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Mid-year rites Jan. 30

College to award degrees to 400

Rhode Island College will hold its mid-year commencement on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. Ceremonies will take place in Roberts Hall Auditorium on the RIC campus. Approximately 400 students will receive graduate and undergraduate degrees at the rites, the second full-scale mid-year commencement in the college’s modern era.

Two figures with important ties to Rhode Island, one of them a RIC alumna, will be awarded honorary degrees at the commencement.

Arlene Croce, a native of Providence who attended elementary and secondary schools in the area before earning her bachelor of arts degree at Barnard College, will address the graduates. Ms. Croce is dance critic for The New Yorker magazine. She will be awarded an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.

John C. Murray, RIC class of 1944, will be presented with the honorary doctor of public service. Murray, who earned a master of arts in political science at Brown University, is assistant director of administration for planning and financial management for the State of Rhode Island. For many years prior to his appointment to that post he served as budget officer for the state.

Croce, a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, was the founder and editor of Ballet Review. She has previously been recognized with a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the New York City mayor’s award for arts and culture and the American University, Honorary doctor of Fine Arts degree in 1983.

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Murray began his career as a teacher at LaSalle Academy but quickly moved into government, working in the departments of administration, social welfare, the governor’s fiscal advisory council and as budget officer before his appointment to the state.

“Maybe it’s cold outside but Bill Small is thinking of summer!

It’s a sign of the times,” This is how Dr. William A. “Bill” Small, director of Rhode Island College’s Summer Sessions, described the increased interest in computers which has led the college to offer 32 summer session courses related to computer science in 1983. Last summer RIC offered 24 such courses, all of which were filled.

Although it may be single digit thermometer time for the rest of us, while everyone’s attention is on making it through the ice and snow, Bill Small is solidifying the schedule of summer courses the college will make available starting in May.

“We are entering into the age of computer literacy,” Small observed regarding the added offerings in this area. “RIC is attempting to meet the needs which students express.”

This year to meet the needs of summer scholars the college will have available 274 different learning experiences, 212 courses and 62 workshops. According to Small this is the largest number of offerings RIC has had during a summer session.

Thirty-two of the classes will start before Memorial Day this year, with some beginning on May 23. The session will end on Aug. 12. The May starting date is the earliest in college history.

Among the computer offerings will be “A First Course in Computers,” “Introduction to Basic Computers,” and “Computer Programming for Management.”

There are also courses in “Computer Science for Teachers” and “Curriculum Materials Laboratory for the Microcomputer,” as well as several other courses in computer science having to do with programming, and computer graphics.

Television, especially from the production side of the camera, appears to be a popular field in 1983. Six courses involving TV production are being offered through the RIC department of instructional technology. Among them are some which deal with community access to television, electronic editing and “portable television production.”

A workshop which has drawn much attention in the past is also related to TV. Taught by Dr. James Betts it is called “Children and Television.” The workshop, which has garnered national media coverage in the past, deals with the effects of television on young children and such things as developing children’s viewing skills. It is offered through the department of elementary education and is slanted toward those who have completed student teaching requirements.

Among the other summer fare which students will be able to sample at RIC is a wide variety of topics, some of which seem ideally suited to the season.

For example, there is a course called “New England by Camera,” and another entitled “The Golden Age of Seaside Resorts.”

Holly’s Angels help solve:

Class ring caper

By George LaTour

“Could be,” he said.

Maybe it’s cold outside but Bill Small is thinking of summer.

Cagney or Lacey she’s not! But she and her staff could be Charlie’s Angels (with a little stretch of the imagination).

Holly Shadoian, Rhode Island College’s director of alumni affairs, and her staff, Elena DeGiovanni and Eileen Dzieckwicz, recently did a fantastic job of detective work that has resulted in the apprehension and arrest of a 35-year-old Lynn, Massachusetts, man who is to be charged by Lynn police with receiving stolen property.

In a series of events that might best be called the “Class Ring Caper,” Holly’s Angels assisted the Portland, Maine, police track down the owner of a RIC class ring.

