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Despite Projected Overrun:  Budget Deficiency Not Expected

President David E. Sweet told the state Board of Regents that he does not anticipate a year-end deficiency in the college's operating budget despite earlier projections of a budget overrun.

In a letter dated Jan. 26 to Henry Nar­done, chairman of the Regents subcom­mittee for postsecondary education, Sweet said, "Since we feel reasonably confident that we can manage our pro­jected shortfall, I do not anticipate a year-end deficiency and, therefore, I am not requesting a supplemental ap­propriation."

He said using data based on a six month period and projecting for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, the college is "now managing against a projected shortfall of $347,794."

"This anticipated shortfall has been reduced from $714,038 that we pro­jected using four months' data at mid­year review," he said.

The earlier projected overrun—primarily in the personnel budget which accounts for $193.3-million of the col­lege's overall $25.3-million budget—had threatened to bring about a hiring freeze and other personnel cutbacks.

For the current fiscal year, the strategy to manage the current projected shortfall, said Sweet, remains twofold:

1) Hold expenditures to that amount of money approved by the Board of Regents in the personnel allocation, and 2) fund projected deficiencies in the college's operating budget. This includes the costs of increased revenue and reduced expenditures in other operating budget categories.

"While I am not so sanguine as to predict certain success in this strategy, it remains our primary method of address­ing the problem," wrote Sweet.

He attributed the smaller projected shortfall to increased revenue resulting from higher than anticipated enrollments for both the first and second semesters, and reduced personnel ex­penditures resulting from an across-the-board tightening, including reductions in the hiring of student help, parttime personnel and the filling of fulltime pos­ition vacancies.

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Sweet Addresses Faculty:  Regents Take Action on Coordination

Speaking to the assembled faculty on Thursday morning in the student center, President David E. Sweet reported that the Rhode Island State Board of Regents for Education of the document entitled Coordination of Public Higher Education in Rhode Island.

Sweet called the meeting to discuss with the faculty the implications for RIC of this policy report which the Rhode Island State Department of Education had prepared and internalized at the Regents' (What's News, Jan. 26, 1981). The report, which is the product of substantial deliberation involving com­mittees from the three state post­secondary institutions, outlines specific educational missions for the three insti­tutions and recommends action regard­ing controversial master's and degree programs offered by both the college and the university.

Responding to the Regents approval of the report, which was prepared by Dr. Carl A. Trendler, deputy assistant commissioner for postsecondary education, Sweet said its adoption "represents a major positive step for public higher education in Rhode Island."

"This document assigns clear program responsibilities in some disciplines and in others guidelines for setting areas of controversy and public higher education in Rhode Island."

In dealing with the 13 areas of ap­parent overlap between URI and RIC the report dealt separately with eight programs in Providence (called "The Providence Eight") at RIC and URI Extension.

Recommended in the report approved by the Regents were the following ac­tions:

Speech Communication: That the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College review the program in speech communication and prepare a report to the Board on their findings not later than January, 1985.


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English: That the University of Rhode Island take the necessary steps to phase out the MA degree program in English at its University Extension provi­sence, including no further admission of students in that program as of January, 1982.

Secondary Education: That the University of Rhode Island take the necessary actions to phase out the B.A. degree program in secondary Educa­tion, as in Division of University Exten­sion in Providence, including no further admission of students in that program as of January, 1982.

Psychology: That the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College review the baccalaureate programs in psychology and prepare a report to the Board on their findings not later than January, 1985.

Economics: That the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College review the baccalaureate programs in economics and prepare a report to the Board on their findings not later than January, 1985.

History: That RIC and URI's Division of University Extension baccalaureate programs in history be maintained with the following conditions: 1) effective fall term 1981 courses in history at the URI Extension Division may not be taught by part-time faculty or by community college faculty on an overload basis; 2) instructional needs in history at the Extension Divi­sion which cannot be met through in­house faculty or by the appropriate members of the RIC faculty if possible; 3) the college and the university should report and review annually their pro­gress in faculty cooperation and data­relevant to enrollment, cost, and other variables selected by the two institu­tions.

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Video Info

"No more will students have to ask, "Where do I go to find out about the RIC Intern­ship Program?" "Where do I find out about the RIC Television Programs?" "Where do I find out about the RIC Lecture Series?"

This summer the Information Center began offering the services of a newly created television program, the RIC Television Center, that will provide a complete listing of meetings, deadlines and other important information relevant to the campus community.

The television center will be open for business tomorrow. See story on this page.
Dr. James Turley, associate dean of the School of Professional Human Development, has recently completed a year as president of the Springsfield public schools.

Budget (Continued from p. 1)

Full-time student enrollment is up — both undergraduate and graduate students. This year's increase, of 4.4 percent, was the largest since 1965. As of Jan. 15, 1985, the total was 5,046.

