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Guardo views report on state’s colleges ‘encouraging’

Indicates College should ‘get on with its mission’

by George LaTour

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Guardo said the 34-page printed report, which had been commissioned last fall, “clearly indicates that the three state institutions of higher learning have distinct and quite complementary missions.”

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Alumni Assn. to honor six May 12

The Rhode Island College Alumni Association will honor on May 12 the president of the Rhode Island Special Olympics, the executive director of a touring children’s theatre company, a professor of psychology, the College’s director of new student programs and of alumni affairs, and the president of the alumni association.

The annual event, which is open to the public, will take place on campus with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner scheduled for 7 p.m., according to Holly L. Stadman, director of alumni affairs.

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PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD has been given to Mary Ollen of Providence, consultant for health promotion at Rhode Island Island College, by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Region I, for her AIDS Awareness Program. The award was presented to Ollen at the NASPA national conference in St. Louis on March 28.

The mayor of Ottawa and other Canadian officials will be at Rhode Island College on Monday, April 25, in the Faculty Center for a program on "Canadian Cities: Lessons for the Future.”

Beginning at 7 p.m. with official greetings by Dr. David P. Greene, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dr. John Messer, co-author of "The Myth of the North American Indian," and professor of geography at Syracuse University, will discuss his work.

Mayer James Durrell, Toronto commis­sioner of planning Robert Millward, and Halifax director of development and planning Richard Matthews will discuss their respective cities.

Twelve Rhode Island College students, who have been involved in graduate or undergraduate research projects, will be inducted into the Rhode Island College Club of the Society of Sigma Xi, a national honor society for scientific research, as associate members at that group’s annual spring dinner and public lecture on Thursday, April 28, in the Faculty Center.

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Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

The United States Information Agency has announced details of the 1989-90 Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

The Teacher Exchange Program involves a one-on-one exchange for teachers at the elementary, secondary and postsecondary levels with suitable teachers overseas. The 1989-90 overseas exchange programs will involve Argentina, Australia, Belgium/Luxembourg, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Panama, the Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United States. The program will involve two teachers participating over a six month period. The program seeks to enhance mutual understanding. During the summer of 1989, seminars will be held in Italy and in The Netherland.

Applications will be available in the summer of 1988. (Programs are announced a year in advance and are subject to change.) Completed applications must be received by USIA postmarked by October 15, 1988.
23rd annual history symposium to look at American immigration

The 23rd annual history symposium at Rhode Island College on Thursday, April 28, will examine "American Immigration: From Restriction to Amnesty." It will look at the immigration policy "leading to the restrictive legislation of the 1920s" and the evolution of recent legislation pertaining to refugees and amnesty for illegal aliens, according to Dr. Norman R. Pyle of the history department, symposium sponsor.

Featured panelists for the symposium, set for 2 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium, will be Alan M. Kraut of American University and David M. Reimers of New York University. The moderator will be Dr. George H. Kelker, professor of history here. A reception follows in the College Faculty Center.

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Conferences

Reading, Writing

University of New Hampshire Professor Jane Hansen, a leading researcher in reading and writing education, will participate in a mini-conference at Rhode Island College on Wednesday, April 20, and Tuesday, April 26, respectively, as part of the Mathematics/Computer Science Spring Lecture Series.

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reading at the University of New Hampshire and is affiliated with the Writing Process Laboratory there. She will speak on "The number, 65,050 was her first two days each week in elementary classrooms and learned about the teaching of reading and writing as research for her book.

Formerly an elementary school teacher, she received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1979.

For registration materials, call Mary McGarr at the Rhode Island College Writing Center at 456-8141 or Jan Berghorn at 738-4031.

Observing Mathematics Awareness Week

Profs from Fitchburg State, Brown University to speak here in Math/Computer Science Series

The lecture begins at 12:45 p.m. in Gaige Hall.

The second speaker, Dr. Joan Richards of Fitchburg State, will speak on the history of non-euclidean geometry in a lecture entitled "The Non-Euclidean Revolution" at 4:15 p.m. in Brown. The talks and several films on mathematics to be shown by the department are free and open to the public.

Mathematics Awareness

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The five spring sports teams are well on their way to seasons for which and several individuals have in turn in outstanding spring performances.

The baseball team has improved its record to 6-5, after an 0-3 start. Coach Tim Deloff has been the team's top hitter with a .900 average. Senior second baseman Jim Seymour has played well for the team in home runs, with four. Juniors, Tim Campbell (338) and Steve Piacentino (361) have also hit the ball well. Senior third baseman Greg Grain is tops in RBIs with 17 and is hitting .395.

The pitching staff has been bolstered by freshman David Kennedy. He is off to a 2-1 start with a 3.67 earned run average. He leads the team in complete games, innings pitched, and victories this year.

Senior hurler Ira Lough has come on late after a slow start. He is currently 1-3, but has his best work in the first and second games of his first couple of outings.

Several other freshmen have also pitched well. Terre Benson has a 1-1 record with a 4.94 ERA and George McManus is 1-0 with an ERA of 0.00.

The crew has beaten Boston University, Nichols College twice, Bryant College, Stoneham College and Middlesex Community College. The crew plays home Thursday, April 21, against Salem State College.

The women's softball team is 4-5 on the young season.

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Cycling event, to take place from June 6 to July 22. They viewed scenes of the demand for the lung association's $2 million dollar goal. Becky decided to set up her sights even higher. "One hundred-and-twenty-dollars a day isn’t so sure. She had to think about it over. "I jumped up immediately and called the number they had given," Dan recalled. "I knew I was going to do it." Becky wasn’t so sure. She had to think about it over. "It’s crazy;" she thought. "He’s going to be away all summer again."

