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Special assistant to president for development named

In charge of fund raising; will oversee alumni affairs, be liaison to Foundation

A director of development at The Ohio State University has been named to the newly created position of special assistant to the president for development at Rhode Island College.

RICHARD E. PAYNE of Delaware, Ohio, the director of development in the College of the Arts at Ohio State since 1982, was appointed by President Carol J. Guardo. He assumed his new position in late August.

Payne's primary duties include those of planning, coordinating and administering a comprehensive fund-raising program, the goal of which is to raise financial support for the college from private, alumni and corporate sources, said Guardo.

As the special assistant, he will also oversee the operations and activities of the Office of Alumni Affairs and serve as principal liaison to the Rhode Island College Foundation Board. The new position further expands the responsibilities of the position of the director of development which had been held by James E. Gilman, Jr., who resigned in February to assume the position of vice president for development at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton, Mass.

Prior to his development position, Payne served as assistant to the vice president for public affairs at Ohio State from 1977 to 1982. Previously, he had been an associate director of admissions and an assistant director of the Upward Bound program, both at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Payne received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State and a master of education degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Guardo outlines ‘exciting agenda’ for 1987-88

College to focus on retention issue

President Carol J. Guardo laid out a "full, challenging, and exciting agenda" for Rhode Island College in 1987-88 in her fall semester opening convocation remarks. The traditional opening address, held Monday morning, August 31, was well attended by administrative staff. Many of the faculty were meeting at the same time to vote on the latest offer in contract negotiations, but the president said she would arrange to deliver an address to the faculty at a later date.

In her remarks, the president said that as we begin the year, prospects for the College look exceedingly good. She noted that enrollments are up for both new and returning students, our residence halls are filled, and many major projects are underway.

She said the important theme for the College now is progress. We have made much progress during the past year, and "we should feel good about that. "Now we need to sustain that attitude of positive accomplishment, and we need to keep the momentum going."

The president compared the College's situation to the process of building a bridge. The footings are in place. And now we need to take care that the bridge's foundation is secure and without voids in order to construct a strong bridge across the demographic chasm from now until 1992 (when the declining pool of prospective college students is expected to reverse itself).

As we build toward the future, she said, we need to continue to keep our major goal in mind: "to enhance the quality of the College in all its aspects in order to ensure the best possible and highest quality education for our students."

The president identified the issue of retention as a major part of our College agenda for 1987-88. While our retention statistics are about average when compared with other institutions, she said we need to do much better.

President Guardo announced that an ongoing steering group has been appointed to deal with the retention issue and to oversee continuation of the efforts begun last year (such as the upgrading of the registration system and improvement of College publications).

The effort will be led by Lenore Delucia, director of institutional research and planning, Anne Hubbard, assistant vice president for academic affairs and Gary Penfield, (continued on page 7)
The Office of Research and Grants Administration will be providing information about requests for proposals (RFPs) on a regular basis in this column. Anyone interested in obtaining further information or applications and guidelines should circle the number of the issue on the coupon below and send it to the office in Room 302.

1. Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Humanities

Dr. David L. Greene, dean of the school of humanities, philosophy and other humanities disciplines. This year's awards were selected from 1,421 applications in a national competition. NHEF's project was entitled "Visual and Narrative Aspects of the Romances of Chretien de Troyes."

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13 staffs receive monetary recognition for ‘exceptional service to College’

Under a $9,000 grant from the Rhode Island College Foundation last spring, 13 staff members were awarded money for their “exceptional service” to the College during 1986-87.

Nominations for these “Outstanding Performance Awards” were made by the College vice presidents. Final selection of recipients was determined in consultation with the President’s Council, said President Carol J. Guardo in a letter to individual recipients.

The criteria for selection, noted Guardo, included “a high degree of productivity, exceptional quality work, initiative in the performance of responsibilities, dependability, effectiveness of interpersonal relations, and commitment to and advancement of the stated agenda for Rhode Island College.”

Receiving the awards were: Robert Bower, director of communications; Douglas Cureton, assistant director of the Campus Center for training and services; Judith Gaines, director of the Counseling Center; and Peter Harman, director of the Campus Computer Center.

Also, William Hurry, director of financial aid and student employment; Donna Konicki, manager of systems development; Computer Center; Lorraine L’Heureux, assistant director of Office Services; and Patricia Marrazzo, coordinator of recruitment, Admissions Office.

