Freshman Class:

Settling in with enthusiasm

Text and Photos by George LaTour

Members of the freshman class at Rhode Island College this year are—by and large—enthusiastic about college life (at least what they've seen of it thus far)—feel the faculty are friendly and open; the least demanding than those of high school; and that there's both more individual freedom and responsibility.

Most freshmen, interviewed at random last week by What's News at RIC, at various points around campus, indicated that the "college experience"—so far—is all that they had hoped it would be. For some, the experience has even surpassed their expectations, and pleasantly so.

Most reported they were surprised by the amount of "free time" they have at college on the one hand, and by the increased demands "to make the best of it (free time)" on the other, which most indicated "a lot more studying...a lot more reading!"

Comparisons were obviously made with high school class schedules and study requirements, with the former more rigid and the latter less demanding.

"I expected it to be a lot of hard work and there IS a lot of hard work, but there are fun times, too," reports Melissa Nocente of Smithfield, a freshman who intends to major in nursing studies.

Some of the freshmen indicated that while they would like to become involved in extra-curricular activities such as club or organization memberships, they've just been "too busy" trying to get acclimated to college life.

"Getting a feel for their studies was ranked as their most important task initially. That being done, they feel they can then judge how much real free time they might have to "join up" with various non-academic activities.

Many reported that they hold parttime jobs. Most indicated that, overall, college life offered more of everything...more studying, including homework; more opportunities for socializing and making new friends; more freedom; more decision making.

All indicated they welcome the new challenges brought by college life, and all indicated they are eager to learn, to experience, to grow.

The feelings of the freshmen were, perhaps, best described by Loretta A. Frollo of Providence: "It's exciting. It's new. It's more than I expected!"

Some of the comments of those interviewed in the random poll follow:

CHARLENE M. LEVYELLE of Coventry (from Coventry High), who plans to major in physical education: "I like college. It's not much different from high school but there's more independence, more freedom. I like high school there's the social scene, the cafeteria, meetings. I like college so far. It's a lot different from high school. I've never been on a first-rate campus!"

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What's News: Nash opens series on arms race

Myths that fuel the arms race will be the subject when Henry T. Nash delivers the first in a series of three public lectures on arms to be given at Rhode Island College this fall.

Nash, the first person to hold the David E. Sweet Chair in Political Science at RIC, will speak at 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 in Gauge Hall Auditorium. The talk will be open to the general public. Organizers anticipate wide public interest.

Nash will address at least seven of what he terms myths that contribute to the international arms race.

Among them are such concepts as "We can have peace by preparing for war."

HENRY NASH

"...only the experts are qualified to make defense decisions;‘we can survive, possibly win, a nuclear war,’ and the ‘Russians have provoked us and are responsible for the arms race.’"

A graduate of Haverford College, Nash earned his master’s degree in political science at the University of Pennsylvania and his Ph.D. at New York University. He retired in May from Hollins College in Virginia where he was professor of political science.

Upon his retirement he received Hollins’ Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for service to the college and the Roanoke Valley. Nash was a professor at Hollins for 19 years.

The award he received is considered one of Hollins’ most prestigious honors. Upon presenting it at the May Commencement, Paula Brownlee, president of the college, said "the award is made this year to a member of the faculty in whom liberal lear-

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What ARE THESE PEOPLE DOING under a parachute on the Rhode Island College campus? Turn to pages 4 and 5 for the answer. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Focus on the Faculty and Staff

LENDI D. COLLINS, instructor of industrial education, presented a paper titled "Generating the Design Ideal" at the Graphics Arts Technical Foundation's Teachers' Institute in Pittsburgh in August.

Gail H. Davis, associate director of Athletics and head women's gymnastics coach at Rhode Island College, has been appointed to the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) national board of directors by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The USGF is the governing body for amateur gymnasts in this country.

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What's News at Rhode Island College

Letters...

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Larry Sasso:

All of us here at the center appreciate your assistance with the recent article in What's News at RIC. Hope to get more information to you in the near future.

