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W. Warwick's Royal Mills subject of photo exhibit by RIC students, faculty and alumni Feb. 1-27

by Jane Fusco
What's News Editor

What began as a student photography assignment has turned into a mission to save a piece of Rhode Island's history.

The Royal Mills textile complex on 125 Providence Street in West Warwick, abandoned since the early 1970s and on a track of possible demolition, is the subject of a photography exhibition to be presented by some of Rhode Island College's students, faculty and alumni, as a documentation of its historical significance, industrial archaeology, documentation of its historical significance, industrial archaeology, prosperity, union disputes, and desertion, all in testimony to its place as an historical landmark.

"I gave my students a technical assignment to photograph a subject of deep shadow and bright light.

RIC alumnus and industrial archaeologist, Ned Connors '79, All photographs were taken by RIC students, faculty and alumni. "Because the Mills are such an important piece of the history identity of Rhode Island, I knew I could find support for a project that would help students to focus and have a sense of importance as photographers."

"I would have wrestled for RIC, but I couldn't afford to wrestle, work and go to college expenses. A RIC Alumni Scholarship helps with his college expenses."

The Royal Mills Project photo exhibition, presented by the College and the Warwick Museum, in cooperation with the West Warwick Fire Department, showcases about 50 photographs from different stages of the Mill's history, and will run from Feb. 1-27.

A reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Warwick Museum, 3259 Post Road in Warwick, from 1-4 p.m., and will include a narrative by RIC alumnus and industrial archaeologist, Ned Connors '79. All photographs were taken by RIC students, faculty and alumni.

The mill complex was originally built in 1810 as the Greene Manufacturing Company, a cotton spinning mill, by Dr. Stephen Harris and partners. In 1885, the Knight family absorbed it into their textile empire and expanded the property. In the early 1890s, they disbanded Harris's original mill and transformed portions of it into housing for the workers, then renamed it "Royal" after their firstborn son. At the time, the Knights controlled 17 mills in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The surviving Royal Mills complex is dominated by a five story, 450-foot long structure of brick and granite. An overhead walkway

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Proposal to examine College grounds – Dig this for College's 150th Anniversary

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

There's some interesting stuff underfoot on the Rhode Island College campus.

At least that's what the "resident archaeologist" would have us believe.

Pierre Morenon, associate professor of anthropology and director of the former Public Archeology Program at RIC, feels a careful examination of long-ago artifacts buried beneath the campus grounds would offer an "in-depth interdisciplinary examination of the place where we all work" to say the least.

It also would offer an eye-opening experience of the rich history that belongs to RIC and its expanding campus, which includes the former state Department of Children, Babies and Families.

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

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

In Memoriam —

Associate Prof. Emeritus Nelson "Tim" Wood

Associate Prof. Emeritus Nelson F. "Tim" Wood of Sharon, Mass., died Jan. 7 at age 70 after an illness. He was the husband of Nelma J. (Carlson) Wood. (File Photo)

Tim Wood, who retired in June of 1992 as an associate professor of health and physical education after 23 years at Rhode Island College, was subsequently named an associate professor emeritus. He had served as department chairman for a time.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Springfield College; a master's in education/administration from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate in education from Boston University.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, serving in Korea and Japan as a staff sergeant. He served as a teacher/coach from 1938 to 1964 at Pontiac (Mich.) Public Schools; was an assistant professor from 1964-67 at BostonLorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Sed euismod, nulla at hendrerit commodo, massa turpis tempor justo, vel ullamcorper massa arcu euismod metus. Sed ut commodo nisl.

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 where and when it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we’ll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.

RIC faculty part of statewide project on biomedical research

Four Rhode Island College faculty members are among those from six colleges and universities in the state that will benefit from a $6 million federal grant to stimulate biomedical research in Rhode Island.

The College’s Suzanne Conklin and Eric Hall, both assistant professors of biology, Michael Hayden, assistant professor of computer information systems, and Randi Kim, assistant professor of psychology, are among the 17 faculty from the six institutions of higher learning that will participate in a first-ever statewide network.

