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RIC prof trained for aerospace education

Dr. Ellsworth A. Starring, an associate professor of elementary education at Rhode Island College, is one of two people in the state who has been trained to act as a regional resource person for aerospace education projects by the Smithsonian Institution’s Air and Space Museum.

A resident of 9 Standish Ave., Barrington, Starring was invited to participate in the training by the Smithsonian and received some partial support from the college to attend a week long intensive workshop during July. The only other Rhode Islander to receive the training is a former student of Starring’s, a teacher in the Cranston school system.

The workshop indented the kind of material available for display which the Air and Space Museum can lend to teachers. It also dealt with the restoration and preservation of historic aircraft.

In addition, it prepared participants to offer workshops for teachers and to speak before the general public and private groups interested in aviation and/or space exploration.

Starring says that he will work with RIC’s Adams Library and the college’s audiovisual department to develop a presentation using material made available by the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA). He is working to develop a curriculum unit on aerospace for grades K through 12 as well.

Twenty-five teachers from all across the United States took part in the July workshop. They represented all levels of education from elementary through high school as well as college.

Since completing the workshop Starring has already been engaged to speak by the Rhode Island Educational Media Association and the Diocese of Providence.

“I consider it one of the top five educational experiences I’ve ever had,” Starring says of the workshop. “It was really top quality, real Smithsonian quality.”

He explained that the group was able to work with senior curators of the Museum and to visit the Silver Hill restoration facility maintained by the Smithsonian. There they saw restoration in progress on some of the 200 historic airplanes the Museum owns. In addition the workshop participants met some of the astronauts who have traveled in space.

Starring was provided with the equivalent of two file cabinets full of materials which can be used in teaching and lecturing. He has offered a course in aerospace education at RIC for the last two years and will have numerous applications for the material.

The soft-spoken affable professor terms aerospace education “a whole new horizon for teachers.”

An enthusiast where aerospace matters are concerned, he feels that the entire country will begin realizing economic benefits from space exploration in the near future.

“Jobs are going to increase substantially in relation to it. It’s something we really need to invest in,” Starring declared.

Since he began teaching teachers to teach aerospace concepts he has taken classes to the Huntsville, Ala. Space Center on two occasions and he took a class to Las Vegas to an aerospace conference. He frequently takes classes to O’Hare Airport and Quonset Point and has had federal aviation officials in as guest speakers in his classes.

To contact Dr. Starring call 456-8016.

John Evans Memorial Race: A memorable event

by George LaTour

The day was almost perfect. The sun was shining brightly from cloudless skies. The temperature was in the low 60s and the humidity was down. It was a great day for a road race.

At the Rhode Island College campus in back of Whipple Gymnasium nearly 100 race enthusiasts – runners and onlookers – gathered in shorts and T-shirts, some with light sweaters or jackets over their shoulders. Enthusiasm was infectious; chatty greetings abound as did smiles and words of encouragement.

The camaraderie of runners was evident as heretofore strangers met and embraced in anticipation of stiff, albeit friendly, competition.

But, it was more than just a race. A seemingly quiet, unpretentious and scholarly man, Evans always appeared, to at least the casual observer, to be ready to give you the benefit of a doubt, sort of “half fair fellow, well met.” His sense of humor was finely tuned and his smile lit up not only his face but your spirit.

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Not of note...

Joseph Fontaine of Woosuk did not unexpectedly on Sept. 19. He was the brother of E.L. Thomas, director of the Rhode Island College Security and Safety Office. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two sisters.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

THOMAS MITCHELL, assistant director of the Educational Opportunity Center, has been elected to the TRIO Programs in New England for the New England Association of Educational Opportunity program personnel.

The directory contains information on the 71 TRIO programs in New England and represents the first time a regional profile of the TRIO programs has been written and published.

R.N. Support group to meet

Admission and transfer into the R.N. support group at Rhode Island College will be the topic when the R.N. Support Group holds its first meeting of the fall academic year Wednesday, between 12, at 10 a.m. in Clarke Science Building, room 102.

Ken Binder, acting assistant director of admissions, and Karen R. Allen, assistant professor of nursing, advisor to the R.N. Support Group, will be the speakers.

They will address questions about transferring credits, CLEP exams, general education requirements and the nursing curriculum.

The R.N. Support Group was created for the purpose of college peer support (and of creating a network for exchange of information important to R.N. (registered nurses) who are enrolled at Rhode Island College and are thinking of transferring to RIC.

