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**Poetry reading**

"POETS ACROSS THE AFRICAN DIASPORA:" Nehassaiu Degannes (above, standing), who teaches at Rhode Island School of Design, and Ghislaine Jean, a RIC student, are among the four poets who read from their work in Craig-Lee 255 on Feb. 21 as part of African-American History Month. For more sights of the month-long celebration, see pages 6 and 7. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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**Where are they now…?**

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

You could say Adam Gertsacov of Providence has just been clowning around since earning his master's degree in 1990 from Rhode Island College. And, you'd be right! But the clowning has been honed into an art form with Gertsacov practicing it all over the world. Gertsacov graduated from the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania in 1986 with a degree in theatrical communications with minor emphasis in theatre. He obtained his master of arts degree in theatre and group communication through the RIC/Trinity Rep Conservatory Cooperative Masters Program, and attended Bryant College for its entrepreneur program — "This is a business. I'm a small businessman who provides a service and I'm also an artist," he explains.

His biography states that he is "one of the most educated clowns in America,...barring certain elected officials." Gertsacov was an actor at Trinity Rep and not "working on plays I was interested in" when "on a whim" he applied to clown college. "I wanted a skill, like how to juggle," he says. "I didn't have those kind of skills, but I realized all of my acting skills were really about clowning. I'm not really a juggler.

He is now a graduate of the Ringling Brothers Clown College and the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre. And he has taken master classes with many international clown luminaries such as Dario Fo in Copenhagen; Bill Irwin, a MacArthur Fellow; Daniel Stein, and registere d to win prizes.

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**Annual Fund phonathon begins April 3**

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

Seven months into the Annual Fund campaign and with the Spring Phonathon about a month away, the Rhode Island College Alumni Association is on course to meet its annual appeal goal of $325,000. As of the end of February, the annual appeal has received $232,875 in cash gifts from alumni and friends. "We are actually 10 percent ahead of last February. It's been my experience that people continue to support the causes and organizations they care about, despite the economic climate," commented Nancy Hoogasan, Annual Fund director. "Alumni and friends have displayed a strong commitment to financially supporting the Annual Fund, but we still need a lot more help to achieve our year-end goal," she added. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

Later this month, alumni will receive the Spring Appeal with information about scholarship recipients who have benefited from the fund. They will share information about their programs of study and plans for the future in this mailing. Beginning April 3, students will be calling alumni and friends asking for their pledges on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The Spring Phonathon runs through April 26.

The Alumni Association relies on contributions to the Annual Fund to grant scholarships to students, encouraging them to attain their academic goals while offering much needed financial assistance. In addition to scholarships, contributions to the Annual Fund support faculty research and register to win prizes.

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**RIC gets down to business**

Join us at the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

Tuesday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 11 at Booth #730.

Rhode Island Convention Center

Stop by to visit and register to win prizes.
The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News continues in order for you to be able to resist your alma mater with a selection of photos from the past — the College’s past, whatever the current era (Rhode Island College) or past eras (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite your contribution of old photos, along with sufficient information about each, such as who’s in the photo and what they are doing; the year it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we’ll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.

Ying Zhou, associate professor of computer science, is pictured with her husband Wally Gally. Writing “An Organizing Center for Planar Neural Excitability,” which was published in Neural Computing. This article was also included in the book Computational Neuroscience.

Karen S. Castagno, associate professor of health and physical education and Robin Kirkwood Auld, assistant professor Henry Barnard School, have conducted two professional development workshops. The title of those was “Incorporating Fitness into the Physical Education Curriculum” and included hands-on participation, discussion of the current trends in fitness development for children, and a demonstration of the emerging technology and software for use in the public schools. The workshops were presented to over 35 elementary and secondary health and physical education staff at the Warwick Public School Department.

Mary M. Sullivan, associate professor of mathematics, presented the contributed paper “When Statistics is Not a Full-Semester Course” at the AMS/MAA joint national meeting. In addition, she presented “Statistical Fallacies, Lies or Paradoxes: Which is What?” at the Association of Teacher’s of Mathematics in New England at Springfield, Mass., in November.

