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WHERE WE’VE BEEN, WHERE WE’RE GOING?

COGE hosts forum and appreciation dinner

by Jane Fusco
What’s News Editor

The Committee on General Education (COGE) held a two-part panel discussion, forum and appreciation dinner on Thursday, Nov. 8, to review the work of the committee, the program’s strengths, successes and shortcomings, and set objectives for the future. The event marked the mid-point of the program that began in 1996.

A surprise presentation at the end of the night came when John Salesses, vice president of academic affairs, was given the award for Distinguished Leadership. “This evening — we pause to critically assess where we’ve been and where we’re going, and to say thanks to our leadership and to the many dedicated faculty and departments that have supported the goals and direction of the General Education 2000 program,” said Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, COGE chairperson, in her opening remarks.

RIC’s general education program has been acknowledged by the NEASC accreditation team as an impressive venture “ahead of the curve,” and recognized as a leader in the state and region. Going forward, the intent is to improve writing, critical thinking and other professional programs at the College, students need to have language skills that go beyond facility with social language. As faculty, we cannot expect students to know whether they possess the language proficiency to do college level work. We need to assess language upon admission and guide students accordingly,” Williams said.

“While technology is important and helpful, it comes down to the teaching and communication of skills,” Spencer Hall added. “Inter-disciplinary collaboration” was Valerie Endress’s suggestion for reinforcing writing and communication skills across all content areas.

Evaluating students on their own American culture and diversity was another point raised by Ron Dufour. “One of the best kept secrets in American education today is that we are completely ignorant of who we are,” he said.

Marita Sheridan summed up the hour-long discussion by saying, “We have learned a lot as a committee this year. We have learned a lot as a College. We have learned a lot as a state.”

SCHOLARLY TOME: Prof. Richard Thomas (right) presents a book on Frederick the Great to John Salesses, vice president for academic affairs in recognition of Salesses’ leadership in the General Education Program. The study of Frederick the Great has been a pet research project for Salesses for many years. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Where we’ve been, where we’re going?

John Salesses is “a man who essentializes the qualities all of us would like to have.”
—Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban

WALKING BACKWARDS, a student tour guide leads visitors past Adams Library during the admissions office’s Open House for prospective students Nov. 10. For more on Open House, see pages 6 and 7. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

‘Promising Practices’ conference looks at impact of technology on teaching

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

Described as a key figure in Rhode Island in the promotion of technology in education, Ronald Thorpe, senior vice president for program for the Rhode Island Foundation, delivered the keynote address at the fourth annual Promising Practices: Multi-Cultural Workshops and Media Fair on Nov. 3.

“Computer Technology: Is It Strengthening or Weakening the Diversity of Our Students” was his topic as he addressed several hundred area teachers and education students in Gaige Hall auditorium.

“While technology is important and helpful, it comes down to the teach-

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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 cpage@ric.edu.

E. J. Min, associate professor of communications, has published an article entitled “The Art of Noises: Multiple Voices of American Oral Narrative, Pansori,” in Theatre Annual: Journal of Performance Studies (Fall, 2001). The article examines the historical, social, economic and cultural characteristics of the Korean oral narrative, pansori, and its relationship to the state of the art in the 21st century. Min has also been invited as a guest editor of the special issue on Korean communication, popular culture and technology for the Journal of Asian Pacific Communication (Fall, 2002).

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Chris Teixeira was selected recently as an ExxonMobil Project NExT Fellow for 2001-2002. Project NExT, an acronym for New Experiences in Teaching, is a program for new PhD’s in the mathematical sciences who are interested in improving the teaching and learning of undergraduate mathematics. It is sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America with major funding from the ExxonMobil Foundation and additional funding from the American Mathematical Society, the Dolciani-Halloran Foundation, and the Educational Advancement Foundation. Project NExT Fellow, one of only 68 across the country and one of three in the northeast. As a Project NExT Fellow, he participates in professional development programs designed to address the full range of faculty responsibilities in teaching, research, and service. Project NExT provides the professional support for new faculty as they undertake these activities.

Len West, adjunct professor in the department of educational studies, and his students, ground and polished two external aluminun mirrors for the Starshine 3 space satellite. NASA successfully launched the satellite on board an Athena rocket which lifted off from the new Kodiak Alaska Launch Complex. The mirrors reflect sunlight as the satellite orbits the earth at an altitude of 300 miles.

Peter S. Allen, professor of anthropology, presented a paper, “From Counting Sheep to Contemplating Hegemony: Changing Pedi of Anthropological Research in Greece” at the Oct. 1 biaannual symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association in Washington, D.C.

