John Nazarian inaugurated President

Pledges commitment to excellence in teaching; support for 'our tradition' in field of education; to strengthen professional programs and maintain a strong General Education program.

Cites fourth grader's perception of RIC's task: '...solving economic problems, inventing computers, writing books, being bankers or simply piloting a spaceship to Mars.'

by George LaTour

In ceremonies permeated with a feeling of familial warmth, John Nazarian, a long-time member of the Rhode Island College community — from his student days some 40 years ago to his recent selection as its top administrative officer — was inaugurated last Saturday as the College's eighth president.

More than 1,000 invited dignitaries, college administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the College filled Roberts Hall auditorium or watched from closed-circuit TV in the lobby, as Nazarian officially accepted his role as the 136-year-old institution's 16th chief executive officer.

The Pawtucket native, who, after his graduation from the College in 1954, was hired by then President William C. Gaige as an instructor of mathematics, rising through the academic ranks to associate dean before taking on the tasks as a College administrator, pledged "to carry this message, the story of Rhode Island College, wherever necessary" and called for the support of all members of the College community toward this end.

Dr. Gaige, who presented Nazarian with his undergraduate diploma 36 years ago, sat on the stage and listened as did former President Joseph F. Kauffman, who delivered the keynote address. Kauffman is a nationally known authority on higher education and the office of the presidency.

Others at the ceremony included some 100 delegates from various other colleges and universities throughout the country, including, locally, the presidents of Providence College, Salve Regina, the Rhode Island School of Design, the University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island as well as officials from other institutions of higher learning throughout the state and the state commissioner of higher education, Americo W. Petrocelli.

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An Alumni Association names new officers and members-at-large

BY J. PATRICIA HENKIN-BOOKMAN

Student Writer

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Focus on the Faculty and Staff

Workshop offered to prepare for GRE

The Academic Development Center is offering collaborative study workshops every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m., although Dec. 6 is the closing date for students to help students prepare for the Graduate Record Examinations. For more information, call Jayne Nightingale at 456-3071.

Mass to celebrate All Saints Day

A Mass to celebrate All Saints Day will be offered on Thursday, November 2, in the Student Union Ballroom. Everyone is welcome.

Inter-Collegiate Retreat planned

The Catholic Chaplain's Office is sponsoring an Inter-Collegiate Retreat Weekend to be held Nov. 16-18 at the Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett. The theme is "Finding God: Exploring the Ways and Places in Which God Meets and Communicates With Us." Stop by the Office for more details.

PARKING VIOLATIONS TO INCREASE

As a result of recently enacted legislation by the State's General Assembly, Rhode Island College has been notified by the Administrative Adjudication Division that fines for parking violations on campus will increase to help fund the University's High School Assistance Programs.

Fines, effective immediately, will increase as follows: $10 ticket now becomes $25; a $20 ticket is now $30 and a handicapped parking violation increases from $40 to $52. The current charge for towage remains at $30.

The Safety and Security Office reminds students that additional parking spaces are available adjacent to the Recreation Center. Copies of parking and traffic regulations for the college campuses are available in the Security Office, Brown Hall.

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Tyrone Ingram ('86)—Served as a member-at-large from 1986-88. He looks forward to helping reform it, with president Erin Kavanugh Crowley, several years ago. He will also be actively working to increase minority membership and participation in the association.

Lisa A. Byrnes ('85)—Served as a member-at-large last year, worked on the Annual Fund and was a member of the committee and was the Acting Director of Alumni Affairs. She hopes to increase the number of alumni donations to the Annual Fund in order to establish more alumni events and scholarships.

Victor Santos ('85)—First term. Expects to focus on scholarships and major projects for the Awards Committee. Coming to this country from Portugal, his main objective will be to involve immigrant students and their families in campus activities, perhaps through the scholarship program.

