What's News

Rhode Island College

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Computer lab to open in Adams Library

Twenty-two IBM personal computers will soon be available for the use of Rhode Island College students, staff and faculty.

The machines, each of which is equipped with one disk drive, 128K memory and a variety of software, are housed in room 401 in the college’s Adams Library.

There are also five dot-matrix printers in the lab. Three of the microprocessors have color monitors. All are capable of displaying graphics. In addition to the equipment already in place, a CORBUS hard disk unit which will allow all 22 machines to be connected in a network and share data and programs will soon arrive.

The software available for the 22 units includes word-processing programs, file management programs and spread sheet programs. Also, the machines can be programmed in the computer language BASIC.

Certain courses in certain departments will have exclusive use of the lab during specified hours of the week. However, individuals with Rhode Island College I.D’s will be able to sign up for a specified amount of computer time on the computer during the times they aren’t in use by classes.

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Shirley Chisholm at RIC

Shirley Chisholm, former U.S. Congresswoman and the first Black woman to seek the nation’s highest office via a 1972 campaign for the Democratic Party’s nomination for president, will speak at Rhode Island College on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Gaige Auditorium.

Her appearance highlights a series of events the college plans in celebration of Black History Month in February. Chisholm’s lecture, “Blacks, Politics, Power,” is free and open to the public.

Her appearance and that of other speakers and performers, is being sponsored by Harambee, the Black students’ organization on campus.

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Jobless students invited to play the ‘match game’

by George LaTour

There’s a new “game” in town.

It’s called the “match game” and students at Rhode Island College who are hard-pressed for money to finance their college education and who do not qualify for financial aid are eligible to “play.”

One should point out also that, in addition to generating those hard-to-come-by dollars, players of the game gain valuable experience, frequently an all-important prerequisite to landing that big job after college.

Today, many students at many colleges are familiar with “work-study” programs (whatever they are called) whereby students who qualify for a certain amount of financial aid can work on campus – and sometimes off – for pay. These programs usually only allow students to earn so much and then they no longer qualify for the aid.

Hence, the “match game.”

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Lecture series to mark historic decision

This spring Rhode Island College will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the historic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court known now as Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka.

“Probably no case ever to come before the nation’s highest tribunal affected more directly the minds, hearts and daily lives of so many Americans, before the nation’s highest tribunal, as the historic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court,” according to Richard Klugger, author of Simple Justice.

This willingness to accept the consequences of this historic decision, which has racially altered the social fabric of this country, not only did the decision set in place a process for equalization of educational opportunities for all Americans, but it set in place a process for equalization of educational opportunities for all Americans.

A series of lectures will be offered at Rhode Island College throughout the semester. The first event in this series will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 12 noon, John Appel, professor of American Studies at Michigan State University, will present an illustrated talk on “Racial and Ethnic Stereotypes: Continuity and Change.”

Dr. Appel is well known for his work in American popular culture, and in the author of The Distorted Image, a highly-regarded media package dealing with ethnic and racial stereotypes.

The specific focus of his talk here will be on the change in popular ways (cartoons, film, literature, comics) of depicting representatives of ethnic and racial groups in contemporary American life.

The talk will take place in Horace Mann 193 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. All are invited. Information concerning other events in the lecture series and the commemorative program will be presented in a later issue of What’s News.

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RIC in the news

The Rhode Island College chess team and its "coach" Armando Marturano, professor of history, have made news again. Bob McCoy, executive editor of The Sports News, left his column in the Jan. 9 edition with a 12-paragraph story about the team.

generally followed the lines of the piece done earlier by Scott Ostler in the Los Angeles Times. A highly detailed career is made for the American Band directed by Dr. Francis Macerino, professor of music at the college, and includes many Rhode Island College music students and alumni. Participating in the concert were media personalities, Mark Panek at the Providence Journal Bulletin, Ann Conway of WNE-TV, Anthony L. DiBianco of WEAN radio and Mike Carbal of WEAN radio. Performing as a quartet they played vacuum cleaners in the concert. In subsequent days the event was chronicled on WNE news, mentioned by DiBianco in his daily traffic report and became the subject of an entire Mark Panek column in the Evening Bulletin.

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What's News at RIC

Getting funded: don't overlook foundations and corporations

by Richard N. Keogh, Interim Director

The vast majority of RIC's sponsored programs are federally funded - either directly by monies allocated by a federal agency or indirectly by block grants distributed through the Rhode Island Department of Education or other state agencies.

