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Enrollment dips in keeping with trend says dean

"Our average for the last three years has been approximately 1,030 (freshmen)," said John Nissen, dean of admissions at the college.

This year there are 950 freshmen enrolled. Last year's class, which set a record and which saw applications closed off, consisted of 1,080 freshmen.

Transfer student enrollment, by contrast, remained in effect since 1982 only for Miss Cormier who is not in the honors program, but wishes there could be "some seminars (for non-honors program students) which would give the student a chance to exchange ideas."
Keeping Score

by Dave Kenny

Athletics on the move

The RIC Athletic Department, after a successful 1983-84 sports year, is set to repeat the fine team and individual performances in 1984-85.

Traditionally, the fall sports set the tone for success and for what can be expected the rest of the season.

The fall sports program consists of five squads, three of which are for men and two for the men. The women's tennis team, under the direction of Coach Rosey Carlton finished 12-1 last season and looks to have another fine season in 1984. Several key performers return, including the top two players from last season, Sue Landry and Cheryl Sweeney.

The women's cross-country squad also had a fine year last season, finishing at 22nd at the NCAA Division III Nationals. This season the squad returns returning runners from last season, including Kim Allen, AnnMariette Espastor and Martha Sylvia.

Coach Kristen Norberg looks to build a solid year's 9-24 squad, including Kim Allen, AnnMariette Espastor and Martha Sylvia. On the men's side, new Head Soccer Coach Tony Tribelli brings a wealth of soccer knowledge and experience to the program.

Tribelli is a former high school coach and referee in Rhode Island. He has served as a coach for 11 years and as a referee throughout the year.

For more academics, the spirit of competition, enthusiasm, and team spirit is红线inked far more in September than at any other time of the year. If the enthusiasm of the season prompts you toward development of that special project you have been considering, be assured of our sincere interest.

The Bureau has moved to a new, more spacious location in RIC Hall (formerly occupied by Bill Swigart of Continuing Education). Why not drop by to discuss funding possibilities for your project?

Last year the Bureau's periodic column in What's New discussed the services and responsibilities of the Bureau, introduced a few basic principles of government, described some of the principal agencies awarding grants to RIC, and listed recent Research Foundation Proposals (RFPs) which were of potential interest to a number of faculty and staff.

RIC to participate in:

Victim's Rights Conference

Rhode Island College will participate in the 1984 symposium sponsored by the General's Conference on Victims of Crime to be held at the State House beginning Sept. 17.

As part of that conference, RIC's Department of Sociology and College Lectures Committee will bring Constance Noblet, executive director of Victim Witness Services of the South and president of the National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA) out of Washington, D.C., to the college on Monday, Sept. 17, to speak on "Victims: Families and Stress." At 4 p.m. in the Faculty Center.

The public is invited to the two-day conference (both at the State House and RIC) free of charge.

Co-sponsors of the conference, in addition to RIC, are the state Department of Elderly Affairs, the Governor's Justice Commission, and the Justice Resource Corporation.

Schedule of events for Sept. 17 is:

9 a.m.—Welcome by Gov. Joseph Garrahy.
9:10 a.m.—Opening remarks by Attorney General Dennis J. Roberts.
9:30 a.m.—The Federal Role in Victim Assistance with George Brady, director of the Victim Task Force of the federal Department of Justice, prior to Noon.
12:30 p.m.—Luncheon with David Kemmy, executive director of RFPs announcements will continue to be published in Continuing Education and, where more appropriate, be supplemented by direct mailings to department chairs and individual college personnel.

This year our articles will take a somewhat different tack. Some will in form about on-going grant-related developments in federal, state, or private agencies that are of particular concern to the college. Others will highlight the work of faculty and staff who are currently conducting externally funded projects.

Many people, even close colleagues, are often unaware of the high quality sponsored research and special projects being conducted here at the college. There is much about sponsored projects of our people that is head-stuff—exciting, intriguing, resourceful, valuable—as subsequent articles in this series will demonstrate.

What's New at Rhode Island College

PAC formed: Bond issue push continues

A political action committee (PAC) has been officially organized to gather voter support for referendum number four. The motion calls for $2.5 million to be paid for the conversion of Rhode Island College's Whipple Gymnasium into a center for industrial and business technology.