J. T. Sedlock, professor of mathematics, was a panelist on “How the NCTM Standards Effect Mathematics Teaching” at the AMS/MAA joint national meeting.

Chris Teixeira, assistant professor of mathematics, (along with other co-authors) published “On the Recursive Sequence $y_{n+1} = (p_{n}y_{n} + q_{n}y_{n-1})/y_{n}$” in the Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications. In addition, he presented the paper “Global Behavior of Solutions of $x(n+1) = max A, x(n)$” at the AMS/MAA joint national meeting in New Orleans. He also presented this paper at the Northeastern Section of the MAA fall meeting as part of “new colleague talks.”

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit items of information about their professional endeavors to What’s News, Office of News and Public Relations, 300 Roberts Hall or e-mail them to cnews@ric.edu.

Spring 2001 CDC recruitment schedule

Over 50 local employers are represented on the Spring 2001 Career Development Center Recruitment schedule. New listings include Tannerhill, Inc., Premier Insurance Co. of MA, Evergreen House Health Center, St. Vincent’s and Memorial Hospital.

Upcoming recruiters already scheduled include the Newport public schools, Fleet Bank and Medical Information Technologies, Inc. Senior planning graduation in May or August are encouraged to contact the Career Development Center in Craig-Lee 054 as soon as possible.

The next issue of What’s News is Monday, March 26.

DEADLINE

for submission of copy, photos, etc. is Friday, March 16.

Story ideas can be e-mailed to smurphy@ric.edu.

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Honors Academy colloquium series program lecture March 21

“Conrad Among the Cannibals” is the topic of a lecture and discussion by Frances B. Singh of Hostos Community College of the City University of New York at the Rhode Island College Junior/Senior Year Honors Academy colloquium series Wednesday, March 21, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Forum Center.

The daughter of immigrant parents, Singh was born in New York City. She received her bachelor’s degree from Queens College and, after a year studying at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, went on to earn her master’s and doctorate at Yale.

She met her future husband at Yale and, upon graduating, moved with him to India where they lived in Delhi and Shillong between 1973 and 1983.

Singh joined the faculty of Hostos in 1983. She has published on Conrad and Freud as well as on Sophocles and is currently working a memoir, which may end up being called either Tense Futility or Kneading Time, and an article on cannibalism in The Heart of Darkness.

The colloquium series, being sponsored by the College Lectures Committee, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Putz Fund Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council.
**Teacher Job Fair April 17**

The Seventh Annual Teacher Job Fair, sponsored by the Rhode Island Consortium for Educators, will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Preference in registration will be given to all graduating seniors of the six consortium schools. Those schools include Brown University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University and the University of Rhode Island. Alumni who wish to participate will be put on a waiting list until March 23, at which time they may register if space is available.

Pre-registration with the Career Development Center is required. The cost is $12. This includes morning coffee and a boxed lunch. Registrations for students and alumni will not be taken after Friday, April 6.

So far 60 schools from all over the country have signed up. For more information, visit the consortium’s website: rice.thewisdomgroup.net or call Phyllis Hunt at 401-456-8032.

**Conference on ‘Making a Life’ March 31**

Rhode Island Campus Compact, of which Rhode Island College is a member, and Providence College are sponsoring an all-day conference called “Making a Life, Making a Difference: Public Service in People’s Lives” Saturday, March 31, at the Feinstein Academic Center at PC from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bernard Lafayette, director of the University of Rhode Island’s Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies, will speak. The conference will include workshops on community building, careers in the public good and organizing for social change.

As a member of the Campus Compact, RIC may send up to 10 faculty, staff and students to this event. Contact Sandra Enos, assistant professor of sociology, at 401-456-8727.

**Children’s Literature Workshop**

Once Upon A Time… Reading Program for Preschoolers has planned a workshop for volunteers on Friday, March 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Cranston Public Library on Sockanosset Road.

Michelle Valle, children’s librarian, will advise volunteers on how to choose appropriate preschool literature, teach them how to recognize and identify key story elements, and explain how to effectively use the library as the primary resource for books.

For more information, contact Liz Garofalo at 401-456-8877, or mgarofalo@ric.edu.

