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"After the slow decrease in the number of education graduates during the 1970s, the numbers became fairly stable from 1983 to 1987. The increase in education graduates finding placement to 21 percent in 1988 and 26 percent in 1989 represents a notable change in the overall percentage of our graduates," reports Gaines. "Certainly, the condition of the economy and rate of unemployment exert significant impact upon graduates’ success at career placement. "Beyond the press of economic climate, it is important for us to recognize the role of faculty, staff, administration and alumnae in this impressive picture. "This consistent pattern of growth in the numbers of students finding professionally related placement and acceptance in graduate programs is a tribute to the cumulative success of this institution." The survey reports that the distribution of graduates in-state and out-of-state "has remained relatively consistent" for the past five years. The percentage of 1988 graduates in career-related placements in Rhode Island was 83. For the Class of 1989, it was 84. "This consistent pattern of 80-to-85 percent of Rhode Island College graduates remaining within Rhode Island is a significant factor to consider in understanding professional placement for our graduates," says Gaines. "It certainly underlines the contribution Rhode Island College is making to the state's work force and economy."

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by George LaTour

A. John Roche of Jamestown, an associate professor of English who "embodies (his) colleagues' and students' notion of the 'master teacher,'" has been named the 1990 Paul Maixner Award winner for teaching excellence at Rhode Island College. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences also cited recently retired George C. Hartmann of Greenville, a psychologist, for his distinguished service to the College and his profession, and Judith Lynn Stillman of Providence, the College's first artist-in-residence, as the winner of the Mary Tucker Thorp Award for scholarly and creative excellence. Stillman holds the academic rank of professor of piano.

The citations were given by Dean Richard E. Weiner at the opening meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences on August 30.

ARTS & SCIENCES NAMES ITS 1990 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER of new students has begun classes at Rhode Island College this semester. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Annual RIC Placement Survey shows—

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The return of the cookout favor—or a trip down memory lane???

A BLAST FROM THE PAST—George D’Amico, (left) recently retired from a teaching position at Central High School in Providence, along with Howard Ashkeboussi, professor of mathematics and computer science at Rhode Island College and Edward Riley, who is teaching in Australia ham it up for the camera during the 1959 commemorative picnic organized by President John Nazarian, who was their class advisor.

It’s not a mystery nor a surprise and Rhode Island College needn’t worry about bringing Agatha Christie to look into the reasons behind the “return of the cookout favor” because Henry P. Guillette, professor of mathematics and computer science is more than willing to talk.

It seems that many, many years ago when President John Nazarian was advisor to the Rhode Island College class of 1959, he organized a picnic on commencement day for his charges. And now, as Guillette happily reports, the class has decided to “reciprocate—31 years later—with a cook-out to celebrate Dr. Nazarian’s upcoming inauguration as President of Rhode Island College.” (As a reminder, the official inauguration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 beginning at 2 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium.)

“We were wangling and had a lot of fun,” Guillette said of the 1959 cookout held in the Galilee area of Narragansett.

“We were there after dark, and beyond dusk.” Guillette is sure that this year’s event, set for Sunday, Sept. 30 beginning at 2 p.m. at the home of Fred and Alice Reinhart in Westwood will be just as enjoyable. Since the August 27 notices were mailed to the members, he said that “already we have 35 classmates who responded!”

Although this 1959 class event is considered special because of the honor being bestowed on President Nazarian, Guillette said the class has organized a reunion of sorts “just about every year.” They also have an endowed scholarship fund that is given to a deserving elementary and secondary education student at the College.

“If you are a member of the class and need further information, call Henry at 401-272-5645, not Agatha, he’ll talk!”

Inaugural Events Update

Rhode Island College student leaders are in the process of organizing events for Wednesday, Oct. 25. A spokesperson for their committee reported that a special “Good Morning, Mr. President” breakfast for about 200 students and invited guests is being finalized. Afternoon activities include a panel discussion, entertainment for the evening will feature Wes Albert, a performing arts scheduled event, which will be a two-person play dealing with issues in South Africa. A panel discussion will follow. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 25 will be a Faculty Colloquium, featuring a panel discussion. More information will be released soon.

