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Opening Convocation – Nazarian urges: ‘Promote the College at all times’

Goals and successes outline year ahead

Heralding the start of the first full academic year of the new millennium, President John Nazarian welcomed the College’s administrators, faculty and staff, including 76 new members to the College community, in his Aug. 29 address in Donovan Dining Center. The warm welcome was optimistic for its capacity audience as Nazarian summarized the College’s plans for the coming year.

Nazarian presented the College’s initiatives to attract top students, new scholarship programs, continual evaluation of teacher education programs, major technological advancements within the wired campus community, on-going campus renovations, budgetary restraints and resource management, and promotional campaigns.

Esteemed special guests, Providence Municipal Court Judge Frank Caprio, who served as the vice chair of the Board of Governors, and Commissioner of Higher Education, William Holland, offered insightful commentaries for the future of education.

Judge Caprio expounded on the College’s exemplary strides in preparing students for success and urged everyone to “continue on the path you have chosen—continue to do a good job.”

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“They have lived through an amazing period in history. Quantum leaps in communication and information technology. Constant change. A dramatic increase in the pace of life,” Nazarian commented. “During the course of their undergraduate years, each of us will have the opportunity to help prepare them to succeed and to contribute to this world in a positive manner.”

This year’s incoming class includes 1,916 students accepting admission, 838 transfers and 1,078 first time freshmen, most just out of high school. The remaining number of students were admitted through the Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) or performance based admissions, or are second bachelor’s degree candidates, or re-admitted students. Other statistics show that Rhode Islander comprise 85% of the incoming students, though the percentage of out-of-state students has increased slightly in recent years. Racial or ethnic minorities make up 14% of this year’s entrants, up from 12% last year. Most entering students are the first in their families to go to college. Women make up nearly two thirds of the incoming class.

The most significant variable in the profile of this year’s incoming freshman class is a 32 point increase for a mean average SAT score of 990, as

First Presidential Scholars arrive

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

As classes began Sept. 5 Rhode Island College welcomed 100 new Presidential Scholars to campus under a new scholarship program that provides merit-based awards for outstanding freshmen and transfer students.

Under the program, announced last November, top high school achievers have been offered $2,000 awards, which are renewable for up to four years of full-time study based on the student’s grade-point average. Transfer winners are receiving $2,000 awards which are renewable for up to three years, also

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GETTING ACQUAINTED: At the College’s opening convocation August 29 in Donovan Dining Center, Melody Ruffin Ward (left), assistant professor of dance, talks with new faculty members Amy Linda Sellin and Joseph A. Levi, both assistant professors in modern languages. Inset: Frank Caprio, vice chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, delivers humorous as well as serious remarks, during the speaking program. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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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, whether 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.

Former Hasbro executive named director of news/public relations

Jane E. Fusco of Cranston, a former executive at Hasbro in Pawtucket for 17 years, has been named director of news and public relations at Rhode Island College effective Aug. 20. Working closely with the administration, faculty and staff, she will assume responsibility for all media relations on behalf of the College.

“We are delighted to have Jane join the College and the Division of Development and College Relations,” says Marguerite Brown, vice president of development.

“Jane will have an immediate impact in her role. Through her experience and expertise, she will help us build our public relations program at the College, and she will be instrumental in implementing our new fund-raising campaign.”

Prior to that, she served as editor of Hasbro’s Corporate Editorial Services Group from 1984, directing all editorial functions and activities of the in-house writing department. For five years prior to this, she served as a reporter, assignment editor and publicity director for the communications division of the Providence Journal Company. Fusco also organized publicity for promotional events and fund-raisers in conjunction with local agencies and affiliates.

She holds bachelor’s degrees in journalism and English and a master’s degree in communications, all from the University of Rhode Island.

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“We are delighted to have Ed Brady join the Rhode Island College management staff,” says DeLucia, “His experience at the Newport Public School Department and Raytheon Company, has been appointed director of Facilities and Operations at the Rhode Island College Performing Arts Center in its capital campaign.

As director, Brady will be in charge of the care of the College’s 40 buildings and 175 acres. At Newport, Brady provided accessibility, environmental, health and safety compliance planning and development, and initiated a short and long-term maintenance program. He also established a management system to facilitate major projects and studies.

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Barnard teachers to conduct follow-up workshop after study tour of China

Joan C. Bloom of East Providence and Pamela J. Manninen of Providence, both first-grade teachers at Rhode Island College's laboratory school, Henry Barnard, will conduct a three-day workshop in September for other teachers in the district, following their 23-day study tour in China which began June 25.

