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Conference at RIC:

Former Atty. Gen. Speaks on 'Human Rights'

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

Julius C. Michaelson, former Attorney General of Rhode Island, was the speaker at a special breakfast meeting in the Rhode Island College Faculty Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The purpose of the meeting, arranged by the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, was to provide an opportunity for Michaelson to report on his participation as a delegate to the Madrid Conference of November, 1980.

The Madrid Conference was held to review the historic pact signed five years ago in Helsinki, Finland by 35 governments. Officially entitled the Final Act of Cooperation in Europe, the agreement is popularly known as the Helsinki Accords. Under the terms of the agreement, every two years the signatories convene to review adherence of the individual nations to provisions of the accord.

In a somewhat informal presentation which recounted the atmosphere and mood of the multi-nation conference, Michaelson described the month of deliberations. At the early morning Jan. 27 meeting in the Faculty Center, RIC President Julius C. Michaelson, former Attorney General who spoke on human rights to the audience made up of representatives from government, various labor groups, civic, religious and educational organizations.

He said the socialist countries asserted repeatedly that they were doing a better job of guaranteeing human rights - according to their definition - than the U.S. and Western Europe.

Griffin Bell, former U.S. Attorney General, spoke for the United States and, said Michaelson, was effective in challenging the non-Western nations to cite specific instances in which the U.S. violated basic human rights, while enumerating a number of instances in which political dissidents, Soviet Jews and other minorities were denied their human rights by Soviet bloc countries in the view of the United States.

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RIC Student Had 'Inside Track' at Presidential Inauguration

by George LaTour

A young Bristol woman who "is fascinated by government" recently had the chance of a lifetime but took it with some hesitancy.

She worked on President-elect Ronald Reagan's inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and as such was the only Rhode Islander not holding political office who had the distinction of being part of the country that goes with installing an American president.

"It would be great if everyone could work on the inauguration. It would make you really feel like an American - very patriotic," said Ann M. Gancz of 35 Burton St.

It all came about when this junior in political science at RIC happened to mention to Dr. Herbert R. Winter, a professor of political science, that she has relatives in Washington that she normally visits during semester break and, also, "happens to know" the staff director "on the Hill (Capitol Hill)."

Professor Winter and Victor L. Provult "pushed me to go," assuring her she had to miss the gubernatorial inauguration Ann had is that it was an opportunity she would certainly regret missing.

The Only Lament

The only lament about going to the presidential inauguration Ann had is that she had to miss the gubernatorial inauguration of Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy. Yes, Ann is a Senate page in Rhode Island in addition to her duties as a member of the Bristol Democratic Town Committee.

A die-in-the-wool political activist, she had helped organize Sen. Edward Kennedy's campaign and had first-hand knowledge of the "rules of protocol" to say nothing of the complexities of organizing a political event.

After she had approached her staff director friend on the Hill and volunteered her services for the inauguration, she was sent to Sen. Mark O. Hatfield's office. Senator Hatfield headed the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Her reputation as a dependable worker preceded her and when she told the "powers that be" of her experience in the political arena and topped it off by saying she "wanted to ride the inside track of government," well, that did it. She got the job.

Started Right Off

Ann started right off with the Inaugural Congressional Committee which arranged for "everything from A to Z, including the swearing-in ceremony." The only other committee involved was the Constitutional Committee which governed the "Messiah" in Top 10

The Rhode Island College "gift concert" of Handel's Messiah, offered to the Rhode Island community on December 19, has been deemed one of the top 10 entertainment events in the state for 1980 by a local critic.

Donald Fowler, who writes a weekly column on the arts and entertainment for several local papers, rated the concert by the RIC Chorus and Symphony Orchestra sixth on his list of "outstanding entertainment events."

In his column on Jan. 8 Fowler said that the performance of Handel's Messiah given to a capacity crowd at the Ocean State by RIC's Chorus and Orchestra proved that "excellent entertainment can be given away and still appreciated." He observed, "It also proved the many talents of our state college."
Notes From Berndette

Lola Ganaha, secretary to the president, and David Wright were wed on Saturday, Jan. 31. After an eleven day honeymoon in Vermont, it is expected that Lola will return to her duties on Feb. 11. Congratulation to the couple.

