Spring Commencement '91

Despite economic hard times, 1,000 RIC grads told 'just do it'

by George LaTour

With a summer-like sun glaring upon them, the nearly 1,000 graduates at the annual spring commencement at Rhode Island College May 25 sat uncomfortably in the near 90-degree heat as they listened to speaker after speaker remind them of the need for excellence in tough economic times, but also, that their education had equipped them to succeed and now they had to go out there and "Just do it."

It was a day of elation and uncertainty, as the Providence Journal reporter Thomas Frank noted in the next day's newspaper account. Cheers greeted John J. Gleason, chair of the Council of Rhode Island College, who opened the ceremony with the traditional welcome to the, the 1991 commencement. Gleason, an associate professor of special education who holds a doctorate from Harvard University, told the graduates — who would soon receive bachelor's and master's degrees — that "Rhode Island needs what you know."

He asked them to "give truth and alternatives a chance" as they made their way and exhorted each graduating group individually to "just do it."

Governor Sundlun

Several thousand family members and friends, staff, alumni and guests sat or stood on the campus esplanade around the seated students.

Many used the printed commencement programs as fans to ward off the sun's burning rays or as fans to move the air.

"Somehow, we've got to support our community."

"Let me immediately take cognizance of the banner in the back of the audience," said Sundlun, whose voice boomed through the loud speakers.

Noting the budget compromise reached Friday with General Assembly leaders that restores money to education and human services, he assured his audience the state has a budget that "gives a sense of fiscal responsibility."

"I'm proud to say that for the first time the state has a balanced, reasonable budget," asserted Sundlun.

"I don't come to the government complaining without contributing. There is a greater need when things are tough."

"We're on the way up and we need your help," he said.

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Newspaper designates RIC as 'main preserver' of Cape Verden materials

The publisher and general manager of the CVN (Cape Verdean News), published in New Bedford, has donated a collection of materials to the Rhode Island College library and designated RIC as its principal depository for materials "of importance to the Cape Verden community."

Thomas D. Lopes, in making the announcement, said that RIC "above any other institution in the New England area clearly has demonstrated its true commitment in advancing the Afro-African experience of Cape Verden-Americans and others."

He cited RIC's "excellent selection" of African/Afro-American studies and for its principal depository for materials "of importance to the Cape Verden community."

"The CVN publisher also applauded the College administration for the appointment of Marlene Lopes as the College's first public institution of higher education to 'warmly greet the first President of the Republic of Cape Verde, António dos Santos, upon his visit to this country' in 1983."

Lopes — whose daughter, Denise, is a sophomore at RIC — also cited the "commitment and dedication" of such faculty members as Richard A. Lobban Jr., professor of anthropology, as well as the College's sponsorship of conferences centered around the Cape Verden culture.

Lobban had published in 1988 the second edition of his bibliography, Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Cape Verde, which was co-authored by Marilyn Halter.

He also co-authored (with former RIC master's student Waltraud Berger Coit of Cranston) a study of Cape Verden-Americans in Rhode Island.

"The CVN publisher also applauded the College administration for the appointment of Marlene L. Lopes (no relation) to head its Special Collections unit of the James P. Adams Library, Assistant Prof. Lopes, of Providence, is of Cape Verden ancestry. She was appointed to administer the Special Collections after the retirement of Sally Wilson late spring."

As part of the newspaper's commitment to support the library's Special Collections and RIC, publisher Lopes said it will contribute to the establishment of a fund to support a lecture series in honor of the memory of Dr. Baltazar Lopes daSilva, lawyer, educator, writer and humanitarian, reports Richard A. Olsen, Adams Library director.

The publisher says the CVN will encourage all Cape Verdians who have any books, materials or artifacts of value "which they wish to preserve and share" to consider contributing them to RIC's Special Collections.

A recent issue of the CVN published Lopes' announcement and told its readers they may contribute such materials by contacting Marlene Lopes at RIC or the newspaper.

A series of Cape Verden cookbooks, bound volumes of the CVN, and a rare painting of the Statue of Liberty and the schooner Ernestina (the 1894 sailing ship which brought many Cape Verdians to this country) were turned over at a recent RIC conference on Cape Verden life to Professor Lobban for the Adams Library Special Collections.

Other artifacts that will be donated include a collection of stamps issued by the Cape Verde Islands, rare coins, a model of the schooner Ernestina and a hand-woven blanket which had been presented by the Cape Verde government to Lopes upon his first visit there.

