President Sweet unveils college's strategic plan

Rhode Island College’s President David E. Sweet unveiled the college’s strategic plan of action for the next four years at the college’s opening convocation Wednesday before a large turnout in Roberts Auditorium.

Many of the college faculty and staff sat in anticipation as the plan—a concerted effort by many over the past six years—emerged.

Sweet had emphasized earlier in the week at the annual Administrator’s Conference that public release of the argument that high learning for a comprehensive plan for that year, and in light of the current and projected decline in the number of high school graduates each year in the state.

As reported to the college’s deans, directors and department chairs at the Administrative Conference, there were 11,942 high school graduates in the 1982-83 academic year of which 7.7 percent or 920 enrolled at RIC. This gave the college an FTE (fulltime equivalent) enrollment of 5,300 to 6,000 students.

By 1985-86, this figure is projected to decline by 16 percent, and by 1992-93 by 38 percent with the result that in 1992 there will be 3,735 high school graduates.

For RIC to maintain its FTE of 5,900 to 6,000 students and avoid a deficit which the BOC will not accept,” Sweet advised the college to “lead the (population) curve and not follow it” by a four point approach:

1) reduce attrition (students dropping out) by at least 100 students per year;
2) continue to enroll as many Rhode Island high school students as will enroll this fall;
3) attract out-of-state students and locate housing on or near campus for them;
4) attract more part time students particularly older adults whose numbers are increasing.

He emphasized the college cannot maintain its FTE enrollment by lowering academic standards, and warned “If we don’t (maintain the FTE enrollment) we’re on the long road to decline and enforced retraction.”

The president stressed there would be no retrenchment if the college met its enrollment goals and added: “We can do it!”

(See page 7 for highlights of the strategic plan.)
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Jere Lynch, college bookstore manager, reported to Dr. Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, at the close of the 1982-83 academic year that through reduced selling prices on used books and dollars paid out to students for their books, each fulltime equivalent student has saved over $9 on their annual book orders.

"Credited for this outstanding program can be initially attributed to the staff of the bookstore under Mr. Lynch's direc-
torship,"Penfield reported to President David E. Sweet.

Penfield said further credit should also go to the Bookstore Advisory Committee "which encouraged this effort and, in particular, has persuaded faculty members to submit textbook lists on time which allows us to know which books to buy back, thus enhancing this overall service."

Lynch said the bookstore has been buying back used books "for some time" now, but this past year "due to a number of circumstances the volume has picked up."

Lynch noted that the national average is 2.5% of all bookstore sales, and that RIC's program of about 4% of all sales is "a remarkable effort."

Rhode Island's participation in the program is "a part of our commitment to control costs," Lynch said.

While Lynch noted that the program does not result in increased revenue for the bookstore, he said, "we have received a gratifying amount of correspondence from students saying they have been able to save money on their books."

Rhode Island students last year saved approximately $59,000 through the program.

There are, thus far, been no negative reactions by male students at Rhode Island College to the federal require-
ments, Lynch said, "in order to be eligible for student aid..."

According to Terri Dobson, director of the college Center for Financial Aid and Student Employment, reported there have been no "rejections" by students or their parents to enter her office in July notifying students of their need to comply with a recent amendment to the Military Selective Service Act whereby financial aid applicants must swear they have registered with the Selective Service."

"No one called us and said they weren't going to sign, and we're not assuming anything. They can walk out of the classroom and say they've not heard from," said O'Conner.

College financial aid officers around the country have, however, complained that the new law, written late at night in the Senate, is problematic in that it nullifies an earlier preliminary interpretation issued in Minnesota against the law, leaving financial aid officers to fend for themselves.

Consequently, RIC wrote to each student financial aid applicant - male and female - notifying them that they must sign a "Statement of Educational Pur-
pose/Registration Compliance" form which was enclosed, certifying that they either were registered with Selective Service or were not required to register; i.e. being a female, not having reached their 18th birthday, etc.

Failure to register means a student is "ineligible for student financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965" which encompasses National Direct Student Loans, Guaranteed Student Loans, PLUS Loans, and State Student Incentive Grants.

The form stipulated that students may be required to give proof of the college of registration compliance. Any false statements by students that they have registered with Selective Service are not required to do so, may subject them to a fine, imprisonment or both.

Approximately 6,000 RIC students will seek financial aid this year and will have to sign the form, reports O'Conner.

He attributed this, in part, to the tight economy but mostly to Dr. Peter A. Marks, chairman of the advisory commit-
tee, whom, he said, "has done a super job" of getting the faculty to order their books either on time or early.

Book orders are usually requested for the end of April, first of May for the fall semester.

Lynch said when it is known at an ear-
ly date what books will be used again, the bookstore can offer to buy them back from students in time for the next semester.

