Rude To Give Thorp Lecture

ROBERT RUBE

Dr. Robert T. Rude, associate professor of elementary education, has been chosen for the annual Thorp Professorship in the School of Education and Human Development at RIC.

He will present the Thorp Lecture on March 25 at 4 p.m., in the Fogarty Life Science Building, Room 006. It is entitled "Straits Men and Future Directions: Teaching Reading in the 1980's."

The Thorp professorship honors a faculty member in the School who has distinguished himself or herself and the college with his or her research, scholarship and field work.

The professorship honors the contributions of Mary Tucker Thorpe whose career at the college spanned the time period 1926-1967.

Dr. Lillian D. Bloom, professor of English, delivered the Thorp Lecture in the Arts and Sciences on Feb. 18. Bloom

Nominees for the RIC Thorp Professorship were evaluated by a faculty committee of the School of Education and Human Development. These faculty colleagues gave serious consideration only to those individuals who have made "sustained, creative and scholarly contributions to their field or discipline."

The Mary Tucker Thorp Professor is, therefore, a faculty colleague whose achievements in research, scholarship and field work exhibit the "highest levels of excellence."

Dr. Rude was born in Eau Claire, Wis. He has experience as an elementary school teacher, a Title I reading teacher, and a reading consultant. He has also worked as a field-test manager for the Wisconsin Research and Development Center for Individualized Schooling.

As a doctoral candidate, he spent two years working with classroom teachers and administrators across the country as they began to implement the R & D Center's Wisconsin Design for Reading Skill Development.

He received his Ph.D. degree in curriculum and instruction-reading from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

His most recent publication, How to Teach Reading (Addison-Wesley, 1979) was co-authored with Wayne Otto and Dula Lee Stangel. He is presently co-authoring another text with William Oehlerks (RIC) entitled Helping Students with Reading Problems (Prentice-Hall, in press) which is scheduled to be released in 1982.

In addition to these textbook publications, he has published in "The Reading Teacher: An Expansion of Research and Practice" (Prentice-Hall, in press) which is scheduled to be released in 1982.

"The whole country is alarmed by the shortage of nurses. -- Anne L. Mihelav, R.N., College (Continued on p. 3)

The Lincoln Hospital Nursing Leadership Council, reported as of Dec. 29, "budgeted but unfilled" positions are vacant and those which fall are "fully equivalent vacancies" in the state's nursing profession, according to the Rhode Island Health Care Association.

Fred Rennels, president of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association, said "about 200 vacancies" existed a year ago. Edward Zink of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island confirmed the figure of 200 but said this figure has remained "pretty constant" in recent years.

Rennels said when one considers the population differences between Rhode Island and neighboring Massachusetts with a reported 2,100 nursing vacancies (Continued on p. 10)
The Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects has announced the following deadlines:

Proposals may be submitted for the following NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION program areas at any time of the year. It takes approximately six to nine months to process proposals in Anthropology, Linguistics, Memory and Cogntive Processes, Neurobiology, Psychology, Sensory Physiology and Perception and Social and Developmental Psychology.

The Folk Arts Program of the NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS has announced an April 1 deadline for the submission of proposals. Applications should show both technical or cultural expertise and community support for the proposed project. Grants range from $5,000 to $25,000 and must be matched by an equal amount.

The Arts Program On "Silent Language" will be made by Joanne I. Glazer, the 1979-80 Thorp Professor.

Thorp Lecture will be made by Roger V. Bennett, dean of the College of Education.

The following recommendations are made:

1. Immediately notify security of any suspicious activity observed on the campus.
2. Secure the registration number or numbers of the autos involved.
3. Cooperate with the security and safety department and local police in identifying individuals involved.
4. Place all valuable or loose property carried in the vehicle in the trunk.
5. Lock your auto and roll up your windows when you leave it.
6. If a person is mechanically inclined, he/she could pull out the ignition lead to the coil as a deterrent to auto theft. Your vehicle may have been recovered but they are still investigating these and other cases of auto theft.