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**Going for the OLYMPRIC’S TROPHY**

In what has become a tradition of friendly yet intense competition for the trophy and bragging rights, about 120 students and staff members competed in the 10th annual OlympRics on March 3.

Teams representing the five residence halls and a team comprised of commuter students competed in eight events in the Recreation Center. The events included a Wacky Relay Race, Mindbender Trivia, basketball free throw, homerun derby, water obstacle course, running, beach-ball volleyball, and Frisbee toss.

Teams compete as units, rotating through the events rather than competing directly. The scores from each of the eight events are averaged to determine the winner. The Browne Hall team captured the trophy and the bragging rights this year.

OlympRics was started 10 years ago to break the winter doldrums and foster a sense of community, according to Kristen Salemi, ’86 and master’s ’93, director of student activities, who along with Frank Anzeveno, ’81, interim assistant director of intramurals and recreation, has been involved in planning the event since its inception.

OlympRics is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, the Recreation Center, and the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

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Top, the commuter team tackles Mindbender Trivia. At right: Roger Fry, who volunteered to join the all-female Browne Hall team, competes in the Wacky Relay. Below: Betsy Thayer of Thorp Hall throws a Frisbee. (What’s News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)
The Alumni Association’s nominating committee, chaired by Miguel Lopes ’71 is recruiting interested alumni who would like to serve on the alumni board. Several vacancies will occur this June and the committee is actively seeking alumni who would like to become involved in the organization.

In addition to board positions we have expanded our committees to non-board members. Standing committees that are open to alumni and a brief description of their role are listed below.

- Finance committee meets three to four times a year, sets the budget and monitors revenues and expenses.
- Scholarship committee meets two times in June to review applications and award scholarships.
- RICchelt award committee awards emergency financial scholarships on an “as needed basis.” This program is funded through revenue from the golf tournament.
- Alumni Awards/Honor Roll committee meets three times between January and May to review applications for awards.
- Alumni Magazine committee meets on an as needed basis.
- By-laws committee meets on an as needed basis.
- Homecoming committee is an active group of alumni and campus representatives who meet regularly from April through October to plan and execute our biggest campus event. This year’s Homecoming will be held Oct. 12-13.
- Nominating committee meets several times in the spring to interview potential board candidates.
- The book awards program is monitored through the alumni office and chaired by one board member.
- Young Alumni Group meets six to seven times a year planning activities for graduates from the last decade.

If you are interested in serving in a board position or on a committee, please call the Alumni Office at 401-456-8086 or e-mail us at alumni@ric.edu.

* The Young Alumni Group sponsored event on March 27 at the Feinstein IMAX Theatre is generating enthusiastic support on and off campus. For more information on the event, contact Shana Murrell at 401-456-9625.

* Last fall when members of the Class of 1950 committee met to de-brief their golden anniversary celebration, they had suggested we look into sponsoring a luncheon on the Bay Queen for classes 1947-1953. We did a survey and over 60 alumni responded with a “yes, we are interested.” Mark your calendars now for Thursday, June 7, for a Rhode Island College day on Narragansett Bay. If our numbers increase we can reserve one whole deck. Watch your mail for details. If groups from other classes (besides 1947-1953) are interested, please call the Alumni Office.

**MERENDA SCHOLARS: In 1992, when Rose Merenda retired after 32 years of teaching at Henry Barnard School, she established a scholarship fund for Barnard students. This year two students were each awarded $275 scholarships. They are Shirley Seri, 6 1/2, (left) and Rochelle Noreau, 7. (What’s New Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)**

**The Dedication Season Finale**

**JOHN NAZARIAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

**The Rhode Island Philharmonic and**

**RIC Foundation 12th Annual Gala**

**April 6, 2001 8 p.m.**

Lila and John Sapinsley Hall, Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts

**The workshops to follow diversity keynote March 28**

The workshops to follow Kevin Gover’s keynote address on “The Role of Native Americans in a Diverse America” at Rhode Island College’s Sixth Annual Dialogue on Diversity Spring Symposium on Wednesday, March 28, will include a workshop convened by the Rhode Island Indian Council discussing the cultural significance of the “Red Earth Tobacco Program” and a workshop focusing on the film, Cheyenne Warrior, followed by a discussion led by Laura Khoury, assistant professor of sociology.

