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College to honor 16 retirees at Commencement Gala fete

Rhode Island College will honor 16 members of the faculty and administrative and support staffs who are retiring after 10 or more years at the College in a special presentation ceremony at the Commencement Gala reception on the evening of May 19 in Donovan Dining Center.

Each of the retirees being honored will be presented a necklace or tie chain with a gold pendant bearing the College flame symbol.

Faculty being honored (with number of years at the College noted in parentheses) include Kenneth E. Bost, professor of chemistry (26); Miner K. Brotherton, professor of physical sciences (26); D. Cloward, professor of psychology (26); John A. Finger, Jr., professor of education (23); Kenneth E. Borst, professor of education (23); Cecile E. Mescal, cook (15); Carl Pesaturo, patrol person (15); and Robert W. Vanner, janitor (17).

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Support staff to be honored include Marion A. Bouley, chief clerk, student loans (20); Dorothy M. Cambio, housekeeper (17); Ann T. Carnevale, assistant business management officer (20); Alex J. Gauthier, patrol person (17); Robert F. Mecredy, recreation area manager (20); Carl Pesaturo, patrol person (15); and Robert W. Vanner, janitor (17).

The College acknowledges with gratitude the many contributions of other members of the staff retiring this year. They are: Carolyn B. D’Amico, accountant (6); Colette T. Durand, principal clerk typist (4); John J. Palombo, carpenter supervisor (9); Eleanor K. Stasio, housekeeper (9).

Recognition Guidelines

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According to Gordon Sundberg, director of personnel services, members of the Rhode Island College community retiring after 10 years or more of service with the College will be recognized at an annual gathering and recipient of an honorary doctorate degree will be Cavazos.

Lauro F. Cavazos, secretary of education for the country, and Ronald H. Brown, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, head the list of dignitaries receiving honorary degrees during Rhode Island College’s spring commencement exercises scheduled to begin on the campus esplanade at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

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Nursing commission proposed into U.S. Naval Reserve Nurse Corps

Rhode Island College Assistant Professor of Nursing Silvana F. Richardson was recently commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve Nurse Corps during ceremonies held at the Newport Naval Education and Training Center.

According to Naval Reserve Officer Recruiter Joseph Bubeck "Richardson was selected at an advanced pay grade as lieutenant because of her academic and professional background."

Richardson holds a B.A. from Loyola University in Chicago, an M.A. from Governor's State University in Illinois, and a Ph.D. in health education from Southern Illinois University.

Committed to the Navy Reserves for the next eight years, Richardson said of her decision to enlist, "I see it as a new challenge professionally and a way to put my nursing skills to work for another good." She has been a member of the College's nursing faculty since 1985, most recently as coordinator of the sophomore level of health promotion and child promotion.

Richardson will be stationed out of the Newport Naval Hospital.

R.I. College's chess 'queen'.

Sharon Burtman invited to U.S. Women's Championships

The Rhode Island College chess team's Sharon Burtman, now undefeated in her last 20 games, has been invited to participate in the U.S. Women's Championships at Convention College in partnership, S.C., June 19.

Burtman, of Stoughton, Mass., extended her winning streak from Dec. 29 to April 15 with seven wins over the New England Women's Championships' favorite, "senior master Esther Epstein of Lithuania." In fact, she played three of the top four players, who included those from Yugoslavia and Poland.

That match—an individual performance for Burtman as opposed to team competition—took place in Boston April 15-16.

Burtman's wins now stand at 17 with 3 draws.

S. B. Jones wins Browne Award

The U.S. Women's Championships are slated for July 6-16. Burtman will attend as one of four alternates to the 10 "first players" invited, with an average "invitational rating" of 2070, based on 1987 published ratings.

Top rated Anna Achsharumova has 2560. Lithuania's Epstein, in the second New England Championships, had an average rating of 2427.

"I would like to thank the Rhode Island College Student Community Government and the College community for their tremendous support," says Burtman, whose achievements, along with those of the chess team and its advisor/coach Dr. Armand Patracchio, have drawn the praises of many, including College President Carol J. Guardo.

Books, etc needed for annual sale

The Providence Plantations Branch, American Association of University Women, is currently collecting books for its annual book sale to be held in September. All kinds of books are welcome, including cookbooks, dictionaries, postcards and art objects.

