Rhode Island College: Summer activities abound

With the activities of a hectic spring semester behind and summer aborning, some segments of the Rhode Island College community have moved into low gear, others high gear.

While the 1984-85 academic year is history, the summer session, offering some 149 sections in the Early Bird Session (May 20-June 28) and 128 in the second session (July 1-August 9), anticipates about 2,600 participants in courses ranging from teenage pregnancy and contraception to reports that this year's program was cancelled due to underenrollment. "gala summer evenings of music" will commence.

R.I.C. Cabaret Theatre will make its return to the campus as part of the three-part and dance team of Jones & Boyce.

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Public interest research group gets green light
Approval of a fee for students in support of Rhode Island College Public Interest Research Group (R.I.C.P.I.R.G.), and, consequently, the group's authorization, has been given by the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Action by the B.O.G. came at its May 16 meeting and followed the recommendations of acting college President John Nazarian and Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, commissioner of higher education.

Organizational efforts by interested students have been ongoing for more than two years.

McMalson's recommendation to the B.O.G. called for the approval of "a refundable fee of $2 per semester per fulltime undergraduate student and $1 per semester for parttime undergraduate students to support R.I.C.P.I.R.G. beginning the fall semester 1985."

R.I.C.P.I.R.G. will be part of a state-wide research group.

Henry Nash named Sweet professor
Dr. Henry T. Nash, a specialist in national security affairs, American foreign policy and international relations, has been named the David E. Sweet Professor in Political Science at Rhode Island College.

The appointment was announced by Dr. John Nazarian, acting president of the college, and Willard F. Enteman, provost.

Nash, who will assume his duties at R.I.C. in the fall, has been political science professor at Hollins College in Virginia.

At R.I.C. he will teach one course each semester and will be responsible for organizing a series of public lectures and presentations on arms control and national security affairs.

A graduate of Haverford College, Nash earned his master's degree in political science at Washington University and his Ph.D. at New York University.

He has been a visiting professor of government at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, at Boston University and at Northeastern University.

He will hold a concurrent appointment at Wheaton College and R.I.C.

The author of a number of articles and books, Nash has held several posts in organizations doing work for the United States Department of Defense. His experiences in these positions will figure prominently in the lectures which he will give at R.I.C. around the topic of arms control.

Mother, daughter graduate: Now they're goin' fishing
by George LaTour
After graduating from Rhode Island College May 25 and a "big party" to celebrate the occasion, Theresa (Terry) McMichael of Cumberland and Tammy McMichael Hallam of Providence are setting in for a well-deserved rest.

You see, mother and daughter each successfully compressed a four-year college education into three, practically throughout the calendar since 1982 to do so. And, come fall, both plan to attend law school together which will take another three years of intensive study.

"It's been the best three years of my life," attests Terry, the mother of Tammy and two other children, Peter, 16, and Sharon, 12, both of whom live at home with her. Tammy was married last year to David Hallam, a Providence firefighter.

How did they manage to complete four years of college in three, you may want to know. Well, it wasn't easy, Terry and Tammy assure.
Genetics and birth defects institute here

The second annual Medical Genetics and Birth Defects Institute is now in progress at Rhode Island College. A variety of speakers and panelists are discussing the Birth Defects Institute is now in progress and counseling for genetic diseases. Other health professionals as well as physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists and

parents and health consumers.

The institute runs from June 23-28 and is being presented by the RIC School of Continuing Education and Community Service, the Rhode Island Chapter of March of Dimes, the New England Regional Genetics Group, the state Department of Health, Division of Family Health, and the Rhode Island Foundation.

Coordinators are Dr. Tamah L. Sadick, genetics consultant; Dr. Kenneth Aixley, professor of health and physical education at RIC, and Dr. John A. Bucci, acting dean, School of Continuing Education and Community Service.

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RIC gets $10,000 to purchase spectrophotometer

National Science Foundation has awarded Rhode Island College almost $10,000 toward the purchase of a Perkins-Elmer fluorescence spectrophotometer, a highly sensitive, computer-controlled instrument that will be used in several courses offered by the college's department of physical sciences.

According to Dr. James G. Magyar, assistant professor of physical sciences and author of the funded grant proposal, the spectrophotometer also will play a crucial role in undergraduate and faculty research projects where it will replace older, less sophisticated equipment.

Because of restricted capital budgets over the past several years, many American colleges and universities have been unable to replace equipment.

