Sweet Announces New Scholarships

At RIC's first academic convocation since the 1970s last Tuesday, college president David E. Sweet announced the establishment of awards for freshmen in two categories, scholarship and extracurricular activities.

Scholarships worth $1,000 each will be awarded to 10 members of this year's freshman class who achieve the best academic records.

A minimum of four and a maximum of 20 awards ranging from $100 to $500 each will be made under the heading of Leadership, Participation and Service Awards.

Competition for this category will be based on participation and leadership in various types of activities, Sweet said. One award will be given for each 50 students completing the requirements.

The scholarship awards — for those with highest achievement, particularly in general education courses — will be known as the Martha Bacon Ballinger and Ronald Ballinger Scholarships.

They honor two distinguished faculty members who died last year.

The opening convocation for new students in Roberts Auditorium drew a packed house.

Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, provost and vice president for academic affairs, explained that the main reason RIC reinstated the academic convocation was to "give a common orientation to the college experience" for the new class coming in under the new general education program.

She spoke on "The Outcomes of a College Education.

Other speakers included Dr. Pamela L. Jackson, associate professor of sociology, who spoke on "General Education." Dr. Benjamin W. McClelland, chairman of the English department, whose topic was "You Meet the Most Interesting People in Class," and President Sweet, who offered the closing remarks.

Music was provided by Diano Guatieris. Other participants in the program were Kenneth Binder, director of new student programs, and Dean David Groene of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

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Activities Galore

It's Fair Time at RIC

By Margaret M. Keane

Balloons, music, roller skating, ice cream and watermelon:

All that, and a chance to see what campus activities and services are available too.

It's all there at The Fair. The third annual Student Activities Fair.

From noon to 2 tomorrow afternoon, 25 student and service organizations will be exhibiting, and demonstrating, what they're all about.

While they're doing that for new students and other members of the RIC community, about a dozen members of faculty and staff will be dishing out ice cream and serving up watermelon.

Meanwhile, the acoustic trio "Empty Pockets" will be playing folk and light rock in front of Gage Hall.

They'll be followed by "the Associate Sound Music Machine," which will keep the musical beat going until 4 o'clock.

Through the fair, the "Heart of Campus Mall" will keep the musical beat going until 4 o'clock.

"You Meet the Most Interesting People in Campus Services," the theme of the fair, "Let's Get Involved," will be distributed.

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For fitness enthusiasts, judo, Yoga and karate will be demonstrated.

Last activity wane, fair sponsors will raffle off meals at local restaurants, gift certificates from local merchants and passes to future RIC events.

For those who wish to skate rather than stroll among the various display booths, rollerskaters will be available from 11 to 4.

Thousands of balloons promoting the theme of the fair, "Let's Get Involved," will be distributed.

The purpose of the fair is to give new students and other members of the RIC community a chance to see what activities, such as theater, intramural sports and service societies, they can participate in.

The fair also gives campus services such as the Writing Center and Career Services a chance to make their resources known to students.

The fair is being sponsored this year by Student Programming, Student Community Government, the Office of New Student Programs, the Office of Student Affairs and Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank.

Rain date is next Tuesday, same time, same place: Noon on the Campus Mall.

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Dr. Holly L. Shadoian, director of alumni affairs, has been elected president of the board of directors of Kaleidoscope Theatre. The executive director of Kaleidoscope Theatre is RIC alumnus, David Payton, Class of 1977.


Dr. Richard A. Loboan Jr., professor of political science, has been asked to become RIC fellow at the National Endowment for the Humanities while on leave from RIC from January, 1982, to January, 1984, while completing a book on political development in an underdeveloped society.

Dr. P. William Hutchinson, professor of English, has been elected president of the American Band Association. The fellowship is designed to assist scholars in the humanities to enlarge their range of study in disciplines other than their present specialization.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced the availability of 1982 summer stipends to provide summer support for college, university, junior and community college teachers, and others working in the humanities to pursue two consecutive months in full-time study or research. The work proposed may be within the applicant's field of study or in another field that will enable better understanding of his/her own field. Each stipend provides $2500 for study or research. Each applicant institution may nominate three members of its faculty and staff. Applications must be postmarked no later than Oct. 3.