Jeffrey Blais, assistant professor of economics and president of the Rhode Island Council on Economic Education, was named president-elect of the National Association of Economics Educators (NAEE) in the fall. NAEE is a professional organization which represents the professional staffs of the 50 state Councils on Economic Education and the 271 Centers for Economic Education across the country. Blais currently serves as treasurer of the Association. His term as president will begin in October 1991. Blais is from North Providence.
'Magnificent' performance kicks off inauguration week

by Cynthia L. Sousa

What better way to kick off the inauguration week's events than with a magnificent performance of Pomp and Circumstance by the College Symphony Orchestra?

Edward Markward conducted the Orchestra through Edward Elgar's composition before a full house in Roberts Auditorium on Monday evening, Oct. 22.

Next in the program was a stunning performance by violinist John Sumerlin of Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 2 in D Minor. The Rhode Island College faculty member looked stately as he gave his flawless performance of the melodious piece.

After the orchestra's performance of The Pines of Rome, the audience gave them a well-deserved standing ovation.

A reception of invited guests was held in Bannister Gallery following the concert where Dr. Nazarian mingled with family, performers, faculty, staff and friends who offered their congratulations and nibbled on pastries.

"Exceptional," "magnificent" and "outstanding" were adjectives that could be heard among conversations describing the concert.

Ed and Phyllis Markward, the conductor's parents, drove from Dubuque, Iowa to hear the concert. "It was one of the best we've heard," they both agreed.

"What a wonderful way to honor the new president. Everything we've heard about Dr. Nazarian has been positive—he deserves it," Ed said.

Helen Forman, Alumna of the Year in 1989, also spoke highly of Dr. Nazarian.

"They couldn't have picked a better person for the presidency," she stated.

Forman said that Nazarian's record over the years proves that "The College is very lucky to have him."

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: John Nazarian's sisters from left to right: June Albert of Pawtucket, Donna Salhany of Lincoln, Mary Gabriel of Cumberland and Mary Zompa of Pawtucket enjoy the reception in Bannister Gallery.

Dr. Robert W. Elam, music department chairperson and Dr. Joseph Samra, a personal friend of the President, chat with him after Monday evening's performance.
Second annual Dept. of Econ. & Management Alumni Day —

More than 500 students network with the pros

by George LaTour

"It is not a time to be complacent about obtaining a job, or about job security," some 500 Rhode Island College students were told at the second annual Department of Economics & Management Alumni Day Oct. 23 in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Judith L. Cadigan-Parisi, vice president of the commercial loan department at Citizens Bank and one of about 40 alumni who returned to the campus to network with students on the subject of careers, said, "We're experiencing a very difficult economic period," which, she added, many in New England felt was a recession.

"This downturn has resulted in layoffs in a wide spectrum of industries," she said, asking the future job applicants to think what that means to them.

"As you look to the job market, you will have a challenge, but also an opportunity," assured Cadigan-Parisi, the keynote speaker and master's degree recipient from RIC in 1973.

She then outlined a series of steps in preparation for obtaining "that first-choice position." She listed and explained such things as "consistency in following goals," "being well organized and able to conduct oneself properly," and having "a good academic background and work experience.

Panel discussions followed in Alger and Craig-Lee halls in which RIC alumni now in business and industry discussed such topics as management and marketing, computer information and financial systems, and small and entrepreneurial business activities.

"The purpose of a program like this," according to Halil Copur, chair of the economics and management department, "is to provide the opportunity for our students, alumni and faculty to interact with one another. In today's business world, networking is a key concept.""/

Jules A. Cohen, an assistant professor in the department, introduced the students as a prime example of one who set personal goals and worked to achieve them "the most distinguished alumnus of the College who will be inaugurated its eighth president this week, John Nazarian.

"Clearly, the graduates of Rhode Island College are making a difference out in the real world," Nazarian told the students, citing the 1,468 degrees awarded in the various programs in economics and management since 1976.

"Rhode Island College is proud of its alumni and faculty," he said.