R.N. Keogh, director of the College's Bureau of Education and Technology Development, indicates that the instrumentation grant is part of a current NSF-sponsored effort to help four-year non-P.D. granting colleges rectify this problem.
RIC students learn the business of going into business

‘Unleashing entrepreneurial zeal’

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

Running a lemonade stand on the front lawn when they were in elementary school is the closest most people’s studies managing lawn when they were in elementary school management at Rhode Island College has been to operating a business of their own.

This troubled Bonita Betters-Reed, an assistant professor of economics and management at RIC. So she thought about the situation for awhile and came up with an idea which has proved popular with students and effective as a teaching tool.

Betters-Reed conceived the notion of having management classes divide into small groups and simulate the creation of a business from the ground up. The concept has been used a number of times by both Betters-Reed and other members of the faculty in the economics and management department. Pagliaro calls her a better way of integrating theory and practice.

David Pagliaro, a junior communications major from Providence who is aiming for a career in public relations, calls it a challenging experience.

Pagliaro studied management with Dr. Judith Babcock this spring. Babcock, a co­
ers of the record store idea. The founders of Disk Breaks did go on to the beaches or plan­

Data collected last summer by New England’s first ultraviolet radiation meter at Rhode Island College will be used this summer to help predict what is anticipated will be a fairly reliable sunburn risk index each day.

"A morning prediction of safe sun exposure time should have more appeal to people heading out to the beaches or plan­

Several area television weathermen have agreed on the desirability of such a forecast and are working with Scanlan to “fine tune” it. Some 15 radio stations from Westerly to Paxton, Mass., have agreed to use the information and credit RIC as its source, says Scanlan.

"The sunburn risk index is the number of minutes it takes for fair skin to burn untann­

John Ghizzi and John Flanders “and both agreed the idea of an all day forecast of safe sun ex­

"I learned from it," Pagliaro says. "It was challenging. I never knew all the aspects that went into a small business," he confided.

Part of what went into learning was in­

eighteen years later, she points out.

RICHMOND, June 24—A Rhode Island College professor of natural sciences is using the information and er. This RIC as it’s registered owner of the vehicle requesting payment of the fine. If the violation was not paid within a cer­

Tickets ‘not just warnings’

Comerford, an arrest of the registered owner through the cooperation of the local police whose jurisdiction the owner lives in, is carried out and the owner is brought to court to face charges.

Comerford pointed out that many of the campus of Brookhaven those driving vehicles registered in their parents’ names.

"The security and safety department has 96 arrest warrants, and about 60 percent of them call for the arrest of the registered owner of the motor vehicle for their son or daughter," noted Comerford.

"During the past year, approximately eight members of the campus community or registered owners who were arrested for parking violations were "safe in all areas, including traffic enforcement.”
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One could say each had a headstart to their college careers: Terry was given "a college," she says. Despite the fact that mom "kind of tagged along" with her daughter when she came to enroll at RIC with the end result that both signed up, "we're both independent people," assures Terry. Said another, "I always wanted to go to college and get a degree," says Terry who placed major emphasis once at RIC on women's studies. Daughter, Tammy, took a double major: political science and social science in the secondary education curriculum. Quite frankly, observes Terry, "further education after (RIC) was the furthest thing from my mind. I thought, 'If I just get through college, that'll be enough.' However, mom, by her own admission, being somewhat of a "political and argumentative person" and a "stickler for the fine points," seemed to have a natural bent for law, and "Tammy experimented interest in law school on her own," relates Terry.

Consequently, they decided individually upon law degrees, but have now joined forces and are applying to the same law schools, one of which they hope to attend together. Their goal: "We want to start our own law office, a feminist law practice," says Terry. They explains they would like to address civil rights issues as well as "the political and social issues of minorities and women." said another, "It's not the thing that will earn the most money, but (rather) satisfaction," says Terry, speaking for both.

"But this summer...no more school!" exclaims Tammy, adding, "after three years of solid study, I'm just going to rest." Mom agrees: "I'll be on the bay in my little (16-foot outboard) boat. It's no big thing, but it's about time I enjoy going out fishing and clamming."
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Annuonse winners in high school writing contest

Some 19 talented high school writers took honors in Rhode Island College's annual high school writing contest and were awarded cash prizes in ceremonies May 16 at the college Faculty Center.

