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In Schools of Education and Social Work —

Castagno, Weisman cited for distinguished service

by George LaTour

Karen S. Castagno, associate professor of health and physical education, and Daniel Weisman, professor of social work, were named co-winners of the Harry Tucker Thorp Award for Service in the Rhode Island College Feinstein School of Education and Human Development and School of Social Work combined awards program.

Announcement of their selection was made at the respective opening meetings of the two schools at the start of the academic year. The selection committee for the award found the recipients “each had such different kinds of quality service” that they chose both as co-winners, says Robert Czornyek, associate dean for undergraduate studies in the School of Education and Social Work.

The committee reviewed materials relating to Castagno’s contributions to the community and local, state and national agencies as well as service to the School of Education and to the College.

These included her development of a partnership with the American Lung Association’s “Breath Games” and with Special Olympics-Rhode Island’s “Motor Activities Training Day.”

She has been a member of the executive committee for the state Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and its treasurer for the past five years.

Much of Castagno’s work in committee at the College resulted in policies for Service in the Rhode Island College family who have served this country to preserve our freedom.

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Jayme M. Williams of Providence, winner of a Rhode Island College Alumni Freshman Award, remembers having had “our little talks” with her grandfather.

“He always encouraged me and told me if I wanted to go anywhere in life I must have a college education.

“His words of wisdom followed me. I told him that I wanted to become a teacher just like my mother when I grew up. Her mother, Angela M (Del Toro) Williams, graduated from RIC in 1973 and teaches at the Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School in Providence.

Today Jayme is studying to become that teacher, but attends RIC “for many other reasons” as well.

As a youngster interested in dance — she danced for two years with the Festival Ballet of Rhode Island — she would annually go to the Auditorium for distinguished service.

Castagno, Weisman cited

In Schools of Education and Social Work —

by Janet Fusco

What’s News Editor

“Never has there been a more appropriate time to dedicate this flag and all it represents,” said President John Nazarian on Saturday morning, Oct. 13, as the College raised a 30’ x 20’ American flag in the Recreation Center, where it will be permanently displayed, in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and all veterans of the Rhode Island College family who have served this country to preserve our freedom.

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There’s no place like Homecoming!

The autumn nip and drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm of more than 1,300 alumni, students and friends who joined the Homecoming festivities on Oct. 12 and 13.

Friday night’s Sock Hop had everyone rocking round the clock in their bobby socks and P.F. Flyers in the school gym, just like in the ‘50s. Lots of poodle skirts swayed to the tunes of the day, proving once again that rock ‘n roll is here to stay.

Also that evening, graduates from the past decade gathered at Providence’s Trinity Brewhouse for the annual Young Alumni event, to socialize and catch up on who’s doing what these days, while multicultural alumni experienced an “O Taste and See” reception of delectable ethnic appetizers to “taste” and a video on diversity to “see” sponsored by the Unity Center.

Saturday morning’s emotional and inspiring Hero Dedication Ceremony paid tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and to all military service personnel of the College community.

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The Way We Were...

This popular item in What’s News continues so you can revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from 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.

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 csousa@ric.edu.

Anne K. Petry, professor of education, and Chester E. Smolksi, professor emeritus of geography, coordinators of the Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance, recently took 14 Rhode Island teachers to the annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education in Vancouver, Canada. Eight of the teachers made presentations and one received a Distinguished Teacher Award.

While there, each teacher spent three days in the area doing research, which ranged from the gold rush and salmon fisheries to totem poles and Chinese immigration.

On their return, each prepared a lesson plan and is responsible for making a presentation at a professional meeting.

Smolksi put together and chaired two panels: the first on Census 2000 and the annual meeting of the American Planning Association in Lowell, Mass.; the second, a panel of the six New England coordinators of geography alliances at the annual meeting of the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society in New Bedford.

Faculty members from the Department of Health and Physical Education played instrumental roles at the International Conference 2001 – Teaching Games for Understanding in Physical Education and Sport. This international conference, which was held in Waterville, Maine, in August, drew participants from over 25 states and 15 countries.

Ben Lombardo, professor, was a member of the conference planning committee.