Gover, an attorney in Washington, D.C. and formerly assistant secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Clinton Administration, will present the keynote address from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium. The workshops will run concurrently from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Gover was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in November 1997. In September 2000, on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he delivered thought-provoking remarks that denounced many of the Bureau’s historical actions.

Randy Noka, first councilman of the Narragansett Indian tribe, will be a respondent after the keynote address.
RIC alumni in Guard unit in Balkans; to return March 18

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A mericans are part of the multi-national force on guard in the troubled Balkans and Rhode Islanders, including those from Rhode Island College, play an integral part in that operation.

Last August the 119th Military Police Company out of Warwick sent over 136 soldiers. Headed by Capt. Luis F. San Lucas '88 and '92, the MPs included 1st Lt. Kathleen M. White, a RIC senior studying education, and 1st Lt. Peter R. Walsh '97, who studied political science.

Their duties included providing support for the U.S. Army troops in Taszar, Hungary, which is "just above Croatia and about two and half hours away from Bosnia by Humvee," says San Lucas, who came home early due to illness in his family.

General Joseph Ralston, commander in chief of the U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO, would offer no guess as to how long United Nations forces would have to play the role of Balkan police, as reported by John Howell, publisher of the Warwick Beacon, in a recent story in that newspaper.

Ralston reportedly estimated that fewer Americans would be used next year.

With active forces declining, the Guard and Reserves are playing greater and greater roles as primary forces. Fully 80 percent of the American forces in the Balkans are made up of Reserve and Guard units.

Some of the military brass estimate that it will take a generation before Serbs and Muslims can live peacefully together, reported Howell.

In the meantime, American soldiers are making the best of the situation. And that included "adopting" an orphanage in a place called Symorgot, a town outside of Taszar about a 15 minute drive from the base.

"We visited them often and during Christmas we collected toys from the United States, donated by Hasbro and other organizations. We introduced to them the idea of having a birthday cake on their actual birthday. The Hungarians usually celebrate on their name date," relates San Lucas.

PART OF THE RIC CONTINGENT in the Balkans are Cyrille Cote (left), director of Security and Safety and a command sergeant major with the 118th Military Police Battalion, and Kathleen White, a senior education major who is a first lieutenant with the 119th Military Police Company.

119th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY of the Rhode Island National Guard get off the airplane which has taken them from Fort Benning, Ga., to Taszar, Hungary, on their way to Bosnia last August for a tour of duty that ends with their return to Rhode Island March 18.
Poets, plays and gospel music highlight African-American History Month

A KICK-OFF reception for African-American History Month is held on the Unity Center Feb. 1. From left are Jay Latimer, director of the Unity Center; Jennifer Robinson, a student in the Case Management Program; and Nikki Merchant, assistant professor of elementary education.

WALKING TO FREEDOM, a play written by Sharon Fennessey, associate professor and teacher at Henry Barnard School, is performed in the Student Union ballroom on Feb 7 and 8. The play traces the life of abolitionist Sojourner Truth from her days as a slave up to the Civil War. Fifth graders (above right, from left) are Adam Coogan, Stephanie Fairbanks, Rosie Young, Christina Lombardi and Christopher Hasslinger.

Photos and text by Gordon E. Rowley

THE CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR performs during “Legacy of Celebration,” a gospel concert in Roberts Hall auditorium on Feb 19.
Poets, plays and gospel music highlight African-American History Month

“I LOVE AFRICA” one of several skits on race and diversity is presented by the RIC Unity Players in the Faculty Center on Feb. 14. From left are Sata Jallah, Chris Souza and Sando Moore.

SPIRITED RENDITIONS of gospel music are given Feb. 21 by Esther Azeez (left) and Melody Forrest (right).

MAKING A JOYFUL SOUND is Julia Robinson during the Feb. 19 gospel concert.
Viola Davis
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The cultural and economic diversity and classroom structure was a playground for learning,” she said. Upward Bound was established at RIC in 1966 as a federal-funded college-based program for selected high school students from low-income families who are potential first generation college students. It helps the students to improve their academic skills so that they may successfully complete high school and enroll in a college or university.

