ALL SMILES at Cap and Gown Day is RIC senior Nancyann DePalmia. See pages 4 & 5 (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

RIC acquires children's center school, Surdut pool

Rhode Island College's Acting President John Nazarian has announced the completion of an agreement among the state's Department of Administration and the Department of Children and their Families and RIC which transfers authority over the Sandra E. Surdut Pool and the Children's Center school building to the Board of Governors for Higher Education on behalf of RIC. Nazarian negotiated the agreement.

Adjacent to the RIC campus, the property has housed the DCF and the state Department of Administration in recent years. Prior to that it was the Patrick I. O'Rourke Children's Center. The property as a whole is often still referred to as the Children's Center.

Under the agreement RIC will acquire just under two acres including the outdoor swimming pool and the school building which originally housed five classrooms, a gymnasium, shower facilities and a stage which could be used as an auditorium. The building also contains a number of offices.

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RIC management students find: Simulating is Stimulating

by Lawrence J. Sasso, Jr.

What is it really like to sit down across a table and negotiate a labor contract?

An education in management would not seem complete without exposure to the gritty realities of negotiations between a labor union and the management of a good sized company.

That's what management professors Judith Babcock and David Harris and Joel Fuerst decided.

To ensure that their students had the experience of collective bargaining the three professors set up a mock contract negotiation for their classes.

Fuerst and Harris had done a similar project last semester and had good results. This semester Babcock adopted the idea for her classes as well.

Teaching a class in management 361, the (continued on page 6)

...a lot of credit(s)

by George LaTour

"it's a long long time from December to May," one could say, taking liberties with an old ballad.

It's a particularly long time if the "December" in question was in 1941 and the May in 1985.

That's how long it's taken Sara W. Weiss of Newport to get her bachelor's degree from college. She hasn't been going to college all that time, mind you.

It's just that life had other plans for her in the years intervening her studies at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and those as a parttime student at Rhode Island College.

Things like marriage, motherhood, a series of moves to different areas, work and police.

Yes, police. It struck her in the epidemic of 1949 while she resided in New Jersey with her husband, Richard. The vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk didn't come along until the 1950s.

Sara had left St. Mary's in 1946, after attending parttime for five years, to get married. She and her husband moved to New Jersey. Three years later the crippling disease struck. Sara was 25 and in the prime of her life.

Then, "after living in several other states," with her husband and son, also named Richard, the Weiss' moved to Newport. That was in 1953.

During this time, Sara, in addition to being a homemaker, did "a lot of volunteer work." She served on the boards of directors of both the American Red Cross local chapter and the Point Association, a community improvement group. She was also president of the League of Women Voters whose membership encompassed Newport, Portsmouth and Middletown.

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What's News

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

DR. ROBIN K. MONTVILLE, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston March 21-24. Her title was "Factors Affecting Survival and Development in Infants Under 1,000 Grams at Birth."

DR. BONITA L. BITTERS-REED and DR. JUDITH A. BARCOCK, assistant professors of economics and management, will be presenting a session at the Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference on June 11-14 at the University of Arizona. Their session, entitled "Evaluating Group Work: Process and Post Applications," focuses on the integration of theory and practice for group work in the classroom. Included will be methods of instruments used to perform evaluation and feedback during group work as well as after completion of group project.

BEVERLY A. PLUFF, microforms supervisor in the Adams Library, has been appointed to the newly created Citizens Advisory Committee by Mayor Carlos A. Silva Jr. of Central Falls. The 17-member committee is scheduled to meet for the first time the second week in May.

Of note...

HOLLY L. SHADMAN, director of alumni affairs, and her husband Charles, are the parents of an 8 lb. baby boy, Jeffrey Charles, born April 13 at Women's & Infants Hospital.

Change made

Dr. Ralph D'Agostino's talk in the Math/Computer Science Department Lectures scheduled for May 2 has been changed to Monday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in Gaige Hall, room 225. He will speak on "Use of mathematics in medicine to prevent coronary heart disease in the emergency room.