The National Institute of Health’s National Center for Research Resources selected the University of Rhode Island to develop the network of biomedical researchers, to be known as the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN).

"Although we work in the smallest state, there are many barriers to collaboration, especially when it involves the sharing of resources and facilities," RIC’s Kenneth P. Kinsey, associate professor of biology, told the gathering of those involved in the network at the Dec. 12 meeting at URI where the announcement was made.

"The BRIN project cuts through these barriers and provides some real incentive for collaboration," said Kinsey.

"My colleagues and I at RIC look forward to participating in the BRIN project, which we believe will improve the quality of research and teaching in science at both public and private institutions throughout Rhode Island," he said.

Other faculty participating in the biomedical research network are from Brown Medical School, Bryant and Providence colleges and Roger Williams College.

The network will draw from such disciplines as biology, toxicology, pharmacology, chemistry, pathology, psychology, computer science, mathematics, biomedical engineering and physical education.

Research by the URI-formed BRIN will:

1) result in a better understanding of cancer induced chemically and by ultraviolet rays and the treatments for such diseases;
2) shed more light on how environmental chemicals damage male reproductive potential;
3) lead to the engineering of new instruments, such as a laser microscope, for the study of cardiovascular function;
4) develop simulation software to mimic human heart conditions;
5) discover natural products in the environment that may be used for therapeutic or recreational purposes;
6) modify behaviors that increase the risks of smoking, alcohol and sexually transmitted diseases.

The NIH grant will be paid out over three years, $2 million annually, with $1 million to be used for establishing a new lab for network members and other researchers, with super-advanced equipment.

Each of the participating schools also will improve its labs. And, more importantly for the smaller colleges, they will have access to URI’s and Brown’s facilities, expanding the scope of their own work and exposing their students to the latest technology.
RIC grad celebrates 100th birthday
by Jane Fusco
What's News Editor

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Jan. 1, 1902, Rhode Island welcomed Rosella Cox of Providence, the first baby born in the new year. She went on to become a graduate of the College’s class of 1923. A fellow teacher at the Normal School, which is now Rhode Island State Normal School, and a teacher in the Providence school system for more than 50 years.

A local television news station featured Cox in a story of her centennial celebration, prompting many of her former students and colleagues to contact her with well wishes.

In a recent interview at her home, Cox recalled her days at the College, her teaching career and fond memories of her students.

“Rhode Island College prepared me well,” she said. “My favorite memories of her students. Her classroom was a laboratory school, and evening classes at Johnson and Wales College. She walked to school everyday. Often times, some of her students would accompany her on the walk to school.

“There were no discipline problems in those days. Not like today,” she said.

Cox said she loved teaching and misses it to this day. Teaching is a Cox family legacy. Her mother was a teacher. Her brother, Monsignor John Cox, and two sisters, Alice Cooney and Ann Monahan ’25, were also teachers. An uncle was a schoolmaster in Ireland.

Cox advises students planning a career in teaching to be sure it is what they want to do. “You must love the job and love the kids,” she said. “Love the job and love the kids.” She said that many of her students would come to her on Monday you go to school wishing it was Friday.

During the interview, she was eager to point out a large bouquet of pink flowers given to her by a former fourth grade student who saw her on television and looked up to give her an opportunity to share recollections of his days in her classroom. That students went on to become an attorney in the state and is still practicing law at age 78.

Cox said that many of her students pursued noteworthy professions as educators, priests, police officers and even an orchestra leader. She is proud of them all.

A fellow teacher at Mount Pleasant High School once remarked that with all the walking she did, she would live to be 100. She is right! What’s News, Monday, Jan. 28, 2002 – Page 3

Heritage Hall of Fame honors Henry Barnard

The 19th century educator for whom Rhode Island College’s laboratory school, Henry Barnard, was named, has been inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, announced Ronald Tibbetts, principal.

Barnard was one of 12 new members inducted Dec. 9 who will be honored at the Rhode Island College in the mid-1800s.

