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Homecoming, Saturday, October 6, has been billed as a day for everyone this year. In addition to alumni, the traditional focus for homecoming celebrations, undergraduates, faculty, staff and the families of those who come are to be included in the activities. The day's events planned by a committee chaired by John S. Foley, executive director of College Advancement and Support, will offer something of interest to all age groups and all categories of participants.

A field day, a float parade, soccer matches, marching band demonstrations, a puppet show, children's theatre, and an outdoor concert by the RIC band are some of the attractions which have been scheduled for the day. Floats designed by student organizations will be eligible.

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President's Column

In recognition of the fine work done by the men and women of the Rhode Island College support staff, Mrs. Sweet and I will host a reception for these employees and their spouses on Sunday, September 30 from 2-5 p.m. in the President's House. Many of the college's executive officers will be in attendance as well to honor the contributions of our maintenance and clerical staff.

It has long been customary for us to have an Open House in the spring for faculty and staff in the President's House. I am hopeful that this second reception will also become a continuing Rhode Island College custom. The college depends heavily on the work of these men and women for the comfort and attractiveness of our campus. Without them, the education of students would be a most difficult task.

All members of the support staff should by now have received invitations in the mail. Any who have not should call extension 8180.

I look forward to seeing many members of the support staff on the 30th as well as to meeting their spouses. I am grateful to Mr. Norman Harrod, president of Local 2878 and Mrs. Susan Silva, president of Local 2879, for their cooperation in the planning of this event.

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for cash prizes, and will be judged during a parade on campus on Friday, October 5. The floats will be displayed and parade again at Homecoming during half-time of an alumni soccer game to be held at noon. Cash awards will be given to the top three designs with the first place winner receiving $100, the second place winner getting $50 and the third prize float earning $25. Other prizes for the float competition will also be awarded.

The varsity soccer team will play Keene State at 2 p.m. Prior to the game and during half-time, high school marching bands from the area are slated to participate in a demonstration.

A day-long affair, Homecoming will start at 9:30 a.m. with registration for the field events. Among the competitions which will be held will be such things as egg tossing, crazy relays, sack races, three-legged races, 50-yard dashes, softball tossing and the like, with the participants separated into appropriate age groups. There will also be field events for fathers and children, mothers and children, and campus groups.

A puppet show for children will be staged by the Puppet Tree Theatre at 2 p.m. and at 3:15 p.m. there will be a performance by The Kaleidoscope Company, a well-known Rhode Island children's theatre company. At 4 p.m. the college band will play in concert. Food and drink will be available throughout the day.

"What we're trying to do is to create a sense of community by making it the kind of event which will have the entire family involved and leave them all feeling that it was a day wonderfully well-spent," says Foley.

Other members of the committee which is working on the day are: Glenn Duquenoy, Dolores Passarelli, Joanne Marciano, Bill Baird, Gail Davis and Jim Rubovits.

Social Work Program to Hold Formal Opening

Dr. Harry Specht, dean of the School of Social Welfare at the University of California-Berkeley, will be the speaker when the college's School of Social Work holds its for-
Due to a breakdown in the presses at the Office Services Department, What's New(s) At Rhode Island College is being circulated today, Monday, September 24, rather than as it normally would have been on Friday, September 21. Every alternative means of reproducing the newsletter in order to meet the regular distribution schedule was explored, but no way could be found to have it printed in time off campus. The Office of News and Information Services (formerly the News Bureau) as well as the Department of Office Services regrets this interruption in the normal pattern of distribution of What's New(s) At RIC.
President's Column

In recognition of the fine work done by the men and women of the Workman College Support Staff, the Board of Trustees and the college will host a reception for these employees and students on Monday, December 1 at the Long Beach Civic Auditorium. The event will be a celebration of the contributions of support staff members and will include refreshments and a performance by the college's marching band. All members of the college community are invited to attend this special event.

I look forward to seeing many members of the college community at the reception on Monday, December 1st. The event will be held in the Long Beach Civic Auditorium, and all members of the college community are welcome to attend.

Social Work Program to Hold Formal Opening

On Friday, September 20, the School of Social Work at Workman University of California-Davis will hold a formal opening ceremony. The event will be held in the university's newly constructed Social Work Building. The ceremony will feature speeches by key figures in the social work field, as well as a reception and tours of the new facility.