Also: Amelia R. Kevins, assistant director, freshman admissions; Kathryn Sasso, director of conferences and special events; Holly Shaldiva, director of alumni affairs; Charlene Szczepanski, business; and Chris Wier, director of residential life and housing.

Grellner to lecture in Poland under Fulbright exchange

Dr. Alice Grellner, professor of English and education at Rhode Island College, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture in Poland, the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the United States Information Agency (USAID) announced.

Grellner, who moved to Providence when she joined the college faculty in 1970, will be teaching language methods and working at Jagiellonia University in Krakow. She leaves Sept. 8 for a 10-month period.

Professor Grellner has been teaching teachers as director of the Master's of Education/English as a Second Language Program for the past nine years. She is a native of Oklahoma City.

She is one of about 2,500 U.S. grant winners being sent abroad for the 1987-88 academic year. The Fulbright program, which was established in 1946, “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.”

Grant recipients are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications.

Attention undergraduate teacher ed students

All undergraduate students planning to apply for into a teacher education curriculum in the Fall 1987 semester must have fulfilled the Pre-Professional Skills Tests requirement before they can be accepted in the program, it was announced by the Professional Admissions Committee.

The tests will be administered next on Saturday, Oct. 10. Registration must be made by Thursday, Sept. 10, with the Center for Evaluation and Research, Rosemary Hall 201.

The fee is $35. Questions should be referred to the Office of Laboratory Experiences, Horace Mann Hall 105.

Chosen ‘Young Career Woman’

A 1982 alumna of Rhode Island College has been named Rhode Island Young Career Woman for 1987 by the Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Michelle R. (Beauchamp) Belhumeur of Woonsocket, a new law graduate with a bachelor of social work degree, represented the North Providence chapter of the Professional Women's Federation and was one of 13 young women in a statewide competition held recently in Newport.

The federation's Young Careerist Program recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding young women who have made significant contributions in their chosen field and community service, according to Eloise A. Foley, federation spokeswoman.

Belhumeur is a medical social worker at Memorial-Whitcomb Regional Hospital in Malden, Mass., and also serves as director of staff services and volunteer services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Massachusetts. She was formerly social service director at Overlook Nursing Home in Pascoag.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene W. Beauchamp Jr. of Lincoln, she attended Lincoln Senior High School and Salve Regina College before enrolling here. She is married to Roy R. Belhumeur.

She has served as a chair of a conference for health care professionals.

Bower named director of communications here

Will oversee internal, external communications

Robert K. Bower of the Hope section of South Kingstown, R.I., has been named director of communications here at Rhode Island College, a new title reflecting his position as administrator of both the functions of publications and news and information services.

The appointment, made by President Carol J. Guardo, took effect June 21, according to John F. Custer, president of College Advancement and Support. Foley had recommended the appointment as part of his organization of College Communications.

As director of communications, Bower is responsible for the College's internal and external communications program. As such, he will plan, execute and coordinate the news, information, publications and advertising programs and develop and administer the College's editorial policy.

Bower, who joined the College staff as director of the office of publications in November 1985, served as acting director of the office of news and information services during the consolidation of the two departments.

Events slated to promote racial understanding

A series of social events emphasizing the diversity of the make-up of the Rhode Island College campus community is set to begin Thursday, Sept. 17, with an "All Together Now" cookout featuring multicultural foods and entertainment from noon until 7 p.m. in and around the Campus Center.

Music, remarks and a performance by the East Asian Dance Troop start the day's events. Special games will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. followed by cultural cuisine and a "variety of cultural activities."While this event is aimed primarily at students, an Oct. 21 event—as yet in the planning stage—will be geared more toward bringing together faculty and staff, according to Dr. Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

In November, the College will host a SOAR conference (Society Organized Against Racism) which will be coordinated by Rear Adm. Alfred Penfield, director of the College's Performing Arts Series, and Douglas G. Cureton, assistant director for the College's Performing Arts Series.

In a memo to all student affairs directors, Penfield requested that there be "a program dealing with the issue of racial understanding and appreciation incorporated into every student/staff training program which occurs during the [1987-88 academic] year."

"Each director of student activities," Penfield added, "is responsible for the implementation of this recommendation," said Penfield.