Thanks again for your support.

Joyce Almeida

Center for Economic Education

Dr. Chee to open biology colloquia

Dr. Darwin Chee, head of Biology at Scott Laboratories in Warwick, will be the guest speaker at the opening of this year's Rhode Island College Biology Colloquia.

The talk, entitled "Monoclonal Antibodies in the Diagnosis and Prognosis of Human Cancers," will be on Thursday, October 1, in noon, in the Fogarty Life Sciences building, room 050.

The public is invited free of charge.

Chee is vice president and director of scientific affairs at Scott Laboratories and the developer of "Chee's Essential Medium," a commercially used artificial cultivation for the growth of a variety of normal and cancerous cells.

Coffee and refreshments will be available following the talk. Those who wish to contact Chee will be available for questions.

Represent state at Tennessee conference

Deborah Hayes, field director for the Center of Economic Education at Rhode Island College, and Donald Gardner, director of the Creative Arts Center, will represent the state at the second conference of the National Economic Education Technology in Memphis, Tenn., on Sept. 19 through 22.

The object of this conference was to develop computer software and teacher-support material for secondary programs in the teaching of macroeconomics.

Both Hayes and Gardner were involved in the development of this new approach to teaching.

This newly designed curriculum will be ready in the spring for distribution throughout the state.

Attending the conference were 32 representatives from every state of the country.

Funding for participation in the conference was provided by the R.I. Council on Economic Education and the R.I. Department of Education.

Frankly Speaking

What's News

DEADLINE Tuesday 4:30 p.m.

Do you need...

1977 FORD PINTO: For sale. 3-door hatchback, power steering, 4-speed, tinted glass, brand new tires, regular maintenance, totally inspected, new battery, very good condition, $8,000 miles, $1,150 or best offer. Call 231-7833 after 6 p.m.

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by Phil Frank

MYRNA! DO WE CARRY THE JOY OF ACCOUNTING?
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**MELISSA NOCENTE** of Smithfield (from Smithfield High), who plans to major: "College is basically what I expected, only you do a lot more learning on your own; a lot more reading. It's all up to you in college. There's very little regimentation. It didn't surprise me (college life). I have a lot more spare time in which I just do homework and reading."

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"Making a Game of It: Life and Leisure" was the topic of Dr. Brian Sutton-Smith, a professor of education at the University of Pennsylvania, at last Monday's first enrichment event of the current academic year.

His address—to about 100 students in the college's Gaige Auditorium—concerned "life as a game," with the "game itself a kind of madness" which games (literally) can be used to cure.

As part of the enrichment event, "new games activity" was conducted outside the Faculty Center under the supervision of Dr. Bennett J. Lombardo, associate professor of health/physical education/dance, at which a number of students actually played games.

The games were viewed as an integral part of the lecture, sort of the practical application of the theory. Games can be shifted by the players and do not have to be structured so people either win or lose, says Sutton-Smith whose books include Toys of Culture and The Masks of Play.

Games are seen as part of life with "the most important aspect of the game being the participant."

"There's nothing sacred about the game. It can change," assures Lombardo, many of whose students in the Introduction to Movement Sciences class participated.

Katherine Murray, assistant professor of anthropology/geography; Dolores A. Passarelli, director of new student programs and her staff; the office of Student Activities; and Lombardo coordinated the event under the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dean James E. Bierden's office.

It is the intent of the promoters of the enrichment event to have more such events in what would again be an enrichment series, picking up on the enrichment series offered in previous years.
about her major: "College is exciting, new. It gives you a chance to have more responsibility, I welcome that. There's a lot of activities you can join. I want to join a sorority. I like the opportunity of getting jobs on campus. I have two already. Since I don't have a car and live on campus that really works out well for me." "College is more than I expected—more activity, more responsibility, more people to meet and associate with. The work is about the same as at Classical for me—so far—but others feel it's a lot more. "I've found a lot of friendly people, especially the administrators and faculty. friendly and helpful.