However, there are several reasons project directors should not overlook other potential sources of funding, especially foundations and corporations. First, foundations and corporations sometimes are willing to fund portions of a project that federal agencies cannot support. Thus, it is often possible to substantially increase the size of a project through a combination of public and private financing. In other instances, foundations and corporations show considerable interest in worthwhile projects that totally are outside the realm of all government agencies.

Second, foundation and corporate support of sponsored programs has increased dramatically over the past few years, while that of government agencies has declined. This is largely due to recent changes in tax laws which have made private philanthropy financially more attractive. In 1981, for example, corporations increased their charitable contributions by 11.5% to 2.9 billion dollars, and this trend continues today. Equally important, just under 40% of all corporate donations are given to educational institutions.

Matching the funding interests of a corporation or foundation with those of a project director is not difficult, given their sources of revenue. The possibilities are almost infinite.

One recent addition to our book shelves is Corporate Philanthropy, published by the Public Management Institute. This directory contains the wealth of useful information. Corporations are listed alphabetically, denoting their areas of interest, applicant eligibility requirements, financial preferences, ranges of grant awards, grant application processes, and lists of sample grants awarded over the past few years.

The corporate directory is available free of charge. Foundations usually are managed by a trust board, and grant awards are almost always donated to the immediate locality or region.

Feel free to drop by the bureau to examine either of these directories. One of these sources of private funding might be seeking for just the special project you have in mind.

Let us be perfectly clear

It has been called to the editor's attention that an article regarding Rhode Island College's ROTC program in the Jan 23 issue of the Observer is misleading. ROTC cadets enrolled in the ROTC program's six courses take "one course in history taught by a professor who has the college's history department. The course is taught by the RIC history department.

DIRECTIONS

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National survey reveals New Englanders lead nation:  
---in linking higher ed to economic growth  
---in support of interstate cooperation

A larger majority of New Englanders compared to all Americans believe that colleges and universities can contribute to economic growth and retraining workers for new jobs.

A nationwide poll conducted by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) also reveals that a higher proportion of New Englanders favor more interstate collaboration and greater campus specialization to avoid duplication of academic programs in adjacent states.

In addition, the survey shows that New Englanders vigorously endorse evidence that the public expects higher investment in education (NEBHE) also reveals that a larger majority of New Englanders endorse greater inter-state cooperation than in any other region of the country.

New Englanders are strongly in favor of supporting public higher education institutions directly to stimulate economic growth and retraining workers for new jobs.

A representative sample of 1,299 adult Americans was surveyed in late September. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.8 percent.

"We are gratified that the American people place high priority on the importance of higher education's role in economic development and retraining, which is exactly what we are seeking to encourage in New England," said John C. Hoy, NEBHE president.

The survey provides overwhelming evidence that the public expects higher education to play a significant role in economic development. Responses show that expectations are even higher in New England than in any other region of the country. Ninety-one percent of New England residents expressed this opinion, compared to 89.8 percent of the national population said they strongly favor continuation of this trend.

The middle-income category, 92.9 percent of the New England respondents, as compared to 89.8 percent of the national population, said they strongly favor continuation of this trend.

New England also surpasses the national average and all but two regions of the country in level of support for continued federal funding of grants to low-income students: 77.7 percent of New Englanders, compared to 70.4 percent of the national population said they strongly favor continuation of this trend.

This opinion is strongest among both the poor and rich, and is felt by all groups regardless of level of education.

RIC urged to renew energy conservation

Rhode Island College is making a plea to the college community to renew its efforts for conserving energy.

"At RIC we're not seeing the results we'd like to see," says John H. Vickers, director of Physical Plant, who noted that people seem to be getting away from energy conservation awareness they had several years ago at the time of the fuel crisis.

He says that a recent federal energy report noted that Americans in general are starting to relax on energy conservation. This stems, apparently, from a relatively abundant coal and oil supply and stable gasoline prices.

"Let's not be lax at RIC like the United States as a whole is apparently becoming," urges Vickers, adding that "for every $1 in energy we spend, we hope there are 5 or 10 more important dollars spent on energy conservation." He said the college administration is growing in its concern about wasteful energy practices in which the college community seems to be lapsing.

