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Nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees or certificates of advanced graduate study (CAGS) in winter commencement exercises at Rhode Island College on Sunday, Jan. 24, in the College’s Roberts Hall auditorium.

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The commencement address was delivered by Lang. Neil I. Gonsalves, chair of the Council of Rhode Island College, opened the ceremonies. Gov. Edward D. DiPrete headed the list of speakers bringing greetings to the graduates.

Other speakers were Albert E. Carlotti, chairman of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education; Dr. Eleanor M. McMichael, state commissioner of higher education; and Dr. Carol J. Guardo, president of the College.

Immediately following the commencement ceremonies, a reception was held for the graduates, their families and friends at the Donovan Dining Center.

Conferring of honorary degrees was performed by Dr. Willard F. Enneuman, provost and vice president of academic affairs. He was assisted by Dr. John Nazarian, vice president of administration and finance.

Dr. John J. Scalices, assistant vice president for academic affairs and dean of the School of Graduate Studies, conferred the advanced degrees; Dr. Trevor L. Giannone, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, conferred the undergraduate degrees; and Dr. Robert F. Schuck, dean of the School of Education and Human Development, and Dr. George D. Metcalf, dean of the School of Social Work, conferred the professional degrees.

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The College’s Gold Key Society served as student marshals and ushers. Music was provided by The American Band, Prof. Francis J. Mandziak, director.

“You’ve got to have a big vision about something or else it isn’t worth dealing with,” Lang has told scores of young underprivileged students whom he has “adopted” by funding their educations. He has provided them with a role model and made himself accessible to them.

His “I’ve Got a Dream” program has drawn national attention and is founded on the premise that through personal involvement, cultivation of self-esteem, informal and formal relationships and the nurturing of individual ambition, students can find the requisite motivation and support to graduate from high school and attend college no matter what the odds.

Six years ago Lang walked to the podium at an Earl Harlin grammar school to give a commencement address, and promised each of the 61 south freshmen a college scholarship if they earned the grades to qualify for higher education.

With this gesture, the I’ve Got a Dream Foundation was born.

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Guardo elected chair of Association of American Colleges

Rhode Island College President Carol J. Guardo was elected chair of the Association of American Colleges (AAC) at its recent 74th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

More than 550 college and university presidents, deans and faculty members from across the country attended.

Founded in 1915, the association is the national voice for liberal education. Its membership includes more than 575 public and private colleges and universities. Through grants, publications and workshops, AAC strives to enhance liberal education and secure its integration with professional programs and courses of study.

Its programs include the Project on the Status and Education of Women and the Council for Liberal Learning.

J. Magyar, Lobban are ‘Grants Persons of Year’

Dr. James G. Magyar, chair of the physical sciences department, and Richard A. Lobban Jr., professor of anthropology, have been named Grants Persons of the Year at Rhode Island College for their funded and unfunded proposals, respectively.

Each will receive a $500 cash award “which the College hopes you will use to further advance your professional development,” wrote Dr. R.N. Keogh, director of grants administration here.

Magyar was specifically cited for his recently approved scientific instrumentation award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The proposal “modern instrumentation in Chemistry Laboratory,” the award—matched by the College—has permitted purchase of a high pressure liquid chromatograph and a computer interfaced atomic absorption spectrophotometer, noted Keogh in his letter to Magyar informing him of his selection.

Lobban, who was cited for submitting the best unfunded proposal during the preceding year, had sought $302,014 from the NSF for a two-year project to investigate the social, demographic...

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PRESIDENT of the Rhode Island College Foundation, Clinton Wynne (middle left) is offered by outgoing president Herbert Cummings. Other newly elected officers are Elena Leonelli (left), secretary, Susan McGuirl, treasurer, and Bernard Mandor (not pictured), vice president.

Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Donald C. Smith, professor of art, was guest lecturer at Brooklyn College Nov. 11. His slide lecture, "Careers in the Work of American Painter Edwin Dickinson," was sponsored by the Art Student Union.

