The beginning of Rhode Island College's commencement season on Tuesday with the annual Cap and Gown Convocation in Roberts Hall.

Though morning rain clouds threatened to dampen the processional march into Roberts Hall, and the student luncheon which followed the ceremony, the raindrops held off until late afternoon.

Soon-to-be graduates showed up in high heels and sandals, dresses and bluejeans, all camouflaged under their cap and gowns. One young man jumped off a motorcycle and into the procession as the last student filed into the hall.

The students donned their caps at the direction of RIC President David E. Sweer. Greetings were delivered by James O'Donnell, a member of the class of 1982 and executive editor of The Anchor, RIC's student newspaper.

"We can turn to our professors and our teachers and thank them in a very special way," said O'Donnell. "We can use our tools to build a better world."

"Together we can end poverty, hunger and war. We can use these tools to dismantle nuclear war," he continued.

"The American Dream is not dead, it's just harder to find," he said. "Nothing at all was ever accomplished without a dream."

O'Donnell drew applause from the audience when he said, "the teachers may have given us this gift, but we did our share of earning it too."

From among the more than 700 students to graduate, 34 have been elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. They are: Eleanor Aldous, Lynn Allen, Terri Bons, Donna Buchanan, Donna Marie Cimmie, Michelle Ann Cross, Carl Cruz, Cori Delgado, Beth Every, Richard Finkegan, Ann Giraci, Shirel Ellen Gleason, Daniel Heron, Ronald Jarrett, Steven Jobe, Geraldine Kachadurian, Erin Kavanaugh, Roberta Kay, Carol Martin, Nancy McLaughlin, Gail Messina, Elizabeth Murphy, James O'Donnell, Ellen O'Neill, Carmine Paquale, Andrea Pelosi, Linda Ryan, Barbara Sllomina, Karen Souza, Patricia Steiman, Bethann Watson, Michelle Weinberg and Dianne Spagno Wyss.

Awards were given to 30 members of the graduating class. They are: the Bertha C. Andrews Eminent Award for scholastic excellence to Richard Warren of Greenville, and Carol Martin of Warwick received one for outstanding achievement. The John E. Herberman Award was presented by William M. Baird, director of athletics, to Wayne Montague, of Providence. Baird (continued on page 6)
Deadline for grants, sponsored projects announced

The National Endowment for the Humanities is awarding grants for Translation Projects. These grants support the creation of annotated translations into English of primary and secondary documents and works significant to the humanities. The application deadline is July 1, 1982.

The National Institute of Mental Health is supporting research grants in the following categories and areas:
- Behavioral Sciences
  - Clinical Research
  - Stress Reactivity in Adolescence
  - Crime and Delinquency

Focus on the Faculty and Staff


LAURENCE J. SASSO JR., director of News and Information Services, has been named to Personalities of America, a biographical index and reference work published by the American Biographical Institute. He was included "in recognition of his literary endeavors." In recent weeks Sassos has offered public poetry readings with his father, also a poet, at the Pawtucket Public Library, Grace Church's Uncommon Lunch Program, in a RIC English class, and at the Greenville Public Library. They are scheduled to read at the North Providence Senior Citizens Center on May 18 and at the Trinity Mews on June 15 at 12:30 p.m.

DR. JOAN GLAZER, professor of elementary education, presented a paper entitled "Figurative Language and the Young Child" at the spring convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Minneapolis on April 22.

DR. PETER A. MARKS, associate professor of economics and management, recently gave a talk at the Mediator Fellowship in Providence entitled "Reaganism is Succeeding - at Its Unstated Objectives."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter will attempt to express our inexpressible gratitude to Rhode Island College for its outpouring of love, sentiment, together with the comfort and consolation it brought to us on the occasion of the passing away and burial of our beloved son, Russell.

At the funeral services the chapel was full — most of the people being from every phase of the Rhode Island College community who came to bid our son their last farewell.

The presence of so many friends from the college, this overwhelming manifestation of esteem, respect and love, together with all the fine sentiments did much to assuage our grief.

The beautiful photo montage created by Professor Tray, which appeared in full pages of the Anchor and What's New(s) at RIC greatly moved us. We shall never forget the countless hours devoted to us by Michael Nordstrom nor the consolation and help we received from Dr. Gary Penfield.

Space will not permit us to enumerate the endless tasks performed and the many sentiments expressed.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the people who contributed to the Russell Chernick Memorial Fund and to Muscular Dystrophy.