Karen Castagno, associate professor, presented a session titled “Special Olympics Unified Sports – Breaking the Barriers of Exclusion” and Kirkwood Auld, assistant professor, presented a session titled “Using Team Tag and Keep Away Games to Enhance Tactical Awareness for Sports.”

RIC, Roger Williams Medical Center offer nursing refresher course

Rhode Island College and Roger Williams Medical Center have combined to create an opportunity for nurses who want to return to the nursing profession.

Called “Freshen Up,” the nursing refresher course is a chance for licensed registered nurses to strengthen or refresh their skills in a seven-week program that offers classroom and clinical experiences.

“The program is intended to attract trained nurses who may have been out of the profession for any number of reasons,” says Rosemarie Hayes, vice president for Patient Care Services at Roger Williams, who worked with Jane Williams, chair of the RIC nursing department, to develop the program.

“The course reflects a very good collaborative effort between clinical and academic nursing,” says Williams, who adds that it is the only college registered nurse refresher course in the state.

Williams credits Hayes for having initiated the idea as a way to address the nursing shortage.

According to the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, there is an immediate need for 400 nurses in Rhode Island. Nationally, nursing school enrollments have dropped 21 percent and, in 15 years, half of the nation’s 2.1 million registered nurses are expected to retire.

This combination of events may mean that for every three nurses needed, only one will be available.

The R.N. refresher course, offered through the RIC nursing department, will begin Jan 7 and continue through Feb. 25.

Learning experiences will include classroom sessions, simulated laboratory learning, self-paced proficiency testing and supervised clinical practice.

Content will include: health assessment, clinical skill and technology update, principles of pharmacology, current medical/surgical problems, teamwork and career in contemporary nursing practice, legal issues and personal professionalism.

Telephone registration begins Oct. 22. Those interested should call the RIC Records Office at 401-456-8213 to obtain a PIN number for registration.

Williams says anyone with an active registered nurse license may register at RIC at his/her own expense as an independent student through continuing education, and “go anywhere” with it after completion.

For those who intend to work for the Roger Williams Medical Center after completion of the course, the Center will provide a $2,000 sign-up bonus and full tuition reimbursement. For registration information at the Center, call 401-456-8013.

The next issue of What’s News is Monday, Nov. 5.

Deadline for submission of copy, photos, etc. is Friday, Oct. 26, at noon.

Story ideas are welcome.

Call 401-456-8090 or e-mail jfusco@ric.edu.

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nity, with the dedication of a 30’ x 20’ flag hanging in the Recreation Center in their honor.

Events and activities took place all around campus on Saturday, including a 5K Run/Walk, Nursing Alumni Reunion with a teddy bear clinic for the kids, management and marketing alumni roundtable professional and network- ing discussions, RIC Chorus and Wind Ensemble’s performance featuring 60 student musicians, kids’ activities fair, soccer, baseball and softball games, swim-a-thon, and of course, the Float Parade in the theme of “RIC Spirit Through the Decades,” led by RIC President John Nazarian, with floats decorated by residence hall students, clubs and athletic teams.

Hungry spectators enjoyed an old-fashioned noontime barbecue under the tents as the American Band entertained with songs of patriotism and uplifting sentiments that brought the RIC community together in a bond of friendship and loyalty, displaying a spirit that will surely be evident for decades to come.

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David Neves, the music advisor at Scituate High School and holder of a master of arts in teaching (MAT) degree in 1981 from Rhode Island College, has been named Rhode Island’s Teacher of the Year for 2002.

In a surprise ceremony Oct. 3, Peter McWalters, commissioner of elementary and secondary education, recognized Neves before students and colleagues in the school auditorium. Neves, 46, of Cranston, has been a member of the Scituate High School music department for 25 years. For all but three of those years, he has been director of the band program. He also conducts the symphonic band, jazz ensemble and orchestra at the school.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from the Berklee College of Music. “I owe a lot to the philosophy of education I learned in the master’s program at RIC,” said Neves. He especially cited recently retired music professor Philip T. McClintock and the late Francis Marciniak, who had directed The American Band and RIC Wind Ensemble, for their influence upon him.

Neves is the principal saxophonist with The American Band. Neves has received several previous awards, including a Milken Educator award in 1991. Two years ago, he was named the state’s outstanding band director by School Band and Orchestra Magazine. He has twice been named Scituate’s Teacher of the Year — last year and in 1989.