Lola, who has been with the college for over eleven years, was the guest of honor at a surprise luncheon-shower given recently at the home of the president by Arlene Sweet and the women in the administrative wing of Roberts Hall. A great time was had by all.

The campus community may be interested to know that Bertha O'Hara of telephone services is coming along but her progress is slow. Anyone wishing to send a card, letter or plant, etc., should address them to Bertha in Room #219, Fatima Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital, 200 High Service Ave., North Providence. She is in our thoughts and we hope that her complete recovery will come and she will soon be here.

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To Raise Funds

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The play, a comedy by Oliver Hardy, is set and directed by Brunel in the Robert Audition. The play will be sold at the door for $4, but the associates are charging $6 to provide the reception and to seed funds toward a scholarship money they raise. Reservations for the play and reception must be made by mail to Holly Reservations for the play and reception must be made by mail to Holly, Room #219, Fatima Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital, 200 High Service Ave., North Providence. She is in our thoughts and we hope that her complete recovery will come and she will soon be here.

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Rebecca Lassan, assistant professor in the department of nursing, has contributed a chapter in the text The Nurse Educator: Application in Nursing Education and Practice. This text will be printed by Appleton-Century-Crofts this summer. Chapter title is "Accounting for."

Judith N. Mitchell, assistant professor of English, has been contacted by the developers of the Computerized Assessment System (CASE). They have been approved by the computerized assessment officers of the college and will be distributed to all deans, directors and department chairs in February 1980.

Conference

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Copies will be made available upon request to the Director of News and Information Services.

Guidelines For Dealing With Reporters

It is strongly recommended that inquiries from representatives of the media be referred to the director of news and information services. However, if there is deemed necessary to respond directly, it would be advisable to refer to the following suggested guidelines:

1. Get the reporter's name and the publication or station that he or she is working for. If you feel that the request for information is reasonable, give the press person your full cooperation.

2. Answer questions, be fair, and friendly.

3. Normally, you are expected to comment on matters within your area of expertise. Sometimes, however, a reporter may ask you to comment on a subject outside your area of expertise. If you must refuse to comment on such a subject, you must advise the reporter or editor of your refusal. It is not usual to do so without such advice as private matter.

4. Reporters are expected to comment on a controversial issue. You may hesitate to tell the reporter so. The reporter may ask you to comment on a subject outside your area of expertise. If you must refuse to comment on such a subject, you must advise the reporter or editor of your refusal. It is not usual to do so without such advice as private matter. You may hesitate to tell the reporter so. The reporter may ask you to comment on a subject outside your area of expertise. If you must refuse to comment on such a subject, you must advise the reporter or editor of your refusal. It is not usual to do so without such advice as private matter.

5. Whatever other considerations apply, members of the staff should always refer technical questions to the Director of News and Information Services when (a) News and Information Services has not been provided information concerning the matter involving the news media.

6. When an interview is for broadcast, the reporter understands that you are speaking for yourself, not for your department or the college. However, you may wish to say, "The following information is being published or broadcast. The reporter is under no obligation to show copy. If any scientific or technical data are involved, you might suggest that the reporter check with his or her story back with you for accuracy, particularly if the reporter is not a writer specializing in the field. (Some reporters are willing to check with their technical director to make sure that the data he or she has is accurate.)

7. When an interview is for broadcast, the reporter or editor of the interview is responsible for the accuracy of the interview.

Guidelines Provided

The following guidelines for dealing with the news media have been developed by the Office of News and Information Services and the Division of Advancement. The guidelines are based on models provided by the Council for the Advancement of Science and Education (CASE). They have been approved by the associate officers of the college and were distributed to all deans, directors and department chairs in February 1980.

Why, then, does the administration act in such a manner? It is best to avoid time-consuming details, rambling explanations, and complicated answers. This does not imply that you should withhold necessary facts.