He stressed that "any cooperation or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Fellowsihps, Research, Program Support Deadlines

**Win Fulbright-Hays Award**

Dr. Arthur L. Laterriere, professor of physical sciences, is the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Award to study and lecture in Liberia.

The award covers one calendar year beginning this July. Previous years have been 1977, 1978, 1979. Liberia will be his third country to study and he will lecture at the University of Liberia.

His daughter, Laurie, 20, a University of Rhode Island student, will travel with him to study in Liberia, he said.

The award is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars out of Washington, D.C.

**Featured On Radio**

Mrs. Janet A. Simms from the office of continuing education was recently featured on the "Eleanor Hubbard Show" on WPRI radio in Warwick where she discussed RIC’s performance information sessions this spring.

William E. Swigart is director of the office of continuing education.

March 30 at the Bannister Gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Graduates’ Job Fate

More Rhode Island College students are graduating with degrees in arts and sciences than ever before. This was one of the findings reported by the Office of Career Services, which conducts yearly surveys of graduates to compile data useful to students and prospective students. Information in the survey may also influence decisions regarding academic programs at the college.

The Class of 1979 Placement Survey has recently been made available to students and parents of the data included in national statistical studies. Due to vacancies in professional staff and staffing changes at the college during the 1978 academic year, less emphasis was given to keeping track of the number of students responding are satisfactorily placed. (as opposed to just those responding to the survey). Findings revealed that 61% of the responding 1979 graduates are in career positions, with graduate school positions accounting for 5% of the total number of students responding. Thus, a considerably lower number of students responded than in previous years. Although attempts were made to reach more graduates, only 67% responded. Of these students, 63% were arts and sciences majors, 26% employed in education.

Salary information regarding other occupations of arts and sciences majors, and social services, seemed consistent with studies published by the College Placement Council and the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.

Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., is considered an expert in Italian history. Each has published extensively. "Contemporary Italian Politics," Kogan will speak on Fascism vs. Nationalism: An Unexpected Legacy, and Sarti will speak on Fascism and the Development of Italian Nationalism.

Brown: Ph.D., Harvard University; Fulbright Scholar, University of Rome; Resident at University of Florence, Sonoma State College in California and University of Kansas at Lawrence. Publications include seven volumes of poetry and 59 articles in 24 different publications. Fellowships include Guggenheim Foundation, Fordham Foundation in Italy, grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, American Philosophical Society, and National Endowment for the Arts. Awards include a medal of honor in the History of Art, Son of Italy, American Historical Association national Carnegie Foundation in 1975.

Kogan: Ph.D., University of Chicago; honors include University of Chicago Scholar, 1941, University Fellow, 1947-49, honorary mention for the George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association for the best book in international history published in 1956, Knight of the Order of the Lion of the Holy Sepulchre in the Republic of Italy. Fulbright research professor, University of Rome, Fulbright senior lecturer, University of Rome, and Rockefeller Foundation Scholar in Residence, Rockefeller University and Columbia University.

Publications include Italy and the Allies, The Government of Italy, The Politics of Italian Foreign Policy, and A Historical Politics of Postwar Italy. He is a professor at the University of Connecticut and director for the Center for Italian Studies at the university. He is also chairman of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Selection Committee.

Sarti: Ph.D., Columbia University. Did her undergraduate work at the University of Naples, Italy, and Hunter College in New York City. She is a specialist in modern Italian history with research interest in the history of European women.

She has served on the executive council of the American Historical Association, the executive board of the Society for Italian Historical Studies, and as president of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. She was recently appointed to the American Historical Association Committee for the annual Howard R. Marraro Prize for the best work on the ancient history presented by an American scholar in the preceding year. Among her publications are Seeds of Italian Nationalism, 1700-1815, and A Tropical History since 1897.


Notes From Bernardette

by Bernardette V. Small

To recap and update the status of our people here at RIC who are ill at this time: Bertha O’Hara of telephone service has been released from the hospital. Cards and letters can be sent to her c/o Yorks Rehabilitation Center, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 8266, Cranston, RI 02920.

