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Sweet pledges support of Kapstein move

Dr. David E. Sweet, president of Rhode Island College, has pledged to support a resolution introduced by Representative Sherwin J. Kapstein into the Rhode Island House of Representatives on April 7. The resolution (No. 6220) urges support of the campaign to rescind federal reductions in student financial aid. It was co-sponsored by representatives Connors, Hernandez, Dambruch and DeAngelis.

Sweet wrote to Kapstein on April 14 thanking him for his efforts on behalf of students in higher education. Sweet said that he would "make certain" that the resolution is widely distributed within the Rhode Island College community. He noted that the leadership of the RIC student government has been working to encourage students to write to representatives in Congress about reductions in financial aid.

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29 named to 'Who's Who'

Graduating seniors who have been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities from Rhode Island College were acknowledged at Cap and Gown Day ceremonies held Thursday, May 3. At 12:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall Auditorium. Along with the recipients of honors and awards given by the various departments, the Who's Who honorees were recognized at the annual rite which kicks off the commencement season at RIC. Those named to Who's Who are: Donna J. Brown, 19 Woonasquatucket Ave., Providence; Susan G. Cady, 36 Ninth St., East Providence; Joseph P. Cafardi, 16 Astral Ave., Providence; Langdon D. Clough, 340 Broadway, Pawtucket.

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Profs publish atlas of R.I.

'It's a dipstick in history'

By Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

"Midnight and five minutes before something else—that's how the Atlas was done."

Marion I. Wright, professor of geography at Rhode Island College, is describing the sort of determination required to complete as demanding a project as her colleague Robert J. Sullivan, associate professor of geography, have just brought in having its own atlas. Rhode Island joins 37 of the other 50 states in having its own atlas.

Seven years in the making, the publication is the most complete modern atlas of Rhode Island. The map is accompanied by a narrative of selected events of the Revolutionary War fortification and defense sites in Rhode Island. The map is accompanied by a narrative of selected events of the Revolutionary War era put together by Wright. Nothing like this has been done before in Rhode Island.

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There are 72 pages of maps, 122 individual maps in all. Thirty-three graphs and tables accompany the maps and text. There are also 62 photos. Many of the maps and graphs were designed by Sullivan to communicate a unique body of information.

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Survey shows grad students pick RIC mainly for programs offered

According to a spring 1982 survey of graduates of the Rhode Island College School of Graduate Studies, the average graduate student is one who attends classes 37 percent of the time, after only a few years' interval. However, corresponding to the trend of older people going back to school, 49 or 24.4 percent of the respondents are of the age group of 35-44, and 22 or 11 percent in the ages over 44. Female-to-male ratio proved to be approximately the same as the undergraduate ratio at RIC or three to one.

Most were part-time students, carrying less than nine credits per semester, which may be an indication that most of our graduate students may have full-time jobs in addition to their studies. Some 90 percent of the students (180 attended RIC) continuously once they were in a degree program.

"The one overwhelming reason for choosing RIC is the programs available, followed by location, the low cost, and the low afternoon scheduling which allows them to continue to be employed while earning their degrees."

"Sometimes prospective candidates are attracted by low admission standards, but this does not seem to be the case here, since admission standards generated the lowest response rate in the survey. The student is not here because it was easy to get in," concluded McVay.

In the survey 93 degree programs were represented, the largest number being the language and cultural programs.

"This seems to be a good argument for the Master of General Studies with so many people interested in development of 'self' rather than in pursuit of a career," McVay said.

The data also shows a high number of persons intending to go on for a doctorate with 63 or 32 percent.

**Notes From Bernadette**

Card of Thanks: To President and Mrs. Sweet and the Rhode Island College Community: Thank you for your kindness and sympathy in extending best wishes to the bride and groom.

**Peer counseling**

Rhode Island College Women's Center will offer its Peer Counseling Training course from June 1 to July 20 (Mondays and Wednesdays) from 1 to 3 p.m. at a site to be announced.

Men and women are encouraged to register for the course which covers topics such as counseling and referral skills, birth control, rape, pregnancy, depression, abortion and drug and alcohol abuse, among others.

There is no fee for the course. Credit is not available for participation. Enrollment is limited and early registration is recommended.

For further information, stop by the center which is located in Donovan on the Mall, or call 456-8474.

**Insurance scholarships available**

Educational Foundation of the Independent Insurance Agents of America will award eight $1,000 scholarships to college juniors and seniors for the 1983-84 academic year. Application forms are available through the office of College Advancement and Support. Deadline for submission of forms is April 15.