As Rhode Island Teacher of the Year he will receive a $1,000 stipend as well as a letter of recommendation from Governor Almond.

In honoring Neves, McWalters said, “David Neves represents what’s best about Rhode Island’s teachers. His philosophy of education is that every student can achieve and experience excellence in the fine arts.”

“As a result of his work, every single student in the Scituate middle school is in a musical ensemble, and 60 percent of the high school students are involved in the music program as performers.”

“His strives for consistency and high standards every day. That’s why he has been selected by a group of his peers — five former teachers of the year — as the state’s Teacher of the Year for 2002.”

McWalters noted that among Neves’ accomplishments, he has taken students to perform in Washington in the spring to participate in the selection of the National Teacher of the Year and to meet with President Bush.

Rhode Island has participated in the Teacher of the Year program since 1962.

Patriotic pins donated by Piscitelli Jewelers for Flag Ceremony

Joseph Piscitelli, president of Piscitelli Jewelry Company in Cranston, donated several hundred flag pins to Rhode Island College for distribution during the flag dedication ceremony at the Recreational Center on Saturday, Oct. 13, honoring the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and veterans of the campaign community, as part of the College’s Homecoming program.

A giant 30’ x 20’ flag was raised and secured to the rear wall of the Recreational Center, in a ceremony that honored all those who lost their lives in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, and all members of the College family who have proudly served the United States.

Piscitelli heard of the event from his wife, Sharon, and contacted the Office of News and Public Relations to make the donation.

“...and wanted to contribute something to the cause of patriotism and support.”

“With the demand for flag pins these days, I thought it was a great way to show my support.”

Piscitelli said that he and his employees are working “very long hours” to fill the numerous orders for flag pins and patriotic jewelry that have come in the wake of Sept. 11 as the country continues its outward display of patriotism and support.

Piscitelli has decided to donate a portion of the profits from the orders he has received for flag pins to the American Red Cross relief efforts.

“The just had to do something,” he said, citing the recent slump the jewelry industry has experienced and its rebound with the demand for patriotic accessories. “That’s what being an American is all about.”

Rhode Island College’s Center for Management & Technology will hold its seventh bi-annual “Meet Your Alumni” day Wednesday, Nov. 7, starting with a keynote address at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall.

Keynote speaker William Cafaro, a computer information systems graduate from the Class of 1999 who is now an associate systems analyst for Fidelity Investments in Smithfield, will focus on his education at RIC and how it contributed to his success in the business world.

Undergraduates will then be invited to attend one or more of the seven panels in various classrooms in Alger Hall. They will be comprised of a total of 28 returning alumni — four on each panel from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Roger Williams University Residence and Conference Center, 400 Anthony Road, Portsmouth, R.I. 02871-3600.

The keynote speaker will be Margaret Jablonski, dean for Campus Life from Brown University. Jablonski will facilitate dialogue and provide insight on how a national crisis such as the one experienced on Sept. 11 impacts our work with students and colleagues from both a professional and personal perspective.

This program is free of charge and open to all. Please RSVP your intent to attend by calling Salvatore Meno at Brown University, 401-863-3145, by Monday, Oct. 22.
Alumni Affairs

DONOR APPRECIATION EVENING: College President John Nazarian speaks at a reception for friends of the College on Oct. 10 in the foyer of Roberts Hall. The event is sponsored by the Rhode Island College Foundation. Inset is Mary Callahan, a RIC student and recipient of a Foundation scholarship.

Off to see the Wizard

A STUDENT AFFAIR is the annual opportunity for students to get acquainted with the non-academic offices and services of Student Affairs. At left at this year’s event, on Oct. 3, senior Suzanne Chen gets advice from “The Wizard” (actually adjunct professor and advisor Bill Pett) of OASIS (the Office of Academic Support and Information Services). (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Library resources now available in electronic format at the Electronic Resources Learning Center

Getting tangled in the internet? Wiping out when surfing the web? You’re not alone. There is help and it’s as close as the Adams Library.