Lopes was then a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and had traveled to the islands as a guest of the Cape Verde government.
On May 15, Richard H. Dodtittle, a specialist in the Center for Evaluation and Research at the Rhode Island College of Education (RIC) of Warwick, gave a workshop presentation of the “Findings on the Focus Group Method” at the Substantial Benefits of Education” at the Drug-Free School and Communities Act Application Workshop sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Bristol resident Chester E. Smolksi, professor of anthropology and director of the Urban Studies program, presented a paper entitled “Rhode Island Redlining: Is It Time to Be Listening to the 90’s?” at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association held in conjunction with the Planning Institute of British Columbia in Vancouver. His paper “Waterfronts as a Key to City-Centered Redevelopment,” based on a paper he gave at the Rhode Island Historical Society, appeared in the latest issue of Rhode Island Historical, a publication of the Society.

With RIC professor of elementary education, Anne Petry, of Warwick, Smolski was also a participant in the Rhode Island Historical Society Education, the National Geographic Society funded project to improve teaching of geography in the schools of the state.

Additionally, Smolksi has been appointed to the Governor Bruce Sundlun’s Special Task Force to work on the Governor’s Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) Workforce Development Program to suggest improvements in public transit. Smolski will also be a facilitator at Lieutenant Governor Roger Williams’ Conference on regionalism in Rhode Island that will be held at the Community College of Rhode Island.

Robert J. D’Iberville, professor of computer science and computer education teacher at Henry Barnard School, has authored an article entitled “Using the Computer in the Elementary Classroom: Mathematical Language Development,” which appeared in the May issue of the New England Mathematics Journal. The article describes how the use of the computer and the language experience can enhance the development of the mathematical thinking skills by having children create and solve their own problem solving situations. The article describes an effective and efficient use of technology in the integration of language arts and mathematics.

Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban and Richard Lobban, both professors of anthropology, also received a scholarship reward from Durham, England, where they attended and presented papers at the Second International Conference of Sudan Studies. The Sudan Studies Association, based in North America and jointly founded by the University of Khartoum and the Institute of African and Asian Studies of the University of Khartoum. Carolyn’s paper was entitled “Toward a Sudanese Development of Islamic World Population in the Sudan” and Richard’s paper was “The Origin of the Fig Taboo in the Nile Valley.”

Carolyn was an invited presenter at a conference held in April at the State University of New York at Binghamton on the subject of “Islam and Ethnicity in Africa and the Middle East.” She also presented a paper, “Women and ‘Gulf War’” at the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies meeting held at the William and Mary University in the Washington, DC area.

CONSTANCE KAMM, renowned researcher, teacher and educator in the field of children’s intellectual development, addresses a Rhode Island College audience June 3 in the Faculty Center.

Richard Dick Zorabedian dies; labor leader, scholar with ties to RIC

Richard “Dick” Zorabedian, 65, of Saunderstown, an administrator for Local 57 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, apprenticeship and training program for 18 years before retiring in 1988, died May 4 at South County Hospital after being stricken at home.

He is credited with having introduced an innovative graduate course known as CPS (Creative Problem Solving) at the University of Rhode Island in the mid-1960s and later with helping introduce it at Rhode Island College. He received an honorary doctorate from URI in recognition of his concern for public education, and is the scholarship fund named after him at RIC.

In 1977, he received the John F. Kennedy Award from the American Association of University Women and in 1978, the Providence Parent & Teachers’ Fund Award on behalf of the High School of Commerce.

This past academic year, his son, Thomas Zorabedian of South Kingstown, served as an assistant professor here in television and film studies.

Bush of Mary A. (Magarian) Zorabedian, he was born in Providence, a son of the late Thomas and Rose (Bonni) Zorabedian. He moved to Southdorn in 1969.

Mr. Zorabedian had enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942, served in the South Pacific Theater of operations with the rank of staff sergeant, and received the Purple Heart.

He later attended the former Johnson & Wales College; matriculated in the business administration program at URI, graduating in 1965. He later completed the URI master’s degree program in English and also studied at the University of Buffalo.

In 1993, he was appointed to the newly-created board of Rhode Island for Economic Development, the Rhode Island and served as a member for six years.

Mr. Zorabedian had entered the construction industry as a laborer. In 1950, he was appointed to the Providence Central Federal Council, and at the time of his death was the oldest delegate in terms of years served. For five years in membership on the PCFCF executive board, he became a trustee, a position he held until his death. He also became an officer of the Local 57 executive board and a trustee of the Local 57 pension program.

