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Class of '90 challenged 'not to get all you can, but to give all you can'

by George LaTour

Reflecting their concern over the much publicized state fiscal woes, graduating Rhode Island College social work students hoisted two large yellow banners over the heads of their nearly 1,000 fellow graduates on May 19 when Gov. Edward D. DiPrete mounted the podium to extend official greetings to the Class of 1990. The banners, held aloft by students donned in full black academic robes, read: "RIC Social Work Students say Don't Starve Human Services!" and "Keep Human Service Funds Flowing.

Nevertheless, it was a day for which many were thankful, it being one of the few this spring on which it didn't rain.

The Challenge 'Today, I call on you to define The Promise of Tomorrow.' I call on you to speak out for what you believe in even if your voice is the only voice," Richard M. Oster of Barrington, an honorary degree recipient, told the graduates in the commencement address. "Don't be timid or shy about what you believe. Too many politicians and businessmen sacrifice leadership because they're afraid to stand for what they think is right," he told the graduates.

"Remember! The challenge of your generation is not to get all you can, but to give all you can," said Oster. "For it is your generation that will define the future, and on that definition will rest the history of the next century," he added.

Oster, president and chief executive officer of Cockson America Inc., a subsidiary of the Cockson Group out of London, England, which manufactures a wide range of industrial materials in locations throughout the world, was awarded an honorary doctor of public service degree.

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Other honorary degrees

Other honorary degree recipients and their degrees were:

Gordon Parks, renowned former Life magazine photographer, who established himself as one of the most significant black photographers in the United States, doctor of fine arts;

Margaret T. Burroughs, an artist, educator, museum director and author whose dedication to youth is exemplified by George LaTour

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The first, Shakespeare’s shimmering fantasy with its fairies’ promise of moon-drenched magic, was the comedy written after the author’s renown with the royal Histories and with Romeo and Juliet “but while he was still young and overflowing with the rustic memories of his Stratford boyhood.”

It is a comedy set in an enchanted wood inhabited by dancing fairies, sweethearts befuddled with love potions and a group of country bumpkins rehearsing a preposterous play.

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Dr. Bonaventura remembered by College

Memorial Fund established in her honor

With the sudden passing of Dr. Elisa F. Bonaventura on May 13, 1990, Rhode Island College lost one of its greatest teachers. Dr. Bonaventura had been associated with the College since entering the education program in 1945. Upon her death she was a professor of special education.

Dr. Bonaventura earned her education degrees from the University of Rhode Island and the University of Connecticut. She had been associated with the College since 1945 and was a professor of special education for many years. She is survived by her husband, John Bonaventura, and her children, John and Elizabeth.

Dr. Bonaventura was a leader in the field of special education and was known for her dedication to her students. She was a member of the National Association of Special Education Teachers and served as the president of the Rhode Island Association for Special Education.

In her honor, the Elisa F. Bonaventura Memorial Fund was established. All contributions should be made to the Rhode Island College Foundation.

The College Scholarship Service was promoted as a way to help students pay for college. The service was established to provide financial assistance to students who were unable to afford college.

The College Scholarship Service was established in 1951 and has since become a leading provider of financial assistance to students. The service provides assistance to students through scholarships, grants, and loans.

In 1990, the College Scholarship Service held its 7th Annual Women’s Policy Research Conference, which focused on the role of women in education. The conference was attended by over 1,500 participants from across the nation. The conference was held in Washington, D.C.

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A 9,000-year-old arrow head had been found in the Hoskins section of Wickford in North Kingston. "It is one of the oldest cultural artifacts associated with human activity," says Leveillee.

Their biggest project so far, which was headed by Cox, was the Boston Central Artery. Before any building began, the entire area had to be studied. Things that were discovered ranged from the years 1632 to the 1900s. The large variety of pottery found demonstrates the importance of Boston as a seaport in the 18th century, says Cox.