The overrun projections in the personal budget had been made by John W. Speeder, controller, utilizing a respondent resource expenditure model developed last year which he said proved to be "99 percent accurate.

To Speak Feb. 18: Bloom Is Thorp Lecturer

Dr. Lillian D. Bloom, professor of English at Brown University, will deliver the Mary Tucker Thorp Lecture in the Arts and Sciences on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. in the Providence Life Science Building, room 600. Her topic will be "Samuel Johnson, the "Ladies' Writer and Art Historian.

The purpose of the lecture is to highlight the achievements of an literary detective in the eighteenth century.

Professor Bloom has brought together from various libraries — some 1,400 letters, most of which hitherto unpublished and often almost inaccessible. They are letters which link Free's correspondence with his friends in the intellectual world of the eighteenth century through to the present day, and with their literary quality in a letter-writing age. Indeed, she excelled.

Professor Bloom's research includes educational specifications for a multivolumed edition of the letters of the "lady", Hester Lynch Piozzi, rings forth with memorable portraits of some of the most famous writers and letters of the eighteenth century. In the meantime, she also creates her own autobiography of the eighteenth century, as the narrative of her life, as a scholar and writer, as a woman, and as a member of the American Society of the Arts.

The lecture is open to the public and will be of interest to all those interested in the history of the arts and sciences.

Department of Health, Planning, and Evaluation

The DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Financing Research and Development Division, which will help to resolve major health care financing policies and program issues, is reaching the deadline for proposal submission.

For more information about the call for the RIC at ext. 1228.

North American Science Foundation

The North American Science Foundation (NASF) will sponsor a series of workshops and conferences on scientific issues and applications. The workshops will be held in conjunction with the National Science Foundation (NSF) in various locations across the United States.

Institutional Policies

The Board of Regents has adopted several new policies and procedures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the University's operations. These policies include:

1. The implementation of a new student information system
2. The establishment of a new financial aid program
3. The adoption of a new policy on the use of university resources
4. The creation of a new office of institutional research
5. The establishment of a new faculty senate

These policies are designed to address the needs of the University and its stakeholders, including students, faculty, and staff.

The Board of Regents recommends that these policies be implemented immediately.
Nominees Sought for Alumni Assn. Awards

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate candidates for the 1981-82 Alumni Association Awards.

There are five categories for awards: Alumni of the Year, Charles B. Willard Achievement Award, Alumni Staff Award, and the Alumni Student Award.

Nominations, along with any support materials you can provide, should be sent to the Alumni Office no later than Feb. 16. The criteria for each award are listed below:

**Alumni of the Year award**
- shall be an alumnus; hold currently active membership in the Alumni Association; and shall have held such membership for a protracted period of years; have demonstrated continuing interest in the college and the association by outstanding service and, or, impressive financial contribution, and have expressed this concern for some years.

**Charles B. Willard Achievement Award**
- shall be an alumnus; have brought honor to the college by distinguished achievement in either his/her profession or community affairs; have achieved distinction in his/her field of endeavor that persons in a position of leadership in this field hold his/her recognition for his/her exceptional service.

**Alumni Staff Award**
- nominations need not be ab initio; should be employed by the college; be recommended by faculty or other interested persons; shall be approved individually by the college president and the chair of the nominating committee; and shall have made a unique contribution to the college with such tangible evidence as wide student commendation for exceptional competence in teaching; published publication of special merit; initiative in the development of a research program of notable significance; wide community recognition of the quality of his/her service to the general welfare; and wide campus recognition for his/her exceptional service.

**Alumni Student Award**
- nominations need not be ab initio; should be employed by the college; be recommended by faculty or other interested persons; shall be approved individually by the college president and the chair of the nominating committee; and shall have made a unique contribution to the college with such tangible evidence as wide student commendation for exceptional competence in teaching; published publication of special merit; initiative in the development of a research program of notable significance; wide community recognition of the quality of his/her service to the general welfare; and wide campus recognition for his/her exceptional service.
What's News Photos
by
Peter P. Tobia
CERAMICS CLASS

If one wants to "pinch pots," "slap slabs" or practice "throwing" he or she should enroll in one of RIC's ceramics classes as these students have done. Pinching pots, slapping slabs and throwing are all terms to describe various ceramics makers' skills. Pictured on these pages are both beginning and advanced students. On page 4 (lower left corner) is Prof. Dick Kenyon, instructor, cutting a slab. Students working on "wheels" (bottom center and right) are advanced students further developing their skills and craftsmanship on their way to becoming ceramists.
Ruth M. Baird

The Rhode Island College community has traditionally responded to appeals. Our percent of participation in the United Way and the impressive list for the holiday mailing (last year) produced limited results, but enough responses and gifts were received to indicate that the business community could be developed into a substantial contributing force.