This month he will attend the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, also in Washington, where he will host a dinner for the past, present and future presidents of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe. The dinner will be honor William Douglas, who has endowed a special lectureship in European anthropology.

Next month, he will participate in an anthropological conference in Athens, Greece, where he will present a paper entitled, “Fieldwork in a Greek Village: Past and Present.” Another version of this paper will be presented the same week to the College-Year-in-Athens program of which he is a trustee.

Allen has been invited to present a paper in Kiel, Germany, for the symposium on “Punds, Films, False Friends: Language Films, Propaganda and Profit and Propaganda” that is part of the CINARCHEA festival of archaeological film. The paper is entitled, “The Archaeology Magazine Film Series: Success or Sellout?”

Judith Lynn Stillman, professor of music and artist in residence, can be heard on the BOSE Wave Radio/CD player. It was filmed in the Berklee College of Music concert hall in Boston.

Stillman is going to the Czech Republic later this month to give master classes and perform at the Prague Conservatory of Music where she also will meet with other visiting artists.

She recently performed in a Concert of Remembrance at the New England Conservatory of Music for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and at the Westminster Historical Society in Massachusetts.

She is music director of the All-Children’s Theatre production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The production will be held Dec. 14-16. And, she is performing with Julia Bogarad, principal dancer with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, on a soon-to-be released CD on the Artegra label of works by Reinicke, Mussorgsky, Copland and Faure. It also includes two premiers by Schoenfeld and Hansen.

Carol Shelton, professor of nursing, presented a paper entitled, “Midwifery in the United States: an evolving profession” at the University of Dublin-Trinity College School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, on Nov. 15. The paper was based on research on the history of midwifery in the United States, and the emergence of this profession in the last 30 years.


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.

The next issue of What’s News is Monday, Dec. 3.

Deadline for submission of copy, photos, etc. is Friday, Nov. 23, at noon.

Story ideas are welcome. Call 401-456-8090 or e-mail jfusco@ric.edu.

Firm to recruit substitute teachers Dec. 5

A private East Providence firm that has recruited substitute teachers at Rhode Island College in the past will be at Donovan Dining Center Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to advertise its services.

Sherry A. Rianna, who attended RIC in the early 1980s and is now marketing director for Personnel & Payroll, Inc., says they are looking for teachers and anyone who is eligible for emergency substitute certification.

“We’ll even take student teachers who have completed their classroom obligation. Their certificates are usually good until June,” she says.

They also are interested in certified alumni, including retired teachers, to serve as substitute teachers in Rhode Island.

Substitute teachers they place can work as much or as little as they want, says Rianna.

She says her firm generally will pay better than the school departments because a substitute teacher offers health and dental coverage after 90 days, which school departments do not offer substitute teachers unless they become permanent substitutes.

Her firm had surveyed school superintendents in the state and received a “great response” from superintendents, who expressed their willingness to use the firm’s services due to the difficulty in finding substitute teachers.

Rianna says she has been inundated with requests for teachers, hence the “emergency recruiting session” at RIC.

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Alumni share their business experiences with undergrads

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

“The education you receive here will serve you well and you’ll hear that again and again today,” Rhode Island College business students were told at the “Meet Your Alumni ‘01” program Nov. 7 in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall.

The speaker was Lori Martin, career planning and placement officer for the Center for Management & Technology and chair of the seventh biennial event.

After introductions and the keynote address by William J. Cafaro ’00, an associate systems analyst for Fidelity Investments in Smithfield, panels were held in Alger and Whipple halls at which returning alumni from the business world shared their career experiences with undergraduates.

Cafaro, who described himself as having been “an average student who came close to withdrawing,” credited his RIC education, the faculty’s dedication “to not only see me learn, but to see me succeed” and his own subsequent dedication for his success to date.

“I think it’s quite obvious to everyone here that I wouldn’t be where I am today without an education,” he said.

“However, it’s not just the diploma that I received. The diploma is only a symbol of the years I spent at RIC. My education provided a great foundation to get a position at Fidelity.

“But more than that, I have the tools and ability to build on that foundation and do pretty much whatever I want,” said Cafaro.

He urged the students to take advantage of the opportunities provided at RIC — “you have many people here who want nothing more than to see you succeed;” apply for an internship in business — “it’s never too early; it’s never too late,” and put together a resume — “you never know when an opportunity to use it may arise.”

Panels on accounting, computer information systems, economics and financial services, human resource management, international management, management, and marketing were held.

President John Nazarian, in an address to the alumni, Center faculty and guests at a closing lunch in the Faculty Center, spoke of recent developments on campus, including plans to elevate the status of the Center to School of Management & Technology.

