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‘Official’ Program Under Way

It is proposed that RIC faculty teach courses in military history while regular Army personnel teach the more technical courses.

Some initial ROTC classes were offered last fall but official recognition of the program needed Faculty Curriculum Committee approval.

"We are officially on board," Dr. John J. Salesses, assistant vice president and dean of academic affairs, said last week.

Clashes already are under way.

He said tentative approval was given last March and official approval was voted in May. Adoption of a ROTC program had been recommended by college President David E. Sweet.

The proposal was strongly supported also by Student Parliament.

"Student support has been very strong," Salesses said, adding, "the Student Parliament was a prime mover of the ROTC issue."

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Deadline for Grants, Sponsored Projects Announced

Applications are invited for new projects under the Fulbright-Hays Training Grants — Faculty Research Abroad, Foreign Curriculum Consultants, Group Projects Abroad, and Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad program. The purpose of the awards is to improve and develop modern foreign language and area studies in the educational structure of the United States. Awards are granted to the institution of higher education.

The application deadline is Nov. 20.

The National Institute of Health offers research grants in two categories, New Research Projects and Independence Awards, which support basic, clinical and behavioral research projects in all fields related to health, and New Investigator Research Awards which support special research grants for relatively inexperienced investigators with research ideas in areas of special emphasis identified by the NIH institutes. Awards are given to individuals who have not previously been NIH-supported principal investigators. The NIH institutes have areas that might be of interest to Rhode Island College applicants, include the Institute of Child Health and Human Development. For applications deadline of January 1, 1992.

The Rhode Island Foundation reviews proposals on a quarterly basis, accepting the top proposals prior each meeting. The Oct. review is already filled and 32 proposals have already been submitted for the January meeting. If you are considering the Foundation as a funding source for a proposal, I suggest that you submit your application as early as possible. There will be another quarterly review in April.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Center on Aging Plans Contest For Children

"Realizing its responsibilities to engender greater community awareness of the importance of developing healthy attitudes toward the aging and aged," the Rhode Island College Gerontology Center is sponsoring a contest for children throughout the state.

Using art forms, students in grades four through eighth will express their attitudes toward aging, death and dying. Original works regarding the children's conceptions of aging, death and dying will be judged and cash prizes awarded at a fair/conference in February.

The theme of the fair will be "Children and the Elderly." In addition to individual entries, classroom and group multi-dimensional projects will be encouraged and rewarded with cash prizes.

Any school may enter. The deadline for submitting entries is Dec. 14. The fair/conference is set for Feb. 24.

Center on Aging is located in Barrington. Erik, a 10-year-old boy, was married on Sept. 29 in Nashville. Erik is now married to recently voted the outstanding marketing major in the Northeast by Suffolk University. The newlyweds will live in Nashville.

Dr. Patrick J. O'Regan, professor of education, has been named project director of a National Science Foundation grant of $27,618 to teach teachers how to teach problem-solving which can be developed in conjunction with the mathematics department.

The team also will develop materials on teaching problem-solving which can be used in the methodology courses offered by the departments of elementary and secondary education. These materials will be developed in conjunction with Providence public school teachers. A number of special projects will be conducted in the schools as part of this project.

The project will also sponsor a state wide conference on teaching problem-solving in 1991. The grant is for a two-year period.

Dr. P. William Hutchinson, professor of English, will perform "Recollections of Clarence Darrow and Grace Church Center for the Arts on Mathewson Street in Providence on Oct. 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. The one-hour one-man show explores the civil libertarian issues.

Dr. Alexander H. Cornell, professor of Communications and Theatre, participated recently in Brown University's discussion of "Atlantic Security." Brown was host to 12 cabinet officials and representatives from 15 nations. Cornell introduced his book on "International Collaboration in the Management and Organization of Co-development and Co-production of Weapons by NATO allies — 16 years Later and Byond."


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Announcement of the contest is being mailed to schools now. Deadline for submitting entries is Dec.14. The fair/conference is set for Feb. 24. Dr. James Zaki, director of the gerontology center, said a growing interest has been developing among the students toward aging, the elderly, death and dying.


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Note from Bernadette V. Small

Our graphic artist and resident water-colorist, Spencer Crooks, is out of the hospital and back at work on a project — looks great and feels great! He is located in Alger 211.
SUE Throws A Party

Student Union Events threw a 14th birthday party for itself recently, capping off the celebration with a cake large enough to serve 1,000 persons.

RIC’s president was there and so, it seemed, was everyone else, as music and balloons filled the air befitting a festive occasion.

Staff Assn. Elects Gilfillan

John P. Gilfillan, director of tutorial services, was elected president of the Rhode Island College Staff Association at its Sept. 23 meeting.