The teachers also will share their experiences with students, other teachers and the community through-out the current academic year.

They were part of a study group of 17 other elementary and secondary school teachers from the U.S. in the program, which was conducted by the Program for Teaching East Asia at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Traveling to Beijing, Xi’an, Guizhou, Chongqing, Three Gorges, Wuhan and Shanghai, they focused on China’s geographic issues and challenges, with special attention to the themes of modernity, preservation of cultural heritage and cultural and regional diversity.

The Barnard teachers now will pursue an independent study project to develop curricula for their classrooms.

Both were selected for the China tour based on previous study of China and a commitment to enhance teaching about China, the world’s most populous country and one of its fastest growing economies.

Their participation in the study tour is the second component of a year-long project of curriculum enhancement.

U. S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) told some 50 Rhode Island high school students in the Rhode Island College Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP) on July 5 that by applying themselves now they will be “amply rewarded in the future.”

The students, from 20 high schools, participated in the RIC Student Support Services summer program prior to joining this year’s freshmen class.

“You’ve really got to prepare yourself for the future,” said Reed, noting that a majority of good jobs require a college degree and that college graduates “make 50 percent more than high school graduates.”

“So, education pays,” he said.

In response to a question from the audience asking if there was any chance of funding being denied for the program, Reed essentially said that he couldn’t guarantee continued support for the federally funded TRIO program.

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Financial planning program now board registered

RHODE ISLAND College has registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP board) to provide a new personal financial planning concentration program under the master’s of professional accountancy degree (MPA).

An independent certifying organization, the CFP board awards the CFP™, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and CFP certification marks. Students completing the financial planning program at RIC will be eligible to sit for the national CFP™ Certification Examination administered by the CFP board.

“The CFP board is pleased to have Rhode Island College as a new personal financial planning program under the master’s of professional accountancy degree (MPA).”

These programs will be a part of a three-session program for those seeking the CFP® Certification Examination.

Person interested in financial planning as a career continues to grow, we anticipate that RIC’s program will contribute significantly to the number of qualified candidates seeking to sit for our CFP® Certification Examination.”

Persons interested in the program should send inquiries to Lori A. Martin, career planning and placement officer for the Center for Management & Technology at Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908.
Foundation & Alumni Affairs

Alumni Golf Day is Sept. 24

Rhode Island College Alumni Association’s 11th annual golf day is Monday, Sept. 24, at the Cranston Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the RICoChet Fund, which provides scholarship assistance to students in emergency situations.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start, scramble play is at 1 p.m. Bar and hors d’oeuvres is at 5:30 with dinner, awards, and a raffle at 6:30. Cost is $85 for 18 holes of golf, cart, favors, refreshments and dinner, $25 for dinner only.

The association is looking for sponsors of the event, all of whom will be recognized in the golf program and Alumni Magazine. Call 456-8086 for more information.

Alumni Association gives over $85,000 in scholarships and financial aid

Rhode Island College Alumni Association has awarded $75,850 in scholarships to 92 students for the 2001-2002 academic year, it was announced by Ellie O’Neill, director of alumni affairs.

Another $9,500 in Alumni Financial Aid Awards was given to the office of Financial Aid to be distributed at its discretion, bringing the total amount distributed to $85,350.

Contributions to the RIC Annual Fund make possible the scholarship money and alumni financial aid funds that are distributed each year.

An additional $8,000 will be awarded during the year on an emergency basis through the RICoChet fund, made possible through the proceeds from the annual alumni golf tournament.

The number of awards by category, the total amount awarded and the recipients and their hometowns are:

• Children (of Alumni) Academic Awards: 4 for a total of $1,600, including Kelly Lee, North Kingston, and Victoria Meyer, Warwick.

• Alumni Freshman Awards, 44 for a total of $12,800, including Kelly Long, Cranston, N. H.; Jayme Williams, Warwick.

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Also, Jonathan Bonne, East Providence; Christine Brunelle, East Greenwich; Allison Copp, Foster; Nina Lennon, West Greenwich; Casey Kidwell, Woonsocket; Katelyn Kozak, Foster. Also, Courtney Gardiner, Warwick; Michala Jimmis, Cranston; Eric Martin, North Providence; Patrick Hughes, East Providence; Patricia Veiga, East Providence; John P. Tierney, Providence.

• Alumni Awards, 45 for a total of $42,850, Cheryl-Ann Drew, West Warwick; Jennifer Travers, Bristol; Terry Waterman, Greenwich; Lisa Middleton, Foster; Corin Lamontagne, North Attleboro; Shannon Ryan Flood, Slatersville; Antonio Rodrigues, Cumberland; Rachel Davis, Cranston.

