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Keeping in sync

by George LaTour

The Rhode Island College Personnel Management Club (PMC) may appear to some to have an identity problem these days. Although the PMC name was approved by Student Parliament for the student organization upon its creation almost three years ago, members now prefer to call themselves the “Human Resource Management Club.”

It’s all a matter of semantics and, after all, a rose by any other name ... It’s just that the current 15 members and their advisors -- Dr. David M. Harris and Dr. Randy DeSimeone, both assistant professors of economics and management -- feel that to keep in sync with today’s business terminology the change is desirable.

"Businesses are using the term ‘human resources’ in place of ‘personnel’ when talking of employees, and the college’s own human resources management track of study ‘human resource management’!” notes Rosella DiMasco, a senior from Providence, who is the club’s in-coming president.

Founded here in the 1984-85 academic year and affiliated with the Personnel Association of Rhode Island (PARI), which is the state chapter of the national organization, the American Society of Personnel Administration (ASPA), shortly thereafter, the club was established to provide student members with exposure to and practical experience in many of the basic skills so necessary for success in business management, thereby enhancing what is taught in the classroom.

Opportunities to practice such things as organizing, coordinating and communicating, including speaking in public are afforded members through various activities.

This experience allows the students to become more comfortable and confident when dealing with people in the business environment," feels Lisa A. D’Azzo of Providence, the out-going club president.

"It’s those little extras that help in business management. For a 22-year-old graduating from college with no business experience, these skills are invaluable," assures D’Azzo, a 1980 graduate of the college’s nursing program who just completed a second bachelor’s degree here, one in management with a concentration in human resources.

In addition, the presidents point out, the club provides services to its members such as its Mentor Program, job-search seminars, and the opportunity to hear various experts in business management who are brought in to speak to them. Internships, which are arranged through the college, are also valuable sources of practical experience.

The Mentor Program allows club members to link up with human resource professionals in the state chapter. The PARI member provides information and practical knowledge of various professions in the human resource field to the student which serves to keep the student abreast of the "constant changes" taking place in the field.

The mentor (PARI member) provides guidance and hints, tips, etc. about preparing for a specific career job, answers the student’s questions, and suggests avenues for networking or job search.

"Through this program a lot of doors are opened through access to professionals in the field," D’Azzo reports.

The first job-search seminar was held last academic year, says DiMasco, who reports that "a good turnout!" has prompted them to plan another this year.

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The seminar is set for March 25 in the Student Union ballroom during the lunch hour of 12:30-1 p.m. Representatives from local banks, insurance firms, health services, retailers and the service industries are among those expected to discuss networking, what employers look for in a resume, interviewing for a job, and what they do in their own jobs.

Any Rhode Island College student may attend free of charge.

This semester the club also plans to bring in some guest speakers to discuss, among other things, job-search skill development and the human resource field itself.

English Department Colloquia Series:

Lecture to address 'Why Didn’t Emily Dickinson Finish Her Poems?'

Dr. David Porter, professor of English at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will address the topic of “Why Didn’t Emily Dickinson Finish Her Poems?” in the Rhode Island College English Department Colloquia Series’ first entry this semester on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Faculty Center south room.

The lecture, being co-sponsored by the College Lectures Committee, is free and open to the public.

Porter is the author of several studies of American and British literature, including most recently two books on forms of American discourse: "American Historical and Literary Change and Dickinson: The Modern Ideal," both published by Harvard University Press.

He has lectured on American literature to college and university audiences in the United States and abroad. Most recently he conducted the Lord Rambushko Annual Lecture and was keynote speaker of the National Dickinson Commemorative Conference of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Porter has also addressed the Centre International of the University of Nice, the

Portuguese instruction question at college clarified

Last summer, just prior to the beginning of the fall semester, Lisa M. Godinho, an assistant professor of modern languages and literatures, left the employ of Rhode Island College.

Godinho was the college’s only full time faculty member to teach Portuguese.

As a matter of policy, however, the administration of the college’s various academic departments during the fall.

The college administration has been able to identify only 22 positions which are likely to be available given the budget allocation for new faculty appointments in 1987-88.

The dean of arts and sciences, Dr. David Greene, and the provost have said that although they understand and agree with the modern languages department’s interest in and desire for a full time instructor in Portuguese, it is necessary for the college to balance the modern language department’s request and all other requests to fill positions against available resources.

The college is limited in budgetary constraints to no more than 367 full time faculty members in 1987-88.

As a result, the administration is able to authorize searches for the purpose of hiring faculty members only in cases of the very highest need.

The fact that the modern languages department has not been authorized to commence a search for a full time person to teach Portuguese does not mean that such authorization will not be forthcoming under any circumstances, according to the provost.

What it means he has said is that in his and the dean’s professional judgments, the needs in other areas are more pressing.

The provost said that he hoped that an academic year progresses the needs reported by all the college’s departments will stay at the level has been expressed and that opportunities might arise to fill additional positions beyond the 22 now available.

Following Godinho’s resignation some members of the Portuguese-American community began to express concern about the absence of a full time teacher of Portuguese.

Speculation grew concerning the future of Portuguese instruction and the continuation of the college’s offering of a minor in the language, a program first offered in 1979.

In fact, however, all of the courses which would normally have been offered during fall, 1986 were offered. They were staffed by part-time faculty.

One course required in the minor did not have sufficient registration (only two students signed up), and it was cancelled.

Three courses were taught.

The total number of students receiving instruction in Portuguese during the fall semester of 1986 was higher than the number receiving such instruction during the spring semester of 1986 when there was a full time faculty member.