Over 98 percent of all RIC Upward Bound graduates have gone on to college.

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After her graduation from RIC, Davis attended and graduated from the Juilliard School where she studied theatre arts. Since then she has performed on Broadway, in film and in the CBS television series City of Angels.

She was nominated for a Tony award for her leading performance in August Wilson’s Seven Guitars and in 1999 won an Obie award for Best Actress in an Off-Broadway play, Everybody’s Ruby.

On April 29, she will open on Broadway in another August Wilson play, King Hedley II.

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In addition to the flea circus, he’ll perform an act he calls “Barbie Oedipus,” a Greek tragedy performed with Barbie dolls.

DETAILS magazine called this show “one of the top 10 alternative circuses in the country.”

“The mayor will give me a Green Belt to the city, which I will wear like Miss America to all public events,” says Gertsacov.

Seriously though, Gertsacov says he’s “pretty happy.”

“It’s a good job, but it is a job.”

Gertsacov can be reached via his web sites appropriately named www.acmeclown.com or www.trainedfleas.com.

ON TOUR: Maddie Cruz (right) of Central Falls High School, a student in the Upward Bound Program, leads her high school classmates on a tour of the College campus during the Upward Bound orientation session for new students and their families on March 3. Above, Cruz points out the features of the Donovan Dining Center. (What’s New Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
RIC readies for spring sports season

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

With only the women's gymnastics team still in action for the winter season, Rhode Island College is preparing for the spring season which begins in less than a couple of weeks.

The baseball team will make its annual trek to Florida to participate in the Homestead Challenge during the week of March 12-16. The Anchormen will face Crichton, Western New England College, Albertus Magnus and Palm Beach Atlantic while in the Sunshine State.

RIC is under the guidance of new Head Coach Jay Grenier and his assistants Brad Bustin and Mark Pantazis. Grenier took the RIC job after posting a 221-76 record after eight seasons at the Community College of Rhode Island. While at CCRI, the Knights were a regional power and a regular at the NJCCAA World Series.

Senior captains Andy Barron and Scott Virgulak will lead the Anchormen. Virgulak, who played for nine seasons at CCRI and was the club's MVP in each of her four outdoor seasons at RIC, is coming off an outstanding season which begins in just a couple of weeks.

Senior Tom Conley, who was All-New England in three events during the indoor season, will headline the men's team. Bobby Carroll will be a top contender in the high jump and Tim Rudd is coming off a solid indoor season in the 1,500 meters. Dan Fero, last season's MVP, was named All-Alliance/Little East in the pole vault, which he'll join the team after the women's gymnastics squad concludes their season.

The men's and women's track and field teams won't miss a beat, jumping from the indoor season to the outdoor campaign in a matter of weeks.

Senior Jon Cheney is another first-year Head Coach Matt Coleman's team is ready for the challenge and will play five home games this spring. RIC will open the season at Eastern Connecticut on March 27 and will host Southern Maine on March 31. Victoria Bilalyan (women's volleyball) and Rena Rossi (women's soccer) are RIC student-athletes who are making the transition from their primary sports to women's lacrosse this year.


Men's Basketball
Kenny Jernigan was named Second Team All-Little East. He led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 18.2 ppg and 5.9 rpg.

Women's Basketball
Head Coach Mike Kelley's Anchorwomen bowed out of the 2001 Little East Conference Tournament with a 70-63 loss at Plymouth State on Feb. 20. RIC was 7-17 overall and 4-10 in the LEC on the season.

Women's Gymnastics
Head Coach Nikki Follett's team is 6-11 overall. Sajdah Ahmad, Shannon Hughey and Kristen Oliver are a few of the gymnasts on the team who are candidates for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships as individuals.

Women's Indoor Track and Field
Tom Conley was named All-New England in three events: the shot put, weight throw and the 55 meter dash. Conley placed fifth in the 55 meters at the ECC Championships. For the women, Cristolina da Cruz placed 12th at the New Englands, and 16th at the ECACs, in the weight throw event.

Sports Roundup

KEVIN MUNLEY

Grenier two seasons at CCRI, was a First Team All-Little East selection at third base in 2000. Brandon Labrie and Jeff Steere are two rookie pitchers to watch this spring. RIC will open its first home games of the season with a doubleheader against Anna Maria on March 25.