The Charles Lindbergh Fund offers grants to individuals working for a balance between technological progress and the preservation of nature. Grants of up to $10,500 (The total cost of the "Spiral of St. Louis") are awarded. The Application deadline is Nov. 16.

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The National Endowment for the Arts is offering $25,000 fellowships to professional artists working in the area of painting. Applications are due Oct. 15. NEA is also offering grants to organizations to support visual arts forums which may include forums in crafts, photography and critical writing. The application deadline is Nov. 3 for projects beginning summer and fall, 1982, and spring, 1983.

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NOW, LET'S SEE: Paul McKenna of Providence attempts to work out his freshmen schedule in Roberts Hall Lobby. (What's News(s) is published weekly by Peter Tobia.)
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Sweet, in establishing "two new major awards" for the Class of 1985, told the freshmen that becoming a Ballinger Scholar would mean being identified "as one of the very best college students in the nation."

"Ballinger Scholars who continue to do outstanding work after their freshman year will have their scholarships continued throughout the time they are enrolled, and will receive special recognition when they graduate," he said.

The Leadership, Participation and Service Awards are "to encourage you to participate in the wide range of out-of-class activities which are an important supplement to your classwork," the president explained.

Judging will be based on part in attendance at and participation in what Sweet termed "important cultural, social, athletic" activities. Asked why he chose "designed to enrich your education."

He said he has identified five key activities designed to acquaint freshmen with the "full scope of out-of-class activities" at the college.

Those competing for the awards must participate in some American kids from the base."

American High School where he played mechanic position at an American military base in Stuttgart. There he enrolled in a German school in the first grade despite the fact that he had already completed two years of schooling in Turkey.

"I had to learn German right from the start," he said, adding, "and I went to German school at the time, but he was not well educated, and I was only one year," Ahmed said with a hint of sadness. He explained that his father will have to spend "three-fourths of his wages" to cover the $5,000 or so in college costs.

Ahmed had applied to RIC last year and was accepted in March.

At that time he was advised that payment was due by Aug. 24, hence his reason for arriving on that date.

He thought the dorms would be open then," he said.

He flew from Germany, and with a layover in Paris got to New York 20 hours later. Members of the United American Moslem Association met him at the airport and took him immediately to a mosque in Brooklyn for prayer.

Ahmed is a member of the Moslem faith. After long hours of traveling and two hours of prayer, he was taken to Long Island to the home of one of the association members where he spent two nights.

He was then taken back to New York City where he boarded a bus for Providence. In Providence "he didn't know what to do," said Lori. "His parents had told him not to take a cab."

Ahmed spotted a policeman and asked for directions to the college. The policeman apparently put him on the wrong bus (Smith Street, not Mount Pleasant). After what seemed a rather long ride, he got off the bus at an undetermined point, and, with three suitcases in tow, started walking, and asking directions.

Eventually, he arrived on campus, and went to the dorms where a preacademic season Encounter session was in progress. He was allowed to stay in a dorm for one night while they were open, but told he'd have to make other arrangements when the dorms closed in the following Sunday.

That Monday, he met "all those wonderful people" in the RIC Athletic Department. Lori brought him to a bank to exchange his currency for dollars. Then she helped him with registration and his class schedule after which she, Gail H. Davis, assistant director of athletics, and Gina DeCarolis, a student trainer, "got him towels, sheets and a pillow."

After this, it was "home to Lori's house where he met his new-found, albeit temporary, family, including Lori's aunt who was born in Turkey, and still speaks Turkish."

"They talked Turkish about various places. My aunt is now and hasn't been in Turkey since she was seven or eight," Lori related.