Holly L. Shadoian, director of alumni affairs, welcomed alumni and students on behalf of the RIC Alumni Association.

Alumni think 'it's great' that RIC's own, John Nazarian, is president

Rhode Island College alumni returning last week for the second annual Department of Economics & Management Alumni Day indicated they thought "it was great" that John Nazarian—a member of the College community since his undergraduate days 40 years ago—is RIC's president.

Nazarian, whose selection as RIC's president was announced last May by the state Board of Governors for Higher Education, also inaugurated the College's eighth president and 16th chief executive officer in ceremonies Saturday, Oct. 27.

She observed that "RIC is one of the very few colleges with increased enrollment" and indicated that is a sign of a well-run institution.

Victor Santos, Class of '85, corporate personnel director for International Packaging Corporation, feels President Nazarian "definitely has demonstrated in the past he can fill those shoes."

"I'm glad to see him get it (the presidency)," adds Santos, who is a new member of the alumni association executive board. "It's long overdue. He knows what we're facing and what we need. I think we'll see a dramatic improvement."

LISA MACLEAN

Joseph Parisi, Class of '86, community relations manager for Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, said he felt "Rhode Island College has to remain in the forefront (of education) and what better way then to have a leader who is so interconnected.

Nazarian, after his student days here, went on for advanced degrees from Brown University, the University of Illinois and New York University. He began his career at RIC as an instructor of mathematics and rose through the academic ranks to associate dean of Arts and Sciences before entering College administration which has culminated in the presidency.

LISA MACLEAN, Class of '87, a systems analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, noted that "He (Nazarian) does a very fine job. It's about time the was elected president!"

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Alum receives award

Pauline Chiodine Bergassi '72, of Shrewsbury, Mass., was honored at the WBZ-TV studios in Boston for being chosen as a recipient of the 1990 NBC National Teachers Award. She is one of five national winners who were selected for their outstanding project, which was sponsored by NBC and funded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It involved the submission of an original lesson utilizing the media in education.

Bergassi is currently employed at St. Mary's Central Catholic High School in Worcester where she teaches English, creative writing and journalism. She will complete her master's in education from Anna Maria College in December.

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Partying with the President

Rhode Island College students rose to the occasion during Inauguration Week events. With a youthful enthusiasm for a serious event, the students put together a creative set of "party" activities on Wednesday to honor President John Nazarian. They began the day with a "Good Morning, Mr. President" continental breakfast reception in the Faculty Center for their peers and College emeriti professors. (right, top) Ongoing throughout the breakfast, was a WPRO-AM live remote broadcast in Donovan Dining Center, featuring radio personality Mary Ann Sorrentino, who is pictured here interviewing President Nazarian. (below, left)

At noon-time, a cake-cutting ceremony was organized for President Nazarian to congratulate him and wish him well in his new position. (right, below) And what would cake be without ice cream??? Rhode Island College students know better. Following the cake cutting ceremony, the College community was invited for ice cream in the Coffee Ground. Pictured below is student Carol O’Rourke, President Nazarian, and Dolores Passarelli, director of New Student Programs "scooping it up!"

Wrapping up the student’s day was a "Launching of the 90’s," a time capsule from the Rhode Island College Class of 1994. (not shown)
Just as the warm sun heated the 1,000 or more guests outside of Roberts Hall last Saturday during the inauguration, warm feelings from expressions of friendliness and good wishes could be felt inside the auditorium.

Support for the continued success of Rhode Island College's new President John Nazarian came from all corners—from the auditorium which erupted with applause after he delivered his address, to the reception in Donovan Dining Center where hundreds of well-wishers attended a public reception shortly after the official ceremonies (far right).

Enchanting the crowd with the strongest of voices when he sang his and our Alma Mater, President Nazarian's sense of the past, present, and the future of the College came through confidently (bottom left).