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We are happy to announce the birth of Jonathan Michael Silva, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. He is the son of Susan Silva and her husband, Roy. Jonathan was born on March 12. Those of you who know Susan will remember that she was employed in the News Bureau here at RIC.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Margaret Frail, the mother-in-law of Allison Fraiz, a rector in our office of records. We extend our sincerest condolences to Allison and her husband at this time of bereavement.

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The boys have it! Patricia and her husband Alton are the proud parents of a son, Dustin, born on March 16, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. Patricia is employed in RIC’s counseling center. Send cards to her at 138 Oxford St., Providence, RI 02906.

Dr. and Mrs. Ezra Siegllitz are the proud parents of a baby boy, Daniel Brian, born March 13, weighing 8 lbs. Congratulations and notes can be sent to 117 Woodbury St., Providence, RI 02906.

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RIC Symposium to Address: Italy and Legacy of Fascism

Four noted scholars on Italy and Italian Fascism will address the 16th annual history symposium of the Rhode Island College History Department on Thursday, March 26.

Topics of the symposium, which will begin at 2:15 p.m. in the South Room of the Faculty Center at the college, is "Italy and the Legacy of Italian Fascism."

The speakers are Benjamin F. Brown, associate professor at the University of Chicago; Elizabeth Lira, associate professor at the University of Kansas; and Emiliana Noether. The symposium takes place on Thursday, March 26.

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'And gladly wolde he lerne, and gladly teche'

An elementary truth in education, too often forgotten is that today's lesson may not bear its fruit for many years to come. The positive, intellectual and social effects of the good teacher's efforts are rarely observed by the teacher and, alas, rarer yet acknowledged by the benefactors - the student and society.

Still, we all need to be reminded from time to time, in spite of the prevailing cynicism about our profession, that the good work we do here, the good teaching that goes on in our classrooms, does make a difference in the lives of our students.

Henry Adams observed that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." And the same thought was echoed by the great physician William Osler who wrote that "No bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher."

A few months ago Dr. Richard Sevey, principal of the Henry Barnard School, received a letter from a graduate of the school attesting to the opportunity afforded him by the Barnard School and the influence on his life by one of the school's teachers, Mr. James Duffy, now retired. The letter is presented below with permission.

October 23, 1980
Principal, Henry Barnard School
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Principal:

At the age of 34, with only a high school diploma, I decided to go back to school in an attempt to become a professor of psychology. Six years later I have completed both a B.A. (URI) and a Ph.D (Stanford) and hold the position of Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at Princeton University. In other words, I realized what seemed an impossible dream. When such improbable successes occur, we tend to examine our past for clues. What was it about my early education that provided such a firm foundation that even an unimpressive high school record (Classical) and sixteen years of intellectual stagnation in the business world could not overcome? My general answer is that I was fortunate enough to be one of the poor children from the immediate neighborhood allowed to attend Henry Barnard free (I lived on Park Street when the school was on Promenade and Dr. Thorpe was principal). My specific answer is that my ninth grade homeroom teacher was Mr. James Duffy.

I'm afraid that I gave Mr. Duffy a hard time. My home life was such that in school I presented Mr. Duffy with what must have seemed an impossible disciplinary and educational problem. Certainly, it must have appeared to him that his efforts to teach me about Latin, algebra, and life were all in vain. But nothing could be farther from the truth. In retrospect, I realize that Mr. Duffy taught me to value high standards, taught me about consistence and dependability, and taught me about the kind of firmness that says "I demand that you obey my rules because I care about you and want you to do well."

After all these years, Mr. Duffy is certainly retired, perhaps even no longer living, but if it is possible to forward this letter to him (or perhaps to Mrs. Duffy, who also taught at Henry Barnard), I would be very grateful.

Sincerely,
Charles G. Lord
Assistant Professor of Social Psychology
Princeton University
Six well-known black educators, including four college presidents and two school superintendents from large metropolitan areas, will play major roles in the Urban Educational Center's forthcoming conference, "Minority Participation in Postsecondary Education: Assessment, Issues, Prospects."