He asks that all office personnel, faculty and students make a conscious effort to turn off all electrical switches when not in use. This would apply to typewriters, copying machines, lights, and especially appliances such as coffee pots, etc.

Vickers notes that some faculty and dorm students on the upper floors should not turn on their heat or lights while the upper floors get insufficient heat while the upper floors are overheating.

In some buildings — particularly the older structures — heat distribution tends to be uneven with the lower floors getting insufficient heat while the upper floors are overheating.

In such cases, advises Vickers, those students may switch heat and lights for a few minutes when a nearly window is turned on.

He asks that rooms that are consistently too hot be reported to Physical Plant.

"Anything we can save is good," said Vickers, "and we'd like to encourage the college to better use its finances.

Game tournament

Student Union Games Room will sponsor a tournament in backgammon, chess, men's and women's table tennis and men's and women's billiards on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration, already in progress, will run until Feb. 10. Those interested should register in the Games Room between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the week.

The grand prize winner was Science. The cover of Scholarly Bibliography, an 80-page-plus partial listing of the scholarly works of the Rhode Island College community published a year ago, has won recognition for the college Office of Publications, Eleanor B. Panichas, director.

The cover was one of 183 chosen as "best covers" in the National Geographic's "Greater Covers of the World's" competition.

Competition was stiff. Other winners included those of the Sunday Times, Geographic magazine, TV Guide, Playboy magazine, and Time magazine.

The cover of the new winner was Science Af magazine published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
Making friends in California

RIC Advancement & Support team goes west

Three members of the Rhode Island College advancement and support division, as well as RIC college president, the vice president of alumni association and the athletic director represented RIC on a trip to the west coast during the winter of 1983-84 to forge stronger ties between the college and alumni who live there. RIC was to forge stronger ties between the college and alumni who live there. RIC President David E. Sweet joined the group in San Diego, while Dr. Renato Leonelli, professor emeritus, has volunteered to act as liaison for the alumni who were not able to attend the trip.

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The object of the visit to California was to forge stronger ties between the college and alumni who live there and to study the educational needs of the state. The alumni attending the reception were John S. Foley, Regina Marcotte, Holly Shadoian and John Foley. They are CHEERING FOR RIC (below) at the University of California Riverside basketball game are (front 1-r): Holly Shadoian, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, and Steve "Pepper" Rice. In the next row are Foley and President Sweet. Behind Foley is sweet's daughter, Justine, and a friend.

Preparing for reception for almost are (left): Regina Marcotte, James Gilcreast, Holly Shadoian and John Foley. They are putting together information packets and name tags (photo right). CHEERING FOR RIC (below) at the University of California Riverside basketball game are (front 1-r): Holly Shadoian, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, and Steve "Pepper" Rice. In the next row are Foley and President Sweet. Behind Foley is sweet's daughter, Justine, and a friend.

THERE'S AN ANCHOR in Disneyland as well as on the RIC basketball team (RIC Marcotte and Holly Shadoian found it). A reception was held at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

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Twenty-year-old Timothy P. Murray of Warwick thinks so, too. He adds that he was making four million dollars and was interested in doing something else. On Oct. 6, at that time the governor said that he was interested in doing something else. Dr. Peter Harman, director of the RIC technology initiative, announced by the RIC President David E. Sweet simultaneous, providing the computer lab will relieve demand on the computer lab. The subcommittee had been charged with the responsibility of selecting the computer lab. However that lab in more oriented in a more efficient and timely manner. The computer lab was running and will be demonstrated for guests. Target date for opening the lab was already met. Cost for the center is approximately $200,000. The subcommittee also discussed the price of the units substantially.

Funds for the lab were made available through a college-wide computer lab. The subcommittee found that the computer lab would be running and will be demonstrated for guests. This conclusion was presented to the Faculty Senate. The computer lab on the RIC campus. The college lab was running and will be demonstrated for guests.
Chem lab accident series raises safety questions

Passadena, Calif. (CP) - In the latest series of serious mishaps at college lab chemistry labs nationwide, a California Institute of Technology student was critically injured last night while conducting a "routine" lab experiment on campus.

Second-year graduate student Ramsey Bittar was working on a chemistry problem that involved the use of highly flammable solvents. He accidentally spilled a flammable liquid onto his lab coat, igniting it. Bittar sustained severe burns over 75 percent of his body and is also averaging 10 points per game.