The presence of former President Joseph F. Kaufman, 1968 to 1973, who delivered the inauguration address, and former President William C. Gaige, 1952 to 1966 (below right) gave the ceremonies added significance of the solid footing Rhode Island College has in the state's history of higher education.

And when it was all said and done...And when it was time to reflect and relax...Rhode Island College's official eighth President, John Nazarian took off his slippers, put on a smile, and knew that he was...finally, home.

Text by Clare Flynn
Photos by Gordon E. Rowley

**The Inauguration of our President, 1990**
In your honor...

On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 25, friends of John Nazarian gathered in his Fruit Hill Avenue home and announced the establishment of a new endowment honoring him. Without President Nazarian’s knowledge, they had worked diligently and ‘quietly’ since August to surprise him with the first check. The following text was written by Mariam Z. Boyajian, Rhode Island College Director of Upward Bound, who read it aloud to the President and his guests during the presentation ceremony:

Well, John, I guess you know by now that something is up! After all, 200 of your friends didn’t all happen to drop by at the same time.

Ever since you were appointed the eighth President of Rhode Island College—an appointment everyone here feels has been long overdue—several of us have spoken of doing something special to honor you and to commemorate your inauguration.

We all know that you have devoted your life to education and to Rhode Island College—as a gifted teacher and dedicated administrator—and that you have always been committed to providing higher educational opportunities to all the young people of this State regardless of their circumstances.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that, as of today, we have raised more than $37,000 for the John Nazarian Endowed Scholarship Fund at Rhode Island College. May I point out that this amount is the most raised in the shortest period of time for an endowed scholarship at this College.

This was possible only because you have made so many friends and have given so unselfishly of yourself to them through the years. Now, it’s our turn to show how we feel about you... John, we love you, we’re very proud of you, and we want you to know it.

The students of Henry Barnard School fourth grade teachers, Mary Foye and Deborah Svengalis, present to President John Nazarian a life-size mural of their class (with the President in it, of course) in Oct. 23 ceremonies as part of the school’s celebration of the inauguration of President Nazarian.
Impromptu applause from the audience in Gaige Hall auditorium greeted the opening statement at a special faculty forum last Thursday when Dean Richard R. Weiner noted: "Today we mark the inauguration of Rhode Island College's eighth president, John Nazarian."

"I am here to celebrate the advent of a great presidency," said Brown University President Vartan Gregorian, the featured speaker, who added he was also present to "celebrate the ties between Brown, Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island."

"Excellence (in education) should not be confined to the private sector in the minds and hearts of Americans," said the Brown president, adding that the strengths of public colleges and universities in Rhode Island "are the strengths of Brown" which he termed "a Rhode Island-based national university."

"The strength of the University of Rhode Island, the strength of your College is the strength of Brown because we cannot be peaks of isolation."

Gregorian went on to speak about "The Challenge of Diversity for Academia in the Nineties." He called universities and colleges the "protectors of diversity, the diversity that marks America and makes it great."

Gregorian urged American colleges and universities to meet the challenge of recognizing, nurturing and cherishing the differences that mark the various ethnic groups and cultures in this country and on our campuses. "We are interdependent; we are each other's keepers," he said.

Panel members Carolyn P. Panofsky, assistant professor of educational leadership, foundations and technology; Lynne Layton, lecturer in Women's Studies at Harvard University; Lloyd H. Matsumoto, associate professor of biology; and Sylvia Robinson, special assistant to the state commissioner of higher education, discussed their individual questions with President Gregorian, who also took questions from the audience.
REHEARSING STEAMY SCENE from Rhode Island College Theatre's production of playwright-turned-president Vaclav Havel's 'Temptation' are Heather Chapman and Terry Shea. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

"Vaclav Havel, master of absurdist theater, philosopher of rebellion and veteran of Czechoslovakia's 'best prisons, becomes its head of state,' said headlines in Time magazine last January. Political dissident and playwright, Havel refers several times in his 'Letters to Olga' (his wife), which he wrote from jail, to his "play on Faust." That play, 'Temptation, is a literally diabolical comedy which had its American premiere last April in New York and which will be staged in Roberts Hall auditorium by Rhode Island College Theatre Nov. 15-18.