Head Coach Maria Morin's softball team is coming off a 23-17 season in '99. The Anchorwomen will head to Myrtle Beach, S.C. the week of March 12-16. While down south, RIC will play eight games, beginning with Lindsey Wilson on March 12.

The Anchorwomen will have their work cut out for them. There are only five key position players from last spring, including its catcher, first baseman, shortstop and centerfielder.

Pitcher Lea Wiggins, who was First Team All-Little East in '99, is poised to have an outstanding senior season. Freshman hurler Kim Warrington impressed everyone during the fall season and is a very capable number two starter.

Around the diamond, Kelly McCaskill returns at third base and Michele Funelli will most likely play at second base. Speedy outfielder Crissy D’Agostino is also back. McCullah led the team in stolen bases and was second in batting in just her first season playing fast-pitch softball last spring.

RIC will play its first home games of the season with a doubleheader against Johnson and Wales on March 21.

Head Coach Dick Ernst's men's tennis team perennially challenges for the Little East title and the Anchorwomen should be tough in 2001 once again.

MIKE RILEY

Junior Paul Perry has been one of the team's top players over the past two seasons. He was the Little East Champion at number six singles as a freshman in 1999 and was the LEC Champion at number four singles in 2000. Senior Jon Cheney is another solid player who may have a breakout season this spring.

RIC has 10 home meets this season, beginning with the University of Rhode Island on March 23.

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Men's Golf
The men's golf team, under the guidance of first year Head Coach Matt Coleman, is still waiting for spring as well and with only the women's soccer and some very good new players.

The women's softball team, under the direction of Maria Morin, has also been working out since early February and the Anchorwomen will be heading to South Carolina during the break to start their season. It should be an interesting season for Coach Morin's team which has a blend of senior veterans and some very good new players.

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From the athletic director's desk

• For those of you who might have missed John Tencher's retirement reception on Monday, March 19, 2001 at the Providence Marriott. For additional information, please call Jeanne D'Agostino at 401-456-8007.

• Congratulations to wrestlers Kevin Munley and Mike Riley who participated in the NCAA Division III National Championship last week in Waterloo, Iowa.

• The baseball team, under the direction of first year head coach Jay Grenier, has been working out since early February in preparation for its southern trip to the Homestead, Fla. area. The team will be playing three during the College's spring break.

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Concert pianist F. Moyer to perform with RIC Symphony in Chester Performance Award Concert

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The internationally acclaimed pianist Frederick Moyer will be the featured soloist for Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor at the sixth annual Samuel and Esther Chester Performance Award Concert Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts at Rhode Island College.

Edward Markward will conduct the RIC Symphony Orchestra in a program that opens with the orchestra’s continued two-year exploration of the “Twentieth Century: A Retrospective,” with Samuel Barber’s First Essay for Orchestra, Opus. 12.

Concluding the program will be César Franck’s first and last tone poems: the evocative Psyché (a Rhode Island premiere) and the exciting and dramatic Le Chasseur Maudit (The Accursed Huntsman).

Both are scored for a very large orchestra and are colorful works utilizing all of the powers of the full orchestra, says Markward.

Admission to the concert is free due to the donation from Providence music devotees Samuel and Esther Chester, who have underwritten the performers’ fees.

Described by the New York Times as “a first-class young pianist” whose playing is “clean, unmannered and full of ideas and intelligence,” Moyer performs full time on the concert circuit.

He has been to 36 countries and to such far-flung venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, the Sydney Opera House in Australia, Windsor Castle in England, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood and the Kennedy Center. He has appeared as piano soloist with world renowned orchestras including those in Cleveland, Philadelphia and Minnesota as well as the St. Louis, Dallas, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Houston, Boston, Singapore and London symphony orchestras, among others.

Moyer has made 16 recordings on Biddulph, GM and Jupiter labels. These are comprised of the works of over 30 composers and reflect his affinity for a wide variety of styles. His latest recording features a collaboration with the London Symphony of David Ott’s Second Piano Concerto.

