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Record number attend commencement exercises

U.S. Sec of Ed, Pastore tell grads to 'get involved'

by George LaTour

Nearly 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students received diplomas at Rhode Island College's 1989 commencement Saturday, May 20, as a warm spring sun glared down on the campus esplanade where probably the largest commencement audience in the College's 134-year history was gathered.

Richard M. Comerford, director of campus Security and Safety, estimated that more than 8,000 graduates, family members, friends, College faculty, staff and administrators witnessed the event, which began shortly after 10 a.m.

"It was—by far—the largest commencement attendance I've seen in the 10 years I've been here," noted Comerford.

College Security and Safety personnel, Providence and North Providence police, grand and platform marshals, student marshals and ushers assured that everything proceeded according to plan.

Kathryn M. Sasso, director of conferences and special events, was coordinator of the day's activities.

Comments were heard from many concerning the impressive and orderly ceremonies. And, the campus grounds never looked better.

A special press section

A special press section was set up to accommodate journalists and photographers who were on hand in number to record the graduation rites which, this year, were even more special due to the invited guests.

These included U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos; Chairman of the Democratic National Committee Ronald H. Brown; physician and humanitarian John O. Pastore; NASA astronaut Sherwood C. "Woody" Spring, and syndicated columnist from the Providence Journal, Mark Patinkin.

All received honorary degrees.


Also present was former commissioner Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, who was awarded the Board of Governors Distinguished Service Award.

Doctor Pastore, in his commencement address to the graduates, noted there were "only two kinds of commencement addresses: those that are too long and those that are not short enough!"

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Trio programs hailed; Cavazos gives Upward Bound $284,585

by George LaTour

Observing that the Trio programs nationally "have a good track record overall," U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos, after commencement exercises here May 20, presented a check for $284,585 to Mariam Z. Boyajian, director of the Trio Upward Bound program, for its continued support at Rhode Island College.

Cavazos, who had just addressed the College's nearly 1,000 graduating students, their families and friends, met in Craig-Lee Hall with current and former students in the Upward Bound program and representatives from the various Trio programs at the state's institutions of higher learning to hear first-hand from the students what Trio programs meant to them.

Trio programs here are Upward Bound and Student Support Services, and Access (Student Support Services) and the Educational Opportunities Center (EOC).

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William Hurry accepts position as dean of admissions and financial aid

William Hurry has accepted an appointment as director of Financial Aid and Financial Aid here, according to William F. Enteman, provost. Employed at the College for 19 years, Hurry has held a variety of positions, most recently the director of the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment Services.

He will assume his new post, which replaces and expands upon that of dean of admissions, around the first of July, Enteman said. Former dean of admissions, John Nissen, resigned to take a position at the American University in Paris.

Hurry said that the aim of the merger of the admissions and financial aid offices was to make it "more convenient and understandable for prospective students and parents to access the College." It is "a kind of one-stop handling approach," Hurry said. Also, Hurry said, this growing cooperation between the two key areas in relation to recruitment and retention, he said.

As dean of admissions and financial aid, Hurry will manage a staff of 20 and will report to the provost and vice president for academic affairs.

He will be responsible for developing and implementing enrollment goals, recruitment strategies and management of a comprehensive financial aid program of institutional, state and federal aid.

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As the director of the Center for Financial Aid and Student Employment, Hurry has extensive communicative and managerial experience in educational financial aid and also gained extensive experience in undergraduate admissions while serving as acting dean of students.

Hurry, a native Rhode Islander, received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Southern Illinois University, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in higher education administration at Boston College.

Hurry has also taught for the cooperative education program here and for the Office of Higher Education in Providence.

Hurry is a member of several professional organizations including the National Rhode Island Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He is also the president of the Rhode Island College Staff Association (RICA).

Hurry resides in North Scituate with his wife Sandra and their two children. His parents, William and Elizabeth live in Providence.

Faculty to retire for 13 here announced

Tenure has been approved by the state Board of Governors for Higher Education for 13 faculty members at Rhode Island College, it was announced recently by President Carol J. Guardo.

Those approved for the award of tenure effective July 1, their terms and their homes, are: Dr. Francine S. Biren (nursing) of East Greenwich; Dr. Patricia C. Brown (nursing) of Exeter; Dr. Francis J. Ceres (political science) of Providence; and Dr. David B. Sugarmann (psychology) of Portsmouth, N.H.