Scheduled for April 3 in RIC's Gaige Hall, the conference will be preceded by a talk prior evening featuring activist/lecturer/comedian Dick Gregory. Gregory will speak at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium on Franklin Street, Providence.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, president of Tennessee State University. Humphries, 46, has headed the Nashville-based school since 1974. A graduate of Florida A & M University, he earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He has been honored by the Institution for Services to Education with its award for distinguished service to the advancement of education for black Americans. His topic will be "The Current Status of Minorities in Postsecondary Education."

Serving on a panel which will discuss the question "How Do We Impact Current Status of Minorities in Postsecondary Education?" will be Dr. George Ayers, president of Massasoit Community College, Dr. David W.D. Dickson, president of Montclair State College, and Dr. Reatha Clark King, president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ayers, appointed president of Massasoit Community College in 1979, is a specialist in the area of rehabilitation. He has written 41 articles in the field which have appeared in a number of books and professional journals.

Dickson is a Harvard Ph.D., a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and received the Distinguished Educator Award from Bowdoin College, his alma mater in 1971. He has been president of Montclair State College, Montclair, New Jersey, since 1973.

Reatha King earned her doctorate in chemistry from the University of Chicago. She has been president of Metropolitan State University since 1977, resigning David E. Sweet when he left to assume the presidency of RIC. She previously served as associate dean for academic affairs at York College of the City University of New York. She has been the recipient Woodrow Wilson and Rockefeller Foundation Scholarships.

Also speaking at the conference will be Dr. Herbert Williams, associate superintendent of schools for Little Rock, Arkansas, and Dr. Jerome Jones, superintendent of schools in Providence.

Williams will speak on "Increasing Minority Enrollment in Postsecondary Education." Jones' topic will be "Working Within the Educational System: Our Challenge."

The conference begins at 8 a.m. with registration and coffee in RIC's Gaige Hall. It will run throughout the day, concluding at 5:30 p.m. with a reception in the college's Faculty Center.

Eleanor McMahon, vice-president for academic affairs at RIC, will do a "wrap-up" of the day's activities. Conference participants must register by March 25. Registration should be made through the UEC in care of Anne Borge. For more information contact the UEC at Ext. 4185.

Houghton on Irish

Raymond W. Houghton, professor of philosophy at RIC, will speak on "Berkley in Rhode Island, 1729-1731-an Irish Philosopher in the New World" at Providence Public Library Auditorium on March 25.

His talk is part of the Irish Contribution to Rhode Island series held this month at the library.

A one act adaptation of "The Informer" by Liam O'Flaherty was presented by the Irish Drama Society and reviewed by James White, professor of English at RIC, on March 18.

Earlier in the month, Patrick Conley, professor of history at Providence College, spoke on "The Irish in Rhode Island: From Antagonism to Acceptance."

The series is co-sponsored by the Irish Subcommission of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission and the library.

Graduate Counseling Workshop

Graduate Counseling Student Association will offer a one day workshop panel discussion on career opportunities counseling Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the RIC Faculty Center.

Workshops will be held in career planning (values clarification, resumes, how to interview), the panel discussions will cover career opportunities in private practice, mental health centers, hospitals, and education.

Cost to attend is $3. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with workshops from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Panel discussions begin at 2 p.m.

Betty Monahan is the organizer. Dr. John Evans, assistant professor of counselor education, is faculty moderator. For further information you may call Professor Evans at Ext. 324.
Chamber Singers Delight Solons

In early March the Rhode Island College Chamber Singers with their spirited conductor, Edward Markward, wielding the baton, performed several selections for the Rhode Island General Assembly. The unusual synthesis of art and government filled the chambers of the State House not with debate but with the swelling sound of choral splendor. Presented as part of a talent awareness program established by Dr. Arthur Postarelli, acting commissioner of education for Rhode Island, the appearance was arranged with the Office of the Speaker of the House by John S. Foley, executive director of Higher Education and Support. Since the performance on capitol hill, the Chamber Singers, like candidates on a campaign swing, have taken to the trail and will be appearing in Boston in early April. (see article in this issue, page 13).
What's News Photos by Peter P. Tobia
Reputation
(Continued from p. 1)
cited academic reputation as a signifi­
cant reason for choosing RIC. In contrast to
(RIC), none of the students found RIC
those who responded to the market survey respondents who
decided to attend RIC. They were "just less ' positive."