Mr. Zorabedian was named as a labor delegate to Israel in 1978; was a member of the Providence mayor’s advisory board on recreation and the Providence School Committee Steering Committee; was a founding member of the Providence Civic Center Authority, and president of Creative Problem-Solving, Inc., of Rhode Island.

He was vice president of Tower II International and a consultant of Art Originals of East Providence, the Rhode Island Council for the Arts.

Since retiring, he worked as an international labor consultant, and did volunteer work in South County and attended workshops and seminars at the Thematic Council at Providence College.

His publications included The Creative Education Movement in Rhode Island. Besides his wife and son, Mr. Zorabedian leaves a daughter, Donna M. Santangelo of Kingston, three sisters, Diane Montecalvo, Alice Zorabedian, both of Warwick, Grace Tappo of Brookline, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Vartan Armenian Apostolic Church, Providence.
Rhode Island Veterans’ Home —
RIC prof brings discussion of American democracy to vets
by George LaTour

The subject was the role of the media in the recent Gulf War.

Did the media cover the war adequately? Were there constraints placed on the media by the military and/or the United States government (or governments of the other countries involved)? Did the American public get the real story or just what the Powers-That-be wanted it to know? How did coverage of the Gulf War compare to the coverage of the wars in Vietnam and Korea, World War II and, yes, even World War I?

There were people in THIS audience who would know. They were officers and enlisted men and women, who had served from World War I onward and who now call the Rhode Island Veterans’ Home in Bristol “home.”

The occasion was the third session on “Crises in American Democracy” in which Rhode Island College’s Victor L. Profughi, a professor of political science, read thought-provoking articles — pro and con — on the role of the media in the Gulf War and how that role has changed.

Another topic in the series this spring include those on Democratic theory, political parties and Congress.

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“A woman suggested that the Gulf War “might have been staged” for whatever reason or reasons. Several men, who had served in World War II, nodded their heads in agreement.

Profughi leaned back and grinned somewhat. “You people are very cynical today,” he said. Some nodded again; others just smiled. They’d seen it all before... in one fashion or another.

For instance, “managed news” (an aspect of censorship); was there anyone more adept at it than Hitler’s minister of propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, who had painted a rosy picture for the German population of the Third Reich’s “victories” almost up to the day that the Russian and American armies breached the outskirts of Berlin in a rush to Hitler’s bunker?

Veterans of America’s wars

But, these veterans of America’s wars enjoy the stimulation of discussion and even debate. “They are articulate, opinionated and interested,” says Profughi.

“More’s the point, they seem to enjoy life itself despite infirmities brought on by age or war or both. ”

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“Important to note that age and disabilities are not valid reasons for giving up living,” he wrote, adding, “Many Home residents and some of our senior employees are living proof of this adage.”

To even the casual visitor to this haven of honor, it is apparent that the atmosphere is upbeat. Dignity and courage win out daily over despair and defeat.

Officially dedicated

The Veterans’ Home was officially dedicated on May 21, 1891, with the ceremonies suitably begun by a performance of The American Band under the direction of its founder, D. W. Reeves. The American Band lives on today under the direction of Dr. Francis Marciniak, professor of music at RIC. A number of musicians in the College community regularly perform in it.

Rhode Island Gov. John W. Davis provided the introduction followed by the “Star Spangled Banner” and other selections by The American Band and “addresses by prominent guests.”

The Home is situated on nearly 100 acres of land on Metacom Avenue, which was given to the state by the Town of Bristol over 100 years ago.

The 339-bed domiciliary and nursing care facility provides services to all qualified veterans who served during specified dates of various wars and conflicts and who are residents of Rhode Island. Currently, there are 270 residents who receive all three levels of nursing care — from light to complete, according to Pam Dow of Barrington, the activities therapist.

In addition, a strong volunteer program helps bring recreation and a “warmth of friendship” to residents.

“Our goal here at the Veterans Home,” said the former commandant, “is not only to help members improve their health, but to encourage them to live up to their capacity, make the most of life day-to-day and not use old age as a reason or justification to give up on life.”

With some 120,000 living veterans in the state, the Veterans’ Home promises to be an important part of the care delivery system for them in the foreseeable future, providing a home where... Around the fire an evening group may draw And tell of all they did and all they saw. And husband out life’s taper to its close, And keep the flame from wasting, by repose.
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After 17 years of study he ‘rushes’ to get diploma

DIANNE BEAULIEU finishes her final days as a student-teacher at the Henry J. Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket.