It seems the ring, along with other valuables, had been pawned in a Portland pawn shop. The shop operator, suspicious that a man in Portland would pawn a women’s ring from Rhode Island and other items such as a jewelry box, silver flatware, a typewriter and a T.V. set, notified Portland police.

Taking the only lead they had, the police, under the direction of Det. William S. Deetjen, called the RIC Alumni Office and reported that they had a 1963 class ring with the initials M.L.W. inside. The only problem with that was, the initials were badly worn and the middle initial was in doubt.

Always check out class rings

Detective Deetjen told Holly that if they could track down the owner of the ring they could determine if it had been stolen, perhaps along with the other items pawned. They would then go from there. Deetjen explained that this was routine police procedure: they always check out class rings that could have been stolen because of the initials often found inside.

Holly and her angels immediately geared up for action. After all, how dare someone steal a RIC ring and then at least not make a contribution to the alumni fund?

Spending “all afternoon” on the case, the alumni staff checked the class roster for 1963 but could not find any with the initials M.L.W. Police had suggested that the ring could be a man’s, so the alumni staff re-checked the roster and came up with a man with initials of M.B.W.

Holly called Detective Deetjen and asked him if those could be the hard-to-read initials. “Could be,” he said.

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Nominations sought for alumni awards

The office of alumni affairs at Rhode Island College is seeking nominations for the 1983 alumni awards program. There are five possible categories in which nominations can be made:

1. The alumnus of the year, the Charles B. Willard award, 1983 alumni service award, the alumni faculty award and the alumni staff award.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 13. All nominations with any supporting materials should be sent to the alumni office, RIC, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908. Holly L. Shadson, director.

The alumni or alumnus of the year category nominees must be a graduate of the college, hold a current active membership in the Alumni Association and have held such membership for a "respectable period of years." The criteria also call for the person to have demonstrated continuing interest in the college and the association by outstanding service and/or by impressive financial contributions and to have expressed this concern for some years.

The nominee for the Charles B. Willard award must be a graduate of RIC, have brought honor to the college by distinguished achievement in either his or her field of endeavor so that persons in a position of leadership in this field hold the recipient's contribution "in high regard.

The RIC alumni service award need not be limited to a graduate of the college. The recipient should be someone who has made a contribution to the college by giving his or her time, talent or resources. Also considered will be those who have already made an important contribution to the state or to the nation which reflects the ideals of service to humanity to which RIC is committed.

To qualify for the alumni faculty or staff award it is not necessary to be a RIC graduate. The nominations shall be employed by the college and may be recommended by faculty or other interested persons. The individual who is selected must be approved by the college president and the chair of the nominee's department.

It is expected that the person receiving this award shall have made a unique contribution to the college with such tangible evidence as wide student commendation for exceptional competence in teaching, printed publication of special merit, involvement in the emergence of a research program or other notable significance, wide community recognition of the quality of his or her service to the general welfare and wide campus recognition for his or her exceptional service.

Majority of freshman applicants accepted

A survey of 2,500 U.S. colleges and universities by the College Board shows that they accepted over 75 percent of freshman applications, with two-year colleges saying they granted admission to 95 percent of their applicants.

Private four-year colleges accepted more than 60 percent of their applicants, according to the survey.

At Rhode Island College 72 percent of freshman applicants were accepted (this past year), according to James M. Coleman admissions director. Coleman said RIC, for the past several years has accepted between 71 and 73 percent each year.

Data from the College Board's annual survey, which is published in the 1982-83 editions of The College Handbook, also indicate that over three-fourths of the freshmen at these colleges are in-state students, and more than half of them are living at home or in private housing.

The data also revealed that among these 4,500 institutions:

• Over half the freshmen were enrolled in two-year colleges, more than one million of them at public two-year colleges.

• Over 90 percent of the freshmen at public institutions are in-state students and less than one quarter are from out of state.

• More than 50 percent of the freshmen were attending institutions that identified themselves as having "open admissions" policies.

• Minority students, made up approximately 18 percent of the fall 1981 freshman class at these colleges.

Essay contest

The National Council for Black Studies is sponsoring a student essay contest for both undergraduates and graduate students with two first place prizes of $500 each going to winners in each category.