The opening ceremony will be held at 4:00 PM in the Social Work Building. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Office of Community Relations at 555-1234.
mal opening at 1 p.m. in Gaige Auditorium on October 2. A national authority in the area of social policy, Specht will speak on the relationship of college to community as a function of social policy. In addition to the college population, many social work professionals from the community have been invited to attend. Following the address by Specht there will be a reception at the Faculty Center.

"The Master of Social Work program in the School of Social Work began its first year with a class of 38 full-time and 25 part-time students. The student body is an exciting group of bright individuals who bring with them many years of practice experience," according to George Metrey, director of the school.

The program has applied for candidacy status with the Council on Social Work Education, which is the first step toward accreditation. The Commission on Accreditations of the Council on Social Work Education has reviewed the application, and on the basis of self-study material, has authorized a site visit. The site visit will take place on October 4 and 5, and will be conducted by Dr. Ben Granger, dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

A paper by Professor LEO MILLER of the Sociology/Social Welfare Department appeared in the June 1979 issue of The Gerontologist published by the Gerontological Society. Entitled "Toward a Classification of Aging Behaviors," the paper deals with types of aging behaviors based upon a social functioning approach and concepts of social deviance.

Summer activities of Professor P. WILLIAM HUTCHINSON of the Department of Communications and Theatre included committee work with the annual convention of the American Theatre Association and serving as chairperson and editor-in-chief for the revision of the American College Theatre Festival Handbook. Dr. Hutchinson also was appointed to the executive committee of the American College Theatre Festival and to the advisory council of the New England Theatre Conference. He was reelected as co-chairperson of the board of directors of the Providence Inner-City Arts working on grant proposals and planning the annual Florentine Faire.

CHARLES MARZZACCO, associate professor of physical sciences, presented a paper entitled "Demonstrations of the Photophysical and Photochemical Processes in Molecules" at the Chem Ed 79 conference held at the University of Waterloo on August 22.

Grants and Awards

ELAINE S. MAGYAR, assistant professor of physical sciences, received a $10,000 research grant from the American Chemical Society. Dr. Magyar's grant is in specific support of her research concerning "Mechanistic Studies of Transition Metal Promoted Reactions of Cyclopropanes," and will extend over a two-year period beginning in September 1979.

The college's office of publications has received an award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in that organization's annual recognition program competition. The special merit award in the publications improvement category was made for RIC's fall recruiting package, a series of publications including the view-
book sent to prospective students, brochures on campus residence halls, financial aid and the like.

The award from CASE, a national organization of college public relations and alumni professionals, marks the fourth time RIC's publications office has been recognized recently.

Earlier awards were a third place selection in the Rhode Island Women's Advertising Club competition in the poster category, a national design award from the Champion Paper Company for the fall recruiting package and most recently an award from the National School Public Relations Association, also for the fall recruiting package.

Walter Kopec, graphic designer in the office of publications, designed the fall recruiting package.

Opportunities

The NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES has announced a deadline of October 15 for 1980 SUMMER STIPENDS. The program provides stipends of $2500 in support of college, university, junior and community college teachers as well as others working in the humanities to pursue two consecutive months of full-time study or research. The proposed project may be one that can be completed during the stipend period, or it may be part of a longer-range project.

Topics related to the subjects which applicants teach are appropriate areas of study in the summer stipend program, but proposals for planning, curricula or the development of study materials, predominantly pedagogical studies and educational surveys are not eligible for support. Application materials will be available September 1 from Summer Stipend Program, Division of Fellowships, National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

Bumper Slogan Sticks Up for RIC

To coincide with the opening of school for the fall, the Office of College Advancement and Support has begun a bumper sticker campaign which is designed to raise the consciousness of Rhode Islanders about the presence of Rhode Island College in Providence. Another objective of the campaign is to expand the positive feelings that RIC's students, faculty and staff have about the college.

The slogan on the stickers which reads "RIC is Rhode Island's College" was suggested two years ago by Professor Alexander Cornell of the Department of Economics and Management as a slogan for the "open house" which opened the college for the 1977 fall semester in September. It was well received then, and John Foley, head of O.C.A.S., decided to revive it.

Five thousand bumper stickers were printed according to Foley, and limited quantities of them are still available on campus. They may be obtained by calling the O.C.A.S. office at 456-8104.

What's Happening

The Rhode Island College Women's Center will sponsor a film series during the fall semester with eight films to be shown in all. Each film will be shown on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. in Lounge F of the RIC Student Union. The public is invited to attend, as well as RIC students, faculty and staff. There is no admission charge for the films. For more information on the series, interested persons may call the Women's Center at 456-8250.