Those approved for the award of tenure effective July 1, their terms and their homes are: Dr. Harriet Bronson, professor of English, and Judith E. Stokes (Adams Library) of Providence; Dr. Roger A. Simons (nursing) of East Dorset, Vt.; Dr. Richard A. Bilodeau (political science) of Providence; and Dr. Thomas L. Benson (English) of Mansfield Center, Conn.; Rachel H. Carpenter (Adams Library) of Providence; Thomas J. Cobb (English) of Coventry; Dr. Hall Copur (economics/management of Brussels.

Also, Dr. Barbara A. Cowan (School of Social Work) of Stamford, Conn.; Dr. Mary E. McGunn (English) of Providence; Dr. Carol R. Shelton (nursing) of Cranston; Dr. Roger A. Simons (nursing) of Providence; and Judith E. Stokes (Adams Library) of Providence.

7 summer research stipends for $3,000 each awarded here

Seven Rhode Island College faculty members are the recipients of $3,000 summer research stipends, it was recently announced by Provost Willard F. Enteman.

The stipends, increased by $500 each and given to one more than last year, are awarded to faculty to help improve their professional development.

They allow faculty members to supplement their salaries while concentrating on research efforts in their particular field of scholarship.

This marks the fifth consecutive year that summer research stipends have been granted.

Funding comes from the President's Office, the Provost's Office and the Rhode Island College Foundation, reports Enteman, who is also the vice president for academic affairs.

Summer research proposal have been screened by the Faculty Research Committee before submission to the provost who makes the final selections.

Throughout the next academic year, each recipient of an award will have an opportunity to give a lecture on his or her research project.

Such sharing of research results is considered an important part of academic life at Rhode Island College, providing a network for faculty awareness of research done by their colleagues, says the provost.

Those receiving the stipends this year are: Harriet Bronson, professor of English; Peter Brown, assistant professor of psychology; Hector Morales, associate professor of modern languages; Maureen Reddy, assistant professor of English; Anjum Singh, associate professor of English, and John Williams, professor of physical sciences.

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State and R.I. College combine efforts to offer first ever Professional Development Institute

The state Department of Education, Vocational Technical Division has combined resources with staff and faculty of Rhode Island College Center for Industrial Technology to offer career and technical teachers in Rhode Island the first-of-its-kind Professional Development Institute.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, June 28 at the College and run through Friday, June 30, the conference, "Preparing for Tomorrow" will provide a "unique opportunity for educators, the private sector, the Department of Education and others to begin to share and discuss issues specific to the career and technical education systems of Rhode Island," according to J. Troy Earhart, commissioner of education for elementary and secondary schools.

Similar institutes are held around the country and "we have sent staff to observe" in order to prepare for Rhode Island's teacher development as indicated by Frank M. Sanoro, director of the vocational education division for the Department of Education.

"This can be considered a pilot effort," he said, adding that the three-day conference is being funded with a $42,000 grant from his department.

Of particular importance to institute organizers is that "we are bringing together teachers who have never been together," said Thomas A. Izzo, vocational services specialist for the state, explaining that "vocational, industrial arts, and business education teachers, counselors and administrators" have been invited.

Noted scholar, educator, and public servant Samuel Betances, professor of sociology at Northeastern Illinois University, will deliver the keynote address at 8 a.m. Thursday, June 29 at Earhart, and Governor Edward D. DiPace.

Betances earned a master's and doctorate from Harvard University and has lectured and published extensively in the area of race and ethnic group relations, issues in multicultural education, religion, and media and humor in urban America.

A former public affairs commentator in Chicago for the local affiliate of NBC, Betances has also worked as a consultant with city and community groups, educators, and private corporations in matters relating to making our world and society safe for everyone.

Betances has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Valuable Asset Award from the Chicago Public Schools Bureau of Volunteer Programs, the Human Rights and Racial Justice Award of Western Michigan University, the Latino Award for Political Progress, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and the Higher Education Fellowship at Harvard University.

Among the topics covered during the conference, which will be held in classroom settings and at off-campus locations around Rhode Island, will be computer applications, substance abuse, women in technology, computer integrated manufacturing and robotics, agricultural and construction education, machine and automotive technology, graphic arts, and computer and electronics technology.

Other conference highlights are leadership training seminars, optional undergraduate or graduate credit hours, industrial exhibits, tours of the College's $3 million Center for Industrial Technology, recreational facilities, and social activities.