In Room 401 of the Library is an unusual type of classroom for an unusual type of class. Twenty-one new computer stations fill the room known as the Electronic Resources Learning Center, where students learn how to access books and periodicals electronically. The same information they once had to find hidden among rows of bookshelves or by sifting through pages of material can now be called up on a computer screen with the click of a mouse.

“Computer research is very much a part of the education process these days and we want students to have the information and technology to make their searching more productive,” said Richard Olsen, director of the library. “Every student has some knowledge of the computer but not everyone knows how to conduct a useful search.”

According to Olsen, there are 4,026 periodicals and almost 8,000 book titles that can be accessed electronically, including major publications that date back to the 19th century, and the list is growing. Everything from the Oxford English Dictionary to Good Schools/Real Schools: Why School Reform Doesn’t Last (Teachers College Press, 2000) can be accessed almost instantly.

Through the HELIN (Higher Education Library Information Network) catalog, students also have access to materials from seven other colleges and universities in Rhode Island that share an integrated library system. Students can borrow books from any of these libraries and have them on campus within a day or two.

In designing classes for the electronic center, Olsen explained that the librarians looked at research from the students’ perspective and developed techniques that would make it easier to access appropriate sites. Instructors favor the class because it shows students where to find appropriate materials that will be worthwhile to their coursework, and helps them sort through the inappropriate information more quickly.

Most of the classes in the Electronic Resources Learning Center are based on a specific project or research paper assigned by the course instructor, who also requires that students take the class as part of their course instruction. The electronic learning session is offered during one regular class period.

Olsen said that students like the class because they are more likely to go to electronic resources first. “It’s much faster and more convenient for the students who want to take materials with them,” he noted.

A proxy server system also lets students access resource material from a computer off campus. Instructors in the departments of social work, education, history, communications and nursing have all used the Electronic Resources Learning Center classes as part of their course planning.

Olsen said that most of the classes in the center take place in the first half of the semester but urges faculty to develop more projects that could make this classroom useful throughout the semester.

The library is able to conduct a class anytime regular classes are in session by contacting the reference desk at 401-456-8125.

Cooking with class

LEARNING HOW FOOD HAPPENS: Some RIC education majors had a delicious assignment recently. Twelve members of Madeline Nixon’s Elementary Ed 435 class “Language Arts in the Classroom” worked with fifth graders at M.J. Robertson School in Central Falls as the children learned about nutrition, food preparation and farming. As part of the program, Neath Pal, the French-trained chef/owner of Neath’s Restaurant in Providence, visited the school to talk about nutrition, then invited the class to his restaurant to see how a restaurant operates and for a gourmet meal. Below, Chef Pal explains how to set a table. Below right, RIC senior Nicole Tetreault ties the apron of fifth-grader Alejandro Oleo. At right, fifth-grader Shawn Santos dines with senior Joye Coles. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Homecoming 2001: fun

“BACK TO THE FUTURE” was the title of the float by Willard Hall Council. Representing the decade of the 1950s are Victoria Rivera (left) and Cassandra Calcione, both freshmen.

TOP WALKER: Sharon Sullivan wins the women’s division of the 5K race for walkers. The men’s winner was Edmund Cornwell ’81, masters ’00. Winners for the 5K for runners were Steve McNally ’74 (men’s) and Katherine McCalligett ’05. Both races were sponsored by the RIC/PSA (Professional Staff Association).

FIRST PLACE winners of the Float Parade contest are the members of the Willard Hall Council.

IN CONCERT: Rob Franzblau, assistant professor of music, conducts the RIC Wind Ensemble at a concert with the RIC Chorus conducted by Teresa Coffman.

FUTURE NURSE, OR DOCTOR: MacKenzie Matook, 7, patches up a teddy bear during the Teddy Bear Clinic, part of the nursing department’s open house that welcomed back more than 40 alumni nurses.

Photos and text by Gordon E. Rowley

BE-BOPPERS Sally Radford ’75 and Ron Arsenault ’70 dance to 50s music at the Friday night Sock Hop.

CLARITY THE CLOWN makes balloon animals in the Children’s Tent.

GETTING CARRIED AWAY: Dolores Passarelli ’74, MEd ’78, director of the Office of Academic Support and Information Services, carries the balloons for the parade judges stand.