8. Most reporters dislike material which is "off-the-record." The reason: They may later receive the "off-the-record" information from another source. If for some reason, however, you feel that you must make remarks "off-the-record," do so according to the following standard of ethics: (a) Prepare each of the "off-the-record" statement by saying, "The following material is off-the-record," (b) Indicate clearly when the reporter is "off-the-record," and (c) Don't say belatedly, "The material I have just given you is off-the-record." After answering a press query, please inform the Office of News and Information Services and the news media of any deviation from the department or the college.

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DEADLINES

Tuesday Noon

(Watch for all regular news, features, photos)

Wednesday Noon

(for important "breaking news only")

WHAT'S NEW (s) at RIC

On 'Live Line'

Dr. James Davis, assistant professor of instructional technology, will discuss Rhode Island's cable TV and RIC's "master plan for public access to telecommunications" on Station WEAN'S "Live Line" with Pam Watts at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.

The invitation comes to Davis as a result of a feature article which appeared in last week's What's News at RIC entitled "RIC Has Rod in R.I. Cable TV."

Letters To The Editor

Jan. 26, 1981

Dear Editor:

In my quest for information I am hoping that you might be able to enlighten me.

As a comparative "newcomer" to this campus, I feel that I may have jeopardized the survival of the RIC Food Co-op.

I was elected director for the present school year but have not been successful in dealing with "the powers that be" and so hate to secure a permanent space for the Food Co-op.

Due to the loss of space (June 1980) our members have had to find alternate food sources and are getting desperate with empty promises. Last year as a first-time member of RIC's Food Co-op, I was able to save money and buy good quality food. For some on campus, saving money is not a matter of luxury but necessary for survival as well as staff and faculty found the Food Co-op here on RIC's campus a big plus. Why, then, does the administration act so indifferent to what in fact is one of RIC's assets?

Thank you for any information you may be able to give me which might shed some light on this problem of indifference.

Yours truly,

Louise B. Evans
Director Food Co-op

(The "What's News" staff will look into this matter and report in full later in readers in a subsequent issue.) The Editor
Wire Service Pick

THIS PHOTO by college photographers Peter F. Tolia, taken to illustrate a story on the mainstreaming of hearing impaired students into regular classes at the Henry Barnard School, has been selected for nation-wide distribution by Newspaper Enterprise Association of New York, a wire service. The photo shows Jason Flores, third grader at HBS (right) talking in sign language to Steven da Fonseca of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. A caption accompanying the photo describes the scene and the program at HBS. It will be offered to newspapers throughout the country.

Year of Disabled: RIC Sponsors Series

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Person, and has challenged each nation to establish groups and programs aimed at improving the lives of its citizens with disabilities. In accordance with this proclamation, the Rhode Island College Office of the Dean of Students has scheduled a series of presentations which will take place on Feb. 9, 8 and 10.

Featured presenters at the series are the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke, and the Rev. Ralph K. Showers.

Reverend Wilke, born without arms, is a distinguished churchman, teacher, lecturer, therapist, author and consultant on rehabilitation. He is the director of the Healing Community in Providence, a project related to various alienated groups (including handicapped and non-handicapped) in today’s society. Reverend Wilke is married and has five sons.

Reverend Showers, author, pastor, missionary, and lecturer, is the founder of “Rainbow Acres Ranch” in Camp Verde, Arizona, which he developed in 1973 after an accident which required the amputation of both his hands and forearms. On his ranch, Reverend Showers uses innovative approaches to the needs and concerns of handicapped individuals in today’s society.

On Monday, Feb. 9, the series will continue with a luncheon with President Sweet, executive officers, academic deans and department chairs at 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Center. At 2 p.m., there will be an inservice program for Educational Opportunities Center, the Urban Educational Center, and at 7-30 p.m., Reverend Willie and Reverend Showers will present “Rehabilitation: It’s History, Legislation and Promise” in the Faculty Center.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the series will resume with a luncheon with President Brown, and students at Donovan Dining Center to be followed at 2 p.m. with a presentation entitled “The Handicapped and Their Families.” Facilitators for this presentation will be Dr. Mary Ann Hawken, sociology department, and Michael Nordstrom, peer counselor with handicapped students. The presentation will be followed by a brown-bag lunch in the Faculty Center South Dining Hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

This series is being sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, the committee of social action of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program of Rhode Island College, and the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

For further information, please call 456-8001.

