Students seek ‘mile’s worth of pennies’

Student Government at Rhode Island College is looking for “a mile’s worth of pennies” which one of its members has guaranteed to “personally lay out end to end on campus” if they succeed in getting them.

Why all those pennies, which figures out to be about $800 worth?

Well, Student Government—or at least an ad hoc committee of that august body—decided that it would be appropriate and worthwhile, indeed, to raise funds for an educational project, or at least one linked to education.

After talking it over with a Peace Corps representative who was on campus recruiting a while back, it decided to lend its support to a Peace Corps project to build a dormitory for a secondary school in Kenya, Africa. The dorm, already partially constructed, needs about another $1,000 for completion.

Richard Farley, chairman of that ad hoc committee, says that this is one of the projects of the Peace Corps whose funding has been cut due to governmental cutbacks. Consequently, the corps is looking for private “partners” to raise the necessary money to complete the jobs already started all around the globe.

“We’re hoping to raise the $3,000 by the end of next year or sooner,” says Farley. To do this, Student Government has planned several other fund-raising events, including a sale of M & M candies and a car wash.

Farley says Student Government “hopes to set a precedent” for other classes of RIC students who, it is hoped, will carry on and sort of create a tradition here for students. To gather that mile-worth of pennies, the students will place canisters around campus for donations. The goal is to obtain the $800 worth by RIC-end weekend.

What’s

New text teaches reading via computer

A new textbook by Rhode Island College’s Dr. Robert T. Rude, professor of elementary education, integrates reading theory with existing software programs in an attempt to teach reading using computers.

The 196-page soft-cover book, printed by Printice-Hall, was written for people in elementary education who have access to computers but “who don’t feel comfortable with them and want to become better teachers,” says Rude.

“The purpose of the book,” according to Rude, “is to integrate what we know about reading with the new technology.”

Among the book’s special features is a jargon-free writing style comprehensible to beginners, highlights of the strengths and weaknesses of existing programs, and suggestions on how to select reading software through a step-by-step process.

Entitled Teaching Reading Using Microcomputers, the book is now available in most college and other bookstores. Sale price is $16.95.

Rude says it took one year of writing time and another of production. Among the many people the author acknowledges in the book for their assistance are Dr. William J. Oehlers, associate professor of elementary education, and Dr. Maureen T. Lapan, professor and director of the RIC Curriculum Resources Center. Oehlers was co-author of another book with Rude, also printed by Printice-Hall.

Rude also cites Dr. James D. Turley, dean of the School of Education and Human Development at RIC for his support, and the “good cooperation of many publishers who provided free software.”

He also cites the reading teachers on the public school level and the faculty at RIC—“sort of a community of scholars with a nice working relationship”—for their input and editing of the draft of the book which was used in a course taught at RIC.

“Throughout this book I have attempted to present an up-to-date picture of reading-related software tied to a consistent theory of reading,” Rude says in the book’s preface.

He adds: “Some books and articles that discuss reading software do so in a light, chatty style that lacks the authoritative references needed to support pedagogical recommendations. Other publications present extensive bibliographic information but fail to discuss the existing software market. Teaching Reading Using Microcomputers attempts to take the best of these two worlds and synthesize them into a handy paperback text that can be used as a supplement to reading methods courses or that can serve as a stand-alone text for a special issues course or workshop that specifically focuses on microcomputers and reading instruction.

“Only time will permit us to evaluate whether microcomputers and their accompanying software have made our students better readers,” writes Rude.

Enteman, Jackson travel to support assessment of higher education

Rhode Island College Provost Willard F. Enteman and his acting assistant, Dr. Pamela L. Jackson, professor of sociology, have recently completed trips to other institutions of higher learning to discuss the continual assessment of higher education, particularly through value-added approaches.

Jackson, who accompanied Enteman to UCLA and who will go with him to Empire State College in June, said the purpose of the visits and discussions with educators is that of providing mechanisms for faculty to assess the educational growth of their students.

“Honest education necessarily includes continuous assessment,” Enteman told a conference at Miami-Dade Community College in Florida in February, which brought more than 100 college educators together to discuss the growing controversy over the use of standardized tests.

“It seems to me that the testing, assessment and value added approaches in higher education are in an important developmental stage,” Enteman told the educators in a speech entitled “The Purposes of the Assessment and Value Added Approach.”

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The women's basketball squad, underdogs all season long, pulled off another upset by defeating top-seeded Western Connecticut State University 80-68 in the championship game to capture the 1986 ECAC New England Division III title.

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The squad played with great intensity and desire during the tournament and came through with flying colors. First-year coach Ken Hopkins and Ray Tessaglia also did a super job this season and have a lot to be proud of since 11 of the squad's 12 players return next season, including all five starters.

