Joan Glazer, professor of elementary education, chosen as the recipient of the Thorp Professorship in Educational Studies at the college, offered as the Mary Tucker Thorp Lecture, a talk entitled "Who Decides What Children Read?" The lecture took place on March 25 in room 050 Fogarty Life Science Building. Earlier in the semester Nancy Sullivan, professor of English, delivered the Thorp Lecture in Arts and Sciences.

The Thorp Professorship in Educational Studies honors a faculty member in the Division of Educational Studies at Rhode Island College who has distinguished both him/herself and the College with his/her research, scholarship and field work. The Professorship honors the contributions of Mary Tucker Thorp whose career at the College spanned the period 1926-67.

Nominees for the Thorp Professorship were evaluated by a faculty committee of Educational Studies department members who gave serious consideration only to those individuals who have made sustained creative and scholarly contributions to their field or discipline.

Joan Glazer taught for six years at the elementary level, worked with high school students in two government projects, and was a Head Start supervisor for Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She received her Ph.D. degree in Early and Middle Childhood Education with a specialization in children's literature and the language arts from the Ohio State University.

Her most recent publication is Introduction to Children's Literature (McGraw-Hill, 1979), co-authored with Gurney Williams III. She is the author of GRIP (Hertzberg-New Method, 1975), a reading/literature program for grades two through six, and was a contributor to Literature and Young Children (National Council of Teachers of English, 1977). Her scale for evaluating the narrative writing of children appears in Measures for Research and Evaluation in the English Language Arts (National Council of Teachers of English, 1974). She has just completed Children's Literature for Early Childhood (Merrill) scheduled for publication in 1981.