Other findings of the freshmen transfer profile, conducted in Sept.,
lished by the Rhode Island Educational Foundation.

The demographic characteristics of the student body were essentially un-
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Career Week Activities Set

Rhode Island College’s Office of Career Services will present a comprehensive series of events focusing on careers in the United States. Highlighting the all-day sessions, which will focus on general categories of careers in athletic training, students may choose from dozens of activities from college to career wear, and a presentation by a national authority on the job market.

Dates for the career planning series are March 30 through April 3. A complete listing of events, their times and places may be obtained from the Office of Career Services.

Career Tactics in the Job Market will be the topic of Tom Jackson, an authority on careers and jobs, who will explain how to find the “right” job “how to get inside to top management,” where the “job growth in an expansion” will be by the 1980’s, and specific “tactics to help you get the job you want.”

“Focus on Careers” is a week-long series of events designed to increase your awareness of the many career choices available to you, wrote Frankie S. Wellins, director of career services, in a brochure to students.

She notes RIC students “to gather as much information as possible about as many careers as possible and not to wait until their senior year” to do so.

She said the Office of Career Services and other departments of the college have planned a variety of programs to be presented on the campus to make it easy for you to assess your options and many options available to you in the world of work.

RIC students and faculty will model in the fashion show which will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. The show will be professionally coordinated by a representative of the Midnight Mall in Warwick.

Wellins worries that those interested in attending the career market will be a “hot topic” and that “job growth in an expansion” will be by the 1980’s, and specific “tactics to help you get the job you want.”

Teacher Retirement: H-516 by Parella, a bill changing from 50 to 25 years the service time a teacher under age 55 needs to retire. Retirement.

Bill Increasing: H-576 by Connors, a bill changing the name of Rhode Island Junior College to Community College of Rhode Island. Education.

Social Security: H-547, a resolution creating a “social security” with the “job growth in an expansion” will be by the 1980’s, and specific “tactics to help you get the job you want.”

New House Business

Vehicle Sales Tax: H-5677 by Carbone, a bill increasing the sales tax for the purchase of used vehicles.

Education: H-5685 by F. Sherman, a bill requiring the certification of athletic coaches by the Department of Education. Education.

Auto Sales: H-5712 by Aukerman, a bill extending the sale of any motor vehicle the principle that trade-in allowance can be used in computing the sales tax on the purchase. Finance.

Bonds: H-5715 by Fiorennzo, a bill requiring that bonds be approved by voter referendum be issued within five years of the passage unless an extension is obtained from the General Assembly. General.

Teacher Retirement: H-5716 by Parella, a bill changing from 30 to 25 years the service time a teacher under age 55 needs to retire. Retirement.

Federal Grants: H-5752 by Aukerman, a bill increasing the cost of living benefit for retired state employees from three to six percent annually. Finance.

Education: H-5753 by Aukerman, a bill requiring the state to reimburse cities and towns for the education expenses of children who reside on state-owned property. Finance.

Harassment: H-5763 by DeAngelis, a bill creating a commission to study the problem of sexual and ethnic harassment and codify the laws relating to the problem. Judiciary.

Uniforms: H-5765 by Long, a bill repealing the property tax exemption given to non-profit uniform supply corporations. Corporations.

Children: H-5767 by Lederberg, a bill creating eight regional children’s service coordinating committees within the

Department of Children and their Families. HEW.

Vocational Education: H-5806 by W. McKenna, a bill setting up a formula for state and vocational education program. Education.

Schools: H-5807 by W. McKenna, a resolution setting up an advisory committee to go to local school districts for school buildings. Finance.

Education: H-5810 by Urban, a bill requiring the state to reimburse cities and towns for excess costs of providing special education for foster children.

New Senate Business

Adult Education: S-521 by Zuccarelli, a bill creating a bureau of adult education and appropriating money for adult education. Finance.

School Employees: S-544 by Hickey, a bill allowing school committee employees to hold state or municipal elective office except school committee in the municipality in which they are elected.

