What's New(s) at RIC

Rhode Island College

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Census Gets Sense of the Students

Forty-six percent of the full-time undergraduates who responded to the 1980 student census have reported that they would be willing to pay as much as $50 to $100 in increased fees if it would aid in the financing of an addition to the Student Union and the construction of a Swimming pool complex.

Conducted by Richard Prull, counseling and research psychologist in the Counseling Center, the 7th annual census was mailed to a systematic sample of 1250 undergraduates, one in four of the full-time and part-time population of undergraduates. Forty-four percent of those polled provided usable returns. According to Prull, women are slightly overrepresented in the returns for full-time students, but overall he feels the respondents represent a reasonable cross-section of the undergraduate population.

The survey provides data on student behavior and demographic characteristics and gives the students an opportunity to express their opinions on a variety of topics including existing programs and services at the colleges.

Great Majority: No Sexual Harassment

Among the survey’s determinations was the fact that a majority of those responding support the construction of additional student housing, an addition to the Student Union and the building of a swimming pool facility. Two thirds of the full and part-time students believe that RIC should increase its role as a cultural and art center in the Providence community. The census also showed that the great majority of respondents report that they never have encountered sexual harassment at the college. However, about 12 to 15 percent of the full-time women students in the survey reported infrequent or occasional sexual harassment by staff, faculty or other students.

Several new items on the quality of the RIC college environment show the majority of students satisfied with the accuracy of college information they received prior to enroll-
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ment, course content and instruction in their major field, personal safety on campus and campus racial harmony. Satisfaction with the availability of financial aid information prior to enrolling is somewhat less, with 30 percent responding favorably. Least satisfaction was expressed with college registration procedures and the availability of courses when students can take them.

Copies of the 1980 Student Census are being distributed on campus currently. More information or copies of the census may be obtained from Richard Prull, extension 8094.

Focus on the Faculty


AASCU Notes RIC

News of a summer session workshop offered at the college through the Industrial Arts Education Program has been included under the section on community service in a "Background" report issued by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. A four page 8 X 10 inch handout sent to member institutions and media across the country, the flyer is headed "Energy-Related Activities On State College and University Campuses." Information in the form of news releases was provided to AASCU by the RIC Office of News and Information Services.

Alumni Alerted

The RIC Baseball Team is winding up its spring training games in Orlando, Florida, tomorrow. The Office of Alumni Affairs notified some 180 RIC Alumni living in Florida of the team's schedule prior to the start of play on March 17 in order to give Florida grads a chance to take in the games.

What's Happening

Technical Innovations in Metal & Clay, a workshop sponsored by RIC with support from National Endowment for the Arts at the Art Center is being held in conjunction with an exhibition in the Bannister Art Gallery through March 23. These two events will synthesize the use of renewable resources and more efficient production methods within the respective traditions of these two major crafts.

There will be workshops today in Metal and Clay beginning at 10 a.m.

During the two day workshop, Gerry Williams will build a kiln, wet fire pots, show slides, and discuss approaches to making pots.

Tim McCreight will conduct the two day dieforming workshop.

Metal and Clay demonstrations will begin at 10 a.m. on March 22.

Harriet Brisson, chair of the RIC Art Department, will demonstrate firing kilns using a variety of unconventional fuels.

Curtis LaFollette, associate professor of art, will demonstrate a new method of solving the problem of attaching non ferris sheet metal to the surface of a sectionally-non-conforming die.

Sunday, March 23, panel discussions will run concurrently, so that all participants in the conference may attend both sessions. The metal panel will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 1 p.m.

The clay panel will start at 2:30 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m.

For more information call ext. 8054.

A children's theatre production, Thief of Bagdad, will be held in Roberts Little Theatre from March 24 through April 3. For further information, call ext. 8270.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21

TBA. GYMNASTICS. AIAW Division III at Georgia College. Milledge, Georgia.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22


SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Student Union Ballroom.


7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

7-9 PM KAPPA DELTA PHI MEETING. Student Union, Upper Lounge.

8 PM LECTURE. Featuring Fr. Dennis Brodeur, Ph.D. on Spirituality for the Contemporary Christian. Student Union, Room 304.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9 AM & 11 AM CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION. "Thief of Baghdad". Matinee performance by contract only; phone 456-8270 for further information. Roberts Little Theatre.

11 AM - 12 NOON ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Student Union Lounge F.

12 NOON DAILY MASS. Celebrated every day except Wednesday. Student Union, Meditation Room.

9-11 PM EPSILON DELTA TAU MEETING. Student Union, Room 305.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

1 PM ENGLISH COLLOQUIUM. "Emily Dickinson's Poetry". Featuring Sister Charlotte Downey, Professor, Eastern Connecticut State College. Craig-Lee Hall, Room 255.

