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EDUCATORS, INDUSTRY AND LABOR LEADERS TO BE HONORED AT 125th COMMENCEMENT

Four leaders from the fields of industry, education, and labor will be recognized for their achievements at the college's 125th commencement exercises. The annual rites are scheduled to be held May 23 and 24 with the graduate division ceremonies planned for 6 p.m. on the 23rd and the undergraduate division ceremony at 10 a.m. on the 24th. Both events will take place on the esplanade in front of Walsh Health and Physical Education Center, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather the affair will be held inside the Walsh Center.

To be honored with honorary degrees at the commencements are Robert P. Straetz, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Textron Company; Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers; Edward R. Martin, retired superintendent of schools in East Providence and Bernice R. Sandler, director of the Project on the Status and Education of Women of the Association of American Colleges.

Straetz, who will receive the honorary doctor of business affairs degree, will be the speaker at the undergraduate commencement. Shanker, to be awarded the honorary doctor of pedagogy degree, will speak at the graduate rites. Sandler will receive the honorary doctor of laws degree at the Saturday undergraduate division ceremony, while Martin will be awarded the honorary doctor of pedagogy at the graduate division commencement.

Straetz, chief executive officer at Textron since January, was president of the conglomerate from 1973 until his election to the top post. He is an active supporter of the college's programs in art and - continued on page 2
LEADERS HONORED

economic education and is active in the community in such organizations as United Way and Junior Achievement.

Shanker, long involved in the teacher union movement, is first vice-president of the AFL-CIO. He is a long time champion of human and civil rights causes and aggressively supported the late Martin Luther King, Jr. He has been president of the AFT since 1974.

Sandler, a guest lecturer on campus in mid-April, has been a staunch advocate of the position of women in higher education. She formerly served as deputy director of the Women's Action Program at HEW, and before that she was an education specialist for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Martin, who earned his master's degree at RIC in 1949, retired last year after 28 years as superintendent of schools in East Providence. He is a graduate of Providence College and holds a sixth year diploma in educational administration from the University of Connecticut.

Approximately 700 undergraduate students will receive baccalaureate degrees on May 24th. Two hundred and two graduate degrees will be awarded the evening before.

Cap and Gown Ceremonies to be Held May 7

Traditionally Rhode Island College opens the commencement season in Rhode Island when it recognizes graduating seniors with a variety of awards, citations and honors at its Cap and Gown Day convocation. This year the ceremonies will take place May 7th at 2:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall Auditorium.

Twenty-five prizes will be awarded to 29 recipients (some awards have multiple recipients). Twenty departments at the college give awards at the rite. This year a new award to be given for the first time will be the Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology for a graduating senior who excels in sociology and in service to the department, the college and/or the community. Also the department of economics and management has renamed its former faculty award the John Silva Scholastic Achievement Award in memory of the student by that name who died tragically after being assaulted on Christmas Day 1979. John Silva would have graduated in the class of 1980 with a major in economics and management.

Undergraduate speaker at the convocation will be George R. Blais. Dr. C. Annette Ducey, associate dean of arts and sciences will give an address entitled "May Is The Shortest Month of the Year." Seniors listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities will be announced at the ceremonies, and the Class of 1980 will be formally invested with academic regalia.

MURATORE GIVES PAPERS TO RIC

Comm. Joseph R. Muratore, Italian Vice Consul (ret.) has agreed to deposit his papers, letters, and other materials relating to Italo-Americans in Rhode Island in the Rhode Island College Special Collections, specifically in the Ethnic Heritage section. Since primary source materials about the history of ethnic groups in Rhode Island are rare, this contribution will prove invaluable to researchers and others concerned with Italian heritage and service to the state.