Categories are scholastic essay and creative essay. Deadline for entry is Feb. 21. Entries should be sent to NCBS National Student Essay Contest c/o Dr. Perry Hall, Center for Black Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202.

Awards will be presented at the seventh annual national conference of the NCBS on April 6-9 in Berkeley, CA.

For details, contact Dean James Birden at 456-8107.

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Classifieds


FOR SALE: Large, custom-built raised ranch, three bedrooms, family room, two fireplaces, two bathrooms, formal dining room, two car garage. Good condition. New tires. Garage-d. Have seen, call 456-8132.

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Deadline

Deadline for submission of copy and photos is Friday at 5 p.m. Tel. 456-8132. Printed: The Beacon Press.
Provost Willard F. Enteman told a gathering of the college's administrators last Monday that he did not know which direction the other state institutions were headed in the next 10 years, but that Rhode Island College must strengthen its efforts to maintain enrollment levels and program flexibility.

Speaking before a meeting of all the college's vice presidents, deans, directors, department chairs and members of the executive staff not affiliated with a collective bargaining unit, Enteman urged, "We ought to believe in what we have here—a good educational product and a good educational process."

He predicted the "worst of times" is going to come in another 10 years. "The thing to do is to start planning for it," he told a receptive audience gathered in the Faculty Center for the near-day-long meeting which President David E. Sweet had called to review the state of the college.

Sweet began the day with a meeting with his vice presidents at 8 a.m., followed by a meeting with executive staff not represented by a collective bargaining unit, and then from 11 a.m. until nearly 2 o'clock all the members of the administration.

Each vice president made a brief presentation of his unit's plans for the second semester, including major goals and priorities. A number of directors in the college Advancement and Support unit also gave brief presentations.

President Sweet had called the meeting at the opening of the second semester in the hope that "this kind of face-to-face exchange of information about the activities and priorities of the various units will be useful in increasing understanding of one another's problems (and) generate some ideas for modification of priorities."
HELP! IT’S REGISTRATION TIME. At top, Phil Sisson bends to the task of assisting Rich Cascella (wearing cap) figure out his schedule in communications. At left, Paolo Catucci, a chemistry major, takes moment to get things straight before registering. Above, a somewhat dazed-looking young woman waits at the “buy now, pay later” desk.

WAITING IT ALL OUT at left is 10-month-old Sara Jane Chaffee-Standish while mom, Susan, fills out a graduate school form. At right, a somewhat dazed-looking young woman waits at the “buy now, pay later” desk.

Spring (?) registration

As temperatures dipped into the single digits, it was hard to get in the proper mood to register for the spring semester courses last week. Nonetheless, students by the droves, it seemed, lined up from early morning until the last person in the last line was accommodated. Dennis McGovern, acting associate director of records, reports that “eight telephones began ringing at 7:30 Monday morning” and continued until 5 p.m. Actual registration started Tuesday morning and continued through Thursday. Tabulations of how many students actually registered were not available at press time, but Joseph DiMaria, acting director of records, reported that “business was better than usual” and everything ran smoothly.

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Govenor J. Joseph Garrahy will bring greetings from the state to the ceremonies and all of you a peaceful New Year. To our student readers we wish a productive spring semester.

Williamson named bank manager at Hospital Trust

John S. Williamson of Jamestown has been appointed manager of the Rhode Island College branch of Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank, replacing Arthur T. Speaks who was promoted to Olneyville Branch manager.

The change took effect on Dec. 27. Williamson, a University of Rhode Island graduate of Class of 1973, with a major in economics, was previously assistant manager at the bank’s East Side branch. He joined the bank’s summer after graduation from college and has served in the mortgage and consumer credit departments and was a “floating” manager, among other duties.

He is married to the former Mary Ann Holland. The couple has a daughter, Elizabeth, age 3.

Williamson reminds the RIC community that the RIC branch has all the resources of the entire bank at its disposal and can, consequently, handle virtually any banking need. He welcomes members of the campus community to the office any time to discuss personal banking business.