They also unearthed the fact that it was the first dry dock as well as information on the woman who owned the first pottery in the area. Another important finding was the site of Governor Winthrop's home which was remodeled into the Three Cranes Tavern and later turned down. The archeologists also found Winthrop's grave site.

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29 high school students graduate from Upward Bound program at RIC June 4th

Some 29 students from the six targeted Rhode Island high schools in the federally funded Upward Bound program graduated in ceremonies June 4 at the Rhode Island College Faculty Center. The students— from Central Falls, East Providence, Central, Hope, Mount Pleasant and Shea high schools—their parents and friends joined invited educational leaders and RIC Upward Bound staff and College administrators for dinner and remarks by Michael L. Vaughan, an engineer at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport.

Recipient of the $500 Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship, which was established last year, is Kimberly C. Davis, a senior at East Providence High School. She will enter Connecticut College in the fall.

Winners of $250 scholarships as the highest achievers from three of the four targeted school districts are Davis, Nazly M. Guzman of Central Falls, and Robert Medeiros of Shea.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Upward Bound is a program that reaches out to students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, who will be first-generation college students, are in their sophomore or junior years in high school, and who, without special help, would be considered potential high school drop-outs, according to Mariam Z. Boyajian, director.

"Going to college is a very important achievement, and a goal that was out of reach (for them) without the help of the counselors and teachers of the Upward Bound program," says Boyajian.

UPWARD BOUND graduate Kimberly Davis (right) receives her diploma from President John Nazarian as Mariam Boyajian, director, looks on. Site is the Faculty Center June 4.

The graduates by high school and their intended colleges are:

**Hope**
- Alexis Alix, Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI); Kim Opal Brooks, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

**Central**
- Hong J. Him, RIC; Xang Kue, RIC; Sokklin Mey, CCRI; Phyo Soo, CCRI; Lariza D. Sy, CCRI; Apkayvack Vongkaysone, CCRI.

**Mt. Pleasant**
- Nazly M. DaSilva, RIC; Nazly C. G. Hamilton, RIC; Luisa N. Pico-Luis, University of Rhode Island (URI); Albert F. Tyas, RIC.

For outstanding effort...

Lois M. Thompson, who graduated in May, 1989 from the Rhode Island College School of Social Work, was the recipient of the second annual "Child Welfare" student manuscript competition. The award was presented to her in March.

East Providence
- Kimberly C. Davis, Connecticut College; Kevin A. Ramos, Arizona State University; Veronica J. M. Silva, Providence College; Taren M. Tavares, Boston College.

Shea
- Demmies DeLaRose, Connecticut College; Diana M. Hodgkinson, URI; Robert Medeiros, Bentley College; Kimberly A. Mendoca, RIC; Carlos A. Monteiro, URI; Karla B. Samayoa, Boston College; Ideli S. Silva, CCRI.

Central Falls
- Nazly M. Guzman, Boston College; Anna M. Mielies, RIC; Cynthia Ovedo, Boston University; Annette Rosa, URI; Maria E. Ruiz, Boston College; Diana P. Zuleta, deferred decision.

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA INITIATES are (top) Nilza Oliveira of East Providence, a junior, and Desiree Ciambrone (bottom) of Cranston, who will be a senior in the fall. Both had enrolled through the Preparatory Enrollment Program (PEP). Alpha Kappa Delta is the international sociology honor society.

‘Cultural Pursuit’ festival planned for Sept. 25-27

"Cultural Pursuit"—A Festival of Cultures, is planned for Sept. 25-27 to involve members of the Rhode Island College community "in a celebration of the diversity and multiculturalism of our campus," it was announced by John Salesse, chairman of the RIC Committee on Human Relations.

Activities currently in planning include a food festival, a dance performance, a workshop on making family trees, and a video series. The committee is looking for people to contribute programs and/or who know of someone on campus who can contribute contains, recipes or cultural dances. Contact Kristen King or Doug Carucci at the Campus Center at Ext. 8034.