ALUMNI SOCCER TEAM(S): Thirty-two former RIC soccer players return to the College to form two teams to play against each other. (For the fifth year in a row, the alumni won.)
Eight named to RIC Athletic Hall of Fame


Eight new members to the Rhode Island College Athletic Hall of Fame, described as “representing the best of what we can hope to achieve in terms of commitment to family, youth and community,” were inducted in ceremonies at the third annual RIC Athletic Recognition Dinner at Homecoming, Saturday, Oct. 13, in Donovan Dining Center.

A reception to honor former Hall of Fame inductees and all previous Hetherman and Murphy award winners was held in the Intercollegiate Athletics Building prior to the dinner.

Inducted this year are Paul Donovan ’51, ’67, Mark Fullam ’60, Scott Martin ’89, Robin Gobeille Orticiero ’93, Elizabeth Penkala ’79, Cathy Duza Stengel ’89, ’97, James Whittaker ’58 and John Wilkins ’83.

“They represent the best of college sports in RIC history, veterans of development and college relations, for these men and women play in Division III — where they do not play because they receive scholarships, but for the pure joy of competing.”

Brown quoted Providence Journal sports writer Bill Reynolds who said, “If you’re looking for purity in college sports, go look in Division III. You won’t find it anywhere else.”

“We prove that every day we take the field here at Rhode Island College,” said Brown.

Paul Donovan

Played both basketball and soccer while an undergraduate, later playing professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals and Baltimore Orioles. He later coached for 44 years in intercollegiate baseball. He was named Rhode Island Teacher of the Year in 1973.

Mark Fullam

A three-sport Anchorman: basketball, soccer and baseball. He served as co-captain of both the soccer and basketball squads and received the John E. Hetherman Award as the College’s top senior male athlete. Fullam was a Fulbright Scholar in Iran and served as president of the Middle Eastern Athletic Association.

Scott Martin

He is described as “one of the finest wrestlers ever to compete for the College.” He was a member of two New England College Conference Wrestling Association championship teams and was the association champion in his weight class for four consecutive years. Martin was a two-time All-American and ranks 10th in all-time career victories at RIC.

Robin Gobeille Orticiero

An outstanding athlete in two sports and track and field. In the latter, she ranks as the third all-time highest point achiever with 1,402 points and was named to the First Team of the All Little League conference in her senior year. She was also All Eastern College Athletic Conference track and field team member and All-New England track and field team member.

Elizabeth Penkala

An outstanding softball player, starring as a third base player and pitcher. She was named the Most Valuable Player for the RIC softball team, with a batting average of .451 and 3.23 earned-run average, and was named to the All-RIC Conference. She is a past Rhode Island Interscholastic League fast-pitch softball honoree and was in the Warren Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cathy Duza Stengel

She was an outstanding gymnast, holding College records for top scores on vault, beam, bars, floor and all-around performance. In 1984-85 she was the New England champion in gymnastics, and in 1987-88 was a National Collegiate Gymnastics Association All-American.

James Whittaker

He was an outstanding soccer player and team co-captain. Whittaker won the Hetherman Award in 1988. He played professional baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers and later coached 75 state and New England wrestling champions. At one point in his career, he was the youngest head coach in state high school history. He is a member of the Rhode Island Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and the East Providence Hall of Fame.

John Wilkins

Described as one of the finest baseball players in the College’s history, still holding records for most career victories, strikeouts, shutouts, complete games and innings pitched. He was named the Most Valuable Player and named to the First Team All-New England in 1983. He later played professionally for the Detroit Tigers.
Women's tennis squad captures Little East crown

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

While many Rhode Island College students and alumni were on campus to enjoy Homecoming 2001 on Oct. 13, the RIC women's tennis team was at the University of Southern Maine engaged in a tough battle for the Little East Conference Championship. Freshman Meghan Mooney was the runner-up last fall when she became a top flight collegiate student. “Cynthia was probably the second-best player in the entire conference this year,” Ernst said. “She became a top flight collegiate player this weekend,” Ernst said, “A perfect 13-0 mark in singles and is 12-4 in doubles over their opponents from UMass-Boston as well.”

