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Latin America by bus; senior has 'experience of my life'

by George LaTour

She is a picture of poise, sitting comfortably in an office arm chair while answering questions in a relaxed confident manner.

Her dress is professional—neat, conservative.

One could not help but notice her striking silver earrings with the jet black stone in the center. The stone matches the color of her long hair.

The earrings are Mexican; the stone, an obsidian, once sacred to the Aztecs.

FIVE STONE WIND is performed by the Merce Cunningham Dance Company which will take the stage in the Performing Arts Series at Rhode Island College Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.

ANOTHER SEASON, ANOTHER REASON to make a move for the RIC costume shop—all 40,000 pieces. Above are Barbara Matheson, costume designer, and student assistant Loreta Frol.

The Cunningham was called "the maverick of modern dance" in 1982 by The New York Times Magazine. Now 70, he still performs on stage as he is expected to do at RIC.

The Wall Street Journal's Harris reported in 1987 in an article entitled "Getting Older—and Better," that Cunningham "remains a formidable stage personality."

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Elizabeth Acheson of Westport, Mass., has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Elementary Education. She will teach the introductory education curriculum, coordinate methods courses, and supervise student teachers within the teacher education program in courses, and supervise student teachers formerly a lecturer at Southeastern Elementary Education. Acheson was formerly a project consultant at Creative Associates International in Washington, D.C.

Mary V. Cabral of Bristol and Lori A. Wells of Portsmouth, have been appointed managing child-life coordinators in the Department of Special Education. They will implement a systematic screening process for children to identify untimely health, educational and social service needs and oversee community-based agency service teams. Cabral formerly worked with the Visiting Nurses Association. Wells formerly worked with the East Bay Visiting Nurses Association.

Warwick resident, Judith A. Babcock, associate professor of management and assistant chair of the department of economics and management, has been appointed to the editorial board of the Jour­nal of Management Systems. The journal is a quarterly, refereed, multidisciplinary management publication of the Association of Management. It publishes empirical, theoretical and methodological articles, as well as critical, book and software reviews in human resources management, management information systems, organizational behavior and closely related fields.

John J. LeBlanc, of Providence, artist-in-residence and associate professor of music, performed throughout Israel at national events in the Israeli String Trio, as soloist, and in recital with Yosif Arnaheim, associate principal flutist of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Stillman was presented at Viz Auditorium, the Weizman Institute of Science, the Neve Tzedek Chamber Music Festival sponsored by the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, the Kibbutz Dotot Artosis Series, Yizval Concerts, and live broadcasts on Kol-Ha-Musica Radio, Israel Broadcast­ ing Authority.

Deborah Rice, a former assistant professor of psychology at Boston University, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Psychology. She will teach the introductory psychology course and supervise graduate students conducting research in economic psychology. Pediatrics issued a publication in the Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.

Yossi Arnheim, associate principal flutist with the Providence Wind Ensemble, the Weizman Institute of Science and the Jerusalem String Trio, as soloist, and in recital with Yosif Arnaheim, associate principal flutist of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Stillman was presented at Viz Auditorium, the Weizman Institute of Science, the Neve Tzedek Chamber Music Festival sponsored by the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, the Kibbutz Dotot Artosis Series, Yizval Concerts, and live broadcasts on Kol-Ha-Musica Radio, Israel Broadcast­ ing Authority.

David Goldberg, professor of education and human development, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Psychology. He will teach the introductory psychology course and supervise graduate students conducting research in economic psychology.

KEN LEWALSKI

Hector Medina, of North Providence, assistant professor of modern languages, recently co-authored a book with Phoebe Ann Porter, titled Exploraciones Imagina­ tivas: Quine’s Gancias Hispanoamericanas, which is an anthology of Spanish-American short stories for use in intermediate Spanish courses. Medina is presently on leave.