Also, Karen Robinson, Smithfield; Keith Goubert, North Kingstown; Thomas Lupinacci, Johnston; Paul Crowell, North Kingstown.

Also, Ana Gutierrez, Providence; Jannet Vasquez, West Warwick; Brittany Anderson, Rehoboth; Emerson Freimann, Warwick; Amy Kline, Johnston.

Also, Abigail Raspallo, Slatersville; Tara Gurka, Johnston; Stephanie Callaghan, Warwick; Scott Winship, North Attleboro; Christian Vargas, Providence; Jason Coggeshall, Providence; Meagan Carroll, Middletown; Carolina Toje, Argentina; Tina Fernandes, Warwick; Timothy Geraghty, Providence.

Also, Meagan Capo, North Providence; Adam Rivard, Cranston; Abigail Raspallo, Slatersville; Adam Buxbaum, Rehoboth; Dorsey Weber, Rumford; Walter Thayer III, Johnston; Dayna Ferrara, North Providence; Kerri Zavota, Barrington; Tressah Marra, Lakeville, Mass.; Mary Callahan, Middletown; Justin Bily, North Providence; Ann-Nina Muzzi, Providence; Alejandro Vargas, Providence; Jennifer Nott, Portsmouth; Jezabel Novo, Woonsocket.

TOP GOLFER: Vice President Marguerite Brown awards a prize for lowest net score to Patrick Shanahan, president and CEO of First Bank and Trust, at the Rhode Island College Foundation’s 12th annual Golf Day at the Warwick Country Club on Aug. 14. The event raised over $20,000 for student scholarships. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
RIC nursing grads —
Chosen for new hospital critical-care program

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Three of the eight graduate nurses chosen to participate in the first Rhode Island Hospital Critical Care Internship program are graduates of Rhode Island College.

The innovative program, launched in June, was established by the hospital to help alleviate the nursing shortage in the intensive care units. Selected are Suzana Moura of Pawtucket; Christine Dwyer of Newport, and Anna Sousa of Cranston. All are graduates of the Class of 2001.

“This is a really important achievement for us,” says Jane Williams, chair of the RIC nursing department. “The students had to apply for the internship and it was a competitive process. To have three of the eight (out of approximately 30 applicants) chosen is outstanding,” she says.

Although a nursing shortage exists throughout the country, it is particularly acute in intensive care, reports the hospital in its August edition of Lifelines Digest.

Similar efforts to establish critical care internships have been made by established hospitals like the Mayo Clinic, says Williams. “These are being done by the best hospitals in the country as a way of attracting good nurses,” she says.

Normally, a nurse must practice for at least two years and then receive substantial additional training to care for critically ill patients.

Through the Rhode Island Hospital Critical Care Internship program, selected nursing school graduates will be given intensive training in critical care and will be fully qualified to work in the intensive care unit within one year.

In return for this post-graduate education, the interns had to pledge to work for at least one year as Rhode Island Hospital full-time critical care nurses.

“The hospital has invested a lot in this program,” says Williams. “It will provide a strong educational base for practice in this very skilled area.”

Carol Landry, RN, clinical manager of the hospital’s Critical Care unit and creator of the program, explains that it’s not easy to be accepted into the new program.

Candidates must be graduates of an accredited nursing school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 (out of a possible 4.0), and must pass their state boards within 90 days of graduation.

Landry says the nurses who were selected for the first class are motivated and committed and will receive high-level intensive-care training.

She believes one of the most important aspects of their training is critical thinking, adding that “nothing is more crucial than the ability to respond to the unique needs of individual patients.”

“Rhode Island Hospital is making a strong commitment to critical care nurses,” says Williams. “It is a very skilled area.”

Rhode Island Hospital is making a very strong effort at orientation and providing on-going support for the new nurses in a very demanding practice area,” assures Williams.

$1 million fund established at RIC for Feinstein Jr. Scholars

The Feinstein Foundation and Rhode Island College have entered into a partnership to provide full tuition and fees scholarships to high-achieving participants of the Feinstein Jr. Scholar Program admitted to the College as undergraduates.

Called the Caring Power Leadership Scholarship Program, the first scholarships will be awarded to students entering in the Fall of 2002.

For each student accepted by the College, the Feinstein Foundation will contribute $1,000 a year toward the cost of tuition and fees. The College will make up the difference to provide full scholarship coverage.