Mary McGann, center director, presented $75, $50 and $25 cash prizes and certificates to first, second and third place winners, respectively, while parents and teachers looked on. Representing the RIC English Department was Dr. Robert E. Hogan, chairman.

Winners were chosen from among 350 entrants from 25 public and private high schools throughout the state.

Winners, their categories and high schools are:

POETRY
First Place—Andrea Comi, Toll Gate; Second—Ali Dickey, Lincoln; Third—Cristina Ribeaux, Coventry; Honorable Mention—Monica Mroz of Rogers and Ann Hallock of Lincoln.

SHORT FICTION
First Place—Andrea Comi, Toll Gate; Second—Ali Dickey, Lincoln; Third—Evelyn Paulli, Toll Gate; Honorable Mention—Timothy Lemire and Deborah Netcoh, both of Toll Gate, and George Ziker, South Kingstown; A special honorable mention for short drama went to Sarah Jones of Rogers.

NON-FICTION
First Place—Kelly Evans Fink, Rogers; Second—Staci Elizabeth Davis and Jennifer Spiegler, both of Lincoln School; Third—Timothy Lemire, Toll Gate; Honorable Mention—Jessica Avery and Heather Bear, both of Lincoln School, and Thomas Hopkins, Portsmouth Abbey; Dr. Samuel Coale of Providence, a professor of psychology at Wheaton College, spoke on "being a writer."

The contest was co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Teachers of English (RICTE) and the Rhode Island College Teachers of English. The contest was open to students from all Rhode Island public and private schools and was judged by four members of the RICTE.

Upward Bound Graduates

Upward Bound took note of its 20th anniversary at Rhode Island College at its graduation ceremonies May 15 in Providence when it paid homage to the program's original grant writers and administrators.

Some 20 students from five high schools and Providence's Alternate Learning Program received diplomas in ceremonies at the Classic restaurant for completion of the program which is designed to prepare educationally underprepared high school students for college. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Mariam Z. Boyajian, assistant director, reports that all but one of the Upward Bound graduates plans to attend college next fall.

Recognized for bringing the Upward Bound program to RIC in 1965 were acting college President John Nazarian; Dr. Maureen T. Lapan, professor in the Curriculum Resources Center; Dr. Kenneth R. Walker, associate professor of secondary education; Dr. Thomas F. Lavery, professor of administration, curriculum and instructional technology; James N. Adams, head basketball coach; and Dr. John A. Finger Jr., professor of psychology.

Larry Etters, news reporter and anchorman at WJAR-TV, Channel 10, delivered the main address to the graduates and their guests.

The Upward Bound graduates, grouped by high school, and the colleges they plan to attend are:

CENTRAL FALLS
Antonio S. Brito, Bates; Jose A. DaCosta, Bates; Armando J. DaSilva, Embry-Riddle (Florida); Edmanuel Gil, URI; Dolly Hardeni, RIC.

SHEA
Robin R. Brown, CCRI; Maria E. Gomes, URI; Edward G. Soares, RIC.

CENTRAL
Ter Her, undecided; Royal R. Jones, RIC; Makini Men, RIC; Julian Quintero, Boston College; Vivian E. Reguina and Debra L. Sanders, Burdett School (Boston); Joao C. Vieira, Boston College.

HOPE
Elida M. Maton, Boston College; Vatania Mey, RIC; Theodora Monteiro, UMass at Amherst; Multiple B. Pina, CCRI.

MT. PLEASANT
Young M. Koh, Boston College; Rita Loussigan, RIC; Selida Mak, Boston College; Ulysses McAlpine, RIC; Panekham Phatay, URI; Loo Yang, URI.

ALTERNATE LEARNING
Regional
Darlene C. McMahon, Johnson & Wales.

All smiles!
What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
Commencement '85
Cameras, balloons, no wagons, no stars

Nearly 1,000 graduate and undergraduate students received their diplomas at Rhode Island College's spring commencement rites on May 25. The weather was fair, the speakers to the point and the ceremonies smooth.

Main speaker Charles V. Willie of Harvard University told the degree recipients that it was the season when graduating seniors were urged to indulge in an orgy of egomania.

To leaven the mix he reminded them that it was all right to merely be adequate and said that societies needed "sub-dominants" to endure.

He said he was not advising the graduates to hitch their wagon to a star. "Most of you do not own wagons and the (sea who do cannot touch a star)," he joked.