The request already has been made to the Office of Higher Education and approval is hoped for by January.

Other improvements to the Center and business education include the restructuring of Alger Hall and providing its classrooms with state-of-the-art technology.

Nazarian cautioned, however, that progress may be affected by the state’s current tight fiscal situation.

He thanked the alumni participants and asked for their continued support of College efforts, particularly in the upcoming capital campaign, the College’s first.

“Obviously, we will succeed only with the support of the College family,” said Nazarian.

Still the Co-op
What’s in a name?

By Martha Dwyer

The RIC Co-op has changed its name after almost 30 years on campus. Its official new name is the Rhode Island College Cooperative Preschool. But to the campus community, it will still be known as the “Co-op.”

Co-op members recently voted to change the name to more accurately reflect the Co-op’s mission of educating young children. The Co-op employs a certified teacher and an assistant teacher who are responsible for an age-appropriate curriculum. The program is licensed by the Department of Children, Youth and Families (D.C.Y.F.) and the Rhode Island Department of Education.

The name change is intended to assist the Co-op with recruitment of new members each semester.

The Co-op offers a certified preschool program for three, four and five year old children of students, faculty and staff of the College.

The Co-op currently has openings for the spring semester and encourages visitors to the facility located in Whipple Hall Annex. For more information, call 456-8154.

Above, ACCOUNTING PANEL at the seventh biennial “Meet Your Alumni ‘01” day are (l to r) David Bebyn, a CPA with Bacon & Edge; Monette Patrie, a senior accountant with Trimark United; Ellen Mitchell, a CPA and controller with J. Lynch & Company; and Nathan Paquet, a senior accountant with Carlin, Charron & Rosen LLP. Panel facilitator was Jane Przybyla, assistant of accounting. At right: JOB WELL DONE: Lori Martin, Alumni Day chair, congratulates William Cafaro ’00, an associate systems analyst with Fidelity Investments, who gave the keynote address. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

VINCENT MESSINA

Vincent Messina, an elementary school principal in St. Johnsbury, VT, and holder of a Certificate Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) from Rhode Island College, has been named Vermont’s 2001 National Distinguished Principal.

The award is given by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the U.S. Department of Education. It requires that honorees be selected by their colleagues for achievements “above and beyond” those expected in a school program.

In addition, each must have been a principal for five years; maintain high expectations of students and staff; show evidence of outstanding contributions to school and profession; and be an established, respected member of the community.

Messina was nominated and selected by his fellow principals through a statewide search process conducted by the Vermont Principals’ Association.

“School principals are the unsung heroes of our education process,” said Vincent L. Ferrandino, executive director of NAESP.

“Next to parents, principals play the most critical role in shaping the character and quality of a child’s education, a very notable, but rarely recognized accomplishment,” he said.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Messina earned a master’s degree at Bowling Green State University and his CAGS at RIC with a concentration in educational administration in 1990.

In Rhode Island, he served as house master for grades 9 and 10 at Lincoln Junior-Senior High School from 1978-82.

In Vermont, Messina served as principal for pre-kindergarten-12 at Blue Mountain Union School and principal since 1998 of St. Johnsbury’s Elementary School.

Last month, he went to Washington, D.C., for two days of activities to honor the 60 educators chosen by the states, the District of Columbia, plus private and overseas schools.
Alumni News

Please take a look at the insert in today's paper showcasing merchandising from the Alumni Association. It's a great way to get your holiday shopping done early. It has been several years since we placed a merchandising insert in What's News and friends particularly like this shopping method.

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It was also an opportunity for the association and foundation members to learn about the many research projects that faculty is involved in. We are grateful to Meredith McMunn, professor of English and 2000/01 chair of the faculty research committee, and Marlene Lopes, associate professor and archivist, Adams Library, for organizing the event.

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Listed are two very special events sponsored by the Young Alumni Group. They are open to all and we look forward to seeing many of our alumni and friends at these events.

For ticket info, call 456-8086.

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8 p.m. Performance, Roberts Hall Auditorium
Price: $20 ($25 at box office)


A dessert reception will be held in the Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall, for those who purchased tickets through the Alumni Office.

Foundation & Alumni Affairs

Annie Get Your Gun

Wednesday, January 30, 2002
7:30 p.m. Providence Performing Arts Center
Orchestra seats at $43.50 ($46 at box office)
Winner of the 1999 Tony Award for best musical revival.