"The Independent Insurance Agents of America, Inc., a non-profit organization, established the foundation in 1975 and underwrites the scholarship program to encourage highly qualified students to pursue a career in insurance. The scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need.

**Knowledge is freedom**

Visit the James P. Adams Library

Dagle, English; Robin Montavlo, psychology; and Angela Murphy, nursing, all effective July 1, 1984, it was announced by Dr. Willard F. Eremann, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

**Seniors invite faculty to Senior Week Celebration**

Rhode Island College's Class of 1983 has invited the college faculty to participate in a number of activities planned for Senior Week Celebration, Sunday, May 22 through Friday, May 27.

The activities include the college's first annual Rocky Peak Oating at Rocky Point in Warwick, on May 22 which students, faculty, and college administrators are expected to attend.

The outing includes all-day midday pass, shore dinner, music and door prizes.

Cost is $10 per person.

The students, according to Linda M. Moran, class president, are challenging the faculty to an afternoon softball game at the park.

On May 23, the Class of 1983 is having its 20th year "reunion" and with a presence in the Rihsborough. Tickets are $1 and entitles you to food, music, and door prizes.

**Treasure granted to seven**

The state Board of Governors for Higher Education has approved the granting of tenure to seven members of the faculty: Professors Abbott Bledsoe, English; Joan Merding, School of Social Work; all effective July 1, 1983, and Barbara Cohen, library, Joan of which are in New England.

Senior 19 respondents or 9.4 percent were unemployed at the time of the survey which closely coincides with the national levels and may actually be a little below the national average employment level, said McVay.

A good part of those responding were employed as teachers, a total of 68 or 35.5 percent. "It would be expected from this college with its history of emphasis on education fields."

However, the teaching fields were followed closely by the social service field with 28 or 14.8 percent. More social service people responded than secondary school teachers (19). Those responding were employed in business, health and other fields.

Further educational plans of respondents show that 141 or 64.9 percent plan to take further course work, 62 of these, or 30.5 percent, just for general self-improvement and another 30.5 percent for another degree.

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Four Rhode Island College students presented their research papers at the third annual Northeast Gerontological Conference this weekend at the Viking Hotel in Newport.

Patricia L. Ferreira of Warwick, a psychology-gerontology major who will graduate this spring, will present her paper on "Lifstyle Approach to Activities Programming in the Long Term Care Facilities." Dianne Sprague Wys, a graduate assistant in the psychology department, will present two papers, one on oral history which will be presented with Sylvia Zaki, and the other on an experimental study on children's attitudes toward elders. The paper on oral history will make use of a manual written by Wys.

Catherine Alteri

American Heart Association picks:

Nurse of the Year

Mrs. Catherine Alteri, a member of the Rhode Island College Department of Nursing, has been named the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate, "Nurse of the Year."

The new award, initiated at the affiliate's annual meeting in April, was made to Alteri for her service to the association for more than 10 years.

She has been an active volunteer C.P.R. instructor, a volunteer in the blood pressure screening and detection program, chariperson of the Nursing Education Committee for three years, and a member of the association's board of directors.

Announcement of the award was made by David A. Chatel, executive director of the affiliate, to Dr. Willard Enteman, president and vice president of academic affairs at RIC.

Alteri graduated from College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa., in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She then was employed in various hospitals in Pennsylvania, New York and Rhode Island either on staff or as head nurse.

Following this, she served as staff-education instructor for eight years at Roger Williams General Hospital followed by a year as a critical care clinician at the VA Medical Center.

She then attended Boston University's graduate school, receiving her master's with a specialty in cardiovascular nursing in 1982, and joined the RJC staff.

Currently, she is involved in a clinical research project at the VA Medical Center in Providence which was established as a joint project between the college and the center. Jeanne Servideo, a RIC nursing student, and two staff nurses at the center assist her.

Married to Nicholas D. Alteri, the couple has three children and reside in Barrington.
What a fantastic time to be alive!

Beginning with a breakfast at the Faculty Center and concluding with a reception under the pines on the southeast lawn of Roberts Hall, last Tuesday was a day of celebration and recognition for the class of 1983. It was the college’s annual Cap and Gown Day Convocation. The seniors who earned honors and awards from their departments were treated to a breakfast to start things off.

At 12:30 p.m., the students and the faculty marched in a colorful procession which led them to the Auditorium of Roberts Hall where the ceremonies took place.

Thirty-four individuals were presented awards, 29 were named to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities (see page 1 for story on Who’s Who). All of the seniors who attended were officially invested with academic regalia.

Veronica L. Perkins, speaking for her classmates, offered the thought that "only the strong survive" and told her cohorts to "go for it" in life. Take on the challenge and hold fast to your dreams she urged, quoting the poet Langston Hughes.