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For the second season in a row the Anchormen soccer squad has captured the President's Cup from Bryant College. The President's Cup is contested between RIC and Bryant in four sports, two for the men and two for the women.

The men's sports are soccer and basketball and the women's are softball and volleyball. There are also two cups, one for the men and one for the women. The cup series was started in 1980 by the late President David Swift of RIC and Bryant President William O'Hara to foster a new spirit of cooperation and friendly competitiveness based on the annual contests between the two institutions.

The Anchormen were led by Ahmet Ozdemir with two goals; Ki Aboulian added a goal and an assist, and Adelio Cabral added two assists. Goalie Mario Renzolo made 17 saves in the Anchormen net. The victory gives the Anchormen a commanding 4-1-1 record in the series.

In their next contest the Anchormen bowed to Westfield State 2-1. Junior co-captain Adelio Cabral scored the lone RIC goal. The squad couldn't muster any offense during the game, which was played under 80 plus temperature conditions.

Their next home contest is Saturday, Oct. 5, against Mass Maritime Academy at 2 p.m. during the annual Homecoming ceremonies.

The men's tennis squad continues to roll along, posting two more victories in recent action.

On Sept. 19 the Anchorwomen blasted MIT, 5-2. The top five singles players all remained undefeated with top player Annie Hiarakis taking 6-1, 6-0, with one player winning 6-1, 6-0, number three player Sharon Witherspoon. Freshman Nancy Gillooly and junior Anne Luther won 6-2, 6-0 and number five Nancy Gillooly, 6-1, 6-0.

ADELIO CABRAL

The rest of the squad did well also with freshmen Nancy Gillooly placing 22nd, Irene Larivee finishing 23rd, Rosemary Guerard, 42nd, Debbie Janisiewicz, 97th; and Christine McDermott, 99th.

Westley captured the team title with 82 points. Bentley was second with 90 and RIC was third with 130 points. Their next meet is Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the RIAAW Championships at Bryant College.

The men's cross-country squad didn't fare quite as well as SMU, taking 12th place with 342 points. Freshman Jim Bowden was the only bright spot for the Anchormen. Bowden ran another fine race, placing 14th with a time of 26:08, setting a new RIC record on the SMU course.

The rest of the squad didn't do as well as last week, and not as good as Coach Charlie Sweeney had hoped. The rest of the squad and their finishes were: Steve Segatore (64), Mark Couissines (02), Jim Calciato (95) and Paquet (97).

The Anchormen will be in action again on Saturday, Oct. 5, when they go against the three Division I teams in the state, Brown, PC and URI at URI.

The women's volleyball squad made it to the semi-finals of the Roger Williams Invitational Tournament Saturday, Sept. 21. The Anchorwomen spikers defeated Mass Maritime and St. Michael's and lost to Southern Maine in preliminary round action.

In the semi-finals they lost to tourney champ Roger Williams in three sets. Junior tri-captain Kim Allen was named to the All-Tournament team. Their performance marked the first time in three years that a RIC squad made it to the semi-finals of a tournament.

In earlier action the squad dropped three contests to Eastern Nazarene, Division 1 Brown University and Division II New Haven. The squad has a lot of potential and as the season wears on they should be improving each and every match.

Keeping Score with Dave Kenney

Take President's Cup

APPOINTED TO DEVELOPMENTAL ECONOMIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dr. Peter R. Moore, director of the Center for Economic Education at Rhode Island College, has been appointed to the National Association of Economic Educators' Developmental Economic Education Program (DEEP) planning committee.

The national association has six different committees, the DEEP Planning Committee consists of six economic educators who are chosen throughout the country to staff the committee.

In Rhode Island, 13 school systems affiliated with DEEP share a common goal—excellence in the teaching of economics.

Enrollment caps may be falling, observers say

By Susan Skorupa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS)—Enrollment caps and tougher admissions requirements designed to limit the four-year public college students into smaller public colleges seem to be failing short of their goals this fall, some observers say.