Except for a brief few months in 1975 when Dianne Beaulieu worked as a secretary after graduating from high school, this 34-year-old wife and mother has been in a classroom in one way or another all her life, as an elementary and secondary grade student, part-time college student, teacher assistant, full-time college student, and student teacher.

But when September rolls around this year, Beaulieu of Central Falls, who graduated magna cum laude from Rhode Island College on May 25 with a B.S. in elementary education with a concentration in special ed, hopes that the desk she is assigned in 1991 will be the “large one” facing out over her own classroom.

The road she has taken to reach her destination as a classroom teacher has been a long one and sometimes bumpy, according to Beaulieu. But she is the first to say “you can do anything you want if you’re willing to work hard enough for it.”

Beaulieu was born in the Fiji Islands. At the age of three, she moved to England with her family, who sought out “better opportunities.” At 11 years old, her father moved the family once again to the United States “for the sake of opportunity.”

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Renee Marie Walker, a senior elementary education major from Cranston, was recently named as a 1991 Athlete of the Year by the Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women for her contribution to the women's basketball team.

Each year the award is presented to a female athlete at each member institution who is recognized as a scholar-athlete, leader and role model.

Walker led the team in field-goal and free-throw percentage, was second all-time single season in field-goal percentage and third all-time career field-goal percentage.

Wing awarded $1,000 scholarship

Senior nursing major Elisa Wing of Lincoln was awarded the first annual scholarship by the Rhode Island Medical Society-sponsored seminar, “Current Concepts in Fetal and Neonatal Care” recently.

Wing received the $1,000 scholarship at the seminar held at the Sheraton Islander in Newport. Each year one local institution participating in the training of maternal-child health nurses recommends one of its students for the award based on his or her interest, practice and dedication to maternal-child health.

Wing is a senior nursing major at Rhode Island College with its John E. Hetherman scholarship, the first annual scholarship established by the Rhode Island Medical Society. The seminar has been sponsored for 14 years by the Medical Society and is co-sponsored by Women and Infants Hospital in cooperation with the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Rhode Island Section of Nurses Association of the American Colleges of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

‘Musical Masterpieces’ to be shown

The Providence Performing Arts Center will feature five “Musical Masterpieces” this summer at its headquarters at 220 Weybosset St. in Providence. Two daily showings of each movie are scheduled at noon and 6 p.m.


Tickets are $3 for each showing or $20 for the five-film series. Light fare will be available for purchase at the theatre. The series is made possible, in part, by a grant from AT&T.

For further information, call 422-2997.

Barbera’s a winner — In the classroom or on the mat!

When James Barbera started off his athletic career in 1975 on the Little League field in South Kingstown, the advice offered to him by his parents, Louis and Lily, was to “play a sport because you like it. Be a good sport. If you win that’s great. If you don’t, don’t worry about it.”

The youngest of five brothers, who is described by friends and family as being quiet, a self-made man, and an unselfish leader, listened well to his Mom and Dad during those growing-up years.

He found his “sport” on the wrestling mat at South Kingstown High School and he exemplified sportsmanship during high school and college by cherishing for his teammates those emotionally and physically tense moments when anything can happen.

Worry didn’t do it, either. Barbera worried a lot. Not the kind of worry that springs from losing. For sure, he wanted to win. Everyone wants to win. But for 22-year-old Barbera, worrying meant self-induced pressure to be the very best that he could be.

When other teenagers barely get themselves to afternoon sports practices or cut the right foods to stay in shape during a season, Barbera, at 14 years of age already had the fortitude, drive, and discipline to organize his own work-with-consistency schedule early morning or afternoon routines, and control his weight.

And “that’s the one I’m most proud of,” he says. Of the more than 200 matches he has wrestled in his career, Barbera says high school wrestling was less difficult than “the pressure at the college level.”

Explaining that the sport is unlike many others, he says, “it’s all up to you.”

According to a boisterous friend and high school wrestling teammate, Barbera epitomized the “individualistic” attitude needed to be a winner at their sport.