Information about delivery or pick up of books can be obtained by calling 551-5924 or 944-7270.

Six R.I. College students give talks at science conference

Six Rhode Island College students gave talks about their undergraduate research projects at the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, from April 20-22.

The Conference is attended by students from about 30 New England schools and some mid-Atlantic states.

Each year, according to Charles Marzzacco, professor of physical sciences here, science students and their advisors who do research are encouraged to give a presentation. "Since 1975 we have been sending students to this conference with funds appropriated to us by the Student Community Government/Student Parliament," he said. Marzzacco said the conference was held at Rhode Island College in 1976. "We try to encourage students to participate. Although a bit frightening, it's a good experience," he said.

Participants were David Borsig of Blackstone, Mass., speaking on "Calculations on Small Ring Phosphorus Heterocycles"; Sean Carrigan of Providence, R.I., speaking on "Fluorescence Quenching of Azaphenanthrenes"; Melissa Craig of New Bedford, Mass., reporting on "The Isolation of Cholesterol and Cholesterol Oxides from Food Products." Also, Farzaneh Seyedi-Esfahani of Warwick spoke on "Electrochemistry of Diphtophosnicholadine Salts".

Foster resident Craig Morton's talk was titled "The Solvent Effects on Excited State Properties of the Acetylenes". Johanna Bennett, Writer
Cap 'n Gown honors our best, kicks off commencement season

Cap and Gown Convocation May 3 in Roberts Hall auditorium honored Rhode Island College's best students while beginning commencement activities.

Some 37 academically outstanding seniors were accorded individual departmental honors in recognition of their achievement. (See photo.)

Cap and Gown is traditionally the occasion when seniors first don academic attire, and they and faculty members and College administrators march in procession much as they will at commencement which falls on Saturday, May 20, this year.

Upon special request of the Class of 1989, Dolores A. Passarelli, director of new student programs and class advisor, addressed the seniors as did College President Carol J. Guardo and other College officials, capping a memorable day.

CLASS advisor Passarelli

CHECKING FOR THEIR NAMES on the program, while waiting for Cap and Gown ceremonies to begin are (l to r) seniors Tom Duff, Dave Botelho and Mike Terranova. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

1989 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARD WINNERS and their awards and departments are: (Front from left) Suzanne Spitzer, Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-French, modern languages; Carmen Rodrigues, Faculty Award, elementary education; Marybeth Cousineau, Helen M. Murphy Award, athletics; Wendy DeLuca, Laura B. Whitman Award, sociology; Kathryn Van Orosouw, Yetta Rauch Mehler Award, dance; Barbara Sancy, Richard A. Howland Award, computer science; Dawn Del Ponte, Faculty Award-Undergraduate, nursing; Cynthia Perkins Danuk and Gretchen Robinson, Joan Garrigue Award, English; Christine Willett, Evelyn Walsh Prize, history; Alyssa DeAndrade, John H. Chafee Award, political science; (2nd row from left) Susan Cooper, Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award, music; Scott Martin, John E. Herberman Award, athletics; Marytha Irving, Faculty Senior Award, psychology; Paul Stabile, Ronald J. Boruch Award, physical sciences and Theodore Lenczka Award, biology; Michele Coccioft-Winn, Studio Award, art; Elissa Schleifer, Christopher R. Mitchell Award, mathematics/computer science; Karen Silva, Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award for Scholastic Excellence, alumni; Marianne Dalpe, Bachelor of Social Work Program Award for Academic Excellence; Patricia McDuff, Faculty Award-Undergraduate-Registered Nurse; Jacqueline Meerbott, Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award, industrial education and technology; Sandra Ball, John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award and Wall Street Journal Award, economics/management; Sharon Marsella and (3rd row from left) Jonathan Ruhman, James Houston Award, anthropology/geography; Maria Albinia, Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-Spanish, modern languages; Kimberly Smith, Rhode Island College Theatre Award, theatre/communications; Bethany Goldberg, Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award-Outstanding Achievement, alumni; Amilcar Silva, Toga Polyglot Award, modern languages; Richard Anterini, Claiborne deB. Pell Award, history; Keith Rice, American Institute of Chemists Award, physical sciences; Ernest Carlucci, North Providence League of Women Voters Award, political science; Celeste Steffancz, James Houston Award, anthropology/geography; and Marianne LaPorte, Wall Street Journal Award, economics/management.
Pauline and Phyllis Mulvey are ready for graduation Saturday.