Moyer is well known for his residencies of one day to three weeks that combine major performances, master classes, workshops, school performances and other activities to promote classical music within communities.

The Boston Globe said of one of Moyer’s performances: “This was a success on the highest level from first to last. Something to write home about. This young pianist is a natural.”

Rhode Island College Chorus and Chamber Singers, conducted by Teresa S. Coffman, and the RIC Vocal Ensemble, conducted by William Jones, will perform a choral concert of music from different countries entitled “How Can I Keep From Singing?” Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Featured works include the title song, arranged by Z. Randall Stroope; Song for Athene by John Tavener; My Song in the Night, a Southern folk hymn arranged by Paul Christiansen, and selections from Zigeunerlieder (Gypsy Songs) by Johannes Brahms.

Also included will be “Minoi, minoi,” a Samoan folk song arranged by Christopher Marshall; Chamber Music, a commissioned work for the RIC Chamber Singers by composer Michael Remson based on a set of poetry by James Joyce; Flower Drum Song, a Chinese folk song arranged by Jing Ling Tam, and “I’m gonna sing ‘til the spirit moves in my heart,” a spiritual by Moses Hogan.

The concert will be dedicated to the memory of Deborah Griffin, a former outstanding chorus member and RIC music major, who was killed, along with four of her children, in a house fire on Dec. 8 in Providence.

Tickets are $7 and may be purchased at the door.
Chamber Music Series to feature bass-baritone

Frank Ward

Frank Ward Jr., a bass-baritone who is an active performer in recitals, oratorios and opera, will be featured in the Wednesday, March 28, Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series starting at 1 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

The program will consist of selections by seven composers, including Handel (“See the Raging Flames (Joshua);” Schubert (“Hail”); Ravel (“Don Quichotte a Dulcinee”); Adolphus Hailstork (“Little Brown Baby”); and “Ain’t-a that Good News!” arranged by Uzee Brown Jr. Stephen Martorella will accompany Ward on piano.

The recital is free and open to the public. A native of Richmond, Va., Ward is a sought after bass-baritone in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. He has appeared with the Virginia and Roanoke operas and Capriole.

His stage experience includes performances in Showboat, La Boheme, La Traviata, The Marriage of Figaro and Scott Joplin’s Treemonisha.

Last summer Ward made his European debut with Opera Estate 2000 singing the role of Bartolo in Rossini’s Il barbiere di Siviglia in Rome.

His oratorio performances include Handel’s Messiah, Brahms’ Requiem and Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass.

Ward’s programs include a variety of music ranging from works by Purcell and Handel to Schubert, Hailstork, spirituals and other works by African-American composers.

Critics have praised his “careful attention to diction” and his “great vocal agility and treatment of ornamentation.”

One critic noted that he “married showmanship with vocal technique to a great advantage.”

Ward is currently vocal coordinator at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 401-456-9883.
Chaplains’ Office for more information and to sign up to the Chaplains’ Office, 456-8168, for March 24, and April 21. Meet at the Habitat for Humanity from Feb. 8 through April 26.

Aquatics, 401-456-8227. Class runs for further information, call RIC staff, and students.

For information, call RIC Aquatics, 401-456-8227. $150 fee for RIC students.

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21 Wednesday
12:30 to 2 p.m.—Colloquium: “Conrad Among the Cannibals” is the topic of a lecture and discussion by Frances B. Singh of Hostos Community College of the City University of New York at the Rhode Island College Junior/ Senior Year Honors Academy colloquium series. In the Freeman Center, classroom C. Sponsored by the College Lectures Committee, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Portz Fund Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council.


22 Thursday
8 p.m.—Dance: Alonzo King’s LINES Contemporary Ballet with Zakir Hussain** in The Auditorium in Roberts Hall, Part of the Performing Arts Series. Reserved seating $21.