Others elected to serve for the 1982-83 year are: William H. Hurry, director of financial aid and student employment, vice president; Patricia T. Stevens, staff assistant in the school of continuing education and community services, secretary; and Robert P. Paolo, accountant in the accounting office, treasurer.

Elected departmental representatives are: Ken Binder, Linda McEnery, Trish Parish and William Swigart, academic affairs; Allison Prallie and Joseph Ingegnini, administrative affairs; Audrey Hefner, business offices; Kathryn Sasso, college advancement; and Paul Davis and Cherie Withrow, student affairs.

Alumni Assn. Plans Trip to Peru

The Rhode Island College Alumni Association is sponsoring a “Peruvian Adventure” March 13-20. It was announced today by Holly L. Shadoian, alumni director.

Cost of the trip is about $1,200 and varies slightly, depending whether you leave from New York or Boston. The price includes air fare, accommodations, meals and chartered transport on site.

Departure is March 13 from either Boston or New York to Miami and from there via Faucett Peruvian Airlines jet flight to Iquitos, Peru’s “Atlantic Port.”

For further information contact the alumni office.

Series Subject: ‘Hidden Minorities’

“Hidden Minorities” will be the subject of a Rhode Island College Lecture Series from Oct. 14 to Dec. 2.

Dr. Rudolph Vecoli, director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, will give the first lecture, “Ethnicity in America: Mosaic or Melting Pot?” on Oct. 14.

All lectures begin at noon in the Amos P. Hearn Building, Room 125.

Minorities: The Persistence of Ethnicity in American Life,” edited by Dr. Joan H. Rollins, professor of psychology at RIC.

Professor Rollins also wrote an overview of the problem of hidden minorities in the first chapter of the book which is due to be published this month by the University Press of America in Washington, D.C.

Professor Rollins said all profits from the sale of the book will go to the Ethnic Studies Project at RIC. Dr. Carmela E. Santoro is director of the project.

Summer Rolls Down Slightly

Summer Sessions enrollment at RIC this year was slightly lower than last year—2,860 compared to 2,987, Dr. William A. Small, session director, has reported.

Graduate student enrollment declined while undergraduate rolls increased, he said.

Some 257 sections were scheduled between May 20 and Aug. 13, with 32 being canceled because of insufficient registration. Average enrollment was 18 students a section.

Dr. Ethel Balasavain, associate professor emeritus of anthropology at the Herbert Lehman College of the City University of New York, “Armenians of North America,” Oct. 31.


All lectures are free and open to the public.

Other lecturers, their subjects, and dates are:


Dr. Ellen Ginsburg, assistant professor of anthropology at RIC, “Cape Verdean Americans,” Nov. 6.

Dr. Frank A. Stone, professor of History at RIC, “The Hmong in Rhode Island,” Dec. 2.

With a little help from his friends, Dick Thomas (left) and Phil Sisson (right), President Sweet cuts the cake.
Safety Tips
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— Front of Walsh Gym on south end of building.

Numbers for safety and security are Ext. 8201 or Ext. 201.

The following recommendations for your safety when walking are:

1) "Safety in numbers." Have a friend join you.
2) If you go out at night alone, notify a friend where you will be and what route you will be taking.
3) Stay in well-lighted areas at night.
4) Stay in areas where other people are close by and can give you assistance.
5) Avoid wooded or dimly lit areas on the campus, and off.
6) If it is necessary to go into an area that might be a hazard, call security or WRIC escort service.
7) Report all persons acting suspiciously to security and safety immediately.
8) Report all criminal acts as soon as possible and wait for the security officer to respond so that a report and immediate action can be taken.

Unreported offenses encourage the attacker to strike again.
9) The longest route is sometimes the safest. Don’t take shortcuts through areas that are not well traveled.
10) Cooperate with the security and safety department and the local police in prosecuting criminal suspects that have been apprehended. Only with your assistance can the college have a safe and crime-free atmosphere.
11) If you see a criminal act while walking, do not become directly involved. If it is a physical assault, you can keep your distance and scream to try to scare the assailant away and to attract the attention of others in the area. If the weapon being used, try to get the registration number and description of the assailant and notify security as soon as possible.
12) Do not hitchhike or accept rides from strangers.

College officials have termed RIC “a fairly safe campus” but said precautions should be taken considering the size of the campus and its location in a metropolitan area.

This year “but due to the large turnout” they are also teaching sophomore and junior courses.

"The rate RIC is going, next year we’ll have more seniors graduating (and receiving commissions) than PC,” he said.

The Army requires four graduates after a three-year cycle to create an extension center. RIC will be graduating 25 men and women, he said.