There's a party planned in Middletown for Sunday, May 21 at the Mulvey house. This celebration has been a long time in coming. In fact, it's been in the works for the past five years. And it isn't a birthday party, an engagement party, or a wedding shower.

This party will be held in honor of Phyllis, who graduated from Middletown High School in 1980 and began raising a son while working three jobs to cover her young family's expenses, the motivation to begin college would increase.

The A they received in that one history course was not the only accomplishment of five daughters, and for many reasons Pauline was enrolled at Rhode Island College as they marched to receive the coveted diplomas.

For Phyllis, 26, who graduated from Rhode Island College of Education (RICE) and is in the plans for September, but before that she will accept her degree in general studies with a grade point average of 3.1 for her efforts.

Mother and daughter graduate together

by Clare Flynn Joy

Indeed, Pauline acknowledged that the MBA program at the University of Rhode Island is in the plans for September, but before that she will accept her degree in general studies with a grade point average of 3.1 for her efforts.

Because of having to hold down a full-time job as budget analyst at the Newport Naval Dental Clinic, Pauline was enrolled as a part-time student.

"At first it was more than I expected. I wasn't sure I could follow it through," she said. "It ended up I could. I was able to do it all."

Throughout the last five years, she believes the four promotions she has received are directly related to her attendance at college.

"It gave me a good boost," Pauline said of her self-esteem. "And it helped me tremendously with my jobs. I tried to take courses that would be relevant to my work."

If either, soon-to-be college graduate had any complaints, those disappointments were "not always having enough time to spend with my family."

"But we always tried to make Sunday a family day."

Next Sunday on May 21 will be a very special family day in the Mulvey household. Let the party begin!

Rhode Island College Spring 1989

Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, May 20

10 a.m.

In case of rain, admission by ticket only.
Jackie Meerbott, student and working mom, found a home in the I.T. program

courtesy L. Sousa

Jackie Meerbott with her children at Cap and Gown Convocation May 3rd. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Jackie was very active in College activities, especially in the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS), an organization which provides contacts in business and industry for people with an interest in production control and materials resource production.

Bob Vioas, student leader of APICS said, "Without Jackie's involvement in APICS, the idea would never have gotten off the ground. She was the heart of the organization." Assistant professor Steve King said he is very proud of Jackie. "She's displayed tremendous leadership potential in the program and has been a prime leader of APICS." He said that through her contacts Jackie planned a tour of the Bostich company for her classmates. "She has a high level of energy and works hard," he says.

She said she never needed the support that the Slightly Older Student (SOS) organization provides returning adult students because she fits into the program immediately. "It's good to know that others are as fortunate as I was and feel as if I shouldn't be here," she says. Jackie found her fellow classmates to be "really great." Working in the graphics lab several hours a week Jackie made good friends.

Graphics and printing interested Jackie who says she was always good with her hands. Through the program she was able to participate in a couple of internships. "I really learned a lot at Federation Lithograph in Providence and made many contacts," she recalls.

In fact, she teaches weight lifting part time in addition to serving as the secretary to the College dance company, also a part time paying job. Michelle also handles some of the publicity for the dance company as a student intern, she says.

She has won several dance scholarships from various sources while at college, including one for $500 from the Rhode Island Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (RIAPERD) as this year's outstanding student. Selection was based on her grades, her leadership and extracurricular activities at college.

Michelle won over competing students from the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the state's high schools.

One of four children in what has been described as a single-parent family for some time now, Michelle gives her "Mom" a lot of the credit for making her education possible. "I was given the opportunity to go to college because of her," she says. She is the first in her family to graduate from Rhode Island College.

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ and daughter, Monica.

"Life in this country is not easy for everyone. It can be discouraging. You need the support of your family. These are the sentiments of Carmen Rodriguez of Providence, an older than average college-age senior who is about to graduate from Rhode Island College. Commencement on May 20 will cap nine years of part- and full-time study of (continued on page 8)
RONALD H. BROWN

Recipient of the College's honorary doctorate of public service, Ronald H. Brown, is a respected national campaign veteran who served as senior political advisor to the Dukakis/Bentsen campaign, as 1988 Democratic Convention manager for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and as deputy national campaign manager for the 1980 Kennedy presidential campaign.