Things definitely began to look brighter for Ahmed Oezdemir. Then he learned Lori's father is of Armenian descent.

"Turks and Armenians are very big enemies" in the old country, he stated emphatically.

His initial apprehension soon turned to trust and admiration and now "we're very good friends," Ahmed says.

Ahmed took time out from soccer practice the other day to philosophize about all the initial confusion upon his arrival in America: "It's better to experience the bad things first, to start at the bottom."

He has since gotten in the swing of things and is enjoying the warmth of friendship in his home away from home.

Strait Magic

WHEN ESCAPE ARTIST Lon Cereol of Cranston (above) works himself out of a straitjacket during half-time of the varsity soccer game on Homecoming Day, Oct. 3, watching him should be easy. He'll be suspended from a helicopter over the soccer field.

APPLAUDING THE FRESHMEN at the opening convocation for new students are (l. to r.) Dr. Benjamin McClelland, Dr. Pamela Jackson, Ken Binder and President David E. Sweet.

(Whal'• News Photo by Peter Tuttle)
LADIES AT THE ALAMO: (left to right) Pamela Hoff of Coventry, Anna DiStefano and Becky Anderson, both of Providence, will perform in Roberts Little Theatre beginning Sept. 24 in the Rhode Island College production of the same name.

YOUTH GOODWILL MISSION from Taiwan, Republic of China, will visit RIC Friday, Sept. 18, as part of its seventh annual tour of United States colleges and universities. They will perform in Roberts Auditorium at 8 p.m. The public is invited, free of charge.

MY KINGDOM FOR A DIME: Susan Trudeau of Providence, a junior studio art major, searches for change to make a phone call during the first week of classes.

Theatre To Stage 'Alamo'

"Ladies at the Alamo," an exploration of five women's search for identity, will begin an eight-performance run at the Roberts Little Theatre Sept. 24.

The Rhode Island College Theatre will stage the contemporary drama by Paul Zindel Sept. 24 through Sept. 27 and Sept. 29 through Oct. 2.

In "Alamo," Zindel, author of the award-winning "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," depicts five women seeking answers to personal survival in a world dominated by competition and the struggle for power.

Portraying the five members of a theater group in Texas are Becky Anderson, Anna DiStefano, Pam Hoff, Donna Palumbo and Wendy Feller.

All eight performances will be at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are $4, and RIC student tickets $2. They can be purchased at the Roberts Hall Box Office, beginning Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (including weekends) and one hour before curtain.

Reservations can be made by calling 456-8144.

For information on group or senior citizen rates, call 456-8270.

Letters to Editor Welcomed

Discount Offered for Arts Series

The Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series will hold an advance faculty-staff discount sale Sept. 21 and 22.

On those days any member of the RIC faculty or staff can purchase tickets to any or all arts series events at $5 a ticket, or $30 for the six-event series.

Tickets for Phyllis Newman, Oct. 3; The Nikolais Dance Theatre, Nov. 24; The Waverly Consort, Dec. 10; A Kurt Weill Cabaret, Jan. 25; The North Carolina Dance Theatre, March 31; and Vincent Price, April 27, can be purchased in Roberts 110, the Performing Arts Office, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sept. 21 or 22.

After those dates, prices will return to the general admission rate, $7 a ticket.

Rec Dept. Sponsoring 11 Programs

Eleven programs — in dance, Yoga, tennis and fitness — will be offered by the RIC recreation department beginning Oct. 5.

Fees for the eight-week (instructional) programs are $30 for dance aerobics, dance workshop, intermediate dance, Yoga I and Yoga II, judo, karate and tennis. The charge for weight training for women, the noon-time exercise program and the fitness workshop will be $25.

RIC students will receive a 20 percent discount, and individuals registering with a friend will receive a 15 percent discount.

Registration deadline for all programs is Sept. 28. A $10 deposit is required to register.

For further information on registration and scheduled meeting times, call 456-8126 or 456-8179.