As Hostages Return: RIC Gymnasts Get In On Excitement

Since the former hostages weren’t due to arrive at West Point until 3 p.m. Sunday and the RIC team had started to drive back home via bus before they, that trip was as exciting as any. As the bus passed out of town, it was spotted carrying yellow ribbons on the bus and exited West Point by 3 p.m. The driver had been notified and had left for the public at noon.

GAIL H. DAVIS
Acting Director/Collge Athletics

They drove out amidst cheering throngs with flags and banners waving. For just a fleeting moment the thought entered the mind of one officer, “Are these Gymnasts? Nah. But a hint of a moan coming from the eyes could have been seen if anyone dared to look. “It was very, very exciting,” assured Davis, as the 13 RIC people momentarily became a part of history.

Black History Month

In honor of “Black History Month” the affirmative action office of the Community College of Rhode Island has issued an invitation to the RIC community families to attend an exhibit they are sponsoring at the junior college Feb. 5-7.

The 40-panel exhibit offering a comprehensive view of black history will be presented at the Knight Campus in Warwick from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 6, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7.

“Exhibiting in order of their development, the exhibit will combine historical documentation and artifacts, including pictures, posters, dioramas and documents and artwork to explore the history of black men and women who have made "a difference" in American society,” said Patricia E. Sweet, executive officer, who endorses the junior college’s program.

She said she and Jack White, the junior college’s athletic director, will be on hand each day to answer questions and to discuss the exhibits at an inter-institutional cooperative event.

Addicted that they see the exhibit as an “opportunity to experiment with the possibilities of interinstitutional program sharing in the future.”

Giammarco said it is hoped that this “cooperative effort will strengthen relationships between the two colleges and bring an awareness of the contributions of black Americans to society.”

The nationally acclaimed exhibition called “Black Odyssey” is the creation of George Norman, an author and award-winning educator in Negro history. It utilizes pictures, facts, poetry, documents and artwork to explore the lives, contributions and frustrations of black men and women who have made their mark on the world.

Open to the public at no charge, the exhibit is viewed as an attempt to define the past of the black people. (The author’s stated intent is “to show without racists or hate” the struggles of blacks and other minorities to overcome oppression.

Calendar Of Events

FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 9, 1981

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
6 p.m. Women’s Basketball. RIC vs. Stonehill College. Away.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
6 p.m. Women’s Basketball. RIC vs. Keene State. Home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
6:30 p.m. Second Annual Gerontology Forum. Conducted by the gerontology department, the forum will give the practitioners the chance to present their programs on different issues in the field. Nationally recognized speakers have been selected to conduct the forum and workshops. Student Union Ballroom.

2:45 p.m. Women’s Issues in the Western Experience Course at Rhode Island College. Prof. Susan Munson Sturzl (SUNY, Brockport), president of the New York State Historical Association, will speak. She is a key participant in the FIPSE-funded program of the organization of American Historians addressing the need to integrate women’s history into basic courses in Western History. Members of the college community are invited and welcome. Professor Sturzl will also be available for conferences and conversations. Sponsored by the history department curriculum committee. Gage Hall, Room 207.

5:30 p.m. Women’s Basketball. RIC vs. Brown. Home.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
1 p.m. Gymnastics. RIC vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Away.

3 p.m. Wrestling. RIC vs. Western New England. Away.

8 p.m. Men’s Basketball. RIC vs. Southeastern Massachusetts University. Home.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Student Union Ballroom.

4 p.m. RIC Chamber Singers. Edward Markward, conductor. Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island.

7 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass. Brown Hall, Upper Lounge.