Eligible students must be in the top 30% of their graduating class, have a combined SAT score of 1100, and meet all Rhode Island College admission requirements. Criteria for the Leadership Scholarship Program was taken from standards established for the College’s Presidential Scholarship Program, which provides $2,000 scholarships to qualified students. The first Presidential Scholarships began classes at RIC on September 3.

According to the Feinstein Foundation, there are approximately 100,000 students in the Feinstein Jr. Scholar Program in Rhode Island. Participating students must exhibit a commitment to the values of community service, compassion, caring and fellowship to make a positive difference in their lives.

The Feinstein Foundation has established in the Rhode Island Foundation a $1 million fund as a designated funding source for the Leadership Scholarship Program at Rhode Island College. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years for students who maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.00.

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and Rhode Island College President John Nazarian signed the agreement on August 7, 2001.

Feinstein has a history of strong support for the College. In 1995, he contributed $500,000 to help establish the joint RIC/UIR Ph.D. in Education program and a $1 million donation in 1996 to enhance programs at the College’s School of Education and Human Development. The school was later renamed in his honor. Feinstein was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree at the 1999 commencement.

“We look forward to welcoming the Feinstein Jr. Scholars into the Rhode Island College community,” said President John Nazarian. “These students exemplify the high standards of educational excellence and service learning that are part of the Rhode Island College experience.”

Homecoming – Come Back to RIC!
Oct. 12–13, 2001

Highlights:
Friday, Oct. 12
Dance the night away... at an old fashioned Sock Hop! 8 p.m., Intercollegiate Athletic Building Only $5 per person

Saturday, Oct. 13
Homecoming Float Parade, 11:30 a.m.
Look for detailed information in the mail and in the next issue of What’s News regarding other social, artistic and recreational activities. Call 401-456-8086 for more information.

NURSE REWARD PROGRAM is explained by Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty to Rhode Island College nursing students Lisa Napolitano (center), president of the RIC Student Nurse Association, and Kathryn Lapinski, association treasurer, at an unveiling of the program in Fogarty Life Science Building Aug. 2. The newly enacted program, resulting from legislation proposed by Fogarty and signed by the governor, offers interest-free loans to nursing school graduates who become nurses, thus reducing about one-third of their student-loan payments. Rhode Island, like the rest of the country, faces a critical shortage of nurses. Fogarty says the program will help attract more people into the profession. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Residence halls bustling

With residence hall occupancy above capacity, students began moving into the College’s five residence halls on Labor Day (Classes began Sept. 5).

“These kids have everything!” said a mother standing in front of Sweet Hall. “I think I saw a big screen TV going in.”

We cannot confirm that giant TV rumor, but What’s News was there to document some of the activity, which we present on these two pages.

ROOMMATES: Thirteen-year-old Chris Robblee helps his brother, Tim, move into Sweet Residence Hall by carrying a poster of super-model Elsa Benitz.

“NO PETS” warns Nikki Nadeau (left), a sophomore, as she and Kristen Geremia, a freshman, go over the student handbook.

Above: HELPING HAND: April Auclair (right) and her mother, Elaine, get help moving into Willard Hall from Jean Pepper and James Bell, members of Intervarsity, a Christian fellowship student organization.

At right: BIG BOX: Kelly Rountree (left) gets some help moving into Sweet Hall from University of Rhode Island student Nathan Fischer. Contrary to its “stereo” markings, the box contains clothing, says Kelly.
"ROLLING IN" to Sweet Hall are Alexis Radovich and her father, Michael.

THIRSTY FRESHMAN Charles Hewes moves into Weber Hall. The over-size beer bottle is actually a coin bank.

LOADED DOWN: Her hands full, Holly Young moves into Brown Hall.
Education 2000 is in the planning stage. A symposium on General education is the priority at the College, according to President John Nazarian. The Presidential scholarships are renewable for up to four years as long as the student continues to meet high academic criteria. A new class of Presidential scholars will be added on a yearly basis to help attract top students and raise a cost of about $1 million dollars by its fourth year.

While generous, the Presidential scholarships do not cover the full cost of tuition and fees. Nazarian reminded the audience that the competition for top students is strong and RIC must be prepared to do more to remain attractive to these students.

Given this, Nazarian announced that the College has entered into a scholarship agreement with Shawn Feinstein of Alger Capital. The fund full tuition and fees with a $1 million gift that takes effect in 2002. This agreement was made publicly for the first time at the convocation.