ALL in the FAMILY

edited by

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Services are provided at no charge. As you will note, there are some services which deal with a specific subject area. Others are more general. Any student who is having difficulty is encouraged to see his/her professor first, and then decide what support service will meet his/her needs.

The Biology Learning Center provides the equipment for introductory biology studies to carry out their laboratory exercises with some staff available to assist. The Biology Learning Center is located in Fogarty Life Science, Rm. 105.

The Math Learning Center assists students who need help with arithmetic and algebra. The center is located in Cogae 250. No appointment is needed.

The Physical Science and Chemistry Learning Center contains audio-visual programs and student tutors are available. It is located in Clark Science 116.

As the Reading and Study Skills Center students can learn to study more effectively. Students can receive instruction in study techniques and remedial improvement. The center is in Rm. 224, Craig-Lee.

Tutorial Services are arranged for students having problems mastering course content. The office is located in Cogae 246.

The Writing Skills Center assists students who wish to improve their writing skills and improve their academic performance. The center is in Craig-Lee 225.

The Counseling Center is located in Craig-Lee 130. A wide range of services are provided. The center offers individual and group counseling and Vocational Testing.

The Academic Advising Information Center can be found in Craig-Lee 060. This center does not replace your student’s academic advisor in his/her major. The center serves as an additional resource on campus and is responsible for advising undecided about their major can have their questions answered.

We would like to tell you about RIC’s support systems? We need your help in reaching your young adult. All too often, students don’t use these services for a variety of reasons. Help us to help them!
Rhode Island College can boast of having two Rhodes Scholarship bridesmaids this year—but, unfortunately, no brides.

Linda Moran from Pawtucket, a senior with a double major in the classics and English, and Mary Miller of Cumberland, a senior with a double major in management and political science, came awfully close to "tying the knot" with Oxford University through Rhodes Scholarships.

Despite the fact that they were eliminated from competition, they were among the 11 finalists in Rhode Island for the scholarship "which is an honor in itself," according to Miss Moran.

It is especially an honor when one considers that the college selected two women—considered highly unusual for the Rhodes Scholarship—and that they are the first from RIC—man or woman—in more than a dozen years to reach the interview stage. Also, Misses Moran and Miller were reportedly the only students selected for an interview from a state college in Rhode Island this year.

The scholarship, established in 1902, derives its funds from the estate of Cecil J. Rhodes who graduated from Oxford in 1881. He desired to give English-speaking peoples from throughout the world the opportunity to experience cultures different from their own by attending Oxford. He saw this as a step toward establishing world understanding and peace.

Students winning Rhodes Scholarships may study for up to three years at Oxford in England.

Of course, not just any student is even considered for nomination. According to the stipulations set by Rhodes, they must have a proven track record of academic success, achievement in athletics, leadership potential and good citizenship, among other qualities.

"We had very diverse and strong backgrounds (at RIC) and that's the reason why we were chosen for finalists (at RIC)," said Mary, who pointed out that Linda is senior class president and she (Mary) is vice president.

In addition to quite good grades, Mary has been captain of both the cross country and track teams and Linda has played two years of women's varsity volleyball.

For the scholarship, "we were actually competing against each other. But we ended up working together," admitted Linda. She said many of their references were the same as is much of their background. Both had intended to study jurisprudence—had they been selected for study at Oxford. They explained that had they won the scholarships they would have studied at the undergraduate level "although one can take graduate-level work" if he or she desires.

Two finalists are chosen each year from each state after what is described as "rigorous interviews." These go on to the competitions in eight regions around the country.

From these are sifted out only 32 Rhodes Scholars nationally.

The Rhodes Scholars from the U.S. are judged to be the largest contingent. Worldwide a total of 180 a year are named.

To get to the interview stage, Linda and Mary had to make application through RIC's Dr. Larry W. Lindquist, coordinator for international education and the institutional representative for the Rhodes Scholarship, and submit them to the RIC Selection Committee for its scrutiny first. The committee then recommended them to the state committee headed by Sen. Lila Sapinsley.

The state committee had to put its stamp of approval on the nominees and arrange for them to appear before a panel, chaired by Senator Sapinsley, for an interview. Linda and Mary were interviewed for a half hour each by the six-person panel at Brown University.