Russell loved RIC which did so much to satisfy his hunger for knowledge and to enrich his brief life. He was also thankful for all the facilities that the college provides for handicapped people.

It is very apparent that RIC is not only a dynamic center for learning, but that it is also a humane institution where kindness, brotherhood and God's love prevail.

Sincerely yours,

David Chernick
Tina Chernick

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Relaxing in the sun

CONTRAST ON TIME SPENT: Joe McNiff (left) uses his time to catch up on some reading in a sociology course while two other students relax in the sun.

What’s News (Photo by Peter P. Toba)
RIC/Boston University doctoral program ‘my choice’

(continued from page 1)

earn their doctorates from B.U., according to Dr. James D. Turley, dean of the School of Education and Human Development, “this is the only doctoral program conducted in a cooperative nature” on campus, and in fact, the only RIC program which even deals with the doctorate degree. The program will continue with a new set of students next year, says Dr. Jack L. Larsen, coordinator for RIC. “It’s a good program, we have highly qualified people who are instructors,” said Larsen. The majority of the people participating in the exchange are middle-age students who, like Mrs. Ruggiero, work full-time jobs in addition to studying for the degree. “If they had to quit work to go to school full-time, the costs would be insurmountable,” he said. The high cost of B.U. tuition isn’t the only reason why these students don’t go full-time. Some, such as Mrs. Ruggiero, just don’t want to choose between their jobs and their degree. “I have the option of taking a year off here,” she said looking around her classroom. Shaking her head she said, “but I think the kids need me. I’m very good at my job.”

Science projects line her classroom — evidence, in fourth-grade handwriting, of hours of homework especially prepared to return to the teacher.

Mrs. Ruggiero's classroom has a small weather station near the window that stays open until midnight and she's taught the family how to do housework. "I haven't cooked gourmet food much psych myself up to have a high energy level," she explained. And she's learned a few tricks. She's found a supermarket addition to her fluency in several other languages, and will soon graduate with honors. Miss Figueiredo, who resides in Cranston, was presented the award at the Cap n’ Gown Convocation last week.

ELIZABETH RUGGIERO, a fourth-grade teacher at the Henry Barnard School, spends a good percentage of her time to the classroom and her family while working to earn her doctorate degree in the RIC / BU exchange program. (What’s New(s) Photo by Peter P. Tobia)

WINNER OF THE POLYGLOT award for proficiency in foreign languages is Christina Figuiredo, a senior majoring in French. The annual award, sponsored by Dr. T. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus, was created last year to be given to the RIC student who displays the greatest versatility in the command of spoken foreign languages. Miss Figuiredo is a refugee from Angola. Her family came to the U.S. after the Communists took over that country in 1975. She soon mastered English, in addition to her fluency in several other languages, and will soon graduate with honors. Miss Figuiredo, who resides in Cranston, was presented the award at the Cap n’ Gown Convocation last week.

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A small weather station near the window instructs students on how to operate it and above all, reminds them to “enjoy” themselves. An easy chair covered with an afghan sits up front, adding a touch of warmth to the teacher.

How does she live with this schedule? “You have to be organized. You have to know in advance and plan ahead. You have to plan the lessons of the day before you go to bed every night,” she laughed. Because she lives almost a half hour from work, she has to make every spare minute count. So she corrects papers during lunch, visits the library and does errands on campus after school — and takes the telephone off the hook during dinner so the family can have their time to talk.

After the children do their homework and are off to bed, she gets started. Three to four hours each night are devoted to her doctoral studies and more time on weekends. "I push myself up to have a high energy level," she explained. And she’s learned a few tricks. She’s found a supermarket which stays open until midnight and she’s taught the family how to do housework.

"I don't cook gourmet food; much anymore, but they don't seem to mind," she smiled.

She says her children are very independent and her husband is very cooperative. She admits though, that sometimes it gets tough. "I've missed out on a social life. But I can wait," she says. "When this opportunity came along, (the doctoral program), I just grabbed it. I love school. I've always wanted to get a doctorate."

Mrs. Ruggiero received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from RIC and has been teaching for 17 years. During the next two years, she'll work on her dissertation — during lunch or on weekends. Getting her doctoral degree is something that's always been in the back of her mind. But if the offer to attend class on Friday nights at RIC hadn't come up, she may have had to delay it indefinitely. She says the Friday sessions at RIC “made me go into the program.” Perhaps the convenience of the RIC/B.U. program, and the admirable spirit of Elizabeth Ruggiero — will be inspiration to other students.