Their efforts haven’t gone unnoticed by family and friends. "They didn’t believe us at first," Becky said, "but now that they see we’re serious, they are becoming seriously about this. They have been coming up with ways on how to help us."

Raising the promised funding for the lung association is one of Dan and Becky’s chores. Getting themselves to top physical condition for the grueling trek is another. Although he has run in a couple of marathons and she is running and skiing, they scoff at a reporter’s attempt to describe them as athletes. "We just believe in being physically fit," Becky observed.

Regardless, the pair has been putting in as much time as possible in a regimen that includes running, swimming and pedaling a stationary bike. Obviously, it takes good equipment to ride a bike more than 3,000 miles in 30 days and 15 hours. "If getting that equipment is another task Becky and Dan have been working on," Dan said.

A local bike shop chain has agreed to donate two sporting bikes for the trek. These special cycles, which come in both 12-and 15-speed models, have just the right combination of light weight and durability, Dan explained. They also feature a low gear, making it easier to climb steep hills. Other equipment needs for the journey include water bottles, racks, shorts, shoes, rain gear, fights with "padded rears," thermal underwear, a vest and sleeping bags. Dan and Becky already own some of these accessories, but they will be looking for area businesses to donate the rest.

The TransAmerica Bike Trek will begin in Seattle, Wash. and will end in Atlantic City, seven weeks and 3,425 miles later. The trekkers will head east from Chicago, through the farmlands of Indiana and Ohio, before entering the Appalachian Mountains separate them from their journey’s end, the boardwalk in Atlantic City, seven weeks and 3,425 miles from the start.

Becky’s parents, sister and perhaps a couple of friends will be on the New Jersey destination to greet the trekkers when they arrive. "It’s going to be a spectacular seven-week vacation!" Dan said with enthusiasm.

Becky sounded a more serious note. "We’re going to use this experience I need to grow," she said, "the type of experience that will make me a better person."

Between Takes, the student produced video magazine from Rhode Island College, takes a look at wine making at Sokakot Vineyards on its April 21 show. Host, George Marshall, discusses the joys and problems of making wine in Rhode Island with guest Susan Sussan of Sokakot Vineyards. Other upcoming shows will include, on April 28, a look at the celebrated Almond Restaurant, with owner chefs George Germano and Julianne Klein.

A series of events scheduled for May, 3rd and New England Spirituality in the '80s, a discussion on white witchcraft and the New Age philosophy, with guest Danitria, Tamara Roddaberry and Cheryl Sublette. Between Takes is aired every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. on Rhode Island State Interconnect Channel A.

It is sponsored in part by Flickers—the Rhode Island College’s Video and Television Society. CAPERS—the Counseling and Psychology Educational Resource Service at Rhode Island College, has issued its first newsletter since its founding last May by graduate students to provide professional development beyond the educational program for those studying counseling and human services.

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"Perhaps the most important point," said the study team, "is that periodic revival of talks about merger is in itself debilitating and costly, especially to RIC."

The report said the merger issue should not be repeated barring "a major financial crisis" or "evidence that one of the institutions has no future. Rhode Island has a desire in enrollment that it has become patently inefficient."

Entitled "Enhancing the System: Options for Improving Organizational Relations Among Rhode Island Public Institutions of Higher Education," the report was the work of a study team headed by Ann C. McGinnis Jr., assistant executive director for higher education for the Education Commission of the States (ECS) in Denver, Colo.

The team had been charged with reviewing and suggesting the most appropriate education and cost-effective relationship that could exist between Rhode Island College and URI as well as Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island.

Options other than the merger, considered by the experts in higher education, public policy, management and budgeting included developing joint programs in selected academic areas, developing partnerships between and among institutions, or defining expected quality difference in duplicative programs.

The team found that, compared to many other states, Rhode Island does not have a problem regarding program overlap.

Given the high degree of distinction among the three institutions, the team was impressed by the extent to which collaboration takes place under the current system.

Policies and procedures now in place, such as the transfer policy, facilitate movement of students between colleges and universities.

To an extent, this can be attributed to the state Board of Governors, but the team found that this has far less to do with RIC—its mission statement "was more clearly stated than those of the other two institutions."

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It reported that Rhode Island College is "an institution plagued by uncertainties over the years about its mission and by being squeezed by the more clearly understood and defined aspirations of the university and community college."

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Activities scheduled

Monday, April 19
9 a.m., Student Union—Red Sox Trip (Red Sox vs. Texas Rangers at Fenway Park).
11 a.m., Second Annual Raucous Competition (sponsored by WAXN and WICN Programming).
9 p.m., Student Union Ballroom—Club Coca-Cola Dance Party to benefit the Special Olympics.

Tuesday, April 20
9 a.m., Canvas Mall—outdoor block party with grade tickets, admission indicated. "Each RIC student and the Roger Williams Zoomeble (sponsored by LASO, Hamms and ASA).
9 p.m., Donovan Center—Billy Bragg (acoustic electric poet, folk ballader, and rock and roller).

Wednesday, April 21
11 a.m., Campus Mall—lunchtime competition to perform.

Thursday, April 21
9 p.m., Donovan Center—Buster Poindexter and the Super Chicken (sponsored by irony RIC)

Clashback Tournament Playoffs—con-sider eliminations (sponsored by WAXN Programming). 6 p.m., final served on April 30.

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8 a.m., outside the Cofferidge—Local music day (featuring Shiny Sliced, Wisconsin Death Trap, Collision Service, Beginning in Death, That'll End, That'll Learn Ya!)

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