Classic songs include:
• Anything You Can Do
• There's No Business Like Show Business
• Everything Happens to Me

8 p.m. Performance, Roberts Hall Auditorium
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Ann Abbe to speak at 2nd professional development community program Dec. 3

Professional fundraiser and authority on women and philanthropy, M. Ann Abbe, returns to the College on Monday, Dec. 3, to speak on “Raising Money From Women: The Next Fundraising Frontier.”

Ann Abbe addresses the audience at the first Women in Philanthropy seminar last February. Her address is part of an interactive workshop to assist participants in developing a personal philanthropic plan based on individual values, social issues and giving patterns of women. The three-hour session will take place on campus in the Student Union Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon. It is the second session featuring Abbe as the keynote speaker. The first was held last February and drew an enthusiastic crowd who encouraged her return.

Abbe will discuss major demographic and financial changes that affect women’s giving potential, examine motivations for women philanthropists and clarify gender differences that warrant new approaches to fundraising techniques.

“We know that cultural and demographic changes, levels of education, wealth accumulation, charitable giving attitudes, and issues of longevity are influencing the changing role women play in philanthropy.”

“We also know that women are motivated to give for reasons that are different than men,” said Peg Brown, vice president of development and college relations and the executive director of the Rhode Island College Foundation.

“Our program’s topic is a timely one for the state. Recently, the Rhode Island Foundation announced its award of a $25.5 million grant to a new Women’s Fund of Rhode Island, developed solely to assist women and girls. It is the largest matching grant in the 86-year history of the state’s Foundation.”

“The commitment of the Rhode Island Foundation to provide significant donor support to philanthropic endeavors is a perfect complement to Ann Abbe’s skilled presentation on women and philanthropy.”
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ers to provide education to all stu-
dents,” said Thorpe, a former class-
room teacher himself for 16 years.

He stressed the need for teachers “to seek diversity” in the classroom
and overcome the “digital divide” separ-
ating those who have resources
to purchase technological equipment
and those who do not.

An array of workshops focused on
strategies and insights pertinent to
multi-cultural education. Exhibits by
publishers of educational and multi-
cultural media were set up in Donovan
Dining Center where conference reg-
istration took place.

Sharon Fennessey, associate pro-
fessor in the Henry Barnard School
and conference co-chair, introduced
the speaker.

Mary Ball Howkins, professor of art
and conference co-chair, provided an
orientation to the workshops, which included “Teaching Diversity with
the World Wide Web.”

President John Nazarian extended
an official welcome to attendees and
explained that in 1995 the College
established a dialogue on diversity
commitee to promote the spirit of
multiculturalism as “integral to the
fabric of the institution and the com-
monwealth beyond.” He said since its
inception, this initiative has been
“embraced throughout the campus
community.”

“I submit that it is education and
technology that will lead us to a bet-
ter tomorrow,” said Nazarian.

Thorpe oversees the Rhode Island
Foundation’s annual grants budget of
$22 million and represents the foun-
dation’s interests in the Rhode Island
Teachers and Technology Initiative,
which provided training and laptop
computers for one quarter of all pub-
lc school teachers in the state.

Teachers were asked to undergo 60
hours of training in use of the com-
puters.

“Our goal was not to change class-
room practice but teacher expecta-
tions of what they could do,” he
explained.

“The more we understand technol-
ogy, the more we realize we can learn
with it,” he added.

Saying that education “might be
described in one word — ‘change’ ”
Thorpe said, “Technology has become
very exciting, but offers very little
incentive to encourage teachers to
change.”

He urged educators and would-be
educators to have their teaching be
inclusive of all students in their class-
rooms.

“If all comes down to what hap-
Happens between a student and a teacher: That’s when education takes place,”
said Thorpe.

The conference was organized by
the Dialogue on Diversity Committee,
Daniel Scott, Roger Simons and Ellen
Bigler, committee co-chairs.

It was supported by the Office of
the President, the Office of Educa-
tion and Human Development, the
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the
School of Social Work and the College
Lectures Committee.

Art Club annual auction Dec. 5

The Rhode Island College Art Club
will hold its annual art auction on
Wednesday, Dec. 5. Viewing begins at
6:30 p.m. in the Art Center room
00A (formerly Rainbow Gallery).

The auction begins at 7 p.m.

Alumni and friends of RIC are
encouraged to donate works of art
for bid at this year’s auction. Money
generated at the auction will be
used to help fund the student-run Art
Club.

To arrange for donations, call the
art department office at 456-8054.

Deadline for drop-off is Friday,
Nov. 30.
Stand ing room only at Admis-

RED, WHITE AND BLUE balloons decorated Donovan Dining Center, where refreshments were available, for the admission office’s Open House for prospective students on Nov. 10. Above, Cassie Mensch, of West Hampton Beach, NY, fills out a raffle ticket next to an ice sculpture by principal cook Vincent Castaldi that incorporates the College logo.