RIC FACT

The Rhode Island College Bureau of Grants and Sponsored Projects reports that as of Feb. 21, 1985, $1,175,300 in grants and funding was approved for college faculty and staff for the previous fiscal year. Grants and funding ran from several hundred dollars to well over $100,000, in keeping with the latest edition of the RIC Fact Book.

What's News at Rhode Island College

Dear Laurence:

We are so pleased you included photographs and recognition of literacy volunteers, Soliola Mak and Rita Lousisgian, along with their teacher, Mr. Tom Mariano, in your April 15 issue of your publication Mt. Pleasant Tutorial. It is our desire to publicize the programs of LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA: RHODE ISLAND, INC. and continue to turn tutors in Basic Reading. We know that this information will reach others who may wish to assist with alleviating the problem which exists, not only in Rhode Island, but all over America.

Last year 173 Literacy Volunteer tutors in our program provided 4,328 hours of one-to-one tutoring in Basic Reading and English as a Second Language to 226 students in this state. In the first six months of the current year we had 132 volunteers who gave 2,970 tutoring hours to 155 students. By the end of the twelve-month period we expect to almost double last year's hours of service. The service is growing because the issue is critical, and the need is great. Our six local programs are in Kent County, Washington County, Newport County, Providence and Northern Rhode Island.

The goal of the state program is to assist in the delivery of literacy services through providing training and technical assistance, equipment and training materials, and an information and referral service. We truly are grateful for publicity in the recent publication.

Donna D. Sherman
Executive Director
Donna M. Newton
Administrative Assistant

JAMES TURLEY

Receives award of excellence

Dr. James D. Turley, dean of the School of Education and Human Development, has been named by the Boston College Alumni Association as the 1985 recipient of the Award of Excellence in Education.

The award honors Turley for his work in school college support in arranging collaborative professional programs, and in developing programs for teachers of limited English proficient people, especially Hispanic and Portuguese speaking pupils.

The award is granted each year to alumni who have made notable achievement in the arts, the sciences, public service, commerce and religion. This year's recipients include Sen. William M. Bulger, president of the Massachusetts Senate.

The award was presented at Boston College May 1 at a reception for faculty, families and friends of the recipients.

To speak at high school honors induction

John S. Foley, vice president of college advancement and support and member of the board of trustees of the Rhode Island chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, recently has had several speaking engagements on behalf of both the college and MS. As an individual, on May 20, he will give the main address at the East Providence High School National Honor Society induction ceremony in the high school auditorium.

The college vice president participated in an MS awards program for those involved in the Hurry Bernard School 1985 Read-A-Thon. A state wide fund raiser, Bernard came out first, raising the most money for the MS Foundation.

Foley spoke at the Woosock Lions Club meeting in that city on May 1 on the subject of MS and presented a plaque to them in appreciation for their support in the fight against the disease.

On May 2, he spoke to the Westerly Alumni Club of RIC at their annual meeting, giving a state-of-the-college report.

Letters to the editor

Dear Laurence:

Thanks for your help with Business Day. The event surely advanced the reputation of the college in the eyes of Rhode Island's business executives. We expect future benefits.

We will do another next semester.

Sincerely,

John M. Sapatinski
Associate Professor

What's News

DEADLINE

Tuesday 4:30 p.m.

In econ and management:

Advisory committee inaugurated at RIC

The Human Resource Management (HRM) advisory committee was inaugurated at a breakfast meeting on April 19 at the Rhode Island College Faculty Center.

Representing RIC's Department of Economics and Management at the meeting were Dr. Joel M. Fuerst, department chair, Dr. David M. Harris, Dr. Judith A. Barcock, and Dr. Bonita Bettis-Reed.

Also present were two students, Robert Olszewski, president of the Personnel Management Club, and Gerald Rendue, treasurer of the club.

The purpose of the committee is to provide professional guidance to the HRM faculty in the department of economics and management in the further development of the HRM program. The committee will advise the faculty on curriculum development and assist in the development of HRM seminars, internships and a placement/career process for HRM graduates.