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By writing and taking pictures about you, your friends and all your great accomplishments...we've certainly had a very busy year learning about all the people, places and events that define the Rhode Island College community.

Thanks for keeping us informed!

With September just around the corner, the What's News staff is prepared to continue to spread the "good news" about the College.

Keep sending us information and news or feature ideas.

By all reports, the newest addition of the "On the Job" picture spread seemed to be enjoyed by all. If you have a suggestion for the upcoming year on a College "celeb," please call 456-8132.

Enjoy your summer!

Clare Flynn Joy
**RIC faculty at EB; Electric Boat employees at RIC**

*An interesting and valuable relationship*

by George Lafort

"Just take one class and give it a try," Sonia J. Reed of North Kingstown would tell her female colleagues at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics at Quonset Point.

She refers to the benefits Electric Boat (EB) offers to virtually all of its employees (not just those in management and not just the men), namely, free college courses through a relationship EB has with Rhode Island College.

Initial courses — about five, each semester on both the first and second shifts — are taken at the EB facility. These are general education (such as mathematics and writing), industrial technology and elective courses. Other courses, leading to a college degree, may be taken at RIC through the College Office of Continuing Education.

"EB employees," relates Susan Woloohojian, educational services coordinator at EB, "is the books for the courses." For those who choose to get a degree at RIC and who are approved by the College, EB gives them a reimbursement for tuition, lab and registration fees.

"The only cost for our employees is the books."

— Susan Woloohojian

Woloohojian, herself, is a RIC grad who worked in the Office of Continuing Education while a student.

Reed, who is a production auditor at EB where she has been employed for the past 15 years, sees the chance to take college courses right on site at EB and to earn a degree at RIC as "a great benefit."

"I would like to see more women in the programs," she says. "We have a great time."

"The best part is all the different people you meet... from all different areas in the company and at Rhode Island College. You become a pretty close group," she explains.

She and her husband, James, who also works at EB and who is also participating in the education benefit, are taking "all industrial technology courses" and "we enjoy it," she says.

**Publications gets CASE award for music poster**

Rhode Island College Office of News and Publications Services has been cited by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its flier for the music department's Bicho Concert in April.

It was awarded a bronze medal, one of 21 given in this year's "Low Budget" category — "for materials produced with very limited resources and printed outside the institution."

CASE reports that RIC's entry was one of 33 submitted nationally in this category. Five gold medals and 11 silver medal winners were also selected.

"I started planning the 12th annual Rita V. Bicho Memorial Scholarship Concert, was produced as both a mailer and poster, to announce the music concert while projecting a quality image of the College," Robert K. Bower, director of communications/publications, was the editor and coordinated its production.

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"It gives us something in common. After supper, we just open the books," says Reed. And, if she and her husband can do it with nine children (five are hers from a previous marriage and four are his), it can be done.

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— William Swagert for R.I. College

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**R.I. College receives 2nd installment check of $8,000 from N.E. Telephone**

President John Nazarian was presented with the second installment check of $8,000 from New England Telephone Company which has granted Rhode Island College a total fund of $24,000 over three years as part of the corporation's President's Special Academic Award Program. The College was given the first installment in April, 1989.

Robert Drapian, community relations manager at N.E. Telephone, represented the company during the award ceremonies held recently in the President's office. President Nazarian graciously accepted the check on behalf of the College.

"It certainly gives me great pleasure to accept this check for the College," Nazarian said. "Please accept my thanks and assurance that its use will be to help support the excellent educational programs and projects we offer students of Rhode Island College."

According to John F. Killian, vice president of N.E. Telephone's Rhode Island branch, the grant "recognizes and rewards public and private post-secondary schools which show a consistently high standard of quality both in the programs they run and the students they graduate."

The College will receive the final installment check next year.

He and his wife, Marcia, have five children from 19 to 29 years of age. He generally finds "little problem" with course-related homework, particularly, he says, because he doesn't watch television.