During future topics under consideration by the organization are support for the junior year challenge process, problems that need to be handled by the student, and senior year advance placement process.

R.N.'s are welcome to attend the support group's activities. For more information, contact Carol Smith at (401) 674-4781.

RICA elects

William H. Hurry Jr., director of student activities, has been elected president of the Rhode Island College Staff Association (RICA) at an annual elections on Sept. 13.

Gail Davis, director of residence services, was named vice president; Brian R. Allen, director of college dining services, was named treasurer; Allen Capuano and Kara Fay, both sophomores from Cranston, are continuing as assistant secretary, assistant, and Robert P. Fasulak, senior, is continuing as executive assistant to the association.

Designed division representatives are: Kathryn M. Sasso, director of conferences and special events, for College Advancement and Support; Kenneth P. Billing, advisor to the director of Student Employment and Training programs, Roger Lima Sr., technical support supervisor; Angela Allen, assistant professor of English, Lisa Renquin, circulation staff assistant, and William Swiger, director of the School of Continuing Education, all for Academic Affairs; Thomas J. Dunlop, chief accountant; Barry J. Donnelly, permanent instructor for Business Administration and Finance, and Karl Davis, physical education, all for Administration and Finance and; and Gail Davis, associate director of athletics, intramurals, recreation, Anthony L. Yelton, coordinator of special services, and Cheryl Withrow, acting director of residential life and housing, all for Student Affairs.

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Funding your project:

Using the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

by R.N. Knoth, Intern Director

Is there a special project you've wanted to attempt, but just can't get the necessary support from your department funds? Does your department have a problem that could be solved with extra money or some released time for one or more members of the faculty? Despite recent cutbacks in federal funding, millions of dollars remain available to support worthy projects and to purchase release time for qualified project directors. But how do you match your talents and interests, with that special person in Washington who is looking for just the services you can provide? Such people do exist, and, in many instances, they will even help you write a proposal.

It's not only difficult to find such a person, you are willing to use relievals or two or more "pipelines to Washington" available at the Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects. The first of these two resources is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, an annual reference book about as big as a good sized dictionary. The book contains a wealth of information about financial and non-financial resources currently available from all assistance programs administered by the federal government. Used properly, the catalog can quickly identify all programs that support the special objectives of RIC faculty and project applicants.

Let's say you are interested in spending the summer studying under the guidance of a distinguished humanities scholar, but your institution is not interested in such a study.

The catalog contains several indexes which may be run up to three times, even the name, address, and telephone number of the person in the National Endowment for the Humanities who can answer specific questions about the program.

The catalog contains the same kind of information about a wide variety of federal programs, whether you are attempting to finance the purchase of a new research spectrophotometer or simply wish to obtain some surplus government equipment. A new edition of the catalog is published each June, reflecting the past year's activities in writing and federal legislation. This basic edition normally is updated each December to reflect any significant changes that have occurred over the intervening month.

Most libraries have a copy of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. The Bureau also has a copy, and we invite you to stop by and use. The next available edition will be available for use at the Bureau's second "pipeline to Washington" during the fall of 1983, or check for a Federal Programs.

Keeping Score

with Kathy Feddman

The woman's tennis team has been living up to the pre-season prediction that they would come on strong and have a good year. They beat American International in a full team 7-0 victory, and they also defeated Siena Regina 7-0, which pits their record at 3-1. Sophomore Sue Landry from Woonsocket, R.I.'s top singles player, is undefeated in date in all four outings. She is looking to top last year's 8-3 singles record. Cheryl Serras, who is R.I.C.'s second singles player, is a transfer from Southeastern Massachusetts University where she played first singles. The sophomore transfer from Taunton, Mass., is 3-0 in date, and is looking forward to their upcoming match against S.M.U. on Oct. 4, which will be played on RIC's home courts at 3 p.m.

The successful doubles team of Liz Capurano and Kara Fay, both sophomores from Cranston, continues on their winning ways with a 3-0 record.

The men's soccer team lost a tough one to Bryant College, 1-0. The PAWS (Providence Area Women's Soccer) invaded possession since they defeated RIC last fall, but this year they lost to Bryant until the two schools meet again on Dec. 6, at Bryant University.

Coach Rao felt that the team played very well. This young team is improving daily.