1 PM CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES. Marlene Fairleigh, piano. Roberts Hall, Room 138.

1-2 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Student Union, Lounge E.

1-2 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Student Union, Room 304.

1-2 PM ENGLISH CLUB MEETING. Meets every other Tuesday, Craig-Lee, Room 265.

2-4 PM THIRD CURRICULUM OPEN HOUSE. Student Union Ballroom.

6:30 - 10 PM SIGMA MU DELTA MEETING. Student Union, Lounge F.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

2 PM BIOLOGY COLLOQUIA. "The Eye Lens as a Model of Aging." Featuring Dr. Nancy Raffery of Northwestern University Medical School. Clarke Science Building, Room 128.
2-2:30 PM JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUES. Lecturer will be James Kraeger, Management/Career Division Specialist with Bernard Haldane Associates. Public invited. Gaige Auditorium.

2-3 PM RESUME II WORKSHOP. Resume I prerequisite. Provides opportunity to polish your resume. Craig-Lee Hall, Career Development Center.

2-4 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Student Union 304.

2-4 PM GAY ALLIANCE MEETING. Student Union, Lounge F.

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7:30 PM STUDENT PARLIAMENT MEETING. Student Union Chambers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

1-2 PM ANCHOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

4:15 PM 4TH ANNUAL READING LEADERSHIP LECTURE. "Reading Comprehension: Past, Present and Future", will be the topic of the lecture to be led by Dr. P. David Pearson, professor at the University of Illinois and researcher at the Center for the Student of Reading. Gaige Auditorium.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

10 AM PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM. Lecturer Dr. Alfred Benney of Fairfield University will speak on "Religion's Role in the the Quest for the Unity of Knowledge." Fogarty Life Science Building, 120.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7-9 PM R.I. ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN MEETING. Student Union, Ballroom Chambers, Lounge E, and Lounge F.

7-9 PM KAPPA DELTA PHI MEETING. Student Union, Room 310.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

10 AM SUNDAY MASS. Student Union Ballroom.

3 PM RIC ORCHESTRA. Schubert, Symphony No. 8 in b minor; Prokofiev, Alexander Nevsky. Warwick Vets. High School Auditorium.

7 PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS. Browne Hall, Upper Lounge.

7:30 & 9:30 PM SUPER SPRING FILM SERIES. "Days of Heaven" starring Richard Gere and Brooke Adams. Academy Award winning film presented with Distinguished Film Committee. $1.50 general, 99¢ with RIC ID. (PG) Gaige Auditorium.
LEGISLATION ALERT

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWSLINE -
A listing of recent legislation of interest to RIC faculty and staff introduced in the Rhode Island legislature.

SENATE

S-2288 STUDENTS EXEMPT (Fleck). This act exempts students working in a cooperative education program from the employment security benefits. Finance.

S-2295 STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Hickey). This act eliminates outdated and obsolete provisions in the options contained in the State Retirement System. Jt. Comm. on Retirement.

S-2312 RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE (Hickey). A bill permitting state employees, legislators, teachers or municipal employees to buy retirement service credit for active military service on or after September 16, 1940; effective July 1, 1980. Retirement.

S-2324 STATE EMPLOYEES BINDING ARBITRATION (Quattrocchi). A bill extending state employee binding arbitration to salary matters. Judicry.

S-2358 RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Hickey). This act requires members who request accidental disability retirement benefits to apply for benefits within three (3) years of the incident which caused the disability. Jt. Comm. on Retirement.

S-2385 RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES (Hickey). This act would provide Blue Cross & Blue Shield coverage for all retired state employees at no cost. Corporations.

S-2386 UNIFORM RULE ON PURCHASES OF RETIREMENT CREDIT (Hickey). This act establishes a uniform rule on purchases of retirement credit for leave of absence for teachers and state employees and provides for a maximum credit purchase of four (4) years. Jt. Comm. Retrmt.

S-2396 RIGHT TO PRIVACY (Gendron). This act creates a right to privacy and provides for actions to redress violations of that right. Judiciary.

S-2410 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT (Hanaway). This act mandates contributions by municipal employers to the retirement fund on a payroll frequency basis. Retirement.

S-2413 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES--RAISING THE DRINKING AGE (Canulla). This act would increase the age from 18 to 19 for the sales and drinking of alcoholic beverages. Special Legislation.

S-2427 STATE AID TO EDUCATION (D'Ambra & others). A bill requiring state aid to education in 1980-81 to be at least equal to the aid to the particular city or town in 1979-80. Finance.