Edward G. Langford of Johnston, in middle management at EB for the past two years, graduated from RIC this spring after some seven years of study. He received a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology.

He found the RIC faculty "very helpful, very cooperative."

"I probably never would have completed the degree requirements without them, particularly Bill Kavanaugh," says Langford.

William F. Kavanagh, an associate professor of industrial technology, is director of RIC's new Center for Industrial Technology and, with Walter Crocker, then dean of the School of Continuing Education and Community Service, founded the EB-RIC relationship in the fall of 1983.

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The Promise of Tomorrow*

The 1990 Rhode Island College Graduating Class

Gail Giumbizi receives her degree from President John Nazarian.

Commencement address title by Richard Oster, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cookson America.

A LOOK FROM ABOVE: Under sunny skies more than 1,000 bachelor and master degree candidates gathered to receive their hard-earned diplomas.

GRADUATING SENIOR Ann Batmire 'reflects' the commencement procession with her sunglasses.

Above: SURVIVOR OF THE TERROR IN CAMBODIA; Dith Pran addresses a College gathering outside the School of Social Work Building after commencement May 19 at which he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service degree. His wife is at left.

At right: Commencement speaker Richard Oster and Gordon Parks, both honorary degree recipients, quietly await the procession to begin.

What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
They came... they danced... they were honored

Commencement Gala
May 18, 1990

At left: Chemistry professor John Williams danced away the night with his wife Jane, a nursing professor, during one of the most well-attended Rhode Island College Gala's in recent years. The event was packed with fun, entertainment, great food, and surprises.

At right: SINGING ACAPELLA at the Gala are the DeSotos who brought back tunes from the '50s.

At left: FACULTY RETIREES with President John Nazarian (center) at the Commencement Gala are (l to r) Kenneth Lewalski, George Hartmann, Clement Hasenfus and Kay Hickey.

At right: STAFF RETIREES with President John Nazarian (left) at the Gala are (l to r) Elena Palloni, Hardwell "Gus" August and Robert Cavanaugh.
Students in training program put their handicraft skills to use

Make curtains for College conference

by Cynthia L. Sousa

When industrial tech instructor Lee Dionne advertised in the March 5 issue of What's News for businesses to donate fabric from which curtains could be made, she never expected so much help. The curtains are needed for two residence halls which will be home for more than 300 visitors at the International Graphic Arts Education Association’s conference August 5-10 on campus.

Country Curtains had already donated 50 pair of curtains, but material was needed to make 250 more pair. Bolts of material began coming in. Slater Mill Fabrics donated enough material for more than 50 pair, Cranston Print Works contributed some material, as did the Worcester Company of North Providence.

With all the cloth available, Dionne, who is coordinating the conference, just needed people to sew the curtains.

As if in answer to Collins’ prayers, Karen Dionne, who directs the Community College of Rhode Island’s Intensive Tailored Training Program at the Genesis Center on Providence’s Potter’s Avenue, offered to have her students make the curtains as part of their training!

The students are Hmong women who are presently receiving public assistance aid and benefits in order to survive. They have enrolled in the training program to learn life- and job-coping skills to help them adapt to living in America.

"Most of them are illiterate in their native tongue and in English and don’t have any American job skills," says Dionne.

The women do, however, have a natural talent for handiwork such as embroidery and sewing. For years, Southeast Asian women have been making handsome quilts, tablecloths and pillow cases, often depicting life in their culture.

The women do, however, have a natural talent for handiwork such as embroidery and sewing. So, the curtain project was just right for them to work on. So far they have made 100 pair of curtains. A few of the women only needed to glance at the pattern and without further instructions, sewed the curtains. The rely on their own methods of hemming since they are unfamiliar with rulers.

After they complete 24 weeks of training (30 hours per week) the women have been promised jobs making $5.80 an hour as stitchers at the Worcester Company.

The finished curtains will be stored by the College for future conferences.