John S. Foley, RIC's vice president for Administration and Support, is heading the college's campaign to win voter approval. He announced formation of the PAC and he disclosed some of the plans being made to publicize the project to the college.

"The name of the political action committee will be Alumini and Friends of Rhode Island College," said Foley.

Northeast M. Andreoli of Barrington, president of the Rhode Island Alumni Association, will chair the PAC. Vice chair will be Dr. Renato E. I. Contelli of Providence, professor of music and education and president of the RC Foundation.

Dr. John Ruggiano of Cranston, a RIC alumnus, will be serving as secretary and Foley is the treasurer.

A PAC is defined by the general laws of the state of Rhode Island and is required when a campaign is mounted in support of a candidate or a ballot question. This is the first time a PAC has been formed by RIC components of a bond vote referendum.

The next element is to complete the development of a media mix for promotion of the bond issue," Foley pointed out.

"This is going along quite smoothly," he added.

The PAC has received proposals from Channels 6, 10 and 12 that will result in approximately 30 seconds of "commercial" spots being aired during the week preceding the election, Foley explained.

There will probably be 10 and 30 second spots. That's what we are looking at," said Foley.

"In addition, we are well on our way to signing agreements for advertisements on radio with many state and local stations," the PAC's speaker added.

The plan which the PAC has developed calls for two weeks of radio exposure cting other efforts which are contemplated.

For us, therefore, we produce a broad menu of programs, and we are always looking at speaking engagements, we're working on the development of a cable TV public service spot with the assistance of Jim Davis of the RIC department of instructional technology, and we are seeking personal and political endorsements," Foley said.

A number of other activities which will "raise the consciousness of the electorate are considered as well," according to Foley.
New Student Convocation

DONNING HIS CAP for the New Student Convocation Wednesday is Providence Journal-Bulletin columnist Mark Patinkin who was the featured speaker. Below, Thomas Falcone, president of the Student Community Government addresses the Class of 1988.

A WORD FROM the Class of 1987 is given the new students by Danielle Marcotte, president of the Class of '87. Below left, Jeanna Di Padua of Coventry and Kara McCluskie of Pawtucket do a little socializing at the reception which followed the convocation. Below right, President and Mrs. Arlene Sweet chat with Jill Serkont (left) and Diane O’Gorman, both of Pawtucket.
“Brown University had Eugene Ionesco. You’ve got me. That’s what happens when you don’t have to pay $13,000 per year in tuition,” he told the RIC audience, referring to himself as the “generic brand” of conversation speaker.

“I feel like Buddy Cianci addressing a support group for bored friends,” he said.

He also advised the students not to play academic roulette, guessing what area, the professor, will quiz them on and only study those areas. “If you don’t have time to read the whole book, however,” he suggested, “remove first chapter and try to be the first person to raise your hand. Make some sort of comment about the first chapter and hope that the professor will call on you again.”

If, however, he or she thinks that your comment indicated interest in a deeper interest, there may be a question about chapter 19, Patinkin said.

In the event that that would happen the student need not panic. Simply say, “I think chapter 10 makes a more profound statement,” he told the highly amused new students.

Patinkin pointed out that he had agreed to make, at least one serious observation when he was invited by the college administration to speak. Patinkin reflected on what he might be more important than commencement, Patinkin spoke to the attentive audience about what they might contribute to society.

Describing the materialistic goals which students have had would be misleading, he said. Lege graduates, Patinkin did not criticize a desire to attain a comfortable standard of living. However, he suggested that such a motivation was not enough.

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has increased by 10 students this fall with 800 new transfers as compared to 790 last fall.

“The enrollment is a reflection of the decline in the number of high school graduates and the drop in birth rates,” he said, “or anything we didn’t expect.”

The dean went on to point out that this year’s crop of new students include a freshman class which is composed of “two-thirds women” and a transfer class which is 55 percent women.

Patinkin cited the lives of the Kennedy family, their attempts to influence and shape their children, and the president’s fall chamber series.

A reception followed on the southeast lawn of Roberts Hall under the campus pines.