Lawyer and public servant, Brown also served for 12 years with the National Urban League as its deputy executive director, and in the roles of general counsel, vice president for Washinton operations, and chief Washington spokesperson. In addition, he was appointed Middle East representative to the Urban League at the invitation of the Israeli General Federation of Labor.

Brown received his undergraduate degree from Middlebury College and earned his Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law. He is a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, the State of New York, and the District of Columbia.

A member of the Standing Committee on Law and Judicial Process of the American Bar Association, Brown served as chief counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary in 1981. One year later, he became general counsel and staff director in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, who he has served as chief political advisor.

Since 1986, Brown has chaired the Senior Advisory Committee of the John F. Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics at Harvard University. He is also a trustee of the University of the District of Columbia and of Middlebury College.

NASC astrout, Vietnam veteran, and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Colonel Sherwood C. "Woody" Spring, who considers Rhode Island his home state, will receive an honorary doctorate of science for his distinguished career.

One of 84 astronauts chosen by NASA in May 1980 to train and qualify as a mission specialist on Shuttle crews, Colonel Spring has logged over 4,000 hours of flying time in 25 different types of airplanes and helicopters, has spent approximately 165 hours in space travel, and has walked in space for 12 hours.

In 1985, while aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis, Mission 61-B, that blasted off from Cape Canaveral for a seven-day mission, Colonel Spring along with fellow astronaut Jerry Ross, who billed themselves as the "Ace Construction Company," assembled and disassembled two structural prototypes for elements of future space station construction, and deployed three communications satellites and performed a pharmacuetical experiment before the craft landed after a 2.4 million-mile trip.

After graduating from West Point with a B.S. in general engineering, he went on to earn a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the United States Military Academy and a second M.S. in aerospace engineering from the University of Arizona. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School.

Having served two tours in Vietnam, the first with the 101st Airborne Division and the second with the 1st Cavalry, Colonel Spring received numerous awards and medals. Among them are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit Award, two Army Bronze Stars, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the German Cross in Gold.

As a result of his expertise, Colonel Spring was asked to serve on the tiger team accident investigation task force at Kennedy Space Center immediately following the Challenger accident.

He is currently assigned to the Army Space Program Office in Fairfax, Virginia, and is the designated director/program manager for the Tactical Exploitation of National Space Program Capabilities.

SHERWOOD C. SPRING

MARK PATINKIN

New dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to take post in July

Will replace Dean Greene

Interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Florida has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Rhodes Island College, capping a six-month search for a replacement for Dean David L. Greene.

President Carol J. Guardo announced that Dr. Richard F. Weiner, 42, of Jackson­sville, will assume his new position this July.

Dean Greene had announced last Sep­tember that he would step down as dean and return to teaching as a chemistry professor after his replacement had been selected. He had served as dean since 1981.

A member of the faculty at the University of North Florida since 1976, Weiner had also served as chair of the department of sociology and political science and interim chair of the department of modern language and literature.

RICHARD WEINER of Jacksonville, Fla., has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences here, effective in July.

In making the announcement of Weiner's selection, Guardo took "special note of the excellent efforts of the search committee and especially its chair, Dr. Eugene Perry " for identifying "extreme­ly well qualified candidates" for the post.

The president also expressed her appreci­ation and that of the entire College commu­nity for "the many contributions" of Dean Greene, whom she noted, "has worked very effectively to develop the Faculty of Arts and Sciences here."

Weiner is a 10-year veteran journalist for the Florida Times-Union. He has been named 1985-86 journalist of the year by the Tallahassee chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Weiner was later appointed to head the Jacksonville chapter of the Society.

A 1975 graduate of Middlebury College, Weiner holds a masters degree in political science from Columbia University. His experience as department chair and interim chair also includes administration of undergraduate baccalaureate programs in anthropology and criminal justice, and graduate programs in public administra­tion and criminal justice.

Weiner is credited with initiating an anthropological photography gallery, the Jack­sonville Anthropological Research Center, plans for a bachelor's in social work, the North Florida Video and Audio Center, and the A. Philip Randolph Social Justice Lecture Series, and the new department of communica­tions and visual arts, all at North Florida University.