Advertisements of RIC’s ROTC program have already appeared in weekly newspapers, including The Anchor.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported recently that as ROTC regains its popularity on many campuses, the Pentagon plans more scholarships.

Pentagon officials say they will award 8,500 Army ROTC scholarships—an increase of 2,000 over last year.

Upon graduation from college and the ROTC program of advanced studies, cadets are commissioned in the Army as second lieutenants.

Workshop Focuses on Counseling

"An innovative, educational experience” best describes a summer workshop for the handicapped held on Prudence Island.

The workshop brought together 15 students and three faculty members representing three academic disciplines (counseling, sociology and psychology) for seven days of learning and a trial experience of what it means to be handicapped.

Dr. Mary Anne Hawkes, Dr. John Evans and Dr. Phillip S. Very joined Michael Nordstrom, peer counselor for the handicapped at RIC, in this first off-campus offering for the handicapped.

The group dealt with such questions as “What are the strains on the family of a handicapped person?” and “What significant differences or commonalities do the handicapped share with non-handicapped.”

A postcript: Professor Evans, Patricia Ferreira and Nordstrom have since appeared on Channel 10’s “WELCOME” show with Sara Wye to discuss the workshop entitled “Counseling with the Handicapped.”

Digging into his work...

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Monday, October 5 - October 12

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

4 p.m. General Education Enrichment Series. "The Urge Not to Communicate: Cultural Trend or Private Wish." Featuring scholar, teacher, author Jacques Barzun. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Roberts Hall Auditorium.

6 p.m. Women’s Volleyball. RIC vs. University of Bridgeport, Bridgewater State, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Home.

7:30 p.m. Student Council for Exceptional Children Arts and Crafts Program. Student Union, Game Room.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
12-1 p.m. Programming Meeting. Student Union, Lounge F.

12-2 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Student Union, Chambers.

12-2 p.m. Freshman Candidate Speeches. Student Union, Ballroom.

1-2 p.m. Coffeehouse Meeting. Student Union, Room 304.

3:30 p.m. Women’s Tennis. RIC vs. Southern Massachusetts University. Home.

7:30 p.m. Patterns in Relationships Workshop. Part I of a seven part series. Psychotherapist Harriet Gorodetsky and Dr. Joan Barr Mosher will sponsor these workshops every Tuesday evening for seven consecutive weeks. Registration fee is $5 per workshop. For more information call 351-3898. Student Union, Ballroom.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Freshman Class Elections. Student Union.

12-1 p.m. History Department Lunchtime Colloquium. Scott Molloy, a RIC graduate and head of the R.I. Transit Workers Union, will discuss the “Image of Labor in the U.S.” Gaige Hall, Room 211.

3:30 p.m. Men’s Soccer. RIC vs. Barrington, Away.

7-9 p.m. R.I. Committee of Teachers of English Executive Board Meeting. Craig-Lee Hall, English Department.

7-11 p.m. Student Community Government Meeting. Student Union, Chambers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
3 p.m. Women’s Tennis. RIC vs. Holy Cross. Away.

3:30 p.m. Women’s Soccer. RIC vs. Stonehill. Home.

7-11 p.m. Sigma Nu Delta Meeting. Student Union, Room 304.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
12:30 p.m. Women’s Center Meeting. Student Union, Room 310.

4 p.m. Women’s Cross Country. R.I. A.I.A.W. Championships to be held at URI. Continues on Saturday. Away.

12-4 p.m. Women’s Tennis. R.I.A.I.A.W. Championships to be held at URI.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
9 a.m. Women’s Volleyball Tournament. RIC, Roger Williams, Western Connecticut, Boston State, CCRI, College of New Rochelle. Home.

1 p.m. Men’s Soccer. RIC vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Away.

1 p.m. Men’s Cross Country. RIC vs. Clark. Home.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Student Union, Ballroom.

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

7-9 p.m. Kappa Delta Phi Meeting. Student Union, Chambers.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
1:30 p.m. Men’s Soccer. RIC vs. Salem State. Away.

3:30 p.m. Women’s Tennis. RIC vs. Clark University. Home.

3:30 p.m. Women’s Soccer. RIC vs. Newport College. Home.

‘Oedipus’ Showing Slated This Week

Oedipus the King, a 96-minute film featuring Christopher Plummer, Lilli Palmer, Cyril Cusack, Orson Welles and Donald Sutherland, will be shown in Gaige Auditorium tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday.

Members of the college community, especially faculty and students in History 110 and English 101, are invited to the showing by the English Department - Western Literature Coordinating Committee.

The 1967 film will be shown tomorrow at noon, Wednesday at 4 and 8 p.m. and Thursday at noon.

Calendar of Events October 5 - October 12