He said books to be re-used this fall were re-sold at half the original cost. Hence, a $10 book new is offered for resale at $5. If the same book is to be us-
ed for a third time, it would still go for half price.

In addition to buying back used books from students, Lynch said, the bookstore is now attempting to purchase used books from six wholesalers.

Consequently, he expects this academic year to have even better results for the students and the college than last year.

The RIC Bookstore is one of four auxiliary enterprises on campus that must, by state law, be self-supporting. It is owned by and reports to the college, however.
Dr. Marks wins honor society book award

Dr. Sally J. Marks, professor of history at Rhode Island College and member of the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, has won the Phi Alpha Theta National Book Award for $500 for the "best book published during the preceding year by a member of the society." Marks' book was titled "Innocent Abroad: Belgium at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919."

In addition to the cash award to Marks, Phi Alpha Theta awarded $100 to the college history department "since she is on a campus where we have an active chapter," said an officer of the society in a letter to college President Donald D. Hopkins.

Donald B. Hoffman, society treasurer, wrote that the award to Marks "is a distinct honor" for her as well as for the college "for without the interest and support of the administration, as well as the department of history, such academic excellence could not be achieved."

Participate in Hispanic leadership program

Jose Gonzalez, counselor of Rhode Island College's Urban Education Center and founder of the Educational Opportunity Center, was among four Rhode Island Hispanic leaders that participated in the United Way of America's Hispanic Leadership Development Program.

The purpose of the conference was to improve the management abilities of Hispanic organizations and to strengthen relations between the Hispanic community and the greater community.

Women's Center announces events

Rhode Island College Women's Center will be sponsoring an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center representatives will be available to answer questions about fall full workshops, classes and special events. Sign-up sheets will also be available for those interested in participating. Coffee and pastries will be served throughout the day.

The center will be offering its monthly meetings on Tuesdays, noon - 1 p.m. (free period). The dates are as follows: Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6.

The center will offer its Peer Counseling Program by the end of the spring semester: Pat Maciel, Terry Paul Almeida, Jody Lapolla and David E. Sweet.

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LISTENING TO PRESIDENT SWEET (right) as he unveils the college's strategic plan are members of the faculty and staff (top), while Sarah Curwood of the sociology department and Marion Wright of geography department, listen to a further explanation outside Roberts Auditorium after the formal presentation.

We're off again, new year begins

It seems almost too soon after commencement and the pageantry of May for it to be the start of another academic year. But the diurnal rhythms don't ever cease and sure enough it's the beginning of things (again). This year RIC President David E. Sweet had new ideas for the annual opening administrative conference on August 29 and the faculty convocation on August 31.

Sweet unveiled a proposed strategic plan which is certain to stimulate lively discussion and debate (see stories in this issue). As a context he presented extensive analyses of the projected enrollment at the college over the next four years.

The freshly revealed plan coupled with record-setting numbers of new students gives faculty and staff colleagues plenty to talk over while getting re-acquainted after the too short summer.
RIC gets most new students ever

EOC said. "Historically RIC has drawn its student body from the top two fifths of the student pool. Colman also pointed out that this year the college doubled the number of students from the SMSA communities (standard metropolitan statistical area) in Massachusetts. Students accepted from these communities receive a tuition differential under a policy adopted by the Board of Governors. This policy applies to several municipalities in the Bay state which adjoin the Rhode Island metropolitan center.

Cherie Withrow, acting director of residential life and housing, reports that the housing situation reflects the new student increases to some degree. There are 20 more double rooms in the residence halls this year than last. All priority students were accommodated as a result of the doubling. A priority student is someone who would not be able to attend RIC if housing were unavailable.

Two halls have been doubled with male residents owing to the fact that there are more male students living on campus this year. Willard and Weber Halls are the facilities involved.

There will be a total of 641 resident students at the college this fall. Withrow said that there is also "quite a long waiting list" of students wanting to live on the campus. As of late August it stood at about 300 names. The housing office has made lists of off-campus accommodations available.

EOC receives $298,000 in funding

Rhode Island College's Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), under the auspices of the Urban Educational Opportunity Center in Providence, has been refunded for another year by the Federal Department of Education to the tune of $298,324.

Roberto Gonzalez, director, said this is the same amount as was funded last year under a three-year package which, he hopes, will come to more than $1 million. "We hope for an increase of about five percent next year over this year," he said, but indicated that this was contingent upon Congressional action next year.

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DEADLINE

Tuesday 4:30 p.m.
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The need for additional housing to ac-
commodate increased numbers of out-of-
state students is raised and addressed in
detail in the next section.