RIC to host 65th graphic arts education conference

The 65th annual conference of the International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEA) will be hosted by Rhode Island College August 5-10.

Centered in the College’s Center for Industrial Technology, the conference will offer a wide range of sharing, learning and informational activities as well as social events for the members attending and their families.

Keynote speaker Robert Skoglund (The Humble Farmer) will open the first general session with some "Down East" humor, setting the conference tone of "education, fellowship and fun."

The program will be a mix of technical and professional presentations, hands-on demonstrations and workshops, social activities and informal gatherings to discuss issues related to graphic arts education.

Presentations will include that by 3M company on "Managing and Recruiting in the year 2000," PIA-Georgia on "Certification in the Graphic Arts" and Corning, Inc. of New York on "Fiber Optics R&D."

Bus field trips will include a tour of Compugraphics headquarters in Massachusetts, the MIT Visual Medical Lab, the Providence Journal and the State House. Dinner on a Bay Queen cruise is set for August 9.

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R.I. College summer math institute to offer special math courses for secondary school teachers

A two-day summer insitute August 21-22 at Rhode Island College will offer several special courses for teachers of secondary school mathematics. Meeting from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day in Horace Mann Hall, the institute will focus on integrating Software into the Secondary Mathematics Curriculum. It will instruct teachers in the use of several computer software packages for teaching math, says Helen E. Salzberg, assistant chairperson of the College department of mathematics/computer science.

"Teachers will have the opportunity to use this software and to write material that integrates it into their own classes," says Salzberg.

Topics include algebraic manipulation and graphing for Algebra I and II, and problem solving and spreadsheet data exploration for non-college-bound students.

Teachers may attend one or both of the day-long workshops.

One graduate credit (optional) will be available for an enrollment fee of $25.

The two-day institute itself is free of charge. Lunch and refreshments will be available at a charge of $2.50 each day.

The institute is being sponsored by the mathematics/computer science department in conjunction with Workforce 2000 and the Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Project.

In addition, several mathematics courses, which are of special interest to math teachers, will be offered at RIC during the summer and next academic year. They are: Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics (both this summer); History of Mathematics (Fall 1990); and Foundations of Geometry and Discrete Mathematics (Spring 1991).

The courses will meet at a time convenient to teachers' schedules.

Next spring, the department will be offering a "unique mathematics education course," namely, a Workshop for Secondary Mathematics Teachers.

The entire course will be linked to the newly issued standards for curriculum. Topics to be included are geometry, problem solving and technology, all areas chosen as the result of a needs' survey of math teachers throughout the state, according to Salzberg.

For more details on the summer institute workshops, contact Donna M. Chris­to­pher, assistant professor of mathematics/computer science, at 456-9887. For more information on the courses, contact the department office at 456-8058.

Kappa Delta Pi initiates 95

Kappa Delta Pi, Epsilon Rho Chapter of Rhode Island College, initiated 95 new members in May in ceremonies in Gaige Hall auditorium before some 250 family members and friends.

The chapter had been inactive for about 20 years. President John Nazarian extended congratulations on behalf of the College to the initiates. John Bucci, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Development, conducted the initiation ceremony with assistance from Kappa Delta Pi members.

The honor society's Epsilon Rho Chapter recognizes students in an education curriculum who have a grade point average of 3.30 or higher. They must also have completed 50 or more earned credits of which at least 25 are RIC credits.

Applications must also have completed or be programmed for a minimum of 12 hours in education credits.

Bucci is in great part responsible for reactivating the organization.

"We had some people interested in the honor society, so I decided to go to the national meeting and there I picked up some literature on the organization." The 95 initiates represent all the members currently in the Epsilon Rho Chapter. There are 1,663 students in the School of Education.

Dr. Bernie Siegel welcomed to College

Rhode Island College Department of Nursing co-sponsored a lecture early this summer by well-known medical author and founder of Exceptional Cancer Patients (ECAP), Bernie S. Siegel, M.D.