The constant evaluation and improvement to teacher education programs continues to be of highest priority for the College, according to Nazarian. A symposium on General Education 2000 is in the planning stages and Nazarian urged faculty members to participate in this process.

Alluding to Vartan Gregorian’s recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education entitled, “Teacher Education: Must Become Collegen Central Preoccupation,” Nazarian stated that the College needs to be in this area, exemplified by the implementation of 10 content majors for elementary education majors, and the recommendations by the task force examining the organization and restructuring of the NeASC report, including an external review of the joint PhD program in association with URI, enhancement of Library and Information services, and the establishment of the Committee on Assessment of Student Outcomes. Nazarian applauded the College’s achievements in this area including the introduction of Mascot.com to the campus community.

In an agreement with Microsoft Technologies, students can install and use Microsoft operating systems and software under the state approved software agreement at no cost, saving them as much as $2,576 if the software titles were purchased separately. Nazarian explained that the state added $200,000 each year for the College’s campus-wide agreement with Microsoft, upgrading of Mascot.com to the campus community.

“...No matter what our formal job description, we are here for the students.” – College President John Nazarian

The Presidential Scholarships were established last year and is the only national educational institution in the state to join the network.

Moving forward with its campus renovation and renewal program, which will affect over half the buildings on campus, construction efforts continue with the renovation and expansion of the Student Union, commencement and graduation facilities, the renovation of Building #9 for the School of Social Work.

Competing interests for state funds and the uncertainty of the nation’s economy has raised concern for the College’s administrators in preparation of next year’s budget. “We have been asked to develop a scenario for a six percent reduction in state support,” Nazarian explained.

He added, “My advice to all, therefore, is to promote the College at all times. Conserve whenever possible, stretch our spending requests and be prepared to do more with less. Given our recent history, we certainly have the desire of experience in stretch- ing our resources.”

Providing research and other services to government programs at the federal, state and local levels, and to the private sector, was one way Nazarian advised to promote the College. He said that this tradition dates back to the early days of the College when it offered workshops and teachers’ institutes, evolving into the College Experts List of the last decade. Earlier this year, Congressman James Langevin ’90 proposed that the College establish a participating in the national capital policy. Subsequently, Nazarian named a working group to develop a proposal for the Center, appointing Victor Prokofsh from the Department of Political Science as chair.

Nazarian also mentioned the marked success of the College Development Office, which staffs the RIC Foundation and administers the Alumni Office, with a portfolio valued at nearly $9.2 million at the end of the 2001 fiscal year, almost a five-fold increase in contributions since 1996. The College’s Capital Campaign, underway since July 1, 1999, is nearing completion of its “silent phase” to identify potential beneficiaries and donors. Fund Consultants Inc. have been retained to provide consulting services to the College. View charts and steering committee members were named and introduced. Nazarian concluded his remarks urging everyone to join in the promotion of the Capital Campaign and support the efforts of the College.

“...This is an exciting time to be a part of the College, full of new challenges and new opportunities.” – Conclusion Nazarian.
College community extends welcome to new colleagues

At the Committee on Convocation on Aug. 29, the following new faculty and staff members were introduced to the college faculty and staff. Each represents the largest addition to the RIC community in a decade. They will join thousands of all individuals currently employed on an academic or calendar year basis who began their service after Jan. 1, 2001.

FACULTY

LESLEY M. BOGAD, assistant professor, Department of Psychology, received her PhD in Educational Studies, holds a PhD and an MA in psychology from Yale University, and was most recently an instructor at Syracuse University.

KAREN LEE BOREN, assistant professor of English, won a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship for her work on the literature of Angola and a Fulbright-Hays fellowship for her work on the Portuguese language. She was most recently a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

DOUGLAS BOSCH, assistant professor of art, has worked as an artist and curator, and holds a BS from the Baldwin School. Meglio holds an MA in counseling psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

SUSAN CARDOZA, assistant professor, second grade teacher, Henry Barnard School, holds an MA and a BA in psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She was most recently a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

KELLU DUPUIS, assistant professor at Henry Barnard School, holds an MA and a BS in secondary education from the University of Arizona, and an MA and degrees from Cornell University. Most recently, she was most recently a teaching assistant for the South Shore Mental Health Center.

VALERIE A. ENDRESS, assistant professor of communications, holds a PhD in literature and communication from Indiana University and earned her MA and BA degrees at Ball State University. She was most recently an assistant professor at the University of Hartford.

JOSEPH A. LEVI, assistant professor of modern languages, holds a PhD in Romance languages and literatures from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and was most recently a visiting assistant professor.