Weiner has taught extensively, includ­ing at the Florida State University's Lon­don Study Center.

Among his published works are a book, Cultural Marxism and Political Sociology and numerous articles in educational journals.

He holds membership in a number of professional organizations, including the Florida Teaching Profession National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the Society for the Study of Social Problems and Centre d'Etude des Mouvements Sociaux (Paris).

Weiner has been involved extensively in community projects in Florida and has been the recipient of numerous academic honors and recognitions. He has traveled widely throughout Europe.

Weiner, a native of New York, is mar­ried to Danielle Dispauic-Wieiner who holds French citizenship. Their two sons, Yann Roby and Sean Matthieu, hold both American and French citizenship.

An honorary doctorate of journalism will be presented to Patinkin, syndicated columnist, Pulitzer Prize finalist and author.


In 1985, Patinkin published An African Journey, a chronicle of a month spent in famine country. Two years later, a newspaper series he wrote on religious vio­lence in Northern Ireland, India and Russia earned him the position as one of two finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in inter­national reporting.

Most recently, Random House pub­lished the Silent War, co-authored by Patinkin and Rhode Island economist Ira Maga­ziner. The book addresses the global economic threat to the United States by increasingly sophisticated foreign na­tions.

He is a 1974 graduate of Middlebury College where he was editor of the Journal­Bulletin. Patinkin was a staff reporter for the Utrica Daily Press in utspaine New York. He is a resident of Rhode Island.

Ph.D. in political science/sociology from Columbia University.

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Five outstanding men and women cited by Rhode Island College Alumni Association

Helen Ginsburg Forman of Providence, Class of 1934, a former special education teacher, was among five outstanding men and women honored at the annual Rhode Island College Alumni Association awards dinner at the Donovan Dining Center on May 11.

Forman was cited as Alumna of the Year for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of the College's annual fund drive.

Others honored were Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon of Pawtucket, a former academic vice president and provost here, who went on to become the state's first commissioner of higher education. She was given the Alumni Service Award for her "exemplary service" to the College and to higher education.

Dr. Neil I. Gonsalves of Providence, professor of biology here, received the Faculty Award for his 20 years of service as teacher, researcher and active participant in the College community.

Steven D'Aguanno of Greenville, Class of 1974, senior vice president for research and design at Hasbro, Bradley, Inc., the world's largest toy manufacturer, was accorded the Willard Achievement Award for his "outstanding career achievement;"

Douglas G. Cureton of Providence, Class of 1972, associate director for training and activities at the College Campus Center, was presented the Staff Award for his "outstanding service in support of the College community and, in particular, the alumni association." Other honorees were Dr. Herbert R. Winter, program coordinator at Rhode Island College and the University of London, and Helen Ginsburg Forman of Providence, professor of biology here, who also earned a school teacher for 22 years, she went on to earn a gerontology certificate here. Her other activities in education have been numerous as has been her association with music organizations such as the Rhode Island Music Festival and the Chopin Music Club, among other organizations.

Active with the faculty union, he has served as a consultant to Creativity Consultants in Providence and acrobatics staff supervisor at Healthtrax Racquet in Warwick.

McMahon, who stepped down as provost here in 1982 to assume the position of commissioner of education in Rhode Island, one of only 10 female commissioners of higher education in the country, left that post in April to become a distinguished visiting professor at the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions at Brown University.

Gonsalves' research on eye development has received recognition from the National Eye Institute, reports Shadoian. Active with the faculty union, he has served 15 consecutive years as its vice president.

Gonsalves has developed and taught a number of courses here. His other campus activities include chair for 10 years of the Colloquium Committee, chair for seven years of the Honors Committee, and chair for two years of the Curriculum Committee.

D'Aguanno was hired in 1974--after graduating with a degree in art education--as a sculptor in product design at Hasbro. Since then he went through the ranks as manager of industrial design, associate vice president, vice president and, last year, senior vice president.

McMahon's emphasis has received recognition from the American Universities and Colleges.

Internship in Sen. Pell's office provides an inside look at the political process

Since 1962, Rhode Island Sen. Claiborne Pell has opened the doors of his Washington office to students of Rhode Island colleges and universities for one-week internship programs.