McAndrew: S-545 by Hickey, a bill reorganizing $25,159.50 plus interest to Powers and McAndrew for legal services for URI. Accounts and Claims.

Education: S-551 by McKenna, a bill to change the membership of the Higher Education Assistance Authority by removing two members appointed from the Board of Regents with two members appointed from the Board of Governors, which would be a successor agency to the regents under another piece of legislation.

Education: S-552 by McKenna, a bill establishing the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority to provide grants to parents of students to assist the students in obtaining an education. Finance.

Harassment: S-558 by Quattrone, a bill creating a commission to study the problem of sexual and ethnic harassment and to report annually to the attorney General.

Children: S-583 by Hickey, a bill requiring a minimum of three hours of parenting of children in every other three through 12. HEW.

Employees: S-606 by Quattrone, a bill creating a classification of employees of the Department of Health, for newly classified executive personnel from being in the same rank-and-file employees.

Labor.

March 8

LESSIVE ALERT

The Rhode Island College Department of History Outreach Programs will be offering a variety of lectures for the spring semester. "Historical Perspectives on Multi­Lingual Countries," will present discussions at the centers of national and international events.

The next discussion will take place on March 18 at the Central Congregational Church and will feature Prof. Carmela Santoro at the Woodridge Congregational Church on April 15, at the Central Congregational Church. The second session will be offered at the Woodridge Church on April 14.

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Both Phillips and Pollack expressed their concern that they and others who might want to get a college degree would someday soon be considered only “technical” nurses as opposed to “professional” nurses. Job opportunities might be limited for a degree also.

Mihlaven explained that those nurses who do not get a degree “will be grandfath ered in” but “will feel like second-class citizens until they do.”

Find Other Options

Pollack, who feels the nursing department at RIC “is really excellent — they encourage your input and listen to you and really involve you” — said she “may look to a graduate degree as a way of finding other options to RN nursing.”

“A lot of nurses” are giving me more options than strictly nursing,” she said, adding, “nurses don’t make much money — maybe $6-an-hour.”

She said she is considering “preventive teaching.” Another area open to those with advanced degrees is administration.

Phillips said she, too, is interested in a graduate degree in nursing as a means of achieving added financial compensation. She noted a general “lack of financial reward” for service professions such as teaching, social work and nursing.

Phillips was equally complimentary to the RIC nursing department, saying those in charge are “very accommodating” to the returning RNs.

Begun in 1970, the RIC nursing program graduated its first class of 48 students of whom three were registered nurses four years later. The RN graduates gradually grew in number to 25 in 1980, and may exceed that this year.

The “main program” at RIC, which has the bulk of the students, is for young people “right out of high school,” said Mihlaven. They receive four years of college which includes 44 credits in nursing and culminates with a bachelor of science degree.

“They are eligible to write to the state Board of Examiners to practice in Rhode Island and are subsequently registered,” she said.

Dr. Mary P. Lodge, professor of nursing, is chairman of RIC’s nursing department.

Concept of Nursing

In recent years the whole concept of nursing and the nurses’ role has evolved from “doctor’s assistant” to “doctor’s partner,” agreed Pollack and Phillips.

“Therapy is different. Maybe it’s because women’s attitude is different,” said Phillips. She explained that previously there was “a maid-servant type of attitude” regarding nurses. “Nurses are more independent now,” she emphasized.

“You’re not just an assistant to a doctor — you’re an independent professional working side by side with the doctor. You are another professional — not a servant,” stressed Pollack.

As an example, Pollack pointed out that 10 years ago if a nurse knew a doctor was writing a wrong prescription or making an incorrect diagnosis — “aside from your moral judgment — you weren’t responsible.”

She said today the nurse would be reimbursed and “legally so.”

“The doctors still make the medical diagnosis, but now the nurses make their own assessments regarding the total care of the patient other than the medical diagnosis,” said Pollack.

She affirmed, “Ten years ago — even five — nursing was totally different from what it is today.”

Calling All Nurses!