He wrote about his friend James for a high school English assignment as being “the most individualistic person I know.... His small size wasn’t important. He began concentrating on training during the off-season, starting in the spring of his freshman year. James continued to train hard as a junior. He ran before practice and would continue his own practice regimen of sit-ups and push-ups after the school practice was over. The inner discipline and self-esteem James acquired by his junior year earned him the state crown at 126 pounds. He repeated the performance as a senior at 138 pounds under pressured conditions. James's self-made physical condition and inner emotional security fulfills my definition of a true individualistic person.”

Although each season brought new challenges and goals for Barbera, this season, as it came to an end and he found himself headed to the NCAA, was different in at least two ways. First, he competed in his most successful collegiate weight class, 142 lbs., placing eighth in the bracket, which made him an All-American. And secondly, his biggest supporter, Lily and Lu, were in the stands in Illinois cheering for their youngest son.

“We’re very proud of James” both academically and athletically, Mrs. Barbera said. When asked to look back over the years of James’ life in high school and college, Mrs. Barbera said that he had “buckled down” in his study habits at RIC.

She said, “it was not unusual for James to get up from watching TV or playing cards with his father and announce that it was time to study.”

The sense of having “to do it all on your own” never escaped Barbera as he graduated from high school wrestling to college. And when asked to recall highlights of his career, he points to winning the state crown in his junior year in high school and being named an All-American in college.

About his athletic career, Mrs. Barbera said that throughout high school her son “always kept himself in shape. And just before a match, he’d give me a list. He was faithful with that list. He wanted Gatorade and he loved his peanut butter sandwiches.” Because wrestlers must “make weight” just prior to a match, they often carry food and drinks with them to matches. And they can also become superstitious or regimented about clothing, music, or behavior patterns just before matches.

Young Barbera says it’s like having a trick. “I listen to music, and I can’t let anyone use my (wrestling) shoes.”

Even with all the “tricks” and all the Gatorade he could drink (Mrs. Barbera said, “we should have bought it by the case”), Barbera always knew that the bottom line in the equation of success, both in the classroom and on the mat, depended on himself. “You’ve got to work hard. You’ve got to work everyday. And you’ve got to work on your own.”
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Elation and Uncertainty

JOHN GLEASON (right) carries the DeSales' robe during opening ceremonies.

MASTER'S CANDIDATE Celeste Bowler searches the crowd for her family...then finds them.

ABOVE: Daniel Smith gets his ponytail cut off in long-standing wish of his mother by President Nazarian before receiving his degree.


AT RIGHT: The mortar board of Jill D'Allesandro sums up the uncertainty of many grads.

THREE GRADS: Master-of-Education-Degree recipient Antonio Cardona gets hugs from his two daughters, Christine (right) who earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, and Anna, who is graduating from Shea High School in Pawtucket.

Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
All Upward Bound grads headed for college

TERMINATING their achievement “outstanding,” Rhode Island College President John Nazarian read the list of colleges and universities to which all of the 31 Upward Bound graduates have been accepted.

The occasion was the annual Upward Bound graduation, held June 4 in a Gaige Hall auditorium before College and program administrators, target school officials and key teachers, family members and friends, and the state commissioner of education.

Nazarian noted that the number of Upward Bound graduates who have chosen RIC as their college and to which they’ve already been accepted is the largest ever in the 25 years of the program here.

Other institutions of higher education chosen by the high school graduates include: Notre Dame, Providence and Boston colleges, the University of Rhode Island, Bates College, the State University of New York (SUNS) and Virginia State University.

Speaker, Dr. Pablo Rodrigo, medical director of Planned Parenthood, in his keynote address “Prospects for the Future,” told the graduates, “If I can convince only one of you here today to continue your quest for excellence, I will have done my part.”

Alluding to the teachings of the late Joseph Campbell, expert in comparative religions and author on mythology, Doctor Rodrigo told them, “We are all heroes in this journey through life” which begins “with the journey inside ourselves.”

He encouraged the graduates to respond to the force in their lives and follow their destiny.

Other speakers included education commission American W. Peconelli and Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs at RIC.

RIC baseball camp scheduled

The Rhode Island College Recreation Center has scheduled a baseball camp for July. Two sessions will be held beginning July 8 through 12 and July 15 through 19. Session will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for both sessions. The cost is $85, per session. Campers will be registered on a first come, first served basis and will receive an official College baseball camp T-shirt.

According to Anzeveno, camp instructors and staff are fully trained and will offer opportunities for participants to use infield batting cages as well as many other instructional stations. He said that guest speakers will also be featured, along with individual video taping for each camper to review their skills.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center. For further information, call 456-5600.