Rounding out the week’s celebration will be a special concert with original music by Peter Boyer, a Rhode Island College music student, featuring Diane Alexander, a Rhode Island alumna, as soloist on Friday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. However, limited seating is available and concert-goers are asked to pick up tickets at Roberts Audio-
College Shorts

‘Career Decisions’ workshop/luncheon

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, a program entitled ‘Career Decisions II’ will be presented in the Alumni Lounge by staff members of the Office of Student Life and the Career Development Center. This workshop and luncheon is open to all interested students and is especially geared to students with all types of disabilities—temporary, permanent, recurring or chronic conditions.

Students wishing to attend the luncheon must make a reservation by calling Sara Weiss at ext. 8296. Lunch will be from noon to 12:30 p.m and the program will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Registration for Saturday Art classes

In-person registration for the Rhode Island College Saturday Art Enrichment Program will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Art Center. Classes begin Oct. 13 and are for children ages 8-18. Call 456-8054 for information and registration forms.

Women’s Studies Lecture Series starts

The Women’s Studies Program 1990-91 Lecture Series will begin its series “Making Connections: Sisters, Mothers, Daughters” on Sept. 26 when Niambi Webster, director of Multicultural Student Affairs at Skidmore College, will be a guest speaker from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Faculty Center South Dining Room.

She will explore the joys, triumphs and frustrations of women through the creative arts in her lecture titled “Coloring the Universe: Red, Brown, Ebony, Yellow, Cream and Pink.”

Drawing on her own poetry as well as the works of such writers as Ntozake Shange, Rosario Morales, Anita Yezier-ska, and Marge Piercy, Webster demonstrates that the women’s movement is a global task.

This free event is open to the public and is part of the Rhode Island College celebration of diversity, “Cultural Pursuit.”

Not just any Bozo!

by Antonella Estrada

This tall blonde also took time out of his studies at RIC to attend the University College of North Wales in Bangor. But his biggest acting experiences have been with the group PITCO (Providence Art Theatre Company). This fun-loving man has been with the group for five years and has acted up a storm.

Baker performed two major roles in two of the productions held at RIC this past summer, “Tempest” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Not only that, but both shows played during the same week on alternate days. The 25-year-old dedicated his days to Bozo and his nights to the theater.

Baker is “warm, friendly, exciting...a people person,” says Larry Harman.

He received the prestigious Irene Ryan Award for acting during the American College Theatre Festival recently.

Baker’s writing interests vary from short stories to novels. He tends to write how people speak and likes to use euphemisms. He could probably attribute his success with Bozo to his writing technique and to the likenesses in his personalities.

“He is a dated character now and I’m trying to bring him up to date,” says Baker. “I think people like to laugh. Years ago they could laugh with Bozo but now they want something else. Yet there are still those basic things in Bozo that make most people laugh.”

The one word that sums up the clown’s character is FULF (pull, understanding, love, laughter), says Harman.

“Everyone can relate to Bozo,” adds Baker.

“Bozo belongs to the world and the world belongs to him,” continues Harman.

He is not your ordinary clown. In his 32 years on the air Bozo has traveled the world, has done weightless training with the astronauts, has helped (in 1966) UNESCO win the Nobel Peace Prize, and has brought a smile to those that did not know how to smile.

As U Thant, a former secretary general of the United Nations, once stated, “Bozo is a true model for all the world.”

Working with someone of such stature has become “a stepping stone for me,” says Baker, who is seriously concerned about making people laugh.

In the future he plans to move to Florida and “get in the movies.” In the meantime, he says, “I’m getting exposure and that will help my career.”

“Wherever there is life, there will be Bozo,” adds Harman.

As Bozo, himself, reminds us: “Don’t forget what your pal Bozo always says. Just keep laughing!”

Presidential Award goes to Barnard prof

Mrs. Gertrude R. Toher, an assistant professor at Rhode Island College’s laboratory school, Henry Barnard, has been named the recipient of the National Science Foundation’s Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.

This marks the first time teachers on the elementary school level have been cited by the National Science Foundation (NSF), says Toher of North Providence, who notes that in Rhode Island there were three finalists, two from Henry Barnard, herself and Mrs. Valerie G. Duane of Harmony, an assistant professor.