Ed Sweeney, a Providence-based folksinger who boasts a repertoire of 250 songs, will be the first performer in the Rhode Island College Music Department’s fall chamber series. Sweeney will appear Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. in Roberts Hall, room 138.

A full-time performer since 1979, Sweeney has appeared at colleges, coffee shops and clubs in the East, Midwest and Canada. His experiences include a stint working on an old style riverboat and he has worked before outdoor audiences, on radio, and as an opening act for major concerts, according to a publicity flyer.

Sweeney has described his technique as “finger-style ragtime.” He plays a number of different instruments when he performs. Among them are six- and 12-string guitars, five-string andforte banjos, the concerting from the University of Rhode Island andteaching biology at Scarsdale High School, New York, and was a graduate teaching assistant at Purdue University where he had taken further graduate studies, majoring in mycology.

He joined the RIC faculty in 1958 and had served for one semester in 1966 as acting chairman of the biology department. He has won numerous academic honors. Among his professional affiliations are membership in the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Mycological Society of America, the Botanical Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has also published a number of scholarly works.

Harriman and his wife, Lorraine, reside in Greenville. They have three children. Mrs. Benson is a registered nurse with a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Simmons College and a master’s in rehabilitation nursing from Boston University.

She had been an instructor and clinical instructor at Roger Williams General Hospital, and staff development instructor at Miriam Hospital prior to joining the RIC faculty in 1975.

She currently holds the rank of assistant professor.

Among her professional affiliations, she holds membership in the Rhode Island State and American Nurses Associations and the National League for Nursing.

Mrs. Benson and her husband, Frank, reside in Seekonk. They have five children.

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“If you don’t have a greater goal you began to run out of steam,” he said.

He told the students that it is necessary to have a “thing,” a cause.

“I call it some kind of vision. My message isn’t to urge you toward activism, it is to urge you toward involvement.”

Patinkin cited the lives of the Kennedy family, their attempts to influence and shape society for what they believed was good.

“It’s not just what you’re doing but why you do it,” he said.

The columnist closed with a candid assessment of his profession, saying that journalism is too negative. His own motive for becoming a columnist, he confided, was to be able to watch examples of integrity and commitment and tell his readers of them.

He always, he said, on the lookout for positive stories, told the audience.

He exhorted the class of 1988 at Rhode Island College to be true to the kind of people they want to be and to write about.

“I’ll be looking for you,” he finished.

Final speaker of the day was Provost Enterman who advised the students that “you have to know yourself, know who you are and what you are, before you can reach out to others in your life.”

Enterman suggested that each student take one hour each week to be alone and to ask him or herself some questions. He told them to ask themselves if they liked what they were doing, if they like being alone with themselves.

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discipline sponsored by the dean.

Harriman and Benson were cited for having distinguished themselves and the college for their excellence in teaching.

See an up-coming issue of this News's Women's Cross Country, RIC vs. St. John's College. Home.

Women's Tennis, RIC vs. Quinnipiac College. Away.

Men's Soccer, RIC vs. Western State College. Away.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4 p.m.

Arty, Gen.'s Conference on Victims of Crime, "Victims Families and " by Constance Noble, president of the National Organization Calendar of Events

Sept. 10 - Sept. 17 for a full report on the Distinguished Teacher Award and Distinguished Service Award winners in the Schools of Education and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Harriman, a professor of biology, is a graduate of Harvard College. He holds a Ph.D. in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Ph.D. for the first time in their undergraduate careers.

Among their affiliations, they have discovered that RIC is a fine place.”

They are something like they used to be, autoharp and an Australian larderphone.

His approach to a show is such that an audience might find him working his songs around a given theme or they might hear a potpourri of Scott Joplin rags, Beethoven sonatas, blues, mountain banjo or guitar instrumentals, work songs, sea songs, nonsense songs and songs from the past as well as the present.

According to his press clippings, Sweeney uses humor and informal banter to involve his audiences in the performances. One review nabbed him, not unkindly, as a "jinger of obscure songs."

Sweeney has cut one album on the Old Harbour label. It is called The Times, They Are Something Like They Used To Be.

The chamber series are free and open to the general public as well as the RIC community.

For more information call 456-8244.