The committee elected Charles L. Carter, director of Human Resources at Textron, to the position of chair. Also on the committee are Sharon Chandler, vice president of staffing and development at Fleet National Bank, James Connors, assistant vice president for administration and finance at RIC, Ken McDonald, deputy EEO officer at the Naval Underwater Systems Center, James Rigney, director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor, Teresa Ritter, project director at Bryan Associates Inc., Owen Mahoney, chief of training and development, Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Rehabilitation and Hospitals, and Diane Vasilenko, manager of communications and training at Putnam Life Insurance Company.
In School of Education:

Stieglitz is Thorp Professor

"Learning to Read in Different Languages" was the title of the address delivered by Dr. Ezra L. Stieglitz on April 25 as the Thorp Lecture in the School of Education and Humant Development at Rhode Island College.

A professor of elementary education at RIC, Stieglitz came to the college in 1972. Born in New York, Stieglitz was at one time an elementary school classroom teacher. He holds a Ph.D. in reading and language arts from the University of Pittsburgh.

Stieglitz's area of interest is reading education. From 1974 to 1976 he was project director of a Right to Read grant that treated in a nationally-recognized model for the training of preservice teachers in reading.

He was a major contributor to Modular Preparation for Teaching Reading: A Professional Program for Preservice and Continuing Education published by the International Reading Association in 1974. Author of many articles in professional journals, he has published his research on various topics such as the effects of graduate courses in reading in the content areas on teacher perception, newspaper readability, procedures for reinforcing content area vocabulary, techniques for developing the English vocabulary of language different learners and evaluating English as a second language reading material.

Currently he is conducting research on computer software used to develop comprehension skills.

In February of this year he was cited by the Rhode Island State Council of the International Reading Association for his "outstanding achievements" in promoting literacy at the local, state and national levels.

Stieglitz serves as chair of the editorial board for the New England Reading Association Journal.

The Thorp Professorship in the School of Education and Human Development at RIC honors a faculty member in the school who has distinguished him or herself and the college with research, scholarship and field work.

The professorship is named for Mary Tucker Thorp who taught and did administrative work at RIC from 1926 to 1967.

The RIC Foundation provides funds for the Thorp Professorship in the School of Education and Human Development through the Mary Tucker Thorp Fund which was created by a bequest in the will of Mary Tucker Thorp.

Stieglitz's lecture took place in Fogarty Life Science Building room 100. It was followed by a champagne reception in the Special Collections area foyer in Adams Library.
Cap and Gown Day, Rhode Island College's annual honors and investiture ceremony, traditionally opens the commencement season in Rhode Island.

This year the rite took place May 1. It was a day for honors. Thirty-two graduating seniors received a total of 34 awards from various organizations, individuals and departments at the college. (Some received more than one award, some awards were shared by more than one person.)

According to long-standing custom, the seniors were invested with academic regalia at the rite. Acting President John Nazarian officiated at the capping, the seniors' formal donning of the mortar board for the first time.

 Speakers at the ceremonies included Robert Farley of the class of 1985 representing his classmates and Joan Glazer, professor of elementary education and chair of the Council of RIC.

Farley told the assembled seniors, some 690 of whom are eligible to graduate, that education is like the grain of wheat referred to in the Bible (John 12:24). "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it remains only a simple grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."

He said that it is a good thing for the formal part of one's education to end. That the time comes to "actually start applying what we've learned to better ourselves and the world we live in."

Joan Glazer told the seniors that they were about to leave RIC as "intellectually competent individuals."

"Our generation would like to have given you a world without sorrow, but we have been unable to do that, so we comfort ourselves with the realization that you have within yourselves the resources to succeed," she told the audience.

Glazer opened and closed her brief talk with a quote from Victor Hugo's "Be Like the Bird."

"Be like the bird, who Halting in his flight On limb too slight Feels it give way beneath him, Yet sings, Knowing he hath wings.

Following the ceremonies the seniors were guests at a reception under the campus pines adjacent to Roberts Hall.
HONORS RECIPIENTS at Cag and Gown Day ceremonies included (front l-r) Donna Sagamang, Jena Carey, Gary Mohamed, Kyle Edward, Judith Davis, Maria E. Flores, Beatrice Petrides, and Nancy DePalma. (second row) Maria Laskowski, Colleen O'Malley, Richard H. Lussier, Susan Peloquin, Tilda Lewis, Kara Benetti, Cathy Costore, Marie Carvente, Dawne Anderson, Susan Moniz and Sara Weiss. (third row) Mark Hall, Davida James, Marika Petruska, Rick Ether, Laura Dussinger, John Leclerc, Mary McLaughlin, Lisa Catucci, Judith Cairo and Janice Cairo.