There is only one winner in each state in this category, reports Toher.

Henry Barnard School, as host school of the winning teacher, will receive a $7,500 grant from NSF to be used under the teacher’s direction for improving mathematics instructional programs.

Toher and other winners from around the country will be invited to an expense-paid awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in October.

The NSF awards program is coordinated by the Council of State Science Supervisors and the Rhode Island Department of Education for the National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. An award winner in science is also chosen.

Applicants for student teaching

A meeting for applicants for student teaching for the spring 1991 semester is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Amon Assembly Room, Clarke Science 125.
From South Africa to America

by Brenda Corse
Student Writer

African business internship proves to be ‘unbelievable experience’

by George LAtour

A 21-year-old Rhode Island College senior had “an unbelievable experience all around” this summer with her travels to Austria on an internship that supports her studies and desire to “get a job in the international aspects of importing and exporting.”

Lucia M. Napoli of Johnston spent June and July with 23 other students from throughout Europe working as an intern with the Rosenbauer firm, an international company manufacturing fire equipment and safety apparatus.

The firm’s headquarters is outside of Linz, Austria.

“I hated Austria at first,’’ admits Lucia, who says she stayed by herself, “but that didn’t last long.”

Despite missing “Mama’s cooking” and her mother’s apprehension over her travels to Austria, she loved the Austrian people and language. “I spoke German where she worked, but that didn’t last long.”

Her life before coming to America wasn’t without political and social struggle. Her father who is an attorney and a freelance journalist was an active member of the Institute of Race Relations and was part of the Defiance Campaign back in 1950. Because of his political ties he still remains in South Africa but her mother and brother are in the U.S.

Lucia is president of the RIC chapter of AIESEC and the state executive vice president. At RIC, she also works for the alumni office.

Her internship provided her with exposure to many aspects of conducting international business. While she was in Austria, she spoke German, worked on computers, banking, administration, and times of credit “all different for different countries.”

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Aerobic Aid ’90 set for Sept. 30

On Sunday, Sept. 30 the Rhode Island College campus mall will be turned into an hour and a half outdoor aerobic superclass.

A team of leading instructors from health clubs throughout the state will instruct the class to raise money for Rhode Island Project AIDS. Music will be provided by Master Mix.

The event, in its second year, is being sponsored by Rhode Island College, Gold’s Gym of Warwick and Metropolitan Insurance Company. Last year’s event raised over $3,500.

Contributing sponsors to date include Sound by PMA Industries, Inc., Ben and Jerry’s and New England Special-T Advertising. Graphic design services and Aeronaut logos were donated by Dorian DeSimone Designs.

Beginning at 1 p.m., Ann Marie Silva, director of RI Project AIDS will welcome the group, Raffles, giveaways, complimentary refreshments and vendors featuring the latest aerobic fashions and music will be part of the fun. The aerobic superclass will begin at 2 p.m.

To participate in Aerobic Aid ’90 you must receive a minimum of $50 in sponsorship. Sponsor sheets are available by calling Dough Cureton at 456-8034 or from the RI Project AIDS office at 834-5522.

All contributions must be presented the day of the event and are tax deductible. Checks should be payable to RI Project AIDS.

If none of the rain will be held in the College’s new Recreation Center.

The grand total of contributions will be announced immediately following the event.

Volunteers are needed and interested persons should contact Kristen King, volunteer coordinator, at 456-8034.

Next issue of What’s News is Monday, Oct. 1.

DEADLINE for copy, photos, etc. is noon, Tuesday, Sept. 25.
Tiny RI gives big welcome to the IGAEA family

Highlights of the 65th Annual Conference

The cloudy, sometimes rainy weather did little to deter a group of MAR (Medical Affairs & Education Affairs Committee) families who attended the 65th Annual Conference at Rhode Island College in Providence last week. The weather was not perfect, but before the conference was absolutely gorgeous. That’s typical, changeable, New England weather.

Many, however, did check in early to take advantage of the Rhode Island and New England beaches as their three-day stay was calm and eventful day was experienced by those who arranged to take the pre-conference trip to Newport. Newport is a favorite beach town and eventful day was experienced by those who arranged to take the pre-conference trip to Newport. Newport is a favorite beach town and the highlight of that day was registering many first-time participants including Andy Smith and Ken Mawson and their families from Germany. The Golf Classic was held on Sunday afternoon.