Research and Grants Administration:

The Office of Research and Grants Administration will be providing information to faculty and staff about requests for proposals (RFPs) on a regular basis in this column. Faculty and staff 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. American Philosophical Society: General Research Grant Program. Awards support research in all fields of learning by those holding a doctoral degree or the equivalent. Grants are intended to help defray research costs such as travel and the collection and preparation of materials. Maximum award ranges from $3,000 to $50,000. Program has February 1, April 1, Aug. 1, Oct. 1 and Dec. 1 deadlines. NEXT DEADLINE: April 1.

2. Economic History Association: Arthur Libal Grant-Aid. Provides sup­ plemental support to individuals conducting research in economic history. Proposals of all types are accepted. Grants are awarded to the Ph.D. to assist them with publication of their dissertations or monographs; however, all institutional of scholars may apply. Maximum award is $2,500. DEADLINE: April 1.


4. National Endowment for the Hu­ manities: Summer Institute. Grants are made to institutions of higher learning to stimulate approaches and encourage courses and seminars for teachers of grades K-12 are designed to provide opportunity for intensive study of significant texts; seminars are directed by faculty members. SEMINAR DI­ Rectors design their own seminars, which must focus on specific texts. The annual deadline cited is a target date. DEADLINE: April 1.

5. Health Resources and Services Ad­ ministration: Nursing Special Project. Awards grants to anyone conducting projects in the area of nursing to improve nursing education through special projects, including support for continuing education for nurses; improve the education of nurses in geriatrics; in­ crease the supply of trained nursing per­ sonnel; encourage the transition of paraprofessional nursing per­ sonnel to professional nursing de­ grees; and a wide range of other activities. Deadline cited is for seminars to be held in the summer of 1991. DEADLINE: April 1.

6. National Research Council: Resi­ dent Research Associateship Programs. Through agreements with many federal agencies, opportunities are available for recent Ph.D.’s and senior investigators to engage in basic and applied research at over 100 federal labs and research facili­ ties. Stipends will support research in such areas as materials and atmospheric sciences; engineering and applied sciences; biological, health, and beha­ vioural sciences; and space and planetary sciences. DEADLINE: April 1.

7. National Science Foundation: In­ formal Science Education Program. Sup­ ports projects that focus on personal interactive learning of science, math­ ematics, and technology education. A variety of media are supported including brochures, museum exhibits, and films. Projects of direct science experience. Projects that are both effective and mutually reinforcing and that serve the whole aspect of science are encouraged. DEADLINE: April 1.

8. National Science Foundation: Stud­ ies and Program Assessment—Science and Math Education. Supports two data analysis and policy studies programs to strengthen science, mathematics, and en­ gineering education in the U.S. The Stud­ ies and Analyses Program supports projects designed to provide data on na­ tional trends and needs for teacher education alternatives and other information that will assist the Foundation and other agencies in developing new science and math education initiatives. The Assess­ ment Program supports a number of ap­ praisal and other studies directed to assist NSF in program planning. Deadline cited is a target date. DEADLINE: April 1.

9. National Science Foundation: Teacher Preparation Program. Supports the development and innovation of innova­ tive approaches and creative new materials for the preservice preparation of teachers in the areas of science, math, or technology education, and research on factors affecting the teacher preparation process. Projects should focus on national issues and the development of widely replicative models. Collaborations among scientists, science educators, teachers, and other science-teaching experts are en­ couraged. Deadline cited is a target date. DEADLINE: April 1.

10. National Science Foundation: Undergraduate Curriculum and Course Development in Engineering. Mathe­ matics and the Sciences. Supports pro­ jects to stimulate approaches and experiments to produce major changes in the U.S. undergraduate education in mathematics and science education. In FY 90, emphasis will be on strengthening introductory-level courses, curricula, institutes, workshops, and laboratory programs as typified by the freshman and sophomore years. Proposals will be accepted for two catego­ ries: Comprehensive Development Projects and Prototype and Pilot Projects. DEADLINE: April 1.
College Shorts

Counseling service on eating disorders

From contacts with students and feed­
back from other campus services, the
Counseling Center staff have become
concerned with students’ struggles with
eating problems at RIC.