Barnard (1811-1900) was born in Connecticut, graduated from Yale in 1830 and taught for a year in Pennsylvania. He worked in Rhode Island from 1843 to 1849 and served as the first commissioner of education.

During his brief tenure as commissioner, he wrote a book that prompted passage of the School Law of 1845. Horace Mann, for whom Horace Mann Hall at RIC is named, remarked at the time that the passage of that law gave Rhode Island "one of the best systems of public instruction in the world."

A staunch advocate of teacher education, Barnard sponsored a series of institutes for teachers that led to the establishment in 1854 of the Rhode Island State Normal School, which is now Rhode Island College.

The Normal School opened the Observation School, which had eight classrooms to assist in the preparation of teachers. In 1920, the school was renamed in honor of Henry Barnard.

The plaque and certificate from the induction are on display at the school.
On behalf of all of us in the Foundation, Alumni, and Development Offices, allow me to wish you and your family a belated, but no less sincere, Happy New Year. We have all been reminded that none of us knows what challenges 2002 may bring, but the past year has confirmed that our family and friends are our most valuable assets. That is truer now for the members of this College community.

We begin the new year with an offer that is fairly unique in higher education. For the past year, we have been working with SPRINT Communications on a wireless phone plan that would offer reduced rates to plan participants while providing charitable contributions to the Foundation.

We have decided to make this offer available to Rhode Island College faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and friends. Concepts for Advanced Technology, Inc., a SPRINT affiliate, will be managing this exclusive wireless plan for the Foundation.

Highlights of the plan include:

• 5 to 25% discount on all monthly wireless plans (the discount increases as the number of participants increase)
• Up to $150 one-time service credits upon activation (in almost all cases, this credit covers the cost of a phone)
• No activation or hidden costs
• No early termination fees
• Nationwide long distance
• Free voice mail, call forwarding, and conference calling
• Discounted accessories

In addition to the benefits you receive, Concepts for Advanced Technology, Inc., will make a charitable contribution to the Foundation for each wireless plan activated through the College’s Nationwide Volume Program (NVP).

Details of this offer are available by calling Anthony Medeiros, president, Concepts for Advanced Technology, at 401-231-7834. Please do not call the Foundation. This plan, while it will benefit the Foundation, is available only through Concepts for Advanced Technology, Inc.

If you have a cell phone, and your contract is ending, or you are interested in securing a wireless phone associated with the SPRINT service, and you are looking for a way to provide support for the Foundation through a service you use on a regular basis, call the number listed above for information. I believe we are the first in this area, aside from large businesses, to offer this type of opportunity.

We will provide regular updates on how the Foundation is benefiting from your participation in this plan.

M. Ann Abbe, noted fundraising expert, returned to the College to speak on “Becoming A Strategic Philanthropist — Creating Your Personal Philanthropic Plan,” on Dec. 3 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Women in Philanthropy

Alumni Faculty Award:
The person need not be a graduate of the College, but whatever an outstanding citizen who has made a contribution to the state or nation which reflects the ideals of service to humanity.

Alumni Service Award:
The person need not be a graduate of the College, but shall be employed by the College and has made a unique contribution to the College (e.g. development of a new program, wide community recognition of service to the community or campus.)

Online Giving

We are very pleased to offer the convenience of making a donation “online” to the Rhode Island College Annual Fund.

The College has partnered with GivingCapital to offer a simple and secure way to make a contribution with the click of a mouse! Just visit www.ric.edu/alumni/online_giving.

For information on the Annual Fund, contact Nancy Hoogasian, director of Annual Fund at 401-456-8827 or email her at nhoogasian@ric.edu.
Two student teacher info meetings for Fall 2002

The Feinstein School of Education and Human Development will hold two informational meetings for students who are eligible for student teaching in the fall 2002 semester.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30, in HM 193, at 12:30 p.m. for the following programs: elementary education, early childhood education, elementary or early childhood education and special education, health education and physical education.

The second meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6, in HM 193, at 12:30 p.m. for the following programs: art & music education, secondary education (educational studies), technology education and secondary education (educational studies) and special education.