Dr. Victoria Lederberg, professor of psychology, has been elected chairman of the Special Legislative Commission to Study and Recommend Funding of Library Services throughout the state. State senator Lederberg chaired the Governor's Conference on Libraries, and headed the Rhode Island delegation to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Sciences. She currently serves as a commissioner on the state Library Advisory Board and a corporate member of the Providence Public Library.

Kathleen M. Laquale, head athletic therapist, recently spoke on "Conditioning Programs for the Female Athlete" at a two-day conference in Boston for Advancing the Role of Women in Sport. The New Agenda: Northeast sponsored by the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the New England Press Foundation, Women's Sport Foundation and others.

Dr. George L. Pamental, assistant professor of economics and management, has written an article entitled "Values in the Principles Course: Are We Socially Responsible to Our Students?" which was carried in the recent issue of the Journal of Marketing Education. This New Engander article, "Ethics in the Business Curriculum," will be printed in book format this spring by University Press. Pamental has been appointed a research fellow of the Center for Business Ethics at Bentley College.

College offers musical tribute to Rev. King

Rhode Island College will participate with the other state institutions of higher learning in Rhode Island and the Office of Higher Education in "Celebrations in Memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.", this month.

A musical tribute to the work of the slain civil rights leader will be offered in the College's Student Union ballroom from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27. It will feature the Providence municipal group Swan. Members of the College community as well as the public are invited.

Other activities, including a University of Rhode Island faculty presentation of King's speeches at the URI library at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 25, and a broadcast of "I Have A Dream" speech over WRIU AM/FM at noon Jan. 27.

Rhode Island is among the states observing a national holiday in honor of King who was born on Jan. 15, 1929. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn.

McMahon is president-elect of education association

State Commissioner of Higher Education Euan McMahon has been designated a president-elect of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the nation's oldest regional accrediting association.

McMahon, a former provost and vice president for academic affairs at Rhode Island College, will assume the leadership of the association following that group's 103rd annual meeting a year from now, reported the association.

She has been closely involved in the work of the association for a number of years, having served four consecutive one-year terms as secretary-treasurer. McMahon has been a member of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, has served on, and chaired several on-site evaluation accreditation committees to college and universities in the New England region and has been a member for six years of the association's executive committee.

The office of Research and Grants Administration will be providing information about "Introduction to Proposals" on a regular basis in this column. Anyone interested in obtaining further information or applications and guidelines need only circle the number of the RFP on the coupon below and send it to the office in Roberts, 312.

1. Environmental Protection Agency Special Liaison for Research Grant Proposals, Environmental Biology and Environmental Air/Water Chemistry and Physics. The Environmental Biology program supports research to determine impacts, evaluate property structures and function, toxicology, biodegradation and processes. This program seeks information that allows for the prediction of environmental risk of pollutants on individual organisms, populations, communities, and ecosystems. The Environmental Air/Water Chemistry and Physics program supports research leading to the basic scientific tools for establishing the levels at which pollutants occur in the environment. Projects include analytical chemistry, studies on chemical reactions and their rates, and on the physics of the movement of pollutants in air, water and soil.


2. American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grants to International Meetings for Humanists. Travel grants enable researchers, university faculty, and college librarians to attend international scholarly meetings held outside North America. Only those reading papers or having major, official roles in such meetings are eligible and preferen are given to younger scholars or those who have not received previous travel grants.

DEADLINE: March 1.

3. Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Japan-United States Activities Awards. The Commission offers support for faculty, graduate, research, library support, and exchanges in the fields of Japanese studies (for Americans), American Studies (for Japanese), the arts, policy-oriented research, and public affairs education.

DEADLINE: March 15.

4. National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Seminars for College Teachers. Participants, including college and university faculty and administrators, will be selected to attend graduate colleges who wish to broaden their knowledge of the subject they teach. Applicants should request details from directly from seminar directors. A list of the seminars to be offered in the summer of 1988 is available from NEH. Teachers selected to participate receive $1,000 stipends for eight-week programs, or $2,750 for six-week programs.

DEADLINE: March 15.