Sports Events
Women’s Gymnastics
Fri.-Sat. March 23-24 at 20001 NCGA Championships + TBA

Baseball
Mon. March 12 Chrichton ^ 2:15 p.m.
Tues. March 13 Western New England ^ 2 p.m.
Wed. March 14 Albertus Magnus ^ 10:15 a.m.
Sat. March 17 Palm Beach Atlantic ^ 10:30 a.m.
Tues. March 20 at Coast Guard 3 p.m.
Sun. March 25 Anna Maria (DH) Noon

Softball
Mon. March 12 Lindsey Wilson + 9 a.m.
Mon. March 12 Univ. of the Sciences in Philadelphia + 11:30 a.m.
Tues. March 13 Lee + 9 a.m.
Tues. March 13 Marian + 11:30 a.m.
Wed. March 14 Beaver + 9 a.m.
Wed. March 14 St. Elizabeth + 11:30 a.m.
Thurs. March 15 Gordon + 9 a.m.
Thurs. March 15 Gettysburg + 11:30 a.m.
Wed. March 21 Johnson and Wales (DH) 3 p.m.
Fri. March 23 at East Coast Fast Pitch Classic # TBA
Sat. March 24 at East Coast Fast Pitch Classic # TBA

Men’s Tennis
Fri. March 23 University of Rhode Island 3:00 p.m.

Women’s Softball Tournament game in Myrtle Beach, SC # hosted by Bridgewater College (VA)

Men’s Golf
Fri. March 23 Suffolk Noon
Mon. March 26 Brandeis 12:30 p.m.

*Admission Free
** Admission discounts for senior citizens, faculty staff, RIC and non-RIC students.

Notice of Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

Sundays
10 p.m.—Catholic Mass in the Student Union Ballroom with Fr. Joe Pescialetto as the celebrant.

Mondays
Noon to 1 p.m.—Bible Study in the Chaplains’ Office, Student Union, 300. Studying the Book of Revelation. Conducted by Rev. Larry Nichols, Protestant chaplain. Call 401-456-8168 for further information.

2:30 to 4 p.m.—Workshop: Turning Point in Craig-Lee 130. Make a positive change in your life! This workshop runs from March 19 - April 19. Sponsored by the Counseling Center, 456-8094.

Tuesdays
6 to 8 p.m.—SCUBA Instruction in Recreation Center Pool. Class runs from Feb. 6 through April 24. For further information, call RIC Aquatics, 401-456-8227. $150 fee for RIC students.

Wednesdays
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.—Christian Student Service Organization (CSSO) meets in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300. Refreshments are provided. Students meet to discuss faith, prayer, and plan service activities to benefit the surrounding community. All are welcome to attend.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in CL 105. Sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion. For more information, call Mary Olen, 401-456-8061.

Thursdays
2 to 3 p.m.—Mindfulness Meditation in Craig-Lee 130, with Tom Lavin. With mindfulness meditation, the goal is to cultivate moment-to-moment awareness by purposeful direction of attention. This group will offer beginners some basic instruction and more experienced meditators a regular sitting practice. No appointment or intake is required. Open to faculty, staff, and students.

6 to 9:30 p.m.—Lifeguard Training Course in Recreation Center pool. For further information, call RIC Aquatics, 401-456-8227. Class runs from Feb. 6 through April 26.

Saturdays
Habitat for Humanity work dates: March 24, and April 21. Meet at the Student Union loop at 8:15 a.m. Call the Chaplains’ Office, 456-8168, for more information and to sign up to help.

11-17 Sun.-Sat.
Alternate Spring Break Call Chaplains’ Office for more information, 401-456-8168.

12 Monday
8 p.m.—Music: Boston Symphony Chamber Players** in the Lila and John Sapinley Hall. Part of the President’s Music Series. Reserved seating $20. Rescheduled from March 5 due to adverse weather conditions.

14 Wednesday
12:30 to 2 p.m.—“Money Smarts” in Craig-Lee 130 with Counselor Denise DeBesa-Smith. Developing money smarts is important now more than ever. Some research even shows that money smarts can improve your grades. Learn how to put together a money plan that can help you live better, save more, and avoid and get out of debt.

19 Monday
4 p.m.—Lecture: “What is Islam?” in Gaige 307, Abdullah Abid Hamid, imam of the Providence Islamic Center, will speak. Everyone is invited.

8 p.m.—Music: 8th Annual Samuel and Esther Chester Performance Award Concert* in the Lila and John Sapinley Hall, with the RIC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Edward Markward. Guest pianist: Frederick Meyer.