Rhode Island College coordinator of the five-member institute task force, Richard N. Keogh, who is director of research and grants for the College said that more than 150 people from around the state have already sent in the $35 registration fee.

"We are extremely pleased with the number of registered participants," he said. "The benefits of the conference to our educational system and community work hand-in-hand."
A time to remember...

1989

COMMENCEMENT

“a time to be born...
a time to build up...
a time to seek...”
a time to laugh...
a time to embrace...

—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“A Gold Key member helps Lisa J. Castro off the stage.

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
—Theodore Roosevelt

Robert Zampa II gets his degree.

What’s News Photos
by Gordon E. Rowley

“Each of June’s new graduates Has left his college hall. The world is now his oyster, The future is his thrall. He thinks he knows a great, great deal More than his parents do— And, speaking of that state of mind, The chances are it’s true!”
—Leverett Lyon

Dr. John O. Pastore delivers the commencement address.

“We must guard against being smugly satisfied with what we are and what we have done. We must grow. We are so small and life is so big.”
—Circle C. Chats

A bird’s eye view of the class of 1989.
535 get research grants for '89-'90

Viewed as 'seed money' for larger projects

Thirty-five Rhode Island College faculty staff and 250 each to graduates from their respective schools. Winners are Angelina C. Moscone of Central Falls, Sonia Tavares of Shea High School in Pawtucket and Dalilana L. Pena of Central High School. Debras Ovalles, an Upward Bound graduate and winner of the program's first scholarship to Marino J. Ovalles of Providence, a graduating senior at Hope High School, was accepted at the University of Rhode Island. The occasion was the annual Upward Bound alumni scholarship is Americo Petrocelli (left), state commissioner of higher education, told the 40 noted that 75 percent of them will persist to college or university graduation as an average person going to a university," he assured the high school seniors, who will be attending Rhode Island College, the University of Rhode Island, Boston College, Roger Williams College, an attorney who formerly was director of the Urban Informal Sector: The Tunisian Case, Referring to the graduates, whom Upward Bound or Student Support Services or both here.

"War will not come if we work as a people to prevent it," said Pastore, who is a politician and who went on to graduate from Brown College and who currently is studying at law New University, addressed to the dignitaries whom he was addressing faces "I am so nervous." said one of the improved Upward Bound program in his time. The program is good because it gives people a chance to go ahead (and their education) and they might not succeed without that desire," he said.

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"We can do nothing if we can't point to your success," Rhode Island's commissioner of higher education who told the 40 graduating seniors that they are "people of the Democratic National Committee, said the students related their experiences in the Trio programs and their success stories.

One young man, who had gone through the program and who went on to graduate from Brown College and who currently is studying at law New University, addressed to the dignitaries whom he was addressing faces "I am so nervous." said one of the improved Upward Bound program in his time. The program is good because it gives people a chance to go ahead (and their education) and they might not succeed without that desire," he said.

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Collective expertise of team approach aids students and builds teacher morale

By George LaTour

CAST is "a very timely" effort, according to DiMeo, who reports that "the response has been terrific" since the concept was introduced.

CAST may eliminate unnecessary special education labels for students with learning problems. Rhode Island has a high proportion of students labeled as "learning disabled," notes DiMeo. According to DiMeo, "Rhode Island teachers are a very professional group working under difficult circumstances," DiMeo says "a lot of students" get referred for special education assessment, a legal process by which teams of assessors "give kids a very special education label." "This makes the student eligible for special help," says DiMeo, who points out that it is often time-consuming and expensive. "We've learned pulling students out of (the classroom) isn't necessarily the answer." "The students (then) have a lot of difficulty relating what they learn in special education to the (regular) classroom," DiMeo says. "Only as a last resort do we go to special education identification," reported one chairperson of a CAST group in a school where it has operated for about a year. "I don't need extra programs," he told DeFanti and Rallis. "I want to exhaust everything within the classroom first," he wrote. "I'm going to support the classroom teacher. We need to give those options to general education. "I don't want to push problems off onto special education," he concluded.

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For teachers, CAST offers an opportunity to "share their personal tricks of the trade," she assures.

At the Rhode Island College session a workshop on the College's graduate program in ESL was presented by Dr. Alice Goffman, coordinator of the program.

College president Carol J. Guardo welcomed the group and stressed the importance of international students attending Rhode Island College.