Evering performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday are at 8 o'clock. A Sunday matinee is at 2.

Reserved seats tickets are $6 with discount for students and senior citizens. Roberts box office is now open. Box office hours are 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. each day and until time of performance. For more information, call (401) 456-8244.

History symposium: 'A united Germany'

"A concerned world now looks at the big issue of the future prospects for a united Germany," notes Norman E. Pyle, an associate professor of history at Rhode Island College.

The ramifications of re-joining East and West Germany after some 45 years of bipartite existence will be explored by a panel of experts on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. (free period) in Clark Science 125.

The experts—all of whom have recently visited the two Germans—will share their observations (political, social and economic) with other members of the panel and with the audience.

The panelists include Prof. George Kelker and Joanne Schneider, both of the history department; Herbert Winter, political science; Michael Stuth, English; Richard Wooler, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Peter Praxmarer from the University of Rhode Island.

Winter will serve as moderator.

The symposium is open to members of the College community.

Vocal duo featured in Chamber Music Series Oct. 31

Soprano Nancy Armstrong and contralto Marion Dry, both active in the Boston area, will perform in recital Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138 (re­
cital chamber) in the Rhode Island Col­lege Chamber Music Series.

Their program of solos and duets will feature the works of Mendelssohn, Barber, Britten, Faure, Cauer, Vier­
dot and Rorem.

Accompanist will be James Busby. The recital is free and open to the pub­lic.

Armstrong has distinguished herself in early music, oratorio, and on the recital stage, receiving critical acclaim in North and South America and Europe.

Recently, she performed Purcell's 'King Arthur' with San Francisco's Philhar­monia Baroque, Tokyo's 'Talemusik' and the Philharmonia Baroque at the Ojai Fes­tival, Mahler's 'Fourth Symphony' and Per­golcsi's 'Stabat Mater' with Paris' 'Orchestre des Molières.'

Of her performance at Ojai, Andrew Porter of The New Yorker wrote: "Nancy Armstrong—the prima donna day­
to­day­take the soprano roles with brio and accuracy."

Dry has established her name as a lead­
ing artist in that rarely heard vocal cate­
gory—the true contralto.

She has appeared as soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Hartford, the East Connecticut, the Quad Cities, the Nashua and New Hampshire symphonies, among others.

Dry, according to her press release, was a member of the original cast of the world premiere performance of John Adams' "acclaimed opera" Nixon in China, directed by Peter Sellers.

With that production, she performed at the Houston Grand Opera, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Next Wave Festival and, in Europe, at the Netherlands Opera and the Edinburgh Festival.

The opera won an Emmy for its telecast and the Nonesuch recording continues to be in high demand, Dry says.

She has other recordings on CRI and on several private labels.

In addition to her concert/opera career, Dry teaches voice at Harvard University in the Holden Chapel Program.

For more information about the RIC Chamber Music Series, call John Pelle­
grino at (401) 456-8244.

IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS: Ellen Weaver Paquette (sitting on floor), coordinator of Cooperative Education, is in the middle of things at the recent 'Nuts and Bolts' employment workshop in Career Decision Making which was offered by the College's Career Development Center.
‘Objective eye and symbolic imagery’ of L. Sykes’ photography at Bannister Gallery Nov. 1-22

Professor of art Lawrence Sykes’ use of the camera as both an objective eye and a source of symbolic imagery can be seen at Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery Nov. 1-22.

In this exhibition of photographs, the emphasis is on the observational as Sykes explores three distinct geographic and social environments.