Ethnic Heritage Project materials are also used in part to develop curriculum packets for use in the schools. This contribution will allow many generations of students to gain insights into the accomplishments as well as the experiences of Italo-Americans in Rhode Island.
RIC Calendar of Events

MAY 9 - END OF SEMESTER, 1980

FRIDAY, MAY 9

8:15 PM ASTRONOMY LECTURE. "Copernicus, Tycho, and the Mystery of Master Witt" will be the topic of a lecture led by Dr. Owen Gingerich of Harvard University. Sponsored by Skyscrapers Incorporated in conjunction with the RIC Physical Science Department and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Clarke Science, Rm. 125.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES END.

TBA. TRACK. New Englands at Massachusetts.

12 NOON BASEBALL. RIC vs. Bentley College. (Double Header) Away.

1 PM MEN'S TENNIS. RIC vs. Bridgewater State. Home.


SUNDAY, MAY 11

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 Chambers.

MONDAY, MAY 12

FINAL EXAMS BEGIN.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

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

7-10 PM KAPPA EPSILON MEETING. Student Union, Room 305.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

2 PM PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS MEETING. Student Union Chambers.

2-4 PM RIC RADIO MEETING. Student Union, Room 310.

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15

11 AM-4 PM GRADUATE & SENIOR ART EXHIBIT. Continues through May 24. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Art Center, Bannister Gallery.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

FINAL EXAMS END.

8:15 PM MUSIC RECITAL. Dr. Barbara Poularikas on violin, and Dr. James Fairleigh on piano, will perform the Mendelssohn Sonata in F Major, Op. 78 by Brahms, and Mrs. H.H.H. Bach's Op. 34. Admission is free and the public is invited. Roberts, 138.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE.
7-9 PM   KAPPA DELTA PHI MEETING,  
         Student Union Chambers.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

1 PM   OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
       WORKSHOP. Resume #2. Craig-Lee 53.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

2 PM   OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
       WORKSHOP -- JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES,  
       Craig-Lee, 053.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

2 PM   OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
       WORKSHOP -- INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES,  
       Craig-Lee Hall, Room 053.

NOTE: This will be the last  
      Calendar of Events for the 1979-80  
      Academic Year. Have an enjoyable  
      summer.

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VICTORIA LEDERBERG, Professor of Psychology, was the guest speaker of the educational society, Delta Kappa Sigma, at its quarterly meeting on March 10. Dr. Lederberg described the role and function of the Presidentially appointed Advisory Panel on Financing Elementary and Secondary Education of which she is Chairman. The panel is charged with recommending to Congress, the President and the Secretary of Education what the federal role in education should be during the decade of the 1980's.

Dr. Lederberg addressed The League of Women Voters at the State House on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, and the Women's Political Caucus.

On March 6, Dr. Lederberg was the featured speaker at a special meeting of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees Legislative Committee, whose membership is drawn from most of the school districts in the state. Dr. Lederberg spoke on current legislation in the General Assembly affecting school funding. She also discussed legislation submitted by the Commission of which she is Chairman, The Legislative Commission on Updating and Reviewing Title 16, the Education Laws of the State.

RICHARD L. DIXON, associate professor of special education, was awarded a Teacher Education Division "Certificate of Recognition for Active and Cooperative Participation in the Presentation for the Year of 1979". At the 1979 International Council for Exceptional Children Convention at Dallas, Dr. Dickson presented a paper, which was one of the three most highly rated.

JON ROSENBLATT of the English Department delivered a paper on "Whitman's Body, Whitman's Language" at a Conference on Walt Whitman at Hofstra University, April 25th-26th. Papers delivered at the Conference will be published in book form by AMS Press.

JOHN CUSTER and BARBARA MATHESON both of the communications and theater department, participated as panelists in "The Actor - Auditioning and Training" and "Director-Designer Collaboration" sessions at the second annual Professional Theater Mini-Convention on April 12 at Tufts University. They also took part in another session, "Lighting and Costuming - The Designer Collaboration".