DIANE R. MARTELL, assistant professor of social work, holds a PhD from Brandeis University, where she also earned an MA in social policy. In addition, she holds a BA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Most recently, she was a post-doctoral fellow at Rhode Island Hospital.

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CHRISTINE M. MILLER, assistant professor, teacher in the Child Care Program at Henry Barnard School, holds a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island and a BS in education (early childhood) from West Virginia University (Penn.).

PETER M. K. MENDY, assistant professor of psychology, holds his PhD in political science from the African history and MSc in political science/ development from Simon Fraser University, University of Birmingham (England). He also holds a BA from the University of Africa, Ghana, and was most recently the United Nations Development Programme, Luanda, Angola.

KAREN MAYER, assistant professor at Henry Barnard School, holds an MA in educational leadership from the University of Rhode Island and a BS from West Chester State College. She was most recently a teacher at St. Mary's School, Providence.

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Athletics

New faces of RIC athletics

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

The summer of 2001 has seen several changes at Rhode Island College’s Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation. There are new additions to the administrative and coaching staffs, as well as new faces for familiar programs.

Mike Kelly joins the staff as the new head men’s basketball coach and will also serve as the coordinator of intramurals at the Recreation Center. Kelly, who originally hails from Yarmouth, Mass., was a Division I assistant coach at Davidson College and Virginia Tech prior to joining the Anchormen.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to coach at Rhode Island College,” Kelly said. “I am thankful to [RIC President] John Nazarian and [RIC Athletic Director] Don Tencher for having the confidence in me to take over the men’s basketball program. I look forward to the challenge of competing in the Little East Conference and working with the team.”

This Mike Kelly is not to be confused with - but probably will be - RIC’s head women’s basketball coach who is also named Mike Kelley, but spells his last name differently.

John Mello has joined the men’s soccer program as an assistant coach. Mello was previously the head coach at West Providence High School and at Seekonk High School. During Mello’s tenure at Shea, the Raiders made it to the semi-finals of the Division II Rhode Island State Championships three times and to the finals once. Mello hails from Bristol and is a graduate of La Salle Academy.

Gerald Shellard, formerly the assistant athletic director for fitness medicine since October of 1997, has moved over to the College’s Recreation Center where he’ll serve as the assistant athletic director for intramurals and recreation.

Andy Coughlin joined the staff as the coordinator of athletics and recreation facilities. He was previously the coordinator of facilities and intramurals at RIC, a position he held since November of 2000. Prior to that assignment, he was a part-time facilities supervisor at RIC from 1996 until November of 2000.

From the athletic director’s desk

It has been an extremely active and busy summer around the department. Here’s an update on some of the activity:

• We have just received notification that recent graduate Jessica Arrighi has been selected as the Rhode Island College Woman of the Year by the NCAA. To accomplish this, Jessica had to beat the nominees from every other school in Rhode Island including the Division I institutions. Award criteria was based on athletic and academic achievement, as well as community involvement and leadership. Jessica, who just started teaching in the Woonsocket school system, will be honored by the NCAA in Indianapolis in October as the state women’s winner. Jessica is now in the running for the national award. Congratulations and good luck, Jessica!

• Welcome to all of new athletic staff and best wishes for much success.

• It was another banner season for sports camps on the Rhode Island College campus with over 1,000 young people coming to RIC and gaining knowledge. In addition to the camps, the Bill Fal Fail Vaulting and Throwers Camps are now on campus as well. Thanks to all the staff whose efforts made these activities so successful.

• Our Inaugural Anchor Club Golf Tournament was held at Pawtucket Country Club with over 100 participants. It was a great event and everyone had a fantastic time. If you didn’t make this year’s tournament, mark your calendar for next year’s event on July 22, 2002. Many thanks to everyone who supported this year’s event.

• Over 400 youngsters participated in the Renaissance Games sponsored by the Institute for International Sport held over the later part of July on campus and included athletics, the arts and academics.

• Homecoming is just around the corner (Oct. 12 & 13) and there will be a number of athletic alumni activities associated with this year’s festivities. Our big event will be our recognition dinner on Saturday evening which includes the Hall of Fame inductions. There will also be a men’s soccer alumni game on Saturday morning and a women’s softball alumni game on Saturday afternoon. More details to follow on these events.

• We want to wish much success to Frank Arzenovo, assistant athletic director, in his career at the College and working at the State House as chief of staff for House Speaker John Harwood. Our loss is state government’s gain. Best of luck to Frank.