The lecture was presented by Congress­woman Claudine Schneider in honor of National Cancer Survivors Day, national­ly celebrated on June 3. In the early 1970s, the Congresswoman battled Hodgkin's Disease and cancer. Since overcoming the disease, she has been an advocate of early diagnosis, pre­vention and health promotion.

Siegel has become well-known for his treatment of cancer through ECAP, a specific form of individual and group therapy utilizing patient's dreams, drawings and images. It is based on "carefrontation," a loving, safe, therapeutic conversation, which facilitates personal change and healing. He and his wife, Bobbie have co-authored many articles. They travel extensively sharing their techniques through lectures and workshops.

Siegel, who is the author of Love, Medicine & Miracles and Peace, Love & Healing, is very involved in humanizing medical education and making the medi­cal profession aware of the mind/body connection, according to his press agent.

He attended Colgate University and Cornell University Medical College and did his surgical training at Yale New Haven Hospital and the Children's Hospi­tal of Pittsburgh. He is currently a pedi­atric and general surgeon in New Haven, Conn.

Other local sponsors for the lecture in­cluded: VNA of Rhode Island Hospice; Hospice Care, a program of Kent County VNA; Little Compton Nursing Associa­tion; Visiting Nurse Hospice of Newport County; Valley Hospice of VNA P wing, Central Falls, Lincoln and Cumberland; Northwest Community Nursing and Health Services; Hospice Program of the VNA of Washington County and Jamestown; Hospice Care of Greater Woonsocket VNA; Chronic Epi­sodes Barr Virus Support Group, and Seagulls Support Group.

Anniversary Teacher Scholarships from the Class of 1959 at Rhode Island College are awarded to John DeCristofaro (center) of Cranston and Grazide Giampaoli of Johnston by College President John Nazarian at recent ceremonies in Alumni Lounge.

INITIATES IN KAPPA DELTA PI are (left) Dinu Ciamari of Johnston, Leslie Grace Conlon of Providence, Madeline Crocker of Raniford and Pamela Delbonis of Cranston. They were among the 95 Rhode Island College students inducted into the national honor society for those who excel in teacher education. The ceremonies were held in Gaige Hall auditorium May 16. (What's News Photo by George LaTour)
Boyer receives national award

Ridgway Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund awards its first scholarships

Gregory Grant, a junior at Rhode Island College, and Scott Weston, a senior, are both recipients of the Ridgway F. Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund within the RIC Foundation. They were each granted over $2,000 towards their overseas education.

To be eligible, a RIC student must "be in good academic standing," according to the guidelines. Proposals presented must be for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 24 months.

Grant, a Latin American Studies major, will travel to Chile, South America. During the first part of his visit, he will correspond with College faculty and earn credit on independent studies for several of his classes. The North Providence resident will also attend an institute for foreign speakers to improve his Spanish.

During the second half of the year, he will engage in courses at a Santiago university.

Weston, who is working on a double major in psychology and anthropology, is headed for Switzerland. His interest in the human rights field is leading him towards the American College near Geneva, Switzerland. Geneva is the headquarters of many humanitarian organizations, says the Barrington resident.

He is also planning to apply for an internship program which involves many international organizations. An example is the center for human rights at the United Nations.

The fund was established by Ridgway F. Shinn Jr. and many of his friends and former students, marking his retirement of 29 years of service at RIC. It enables the College students to study and live for a period of time outside the United States. According to Shinn, the fund now has approximately $65,000.

And how do Grant and Weston feel about receiving this valuable award? "Relieved. Without it, I wouldn't be going to Chile," says Grant.

Adds Weston: "There's a possibility I would have gone to Switzerland without the scholarship, but now in definite."

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President Nazarian conferred the honorary degrees to the recipients as presented by Provost William F. Enteman, with the assistance of Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs, as well as the advanced degrees with the assistance of John J. Salesses, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and baccalaureate degrees with the assistance of the respective deans and the director of the Center for Industrial Technology.