After the workshop, participants asked many questions of Goffman, Olson, Dr. John Salesses, dean of graduate programs, and Patricia Parle, admissions officer for international students.

The foreign visitors included: Antje Fassbender, educational advisor, Amerika Haus, Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany; Mouni Gounta, educational advisor, Japan-United States Educational Commission, Tokyo, Japan; Roberta James Paola, educational advisor, American Cultural Center, Durban, South Africa; Joseph Sabageh, educational advisor, United States Information Service, Lagos, Nigeria; and Sara Vasquez, Biblioteca Centro Cultural Salvador, American Embassy, Salvador, El Salvador.

ESL program here: focus of workshop for overseas educational advisors

On May 24, Rhode Island College hosted a group of Overseas Educational Advisors (OSEA) who visited the campus to learn about College offerings in general and our graduate program in English as a Second Language (ESL), in particular.

Dr. Audrey P. Oleslster, international student advisor at the College and other advisors at Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, Bryant College, Rhode Island School of Design, Johnson and Wales, the Community College of Rhode Island, and Providence College, jointly sponsored and won the honor of being selected one of four such visits nationwide.

There was national competition for the grants, which were awarded by the National Association of Foreign Service Advisors (NAFSA) and the College Board. Since 1984 the federal government and a number of state and federal educational associations have joined forces to provide an annual training program for OSEA, those people who advise students in American consulates, United States Information Service libraries, Fulbright Commission and other exchange agencies around the world.

The criteria included "a high degree of productivity, exceptional quality work, service to the community, educational qualifications, dependability, effectiveness in interpersonal relations, and commitment to and advancement of the stated agenda for Rhode Island College."

Receiving the awards were George C. Aigner, assistant director of custodial services; Gregory Aplit, senior gardener; Hardwell H. August, principal cook in the College dining services; Dennis Batista, senior janitor; and Shirley D. Benton, senior clerk-stenographer in the dean of students office. Also, Angela L. Boninominio, intern/adjunct clerk; Robert K. Bower, director of communications; Bette Brady, personnel assistant; James R. Bucci, assistant director of maintenance operations; John E. Bucci, housekeeper in Willard Hall; and Michael T. Bynum, telecommunications technician in the computer center.

Also, Maria A. Capodil, cook's helper; Deborah S. Dunphy, principal clerk-stenographer in the publish service; Patricia H. Hays, programmer/consultant in the computer center; Ellen W. Hunt, data base manager in admissions; and Angela R. Ibarra, senior clerk-stenographer in the School of Social Work.

Also, Linda J. Martinez, payroll supervisor in the accounting office; Diana L. Mulberry, assistant to the director of continuing education; Bernice L. Petracca, principal clerk-stenographer in the nursing department; Alice G. Porcelli, principal clerk-stenographer in the economics department; Janice F. Sanucci, senior clerk-stenographer in the office of personnel services; Kathryn M. Sasso, director of continuing and special events; and Dorene A. Ziroli, assistant director of financial aid/student employment.

OUSTANDING STUDENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE Trace Keene of North Smithfield is presented the President's award, a citation, by President Carol J. Guardo at Rhode Island College's sixth annual ROTC commissioning ceremony May 19. Other cadets commissioned second lieutenants are; Dennis Coffey of Portsmouth, Dornane Marshell of Britot, Patrick McGaffigan of Pawtucket, John Polaron of Central Falls and Scott Tirrochi of East Providence. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Five Rhode Island College faculty members, who retired at the end of the 1988-89 academic year or earlier, have been accorded emeriti status by President Carol J. Guardo, it was announced recently.

Appointed to the rank of professor emeritus or emerita are: Dr. John A. Finger, Jr., of Providence, professor of education; Dr. Anastasia C. "Tess" Hoffman of Newport, professor of English; Dr. Robert D. Cloward of Pascoag, professor of psychology; Kenneth E. Borst of Greeneville and Miner K. Brotherton of Bristol, both professors of physical sciences.

The ranks are awarded in recognition of their distinguished careers. The action is based on the unanimous recommendations of departmental advisory committees as well as the endorsements by the provost and the respective deans.

Professor Finger was specifically cited for his 23 years of "dedicated service to the College and the larger community."

"The College recognizes your teaching contributions, your work as director of testing at the Center for Evaluation and Research (CERRIC), your involvement in many assessment projects, and the significant role which you played in the school desegregation movement," wrote the president.