The boosters were victorious in their next outing against Western New England. A goal from Jassie, a freshman from Warren, gave the uncommon 1-0 win. Their record stands at 2-1-1.

The women's volleyball team put two in the win column, with victories over W.P.I. (15-1, 15-2), and Merrimack (15-2, 15-1). They have 2-1-2 record to date.

Senior Karen Foss from Pawtucket has been named captain of this year's squad. The Aquariumists will be playing at home on Oct. 3 when they meet the University of Bridgeport at 7 p.m. in Walsh Gymnasium.

The woman's cross country team placed fourth out of seven teams at the S.M.U. Invitational. S.M.U. won with a time of 29:39. First place was held by Northern Arizona, 28:41.

The cross country team placed seventh out of nine teams at the S.M.U. Invitational. Jim Bowden crossed the finish line in 1:28 place for RIC's high finisher.

The booster club is a booster club.
A memorable event

"You go thataway"

JOHN TAYLOR POINTS THE WAY to the runners who await the start of the five mile race.

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John's widow, gave her approval; and at least a score of individuals from RIC, CCRI, the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the South County Stiders and others rallied and pitched in to make the idea a reality.

RIC's director of intramural recreation programs, John S. Taylor, provided services without which the race would not have been possible.

Not only was he on hand to cheer on the runners, he officially started the two races, a one-mile "fun run" and a five mile run, via a starting pistol and prior to any of the races, plotted out the runners' courses.

"Many of the runners remarked how well the course was marked," reported Joanne. Too often, it seems, roads are poorly marked and runners lose valuable time in confusion as to which way to run.

Some 30 runners entered the "fun run." These were mostly non-serious runners and children. Another 50 to 60 runners competed in the five mile race. Others, who didn't compete, had sent in their entry fee of $5 as a donation.

All the money was to be turned over to a John Evans Memorial Fund in the college foundation. This was possible, of course, because of Council 1819's (RIC/AFT) financial support of the race itself, freeing all monies derived from the race for the memorial fund.

The one-mile "fun run" came first and in seemingly no time at all Mathew Sheridan, 12, crossed the finish line to the applause of dozens of on-lookers.

Next the five-mile race, in which CCRI's President Edward Liston participated, was run.

Youngsters at mid-point handed pan­ting runners cups of water as they push­ed themselves toward the finish line and hopes of glory, or at least of beating their own time for running five miles.

A member of RIC's Security and Safety Department followed the runners in a security car, protecting them from traffic for the short time they were runn­ing off campus.

Coming across the finish line (a tie) for overall first place were two RIC alumni: Ray Marsland of North Providence, RIC '67, who was running for Johnsou and Wales Athletic Club, and Bob Lamothe of Groton, Conn., Class of 1981.

The first master winner for the men was Charlie Wilkes of North Kingstown, RIC '64, who is a professor of mathematics at CCRI.

The first woman across the line was Dolores Shadlock of Newport, a petty officer third class in the Navy and stu­dent of RIC's at Newport.

All received engraved trophies which were presented in a brief ceremony after the racers had had time to catch their breath.

Orange slices from Canaan Produce on Harris Avenue, popcorn from a genuine old-fashioned popcorn machine from CCRI and an orange drink from McDonald's on Branch Avenue all serv­ed to refresh the runners after the com­petition.

RIC's, made up especially for the occasion, as well as Big East Conference (basketball) sweaters, a gift certificate from the Paypaya Tree, 40 pounds of jelly beans from the Incredible Edible, a $50 gift from Campbell's Book Store and a bouquet of flowers from Flore De­Jeur, all of David Square, were dispers­ed via a drawing.

"People hated to go home after the race," attested Ms. Lannie.

It certainly was a memorable occa­sion, one befitting the memory of John Evans.

(Special credit goes to the following persons for their unselfish help in mak­ing the John Evans Memorial Race a success:

Rhode Island School for the Deaf: John Plante, Jerry Dandaneau, Chris Dandaneau, Mickey and Moe, Sharon Hayes, and Karen Girard

South County Striders: Martha Neale, June Halliday and Peter McLaren

Big Brothers of Rhode Island: Bob Calo

CCRI: Sharon Lewis, Marc and Michael Lanni and Jose Alamendo

RIC: Matt Hurd, Bill Baird, Barbara Rubin, Bob and Shirley Viens, Hanoch Livneh, John Perkins, Pat Eri and Bill Finnigan

To these and anyone whose name may have been inadvertently omitted, a sincere 'Thank you'.)
Dr. Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, will be the featured speaker at a forum on Moral Responsibility and the Quest for Knowledge on Oct. 7. The forum is part of a series of events commemorating the 15th anniversary of Rhode Island College's Urban Educational Center.