Bittar, who was unconscious for several hours, has been rushed to the hospital for treatment. Doctors are not sure if he will make a full recovery.

Blood drive Feb. 7

A Blood drive, sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion and the Office of Residential Life and Housing, will be held at Rhode Island College's Student Union Ballroom on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keeping Score

with Kathy Feldmann

Senior "All American" hurler Annmarie Gower has been named the Most Valuable Player of the Intercollegiate Softball Association's District I. Gower, who has a 1.50 earned run average and is averaging 1.14 strikeouts per inning, helped her team to a 2-1 record in their last game when they defeated Western New England 7-6 in a classic home run derby.

Dwight Williams, who was high man for RIC with 26 points, popped in a six-foot jumper with three seconds left in the second overtime which gave RIC the win.

Co-captain Mike Chapman scored 19 points and was the leader of the boards with 10. Eric Britto and Leon Harris also hit in double figures with 13 and 12 respectively. The Anchormen had to play without one of their key players, junior Rick Ethier, who will be out for the remainder of the season due to a serious shoulder injury which resulted in surgery last week.

The record to date for the Anchormen is 7-6. They have 12 games left to play. They will be on the road for their next three games.

North Providence, Jo-Ann D'Alessandro plans to run against the Aussies this summer.

That1... things within

Sure Ma is great. So is Santa Claus and The Easter Bunny and a lot of other people. Things like good lab supervision, use of safety standards, and lab safety awareness can help minimize chemical accidents and injuries.

Furthermore, Renfrew adds, lawsuits against colleges and lab instructors are on the rise, although they're not common because if there's a feeling that the lab was not maintained and safety standards were not practiced properly.

Many students say they are confused about the lab instructors and the safety practices. One student, who has been injured in a lab accident, says she is not sure if the lab was safe.

Other voices:

A harried mother thinks aloud

A piece on motherhood

by Jeanine H. Gervais

Graduate Assistant in the English Department

It's true, I could have been a lot nicer to John when he got hurt yesterday. He said, "Ma, I love you, but you could have been a lot nicer to me when I got hurt." I suppose I'll stay on the wall, wearing a psychologist hat, and analyze the situa-

tion, delving into the childhood, asking about my relationship when I was little with my parents. Well psychologist-fly, I can sum it up in two words: "If I'm tired!"

Tired of endless trips to the doctors. Tired of cultures, splinters, stabbed toes, burns from hot soup. Tired of that high pitch scream of "Mama!" when one of them comes running white-faced back to the nest for his doctor, lawyer, Indian Chief, Florence Nightingale, me, whose hair on her body rises an inch.

I'm the wound-healed flesh that can kick and scratching and biting at her two big fingers hugging at her seat, sucking their long fingers, kissing, nibbling her belly until she turns brittle, crass, dries up, caviars. That's me.

So maybe 20th Century mother can't accept a "Get out of here!" attitude. So maybe today's Mom is gentle and kind and giving and giving. So maybe I wonder to myself, "Who is the hell that said a person under 18 is a minor and a child!"

It must have been someone with no children, or with and others. And a baby was a man.

Well, most of the parents I know are women. They have budget-balancers. Women double parents during double day. Women sound-being to screaming complaining kids, who are fed and satisfied, by our consumer society.

"Ma, NO ONE wears those kind of sneakers! Everyone will laugh at me!"
"Ma, I want my gold bracelet back!"
"Ma, did you see that movie? Everybody's wearing with a stripe down the side!"
"Ma, I want a BMX bike. I only cost $400."
"Ma, it's cheap!"

Sure Ma is great. So is Santa Claus and The Easter Bunny and The Tooth Fairy. So maybe today's mother, boys, the schoolboy, who've been watching the BMX gear and the hi-top sneakers and the ice cream cones and the t-shirts and boys and boys and boys.

It's not that I hate Motherhood or children. Rather it's that I hate the practice of teaching them to hold out their little hands saying: "I want, I want, I want, Gimmie, Gimmie, Gimmie..."
Four from RIC to compete in February

Four Rhode Island College theatre students will compete in the Irene Ryan scholarship auditions to be held Feb. 7 through 9 as part of the New England phase of the American College Theatre Festival at Keene State College in Keene, N.H.

These students will vie for a $750 scholarship and the opportunity to audition at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in April. The prize will then be a $2,500 acting scholarship.