Gary Parente, vice president for student affairs at RIC, was the class of 1983’s choice for faculty/administration speaker.

He admonished the students to “Wake up! Look at what’s going on, and set your sails for uncharted waters according to the very best of available information.” He concluded his talk by telling the graduating class, “Be flexible, always ready to adapt to the new rules and roles of a revolutionary world. What a fantastic time to be alive!”

MARY MILLER and Gary Parente (below), both economics-management majors, attend the breakfast held Tuesday morning in the Faculty Center. John Finnerty Jr. and Diane Capotos (right) receive the RIC Theatre Award from Mark Goldman, Departmental Award recipients (below) are: (sitting front from left) Bob Turri, Tom Deperto, Kathy Schwab, Eileen Fonseca, Rosee Borrese; (second row) Laura Barry, Mary Miller, Chris Bouchard, Lym Perriotta, Katherine Salome, Glennis Chasson, Muriel Robichaud, Irene Garziga and Diane Debaime; (third row) Nora Sullivan, Elaine Avanzo, Marc Genneshouden, Johanne Shea, Donna Soulanoglou, Linda Moran, Donna Moise, Joan Greenwell, Larry Verrill, Gretchen Somerfield, Precilla Babineau, Glenn Nadeau and Diane Capotos; (fourth row) Matthew Manner, Gary Parents, Jane Robinson, Cindy MacLeod, Susan Donatelli, Joseph DiPippo, Langdon Clough and John Finnerty Jr.
VERONICA LEE PERKINS gives the greetings at the convocation (top). Dianne Thurber (above left), majoring in medical technology, smiles as she waits in line for the convocation to begin. People gather (above right) under the pines outside of Roberts Hall after the convocation.
It's a dipstick in history (continued from page 1)

General Washington, the first vessel to sail from Rhode Island to China. Another set of maps shows ports of call for Rhode Island ships for the same period of time. These maps illustrate the extent of Rhode Island's impact on maritime commerce, and vice versa.

Other unusual maps and companion texts include those on Indian heritage and on black history. Wright read 101 local histories in order to complete the Indian heritage section. Similarly she read ships' logs, books on whaling and books on maritime commerce to assemble portions of the atlas relating to those topics.

Neither professor had time off from their teaching load to work on the atlas, although they did receive a small grant from the faculty research committee to help them complete the task. Both feel that their investment in time and in some instances money, was well recouped.

"It's all my spare time for as long as I care to think about," Wright observed of the arduous labor involved in getting the book to press. However, one senses only anticipation and enthusiasm about the book's future life when talking with its authors.

"I hope it will appeal to a general audience," Sullivan says. "It is like a dictionary," adds Wright. "It appeals to all ages. You go to it to find the answer to a question. People are going to want these maps whether they are interested in something that is important to them. It epitomizes the whole world you didn't know about. It is a dipstick in history."

Wright also referred to the book as a "capstone of study." She plans to use it during a seminar with her students to give them a visual sense of something that is already well known. She sees the atlas as an indispensable companion to a dictionary.

The Rhode Island Atlas is available at the RIC Bookstore for $12.95. At least 5,000 copies have been printed and it will be available in various bookstores throughout the state.

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HBS kids garner nearly $3,000 for MS by reading

This year students from Rhode Island College's Henry Barnard School who took part in the annual Multiple Sclerosis Read-A-Thon, sponsored by the M.S. Foundation, collected $2,774.16, the highest amount raised by any school in the state. In addition, the principal of the R.I. school is authorized to use the money raised for the Rhode Island School District. The Rhode Island State Department of Education and the college's faculty encourage the students to continue their efforts. The Rhode Island School District is the principal of the schools in the state. The Rhode Island State Department of Education and the college's faculty encourage the students to continue their efforts. The Rhode Island School District is the principal of the schools in the state.

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Tax-free college savings account stalls in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS)—President Ronald Reagan's proposed Education Savings Account (ESA) has met with mixed reaction among parents to save for their children's college educations. The plan requires parents to open a savings account for their children, and then earn tax-free interest on the account. But accounts could only be opened for children age 18 and younger. After that year, the savings would not be taxed, the consumer would have to pay taxes on the earnings from the money set aside for college.

"There's simply no real enthusiastic support for the accounts at this time," reports Eric Wentworth, vice president of the U.S. Student Association (USSA), a Washington, D.C.-based student organization that provides fully-funded retirement plans for students. The USSA has been assuming Alsp's injunction applied only to his federal court district in Minnesota, says Department of Education spokesman Duncan Heilmich.