The RIC Department of Nursing has published its first “registered nurse bulletin” which is mailing to all registered nurses in the state this month, calling for attendance at two information sessions exclusively for them.

The sessions — to be held in the Clarke Science Building March 26 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. — are to inform registered nurses of the nursing program at RIC.

A recent ruling by the American Nurses Association calls for all registered nurses to have a baccalaureate degree by 1985 in a move to change the registered nurse from “technician” to “professional.”

Aline L. Mihlaven, former executive director of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association, said only 16 percent of the 1.4 million registered nurses in the United States have bachelor’s degrees. Most are graduates of hospital “diploma” schools only.

RIC’s nursing department is the recipient of a recent special project grant from Health, Education and Welfare entitled “Baccalaureate Education for Registered Nurses: A New Approach.” Mihlaven is project director.

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Eleanor T. Carleton, nursing instructor, is editor of the new bulletin.
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**Sports Roundup**

**By Bob Focht**

**Director/Sports Information**

**Record Setter To Graduate**

Chris Ward, the captain of the 1980-81 Rhode Island College Basketball Team, completed his four-year career as an Anchorman this season, leaving his mark in the RIC record books.

Ward, a 5-10, 175-lb. guard from Plymouth, Mass., leaves RIC with four school records, along with being on the all-time RIC scoring list and a member of the 1,000 point club.

As a graduate of Plymouth-Carver High School, where he attained Massachusetts’ “All-State” basketball status, Ward set the school record for assists in one season with 188 in his sophomore year (78-79). In that same season, the son of Bridgewater State College assistant basketball coach (Paul Ward) set the school record for the most points in a season with 46. At the close of the 1980-81 season, Chris broke his own record with 57 steals, and finished with 180 steals in four years, another school record.

Ward came close to matching his single season assist mark in his junior year (79-80), and surpassed the career record of 339. Chris finished his four years with 632 assists, almost doubling the previous mark.

**DAIL, SON AND MUSIC:** William Hickey and son Andrew, a third grader, take a moment to respond to a melody during the "Music in Our Schools Week" activities recently held in the classes of Alice Pellegrino, assistant professor at the St. Francis Xavier School. (What’s News photo by Peter Toth)
Performing Arts Series Hosts:
Compagnie Philippe Genty at RIC

Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, has called Philippe Genty “one of the most talented showmen of the puppet theatre.”

On Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall Auditorium, the Rhode Island College community, and the off-campus community as well, will have the opportunity to form their own opinions. Billed as “theatre d’animation et de marionnettes”, the show is being presented by the RIC Performing Arts Series.

Genty has won prizes across the world. His appearance at RIC is part of a North American concert tour debut. The company, formed in 1987, grew out of a four year journey around the world which Genty took under the auspices of UNESCO in order to study puppets, and make a film about puppets. Called a perfectionist, Genty took two years to develop his now famous “Revel of the Ostrich.” His work encompasses every facet of puppets, ranging from stilted marionettes to hand puppets to tricks with black light. The show is not just for children. The company makes sophisticated use of music and in the comic and satirical pieces there are lightly parodied arrangements of familiar classical and contemporary tunes.

The rest of the production has been called “typically French” - cheeky, whimsical and sophisticated. Humor ranges from farce to surrealism in the performance which entertains for two hours without any dialogue. Small signs and a “tapestry” of taped sound convey situations and set moods.

Audience imagination has been called a “key component!” in the show. Genty and his performers believe they must win the audience’s involvement in various situations such as a balloon dying of laughter, a violinist threatened by a teetering boulder, and a “too human” puppet who asks his master to let him live without strings attached.

The appearance of Compagnie Philippe Genty is covered under the ticket endowment program of the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts. Ticket prices are $6.50 general admission and $3 for RIC undergraduate students. The box office will be open from March 19 to the date of the performance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For reservations and information call 456-8144.

To Show Works

Topographies: “engineered to the state of mechanical purity” will be the subject of an exhibition by Curtis LaFollette, associate professor of art at Rhode Island College. The show comprised of work done by LaFollette while on sabbatical leave, will be on display at the Bannister Gallery of the RIC Art Center from March 26 through April 14.