All who wish to apply for fall 2002 student teaching must attend the appropriate meeting.
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Congratulations to all!
In order to recognize the commitment and dedicated service of its faculty and staff, Rhode Island College established a Service Recognition Day. On this 12th Service Recognition Day, held in November, those who have served the College for 10, 15, 20 or 25 years were recognized at a reception at the President’s House Nov. 28.

The 30-Year Honor Roll recognizes faculty, administrative staff, and support staff who have completed 30 years of service to Rhode Island College. The Honor Roll plaque is permanently displayed in the President’s Office reception area in Roberts Hall. Honor Roll members attended a reception at the President’s House Nov. 29.

30 YEARS OF SERVICE: College employees with 30 years of service were recognized at a reception at the President’s House on Nov. 29. Seated with the president from left are Joan Glazer, Janice Evonska, President Nazarian, James Rubovits, and Peter Glanz. Standing from left: Dennis McGovern, Mary Foye, Donald Cousins, Richard Dickson, Salman Wasti, Joseph Costa, Peter Harman and Rene Perreault, Jr.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Myra Blank, library technician, receives an award from President John Nazarian in recognition of her 15 years of service to the College. Employees with 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service were recognized at a reception at the President’s House on Nov. 28.
Riley gears up for New England Championships

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

I
n less than a year, Rhode Island College wrestling coach Mike Riley has made an indelible mark on the wrestling program. Since enrolling him in the Division III National Championships, named All-New England and has compiled a record of 40-9 at 133 pounds.

This season, with only the one wrestler that, as a coach, you think that says a lot about this individual sport, Mike has done it," Riley said.

"Even though wrestling can be viewed as an individual sport, Mike has always been dedicated to the team aspect," Coach Jones added. "Mike has always been focused on the upcoming competition to an alumni event,) we will be

Riley's last big match was at the NCAA Northeast Regionals, where he placed first at the Citrus Invitational during the squad's trip to Florida after Christmas.

RIC Head Coach Jay Jones is ecstatic to have Riley on the team. "Because of Mike's tremendous attitude and work ethic, he's truly one wrestler that, as a coach, you can feel tremendous joy for his successes because he really deserves them."

Despite all of the accolades, Riley continues to remain humble. "I try to lead by example. I don't talk too much. I'm quiet and I try to stay under his leadership."

- The men's basketball and wrestling teams are playing in Florida during the break. It was an exciting experience for all the players.

- Another reminder, there are a number of receptions being held for alumni in conjunction with winter sporting events. The dates and times are listed separately on this page.

- On Tuesday, Feb. 5, (in addition to an alumni event,) we will be hosting the NCAA's "Take A Kid to the Game Night." All youngsters and adults accompanying them will be admitted free. There will be food and prizes and a guest speaker to recognize the NCAA Basketball Mascot J.J. jumper. Groups are welcome. More information is available elsewhere on this page.

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- A big heartfelt thanks to everyone who has joined the Anchor Club. Thanks to the efforts of Art Pontarelli and his staff, the membership continues to grow, but there is always room for new members. For more info, call Art at 456-8863.

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- Finally, a warm welcome back to intercollegiate athletic secretary Jeannne D'Agostino who recently returned from medical leave.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

If you know of a worthy candidate, please contact Art Pontarelli at 456-8863 and be sure to include the candidate's name and address. The candidate must have finished his/her career at least five years ago and have graduated from RIC.

Baseball-Soccer-Wrestling

Committees have formed representing the three above-mentioned sports. If you are an alum of those sports and receive a phone call, please listen to find out how you can help improve your former facility.

RIC Winter Anchor Club Reception Dates

Sunday, Feb. 3
Gymnastics vs. SUNY-Brockport at noon

Tuesday, Feb. 5
Men's and Women's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

All events begin one hour prior to the game/meet.

Please RSVP by calling 456-8863.