The festivities began with some sea stories put to music (chantys) and proceeded to make music

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On the job with...

In Water Jasionowski's and Arthur Patrie's line of work, you might say "one hand feeds the other." Or you could refer to both men as being like, "two peas in a pod!"

But better yet, I'll let Vincent R. Flemming, associate director of the Campus Center and in charge of the College's Dining Services, tell you all about them.

"Arthur is the production manager," Flemming said. "He buys all the food and non-food items." Did you ever think how many items you have to buy to put one cup of coffee on the table? Well, according to Flemming, Arthur is the one to ask that question to.

"Walter," Flemming said, "is the food service manager. He's the closest one to feeding everything that moves on the campus. And Walter is the one who works the weekend shift and more closely with the student employees.

But the magic to the success of the campus dining services is that both men know each other's jobs to the tee.

"The biggest thing about them is that they are a very workable combination," reports their boss. "They compliment each other, and they communicate so well." And, "don't forget, they get along with the staff, perfectly!"

Now that you've gotten to know whose managing the store for the Rhode Island College dining services, when you've got a comment, WHO YA GONNA CALL?

What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
Get ready, get set, and go go go to the Rec Center

After a year of getting its "feet wet," overcoming minimal "frosts" and "jogging" in place at times, the Rhode Island College Recreation Center is better than ever, according to John Foley, director.

With the recent restructuring of job classifications for John Taylor, who is now the Director of Physical Fitness, Exercise and Recreational Programs, and Frank Arzenvino, who assumed the title of Associate Director of Intramural and Community-Based Programs, Foley says that the division of responsibilities "allows us to provide better service to the different constituency groups that make up the membership in the Center."

Along with these changes, many new programs have been initiated, including a weight and cardiovascular series, a well-organized land aerobic class scheduled and group programs that are geared toward people of all ages and abilities.

The aquatic instruction programs include swimming lessons for all levels of ability, lifeguard training, water fitness fun events, and water aerobics. (see sidebar on the benefits of water aerobics)

In addition, the staff will organize individual programs for members and people are invited to develop self-directed programs with guidance from the appropriate staff person.

Foley reports that over 150 new memberships were appreciated during the summer months. He said that staff is now in place, with six full-time professionals, and about 75 student employees.

The current fee structure remains competitive with private facilities and is available at the Center. Foley invites people to stop in and speak with a staff person about individual and family rates.

Also, the Center will be on-line with the new ID system currently being put into place throughout the campus, which will allow people to enter and exit the facility quickly and more conveniently, he said.

Overall, the progress made over the past year has been "great" and "we are looking forward to a good year and the completion of Phase II of the entire facility," he said.

For further information, call the Center at 456-6400.

Water Aerobics—take the plunge!

Have you ever wondered what high intensity exercising would be like without sweat dripping from your body? Water aerobics, is the answer to this puzzle.

Water aerobics is the newest member of the fitness world, and it is making waves across the country. The definition of this form of aerobics is a high intensity, low-impact, cardiorespiratory workout, incorporating water resistance and buoyancy factors.

Resistance is the component of water aerobics that creates the intensity of the workout. Water acts as a natural barrier to movement; therefore, jogging in place in the water would result in a slower, yet more difficult action, if compared to its counterpart, jogging in place on land. The intensity can be altered by moving through the water forward, backward, or circularly, thus creating increased resistance.

Buoyancy is the component of water aerobics that makes the workout low-impact. This form of aerobics is done in water that is approximately chest deep. When the body is submerged in water at this level, it disperses 60-70% of its weight. For example, if a 100-pound person were jogging in chest deep water, that person would only have 36-40 pounds of their body impacting with the bottom of the pool. As a result, less stress points are created on the body.

This new form of exercise has people who thought they could never do "land aerobics," again or ever, coming to the poolside. The activity, like any other physical activity, should be checked with a physician prior to start. However, due to the nature of water aerobics, it welcomes everyone with physical limitations through pregnancy to come join the fun.