ONE-ON-ONE: Ashley Sadler of Cranston West High School talks to Rob Franzblau, assistant professor of music.

THE WINNER IS: The Department of Modern Language (above) won the prize for the most attractive table. From left are professors Maricarmen Margenot, Joseph Levy, Kathleen Szantor and her daughter Alex.

STANDING ROOM ONLY: President John Nazarian addresses the crowd filling the bleachers of the Athletics Complex. Afterwards, guests visited tables of the College’s various departments and offices.

TROLLEY TOURS: One of the two Newport Trolleys that took visitors on tours of the campus.
About 1,300 prospective students and their families filled the Athletic Complex on Saturday, Nov. 10, for RIC’s Admissions Open House.

College President John Nazarian welcomed the crowd.

“Students base their college selection on a variety of factors, but certainly one must begin with the faculty. Our faculty is particularly skilled at teaching undergraduates, in addition to their work with graduate students, research activities, and service to the community,” he said.

Guests were invited to tour the campus on foot or trolley, and meet the faculty, administrative staff and students to discuss the College’s academic and social programs.
It’s a family affair at RIC for the Nelsons

When Barbara Murby was earning a bachelor’s degree in elementary education/psychology at RIC in 1975, she had no idea that she would still be walking around the campus 26 years later.

Not as a student or faculty member but as a spectator. Barbara Murby Nelson’s two sons, Joshua and Jason, are enrolled at the College. Both play on the RIC soccer team. Barbara and her husband proudly sit in the stands at every home game, and many away games, to cheer on their boys.

“IT was a thrill just to have the boys at RIC, because of the years I spent here myself. Now both boys are enjoying RIC in ways that I never could,” said Mrs. Nelson. “At least they are getting to play the game. I never could,” said Mrs. Nelson. “At least they are getting to play the game. I never did.”

RIC Upward Bound anniversary — Remember the times: 35 years and counting

The Upward Bound program at Rhode Island College will officially celebrate its 35th anniversary Saturday, Dec. 1, with an open house in the Faculty Center from 8 p.m. to midnight.

A brief speaking program will start at 9 p.m. International delicacies and entertainment will be available before and after.

Upward Bound graduates and their families and members of the College community are invited to “come anytime and stay as long as you wish.”

The Upward Bound program was established in 1966, a year after the national Upward Bound program was created through congressional legislation as a response to the civil rights movement.

Funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, the program has survived through the years and is one of the two most senior educational programs sponsored by the federal government.

In the fiscal year 2000, nearly $259 million was awarded to serve an estimated 56,564 students via 772 program grants.

The goal of Upward Bound is to target at-risk or under-prepared, low-income and often minority students who will be the first in their families to attend college and prepare them for college or university enrollment. They must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

RIC was one of the first public institutions of higher education to receive funding for an Upward Bound program and continues to be the only Upward Bound program in the state. The College supple–ments federal funding. The four target school districts — East Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls and Providence — also support the program.

The philosophy of the RIC program was first conceived by John A. Finger, an educator who believed that the nation should educate “all of the children of all the people.”

Three other RIC faculty members joined Finger to create and administer the initial program: Raymond W. Houghton, Maureen Lapan and Thomas Lavery.

“They possessed the force of intellect, the professional integrity, the requisite perspiration and dedication, and most importantly, the compassion to see that ideal through to fruition,” according to Mariam Z. Boyajian, director of the RIC Upward Bound program since 1981.

Thus, 52 students who “were not succeeding, had no hope of going on, and whose parents met the poverty criteria” were enrolled into the first Upward Bound class.
Rhode Island College heads into the 2001-02 winter sports season with many of its programs unsure of how they’ll fare this season. Two of the five programs have new head coaches and each team has a lot of new faces playing key roles.

The RIC wrestling team has the highest expectations. Head Coach Jay Jones, Anchorn named the corner ‘90-01, posting a 12-9 overall record, going 8-7 against New England College Conference Wrestling Association (NECCWA) opponents was 7-17 overall and 4-10 in the LEC last season.

“This is going to be an important year for us,” Kelley says, “We were young last season and experienced a lot of growing pains. We had several freshmen play a lot of minutes for us. We’re hoping the experience they got last year will pay off this season.”

Sophomore forward Liz Shields led the team in rebounding and was tied for the team lead in scoring as a freshman last year, averaging 7.0 rpg and 13.5 ppg. Sophomore guards Angela Sarette and Katie Hansen, as well as freshman forward Becky Bizgante, will be counted upon to produce.