They are offering an eight week pro­
gram for students who think their eating
and concerns with body image have gone
out of control. This is not a weight control
program but an opportunity to focus on
the emotional function of food in their lives.

Please pass this info on to those who
may benefit from a consultation. Contact
the Counseling Center for an interview
appointment. Strictly confidential. 456­
8054.

RICSA election results

The results of the election for offices
and staff of the Rhode Island College
Staff Association have been announced.

 Newly elected officers for terms ending
October 1991 include: Gail Davis, presi­
dent; Dolores Pasaretti, vice president;
Kathy Sasso, secretary; Tom Bradley,
treasurer.

Executive Board members selected for
terms ending October 1990 were: Brian
Allen; Pat Kenny, at large; John Foley,
Judy Gaines, Mark Puchacz, Student Af­
fairs; Charles Alsworth, Linda Carter,
Ed Markowski, Terri Riley, Academic

Noontime prayer services

During the second semester the chap­
lains will be conducting ecumenical
noontime prayer services. The College
community is invited to attend these ser­
vices and to bring the needs and concerns
of our community to these short noontime
gatherings. Noontime Prayer will begin on
Feb. 1 in Room 304 in the Student
Union.

Discounts available
on Mac’s

The College has just signed an agree­
ment that will allow full­time faculty and
staff, and degree seeking students taking
six credit hours per term to purchase Macintosh
computers at significant discounts.

Make an appointment with Peter Har­
am at 456­8070 if you are interested in
exploring this opportunity. You can also
still purchase IBM and Zenith computers.

Volunteer Fair
scheduled

The Campus Center will hold a “Volun­
tee Fair” Wednesday, Feb. 7, from
12:30 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.
This is a great opportunity for stu­
dents and staff alike to explore volunteer
opportunities. For more information call
Kristen King at 456­8034.

147 nominees for president’s position

The list of applicants and nominees for
the president’s position as of January 19
totals 147, according to a report from the
Advisory Panel for Presidential Search.

According to the report, the Advisory
Panel and the Board of Governors feel that
the available pool is quite healthy and has
several strong candidates, including
former and current presidents or chancel­
lors, 55 vice presidents, vice chancellor
or provosts and 23 women.

In November nominations were widely
solicited from state and national leaders
after the Board of Governors approved a
statement of qualifications and criteria for
the position based on recommendations
from the Advisory Panel.

Faxes will be carefully reviewed by the
Advisory Panel over the next few weeks.
Then, a list of 12 to 15 candidates for fur­
ther consideration and reference checks
will be recommended to the Board.

The Board will then select six to eight
of these candidates for off-campus inter­
views. Finalists will be chosen from this
group and invited to visit Rhode Island
College. The Board will choose a leading
candidate from this group.

For more information, call Henry Nar­
done, (203) 441­8027 or Jeanne Dar­
ling, Office of Higher Education,
(401) 277­2685.
European economic community is topic of spring International Scene Luncheon Seminars

Rhode Island College spring International Scene Luncheon Seminars will offer five entries — all on Thursdays — from Feb. 8 to March 8 on the general theme of "1992 and Beyond: Effects of the European Economic Community." The first session, Feb. 8, is entitled "Conceptions and Misconceptions." George L. Pamental of Wickford, a member of the Department of Economics and Management, will describe some of the results of the economic union of the European community, and some of its implications.

Time and site of the sessions are: 12:30-2 p.m. in Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall, except for the March 8 seminar which will be held in the History Department Lounge, Gohe Hall 207. The seminars are free and open to the public.

The following describes the activity, its date, time, and place:

March 8: Politics and Economics: Atilla Dicle of Oriental Research Partnership, a Boston research and consulting firm, will discuss the implications of a unified Europe on trade with the U.S. and Japan.

For further information, call Connolly 456-3105.