Freshman Meghan Mooney, who has played like a veteran all season, was the LEC Champion at number five singles. “Her win against UMass-Boston in the finals match clinched the championship for us,” Ernst said. Mooney, however, wasn’t finished; she teamed with junior Donna Vongratsayavong to win the title at number two doubles. She is 12-1 in singles and 10-2 in doubles on the season.

RIC senior co-captain Cynthia Murray had the misfortune of competing against UMB’s Kristina Sandelin, the aforementioned Finnish exchange student. “Cynthia was probably the best-second player in the entire conference this year,” Ernst said. “She’s disappointed, but she’s having an excellent season.” Murray, who holds RIC’s records for career singles wins, doubles wins and points, is 12-4 in singles and 13-3 in doubles on the year.

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President's Music Series —

Violist Maria Lambros joins Muir Strings for concert Nov. 5

Muir String Quartet returns to Rhode Island College and its President's Music Series for the ninth consecutive season on Monday, Nov. 5, in an 8 p.m. concert in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Maria Lambros on viola will be guest artist. Her appearance marks the third time she has performed at RIC, having been here with the Muir String Quartet in September of 1994 and again in April 1998.

The program will consist of Haydn's String Quartet in G Major, Opus 76, No. 1; Mendelssohn’s Quartet in E minor, Opus 44, No. 2; and Brahms’ Quintet in G Major, Opus 11.

Billed as one of the world's premier string quartets since winning the 1981 Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the First Prize at the Evian International String Quartet Competition, Muir appears annually on most of the major chamber music series in North America and also tours extensively in Europe each season.

Two of its recordings have been awarded the Grand Prix du Disque. Steve Ansell, viola; Michael Reynolds, cello, and Peter Zazofsky, violin, are original members of the quartet. Lucia Lin, violon, joined the group several years ago.

A music critic for the Boston Globe wrote: “On a base of impeccable technique, the Muir Quartet imposes splendid homogeneity and keen musicianship throughout the world as a member of three of the country’s finest string quartets in venues such as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, London’s Wigmore Hall, the Konzerthaus in Vienna, New York’s Lincoln Center and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. She most recently was a member of the Mendelssohn String Quartet, which continues to perform internationally and is in residence at New York’s Town Hall, the University of Maryland and Harvard University.

She was a member of the renowned Ridge String Quartet, which was nominated for the 1993 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance for its recording of the Dvorak Piano Quintets with pianist Rudolf Firkusny on the RCA label.

She also was a founding member of the Naumburg Award-winning Mendelssohn String Quartet, which was in residence at the Spoleto Festival of the United States, Italy and Australia.

Reserved seat tickets are $22 with discounts for seniors and students and may be obtained in advance at the Roberts Hall box office or by phone using Visa or Mastercard. Call 456-8144. On the night of the performance, tickets may be purchased at the Sapinsley Hall box office.

A pre-concert buffet in the Faculty Center is $22 and may be pre-purchased at the Roberts Hall box office by phone using Visa or Mastercard. Call 456-8144.

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Performing Arts Series —

Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Co. comes to RIC

“A beautiful program with beautiful dancing, music and costumes by a group of beautiful people. The finale of the ‘Muslim Suite’ fairly brought the audience to its feet!” said the New York Herald Tribune about Bayanihan, the Philippine National Dance Company, which takes the stage in Rhode Island College’s Roberts Hall Auditorium Monday, Oct. 29, for an 8 p.m. performance.

In its 45th year, the multi-award-winning company (both nationally and internationally) brings its award-winning company (both nationally and internationally) brings its award-winning company.

The program consists of sets of music and dance entitled “Mountain Suite,” “Maria Clara” and “Muslim Suite” followed by a brief intermission. A selection of Philippine dances and a piece called “Philippine Countryside” follow.

Now in its 45th year, the multi-award-winning company (both nationally and internationally) brings its skill, grace and joie de vivre as well as its success in the transference of indigenous dance and music traditions from their ancient origins in the countryside to the confines of the stage without sacrificing authenticity.

Taking its name from the ancient Filipino tradition of Bayanihan, which signifies working together for the common good, the company was founded in 1957 by Helena Z. Benitez, bringing together parents, teachers, researchers, technicians, dancers and musicians in a common bond to achieve the objectives of the company.