Applicants sought for coaching vacancies

The Rhode Island College Department of Athletics, Intramurals, and Recreation announces that three coaches are needed for the upcoming seasons.

The baseball team, a member of the NCAA Division III Intercollegiate Program, is seeking the services of a head coach. The position is a part-time, one-year appointment with reappointment possible based on an annual review and evaluation.

According to a department spokesperson, a bachelor’s degree is preferred and a driver’s license is required. Applicants must also have a thorough knowledge of the rules, skills and strategies necessary for high levels of competition, and the ability to deal effectively and motivate college aged students. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 21.

In addition, the department is looking to fill the assistant women’s gymnastics and volleyball positions.

A bachelor’s degree is preferred and a driver’s license is required. Experience would include those skills developed as a coach or participant in the respective sport. The deadline is Friday, June 28.

A letter of application, along with a resume and three professional references should be referred to Rhode Island College Personnel Services, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906, Area Intercollegiate Athletic Department.

They’re Shinn-Study-Abroad-Fund winners, but who’s who?

When Prof. George H. Kellner introduced this year’s Rhode Island College Ridgway F. Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund winners at a reception recently in the Bannister Gallery, his audience looked from one of the winners to the other.

No one could tell to whom he was referring — specifically — when he noted (before identifying each) that one of the winners was an ex-Marine and ballet dancer; the other a Navy veteran and theatre major.

The thing of it is, one of the winners obviously was a man and the other obviously a woman.

Who was who?

The 120 or so attending the reception were soon to find out, much to the delight of those who had guessed wrong.

The former Marine and ballet dancer is Danielle Thibeault of Attleboro, a sophomore majoring in international business. The Navy veteran is Liam Clancy of Attleboro, a sophomore majoring in sociology and theatre.

Thibeault is now studying at the American University in Paris under monies provided by the Shinn Fund AND a matching scholarship from the American University, thanks to former dean of admissions at RIC, John Nissen, who now serves as vice president for enrollment services at the American University in Paris.

Clancy will leave in September for the University of London where he will take theatre courses and do an independent study on social policy whereby he will assess the relationship between the university and the local community “and how they address problems.”

Each receives approximately $2,000 from the Shinn Fund, which has awarded the travel-abroad scholarships to selected students for two years now.

A son of the former Jean Bosley and the late Edward Clancy, Liam was born in Warwick, moved to Attleboro, graduated from North Attleboro High School and served for three years aboard the amphibious aircraft carrier, USS Pelilue.

Someday, he plans to earn his Ph.D. and be a college professor.

Danielle had to leave for Paris before she and the staff of What’s News could arrange an interview.

G.L.
Summer theater to feature music, dance

Next month the Rhode Island College summer theater will present a full program of music and dance featuring talented College undergraduates and graduates behind the scenes and on stage.

Under the direction of Director Professor Raymond L. Picou, the program’s highlight, “A Night in Hollywood” and “A Night in Hollywood” will open July 12, 13, and July 25, 26 and 27, respectively. All performances will begin at 8 p.m., in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Both productions will feature five performers, including: Charles Smith of Greenfield, MA; Brown of Cumberland, Jean Sullivan of Providence, Kelly Lynch of Smithfield, and Emma Wims Hashway of Providence.

“A Night in Hollywood” will “offer the audience a panoply of Academy Award winning songs, plus music from Disney cartoons, and much more.” According to Picou. The second musical revue will include a series of songs from musical comedy hits and “songs from some of the newer Broadway shows.”

Pianist and musical director is Jim Robertson of Cumberland, and scene designer is John Bloomer of Newport. Susan Iacoppell of North Providence is choreographer, and all costumes are designed by Charlotte Burgess of Providence. Stage manager is Scott Whipple of Smithfield and technical assistant is 17 year old Perdick Miller, a student at Mount Hope High School in Connecticut.

Excerpt for Hashway, who was 1985 Miss Rhode Island and has 14 years experience as a community and dinner theater, and is co-owner of Pageant Consultants, each of these young talents have worked on a College production either behind the scenes or on stage during their graduate or undergraduate years at the College.

Tickets are $10, per performance and will be available June 24 at Roberts Box Office. For further information call 456-8383 (RIC).

The third annual Rhode Island Professional Development Institute for Academic, Adult, Career, and Technical Educators will be held at Rhode Island College June 25-27.

The Institute will focus on forging more effective linkages between vocational and academic secondary education programs.