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With her 14 points against Western Connecticut she surpassed the 1,000 point mark in career, if not the best. She is now fourth on the all-time list and is third on the women's all-time list. Both will be playing next season and should break Chris Donohou's school mark of 1,333.

The two tournament victories gave the squad a final record of 17-4 for the season. It is fitting to note that the first-ever title was achieved in Walsh Gym, the site of countless Anchorwomen victories over the years, and now the site of the first regional championship.

The men's basketball squad finished its season with two fine victories, defeating Eastern Connecticut 75-63 and Salve Regina 71-59. The victories gave the squad a final record of 11-13 for the season.

Anchorwomen wrestlers Scott Martin and Carmine DiPietro competed at the ECAC Division III National Championships last weekend at Trenton State College in Trenton, N.J.

WINNING ANCHORWOMEN are (front from left) Christina Peckham, Kathy Pinto, JoAnn D'Alessandro, Doreen Grazzo, Kim Allen, Monique Bessette and Traci Raniello (rear from left) Assistant Coach Ray Tessaglia, Trainer Kathy LaQuale, Cathy Lanni, Sue Chmielowski, Lori Webster, Lyn Luther, Christine Blessing, Manager Shirley McCaughey, Head Coach Ken Hopkins.

The women's gymnastics squad finished fourth in the New England Division III Gymnastics League Championships held March 2 at Salem State College.

Pam Wholey had a fine meet, finishing in third place in floor exercise. Wholey had also qualified to the ECAC Division III Championships to be held Saturday, March 8, in Walsh Gym.

Lady fencer Terry Silvia placed 15th at the Northeastern Regional Competition in Ithaca, N.Y. on March 1. She placed third in her group and just missed qualifying to the final round by one touch.

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Frankly Speaking

WE'RE ONE OF THE FEW SCHOOLS LEFT THAT MAINTAINS A CERTAIN FORMALITY BETWEEN STUDENTS AND FACULTY...

Congratulations Anchorwomen!
Comedian/juggler Ed Del Grande brings his act to the RIC Student Union on Thurs-
day, March 12, from 8 to 10 p.m., in a free
concert with special appearances by two
Boston-based entertainers.

The 26 year old Del Grande, a North
Providence resident, developed his interest
in comedy in high school where he per-
formed in variety shows.

After years ago, Del got his break when
he decided himself a professional "com­
municator" (comedian juggler).

In 1982, Del Grande and local per-
formers Charlie Hall and Frank O'Donnell
trained up.

The following year, Del Grande started on
his own. He expanded to comedy clubs in
Boston and began working in the colleges,
including RIC.

In 1984, Del Grande was recognized by
Showtime, a pay-cable tv network, as a
finalist in the "Funniest Person in America" contest which they sponsored.

From his national recognition he adopted
the title "The Funniest Man in Rhode
Island."

Since then he has been on local television
and radio shows, and does a regular cable
program on the Providence North
Providence cable channel, along with his regular
performances at local clubs throughout
southern New England.

Many of his fans like Del Grande as a
professional entertainer, not only for the
fact that he is one of a handful of comedians
who juggle, but because he doesn't use profanity in his routines.

In describing his act in a recent interview,
Del Grande said, "I'll go into stand-up
comedy, do some routines and the routines
will blend into the juggling."

It's common to see Del Grande juggle
everything from a wii paddle to to taller
and more dangerous items like
knives, hatchets and bowling balls.

One night in a routine he surprised the
audience by juggling a booc ball, a
canteloupe and knife all at the same time,
then slicing the canteloupe with the knife in
mid air.

Most of the jokes he tells are based on
people-watching and on his own life
experiences.

His material includes stories of growing
up with his father, whom he works for in his
family's plumbing heating business. Del
Grande sells boilers and works as a plumber,
when not on tour with his juggling act.

"Whenever we were bad we never got the
strip—we got the plunger," says Del
Grande with a chuckle. "When you are bad
whenever I was bad because I had red
circles all over my face."

Del Grande has many connections at
RIC. His brother Christopher, is a senior
majoring in radio.

In performing his routines Del Grande
emphasizes that "comedy is a lot tougher
to do. You always have to keep it in
interest. It always has to be different."

The audience, Del Grande continued,
"will not stand to listen to the same jokes
over and over. People will tune us out on stage.
It's a you and a microphone, or in my case,
with both you and a family.

As for his future, Del Grande says he en-
joy his juggling career and sees a bright future for himself in a new and
Rhode Island entertainment scene.

NEWS @ RIC

ANN ARBOR, MI

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SAT scores continue up
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ANN ARBOR, MI (CPS) - The real reason
Scholastic Attitude Test scores are rising is
that students come from smaller families.