The Recreation Center is currently under renovations that include a fresh coat of paint and several upgrades that should be completed for Homecoming. The baseball and softball fields are getting additional seating, astroturf hitting tunnels and new backstops that will be maintenance-free and provide better sight lines for spectators. New track and field rules call for a steplike chase for men’s and women’s, which we hope to have in place by the Spring.

Donald E. Tencher
Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation

Tencher named AD of Year

Donald E. Tencher, Rhode Island College director of intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and recreation, was named the 2000-01 Division III National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics/Continental Airlines Athletic Director of the Year.

He received the award at the NAJADA conference in Salt Lake City June 11.

Tencher said he didn’t look at the award as an individual honor, but rather as a team award for the work of his staff, which numbers over 100.

Named director at RIC in 1995, Tencher is responsible for the management of six on-campus athletic facilities, the coordination of more than 350 student-athletes who participate in 19 intercollegiate teams and an intramural/recreation program for the approximately 1,000 students that enroll.

He has overseen improvements to the baseball field, softball complex, track, soccer facility, tennis courts, student-athlete development center and campus recreation center.

He has implemented a comprehensive marketing program, which includes the RIC Summer Sports Camps, the Athletics Booster Club, the Sports and Celebrity Memorabilia Auction and re-establishment of the RIC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tencher also improved athletic academic monitoring program, which received national recognition, and instituted a number of computerized systems to guide day-to-day operations more effectively.

Sports Events

** Men's Soccer  
** Tues. Sept. 11 at Rivier  7 p.m.  
** Thurs. Sept. 13 at Worcester State  7 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 15 at MIT  1 p.m.  
** Tues. Sept. 18 at Roger Williams  4 p.m.  
** Thurs. Sept. 20 at Salem State  3:30 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 22 at Southern Maine 4 p.m.  

** Women's Soccer  
** Tues. Sept. 11 at Johnson & Wales  3:30 p.m.  
** Thurs. Sept. 13 at Worcester State  3:30 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 15 at Eastern Connecticut  1 p.m.  
** Tues. Sept. 18 at UMass-Dartmouth 4 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 22 at Southern Maine 1 p.m.  

** Women's Tennis  
** Mon. Sept. 10 at Johnson & Wales  3:30 p.m.  
** Wed. Sept. 12 at Newbury  3:30 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 15 at Plymouth State  1 p.m.  
** Mon. Sept. 17 at Wentworth  4 p.m.  
** Wed. Sept. 19 at Bryant 3:30 p.m.  
** Fri. Sept. 21 at Southern Maine  3:30 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 22 at Bridgewater State  3:30 p.m.  

** Men's and Women's Cross Country  
** Sat. Sept. 15 at UMass-Dartmouth Invitational 11 a.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 22 at Ray Dwyer Invitational  11 a.m.  

** Women's Volleyball  
** Wed. Sept. 12 at Little East Round Robin  7:30 p.m.  
** Fri. Sept. 14 at Little East Round Robin  10 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
** Sat. Sept. 15 at Little East Round Robin  7 p.m.  

Home games/matches in bold  
* Little East Conference game/match  

NEW COACH: College President John Nazarian (left) welcome the College’s new coach of men’s basketball, Mike Kelly.
To offer folk, jazz and modern dance, ballet, comedy, music, Chinese acrobats

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Bannister to exhibit work of art faculty plus photos by Giacomelli, sculptures by Buster, Fensterstock

The first exhibition of the academic year in Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery is entitled 3D & Design Faculty. It runs Sept. 6-28.

It highlights the art department’s faculty, providing an opportunity for students, the College community, and the public to see the caliber of work embodied in this diverse group.

The artists in the show alternate each year between those teaching 3-D and 2-D studios. This exhibition features artwork by faculty teaching in the areas of painting, sculpture, printmaking, and ceramics, and sculpture. It explores the ways in which elements of architecture, form, and mechanics can influence a person’s perception and behavior.

Lauren Fensterstock – Otherwise Portraits will be on exhibit Nov. 29-Dec. 21 with a lecture by the artist on opening day at 6 p.m. in Alger Hall 116. A reception follows.

Buster, an exhibit of sculpture, runs from Nov. 1-23 with an artist’s lecture at 6 p.m. in Alger Hall 116 on opening day. A reception follows.

Buster is a sculptor whose installation pieces involve the dynamics of the body in architectural space and explores the ways in which elements of architecture, form, and mechanics can influence a person’s perception and behavior.