While on leave in the autumn of 1979, LaFollette chose several problems which he wished to study. He began with an exploration of advanced sectionally non-conforming dies and the design and execution of “modular-utilitarian hollow ware.” From this work he moved on to the investigation of structural surfaces which strongly suggest an analogy to landscape. This research resulted in the work which makes up the current show. LaFollette, a resident of Framingham, Massachusetts, joined the RIC faculty in 1972. A graduate of the University of Kansas where he majored in silversmithing, he earned his master of fine arts degree from Cranbrook Academy. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including a first prize from the Rhode Island Craftsmen’s Society. A year ago along with Harriet Irwin of the RIC Art Department, LaFollette was instrumental in organizing a major exhibition and workshop at RIC funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Technical innovations in metal and clay were the focus of the workshop. At that time, LaFollette demonstrated a new method of solving the problem of attaching non-ferrous sheet metal (which is intended to be die-formed) to the surface of a sectionally non-forming die.

The current exhibition will open on Thursday evening, March 26 at 7 p.m. The public is invited at no charge. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. For more information call the art department at 456-8054.

WHAT’S NEW (s) at RIC

DEADLINES

Tuesday Noon
(for all regular news, features, photos)

Wednesday Noon
(for important “breaking” news only)

Calendar Of Events

MARCH 23 - MARCH 30, 1981

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
12:30 p.m. Calypso from Trinidad and Tobago. Sponsored by Sociology Department. Speaker: William Aho. Admission is free. Public is welcome. Craig Lot 052.
1 p.m. Philosophy Department and Luncheon Colloquium. “The Cosmic Story. The Philosophy of Paul Weiss.” Robert L. Castiglione, Ph.D., Philosopher’s Lounge, Fogarty 120.
1-2 p.m. Anchor Christian Fellowship Meeting. Student Union, Room 310.
1-2 p.m. Games Room Meeting. Student Union, Room 304.
1-2 p.m. Programming Meeting. Student Union, Lounge F.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
12 Noon. Lunchtime Award Ceremony. Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Faculty Center South Dining Room.
2-4 p.m. Anchor Christian Fellowship Meeting. Student Union, Lounge F.
2-4 p.m. Art Department and College Lecture Committee Present: “Changing Perceptions of the Photograph and the Photographer in the 19th and 20th Centuries.” William E. Parker, professor of art, University of Connecticut, Art Center, Lecture Room 5.
2-4 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting. Student Union Chambers.
2-4 p.m. Class of ’81 Meeting. Student Union, Room 304.
2-4 p.m. WRIC Meeting. Student Union, Room 310.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
7 p.m.-3 a.m. Student Council for Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Sale, Student Union, First Floor.
7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Bruyere and Therry Hall St. Patrick’s Dance. Student Union Ballroom.
7:30-10 p.m. Film Series. “Bruiser.” Admission: $1.75 general, $1.00 with RIC I.D.
11-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-4 p.m., Sun., March 26 through April 14. Subbotical Show. Compagnie Philippe Genty’s Art Department will exhibit sculpture, concrete pottery and hollow ware, Art Center, Bannister Gallery.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
1:30 p.m. School of Education and Human Development Meeting. Horace Mann Hall, Room 004.
5 p.m.-2 a.m. Latin-American Students Organization Cultural Dinner Dance. Student Union Ballroom.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
12 a.m. Women’s and Men’s Track. Bridgewater.
12 a.m. Softball. Barrington (11H).

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
7:30-10 p.m. Kappa Epidon Scrutiny Meeting. Student Union, Lounge F.
7-10 p.m. Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity Meeting. Student Union Chambers.
9-11 a.m. Sunday School. Chambers, Lounge F and Rooms 304 and 310, Student Union.
10 a.m. Sunday Miss. Student Union Ballroom.

MONDAY, MARCH 30
8:15 p.m. RIC Symphony Orchestra. Edward Markward, conductor, Roberts Hall Auditorium.
7:30-8:30 p.m. Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Program. Student Union Gamesroom.
2:30 p.m. Career Services Meeting. Student Union, Room 310.