This year eight Rhode Island College students were chosen by political science professor Herbert R. Winter, program coordinator at Rhode Island College and state-wide director of the program, to spend one week during the spring term in Washington.

The internship program, according to Winter, is open to any Rhode Island resident attending a college or university in Rhode Island and having a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5. Students apply and are selected for their interest in public affairs as demonstrated by their previous activities. "We try to choose students who are good representatives of Rhode Island College," says Winter, who has been working with the program for many years.

Many interns are political science or history majors but Winter says he has chosen interns with biology, English and education majors. "Each year the interns learn something about the operation of a senator's office and are able to take in some major political events," Winter says. Some are able to attend conferences, sit in on Supreme Court sessions, Senate hearings and roll call votes and attend Rhode Island delegation hearings.

Some of the sessions attended by the College's interns this spring included Col. Oliver North hearings and Senate Appropriations and Committee hearings concerning Soviet affairs, says Winter. Senators worked with the program and tried to make sure as many young people as possible get a view of the political process at the national level, according to Winter.

"Pell and his staff have been extremely helpful over the years in helping to make the interns' stay in Washington educational and enjoyable," he says. Judging by the contents of the many postcards Winter has received from interns over the years, the experience is highly rewarding.

At Rhode Island College, the Student Community Government/Student Parliament provides funds each year for the program so that the interns receive stipends to defray their expenses. This year each intern received a stipend of $375. Winter thanks the organization for providing the funds saying that over the years, without the stipends, many interns could not have participated in the program.

Winter helps the interns find appropriate housing while in D.C. and sends them to co-ed groups of two to three to ensure safety.

"I feel very fortunate that I was actually able to work in Pell's office and get an inside look at national politics," Lanzo says.

Legislative assistant and intern coordinator Robert S. Foult helps the interns plan their days.

Each day begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m. Lanzo was able to attend committee hearings concerning the Pan Am Flight 103 tragedy in Scotland, and on crime in D.C. Other time was spent in Pell's office helping with mail and with press releases.

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Lithograph of R.I. College on sale

Artist Karl Rittmann’s painting of selected Rhode Island College buildings and landmarks has been reprinted in a colorful 24 x 30 lithograph and is now on sale at the Campus Store for $25. Rittmann was commissioned to do the painting by Mr. Joseph Muratore, retired vice-consul for the Italian government and prominent businessman in Rhode Island.

Center:

"It's a very full and extremely exhausting week," Lanzini remembers, "but it was exciting and well worth it. I learned a great deal.

"I got a feel for the 'long days' public officials put in. It's not as glamorous as it seems," Lanzini says she held to keep a pair of sneakers handy because of all of the walking she had to do.

As an intern, Lanzini was privy to the Congressional Records Room for research purposes. "The knowledge and materials I was able to bring back with me will be extremely useful to me in graduate school," Lanzini says.

Lanzini plans to attend Boston University where she will work on her master’s degree in foreign affairs. She hopes some day to work as a political consultant or lobbyist on the national level.

GUARDO ANNOUNCES FACULTY PROMOTIONS

President Carol J. Guardo recently announced the promotion of 16 faculty members at Rhode Island College.

Those promoted to the rank of full professor (with their departments in parentheses) are: Samuel B. Ahrents (history of Providence); Madeline F. Nixon (Henry Barnard School) and John D. E. Peterson (physical sciences of Lincoln); and Pamela C. Rubovits (psychology) of Foster.

Also, Amritjit Singh (English); Robert J. Sullivan (anthropology/geography) of Cranston; and Kenneth J. Kelleher (secondary education) of East Providence.

Those promoted to the rank of associate professor are: Francine S. Brem (nursing) of East Greenwich; Joan F. Bocheni (English education) of Westport, Mass.; Patricia C. Cunningham-Warburton (mathematics/computer science) of Providence; and David M. Harris (economics/management) of East Providence.

Also, Francis J. Leazes (political science) of Providence; Robin K. Montville (psychology) of Cranston; and Elvin R. Morgan (mathematics/computer science) of North Providence; and Angela C. Murphy (nursing) of Smithfield.

Also, Elaine F. Perry (communications, Mass.; and David R. Sugerman (psychology) of Portsmouth, N.H.