Administrators and lawmakers have been trying to convince students to enroll in more popular, four-year campuses to smaller state schools.

In recent years, the popular campuses have had trouble paying for enough faculty and classes to accommodate increasing numbers of students who have enrolled. Smaller four- and two-year campuses, on the other hand, have struggled to enroll enough students to pay for facilities they've already built.

This fall, some states have raised admissions requirements and limited enrollments at the popular schools, figuring that students would enroll at the smaller campuses. Initially, it hasn't worked that way.

"The more you put caps and requirements on enrollment at the popular schools, the more anxious students are to go to those institutions," says Bert Ockerman, of the American Association of Community Colleges and Admissions Officers (AACCAC).

"The plans aren't doomed to failure," he adds. "But they're certainly less than successful."

"People still clamor to get into these schools," Ockerman explains. "Students would send multiple applications to a number of schools if they fear they won't be admitted."

"(Enrollment is) almost identical to last year," says Morrie Albright of nearby Front Range Community College.

But some Kentucky educators claim the University of Kentucky's raised standards have boosted enrollment at other state schools.

"Part of our 17 percent increase is due to neighboring schools changing standards," asserts Mayville Community College Admissions Director John Meyers.

"It's a combination of several factors," he cautions. "Increased standards at other schools, the tuition rate is considerably less than surrounding schools, and we have many non-traditional students down south."
RIC Theatre season opens with ‘Firecracker’

Rhode Island College will open its theatre season Oct. 10 with fireworks, but with a firecracker — The Miss Firecracker Contest that is.

Written by Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley (Crimes of the Heart), the play centers on the dream of Carnelle Scott, an "oddly attractive" resident of Brookhaven, Miss., to win the annual 4th of July Miss Firecracker contest. She wants to win so that she may leave Brookhaven in a blaze of glory. To achieve her wish she enlists the support and assistance of a group of eccentric and colorful off-beat characters.

Elaine Perry of the RIC communications and theatre department will direct the production. Running through Oct. 13, The Miss Firecracker Contest will be staged in the Roberts Hall auditorium. Appearing as Carnelle will be Emily Jane Moses of East Providence. Others in the cast are: Al Ducharme of Cranston, Gary A. Thompson of East Greenwich, Becky Anderson and Sherry Jeanne Roulston, both of Providence, and Lars Martin of Abington, Conn.

Curtain for all productions in the RIC theatre series is 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are $4 general admission. Senior citizens and non-RIC students will be charged $3. RIC students pay $1.

For more information call 456-8270.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 30 - Oct. 7

MONDAY, SEPT. 30
Noon to 1 pm Alcohols Anonymous meeting in Student Union, Room 305.

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 - OCT. 3
Noon Mass, Student Union, Room 304.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1
TBA Women's Cross Country. RIC at Rhode Island Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women State Championships at URI.
3:30 pm Women's Tennis. RIC vs. SMU. Home.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2
2 to 3 pm AIESEC's weekly meeting. Alger, Room 216A.
2 to 3 pm Alumni Meeting. Craig Lee, Room 127. Sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion.
2 to 3 pm Anchor Christian Fellowship. Weekly meeting. Student Union Room 366.
3 pm Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Salve Regina. Away.
6:15 pm RIC Film Society. Informational meeting about membership. Horace Mann, Room 193. Open to all RIC students.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3
Noon Biology Colloquium. Dr. Darwin Chez of the division of oncology at Scott Laboratories to speak on "Monoclonal Antibodies in the Diagnosis and Prognosis of Human Cancer." Fogarty Life Science, Room 050. Free and open to all.
3:30 pm RIC vs. Stonehill College. Away.
7 pm Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Home.
7:30 pm Association for Childhood Education in America. Special meeting in Alumni Lounge in Roberts Hall. Dr. Clyde Slicker will speak on "The Developmental Approach to Curriculum Planning." Free and open to all.

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