He said that the presence of minorities among us is essential to the salvation of human society.

Delivering the speech (center) is Willie. Photo buffs were everywhere in evidence as the "firing line" (above left) and the proud family (below) attest. Balloons and messages on the mobilboard have become commencement traditions (below left). Acting President John Nazarian (left) presents diploma to Kara Benedict, a senior from Woonsocket, an act he repeated for each graduate who took part in the ceremonies.
Out of cash, campuses close many summer work-study jobs

by Susan Skorupa and Chuck Sade

(Challenger)—Half of this spring's college grads won't have jobs when they graduate, according to a new survey by a Chicago-based employment agency. But college placement experts caution that the survey—which has been released to media around the country—"sensationalizes" what is a typical occurrence in the job market.

Challenger says, "It is likely that over half of all students who will graduate this spring will not have jobs when they leave school, and are entering the job market with no placement services in finding a post-graduation job."

The problem, he feels, is that college placement offices aren't adequately addressing students' job-hunting needs.

"Only a little over one-third of the college graduates were assisted by their school placement services in finding a post-graduation job," Challenger says.

"If Congress approves a financial aid cap, students may have to choose between programs."

"If we think the work-study program will be expanded," UMSL's Chartier-Boyer affirms. "But if they pass a funding cap, work/study students may have to choose between a GSL and the program."

"It's necessarily because campus placement is poorly run," Challenger says. "They (their students) simply unable to address the needs of many of their students."

"I think (Challenger) is just blowing smoke," counters Victor Lindquist, placement director at Northwestern University and author of an annual nationwide job placement survey.

"But if a student ends up in a private program like (Challenger's), it's criminal, because it means the school didn't do its job to begin with," Lindquist adds.

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"We have enough work/study money left to run a very good program this summer," said Hunt. "We have more jobs than we have students," Hunt observed.

"We have more than enough money (the federal government) sends us and we could spend more," says Delwood Bagley, spokesman for Park College (Mo.)."We generally run out in May."

"We'll make it through June, but just barely," adds New Mexico financial aid director Arturo Pecos, financial aid director at New Mexico State University. "Schools find there are more people involved than they had projected and it eats into their allocations," he explains.

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"If we don't have the money to pay students to work, then less gets done around the university. The physical buildings deteriorate and there's no one to smoke," counters Victor Lindquist, placement agency is offering.

"But if a student ends up in a private placement agency is offering."
History honor society inducts twelve

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society at Rhode Island College, has initiated 12 new members.

In a ceremony held May 8 in the history department commons room in Gaige Hall the junior and senior inductees were taken into membership in the international society for history students.

Requirements for election to Phi Alpha Theta include the attainment of a 3.0 grade point average in history courses taken; a 3.0 average in two-thirds of all other courses taken and at least junior or senior standing. Initiates must have taken at least four courses in history beyond the general requirements.

The initiation was followed by a short social hour to which family and friends of the honored students were invited.

Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta were:
- Calixtus A. Christian of Providence
- Edward J. Day, an adjunct faculty member at RIC of Chepachet
- Sara F. DeMuro of North Providence
- Gordon D. Fox of Providence
- Dr. George Lough, Jr., an adjunct faculty member at RIC of Cumberland
- Lynn M. Oliver of North Providence
- Krista A. Pettersen of North Kingstown
- Elaine M. Ricci of North Providence
- Stephen M. Toohey of Warwick
- Albano Travassos of Brittel
- Joan R. Vredenburgh of Pawtucket
- Meredith H. Ward of Barrington

Election of officers for the organization for 1985-86 was also held.

The following slate was chosen: Sara DeMuro, president; Krista Pettersen, vice president; Stephen Toohey, secretary, and Calixtus Christian, treasurer.

Summer camp for children

Rhode Island College Summer Camp for children ages 6 to 12 will be offered in three sessions this year: July 1-12, July 15-26, and July 29-August 9.

Campers may choose one or all of the sessions which run a total of six weeks.

Camp hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After-hours option until 5 p.m. for working parents is available for an additional $25. Costs of the camp sessions are: $90 for the first and $100 each for the second and third. A $50 deposit is required.

Swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, special activities and camp cookouts will be featured along with a varied sports program.

For more information and/or a registration form contact RIC Summer Camp, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908.