In addition, William M. Reid, director of athletics, intramurals and recreation, will work with other members of the athletic department staff "to assure that an appropriate program is presented to each intercollegiate athletic team prior to the beginning of each sport season."

Penfield said he felt the actions planned on the ad hoc committee's recommendations will "pay dividends in terms of campus climate which is more positive and conducive for the educational pursuits of all who frequent this institution."

Policy for cancellation of classes and/or the closing of the College

The College is always open except in extreme cases of inclement weather or other occasions when it is prudent for the administration to cancel classes or close the College.

Decisions to cancel classes and/or close the College can be confirmed by calling a recorded message at 456-9500.
Council of R.I. College elects Chairman expresses concern over student retention

The newly elected chair of the Council of Rhode Island College, the chief legislative and regulatory agency of the faculty, says he needed to change it.

"And, (these segments) are all represented on Council," said the chairman, citing changes in the Council by-laws whereby "representatives from every single department" now serve on Council.

The Council consists of the president of the College, three administrative representatives appointed by the president, 23 elected faculty members, and two students selected by Student Parliament. Established in 1963 to examine and evaluate College policies and recommend needed changes to "provide for the effective operation of the College," it meets at least once a month during the academic year.

Normally, the meetings are open to any faculty member who may attend as an observer.

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Rhode Island College's Special Services program, designed to help disadvantaged students pursue post-secondary education, has been funded for another three-year cycle, according to an announcement from the Washington office of U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee (R-R.I.).

The program, which has received federal funding through the Department of Education steadily since 1970, will get $125,773 for the 1987-88 year, the first in the cycle. "It was a little less than what we had requested, but it was good news," said Joseph L. Costa, program director.

The program locates young adults with academic potential who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, or who have a physical handicap, and are in need of special support services to complete their education. It serves each year about 300 students, representing 15 to 20 nationalities, throughout Rhode Island.

Those served by the program have high school diplomas and are either referred by others or recruited by the College program.

"The people at Special Services are doing an outstanding job and should take pride in the hundreds of students they have helped who now have college degrees," said Chafee in his announcement of the grant.

Looking for volunteers

Volunteers in Action (VIA), Inc., a statewide voluntary action center, established in 1969 to promote volunteerism in Rhode Island, is looking for volunteers for three of its programs. The Samaritans, the Big Sisters Association of Rhode Island, and the state Department of Education's advocates for handicapped children.

The Samaritans is Rhode Island's suicide prevention agency. It needs volunteers to maintain its 24-hour phone service. They must be over 18 and able to give four hours a week and one overnight a month to answer phones at the center. Volunteers are given 18 hours of advance training. Call Nancy Henrot at 272-4243.

The Big Sister Association has a new project called "One to One" by which women volunteers provide companionship and guidance to adolescent mothers. Volunteers must be willing to spend three to four hours a week for at least a one-and-a-half year period. On-going training provided. Call Sandra Wilkie at 461-0310.

The Department of Education needs volunteers to serve as education advocates for handicapped children between the ages of 3 and 18 who are in the care of the Department for Children and Their Families. Advocates represent the children with school officials in all educational matters. Generally, a few hours a month to meet with the child and school staff is sufficient.

A commitment of at least one year is asked. Six hours of training is required. Volunteers. Call Bruce Nitterauer at 277-3840.

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Preparing to start another year, Cindy Almonte (at right) of Trumbull, Conn., a sophomore, is assisted by her father, Ralph, as she moves into Thorp residence hall. Immediately below, Kellee Russo (at left) of Norwich, Conn., tucks away a considerable stock of groceries in her Webber hall suite with the help of Rita White of Ashaway, R.I. ‘These,’ says Kellee, ‘are for late night snacks.’

At bottom, Melissa Torow of Milford, Conn., hangs a poster in her dorm room as a reminder of home.

At bottom right, Kim Souza, a freshman from Portsmouth, emerges from the College bookstore ready to start the semester.
Ilorin, Nigeria, and Northwestern University; assistant professor of economics and management; Ph.D. from the University of Southern California; previously taught management and related subjects at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

DR. RICHARD FELDSTEIN of Providence; assistant professor of sociology; Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, in sociology with a specialty in medical sociology. Filzmooser will be coordinator of the Gerontology Program.