A new study from the University of
Michigan found that the smaller a student's
family, the higher his or her SAT score
ranks up.

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Lar Lubovitch Dancers will perform Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m. in Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium. All seating is reserved. For tickets call 456-8144.

Hutchinson to portray Thoreau

Rhode Island College Theatre Professor, P. William Hutchinson will assume the role of Henry David Thoreau on Sunday, March 16.

Becoming known for his characterization of historical personages—he has appeared locally as Roger Williams, Moses Brown and Clarence Darrow—Hutchinson will portray the sage of Walden Pond at the England Philosopher for visitors to the curatorial exhibit at the museum, especially as they reflect his views on nature and his experiences at Walden Pond.

The material has been researched and scripted by RIC alumnus Chris Hall. Now a graduate student in the MFA program at Rutgers University, Hall is remembered as the author of Mindbender, a play written and performed at RIC while Hall was still an undergraduate.

Seven Light, a RIC undergraduate, will design Hutchinson's costume.

The performance is made possible with a grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities. The event will be free and open to the public.

Monday, March 10

Noon to 1 p.m. — Al-Anon meeting. Student Union, Room 305.

Noon to 2 p.m. — Health Watch Table. Free health information and blood pressure screening available. Donovan Dining Center. Sponsored by Health Promotion.

4 p.m. — Dr. Orucio Almeida to give a talk in Portuguese on “Portugal and Pessoa’s Menagem.” Dr. Almeida is associated with the Center for Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University. Craig Lee, Room 102. Refreshments will be served.

Monday thru Thursday, March 10-13

Noon — Mass. Student Union, Room 304.

Tuesday, March 11

1 to 3 p.m. — Disability Support Group to meet. Craig Lee, Room 127. Open to all students. For further information call 456-8061.

Wednesday, March 12

Noon to 1:30 p.m. — Gore Separations, a program on college men’s and women’s expectations and assumptions about dating, to be offered by the Counseling Center and Brother to Brother. Student Union, Room 105.

2 p.m. — AISEC’s weekly meeting. AISEC is the International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management. Craig Lee, Room 252.

2 p.m. — Chamber Recital Series. Telemann Trio, an ensemble which specializes in baroque music, to perform works by Georg Philipp Telemann and Georg Friedrich Handel. The ensemble consists of Heidi Robertson-Gerritsen on recorder and Anneke van der Heide on harpsichord and Patricia Ann Wurst on baroque oboe. Roberts Hall, Room 138. Free and open to all.

2 p.m. — Human Resource Management Club to meet. Craig Lee, Room 201. New members are welcome.

2 to 3 p.m. — District Counsel meeting. Craig Lee, Room 127. Sponsored by the Office of Promotion.

2 to 3:45 p.m. — Drubability Support Group to meet. Craig Lee, Room 127. Open to all students. For further information call 456-8061.

2 to 4 p.m. — Art Department Colloquium. RIC art professors Sam Ames, Mary Ball Hawkom and Roberta Houllahan to speak on “Fine Art vs. Craft.” Art Center, Room 5.

2 to 4 p.m. — Feasting With Panthers, a film about Oscar Wilde, to be shown. The film was originally produced by Trinity Square Repertory Company, Members of Trinity Rep. will be on hand to discuss the film and theatre. Roberts Hall, Room 138. Free and open to all.

2 to 4 p.m. — Holistic Health Lecture. Dr. Wim Jansen to speak on “Compassion and Healing.” The lecture is part of the Holistic Health Series offered by the Women’s Center. Horace Mann, Room 193. Cost is $2. For more information call 456-8747.

2 to 4 p.m. — Resume Job Search Workshop to be offered by Career Services. Craig Lee, Room 193. Open to RIC students and alumni. Workshop is limited to 15. For more information call 456-8031.

7 p.m. — RIC Film Society to present The Decline of Western Civilization, a documentary about punks and their sub-culture. Horace Mann, Room 193. Free.

Thursday, March 13

7 to 7:30 p.m. — Alpha Chi Omega’s theatre presentation of “Enchanted April.” Student Union, Rotunda. Free to all.

8 p.m. — Performing Arts Series. Lar Lubovitch Dance Company to perform. Roberts Hall auditorium. All seating is reserved. Tickets: $10 general admission, $8 RIC faculty and staff, $6 non-RIC students and senior citizens. For tickets call 456-8061 for reservations.

Sunday, March 16

8 a.m. — Sunday Mass. Student Union, Room 304.

Monday, March 17

Noon — Mass. Student Union, Room 304.

Noon to 1 p.m. — Al-Anon Anonymous meeting. Student Union, Room 305.

noon to 2 p.m. — Career Services to offer resume and job search assistance. Student Union, Room 304.