Now, you are wondering, "so you bounce in the water, but what does water aerobics do for me that swimming does not?" Versatility is the key to keeping to your fitness regime, and that is what water aerobics can offer you.

The music motivates you, the different movements challenge your mind and body, and the various pieces of equipment are creative and unique to learn. Then there is the group of people who are in the class, all going at their individual paces, and laughing as they experience personal improvements and learn new moves.

Swimming is a great exercise, however, once compared to water aerobics, it appears slightly boring.

The next question going through your mind is, "Does it elevate your heart rate to its target zone?" Emphatically, YES! The Aquatic Exercise Association, an affiliate of IDEA, has conducted research into this field. The researchers have discovered that it is more difficult to raise your heart to the calculated "land zone," and have developed this chart for the water zones.

The water zones are altered by 17 beats per minute, due to several factors. The largest two factors are the water and air temperatures. These factors, combined with our body's own cooling system, keep our heart rates lower.

Are you now curious and ready to explore this new fitness craze? Try taking the plunge. Good Luck!

by Jodi M. Frank
Assistant Director of Aquatics

Water Target Zones

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RI business leaders to speak at classes

Five prominent business managers from Rhode Island will participate as guest lecturers for the Rhode Island College Department of Economics and Management’s fall semester’s course CJS 357: Systems Analysis and Design. The 9:30 a.m. classes will be held in Fogarty Life Science, room 213. The public is invited to attend at no cost.

The following is a list of the speakers, their topics, and dates of attendance:

- Citizens Bank Vice President of Data Processing, Donald Jones will speak on the topic “How to Deliver Systems Presentations” on October 1; Charles W. Perry, Assistant Vice President of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island will present the topic, “Project Control” on October 22.
- Also, Charles Sumiste, a systems engineer with IBM will speak about “Case Technology and the AD Cycle” on November 7; Cranston-based Systematics owner and operator, John Wolcott will address the topic "The Mini-Computer has a Place, Too" on November 26, and Bruce Rierden, vice president of information services for Women and Infants Hospital will speak on recent developments in his area of systems administration on December 3.

For further information, call Jules Cohen, assistant professor of economics and management at 456-8036.
Black settlers in Idaho inspire series of books by RIC's Mamie Oliver

by Cynthia L. Sousa

In 1988 Oliver left BSU and came to Rhode Island College. She is an associate professor in the school of social work. Her husband, the Rev. Dr. H. Lincoln Oliver, is pastor of the Olney Street Baptist church in Providence.

But arriving in Rhode Island didn't stop Oliver's studies. She continued compiling information about blacks in Idaho and finished her book, "Idaho Ebony: The Afro-American Presence in Idaho State History."

Over the summer, as part of Idaho's centennial celebration, Oliver was in Idaho to give several lectures and to sign copies of her book, which traces blacks and their role in the state from the 1805 Lewis and Clark expedition to the present population of about 3,000.

Text for the lecture series of the centennial celebration was funded and copyrighted by the Idaho Centennial Commission.

As Oliver points out in her book, black people and families have been a part of Idaho's history as long as whites.

Members of William Clark's expedition included Clark's black servant, York. Black miners arrived with the white after gold and silver were discovered in the 1860s. Some came with wives and had children born in Idaho.

Their numbers were small—the territorial census in 1870 recorded 60 "free colored" men and women. Oliver says, "But, by 1890, the census listed 201 persons of "African descent."

And they continued to come to Idaho. Some arrived as servants of white Mormon families. Others were cowboys or farmers, and still others worked on the railroads.

Oliver feels that with its history grown more inclusive, "Idaho can begin its second century with a richer, fuller sense of its own identity."

The book is part of a series of books which will include "Blacks in Idaho's White Press," "Some Notable Black Women in Idaho since 1867" and "Ethnic references book called "From Whence We've Come."

Oliver was awarded a Rhode Island College Faculty Research Award to help with her research.

She went through mortuary records, letters, census material and newspaper articles.

She spent time interviewing descendants of some of Idaho's black pioneers, searched for gravestones and had her students carry out studies also. And some very remarkable black people were found who, it seemed, had been forgotten about.

Oliver retains an unbridled enthusiasm for the State of Idaho and the role of Afro-Americans in molding the state's history. "Idaho is a part of what America is," she explains, "and black American people are a part of what all humanity is."