Sports

From the athletic director's desk

• Congratulations to head men's basketball coach Mike Kelly on his first intercollegiate win. Coach Kelly and his staff are working extremely hard; he has the future of the men's basketball team looks bright under his leadership.

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Take a Kid to the Game’

RIC will take part in NCAA Basketball’s "Take a Kid to the Game" program during the men's and women's games vs. Western Connecticut on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

There is free admission for children with an accompanying adult.

In addition to seeing the Anchormen and Anchorwomen in action, there will be:

• Games
• Awards
• Contests
• Prizes

NCAA Basketball's official mascot, J.J. Jumper, will also be making an appearance.

The first 100 kids to come to the game will also receive a special gift.
Bannister exhibit features work of Rhode Island artist

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery kicked off its winter-spring schedule in January with an exhibit entitled “Remo Campopiano—New Projects,” which continues until Feb. 8 and is free and open to the public.

Campopiano is a Rhode Island artist who is described as a polymath or one who exemplifies learning. He was among the early adapters of the revolutionary changes in media and telecommunication afforded by the Internet.

In the early 1990s he founded ARTEWEB/Soho, New York City, pioneering net art and performance art on the web. This group later collaborated to produce projects like PORT - Navigating Digital Culture, at the MIT List Visual Arts Center in 1997, making a significant contribution to the creative and documenting the history of what has since become known as “new media.”

He has worked with a wide variety of formal approaches, often involving aspects of nature and technology in interactive relationships. This exhibit will highlight recent projects like Waterspiders, a collaboration with a group of 10 -14 year olds in the creation of robots that led to the formation of the Robotics Art Club.

Reached via the Internet at his Seekonk home the other day, Campopiano was asked how the collaboration with children came about.

“I sort of backed into the founding of the Robotics Art Club,” he said, explaining that he was visiting a friend and talking about a project he was planning when he noticed his friend’s 10-year-old boy’s eyes light up as Campopiano described the creation of giant robotic spiders.

“He asked if he could help and the club grew from then on,” said Campopiano.

That was about two years ago, he said and explains, its creation has served “an unforeseen outcome...it keeps me focused.”

“I love inspiring kids to learn. The club is more like an apprentice program. Their job is to help me make my art and they do just that.”

The children in the club “are just kids from the Seekonk area. It is not a government-sponsored program and Campopiano is not trying to ‘rescue kids from the mean streets of poverty’ or anything like that.

“It’s just a club of...well, ‘non-football players.’ We’d like to use the word ‘nerd.’ I tell the kids, to function, Campopiano replied that the “possibilities are endless.”

“At first we just wanted them to avoid bumping into each other. Next we gave them individual personalities and have them talk to each other. Ultimately, we are hoping to create a family of robots that can live in the world on a reservoir or lake,” he said with what one feels is a degree of facetiousness.

This exhibit will feature Waterspiders along with a proposal for a participatory, solar powered environment piece, the Providence Shipyard. Along with that, Campopiano is revising a project first featured at the D C O d o a Museum. In Video Studio for Insects he opens up the intimate world of an ant colony to the voyeurism of the Internet, making visible the aesthetic of natural processes and the instinctive behaviors of living creatures.

Campopiano attended RIC in 1967-68 as an industrial arts student, but found a required speech course m o t i o n a l l y draining. He had Career Counseling problem, he said. He joined the Rhode Island Air National Guard and ended up transferring to SMU, now the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth from which he graduated in 1978.

He went on to study at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and was the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

The exhibit is being presented with support of the RIC Departments of Communications, Elementary Education and English as well as the City of Providence, Office of Cultural Affairs.

General support is provided by the Department of Art, Co-op Club, Artist Co-op, and the Performing and Fine Arts Commission.

Exhibit curator is Dennis O’Malley, gallery director.

Gallery hours during exhibits are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-4 p.m., and Thursday, noon - 9 p.m.

It is closed weekends and holidays.

How do you like our new look?