The Anchornwomen opened the season at the Skidmore Tip-off Tournament on Nov. 17 & 18.

Head Women’s Gymnastics Coach Nicole Follett has a new Assistant Coach this season: Timothy O’Leary. O’Leary comes to RIC after an outstanding high school career at Bridgewater-Rayham High School (MA) where he coached current RIC gymnast Nikki Longo.

Sophomore Longo, a sophomore, and junior Shannon Hughey qualified for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships as individuals in ‘00-01. The team’s prized recruit is freshman Caren Normandin, who has had an outstanding high school career at both Durfee High School and Paramount Gymnastics.

The Anchormen opened the season at the Roger Williams Invitational on Nov. 10.

The RIC men’s and women’s basketball teams are coming off disappointing seasons a year ago and are hoping to reverse that trend this season.

The men’s team is led by first-year Head Coach Mike Kelly. Kelly comes to RIC after several question marks. The squad was 7-17 overall and 4-10 in the LEC last season.

“Two important events to put on your calendar. The Second Annual Athletic Director Scott Roy to our athletic alumni, student-athlete support programs and faculty as our annual Anchor Club membership drive phonathon kicks off.

**Starting Nov. 26, athletic alumni will be contacted by current student-athletes, alumni and coaches as our annual Anchor Club membership drive phonathon kicks off.**

**We want to welcome new Assistant Athletic Director Scott Roy to our athletic family: Scott comes to RIC from a similar position at Nichols College.**

**Two important events to put on your calendar. The Second Annual Anchor Club Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 22, at Portucuckett Country Club. After last year’s successful event, the committee is confident that next year’s will be even better.**

**The annual Sports Auction will be held at the Providence Marriott the first week in May.**

**All proceeds to benefit student-athlete support programs**

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**Athletics**

**Sports Roundup**

**Men’s Soccer**

The Anchormen finished the 2001 season with a 4-11-5 overall record and a 2-3-2 (fourth place) mark in the Little East. Despite battling Western Connecticut to a scoreless tie through regulation and four overtime periods, the Anchornmen eliminated RIC-1 on penalty kicks. Forward Scott Main, sweeper James Williamson and midfielder Paul Sousa were named Second Team All-Little East.

**Women’s Soccer**

Forward Kerri Ferreira was named First Team All-Little East. Midfielders Carl Schimhammer, Allison Vales and back Malissa Holden were named Second Team All-Little East.

**Women’s Volleyball**

Head Coach Kristen Norberg’s team was eliminated from the LEC Tournament with a 3-0 loss at UMASS-Dartmouth on Oct. 31. RIC closed out the 2001 season with an 11-21 overall record and a 6-17 mark in the Little East. Middle hitter Brandee Trainer was selected to participate in the NEWVA Senior Classic.

**Men’s Cross Country**

Head Coach Dick Hoppman’s team closed out the 2001 season at the Division III New England Championships, placing 25th out of 35 teams. Tim Rudd, who was also named All-League at the Little East/MASCAC Alliance Championships, placed 89th with a time of 27:08.

**Women’s Cross Country**

Michelle Boudreau was the top finisher for Head Coach Matt Hird at the Division III New England Championships. Boudreau placed 163rd with a time of 21:02.
RIC Dance Winter Concert with Nicola Hawkins Dancers is Dec. 7
by Dante DelGiudice

"Over the past eight years, Nicola Hawkins has emerged as one of the area's most accessible, theatrically vivid and choreographically compelling dance makers. Not surprisingly, she has also become one of the most successful..." Boston Globe, May 2001

The Rhode Island College Dance Company Winter Concert with Nicola Hawkins Dance Company will be presented on Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

The Nicola Hawkins Dance Company is a Boston-based contemporary dance troupe that has performed to public and critical acclaim in New England since 1993. The original dance works of Nicola Hawkins, its artistic director, have consistently impressed audiences and critics with its original and profound artistic vision, its ability to engage and entertain, and the intelligence and thoroughness of its presentation.

The company also has been noted for its unique costumes and sets, all of which Hawkins designs. The company repeatedly has been named "Best of Boston" by the press and has been praised for the original dance works it has created through collaborations with Boston's most noted contemporary composers, some of the music having been especially commissioned.

In 1991, Hawkins received a British Academy Award for Research into the Humanities to study the roles of dance in industrialized and non-industrialized cultures. Both her academic studies and extended stays in India, Japan and Senegal have inspired her to create dance works that proclaim the common bond of humanity. She creates dances with passion, eclecticism, and imagination.