PRESIDENT John Nazarian (below) welcomes the Class of '85 ceremonies which mark the beginning of the commencement season on Island. Nancy Pepper (below right), a senior, enjoys a bite of melon drink after the ceremonies in Roberts Auditorium.

SPEAKING TO THE CLASS OF '85 is Joan Glazer, professor of elementary education and chair of the Council of Rhode Island College. Her's was the main address.
Simulating is Stimulating

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The swimming pool, which RIC has operated for the last five summers under an agreement with the state, is 75 feet by 75 feet. It is constructed in the shape of the letter L.

In taking over the property RIC has confirmed that provision will be made for appropriate and convenient scheduling of the pool for the use of abused and neglected children, orphans and all foster children and foster parents in Rhode Island. The pool was originally built with funds raised for the purpose of providing recreational swimming for these groups.

The building and pool are accessible from the RIC campus on foot, but the site is not contiguous to RIC property.

Nazarian said that current plans call for the newly acquired facilities to be converted for recreational use.

"It is our hope that this property will be used for the recreational and intramural program which will be relocated in the plans to renovate Whipple Gymnasium into a center for business and industrial technology," he explained.

Instead she envisions a career in journalism or PR.

"It was such an abstract concept to begin with," she observes.

"If (the simulated negotiations) is very helpful in understanding real life processes that people must go through. It got to the point where it was even nerve-wracking," Ramsden, a Mary Cunningham look-alike, exhibits some of the former controversial Bendix Corp wunderkind's drive and intelligence but at this point little of her afflity for the corporate arena.

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Armbrust N.E. runner-up

Junior Peter Armbrust redeemed himself and captured second place in the New England Intercollegiates Tennis Coaches Association Championships for both II and III schools April 26-28 at Babson College. Armbrust had started the season as the number one player on the Anchormen squad, but he fell into disfavor due to his performance in the third singles flight of the N.E.'s. He upset second-seeded Sue Shatzky of Brandeis and went 3-0 advancing to the final match before losing to M.I.T.'s Paul Sauer 6-2, 6-1.

R.C.'s number one player, Doug James, reached the quarterfinal round as did number five player Mike Leighton. Number two player Brain Dorval lost in the first round, but bounced back and won three matches in the consolation round to capture the title in the consolation tournament.

The team consisted of Debbie Jamison, Larivee, Rosemary Tatro and Berthasavage.

The Anchormen amassed 153 points, Eastern Connecticut was second with 147 and the finished third with 94.

The squad will now turn its attention to the men's and women's ECAC Championships May 6 against New Haven at Southern Connecticut.

Several other Anchormen also did well. Mike Manzo, Mark Boyajian, Dan Harmon and Mark Cousineau took first and also set a new school record in the event.

Several other Anchormen also did well. Mian Rivera was first in the 1,500 meter. Luis Rivera was third in the 800 meters.

The Anchormen tied for seventh place with Eastern Connecticut, 147 points. The University of Maine was second with 147 and Eastern Connecticut was third with 133.

The Senior hurler Marc Champagne picked up the loss, his first of the season vs. one of two pitching victories.

The team needed four to win the opener and they made the most of them and pulled out the win. Starting pitcher Kevin Rix picked up the loss, his first of the season vs. one win.

The squad was scheduled to play Brown in the semi-finals of the N.E. State Tournament May 3. They were slated to play the game of a doubleheader at McCoy Stadium. They will play their final home game of the season May 6 against New Haven at 3 p.m.
Because of changes in her husband’s career, Sara saw the need to get gainful employment. From 1970 to 1975 she worked as a secretary and then financial aide director at Salve Regina College.

“But, I always wanted to go back to school,” she affirms. So, in the fall of 1976 she “tried it,” taking two courses in the performance-based admissions program at RIC. Once on campus, she attended a support group at the counseling center and, with “two or three others,” was assigned to be a peer counselor.