This is the first issue of What’s News in its new, updated format. We hope you like the changes, and welcome your comments and suggestions. Call our office at 456-8090 or email the editor at jfusco@ric.edu.
Noel Coward’s ‘Present Laughter’ at RIC Feb. 13-17

Present Laughter, the Broadway and London comedy success by Noel Coward, will be staged by Rhode Island College Theatre in two matinees and evening performances Feb. 13-17 in the Forman Theatre.

Termed a “smashing” play by the New York Post’s Clive Barnes, it is the hilarious story of an actor whose favorite star is — himself!

Always in the spotlight, he gives his best performance off-stage as he plays host to his oldest friends and several new admirers, while simultaneously complaining that he is denied a moment’s peace and quiet.

His annoyance at the never-ending activity and confusion in his studio is merely a pose, however, he is never so happy as when he is in the midst of wholesale disorder.

Joshua Allen of Providence, a junior theatre major, will be seen as the vain and self-admiring actor, Garry Essendine.

Other cast members include Tara Tesz, Donna Lobello, Sanjay Merchant, Sarah Potenza, Laura Desmarais, Tim Rubel, Jose Docen, Alvin Meservey, Nicole Gemma and Lauren Delude.

The RIC production will be directed by Wendy Overly.

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 touring the English provinces in 1942, opened at the Haymarket Theatre, London, on April 29, 1943 with Coward as the lead character.

The New York production opened at the Plymouth Theatre in 1946 and played for 158 performances. It starred Clifton Webb in the lead role.

It aired on ABC-TV in 1968 with Peter O’Toole in the Garry Essendine role. The play was revived again in 1975 at the Kennedy Center in Washington and in 1982 on Broadway with George C. Scott directing and starring in the leading role.

Born near the turn of the century, Coward’s writing for the stage began in 1920 with I’ll Leave It To You and ended in 1963 with The Girl Who Came to Supper. In between he wrote over 40 plays and musicals, including Blithe Spirit and Private Lives. He also acted in a number of them.

Coward died in 1973 at his home in Jamaica.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 through Saturday, Feb. 16 and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16-17.

Tickets are $11 with discounts for senior citizens and students and can be purchased at the main box office in Roberts Hall or in advance via Visa or Mastercard by calling 456-8144.
Rhode Island College Calendar

Jan. 28 – Feb. 12

Sundays
10 p.m.—Catholic Mass in Student Union 306. Mass is celebrated by the Rev. Joe Piscatello 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 with you.

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 401-456-8168.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—AA meetings in CL 231. All are welcome to attend.

Jan. 31–Feb. 2

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West Warwick Royal Mills Photographic Exhibition by RIC students, faculty and alumni. At the Warwick Museum, 3259 Post Road, Warwick. (See story on page 1.)

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Friday
4 p.m.—Music: Master Class with Alon Goldstein, piano in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center.

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Sunday
3 p.m.—Music: American Band in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center.

Around the campus...

Men’s Basketball
Sat., Feb. 2 at Keene State 3 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 5 at Western Ct. 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 at Southern Maine 3 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Wed., Jan. 30 at Emerson 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2 at Keene State 1 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 5 at Western Ct. 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 at Southern Maine 1 p.m.

Wrestling
Wed., Jan. 30 at MIT 7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2 Tri-meet with Southern Maine at Roger Williams Noon
Tues., Feb. 5 Tri-meet with Johnson and Wales at Coast Guard 5 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9 Tri-meet with Bridgewater State at Trinity Noon

Women’s Gymnastics
Sun., Feb. 3 SUNY Brockport * Noon
Sun., Feb. 10 Springfield * and S. Ct. 1 p.m.

Men’s & Women’s Indoor Track & Field
Sat., Feb. 2 at Tufts
Invitational Noon
Sun., Feb. 10 at Alliance Championships 1 p.m.

Budding Ballet Dancers: Five students from Henry Barnard School were members of the cast of “Coppelia” presented by the State Ballet of Rhode Island in the auditorium in Roberts Hall on Dec. 13-15. From left (standing) are Lily Sawyer, Exra Meren and Christine Iannucci. Seated are Montana and Rachel Campbell. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)