The first day of the Institute will feature a keynote address by B. June Schmidt, a professor of vocational and technical education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

A recipient of the National Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award for 1991 and the National Association of Teacher Educators for Business Education Distinction Service Award, Schmidt has initiated numerous research efforts focusing on the integration of vocational and academic education.

Welcoming remarks will be given by Commissioner J. Troy Farhat of the state Department of Elementary/Secondary Education, and College President John Nazarian.

Following the keynote address, a series of working sessions will be held. Teams of vocational and academic teachers, counselors, and administrators will be formed to discuss and compile all progress made by each team at a general session scheduled for the afternoon of June 27.

With permission of instructor and a fee, participants may receive graduate and undergraduate credit for attending the conference. For information concerning graduate credits, call 456-7924 (URJ); undergraduate credit, call Dr. James McCreary at 401-456-8383 (RIC).

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RIC senior takes Rose Butler Browne Award for 1991

Joany Corporan of Providence, a graduating senior with a major in communications/business management, is the 1991 winner of the Rose Butler Browne Award. Corporan also presented with the Big Sister Association, which included College Cooperative Guidance experience last summer. She plans to pursue graduate studies at RIC in teacher education.

The award was established in 1976 to honor Rose Butler Browne, who, among many other achievements, was the first black woman to earn a doctoral degree in education (from Harvard University in 1939). She had earned a master’s degree at Rhode Island College.

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ROTC cadet Gregory C. Strafer commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the Army

ROTC cadet Gregory C. Sotfer of East Greenwich was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army on Saturday, May 18 on the Providence College campus along with 22 cadets from Providence College and Brown University.

Sotfer is a 1991 graduate of Providence College.

Sotfer will enter the Army Reserve Infantry.

Chemistry majors present results of their research

Christopher M. Reddy wins first place at conference

Senior chemistry major Christopher M. Reddy of Cranston delivered an award-winning research paper at the 45th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference, held recently at the State University of New York College at Fredonia.

Four chemistry majors also presented papers at the conference. They are: juniors David Belanger of North Smithfield; Maria Gomez of East Providence; David Brown of Newport, and senior Joseph Sague of North Smithfield.

Reddy won first place in the chemistry/physics/environment category. His paper was entitled “The Effect of Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate on the Acid-Base Equilibrium and the Fluorescence Quenching of 5, 6-Benzozquinoline.”

He was one of nine winners among nearly 175 students who participated and delivered papers at the conference. Other colleges represented among the winners were SUNY College at Fredonia, Manhattan College, Skidmore College, Wilkes University and John Carroll University.

This is the second year that a RIC student won an award for the best paper at this conference. Last year Craig Morton was tied for first place. Morton is currently a graduate student at Vanderbilt University.

Reddy is co-captain elect for the 1991-92 Rhode Island College Wrestling team and was an All New England wrestler in the 167 lb. category this past season.

The Eastern Colleges Science Conference is held annually to give undergraduates the experience of professional scientists who present the results of their research before colleagues in conferences around the world. This year, nearly 200 students and faculty met from 22 colleges in New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland.

The students were accompanied to the conference by assistant professor of chemistry Laura Colley, graduate student Deborah Truoch and undergraduates David Cardin, William Clarke and Sharon Sugrue.

In addition to presenting talks at the conference, the five participants and three other RIC students made presentations at the Department of Physical Sciences Seventh Annual Student Symposium which was held at the College on April 24.

The three other students were David Cardin, Kyle Knowlton and Deborah Truoch.
Second Annual
Golf Day

The Rhode Island College Foundation
Monday, August 5, 1991
Kirkbrae Country Club

Registration Fee [$100 per person] entitles you to 18 holes, golf cart, buffet lunch, refreshments on the course, prizes, favors, and dinner!

Schedule:
11:00 a.m. Buffet lunch and check-in
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Prizes

We encourage you to register early—bring your own foursome or we will be happy to arrange one for you. Out of courtesy to our players participation will be limited to the first 120 golfers to sign up. If you have any questions please call Tom Pezzullo, 456-8459 or Jules Cohen, 456-8036.

Complete the registration form below and send it with your registration fee [payable to "RIC Foundation Golf Day"] to The Development Office/RIC/Providence/RI 02908. You may also help support the event by becoming a sponsor in one of the four sponsor categories listed below.