Both young women are unanimous in their feeling that it "was a long interview process," but, they survived through mutual support.

After going through the Rhodes interview, they feel they could "go through any kind of interview.

For the record, the winners of the state finals were a Brown University graduate and a Harvard senior who lives in Rhode Island and competed in this state's competition. They will now go on to compete in the regional.

For Linda and Mary, it's law school next year, although Linda may go instead to Japan to be a consultant in English for the Japanese Ministry of Education, a post she heard about through Professor Lindquist. A one-year program, it would offer Linda the opportunity to serve as a model or resource person for the English language for high school or graduate students who "wish to take advantage" of her being there.

Linda would, however, like to study international law and get in the foreign service someday. As for Mary, she plans to apply for law school in the Washington, D.C. area very soon. She's not quite sure at this point what avenue she will pursue with a law degree.

One thing is certain, however, both RIC seniors agree: the whole Rhodes Scholarship endeavor "was a good learning process regardless of the outcome."
Holly gave Deetjen the man's name and telephone number. The man was Murry B. Winkleman. Police checked and found it was not his ring. Then someone suggested that perhaps the middle initial was "G". Elena noted that the ring had been reported as size 7 and said that it had to be a women's ring—for sure.

The alumni staff then checked all the women on the 1963 roster—married and single—and found an M.J. W. A little deductive reasoning established that "G" and "J" would look similar in script.

They looked up the alumni card and found Marjorie J. (Whitehead) Mollar, who, Holly noted, was among the college's "lost" alumni (an alum for whom they had no recent address). The next step was to look in an old yearbook for the address of the former Miss Whitehead's parents. There wasn't any.

Next they looked at all the Whiteheads in the alumni file and found one who had resided on the same street that Miss Whitehead had given as an address in 1963. They found one and called. The women who answered said she didn't know Marjorie.

The Alumni Staff—Always Thinking
Always thinking, the alumni staff figured they'd check the two or three old addresses on Marjorie's alumni card, thinking, perhaps, they could get a lead from the last known address.

The last address given was in Massachusetts. Holly called the operator, got a phone number and called. The woman who answered knew Marjorie and reported that she had moved two years previous to Lynn.

Again using directory assistance, the alumni staff got a phone number and called. No answer. Having done a good deal of leg work already, they decided just to report what they had found to Detective Deetjen, which they did.

Called Lynn Police
He called Lynn police with the information supplied by the alumni staff. Lynn police said: "Yes. A house break had been reported by Mrs. Marjorie J. Mollar." Taken: a RIC class ring, a jewelry box, silver flatware, a typewriter and TV!

Within days, Lynn police made an arrest of a local man who had also used a Windham, Maine, address. Deetjen told What's News last week that Windham is just outside of Portland, and it certainly looked like the police had their man, thanks to the efforts of Holly and her staff.

There are several morals to this story, not the least of which is, that if you are a lost RIC alumni and Holly's Angels zero in on you, well, you don't have a chance!

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Calendar of Events
January 24 - January 31

Mondays to Thursdays, January 24-27

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
Noon Mass, Student Union, Room 304

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
8 a.m. Women's Fencing. Student Union, Room 304
7 p.m. Women's Fencing. RIC vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Away.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
7:30 p.m. Men's Wrestling. RIC vs. University of Massachusetts Boston. Home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
6 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State. Away.
7 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State. Away.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29
TBA Women's Fencing. RIC vs. Wellesley College, Vassar, and University of Maine. Away.
2 p.m. Women's Gymnastics. RIC vs. Bridgewater State. Away.
7 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Brown University. Home.
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Western Connecticut State. Away.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
10 a.m. Sunday Mass, Student Union, Ballroom.
1 to 4 p.m. Laurence E. Sykes to Exhibit Photoworks. Reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. Bannister Gallery.
7 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass, Browne Hall's Upper Lounge.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
Noon Mass, Student Union, Room 304.
6 p.m. Women's Basketball. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.
8 p.m. Men's Basketball. RIC vs. Bryant College. Home.