UEC graduates 369

The Urban Educational Center of Rhode Island College held exercises on June 6 at 7 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium at RIC for 369 students completing their general equivalency diploma. Naema Nuriddin (at left) receives the Joshua Thomas Scholarship Award from UEC staffer James Walker at ceremonies. Rites included tributes and eulogy for Luke N. Fears, a former staff member of the UEC who died this spring. The First Tabernacle Choir of the Church of God and Saints of Christ (below) sang two hymns as part of the tribute to Fears. Dr. Melvin Delgado, professor of social work at Boston University, delivered the main address. Providence Mayor Joseph Paolino and John Nazarian, acting president of RIC, brought greetings to the graduates. Brenda Dans-Messier of the UEC staff acted as mistress of ceremonies. A reception followed the rites at the RIC Faculty Center.
Anchormen take second

They gave it their best shot, but the Anchormen baseball squad came up empty in their championship final, 4-0 to Providence College May 13 at McCoy Stadium.

The Anchormen were looking to play giant killer for the third time this season in the state tourney, having knocked off just five hits, while striking out 10. Hagarty's Friars' Paul Gavin and Roger Haggerty put an end to it Sunday.

Gavin pitched the entire game, yielding just two runs-batted-in and six hits in six innings. Haggerty had two hits in the contest and was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player.

But the Anchors had runners on second and third with one out, when Gavin struck out senior captain Lee Manzo, and another single by Manzo, but Gavin put the board. In the first inning Mike Butler had runners on second and third with one out. Joe Vigeant then bounced back to a walk and a triple and a run in the fifth inning.

The loss with the PCA the Anchormen finished with a 16-11 record and were eighth for the season.

The squad were recognized for their achievements this season. Junior shortstop Kim Smith and senior co-captain Lori Palagi were named to the First Team All-ECAC Division III Softball Association. Both have a time of 9:50.46 and achieved All-ECAC status as well. The time also set a new RIC school record and also qualified her to the NCAA Division III National Championships for Division I, II and III schools held May 11.

Junior Jeanne Berthasavage from Cranston achieved All-ECAC status by placing third in the 100 meters and fifth in the 200 meters. Her time of 25.60 in the 200 set a new RIC school record and also qualified her to the NCAA Division III National Championships at Denison University in Granville, Ohio May 21-25. She has qualified to the nationals in the 100 meters and now will be competing in both events.

The 4 X 400 yard relay team consisting of Beverlie Hatfield, Sharon Hall and Debbie Jamieson placed sixth with a time of 9:50.46 and achieved All-ECAC status as well. The team also set a new RIC school record.

The best-paid college teachers in the country this year will now be competing in both events.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) — If the latest survey figures are correct, students considering higher education teaching careers should become business management professors at schools that bargain collectively with faculty unions.

The best-paid college teachers in the country this year were honored by the RIC Theatre at its annual awards dinner May 10 at the Wannamoisett Country Club, East Bridgewater, dropping the opener 6-5 and finishing with a 16-11 record and were eighth for the season.

They are: Kenneth McPherson, Donald Nunes, Marcia Schreck and Beth Glancy.

Salary differences among all ranks and disciplines vary from $100 to as much as $4,000. Luke notes.

The survey also found: • Teachers at colleges which have collective bargaining agreements with faculty unions generally make more than other faculty members.

• Assistant professors earn substantial more if they teach in fields where academics compete for talent with private industry.

• Private schools pay faculty as much as $3,500 more a year than state schools pay, but the lowest-paid private school teachers make as much as $5,700 less than their lowest-paid state counterparts.

The survey is the American Association of University Professors reports in April that 1984-85 faculty salaries had risen 6.6 percent, “but there was no breakthrough by discipline,” CUPA's Luke explains.

They do survey a tremendous amount of schools, she notes, “but there's often a tremendous difference between the salaries of a fine arts professor and an engineering professor. The AAUP survey throws them all in together.

Gerontology conference set for July in Newport

Rhode Island College Gerontology Center is presenting an international congress conference on 'Issues of the 80s: Practitioners' Perspectives—Education for Older People' July 10-14 at the Viking Hotel, Newport.

The conference, according to Dr. Gamal Zakai, center director, is to identify the most recent developments in the field of education for older people, and their implications for mental health.

Zakai said the three-day seminar is the prelude to the 13th International Congress of Gerontology, which will be held in New York City on July 12-17.

The conference will feature well-known educational and international gerontologists who will share their experience and knowledge in treating the elderly, says Zakai.