5. Research, Health Services and Environmental Education: Grant Program to Support the Environmental Air/Water Chemistry and Physics program will make grants for research projects which examine or model the relationship between the relationship between the legislative branch or the relationship between the judicial branch and the executive branch.

DEADLINE: March 15.

6. National Endowment for the Humanities: Humanities Projects in Media. Supports the planning, writing, or production of TV and radio programs in the humanities in the graduate and humanities communities. Grants are made for both adult and children's programming. The collaboration of scholars in the humanities and education media writers, and directors is required. NEH is particularly interested in applications for TV and radio programs on the lives of historically significant Americans. DEADLINE: March 15.

Research and Grants Administration

Request for proposals

DEADLINE: March 1

for copy, photos

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 2.
**Student Potential Program—To assess students’ capability for success in college**

Rhone Island College will be conducting a project titled the Student Potential Program from Feb. 15 through the end of April. This program is designed to assess a student’s capability for success in college and is part of Rhode Island College’s ongoing efforts in Value Added Assessment.

The format is a one-hour structured interview where the student is asked to describe four significant life experiences through their impressions. These four-10 non-cognitive capabilities are assessed by the trained assessment counselor. This includes: initiative, persistence, creativity, planning skills, critical thinking skills, restraint, leadership skills, and self-control in interpersonal diagnosis, and responsiveness.

Three hundred students were randomly selected and invited to participate. However, only 90 students were contacted, and only three Rhode Island College students sign up may sign up for interviews. No prior experience is required.

There are five counselors on staff to accommodate student schedules. Hours for interviews range from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The interview process will be the focus for the 10-week pilot project from mid-February to mid-April. The first interview was held with David McClelland and his associates.

**Keeping Score**

with Dave Kenny

Anchormen playing well

The men's basketball team has played very well of late, winning two of their last three games.

Several outstanding individual performances have led the Anchormen to the top of the East Coast Conference standings over the past few weeks.

Jay Smith, 16, and Ken Sperry, 10. Smith also finished with 32 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists, and 1 block shot. Sperry had five points and nine rebounds.

Mancinelli had seven points and nine rebounds, Ferrell had 17 points and eight rebounds, Mancinelli, 13 points, and Sperry, 11.

The team's only win on the trip came against the University of Maine on Jan. 14. Ferrell had an outstanding game with 26 points, shooting a solid 12-of-19 from the floor and 12-of-19 from the free throw line. He also had a high game-12 in 26 boards. Smith also double figures in 14 and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Ferrell was named Little East Conference Player of the Week in the first two games of the California trip. He scored 17 points in four games, averaging 7.5 points per game. Smith is next in scoring at 13.6. Sperry is at 13.5. Mancinelli is next at 10.4. Tom Campbell is averaging 9.75.

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Chamber series to offer viola, piano concert here Feb. 3rd

Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series continues Feb. 3 with a recital by Pierre Henri Xuereb on viola and Jean-Louis Haguenauer on piano in selections by Mozart, DeBussy, Massenet and Brahms. The recital will be given at 2 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138 (recital room). It is free and open to the public.

Xuereb, an Algerian, is a graduate of the Conservatoire d’Algerie and the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique de Paris. He studied under full scholarship with Lilian Fuchs at the Juilliard School of Music among other notable teachers.

Since 1983 he has been an assistant professor of viola at the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique de Paris, and recorded solo viola repertoire for Kol Israel, Radio Superieur de Musique de Paris, and recorded with Nadia Boulanger. In 1977, he carred off an art competition in piano at the Conservatoire de Genval (virtuosity class, first prize with distinction, first named unanimously), and a prize in fugue.

According to professor of Presence de la Musique, Mme. Louise Music, Haguenauer only began his true career in 1962 after a two year voluntary retirement during which he studied piano with a former student of Jean Fassina’s direction,” according to a press release on the artist.

For the past two years he has been performing chamber music concerts in Paris, Portugal and Greece.

In 1986, he recorded his first LP on the label Harmonie Mondial. Beethoven’s first and second symphonies transcribed by Loisy. They had never been recorded before.