*Service to Students Living On or
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described as well as one in a professional area
raising the far-

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will return the full direct cost. This situa-

*The Size of the College: Number and
Type of Students. During the planning

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that services which aren't part of the
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For RIC grad: Video is timely business by Aileen Ferraro

Dressed in a red and blue checked shirt, navy chino pants and tennis sneakers, Jeff Page does not, at first glance, look like the typical three piece suited businessman.

But looks are deceiving, because Page is a man of the 80’s.

Owner and production manager of Channel 3 Video, Page has the only video production service in the area that offers what has been called a quality editing system, equipment transfers and duplicating on a large scale.

Page, a 1978 RIC graduate, first got interested in video production in 1972 when he worked at the campus television station. He was president of his class and was involved in student parliament, the debate team, the channel audit committee and was the first president of WRIC Radio.

For Page, video production is “fulfilling because my creative side is allowed to produce something that will entertain me.”

Recently, Page did a videotape for an eye surgeon to show his patients, depicting the illness macular degeneration. He has also made videotapes for concert promoter Frank Russo, Old Stone Bank, Cox Cable, NBC News, Brown and Sharpe, Dayton Classic Cars and WPRP.

Page is also involved with a project in conjunction with Women and Infants Hospital which has been called “Baby Video”. After a child is born, the family is videotaped with the new child at the hospital.

Page is expanding his work into other areas. He recently made a concept tape for M-TV of the group Steve Smith and the Nakedi. He is also involved with the General Electric Information tape that he made. “It was a large budget, the tape involved a super salad and was sent all over the world,” says Page.

Currently, he is working on a tape for the musical group Heart for cable television.

Page usually works six to seven days a week. Daily, he rushes transfers from three-quarter inch videotape to one-quarter inch videotape, writes letters to clients, reads 16 trade journals, magazines and newspapers, sends out brochures to possible contacts, develops scripts and maintains his equipment.

Videotaping and production have not just recently become widespread, they have been a flourishing mode of communication for a while. Last year 2.5 million video cassette recorders were sold in the U.S. Page attributes this to video’s “unlimited future.” The individual and private use of smaller cameras will become more affordable to the American public,” he says.

Page expects to be even busier if that is possible this fall. His fall projects include five or more videotapes similar to the macular degeneration series, company planning videotapes for Universal Optical, more advertisements for Frank Russo and branch out in the television area.

“If I did not have to worry about money, I would like to make documentary-type videos doing something in a subdued fashion,” he says.

In his future, Page sees “more of the same in a bigger and better way, so that my ability to fill client need is never hindered.” His goal is to own his own building with full broadcast video ability.

To any observer, it seems that Page is a success at what he does. He attributes much of this success to his wife, whom he owes “an immense debt because she stood by me through my bleakest moments of self-employment.”

“In the beginning,” says Page, “when you first start a business, you generally aren’t making any money. When the bills come at the end of the month, you have no money. That’s very bleak.”

“In my business,” he says, “the more I put into it the more I get out of it, and I realize a lot from it because it is personally rewarding to me.”

To Page, dignity and friendship are more important than personal gain. “I wouldn’t trade success for the dignity or friendship of my associates,” he says.

“arbitrary in business and to be known as a nice guy is what I want.”

Contrary to popular belief, it seems a person can be in business and still be a nice guy. Jeff Page is living proof.

Contemporary photo exhibit

Bannister Gallery

An exhibition of contemporary photography is now on view at Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery. The public is invited.

The exhibit will run through Sept. 16. The Gallery is located in the Fine Arts Center. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The exhibit features works by Barbara Crane, Joseph Jachna, Kenneth Josephson, William Larson and Ray K. Metzner. It was curated by Michael Peven, exhibition coordinator of the University of Arkansas College of Arts and Sciences. It is touring the country through December.

CHANNEL 3 VIDEO owner Jeff Page proudly displays his state-of-the-art equipment. (What’s News Photo by Peter P. Tobin)

RIC Theatre Co.: Offer season subscription

Rhode Island College Theatre Company will be offering a season subscription rate of $12 which is five plays for the price of three. Senior citizens subscription rates are available at a considerable savings. Group rates are also available.

The season subscription deadline is Sept. 22.

Final Passage, a new student-produced play by Robert Schenkkan, will be offered Sept. 22-24. The play is based on a true story, demonstrating the attractions and machinations of evil. Told through flashbacks, the story evolves through a “vicious triangle” between a widowed countess, a handsome, vital beatnik, and a young cabin boy brought together on the high seas. This play will be shown at Roberts Little Theatre at 8 p.m. One free ticket per subscription is included.

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For the “inside” story on the Fat Katz see next week’s What’s News.

Calendar of Events September 5 - 12

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Noon Mass. Student Union Ballroom.

Noon Freshmen Convocation. For freshmen only.

Roberts Auditorium. Cookout to follow.

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