Sponsors of the conference are the gerontology center, the state Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, and Sandier, Inc., a pharmacuetical company. Further information and registration for the conference is available from the Gerontology center at 456-8276.

Theatre majors honored

Four Rhode Island College theatre majors were honored by the RIC Theatre at its annual awards dinner May 10 at the Wannamoisett Country Club, East Bridgewater.

Susan Moniz received the RIC Theatre Award, Donna Palumbo, the Special Recognition Award for theatre technique, Tony Wright, the Special Recognition Award on theatrical design, and Becky Anderson, the Special Recognition Award in administration.

Special recognition was also given to those graduating with high academic achievement. They are: Kenneth McPherson, Donald Nunes, Marcia Schreck and Beth Glancy.

Special Talent Awards for 1985-86 were given to returning students "who have demonstrated proficiency and promise in various theatre specialties," says Director Becky Anderson, Natalie Brown, Anthony Cinefli, Michael Corfield and Donna Palumbo.

Also, Viola Davis, Al Ducharme, Christopher Fracellos, Shantette Jones, Deborah Lehky, Mark Morriente, Paula Lynch, Robin Mukhai, Mary Phillips, Paul Riley, Steven Scarpetti, Jennifer Sullivan, Lisa Verduchi, Geoffrey White and Dacie Belle.

Business profs are the best-paid college teachers
Tom Lavery retires:

**Initiated continuing education at RIC**

**Taught grades 7 - grad school**

by Laurence J. Sasso, Jr.

Even though he has only 17 percent use of his body's chief organ, his students and colleagues at Rhode Island College think Tom Lavery is all heart.

"I think that Dr. Lavery is one of the most educated, sincere and understanding professors I have ever known," wrote one former student, for example, when she handed in her student evaluation of the 17 year veteran of RIC's faculty and administration.

Lavery, 62, retired this spring after a career which saw him teach on every level from grade seven through graduate school and hold high school principalships and several administrative posts at RIC.

"I really like teaching better than any position I've ever had," observes the soft-spoken survivor of three heart attacks. "I always have taught at least one course," he says.

Lavery initiated continuing education as a broad-based program in response to Dr. Joseph Kaufman, then the president of RIC. Kaufman wanted to expand the college's offerings in non-traditional areas and create ports of entry for people who did not have conventional credentials to present to the admissions office.

To increase accessibility to the college for non-traditional students Lavery devised and set in place a new concept, performance based admissions (PBA). Under this option students can begin taking courses and develop the ability to be admitted as a degree candidate. They take several courses and their ability is evaluated on the basis of their success. If they prove that they can do college work, they are considered for admission based on their success as PBA students.

An alumnus of RIC where he played basketball, Lavery went on and earned his master's degree at the college and in 1973 a doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

His interest in sports didn't wane. While meeting the demands of a career as an educator he also served as an official of college and high school basketball for 25 years, refereeing on every level from division one on down. He also played softball for the renowned Local 17 team.

From 1969 to 1974 the community-minded professor served as a member of the Rhode Island Parole Board, a task which he found rewarding but also at times very draining.

A person who becomes intensely involved in whatever he does, Lavery plunged into the administration of the college's continuing education operation.

"Tom Lavery probably had more commitment to more people over a wider range of human types, especially during his tenure as director of continuing education, than, perhaps, any other individual at Rhode Island College," says William Swigart, current director of continuing education at RIC.

"Tom gave people the opportunity to succeed," adds Swigart, explaining that Lavery often went beyond the required level of assistance and personally provided extra help for students coming into RIC through continuing education channels. He gave them help arranging financial aid, acquiring academic counseling and assistance, and acquiring emotional support, according to Swigart. It is rumored that he even paid some of the costs for students himself when it meant the difference between them being able to continue or stop learning.

"I enjoyed Tom Lavery's class as one of the most interesting, informative, stimulating and thought provoking courses I have ever taken," wrote a student in an evaluation of Lavery's teaching.

"I also have had the pleasure of meeting him accolades such as the following by a man who is intelligent in his wide realm of experience, stimulating and open-minded and very capable and respected and interested in you as an individual," the student wrote.

It is an assessment with which Lavery's department chair James Davis of administration, curriculum and instructional technology would concur.

"Two things characterize (Tom Lavery) in my mind," says Davis.

"He is one of the most caring people I have ever known and students were at the center of his caring," observes Davis.