Mitchem is also the director of Marquette University's Educational Opportunity Program and serves as an instructor of the first Afro-American history course for inner city secondary students in a compensatory summer program at Marquette in Milwaukee, Wis.

He has been cited for his outstanding service to the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs and received the Outstanding Contributions to Higher Education Award of the Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, among others. He has received several fellowships, including a Woodrow Wilson and a Southern Education Foundation Leadership Fellowship.

He is a member of the executive committee of the National Student Aid Coalition.

Immediately following the forum, there will be a plaque unveiling in the Charles N. Fortes Room in the college's Adams Library at which Dr. Raymond M. Houghton will speak. Houghton and the late Fortes were co-founders of the UEC.

The schedule of events for the public birthday party at the UEC includes:

CHILDREN
- 1 p.m. Sarranade the Clown, Room 101; 1:30 p.m. Children's Films, Room 102.
- 2 p.m. Big Birdie, Room 101.
- 3 p.m. Storytelling, Ramona Bass, Room 101.
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Films, Room 102

CHILDREN'S FILMS (LRT)
- 1 p.m. Dance Demo - OIC, Julie Latessa, choreographer.
- 3 p.m. Music - Beryl Powers.
- 3:30 p.m. Johnny Romero Folkloric Dance Group.
- 4 p.m. Music - Beryl Powers.
- 3:30 p.m. African Drumming - Abdul Mateen.

The public forum which will allow audience members to discuss these and other topics will incorporate essays by experts. They are: Hendrik J. Gerritsen, professor of physics at Brown University, an active member of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and Mary Watkins, professor of psychology at Clark University, author and Jungian analyst.

Gerritsen will focus on the dilemmas faced by contemporary scientists as they participate - collectively or alone - with or without government subsidy - in the quest for more and more knowledge of the universe and its contents.

Watkins' essay will look at the moral imperative of the imagination as reflected in contemporary psychological and artistic responses to the threat of annihilation.

In addition to the essays, the pair of scholars will respond in the forum to the issues presented by The Physicists. They will take part in a question and answer period with the audience following the play.

An exhibit is also planned for the lobby of Roberts Hall. It will contain materials which demonstrate the ideas of Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton - both of whom figure in The Physicists - along with the reactions of contemporary scientists and artists to moral and social implications of the play.

As part of the exhibit the college will display a previous Rhode Island Commission on the Humanities project put together in 1979 by Fredrick Weber, former associate director of RICH, and James P. Smith, associate director of the National Federation of State Humanities Councils.

The exhibit is entitled "Connections: The Humanists, The Sciences, and the Work of Albert Einstein." It presents in narrative and pictorial form such educational topics as Einstein and the history of an idea; creativity, imagination and scientific theories; science, and religion; and the social responsibilities of the scientist. Quotations and works of local physicists and artists will also be solicited for the lobby display.

### Calendar of Events October 3 - October 10

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**
- 7 p.m. Presidential Service, Student Union, Room 304.

**THURSDAY TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6-8**
- 8 p.m. The Physicists. Rhode Island College Theatre production by Friedrich Durrenmatt, Roberts Auditorium.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**
- 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Job Search workshop. Career Services. Craig Lee, Room 054.
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Women's Cross Country. R.I.A.I.W. Championships at U.R.I. Away.
- 2 p.m. Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. Southern Connecticut State. Away.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7-8**
- 7 p.m. Women's Tennis. R.I.A.I.W. Championships to be held at RIC and PC.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**
- 9 a.m. Women's Volleyball. UConn Tournament. Home.
- 11 a.m. Men's Cross Country. RIC at Brown with U.R.I. and PC. Away.
- 2 p.m. Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Away.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**
- 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Student Union, Bellroom.
- 3 p.m. The Physicists. Rhode Island College Theatre production by Friedrich Durrenmatt, Roberts Auditorium.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**
- 1 p.m. Concert by the American Band. Francis Maceri, conductor. Swift Gym, East Greenwich.
- 7 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass. Browne Hall's Upper Lounge.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**
- Noon. Student Union, Room 304.