Violinist John Sumerlin to perform in chamber series

Violinist John Sumerlin, the newest member of the Rhode Island College music faculty, will perform Beethoven's "Sonata, Opus 47 in A Major (Kreutzer)" and Wieniawski's "Polonaise" and Moszkowski's "Polonaise Brillante, Opus 21 in A Major." in the Chamber Music Series here Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138 (reception).

Judith Lynn Stillman, RIC's artist-in-residence, will accompany him on piano. The recital is free and open to the public.

Sumerlin's concert career began under the auspices of Young Concert Artists in Performance while he was at the Manhattan School in New York studying with Raphael Bronstein.

Later a student of Dorothy DeLay in New York and Cincinnati, he twice won the coveted Sterling Prize and a special career award from the Hertzberg Music Foundation.

A frequent recitalist in the United States, Canada and Europe, under the management of Artistry Associates International, Sumerlin also was founder and first violinist of the Harrington String Quartet, performing over 60 concerts yearly in the U.S. and Mexico. His quartet became one of 10 chosen from world-wide auditions to compete in the first Battil Garritto International Quartet Competition in Canada.

Concurrent with his quartet's residency in Texas, Sumerlin was concertmaster of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, logging over 70 appearances as concerto soloist.

In addition to his recitals, concert and chamber music careers, Sumerlin also has held positions as first violinist with the American (Ohio) and the Dallapo, Cincinnati and Honolulu symphony orchestras and the Sanata Fe Opera.

For more information on the recital or the Chamber Music Series, call John Pellegrino of the RIC music department at 456-8244.

Rhode Island College Foundation 25th Anniversary Gala Committee, (front, from left) Louis Marciano (co-chair), Holly Shafdan, Tullio DeRobbio (co-chair), Elena Leonelli; (standing in rear) Mary Juskalina, Renato Leonelli.

R.I. College Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary Gala evening set for April 20

On April 20, the Rhode Island College Foundation will celebrate its 25th anniversary. A gala evening will be held at the Johnson and Wales Airport Center in Warwick.

Co-chairs of the Silver Anniversary Committee, Louis A. Marciano and Tullio DeRobbio encourage members of the College community to attend since many have benefited directly by the generosity of the Foundation.

Recently, the Foundation granted a loan to the College to assist in completion of the Whipple Gymnasium renovation. A few years ago the Foundation purchased the Rhode Island Education building for the College.

Most recently, the Foundation is trying to help Ridgway Shinn put into action the Study Abroad Fund. The recipient of the first award will be announced at the 25th anniversary event.

The Foundation began 25 years ago with a $3,000 gift from the alumni association. Its assets now approach $3 million, with all the dividends going back into programs at the College.

Tickets for the anniversary gala evening are $25 and include pre-dinner rounds of cheese, a full course dinner with wine, dessert and coffee. For tickets or more information contact the Office of Development at 456-8088.
January 1990 R. I. College Commencement

Nothing would have caused the 350 Rhode Island College January graduates to miss their big day.

Not the ice cold temperatures that brought the state a heap of snow that day, creating hazardous driving and uneasy walking (especially in high heels) or the lack of childcare, or just about any other inconvenience.

In fact, as the graduates, their families and friends poured into Roberts Auditorium on Jan. 21 to begin the 2 p.m. commencement ceremonies, a certain warmth filled the room and problems disappeared for at least the next three hours.

From the procession of graduates, faculty members, administrators, guests and honorary degree recipients marching to pomp and circumstance, to the singing of the National Anthem by M.A.T.-C. degree candidate, Renee L. Poitier, and invocation by College Chaplain Sister Mary Ann Rossi, C.N.D. and throughout the messages delivered by state officials and College dignitaries, an atmosphere of friendliness, cheer and excitement was the tone for this year’s ceremonies.

The importance of education and its “rewards,” the contributions “you can make to the world,” and the need to help those reach “as high as you have,” was the underlying theme of the greetings delivered by Gov. Edward D. DiPrete, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education Henry J. Nardone, and keynote speaker, Americo W. Petocelli, commissioner of higher education.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Peggy Boyd Sharpe of North Kingstown, a local environmentalist, and Anna J. Harrison, professor emerita in chemistry at Mount Holyoke College by acting president John Nazarian, who later conferred degrees on the graduates.