These objectives are the pursuit of research in ethnic rites, tribal folklore and regional folk ways; the collection and documentation of indigenous art forms; the distillation and transformation of cultural traditions into theatrical productions, and the promotion of international understanding.

The company performed in 1958 at the Brussels World’s Fair and in 1959 on Broadway’s Winter Garden Theater, the latter earning praise from New York critics, who called it the first Filipino group to perform on Broadway, it also has the distinction of being the first non-American dance company to take to the stage at New York’s Lincoln Center as well as the first Philippine cultural group to perform in Russia, the People’s Republic of China and throughout South America.

In 1998, by an act of Congress, Bayanihan was officially designated the National Folk Dance Company of the Philippines.

American Band to perform at fundraiser Oct. 28

The American Band will open its 165th concert season Sunday, Oct. 28, with a 3 p.m. concert at St. John Vianney Church, 3609 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door.

The recital is free and open to the public.

Svanberg's experience as a trombonist ranges from the military band, having joined the Band of the Royal Guard in 1967, chamber groups like the Copenhagen Brass Quintet (1968-78), and symphony orchestras, including the Royal Danish Orchestra (1978-90), and the Danish National Orchestra (1980-94).

He has also performed solo recitals in the United States, Europe, and in Japan. His 15 recordings have been well received and document not only his standard literature but also new works, some written especially for him.

He currently teaches at the Hochschule in Graz, Austria.

Svanberg performs regularly at international trombone workshops and at numerous universities across the US.

In 1996, he received the International Trombone Association’s highest award for his contribution as a performer and teacher.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-9883.

The band, under the direction of Gene J. Pollart, will perform works ranging from “An American Elegy” by Frank Ticheli to “Men of Valor” by John Klöcker.

Also to be performed are combined pieces by The American Band and the music ministry of the church. The pieces are “God Will Make a Way” by Don Moen and “The Anchor Holds” by Phil Barfoot, both described as “powerful songs of hope in the midst of adversity.”
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**RIC CALENDAR**

**OCT. 22 - NOV. 5**

**Sundays**
10 p.m.—Catholic Mass in Student Union 306. Mass is celebrated by the Rev. Joe Pescatello with Deacon Mike Napolitano assisting. Everyone is invited to attend.

25 **Thursday**
7 p.m.—Video: “Penny Arcade’s LA MISERIA” in the Auditorium Gaige Hall.

29 **Monday**
6 p.m.—Dance: Bayanhan/Philippine National Dance Company. Part of the Performing Arts Series in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall. Reserved seating $22.

30 **Tuesday**
Panel Discussion: “Do We Need to Change Our Immigration Policies?” in the Faculty Center. Panel members include David Thomas, Peter Allen, Halil Copur, Christopher Dyer, Lloyd Matsumoto and Thomas Ramsey. The discussion is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

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**1-2** **Thurs.-Fri.**
8 p.m.—Dance: Works by Carla Fazio** Part of the President’s Music Series in the Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. General admission $8.

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**3-10** **Sat.-Sat.**
Dance: Open Dance Company Class. RIC Dance Company Nov. 4 and 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Nov. 5, 6, and 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Melier Dance Studio in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. Admission $6 per class.

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**8-26**

22 **Monday**
1 p.m.—Panel Discussion: “Bio-terrorism in America” in the Faculty Center. Panel members include David Thomas, Peter Allen, Halil Copur, Christopher Dyer, Lloyd Matsumoto and Thomas Ramsey. The discussion is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

24 **Wednesday**
10 a.m.—Film: “Within Our Gates”; noon: “Borderline” in Mann Hall 193.

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**5** **Monday**
8 p.m.—Music: Muir String Quartet with Maria Lambros, viola.** Part of the President’s Music Series in the Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

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**Elvis sighting at RIC**

*50s CELEBRITIES AT RIC: During the Homecoming “Sock Hop” a few celebrities from the 1950s were on campus (sort of) and everyone, it seemed, wanted to have a picture taken with the “stars.” Above (1 to r) are Carol Peck, Denise Males, Jim Bucci, Elvis Presley, Peg Brown and Ellie O’Neill. (What’s News Photo by Gordon Rowley)*

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