The artists and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Gallery Hours during exhibits are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursdays from noon to 9 p.m. The gallery is closed weekends and holidays.
Chamber Music Series —

Five Wednesday afternoon recitals scheduled

The Chamber Music Series, coordinated by John Pellegrino, will offer five free recitals this fall, all on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinseley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Sept. 26 — Sherbas and Friends will offer a program of works by Milhaud, Bruch and Rebecca Clarke. Charles Sherba, on violin, is the first violinist with the Charleston String Quartet and concertmaster of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra. Consuelo Sherba, on viola, performs with the Charleston String Quartet and is principal violist with the Ocean State Chamber Orchestra and Boston Virtuosi. She performs regularly with the Rhode Island Philharmonic. They will be joined by clarinetist Julian Milkus and pianist Cima Kustanovich.

Oct. 24 — Boston Vocal Artists, Steven Morris, artistic director and pianist, will present a short opera by Franz Joseph Haydn called La Cantasia. It is in two short acts and will be sung in English. Patrice Tiedmann, a Rhode Island College graduate, will sing one of the leading roles. She has appeared with the Indianapolis Opera, Central City and Cape Cod Opera and has performed with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Bedford Symphony.

Nov. 7 — Carsten Svanberg, internationally known trombonist, will present a varied program from his performing experiences, which range from the military band, Band of the Royal Guard, to chamber groups like the Copenhagen Brass Quintet, to symphony orchestras including the Royal Danish Orchestra and the Danish National Symphony. He has performed numerous solo recitals and worldwide guest appearances. His 15 recordings have been well received and document not only standard literature but also new works, some especially written for him.

Nov. 28 — Kaori Sato, soprano, will present a short opera by Franz Joseph Haydn called La Cantasia. It is in two short acts and will be sung in English. Patrice Tiedmann, a Rhode Island College graduate, will sing one of the leading roles. She has appeared with the Indianapolis Opera, Central City and Cape Cod Opera and has performed with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Bedford Symphony.

Dance program spotlights students

An evening of original works by Rhode Island College dance student Carla Fazio will be presented in the Helen Forman Theatre Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1 and 2, as part of the first senior honors project in dance.

Participating in the creation, production and performance of these works will be several student dancers, designers and theatre technicians.

The traditional fall guest residency and performance programming will continue with the October and Winter concerts and with the annual Mini-Concert Series for Rhode Island school children.

Symphony Orchestra to feature soloists Martorella and Ruske

Stephen Martorella, a member of the adjunct music faculty who teaches piano, will be the featured performer in the Monday, Oct. 22, Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra concert.

Martorella is well known throughout the region as both a piano and organ recitalist.

Edward Markward will conduct the orchestra for a performance of Mozart’s Overture to The Marriage of Figaro, Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major and Copland’s “Billy the Kid.”

On Monday, Dec. 10, the orchestra will feature Eric Ruske on French horn in Mozart’s French Horn Concerto in E-Flat Major. Other selections include Britten’s Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes; Dvorak’s Symphony No. 8 in G Major, and Dukas’ “Villanelle.”

Ruske regularly performs with The Empire Brass and formerly held the principal horn chair of the Cleveland Orchestra. He is considered to be one of the finest French horn players of his generation, having performed as a soloist with most of the major symphonic ensembles in the U.S. and Europe.

Both concerts will be at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinseley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Admission for each is $7.

Chorus, Chamber Singers to perform

Rhode Island College Chorus, Chamber Singers and Women’s Chorus, all conducted by Teresa S. Coffman, will perform the choral music of Jean Berger and multi-cultural pieces by composers from the Renaissance period to the present in concert Friday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinseley Hall. Tickets are $7 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

Wind Ensemble to offer night of concert band music

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Rob Franzblau, will present Blue Shades, an evening of concert band music, which has been inspired and influenced by the American art of jazz, at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, in the Lila and John Sapinseley Hall.

Guest soloists and RIC adjunct faculty members Greg Abate, saxophone, and Diamond Centofanti, piano, will be featured on Michel Legrand’s epic symphonic jazz rhapsody, “Images,” transcribed for wind ensemble by Franzblau.

Leonard Bernstein’s “Four Dances” from West Side Story and Frank Zappa’s “The Dog Breath Variations” also will be performed. Admission is free.

Preceding the concert will be a performance by an all-star quartet of high school jazz musicians, selected from the RIC Jazz Improv Workshop, held the day before the concert.

THE JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY is demonstrated for Upward Bound students by Fumiko Yasuhara on July 18. Yasuhara, formerly of Toyko, Japan, also teaches Japanese in the Upward Bound Program. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)