Cheryl Ann Roccio of North Providence emerges triumphantly from Roberts Hall auditorium after last month’s winter commencement ceremonies at Rhode Island College. The ten-year banner pinned to her gown indicates the time it took her to earn her B.A. and M.A. degrees, both in psychology.
Department of Nursing celebrates 20th anniversary

The Rhode Island College Nursing Department will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a day-long event scheduled for Saturday, March 31 in Gaige Hall.

The 20th Anniversary Committee is accepting nominations for The Outstanding Alumni Award to be awarded that day. Deadline for submission of nominations is Feb. 28.

Dr. Constance Pratt, chair of the nursing department will give the welcome followed by a keynote address by Dr. Billye Brown, president of Sigma Theta Tau International. A luncheon will be held in the Faculty Center.

Volunteer Fair set for Feb. 7

For the second year, members of the Rhode Island College Campus Center will sponsor a Volunteer Fair, Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Ballrooms.

Last year, more than 100 students participated in the event. The organizers of this year's event hope to attract many more students, according to Kristen King, student activities coordinator.

Representatives from hospitals, day-care centers, human services, and other community agencies like SAVE THE BAY, Big Brothers, and the Providence Animal Rescue League will be available during the afternoon to answer questions and match volunteers to agencies.

Realizing the time constraints on students here, King encouraged those non-profit groups attending the fair to let students know they could be helpful on a one-time basis.

"If you want to know how you can lend a hand to make a difference in the world, either on a one-time, temporary, or extended period, come and listen to what opportunities are available," she said.

"You could make a difference.

For future use, King is preparing a "Volunteer Opportunity Log" for students to browse through and decide which group interests them.

For more information on the fair, call 456-8034.

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Recreation Center announces spring programs and activities

Several evening intramural sports programs will be offered including whiffle ball, volleyball, basketball, water volleyball, and soccer. Also, instructional programs in aerobics, stretch and tone, water aerobics, tennis, water swimming, volleyball, and soccer will be offered. Red Cross Life-guard Training instruction will be offered a cost of $25 per person and Tai Chi at $20 per person.

Public Relations Club formed here

First of its kind in R.I.

After almost a year of trying, a public relations club has formed at Rhode Island College. The club, the first of its kind in Rhode Island, is sponsored by the Southeastern New England Public Relations Society (PRSA) and the College's communications and theatre departments.

According to Chris Butler, club president, the club is designed to give students experience in public relations while also offering its members the opportunity to meet professionals in the public relations field.

Once the club is fully organized, it will do public relations work for other clubs on campus as well as for non-profit organizations in the community.

According to Stephanie Cheney, a PR director of SAVE THE BAY Massachusetts chapter, the club has the creativity and drive to make it a reality.

Local AMA chapter hosts Chip Young, PR director of SAVE THE BAY

The 1990 theme, "Marketing: It Makes a Difference", encourages activities that concentrate on the use of marketing promotions as part of the solution to issues facing the nation in the coming decade. Seen among the most important of issues is the protection of the environment, according to the local chapter's press release.

For further information, call Michelle Contrada at 723-6788.
BLOOD WEDDING: RIC Theater actors (above from left) are Sandi Sullivan, Aladar Wissel, and Frank Del Vecchio, in Federico Garcia Lorca’s tragedy in three acts, ‘Blood Wedding,’ that will be staged by Rhode Island College students.

Blood Wedding, an Irish folksong, was adapted for the stage by Dolores Dennehy and Mary O’Donnell. The play tells the story of a young woman who is forced to marry a man she does not love, leading to her eventual murder.

The program includes Victor Ewold’s “Quien No. 3,” and the premiere of “Yugorsky March” by George Gershwin. The performance will take place in the Student Union Ballroom at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, with discounts available for students and seniors.

For more information, call the center at 456-8071.