More events for freshmen planned

On Wednesday, Sept. 5 a scavenger hunt sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs was held as part of "Freshmen Fun" class activities.

During the free period four teams of freshmen used their minds, imagination and inquisitive skills to discover facts about what Rhode Island College offices have to offer.

Transcripts, copies of What's News and lists of specific office hours were among their findings.

Kristen King, coordinator of student activities, said the hunt was a success and that the students "learned a lot about the College's services and offices."

First prize of $100 went to the team that found the most items on their list. Smaller prizes were shared by the other teams.

Other freshman class activities scheduled are an outdoor lawn movie with free popcorn and hotdogs, Pretty Woman, will be shown on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. outside the Cobblefield (in case of rain the movie will be shown in the Student Union Ballroom); an ice cream social and comedy show on Monday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Cobblefield where the orientation Slide Show will be shown before Ed DelGrande and three Boston comedians perform, the "Freshmen Feud" on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and the " ISBN and button used for lecture series
**Cooking up success with all the right ingredients**

By J. Patricia Henkin-Bookman
Student Writer

Bonnie Abols' name remains fresh in the minds of many at Rhode Island College even though she graduated in 1982. As the first deaf student to attend RIC, she helped students understand and break down a heretofore invisible barrier.

Mother/homemaker, Bonnie returned to school as a "slightly older student," eager to resume her education, eager to make her mark in a hearing world—and make her mark she did.

Raised to "speak," Bonnie is adept at reading lips and vocalizing her opinions. She loved the challenge of college, while appreciating the family-like atmosphere.

"The school was not too big, not overcrowded, the professors were very friendly. They helped me a lot. If I had a problem, I made an appointment to meet with them and we worked everything out."

Her sense of humor is greatly responsible for her success, not only at RIC, but with everyone she meets, professionally or socially.

"RIC taught me to be self-confident, to be more aware of life in general. I used to go right up to other students and introduce myself. Many were surprised when they heard me speak. I had many friends. It was a great experience."

She likes to refer to her battles as "advocacy," advancing the rights of students who are deaf or hearing impaired. Her first fight lasted three years.

In her senior year, Bonnie finally convinced RIC to pay for a sign language interpreter. Up until then, she had paid the expense herself.

Bonnie Abols personally investigated and succeeded in obtaining rights for the deaf/hearing impaired to serve on juries in R.I. The bill was recently passed and signed by the Governor. She was also deeply involved with the American Disability Act signed into law this past summer.

She is presently employed by Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCLI) assisting consumers through sign language, reading, writing, peer counseling and outreach programs.

As pinch of hot pepper, a dash of humor, a base of good education, good friends and caring professors are all the ingredients Bonnie needed to reach success.

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**Passport to Success’ will help make new students passages successful**

The "Passport to Success" program is a series of sessions presented by different college offices, designed as a follow-up to New Student Orientation. Each session will take place on a Tuesday at noon at various locations.

The programs are designed to assist freshmen or other students with personal or academic issues that are important to them.

As part of the series, participants will receive a "passport" to bring to each session that they attend. The program facilitator at each session will stamp the "Visa" to verify attendance. During December, participants can bring their stamped passports to the Office of New Student Programs and will be awarded prizes according to the number of sessions they attended.

Attendance at four to nine programs throughout the semester will get the participant a T-shirt; two to three programs is a free cup of coffee or soda from the Coffeeground.

The first program is scheduled for Sept. 18 in Adams Library, is presented by the Adams Library and is entitled "Find Out How to Find It." Participants will find out where reference books can be found and how to use them.

"Avoid the Freshmen 10" is the title of the session on Sept. 25 in the Faculty Center South Dining Room presented by the Office of Health Promotions. It will deal with nutrition and healthy living and will provide information about weight disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

On Oct. 2 the Counseling Center will present "Transitions in Personal Relationships," a session exploring the dynamics of relationships during transitional periods in our lives, and suggestions for ways to understand and deal with them in a positive manner.