COMMENCEMENT GALA TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the annual Commencement Gala are now on sale in the Office of Conferences and Special Events. The tickets (which are $45 cash) include a reception, buffet dinner and dance on Friday, May 26, 1989, in the Diony Center. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. The College community is invited to join in the celebration. For further information, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events, 310 Roberts Hall (456-9322).

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 5

The College will begin the summer weeks scheduled for clerical and administrative staff on Monday, June 5, according to Gordon N. Sundberg, director of personnel services.

The summer hours of work will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through August 25, 1989, Sundberg noted that all other work schedules remain unchanged.

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The brochures were among six entries from across the nation winning Gold, Silver, or Bronze awards in that category. The College was also one of 33 other entries produced by the best college and university designers in the United States, Bower said.

The designer of the series was Scott Mason of Space Visual Design in Providence.

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Ray Raguza, assistant director of communications/publications at the College, wrote the copy and coordinated the production of the brochures.

The brochures used abstract images and bold colors in announcing each of the five spring concerts for the Department of Music: Orchestra; Wind Ensemble; Chamber Singers, Collage, and Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship Concert.

"It’s truly an honor to receive a CASE Recognition Award," Bower said. "With the cooperation of Bill Jones and Jonathan Sturm of the music department, we were able to greatly improve the quality of music publications this year.''

CASE, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a support organization for college and university advancement professionals.

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event to be held in the spring semester. They will receive commemorative certificates and retirement pendant (specially designed jewelry displaying the College flame) based on the following criteria: Faculty: Members of the faculty who have or will retire before the end of a given fiscal year and who have completed 10 or more years of service to the College in that year. (Includes part-time but excludes adjunct faculty.)

Support Staff: Members of the non-classified staff who have or will retire by the end of a given fiscal year and who have completed 10 or more years of service with the College.

They will receive commemorative certificates and retirement pendant at College-wide events to be held in the spring semester.

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elementary education by this native of St. Michael, Azores.

She is this year's co-winner of the ele-mentary education department's Faculty Award as outstanding graduate.

"It's not the only way, but it is a good way to make it. Life can be more pleas-ant," assures Rodriguez, who says this is especially true for immigrants as she once was.

Explaining that life is difficult enough at times even when you are native English-speaking, it can be very difficult for foreign-speaking people to inte-grate into American society and "make it."

"Now I can take the best of the Portu-guese culture and the American culture and mix them and be part of both," she says. Ads, she adds, that she and others do not have to give up their national culture to be a success in America.

Rodriguez would urge young immi-grants to embrace what is good in Ameri-can culture while holding on to all they cherish in their own, study and become Americans in every sense of the word.

Rodriguez entered Rhode Island Col-lege as a part-time student in 1980, got married that December and worked as a dental assistant.

In 1985, her daughter was born, so she took a three-semester leave from the Col-lege and her job. Her husband was and is employed as a toolmaker.

When she returned to college, she did so as a fulltime student and, as an Ameri-can citizen, having attained citizenship after five years in this country.

That family she so lovingly speaks about, includes her mother and father, a brother and two sisters, all in Rhode Island, and a sister in California.

They did not all come to this country at the same time, but they're here now and, apparently, happy to be so.

Speaking for herself, Rodriguez says, "I'm comfortable here. I'm happy in Rhode Island."

She is currently student-teaching at Oldham School in Riverside and has taken an interview with the Providence school system for the position of bilingual teacher.

Sergio, who's native tongue is Spanish, had attended Rhode Island College for a time and plans to return to study industrial-technology art, music and photogra-phy which he enjoys, relates Mrs. Rodriguez. Her husband came to Amer-i-ca at age 18.

One can already count this family a success, having the rich cultural diversity is has and the positive attitude that makes for winners in America.

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She also had some free time to experi-ence many cultural and educational at-tractions in Washington.

"It's a very full and extremely exhaust-ing week," Lanzini remembers, "but it was exciting and well worth it. I learned a great deal.

"I got a feel for the 'long days' public officials put in. It's not as glamorous as it seems," Lanzini says she kept to keep a pair of sneakers handy because of all of the walking she had to do.

As an intern, Lanzini was privy to the Congressional Records Room for research purposes. "The knowledge and materials I was able to bring back with me will be extremely useful to me in graduate school," Lanzini says.

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