"Second, I have seldom seen a faculty member better prepared for his classes. On the last day of his teaching career at noon time he was working on preparation for his four o'clock class that day, refining and polishing his presentation."

The classroom is where Tom Lavery began and it is probably fitting that the classroom is where he finished his career.

After five years as head of continuing education Lavery had experienced the pressures and anxieties of administration as well as the satisfactions and rewards. It seemed time to return to his first love.

And today there is not really anything he would change about the way his career evolved.

There is one thing he would change if he had the power, however. Lavery has been through a difficult period with his health. He had his first heart attack in 1981 and has suffered two more since then.

While the setbacks might have discouraged some and propelled them toward early retirement or disability, Lavery fought back and remained active.

His doctor told him it was good for him to teach and the college, the dean, his department chair and colleagues cooperated in his recovery by working out a course load he could handle without stress.

Although very limited in what he can do physically, he says "I'm feeling the best I've felt in two years right now."

"I'm going to do whatever God shows me to do. It will probably be in a volunteer capacity.

His faith has been extremely important to him in confronting his heart disease. He is considering teaching confirmation classes at St. Thomas Church on Fruit Hill Ave.

"When I started trusting in God things got better," he points out quietly.

His faith and his family have been the sources of help while since his illness near Rhode Island he has no plans to move to a warmer or more exotic climate now that he is retired.

"Everybody I care about is living near by," he says.

So Tom Lavery will read and follow the sports progress of his seven grandchildren and reflect on the career which has brought him accolades such as the following by a student in one of his classes: "I feel that Tom Lavery is a respected man and a damn good teacher."
First B.F.A. grad:  
Mark W. Hall (above) of Little Compton, the first graduate from Rhode Island College with a bachelor of fine arts degree, according to the art department, is working on a summer project for the college—a 10 X 18 foot mural for an inside wall of Adams Library. It's all part of Hall's senior B.F.A. project and it's quite an undertaking. Hall will begin on the actual mural this month and doesn't contemplate finishing the three-dimensional "space scape" until September.

Hall, son of H. Samuel Hall, an assistant professor of mathematics at RIC, and Mrs. "Mickey" Hall, received a bachelor's degree here in biology with honors in 1981. He then attended Penn State to study for a master's degree in botany and then decided he wanted to pursue art instead. "I've always had an interest in both science and art," says Hall, noting that "not too many people bridge these two worlds."

It took him three years to achieve his B.F.A. "because there was no real overlap between the two fields" of science and art. After three weeks in France this summer, Hall will return to RIC to complete his mural and then plans to go on for graduate study.

Pictured with him above is the last in a series of preliminary paintings, each having gotten progressively larger, that he did in preparation for the final mural in Adams. This mock-up is one-quarter of the size of the final product he plans.

RIC's artist-in-residence:  
Stillman has busy year

Beginning with her marriage last July to Yaron Helez, an Israeli graduate student at Brown University, and concluding with a planned trip to Israel this July, the 1984-85 academic year has been a time of growth and activity for Rhode Island College's artist-in-residence, Judith Lynn Stillman.

Following her marriage, the youthful pianist and assistant professor of music embarked on a visit to Switzerland where she took part in a music festival. She was involved in two concerts a day, every day for almost two weeks. Following her return to RIC last fall, in addition to her regular duties and performances at the college, she also taught piano in Brown University's applied music program.

Last November she appeared as a soloist with the Fall River Symphony Orchestra and twice during the year with Brown University's Orchestra.

In February Stillman performed in concert with celloist Markus Stocker at the well-known showcase, the 92nd Street Y in New York City.

In March she was named artistic director at the Fleet Center in Providence.

A series of informal recitals was initiated there in April under the Rubric Galleria Recitals at Fleet Center. The series which takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays is an ongoing cultural offering for downtown Providence.

This spring Stillman gave a master class for high school students at the Piano Festival at RIC and performed with Robert Boberg of the RIC faculty.

She also was a featured performer at Brown University's commencement concert where she played with noted trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Brown Chamber Ensemble and International Quartet.

During this concert she made her harpsichord debut.

During July and August Stillman will be on a concert tour of Israel. A native of New York, Stillman began playing piano at age three. A graduate of the Juilliard School, she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees there by the age of 20.

She also won the school's concerto competition. She completed her doctorate there in 1982 and was awarded the Dethier Prize as the outstanding pianist in her class.