KAREN BOLLES of Providence; instructor in mathematics and computer science; master's degree in computer science from Syracuse University; formerly with IBM and a graduate assistant at Syracuse.

DR. RACHEL FILINSON of Providence; assistant professor of sociology; Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley; master's and Ph.D. from Boston University; formerly on faculty at Framingham State and Curry colleges.

DR. THOMAS MALLOylv from Connecticut; assistant professor of psychology; Ph.D. from University of Connecticut; Ed.D. from the University of Colorado; formerly a research associate at University of Connecticut.

DAVID FULLMAN from Worcester, Mass., assistant professor of economics and management; M.B.A. in international business from Syracuse University; extensive business experience and active in consulting; specializing in computer-aided research methods for marketing operations.

Dr. LAUREN REDDY of Providence, assistant professor of English; Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, formerly taught at Boston College; master's degree in mathematics from SUNY at Oneonta; formerly a research associate at University of Connecticut.

DR. WILLIAM FENNESSEE from Carbondale, Ill., assistant professor in counseling/educational psychology; Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University where he formerly taught.

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Keeping Score

Spring sports re-cap

with Dave Kemmy

The weather wreaked havoc during the en-
tire spring season, with many events being
canceled due to rain. Following is a brief
summary of how the five spring sports ended up
faring.

The baseball squad finished with a 12-12
record bowing in the first round of the
ECAC New England Division III Tourna-
mant to 2-3 Eastern Massachusetts.

The Anchormen made it to the finals of the
Rhode Island Collegiate Tournament by beating
Roger Williams 5-2, but the weather was

#### Reunion '87...

Alumni Cabaret revived

Rhode Island College's alumni "Reunion '87"
will feature a revival of the Alumni Cabaret,
the proceeds from which will go
towards a renovation of Alumni House, the
Cabrini Center.

The cabaret, featuring a dozen alumni
performers singing and dancing to tunes from
the 1920s to 1960s as well as some of the
more current Broadway hits, will take place
Sept. 24-26 at 8 p.m. in the Student Union
Ballroom.

Tickets are $6 for general admission, $5
for student here. Tickets and/or advertise-
ments in the program may be purchased
by contacting the Rhode Island College Alumni
Office, Providence 02910 or calling 456-
0386.

Performers in the cabaret, the first in
about six years say Holly L. Shabadiah,
alumni affairs director, are: Kat Bagliati,
Sandy Boyer '72, Liz Byrnes '86, Phil
Cromie '72, Roberta DeAndrade '79,
Danielle Grise '87, Hank Guillote '59, Ra-
quell Hernandez '84, Karen McKenna '85,
Joe Neri '69, Shabadiah '73, and Joseph
Sousa '89.

Alumni House was built as a private resi-
dence in the 1930s and used by the Doorley
family. The College purchased it in 1971 for
use as an alumni office.

#### Saturday Night Live 'Church Lady' to perform here Sept. 10

The scissors-handed holy terror known as
the "Church Lady" on television's Saturday
Night Live will bring his special brand of
"wild obliviousness and endearing inno-
cence" to the stage at Rhode Island Col-
lege's Roberts Hall auditorium on Thursday,
Sept. 10, at 8 p.m.

Dana Carvey, SNL's "laziest burnout
" according to NewYork, is being
presented by the Campus Center Program
Council, the Office of Residential Life
and Housing, and Programming.

Tickets are available in advance at the
Student Union Information Desk. Tickets are
$8 with a Rhode Island College ID and $10
for all others. Student tickets are also
available at Central Desk. On the day of the
show all remaining tickets will be $10.

#### A MAN AND HIS SCULPTURE: Joseph Zoppas of Providence, a junior art major at Rhode Island College, poses with his life-size, water-based clay sculpture of a man
Emerging from the Earth," which he created this summer in the College Art Center.
Because the summer heat would cause the art work to break up within a day or two, he took photos of it to include in his student art portfolio. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Bowley)
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The performance at all theatre company performances unless otherwise noted will be in Roberts Hall auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $3 for students, $4 for seniors and $5 for others.

A 9 a.m. performance for high school students only will be offered that Friday. Elaine F. Perry, assistant professor of communications and theatre, will direct.

Admission is $5.50 general, $4.50 for College faculty and staff, senior citizens and non-Rhode Island College students, and $2.50 for students here.

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Performance for high school students is tentative.

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