One series of prints records the tenacity of the inhabitants of the small island nation of Cape Verde; a second, a glimpse of life in a Senoufou village on the Ivory Coast of Africa, and the third, the drama of Memorial Day celebrations in Queens, N.Y.

‘All these works, Sykes maximizes the camera’s objectivity to reveal the universal qualities of humanity in disparate social contexts,’ says Dennis O’Malley, director of the art gallery.

Another aspect of Sykes’ work is what he refers to as ‘post-visualized’ photo constructions. Some of these works, in which photo images are used along with small objects and graphic patterns to produce symbolic icons, are included in an exhibit “Directions: African-American Artists Now!” which is running concurrently at the Newport Art Museum.

Sykes’ Bannister exhibit is entitled “Sabbatical Portfolio.” A resident of Jamaica, Mass., Sykes has taught photography at RIC since 1989.

The exhibit opens Thursday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Located in the College Art Center, Bannister Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. For more information, contact O’Malley at (401) 456-9765 or 8054.
Kenneth D. Haupt——
The fire behind the fire

by J. Patricia Henkin-Bookman

Today, Kenneth D. Haupt is Bruce Sundlun's Campaign Manager. He was also Sundlun's Campaign Manager in 1983. He expects to be a leading candidate in the inauguration of his candidate as Governor, but discovering his real interest was in politics was the result of a revelation brought about by his education at Rhode Island College.

"My first ambition was to be a painter," Ken says. "I didn't have what it takes to be good. I didn't have the drive." In high school, his favorite subjects were in the political scene of the 1963 election. He remembers election day very well.

"My house was on fire. The fire, on top of the very close campaign, taking the election into the early morning hours, kind of shook me. I stayed up most of the night with my grandmother, who hated Nixon and wanted to see the outcome of the election." In 1971, Ken was accepted at RIC. He had just become a "qualified elector," through a high school voter registration program. There was an opening for a state representative in Cumberland and Ken put his best foot forward. He was slaughtered by his opposition, the son of a well-known politician. He then became a youth Devotist.

In his freshman year at RIC, he joined the Student Senate. He set up a three-member board to write a new constitution for the parliament that is in exist­ence. He was the Speaker from 1972-73 and President in 1973 and 1974. In 1976, he graduated with a B.A. in History, minor in Political Science. He reminisces about holiday gatherings where he and his family would sit around the kitchen table and listen to the stories of his family and friends after they had entered the adult world, after they realized they were no longer their parents' responsibility. Meanwhile, Ken continued his studies at RIC.

"I didn't want to fall into that trap or make the wrong choice. So, I really loved going to RIC. I received a tremendous education. I met some people who had a positive influence on my life, especially Dixon McCool. My admiration for him continues to grow. He has helped many people. He was my advisor and always performed those duties without compromising his duties to the college."

"Kris Horvat, sculptor and art teacher, taught me a lot about art and the visual lesson involving observation. It's very difficult for people who are working politically to be able to keep in touch with real life and certain realizations about ourselves, our opponents and issues people could or could not do. It was a profound lesson."

In 1982, during a severe depression in Rhode Island, Ken was awarded his master's in community planning but work was scarce. During the program, he tried to discover a common thread in his many interests.

"I liked freedom, a little unpredictability, people, and a challenge."

He realized that politics was where he wanted to be. While trying to get a job in the Walsh gubernatorial campaign, he was called in to work on the closing down of a housing project for the Town of War­ren. It was his first "political" paycheck. The rest is history. Although the Walsh campaign was a disaster, he forged ahead. He worked for a short time as a hardware store manager. He then sought and ob­tained work at City Hall from 1984 to 1988, until the time he went to work on Bruce Sundlun's gubernatorial campaign.

R.I. COLLEGE GRADUATE Kenneth Haupt, campaign manager for the Bruce Sundlun/Governor's Office, stands in front of his marquee. Haupt says, "...I really loved going to RIC. I received a tremendous education. I met some people who had a positive influence on my life..."

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