A new record was established for the annual class gift. The Golden Anniversary Class of 1940 presented a check for over $24,000 to President Nazarian along with a promise of an "unrestricted grant" of $5,000.

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A Greenville resident, Boyer will enter his senior year in September and plans to graduate with a degree in music in May, 1991.

HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL PLAY: (Left to right) Jason Dix, Guy Shaffer and Jodi Moselle act out their parts in "The Immigrants," a full-length play written, produced and directed by their fifth grade teacher, Sharon Fennessey. The performance was on Friday, May 18 in Gaige Hall, attended by the entire school, family, and friends.

(What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
**Miss R.I. College has eye on state and Miss America titles**

by George LaTour

If brains, beauty and talent count, Cranston's Linda A. Michael, an Honors Program student at Rhode Island College, should be selected Miss Rhode Island on June 30 and Miss America next year.

To be crowned Miss America is certainly "an attainable goal," she feels, despite the fact that no one from Rhode Island has ever been so selected in the Miss America Pageant since its inception in 1921.

But, it is only one of her goals.

She expects to have fun in the running and to meet interesting people while continuing to develop her potential.

Another important goal of the 20-year-old blonde communications major is to promote environmental and anti-drug/anti-drinking issues among young people.

Linda feels further national exposure will only aid her in her "cause."

Yet, further national exposure.

You see, Linda is the first and only Rhode Islander to have won — at age 16 — the title Miss Teenage America in national competition.

As such, she traveled widely and rubbed elbows with the big names, including the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, and any number of show business personalities.

And, as Miss National Teenage America, she was named national spokesperson for Alive America (AAA), an anti-drug/anti-drunk driving program.

**Miss Teenage America**

While making the necessary appearances around the country as Miss Teenage America and AAA spokesperson, Linda continued her high school studies with a private tutor, so she was able to graduate with her class at Wheeler.

Back in her home state, Miss Teenage America was accorded her own "Linda Michael Day" on June 6 by Gov. Edward D. DiPrete, and again on Sept. 25 by Cranston mayor, Michael A. Traficante.

Linda's latest triumph — being crowned Rhode Island College at one of five preliminary pageants around the state on April 6. The preliminaries precede the June 30 state pageant at 7 p.m. in Cranston West High School for Miss Rhode Island.

**In addition...**

In addition to her God-given good looks which she enhances through impeccable grooming, Linda apparently was blessed with a high intelligence and artistic talent, both of which she has fostered through hard work and dedication.

At Wheeler she took first place in the school science fair and followed that with a first place in the Providence Journal State Science Fair as well as taking a Presidential Environmental Award. All her projects had to do with preserving the environment.

She says she "was attracted to Rhode Island College" because of its General Education Honors Program, which she has since found "is just as fine in any other fared around."

Termed "a bright person" by Spencer Hall, professor of English and Honors Program director, Linda, he says, "someone we're happy to have in the program."

**MISS R.I. COLLEGE Linda Michael with her crown and a copy of a magazine with her picture on the cover as Miss National Teenage America.** (What's News Photo by George LaTour)

"I've enjoyed the honors program immensely," assures Linda, adding, "I think I've been very successful in the program and it's been good to me."

Having begun piano lessons at age 6, Linda developed into a classical pianist and became the National Grand Talent Champion of Georgia.

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The victor will get to challenge the Soviet Women's World Champion, Maya Chiburdanidze, in the fall.

**Rhode Island College's 'chess queen' is off to Soviet Union to compete in Women's World Chess matches**

Rhode Island College's Sharon Burman, 21, of Stoughton, Mass., is in the Soviet Union for the recently ended 1990 Women's World Chess Championships, reports the Boston Herald.

She and Moscow-born Anna Aksharumova, 33, now of Brookline, Mass., and an unannounced third woman, are representing the United States in the Soviet Republic of Georgia.

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