Corporations were not solicited to any degree last year but will be in this 1981 fund campaign. The development office intends to make appeals in a variety of ways, including: personal visits, college staff leads, alumni contacts and direct mailings.
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### Charity

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Last March, 40 volunteer workers (faculty, administrators, staff and alumni) took to the phones for a three day "Phenomenon" in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Tower headquarters and we reached thousands of alumni for a timely commitment. Just consider the procedural groundwork and we reached thousands of alumni for a timely commitment of funds, retained life estate agreements, charitable annuities and other forms of support. The work has started and great help is anticipated from these programs in the future.

In the meantime, each employee of RIC will be asked to listen to her heart as it prompts the mind to go where logic will point and support the $1M annual fund. So, this report will end with a truism: like spring, the "BIG ASK" is coming.
I 'Father's Day' To Be Theatre Fare

Oliver Hailey's 'Father's Day,' a serio-comic look at divorce and the disintegration of the nuclear family, will be the Rhode Island College Theatre Company's third production of the season. Opening on Feb. 12 in the Roberts Hall Theatre, the play will run through Feb. 15.

'Father's Day' will be directed by Joseph D. Graham, associate professor of communications and theatre. It will be the 37th and final production directed by Graham who plans to retire from the faculty in May of 1982.

Terming Hailey's script a "modern approach to the comedy of manners," Graham said it is "neoclassic ... one set, one day, and one basic plot." The circumstances of the play center on three couples, one in the process of divorcing and two which already have. The youngest woman throws a party for the today," says Graham. Ironically, he says that Father's Day was not originally the play he would have chosen to end his career. He was not familiar with the play and was thinking along the lines of doing a classic. However, discussions within the theatre department led him to select the Hailey piece and he decided it was appropriate.

"I believe it has genuine worth and will hold an audience," observed Graham, who is the senior professor in point of service in the RIC communications and theatre department.

Appearing in the production will be: Becky Anderson, Eileen P. Boarman, Paul E. Dunn, Steven Lynch, Molly Marks and Glenn C. Nadeau.

The set for 'Father's Day' was designed by Gary Delp of 348 Woonasquatucket Ave., North Providence, technical director in the theatre department. John Custer, professor of theatre, designed the lighting. Marcia Zammarelli is responsible for the costumes under the supervision of Barbara Matzner, costume designer at RIC.

Tickets for 'Father's Day' will be $4 general admission, $3 to RIC faculty and staff, and $2 with a RIC ID. For more information call 456-8270.

LEARNING AND DANCING: These RIC dancers are busy learning a new dance created specifically for them to be presented along with six other pieces in the Annual Spring Concert on March 5, 6 and 7. Guest choreographer, Clay Taliaferro, is assisting. Pictured (L to R) are Bob Conley, Susan Petricone, Bruce Hemond and Pat O'Leary (in foreground).

FATHER'S DAY cast members Eileen Boarman of West Warwick and Paul Dunn of Jamestown express different reactions in the serio-comic look at divorce. The play will open Feb. 12.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7-8:30 p.m. Council For Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Program. Student Union, Gamerooms.

7:30 p.m. "Rehabilitation--Its History, Legislation and Promise." Featuring the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Wilke and the Rev. Ralph K. Showers. Sponsored in conjunction with RIC Dean of Students Offer and Rehabilitation and Counseling Program of RIC. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Faculty Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12 Noon-1 p.m. History Department Luncheon Colloquium. "Views of the African Diaspora by An Artist-Illustrator!" Prof. Larry Sykes (art) will draw upon his experiences in Ghana, Haiti, and elsewhere to present an illustrated talk about the African Diaspora. This is an important topic in the month when we focus on black history. Faculty Center.

1-2 p.m. Anchor Christian Fellowship Meeting. Student Union, Room 310.

6 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Barrington, Home.

7:30 p.m. "1981-The International Year of Disabled Persons-Why?" Featuring Reverend Showers and Reverend Wilke. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Faculty Center.

8 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Barrington, Home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2 p.m. Distinctive Film Series. "Iphigenia!", Mann Hall, Room 193.

1 p.m. Sociology Colloquium. "The Legacy of Talcott Parsons." Featuring Prof. Marvin Mann, Brown University. Sponsored by RIC Department of Sociology in conjunction with College Lectures Committee. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Craig Lee Hall, Room 051.

2-4 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Student Union. Chambers.

2-4 p.m. "Issues in the History of Jewish People in Relation to the Western Experience Course at RIC." Featuring Dr. Jacob Neuner of Brown University. Discussion will center around questions of the way in which content about the history of Jewish people can be integrated into the course. Gage Hall, Room 211.

2-4 p.m. Anchor Christian Fellowship Meeting. Student Union, Lounge F.

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