The concert will feature a new work by Hawkins made for the RIC Dance Company and includes a variety of works by Hawkins and other contemporary composers, some of the music having been especially commissioned.

The concert will feature a new work by Hawkins made for the RIC Dance Company and includes a variety of works performed by her company's dancers: Maggie Husak, Carey McKinley, Julie Pike, Jessica Reed and Jes Shuford.

Hawkins also will perform her latest solo "Quasi Allegretto." Additional Hawkins’ repertory will include "Constellation," "Lilly and Rose," "The Swan" and "The Splintered House.

Tickets may be purchased at the Roberts Hall box office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and one hour before the performance. Ticket prices are $10 general admission; $8 seniors, groups, non-RIC students; and $4 with RIC ID.

Soprano Kaori Sato in Chamber Music Series Nov. 28

Soprano Kaori Sato, who earned critical acclaim for her portrayal of the title role of Cio-Cio San in Madama Butterfly, will perform in the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. in the Lila and John Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.

Her accompanist will be Hugh Murphy, who has performed as a chamber music and vocal recital pianist throughout the United States, Europe and Japan.

The program includes works by Rachmaninov, Dukas, Strauss and Dvorak.

The recital is free and open to the public.

The Washington Post described Sato as "a Madama Butterfly to contend with. Singing the demanding role with subtlety and considerable beauty."

She has sung Cio-Cio San with opera companies as diverse as Cleveland, Virginia, Tacoma, Palm Beach and Shreveport.

Sato recently performed Liu in Turandot with Opera Memphis and Nashville Opera, and Micaela in Carmen with Dallas Opera. Her roles include Mimi in La Bohème and Gilda in Rigoletto.

Sato is a First Prize winner of the Liederkranz Foundation Competition and the Lucia Alhanese Puccini International Competition, among others. Sato earned a bachelor’s in music from the Miyagi-Gakuen Women’s College in Japan and a master’s in music from the Mannes College of Music where she was awarded the Clarisse B. Kamei Foundation Scholarship.

Pianist Murphy is an associate professor at the Purchase College Conservatory, head of the musical staff and principal conductor of the Purchase College Opera.

Murphy continues to perform as a chamber music and vocal recital pianist. A conductor for opera and dance, he has appeared at the Wildwood Opera Festival, Anchorage Opera, Intermezzo Opera Festival and the Pepsico Theatre. In 1998, he was asked to participate as a panelist at OPERA America’s Singers Workshop at the Manhattan School of Music.

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

100 YEARS OF JAZZ: Eighteen hundred middle school and high school students visited the College’s Roberts Hall on Nov. 8 and 9 for a performance of “Seven Moments: The First One Hundred Years of Jazz,” a program sponsored by the Performing Arts Series. The performance included a jazz sextet, a narrator and historic stills and moving images. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

SELF-DEFENSE or The Death of Some Salesmen, a play by Perishable Theatre until Dec. 2, is a gripping fictionalized account of the murder and trial of Aileen Wuornos, who became known as the first female serial killer. The cast includes two from Rhode Island College, (third and fourth from left) Marilyn Dubois ‘91 and Wendy Overly, an adjunct instructor in theatre. Call 331-2695 for more information.
Residency by noted composer ends with choral concert Nov. 30

By Teresa Coffman

Rhode Island College Chorus, Chamber Singers and Women’s Chorus will present an Autumn Choral Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in Simpson Hall in the Naranian Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert will be the culmination of a three-day visit to the campus by noted composer Jean Berger, who will attend the concert. He will be in residence Nov. 28-30.

Featured works on the program will be “Gloria” from Puccini’s Messa di Gloria, Sweelinck’s Hodie Christus natus est, Tavener’s “The Lamb” and Morten Lauridsen’s O nata lux.

Five works by Berger also will be presented: Psalmus Brasileiro, Bailada, “My True Love Hath My Heart,” “Art Thou That Shalt” and Harvester’s Song from Six Madrigals.

Berger will work with the choirs on the interpretation of his music that will be performed, and speak with music theory, history and conducting classes. A question-and-answer session is scheduled for Nov. 29 in the afternoon.

A prolific composer, who studied musicology and composition in Paris, Heidelberg and Vienna, he received his doctorate from Heidelberg University under Heinrich Besseler. Berger has resided in and toured Paris, Rio de Janeiro and the United States as a pianist and accompanist. A U.S. citizen since 1943, he has served on the faculties of Middlebury College, the University of Illinois, Colorado Women’s College and the University of Colorado. He makes his home in Denver.