Renovated bookstore sets grand opening, ribbon cutting Feb. 2

by George LaTour

A reorganized, more modern and efficient bookstore, which has at least the appearance of a self-service book store, officially be opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

An open house to which all members of the community—particularly students and their families—and others interested are invited begins at 9 a.m. that day. Refreshments will be available, gifts given and special mark downs on certain merchandise afforded.

A hot air balloon reportedly will be aloft over the Student Union, calling attention to the special activities taking place.

President Carol J. Guard is to cut the ribbon, starting a new era in the bookstore history. The bookstore will be closed from noon until 1 p.m. for the ceremony.

The first book at the bookstore, according to the recollections of Professor Emerita Marion J. Wright, was opened in the fall of 1939 at the former site of what was then the Rhode Island College of Education on Hayden Street in Providence.

That bookstore, says Wright, was nothing more than a caged-in closet with the door open and a table across the entrance. It had been the branch of the College’s Student Council and was run initially by students.

Books were not at first part of the bookstore’s offerings, but pencils, paper, candy, cigarettes and potato chips were.

Wright, who served as manager of the store in her senior year in 1944, says the first bookstore manager was Student Mary Mason, class of 1940.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 25 – Feb. 8

Monday, Jan. 25

Noon to 1 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Student Union 304.

7 to 8:30 p.m. – AIDS Information and Discussion Series to begin with a discussion of “Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment.” Speaker will be Alvin Frederick, M.D., infectious disease specialist. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Monday-Thursday, Jan. 25-28


4 to 6 p.m. – Teacher Enhancement Lecture. Student Union 211.

6 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Western New England College. Student Union 211. Open to all.

6 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Western New England College. Student Union 211. Open to all.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – “Social-Cultural Dimensions of Handicapped in a State School: Findings and Implications,” to be discussed. Dr. John Goslen, an assistant professor in the College’s special education department, Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall.

7 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Western New England College. Student Union 211. Open to all.

7:30 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Bryant University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Friday, Jan. 29

7:30 p.m. – Wrestling. Rhode Island College vs. Western New England College. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Saturday, Jan. 30

1 p.m. – Women’s Gymnastics. Rhode Island College at WestCGM State College with University of New Hampshire. Student Union 211. Open to all.

7 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

8 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Sunday, Jan. 31

10 a.m. – Sunday Mass. Student Union 304.

10 to 11 a.m. – Sunday Morning Mass. Brown Hall, upper lounge.

Monday, Feb. 1

Noon to 1 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Student Union 304.

7 to 8:30 p.m. – Risk Reduction to be the topic of the next talk in the AIDS Information and Discussion Series. Speakers will be Joan Coteau of Marion House and William J. Petticoat of the Center for AIDS Related Environmental Scieneces (CARES). Student Union 211. Open to all.

Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 2-4

4 to 6 p.m. – Teacher Enhancement Lecture. Student Union 211.

7 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Emmanuel College. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

12:30 to 2 p.m. – Workshop, “The Health of the Student Union Dormitory.” Student Union 211. Open to all.

6 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

8 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

Sunday, Feb. 10

7 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Rhode Island College vs. Western Connecticut State University. Student Union 211. Open to all.

DiCapua exhibit features sculture and drawings Feb. 4-25

The sculpture and drawings of Ralph DiCapua of the University of Connecticut Department of Art will be on display at Rhode Island College’s Ianmberger Gallery Feb. 4-25.

DiCapua’s human form as a whole creature or beings whose individuality is defined in the minor details of their construction, but whose similarity is accredited by the space, raw materials from which they are assembled. The artist will discuss his work on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the gallery, which is located in the College Art Center.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information contact Dennis M. O’Malley at 456-9765.

DiCapua, a Rhode Island native, attended Rhode Island College, where he majored in sculpture under the guidance of Daniel A. Korkis, professor of art.

DiCapua’s works have been exhibited in solo and group shows across the country from New York City to Los Angeles.

The exhibit is a retrospective of works from the last 14 years and is sponsored by the Student Union and the University Philathropic Club. It is free and open to the public.