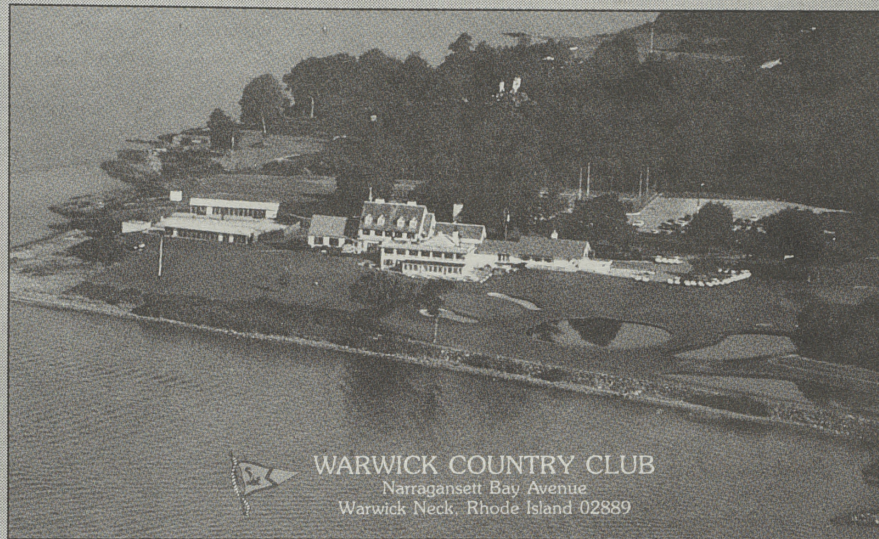
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED: Professor Hank Guillotte, Class of '59, presents the Class of '59 Scholarship for \$250 to Kara M. Ross, a secondary education major who will graduate in January, 1995. Looking on are Alice Grellner, chair of secondary education; Kathleen McNally Wassenar, vice president for development and College relations; Dean of Education/ Human Development David Nelson (center) and Kara's father, Richard. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

Rhode Island College Foundation

Fifth Annual

Golf Day

Tuesday, August 9, 1994
Warwick Country Club



The Club is located on Warwick Neck overlooking Narragansett Bay. Their facilities offer a spectacular view of the Bay, Jamestown Island and the Newport Bridge.

Registration Fee (\$125 per person) entitled you to 18 holes, golf cart, buffet lunch, refreshments on the course, prizes, favors and dinner!

Schedule:

- 11 a.m. Buffet lunch and check-in
- 1 p.m. Shotgun Start
- 6 p.m. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
- 7 p.m. Dinner and prizes

We encourage you to register early—bring your own foursome or we will arrange one for you. Questions? Call the Foundation office at 456-8105.

Complete the registration form and send it with your registration fee (payable to RIC Foundation Golf Day) to the Development Office/RIC/Providence, RI 02908.

We also encourage you to provide your financial support by giving a tax-deductible contribution in one of the several categories.

Golf Day Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

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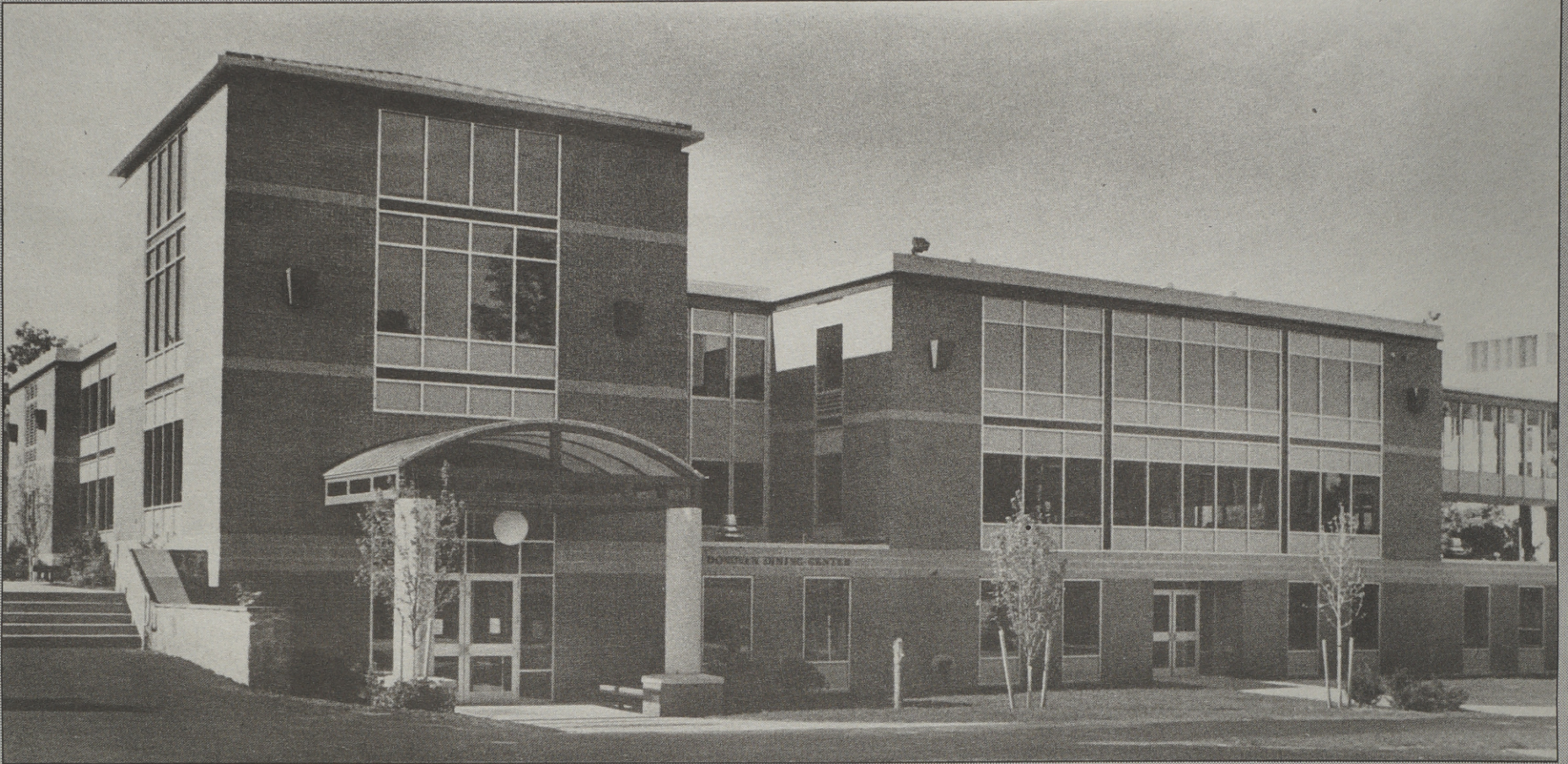
If you have a foursome, please list the others in your group.