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**Robert M. Boberg of Warwick, a professor of music at Rhode Island College, will open this season’s Chamber Music Series at RIC with a solo piano recital featuring Massonsky’s "Pictures at an Exhibition." The recital will be in Roberts Hall 138 (recital hall) at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The recital—as are all the entrees in the Chamber Music Series—is free and open to the public.**

Boberg will also perform compositions by C. P. E. Bach, the best known son of the great composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Haydn.

Boberg has played piano since the age of six, and also plays the organ and cello.

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**Robert M. Boberg**

He holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education from Brooklyn College and the University of Michigan, respectively.

A member of the music faculty at RIC since 1966 he is active as a performer at the keyboard as soloist, ensemble member and accompanist in addition to serving the Shawnawner Baptist Church of Wick as minister of music.

Boberg has 26 publications to his credit with writings for chorus, piano and various brass and woodwind instruments.

He has served as adjudicator in piano and choral competitions and is active in the Rhode Island affiliate of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

The information on the RIC Chamber Music Series, call John Pellegrino at 456-8244.

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 Noon—Chemistry Seminar. Dr. P.A. Cox of Oxford University's Department of Inorganic Chemistry will speak on "Electronic Properties of Some Solid State Tin Compounds." Clarke Science ll.

 Noon to 1 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous to meet in Student Union 305.

 7 p.m.—Registration for Confirmation Classes. The Chaplain's Office will be collaborating with St. Thomas Parish on Fruit Hill Avenue in offering classes for adults wishing to receive instruction to prepare them for the sacrament of Confirmation or for reception into the Roman Catholic Church. An information session will be held in the Chaplain's Office, Student Union 300. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Ann Rossi at 456-8168.

Monday-Friday, Sept. 17-27

Recent Works of artist Dorothy Arnold to be on display at Bamister Gallery. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located in the Art Center. For more information, contact Dennis O'Malley at 456-9765 or 456-8054.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

 Noon—Passport to Success program to begin with the topic "Find Out How to Find It." Students will be given a tour of Adams Library that will acquaint them with available materials and services. It will begin at the Reference Desk. The "Passport to Success" program consists of a series of sessions to be presented by different College offices as a follow-up to New Student Orientation. A complete listing of topics can be found in this issue.

Tuesday—Wednesday, Sept. 18-19

Security & Safety Days. The event will include workshops, lectures, and demonstrations on the following topics: tips for travelers, campus crime awareness and prevention, rape awareness, auto theft, substance abuse, and self-defense. Open to members of the College community. For more information, call Kristen King at 456-8034.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Slightly Older Students Organization to hold a luncheon in the Faculty Center to orient returning adult students.

 8 p.m.—Outdoor Lawn Movie. Featuring Massorsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Free popcorn and hotdogs to be held as part of freshman class activities. The movie Friday Night Will be shown outside the College grounds (in case of rain it will be shown in the Student Union Ballroom).

Sports Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 18
3:30 p.m.—Men's Soccer. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Away. (Little East Conference Game)

Wednesday, Sept. 19
3:30 p.m.—Women's Tennis. Rhode Island College vs. Bridgewater State College. Away.

 7 p.m.—Women's Volleyball. Rhode Island College vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Away.

Thursday, Sept. 20
3:30 p.m.—Men's Soccer. Rhode Island College vs. Westfield State College. Away.

11 a.m.—Men's Cross Country. Rhode Island College at the Southeastern Massachusetts University Invitational.

1 p.m.—Women's Volleyball. Rhode Island College vs. Stonehill College. Home.

1 p.m.—Men's Tennis. Rhode Island College vs. University of Rhode Island. Away.

11 a.m.—Women's Tennis. Rhode Island College at the Southeastern Massachusetts University Invitational.

Saturday, Sept. 22
3:30 p.m.—Men's Cross Country. Rhode Island College at the HIAA Championship at Salve Regina College.

11 a.m.—Men's Cross Country. Rhode Island College at the Southeastern Massachusetts University Invitational.

1 p.m.—Women's Volleyball. Rhode Island College vs. Worcester State College. Home.

Sunday, Sept. 23
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Saturday, Sept. 29
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1 p.m.—Women's Tennis. Rhode Island College vs. Williams College. Away.

1 p.m.—Men's Soccer. Rhode Island College vs. Roger Williams College. Home.

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