For more information on the doctoral program, contact Dr. Jack L. Larsen, at 456-8040 or Dr. Sidney P. Rolins at the same number.
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S.U.E. gets physical

Student Union Events (S.U.E) got physical for the health of it on April 29 with a variety of activities on the student mall. Everything from tasty (but healthy) food to a RIC Olympics was offered. Even Erwin Velasquez (top) got into action with a demonstration of his championship frisbee tossing.

A good-size crowd turned out and enjoyed the activities and food along with the good weather.

What’s New(s) Photos
By
Peter P. Tobia
also presented the Helen M. Murphy Award to Nancy Mclaughlin of Cranston. Jane Fairbanks of Providence was awarded the James Houston Award in anthropology/geography. The Studio Art Gonsalves, chairman of the department of economics and management, presented M. E. Weston also presented the Wall Street Journal Award for student achievement to Constantin Deligiannis of Providence. The Elementary Education Faculty Award went to Christina Carlson of Cranston and Nancy Pierce of Providence. The Jean Garrigue Award was presented to Maureen Fielding of Providence by Dr. Benjamin W. McElfean, chairman of the department. The Elizabeth D. Pell Award was presented to Kim Carrera of Johnston who also received the Evelyn Walsh Prize. Michael Powers of Johnston received the Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award, which was presented to him by Dr. Edward Brozick of the department of industrial education. Paul Allender, chairman of the department of mathematics, presented the Christopher R. Mitchell Award to Sherrill Smith of North Providence. The Nelson A. Guerin Memorial Awards went to Marta Teixera of Pawtucket and Leslie MacDonald of Cumberland. These awards were presented by the Department of the arts for the department of modern languages. The Thea Polygnot Award was also presented to Coos to Cristina Figueredo of Cranston. Gary Valle of West Warwick was the recipient of the Captor Jacob Hohenemser Award which was presented by Dr. Robert E. Elam, chairman of the music department. The Nursing Faculty Awards went to Linda Leonard of Cunningham and Dona Cimini of Warwick. The Philosophy Faculty Award went to Jeanne B. Hebert of North Providence. Dr. Charles Murzacco, chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences, presented the John Chafee Award to Vijaya L. Sambandam of Cranston. The Rhode Island College Theatre Department presented the Evelyn Walsh Prize. The Psychology Faculty Award went to Vijaya L. Sambandam of Cranston. The Philosophy Faculty Award went to Vijaya L. Sambandam of Cranston.

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The second annual All-Sports Athletic Banquet was held May 7 at the Island School of Design. Members of RIC's 15 sports were honored. The coaches, their parents and their friends were addressed by President Sweet, Vice-President Penfield, and Athletic Director William Baird.

Plaques were given to those athletes who had completed their careers at RIC either due to graduating or ending their length of eligibility. The recipients were: Chairperson of the Women's Track and Field Team, Stacie Stanfield, and the recipient of the Theodore Lemeshka Award, Alyce B. Nason of North Providence. The recipient of the Theodore Lemeshka Award which was presented by Dr. Robert E. Elam, chairman of the department of the arts for the department of modern languages. The Thea Polygnot Award was also presented to Coos to Cristina Figueredo of Cranston. Gary Valle of West Warwick was the recipient of the Captor Jacob Hohenemser Award which was presented by Dr. Robert E. Elam, chairman of the music department. The Nursing Faculty Awards went to Linda Leonard of Cunningham and Dona Cimini of Warwick. The Philosophy Faculty Award went to Jeanne B. Hebert of North Providence. Dr. Charles Murzacco, chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences, presented the John Chafee Award to Vijaya L. Sambandam of Cranston. The Rhode Island College Theatre Department presented the Evelyn Walsh Prize. The Psychology Faculty Award went to Vijaya L. Sambandam of Cranston.

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There has been a continuing downward trend in the number of volumes added to academic library collections since the early 1970's, according to a study of 101 libraries by the National Center for Education Statistics.

The study, based on data collected in 1979, says that fewer book volumes were added to library collections in that year than were added three years earlier, continuing the decline in purchasing that started in 1973-74. In 1977-78 there was "quite a drop" of 10.2 percent. In 1976-77, the library overall has increased each year over the past several years with "more students making more use of the library." Students in the Spanish Dramatic Class 350 will present sonatas by Bach, Mozart and Brahms.

Two evenings of music slated

Alphonsina L. Robert, Roberta Rogero, John DiCostanzo, Roberta Plummer and Diane Duhaime, Cheri Markward, Stillman on piano, will present sonatas by Bach, Mozart and Brahms.