Partners in the auditioning also have the opportunity to earn a scholarship.

Those from RIC who will compete at Keene State are Gordon Silva chosen from the cast of "Have You Anything to Declare," Anna Difilippo from the cast of "Mindbender," Fred J. Antezno, Jr. from "An American Band," and Mark Alan Feller from "The Physicists.

"We are as partners for the actors will be Susan Muniz for Silva, Mark Alan Moretti for Difilippo, Scott Pacheco for Antezno, and Marcia Schreck for Feller." RIC Theatre Company has represented New England in the national level Irene Ryan competition six times in the past 11 years, most recently in 1983 when Diane Capostiano won the New England regional competition. In 1980 Larry Lovejoy, then a student at the college, won the national scholarship and has used it to continue the study of acting in New York City.

RIC's production of "Mindbender," an original murder mystery by RIC alumna Kris Hall, has also been selected as an entry in the regional festival. It will be performed Feb. 7 at 8:30 p.m. Dr. P. William Hutchinson, professor of theatre, is directing "Mindbender.

Antezno appears as the cast replacement for Roger Lennard who had a conflict of dates when the originally scheduled actor was unable to perform "Mindbender," Feb. 18, but could not be in the festival production due to prior commitments.

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American Band to audition

The American Band will hold auditions for French horn, bassoon and saxophone from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Roberts Hall at Rhode Island College.

Persons interested in auditioning for the band are invited to participate in the New American Band and should contact the conductor, Dr. Frank Marciniak at 456-8244 or 333-2435.

RIC Art Dept. presents:

Ron Wilczek/Small Sculpture

Ron Wilczek, a native of Rhode Island, graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1964 and Yale University in 1966. He taught sculpture at the American University of Rome from 1966 to 1967. After moving to the United States and working in his studio from 1976 to 1982, he recently returned to Rhode Island and lives in Barrington.

An exhibit of his work entitled, "Small Sculpture," will be on display at Rhode Island College's Bannister Art Gallery through Feb. 17.

The exhibit features approximately 15 works consisting of various metal and combinations of paint, plastic and wooden components. The pieces in the show, although small in scale, were produced, like Wilczek's large outdoor sculptures, with a conscious sense of the variables of the outdoors. The forms, colors, edges and, in some cases, the movement of these pieces react to light and wind. The show is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wilczek's work has been commissioned by many private and corporate collectors in the northern midwest. The Bannister Gallery is located in the Art Center Building, Rhode Island College Campus, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I.

Gallery Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Thursday evening 6 to 9 p.m.

The American Band, founded in 1937, performed for such visiting celebrities as Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale." It was headed at one time by David Wallace Reeves whom John Philip Sousa once called "the Father of the American March Music.'

Approximately 50 members strong today, its members receive no pay for playing.

Japanese theaters here

The National theaters of Japan -- NOH and KYOGEN -- will perform at Rhode Island College's Roberts Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and again on Feb. 2 as part of the RIC Performing Arts series.

Presented by Kaneki Hillier International Tours of New York City, the theaters of NOH and KYOGEN are two distinct genres of entertainment. One, the NOH Theater, is classical Japanese theater. It is a very dramatic and symbolic play, placing great emphasis on stylized artistic beauty, and its subject matter is usually the deepest sorrow of mankind.

NOH theater is undoubtedly one of the oldest and greatest living theaters of the world, created in the period of the 14th Century.

The other, KYOGEN, was created about the same time as NOH, serving as a contrast to NOH and played between the NOH plays.

Its intention is high comedy, compared to the serenity of the NOH. While NOH uses the language of the warrier and aristocracy of the epoch and is composed in rhyme, the KYOGEN is based on the ordinary conversation of the common people and deals with concrete subjects of great humor.

NOH-KYOGEN has represented the culture of Japan in many major cities of the world, at festivals, expositions, in Mexico and Munich Olympics, unfailingly earning standing ovations throughout the Western World.

"To see the performance of the NOH-KYOGEN theaters of Japan is surely an experience of a lifetime," according to Kaneki Hillier.

The RIC performance will be the first stop for NOH-KYOGEN on their 1984 American tour.

Ticket costs are $8.50 for general admission, $5 for senior citizens and non-RIC students; and $3 for RIC students. All seats are reserved.

Group rates are available by calling 456-8144. Box office opened Jan. 23.

For reservations call 456-8144.