RITA V. BICHO, Professor of Music at RIC, was recently honored at Saint Francis Xavier Church, 160 Orchard Street, East Providence upon her retirement as organist and music director at Saint Francis Xavier. Miss Bicho served as organist for forty-three years. The parish community expressed gratitude to Miss Bicho during the weekend of April 12 and 13 when the parish symbolically burned its school mortgage.

PHILIP QUARCOO, assistant professor of economics and management, has recently had two articles published in the journal, Savings and Development. The first article is entitled, "Credit Allocation in Segmented Capital Markets of LDCs" which was published in Issue No. 3 of 1979. The second article is "Strategies for Unifying Segmented Domestic Capital Markets in LDCs" which will be published in Issue No. 2 of 1980.

JANET K. MANCINI, associate professor of economics/social welfare, presented preliminary findings from her current research on students whose parents did not go to college, in a roundtable discussion held at the March meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston. The roundtable, "Pioneers in Education: The Experiences of First-Generation College Students," was presented with co-researcher, Dr. Margaret Brooks of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. Dr. Mancini also delivered her paper, "No Owner of Soil: A Discussion of Marginality," in the meeting's Theory Session.
JAMES FAIRLEIGH, associate professor of music, has published an article entitled "Mozart and the Genesis of the Piano Duet" in the April-May issue of The American Music Teacher. The article is based on a paper read at the annual meeting of the South-Central Chapter of the American Musicological Society on April 6, 1979 in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Fairleigh's recent off-campus performances include a concert with the New Music Ensemble at Southeastern Massachusetts University on March 6 and a piano duet program with Marlane Fairleigh, adjunct instructor of music, at the Providence Public Library on April 22.

DAVID E. WOOD, assistant professor of health and physical education, made two presentations at the National Conference of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Detroit on April 10-12. The topics were entitled "Tourism, Travel, and Leisure," "Effects of the Energy Crisis," and a slide-tape presentation, "Adventure Education in Secondary School Curriculum."


CATHERINE A. TISINGER, director of the Center for Economic Education and assistant professor of economics, has been named provost and vice-president at Central Missouri State University. She has been at RIC since last summer.

SARAH T. CURWOOD, professor of sociology/social welfare, has been named to a 2-year term on the Advisory Committee on State and Private Forestry in the United States Department of Agriculture. She is one of 15 members nationwide on the committee which advises Secretary of Agriculture, Robert Bergland on policies relating to private forest land in the U.S. Curwood owns a 32 acre tree farm in New Hampshire.

GONZALEZ NAMED DIRECTOR

Roberto Gonzalez has been appointed director of the Educational Opportunity Center at 250 Prairie Avenue. The EOC is an outreach and referral program funded through a federal grant. It operates in cooperation with the Urban Educational Center and the OIC of Rhode Island. The aim of the center is to seek out and enroll 500 students in first year post-secondary educational experiences. Its main focus is to assist the low income and disadvantaged in attaining educational services. Gonzalez, 28, served as assistant director of the Student Development Program at the college from December 1978 until his appointment to the OEC post on April 14.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tonight at 8:15 Dr. Francis Marciniak will conduct the RIC Symphonic Band in Roberts Theatre.

On May 5 at 8:15 p.m. Edward Markward will conduct the RIC Chorus and Orchestra in the Rita V. Bicho Scholarship Concert in Roberts Theatre. Featured will be Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor and his Mass in C Major.

An art exhibit featuring the work of RIC graduate students and seniors will be held on May 15 from 2-4 in Bannister Gallery.

LEGISLATION ALERT

Passed by the House
(Senate Passage Required)

H-7390 THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS
(Lederberg). This act would allow the certification of teachers in two other science subjects if said teachers are certified in the subject of general science. H.E.W. 4/9/80.

Passed by the Senate
(House Passage Required)

S-2814 (as amended) HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (McKenna). A bill modifying the formula for the appropriations for post-secondary student financial assistance and method of distributing funds allocated to the need-based work opportunity program and making other changes regarding the law on the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority. FINANCE 4/8/80.