Professor Hoffmann was cited for her 23 years as teacher, scholar, writer and colleague.

"The College recognizes the quality and breadth of your teaching characterized by boundless energy, superior intellectual ability, competence, dedication and good humor," wrote President Guardo.

Hoffmann's record of scholarship "whether demonstrated in articles or books..." was cited as "impressive in range and quality" and her record of service "distinguished and representing the best that faculty can contribute to department, to College and to community.""

Professor Borst was cited for his "distinguished 26 years of service to the College community as an outstanding teacher, devoted faculty member and stimulating colleague.""

His work on the student-to-student tutorial programs became the basis for the Martin Luther King School Tutorial Program "which continues to provide academic assistance to students in need," noted President Guardo.

Also recognized was Cloward's "outstanding work with computers—designing and writing computerized reports for student evaluations and production of the interactive computerized statistical analysis package.""

These programs were translated to software for PCs and compatibles, making it possible for the College's experimental laboratories to become larger, more comprehensive.

In addition, his work in the Curriculum Resources Center "has provided a valuable source of instructional materials, information and assistance for teaching throughout the state..."

Professor Borst was cited for his 26 years of service to the College community as an "outstanding teacher who always encourages students to do the work of which they are capable."

Mr. Borst's interest in the long-term water monitoring project identifying problems in fresh-water streams was recognized.

Brotherton's assistance to graduate students in the MAT program as advisor was recognized as well as his "lively and informative articles in non-technical publications."

(Note: Professor Hoffmann's photo was unavailable.)

Chemistry major here wins first Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Craig Morton of Foster, a chemistry major at Rhode Island College, has won a full year's scholarship as a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation winner.

Designated as a 1989 Senior Scholar, Morton will receive up to a maximum of $7,000 for his senior year's tuition, fees, books, room and board at the College. He is one of 71 senior scholars selected from as many colleges nationwide for this, the first Goldwater scholarship, which was established last year to honor the former senator and Presidential candidate.

The Excellence in Education Foundation reported that nearly 500 postsecondary institutions nominated some 600 juniors and seniors for the awards. This endowed recognition program had been established by the U.S. Congress to "foster and encourage excellence in science and mathematics."

25 inducted into nurses honor society

Some 25 persons, including students of nursing from Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island as well as registered nurses from the community have been inducted into the Delta Upsilon Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International honor society of nursing.

Induction ceremonies took place May 12 at the Rhode Island Inn in Warwick.

The society accepts, according to Catherine A. Aliotti, assistant professor of nursing, "students who demonstrate. ..an individual's demonstrated superior academic achievement and/or leadership qualities and commitment to the profession."

Those inducted, their hometowns and place of employment where applicable are: Carol L. Gagnon, Lincoln, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island; Janice L. Andrade, Cranston; Dianne Nelson, Attleboro, Bay State Health Care; Tracey A. Poisson, Pawtucket; Dawn Del Ponte, Johnston; and Angela A. Leonardo, Cranston, Mental Health Services.

Also, Linda Goldman, Warwick; Kent County Visiting Nurses Assn.; Maryann Jefferson, Swansea; Charlton Memorial Hospital Surgical Center; Julie A. Campbell, Pawtucket, Women & Infants Hospital; Nancy Gouveia Serafim, North Smithfield; Kent County Mental Health Center; Patricia Farrell McDuff, Warwick, Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Danise M. Davis, Harmony, Rhode Island Hospital.

Also, Marie A. DiCola, North Providence, Veterans Administration Medical Center; Diane L. Dorrington, Little Compton; Charlton Memorial, Irene Watson, Pascoag, Rhode Island Hospital; Dr. Sandra A. Behar, Warwick, Rhode Island Hospital; Gail C. Nuzzi Milowe, Sharon, Mass; Goddard Memorial Hospital; Joanne L. Sperry Delaney, Canton, Mass.; Joanne M. Shears, Warren, and Jean A. Auger, North Scituate, Miriam Hospital.

Also, Candace P. Yates, Cumberland, Zamboura Hospital; Regina Campbell, Bristol, Veterans Administration Medical Center; Barbara S. Wrage, Coventry, Institute of Mental Health; Claire C. Conner, E. Walpole, Mass.; Kent County Visiting Nurse Assn.; and Barry D. Lenke, West Warwick, Veterans Administration Medical Center.