General admission tickets to the concert are $7 with discounts for students and seniors. RIC students admitted free of charge.

Growing Stage Theatre to present two one-act plays

The Rhode Island College Growing Stage Theatre will present two one-act plays, Laundry and Bourbon, and Lone Star, both by James McLure, and directed by Joanna Scoggins ’02, Nov. 28-Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee performance also on Dec. 1.

The plays are companion pieces with the action of the first centering on the discontent and very funny gos-

sip of three town wives whose mar-
rriages have turned out to be less than what they hoped for.

The second play continues with the hilarious study of a pair of Texas “good old boys” on a Saturday night carouse.

Admission is whatever you can pay. Productions will be performed in the Helen Porman Theatre.

Miniature sculptures on exhibit at Bannister Gallery

“Lauren Fensterstock - Otherwise Portraits” will be on exhibit Nov. 29-Dec. 21 in Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery.

A lecture by the artist on opening day is at 6 p.m. in Alger Hall 116. A reception follows.

“Deceptively simple, Fensterstock’s sculptures are tiny ruminations that create an intensity of intimacy expanded beyond their diminutive scale,” according to Dennis O’Malley, gallery director.

“Mediating between a delightful seduction and a critique of nostalgia, her miniatures create fictions within fictions lived out in the world of personal objects.”

“Drawing from her training as a jeweler, Fensterstock intricately render these precious fictions in silver. Like a dollhouse broken down to a schematic, and thereby extracted from the realm of play, these objects express a severed sense of longing in their useless scale and unattainability,” says O’Malley.

Fensterstock is a recent graduate of SUNY at New Platz (mas-
ter of fine arts) and the Parsons School of Design in New York. She curates exhibitions for the York Institute / Saco Museum in Saco, Maine. The exhibit is curated by Sondra Ssher–man of the art department.

Exhibit and artist’s lecture 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 holi-

days.

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**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.

**Mondays**

Noon to 1 p.m.—Bible Study. Meetings are held in the prayer room in the Chaplains’ Office, Student Union 300. Everyone is invited. Feel free to bring your lunch.

**WEDNESDAYS**

12:30 to 1:45 p.m.—Christian Student Organization Meetings in Student Union 300. Students meet to discuss issues of faith and to get involved in service activities. We pray, sing, share problems and plan volunteer and service projects. Stop in at any meeting. For more information, call the Chaplains’ Office at 456-8168.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—AA Meetings in CL 221. All are welcome to attend.

**TUESDAYS**

Men’s Basketball
Salve Regina at Eastern Nazarene 7:30 p.m.
Salve Regina at Roger Williams 8 p.m.
Eastern Connecticut at Roger Williams 8 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Salve Regina at Wesleyan 7:30 p.m.
Wesleyan at Roger Williams 6 p.m.
Eastern Connecticut at Roger Williams 6 p.m.

Wrestling
at Scranton Invitational 9 a.m.

Women’s Gymnastics
Brown 7 p.m.

Men’s & Women’s Indoor Track & Field
at Brown Invitational 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS**

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1 p.m.—National Student Exchange Information Session. Craig-Lee 154. Call 456-8083 for more information.

22
4 p.m.—Lecture: “Witnessing: Beyond Recognition” by Kelly Oliver in the Student Theatre.

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12:30 p.m.—English Department Presentation: “The Search for Gualdrada” in Craig-Lee 255.

12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.—Question-and-Suggestion Session. Ask questions and offer comments and suggestions about campus life with members of the Committee on Student Life. Table in Donovan Dining Center.

1 p.m.—Music: Kaori Sato, soprano. Part of the Chamber Music Series in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center.

**THURSDAYS**

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Art Exhibit: “Otherwise Portraits” by Lauren Fensterstock in Bannister Gallery.

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8 p.m.—Music: RIC Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Women’s Chorus. Teresa Coffman, conductor, in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center.

**FRIDAYS**

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Upward Bound Program Turns 35! Join us for the anniversary celebration scheduled at the Faculty Center. International delicacies and desserts will be served. Call 456-8081 for more information and to make reservations at $35 per person.

**SATURDAYS**

Performing Arts Information: 456-8194
Box Office: 456-8144

**Around the campus**

MOVEMENT FUN: Robin Auld’s Physical Education 206 class work with kindergarten students from Henry Barnard School to study the “fundamentals of movement and its analysis.” At right: Junior Mark Pacheco is the “tree” for a game called “catching animals out of a tree.” The catchers are George Panichas (left) and Sebastian Ferrell, both 5. At left: Junior Paul Decataldo studies hand/eye coordination with Katie Corrigan, 5. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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