Dr. Steve C. Imber, professor of special education at Rhode Island College, has been elected president of the Council for Children With Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) for 1983-84. An international organization of 20 years standing, the CCBD is one of 12 divisions of the International Conference for Exceptional Children. Imber, 36, will start his term in July. He involved with the council dates to 1976 when he volunteered his services to the organization and was asked to become coordinator for region one (the northeast). Eventually, he served as chair for two regional conferences and gained recognition for the high level of participation they drew. In 1981 he was asked to stand for election as vice-president of the CCBD and he won. He was elected and he has found that office included scheduling activities such as regional meetings and conferences as well as serving on the executive committee. During 1982-83 he has been serving as president elect. He has been responsible for coordinating the behavioral disorders conference at the Council for Exceptional Children's national convention in Detroit, Michigan, for reviewing federal regulations which wish to join the CCBD and for screening proposals for programs to be presented at the convention.

"As president of the CCBD Imber says he will be committed to a "grassroots effort." He wants to increase the involve­ments of members in the organization. He is an advocate for behaviorally disordered children on the national level. He said that he feels it will be incumbent upon him while serving as president to address the needs of parents at the United States regarding behavioral disorders. He said the CCBD strives to stimulate a work­ing relationship with parents.

Recommendations for seniors

A reception honoring seniors in the Rhode Island College Department of Modern Languages is planned for students enrolled in five of the six languages offered by the department. The reception is scheduled for April 20 in the Beebe Auditorium from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Helena Storti will be presented the Verazzano Award for Outstanding Achievement in the study of Italian, which rotates annually among the state's institutions of higher learning, will be presented to Storti by the Verazzano Awards Committee. Other departmental honor recipients will be honored at the reception also.

Next week is last regular issue of What's News

Correction to Bathie: Your infant is demonstrated by Monique Cretella of the Nursing Department. Her daughter, Amanda, is seven months old. The RIC nurses have registered for the Selective Service. In what some were considered a "money-losing world," the statement, the Justice Department says any further Education Department proposals related to money registered with the Selective Service.

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Until the recent warning from the Justice Department, however, those parents who have been assuming Alsp's injunction applied only to his federal court district in Minnesota, says Department of Education spokesman Duncan Heilmich.

But Justice attorneys now are concern­ed that any efforts to implement the law may violate the Minnesota injunction.

Heilmich declined to comment on the warning until he receives "official word" from Secretary of Education Terrel Bell. But the Alsp warning was not a general warning, he said, as a result of the warning, the Department of Education will send letters to over 6,000 campus financial aid officers around the country to advise them they no longer have to worry about certifying that aid applic­ants have registered for the draft until the Minnesota case is decided.

Great BD 'drive-in' planned

Among the projects which Dr. Steve Imber plans to work on during his tenure as president of the Council for Children With Behavioral Disorders is something called the great behavioral disorders drive-in. The concept, borrowed from the annual national smoke out campaign to get people to stop smoking, was originated by Eleanor Guezloe, a colleague in the organization.

"We might even see a viable proposal get somewhere in the next few years," he predicts. "But this fiscal year..."
Scholarship Concert with the RIC Chorus and Symphony Orchestra and the First Baptist Church in America Choir on Monday, May 9, 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium.

Mary Bicho, sister of the late Rita V. Bicho, former professor of music at RIC where she had served with distinction for 30 years, will be on hand for the presentation of the Bicho scholarship to a young musician to aid his/her studies at the college.

President David E. Sweet and Dr. Robert L. Elam, chairman of the college music department, will take part in the presentation which will follow after the opening "Trapp Overture" in D minor, Opus 81 by Johannes Brahms by the symphony orchestra. Brahms' work was selected, according to Edward Markward, the college's conductor, and the First Baptist Church stalwart, will perform "Ein Deutsches Requiem," a masterwork of the late 19th century in the televised production of "L'Heure Espagnole" of Maurice Ravel.

In May 1994, RIC honored Professor Bicho by dedicating the annual May concert as the Rita V. Bicho Scholarship Concert and established a fund in her name to aid young musicians at the college. She retired from the college in June of 1981 and was named professor emerita. Professor Bicho died on March 29, 1981, and the concert was designated a memorial concert.

The scholarship is given each year to the student attending an eight-week summer music program at the Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship Concert in this manner. Such programs may be selected by the college's music department and sponsored by the American Federation of Musicians. Duhaime will have the opportunity to work intensively with some of the country's most famous musicians, teachers and conductors.

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The exhibition is free and open to the public.

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The gallery is located in the college's Art Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. It is closed on Saturdays.