National study notes down trend in library purchasing

The biology department Spring Plant Sale has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the RIC Greenhouse. The Rhode Island College Alumni Association "Alumni Weekend" will be Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6. Alumni Weekend was observed on June 5 with a cocktail hour beginning at 7 p.m. in the college's Donovan Dining Center followed by a Steamship Round Buffet. There will be dancing until midnight with the music of Al DeAndrade's Orchestra. Tickets are $15 per person and may be obtained through the alumni office at RIC, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence 02908. A hot and cold buffet will be held. Holly L. Shadlin, alumni director, said that reunion classes attending can have a class section reserved on board. Special areas will also be reserved for each class at the Alumni Night in Donovan. Tickets for the cruise are also $15 per person and may be obtained from the alumni office.

Reservations deadline for both events is May 28.
Two members of RIC's Cabaret '82:

Spotlight on Nolin, Blais

By Arline Alais Fleming

For the past 10 years, Rhode Island Col­lege has welcomed the summer season to campus with its Cabaret. This year, Cabaret will celebrate its 10th anniversary with "The Great American Popular Songbook." Among the cast members chosen to present the show tunes are Patricia Nolin and Don Blais. Below are short sketches of these two RIC students. The rest of the cast will be showcased throughout the coming weeks.

PATRICIA NOLIN comes from a musical family. Still, the RIC sophomore says that after auditioning with about 40 other students, "I wasn't bargaining on getting into Cabaret," she smiled. Her theatre experience has been brief — she's only 19. Still, she came out among the top five candidates from an auditioning crowd of about 45.

Patricia has been taking voice lessons for the past four years and also sings at weddings. In addition, she was in last year's RIC production of "Cinderella" as well as being in a cabaret last summer at the Coast Guard House in Narragansett.

Patricia is a sophomore psychology major — not theatre or music — because as she puts it, majoring in another field and enjoying theatre as a pastime "is more practical. But I would never give up theatre," the pretty blonde concluded.

Patricia, who grew up in Mt. Pleasant area of Providence, appeared in some theatre productions at St. Patrick’s High School from which she was graduated. In addition to her classical voice lessons, she works in the Performing Arts office on campus.

Though her background has been in classical music, she is looking forward to presenting the popular tunes this summer. Nevertheless, she smiles and confesses, "When you are singing an aria and you know all the words, you feel good," she giggled.

Once Cabaret begins on June 17, Patricia will be working six nights a week. "I worked two jobs last summer, so I'm used to the schedule," she said. "And I can't think of a better job to have in the summer."

Before the hectic schedule begins, she'll take a long planned vacation to Florida. "It'll be my only vacation time. And I can't miss Disneyland!"

Being a member of RIC's Cabaret this summer could influence her plans to delve into theatre more intensely.

"I will always do theatre on the side," she says, "but I still have two years of college to finish," she warned smiling.

Several months ago, DON BLAIS, a RIC junior, decided to make his break in theatre as a pastime "is more practical. But I would never give up theatre," the pretty blonde concluded.

Patricia Nolin

Don Blais

Calendar of Events
May 10 - May 17

MONDAY, MAY 10
7:30 p.m.
United Educational Lecture. "How to Develop a Business Plan," by the chairman of the Service Corps of Retired Executives, Urban Educational Center, 126 Somerset St., Providence.

TUESDAY, MAY 11
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Commission Meeting. Student Union Chambers.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Student Parliament Meeting. Student Union Chambers.

THURSDAY, MAY 13
7:30 p.m.
Spanish Drama Night. Roberts Auditorium.

THURSDAY, MAY 13
10 a.m.-Noon
Performance Based Admissions Program. Free Information Session. Roberts Hall, Alumni Lounge.

FRIDAY, MAY 14
10 a.m.
Student Mass. Student Union Ballroom.

SATURDAY, MAY 15
Men's Track and Field. N.E. Championships at Dartmouth. Continues through Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 16
7:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass. Student Union Ballroom.

6:30 p.m.
Adult Academy of Basic Skills Fundraising Dinner. Tickets are $15 per person or $25 per couple if one of the couple is a student in the program. Reservations can be made by calling Denise Panichas at 277-2450.

7:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.
Phi Sigma Iota. Initiation of charter members to RIC's Beta Gamma Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the foreign language honor society.

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Performance Based Admissions Program. Free Information Session. Roberts Hall, Alumni Lounge.