Registration deadline: Enrollment is limited to the first 30 foursomes. Please register—including payment in full—by July 29.

Yes! I want to become a special sponsor of the 1994 Golf Day as a:

- \$25 Golfer Donation (program listing)
- \$50 Patron (program listing)
- \$175 Tee Sponsor (program listing/advertisement at a designated tee)
- \$600 Corporate Sponsor (program listing/ advertisement/Golf Day dinner for two)
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RIC moving forward for the future...stay tuned!



THE NEWLY RENOVATED DONOVAN DINING CENTER.

What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

For sure, no one on the Rhode Island College campus appreciated what seemed to be the worst winter in years. With mother nature bellowing and bellowing herself every day for months on-end like a lost tiger, the days seem to never end, the drive to and from the campus was downright dangerous, and walking around campus was tough enough.

But, wait a minute...there is a silver lining in all of this. Spring arrived. The sun finally peeped its head, the first graduate commencement ceremony in 13 years was successful, a glorious day for undergraduate graduation arrived, and Donovan Dining Center took a shape that all agree is comfortable, inviting, open and clean.

Donovan is only one of several projects the College is involved with - all of which are moving ahead

despite the difficult financial conditions RIC has experienced over the last several years, according to Vice President for Administration and Finance Lenore DeLucia.

"Even though we've had extremely limited financial resources in the last few years," she said, "we've managed to find other ways and resources to improve our condition."

Referring to the fact that none of the projects' funding sources have come out of the College's operating budget, DeLucia said all are going along smoothly. They include: Stone Building, Donovan Dining Center, the new Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex (HPEAC), and the recently started Department of Transportation (DOT) road work.

The Stone Building renovation project, which will soon house admissions, continuing education, the graduate office and classrooms, was accomplished with a \$2.5 million dollar low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Education, and the generosity of long-time RIC advocate, Class of 1934 graduate

and Foundation member Helen Forman, who gave \$250,000 to complete the project. The building will be named after Mrs. Forman's deceased husband, Sylvan R. Forman and be called The Sylvan R. Forman Center.

Funding for the 11,411 square-foot dining center addition came from auxiliary funds. Funds for the new health, physical education and Athletic Complex, which is expected to be completed in the spring of 1995, come from the \$8.8 million insurance settlement following the horrific January 1992, four-alarm fire of the former Walsh gymnasium. All the road work, which will allow for safer driving and easier access to and from the campus, comes to RIC by way of DOT!

And there is more. The Faculty Center is now accessible from the dining center. Instead of traveling through the kitchen of Donovan to get to the Faculty Center, one can now walk right over and order. Speaking of placing an order in the service area, the center will now

offer four different meal plans to satisfy student eating patterns, and it will be open to the entire campus during regular hours.

Viewers can actually watch the Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex take shape as the roof goes up and ties the building together into something that can be visualized as a whole. As for the Stone Building, whose historical significance to Rhode Island was among the reasons for the College securing the loan, it is a "feat to behold." DeLucia said on first sight the building is a "gracious form" with authenticity of its age marked by the contractor's attempt to maintain portions of the building in their original state, along with duplicating woodwork and trim wherever possible.

As for the road construction, the vice president - turned hardhat - said it had been planned for "some time." She added that the access road had never been substantially improved, and that the project includes widening the road, curbing, surface repair and opening two lanes for traffic exiting the campus at Mt. Pleasant Ave. "The DOT and the College have had a very cooperative arrangement," she said. It is expected to be completed this summer.

So what's next in this continuing growth and improvement effort for the 140-year-old college — the first public institution of higher education in the state?

Did anyone say landscaping?

Well, if you did, you were right on! Beckman and Weremay Ltd. of Wickford and a College advisory committee have been working on landscaping for the interior of the campus on the esplanade area. "Our plan is to complete that portion that lies between the Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex and the most easterly edge of Gaige Hall," said DeLucia.

We're on the move, no doubt about it. Be patient. DeLucia and her Campus Facilities Committee members are searching to uncover ways to find more classroom space. That answer may lie in the East Campus area where the DCYF is currently housed, but intends on vacating. The property has already been given over to RIC by the state. "We'll watch and wait until they find new quarters," she said.

Please stay tuned!



RAISING THE ROOF: The Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex is taking shape. The entire project is expected to be completed next year. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.