In fall 1986 some 48 students were taught Portuguese in three courses by part-time faculty. In spring 1986 some 26 students had been taught Portuguese in four courses. Godinho taught three of those courses. A part time faculty member taught one.
Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Ann D. Scanlon, principal clerk stenographer in the department of secondary education, has won certification as a professional secretary, the CPS designation, from the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, a department of Professional Secretaries International, with headquarters in Kansan City, Mo. Mrs. Scanlon passed a two-day, six-part examination which included: behavioral science in business, business law, economics and management, accounting, office administration and communication, and office technology. She is past president of the Rhode Island Division, Professional Secretaries International.

Dr. Mary M. Wellman, assistant professor of counseling and educational psychology and director of school psychology, has been selected by the Psychological Corp. as a national field coordinator for the restandardization of the Wechsler Pre-school and Primary Scale of Intelligence which will be taking place this year. Linda Filippelli, graduate assistant and CAGS candidate in school psychology, will be the special assistant for the project.

Letters...

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Providence, R.I.

Gentlemen:

On the front page of “What’s News” for Jan. 19, there was an editorial about the cover story that had resulted in Davis having been chosen for the cover story in the December 1986 Brown Alumni Monthly. This has been followed by another book, Preparing for Life: The World and Deciding to Mathematics, which, among other things, has resulted in Davis having been chosen for the cover story in the December 1986 Brown Alumni Monthly.

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IT'S OUR COLD WEATHER SPECIAL... "A TIMED RELEASE TAMALE."
Most Americans say college will be impossible without aid

Most respondents, reports Dr. Walt Lindemann of Opinion Research Corp., which conducts the survey for CASE, also favored more federal aid for students from low-income and middle-income families. Students who didn't even know about the survey seemed to agree with its conclusions. "It's really hard even for residents to make it without grants," Berkley adds. Hawai'i Loa College junior Gail Livoti, who describes herself as from a "middle income" family, believes that without aid "there'd be so many people out of school, and I'd probably be one of them." CASE and others, of course, hope the survey results will persuade Congress not to eliminate the aid programs requested in early January. "Any time you have a repeatable survey - and this group is repeatable - that demonstrates greater public support for programs, it adds strength to those programs in Congress," says David Evans of the Senate education subcommittee. In his proposal for the 1987-88 federal budget - which extends from Oct. 1, 1987 through Sept. 30, 1988 - Reagan asked Congress to cut federal higher education spending by $4.8 billion, down from $8.7 billion in fiscal 1987. The president wants Congress to eliminate the College Work-Study, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, National Direct Student Loan and Student Stafford Incentive Grant programs, while cutting funding for the Guaranteed Student Loan and Pell Grant programs. "It's in the hands of Congress," notes Sherri Hancock, aid director at Central State University in Oklahoma. The president said aid cuts would help reduce the federal budget deficit. "As a taxpayer," Hancock says, "I'd like to see the deficit reduced, but being an advocate for students, I think it's unfortunate that the budget changes will affect largely the middle-income family." Jay Larson, Rhode Island State's aid director, has no such mixed feelings about the cuts. "It's quite imperative that current financial aid programs be maintained," he asserts. When asked what she thought of the cuts, student Esche speculated they "would drastically reduce the number of students able to attend college. The majority of SDSU students receive some kind of aid. The cuts, Esche says, "would push more students out of school and into the job market. The economic ramifications of that would be pretty obvious." Evans says the CASE survey may in fact "fend off" some of the cuts, and may even get Congress to allocate more money to student financial aid programs "even though it's a year for fiscal restraint."
Soprano Cecelia Rodi to perform in chamber recital

Cecelia Rodi
Rhode Island College alumna, soprano Cecelia Rodi, will perform in the college chamber music series Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in Roberts Recital Hall, room 138. Philip Fascione will accompany her on piano.

Selected works from Henry Purcell, Johannes Brahms, George Frideric Handel, Franz Schubert, Gustave Mahler, Giacomo Puccini are to be performed in the Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Wednesday, Feb. 18
9 a.m. — Interviewing Skills Workshop to be offered by the Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.
3:30 p.m. — "Afro-Portuguese Literature" to be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Donald Burness, professor of English at Franklin Pierce College, New Hampshire. Craig-Lee 255. Refreshments will be served. This presentation is one of the college's Black History Month events.
8 p.m. — Men's Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Nazarene College. Away.

Thursday, Feb. 19
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Blood Drive. Student Union ballroom.
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Career Services to offer program on Banking entitled "Building a Career in Banking." A vice president from the Bank of Boston will be available to meet with students and discuss careers in banking. Faculty Center. For more information call 456-3031.
Noon — Weight Loss Guidance Program meeting. Registered dietitian Kit Galtagher will be advising participants. Faculty Center Reading Room. Open to the public. For more information call 456-7007.
3 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. GAIGE 207. Open to the public.
8 p.m. — Concert to feature the Providence Mass Choir. Gaige Auditorium. Cost: $1. Rhode Island College students with I.D., $2 general public. The performance is part of the college's observance of Black History Month.

February 9 - February 16 Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 9
K-Mart Apparel Corp. to recruit. Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
Hartford Public Schools to recruit. Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
CVS Pharmacy to recruit. Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Thursday, Feb. 12
Star Mark to recruit. Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Friday, Feb. 13

Saturday, Feb. 14

Sunday, Feb. 15

Monday, Feb. 16
Anderson Corp. to recruit. Office of Career Services, Craig-Lee 054.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
About that name change: "We'd like to change it (officially through Student Union) to the 'Human Resource Management Club' and see no problem with that," says D’Arezzo. In fact, they’ve ‘already filed the necessary papers,” asssters DiMascio. Everything’s in sync.