“This was the first time I started meeting people with disabilities and problems,” she says. Having been a polio victim with the need, subsequently, to walk with the aid of crutches, apparently didn’t leave her with the feeling she had “problems.”

“If there ever was bitterness in her early life, there are certainly no traces of it now. Her attitude is positive; her demeanor warm and friendly. “Several years after (working as a peer counselor) the counseling center and student life office asked me to be a facilitator in the program for a small disability support group on campus,” relates Sara. We talked about all aspects of disability and how it affects campus life.”

“If someone needed a tutor or reader or maybe a parking space we helped them out,” she says, adding that her efforts on behalf of the disabled were helped tremendously by Dixon McCool, associate dean of student life, and Dr. Tavan, a psychologist in the counseling center.

“I really appreciate the opportunities here for students and particularly for myself. There are so many opportunities at RIC. The faculty is very interested. If they see you want help they don’t hesitate to assist,” she says.

Asked how she managed to get back and forth from Newport to attend classes, Sara was quick to run down a list of her benefactors who supplied her with transportation. There was Dr. Arthur Smith, Dr. Raymond Picozzi, Dr. Muriel Cornell, Jack Vickers... she paused to reflect, lest she leave out someone to whom she feels credit is due... “and a lot of students over the years,” she adds.

“The students always have been so helpful. And, very thoughtful.”

Another provider of transportation, as you might expect, has been her husband. He drove to RIC more than once at the end of his day as tax assessor in Newport to pick up Sara who “a lot of times spent the day here.”

A lot of those days at RIC were spent in the Adams Library doing the research that led to her high grades. Sara is full of praise for the library staff.

“My husband thinks its great that I’m going to college. He’s been very supportive and interested in what I do, and he’s encouraged me,” she says with noticeable affection in her voice.

This latest chapter in the story of Sara’s efforts to get a college education could be written, appropriately enough, on gilded parchment.

You see, while she was “not a terribly good student” in night school at St. Mary’s where she had the usual one major area of concentration, in her case, sociology, she’s to graduate summa cum laude from RIC with highest honors in three majors—sociology, anthropology and history.

At the colleges’ Cap and Gown Day May 1 Sara won the Lauris B. Whiting Award in Sociology, the James Houston Award in Anthropology, the Clabahee Pell Award in History, and a standing ovation from her fellow students. When she graduates on May 25, she will do so with a scholastic average of 3.93 out of a possible 4.0, completing the college’s honors program in anthropology and history in which she received a 3.97 in the former and nearly its equivalent in the latter. Not much room for improvement here!

After her graduation Sara “would like to go on to graduate school and do research... sort of focusing in on the subject of disability and the disabled.”

Grad school at RIC is a strong possibility.

Just for the record, a reporter asked her how many credits she’s carried as a college student. Not overly concerned with such figures, she responded modestly: “Oh, I don’t know. I have a lot of credits.”

And she and her husband, assuredly, deserve a lot of credit.

‘Senior Show 1985’ at Bannister Gallery

Senior Show 1985, an exhibition of works by degree recipients at Rhode Island College, will be staged May 9-17 at the college’s Bannister Art Gallery.

The exhibit, being presented by the college art department, opens on Thursday evening, May 9, from 7-10 o’clock. The public is invited free of charge as well as the campus community “whose support is especially welcome,” as the art department states.

The works on display will present a cross section of all of the concentrations within the department, including painting, photography, sculpture, graphics, design, ceramics, metals and fiber.

Students whose work will be shown include Donna Ayers, Jasmine Blackmar, Paul F. Chabot, Mark Hall, Donna M. King, Maria Lakowski and Lynne Lovell.

Also, Brian McDonald, Glenn R. Silva, Thomas E. Thibault Jr. and Sandy Watsom.

The show will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9.

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WATChING ATLAS DO Its THING—are Paul Lemay of Pawtucket and Nina Axelrod of Providence, a RIC senior. ‘Atlas’ is an example of an advanced robotics system which was on display at the college’s recent industrial education conference in Whipple Gym.