S-2433 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES--RAISING THE DRINKING AGE (Smith). A bill raising from 18 to 19 the age for buying alcoholic beverages in a package store. Special Legislation.

HOUSE

H-7324 INCREASED BENEFITS PAYABLE TO RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES (Sherman). This act would increase the cost of living retirement adjustment paid to retired state employees to eight (8) per cent per year. Jt. Comm. on Retirement.

H-7384 PROHIBITING SCHOOL COMMITTEE DEFICIT SPENDING (Lamb & others). A bill prohibiting deficit spending by school committees and setting up a nine-member committee to study school financing. Finance.

H-7390 THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Lederberg). This act would allow the certification of teachers in the subject of general science, if said teachers are certified in two other science subjects. H.E.W.

H-7399 EDUCATION GRANTS (McKenna & Smith). A house resolution asking Congress to support certain legislation relating to basic educational opportunity grants. H.E.W.

H-7404 PENALTIES FOR LITTERING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY (Bianchini & others). This act would allow a judge to order a person convicted of littering to remove litter from public places in addition to other penalties imposed and provides for immunity of the state against any personal injury or property damage. Judiciary.

H-7408 FINES FOR LITTERING (Drapeau & Lynch). This act imposes a fine for littering public property of not more than $500 nor less than $100. Judiciary.

H-7427 STATE BUDGET - ALLOWABLE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (Connors). This act includes supplemental appropriations within the 8% allowable budget increase from one year to the next. Finance.

H-7434 EDUCATION (Lederberg & others). This act repeals various obsolete provisions of the general laws regarding education, and reassigns other provisions to more appropriate titles. H.E.W.

H-7447 STUDY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS (Kane & Carceri). A resolution establishing a special legislative commission to study school courses and programs in foreign languages and international studies. H.E.W.

H-7459 DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION (Higgins & others). A bill appropriating $14,182,283.73 in additional funds for the support of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980. Finance.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H-7177A (as amended) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES--RAISING THE DRINKING AGE. 2/14/80 Senate Special Legislation.
WHAT'S HAPPENING

Two events are being sponsored by the English Dept. Colloquia Series: Sister Charlotte Downey, a professor at Eastern Connecticut State College, will speak on "Different Perspectives: Emily Dickinson's Poetry" on Tuesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in Craig-Lee 255. John Kendrick, author, actor and athlete, will read from his poetry on Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in Craig-Lee 255.

Dr. Robert Fenn from Olin Corp. will present a Physical Sciences Department Colloquium on "The Environment of an Industrial Chemist" on Wednesday, March 26, at 2 p.m. in CS 106. Dr. Fenn will be on campus all day as part of the Visiting Industrial Scientist Program sponsored by the Industrial Research Institute and will be available to meet with interested students or faculty.

The Women Studies Program at RIC is presenting a symposium, Making Women Respectable or Expanding the Boundaries of Academia. These programs will explore the various ways in which feminism is altering the boundaries of academic and artistic disciplines to include a woman's perspective.

The first lecture, "Femmage" (women's traditional art and its links with the work of contemporary female visual artists), will be given by Miriam Schapiro on March 26 at 2 p.m. in Lecture 5, Art Center. Ms. Schapiro was a pioneer in the patterning/decorative art movement and is now one of its most eloquent leaders.

Gerry Mulligan and His Big Band will be in concert on Thursday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium. This event is being sponsored by Music Festival of Rhode Island, Inc., RIC and six other organizations.

General admission is $7 and student admission is $5. For further information call ext. 8244.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the Women of RIC's Spring Social on Friday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in Gaige Auditorium. Dr. George Kellner will present the two multimedia productions - "The White City and Packingtontown" (Chicago 1871-1917) and "Providence, A Century of Greatness 1832-1932." The productions use 3 screens, 9 projectors, and a stereo soundtrack. There will also be wine, cheese, and hors d'oeuvres accompanying the presentation. The cost is $2.00 per person.

Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Donna Koch, 4 Rollingwood Drive, Lincoln, 724-0019. Friends and guests may also be invited.

Victoriana; Festival of 19th Century Arts in Rhode Island will be held from Thursday, April 3 through Friday, April 25 in Bannister Gallery. The event, which is being supported by a grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, will include: decorative arts exhibit slide/tape presentations; exhibit of period photography; music recitals; dramatic readings; and lectures.

Edward Markward will conduct the RIC Orchestra in Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in b minor and Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky in two concerts. The first performance will be held on Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m. in Warwick Veterans' High School Auditorium. The second concert will take place on Monday, March 31, at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Theatre.

DEADLINES for What's New(s) at RIC:
Noontime on Friday preceding publication date