Golf Day Registration Form

Name ___________________ Telephone ___________________
Address ___________________ ___________________

Dinner Choice: □ Prime Rib □ Stuffed Sole

If you have a foursome, please list the others in your group, indicate their dinner choices if you are registering them, too:

Registration Deadline:
Since we are limiting enrollment to the first 120 players, please register—including payment in full by July 29th. Earlier registration is encouraged.

Yes! I want to become a special sponsor for the 1991 Golf Day as a

□ $50 Patron (program listing)
□ $500 Corporate Sponsor (program listing and Golf Day dinner for two)
□ $150 Tee Sponsor (program listing and tee flag)
□ $1,000 Annual Golf Day Sponsor (program listing and complimentary foursome)

Audition for the Alumni Cabaret!

Audition for Alumnight '91—the Alumni Cabaret, will be held Wednesday, July 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Walsh Dance Studio.

No previous performance experience is required, however, all participants will be asked to prepare one song and participate in a group dance audition.

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, Aug. 14 and will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. through September.

The performances will be held Thursday, Sept 26, Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept 28.

For more information contact Doug Cureton at 456-8034 or Holly Shadoian at 456-8086.

ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS with President John Nazarian (rear center) are Lor­raine L’Heureux and Lloyd Matsumoto, (front from left) H. Denman Scott, Diane Alexander and Michael Marran. They were honored at a dinner May 14 at the Col­lege’s Donovan Dining Center.
Refugees to exhibit art

Five Soviet refugee artists, who have been living in America for about one year, will show their artwork during a two-week exhibit scheduled to run from June 27 through July 12 in the Rhode Island College Banister Gallery. A public reception, including music and refreshments, is planned for 7 p.m. opening night.

The free exhibit was organized cooperatively between Ronald M. Steinberg, chair of the Department of Art, Donna O'Malley, Gallery director, Lenore 'O'Malley, associate professor of graphic arts and director of the College's Project Graphic, and Karon Dionne, coordinator of refugee training for the Project Graphic.

A member of the "5 RUSSIANS" exhibit, Andrew Krichak, who recently graduated from the Project Graphic Program offered through the College's Center for Industrial Technology, assisted in bringing together the relocated Soviets.

"All of the artists' works represent themselves," said Krichak, who is also a poet. "But all of our art is influenced by Russian culture." One of the reasons Krichak said he began thinking about staging the event was because "it is difficult to get involved. This will, maybe, become a network for us, and make people closer." Anxious to meet other people of their own nationality and to build a following for their artwork, Krichak said he and the others will regularly be in attendance at the gallery to speak to visitors.

Besides Krichak, who was born into a family of artists in Kiev, in the Ukraine, Igor Khrorkevich, an artist and composer, of Moscow, who trained under modern Russian artists such as A. Kustromin and E. Belakova-Serbinia will display his works.

Also pianist and organist, Irina Bykova of Moscow, who is a 19-year-old artist and composer. Ivanov of the Ukraine, who was a member of the "5 RUSSIANS," will also display his works.

Some 30 Rhode Island College personnel, who have retired since the last Gala, were honored at the May 24 Commencement Gala in Donovan Dining Center.

"Because there exists such a close relationship between what we do as College employees and how we do it, and the success of our College students, it is fitting that we use this opportunity to also celebrate our graduation from life as an employee to life as a retiree," personnel director Gordon N. Sundberg told the retirees.

Retirees honored at Commencement Gala

"You invested many years in the Rhode Island College partnership. We want to acknowledge, with appreciation, your contribution to the College," said Sundberg.

Faculty and non-classified employees

Louise P. Buschoff
Library Technician
Henry Barnard School 1966 - 1990

Elizabeth B. Carey
Assistant Professor
Elementary Education 1961 - 1991

Irene Gugliietti
Administrative Secretary
School of Ed. and Human Development 1972 - 1991

Joseph G. Habershaw
Assistant Professor
Henry Barnard School 1967 - 1990

Michaela M. Keogh
Administrative Secretary
Student Affairs 1979 - 1990

Maureen T. Lapin
Professor
Curriculum Resource Center 1966 - 1990

Mildred B. Nagost
Assistant Professor
Elementary Education 1961 - 1990

Betty E. Olin
Associate Professor
Art 1973 - 1991

Eugene H. Perry
Professor
Political Science 1964 - 1991

Michaelantonio D. Silvestri
Technician III
Audiovisual 1986 - 1991

Jeanette E. Tamagni
Professor
Counseling and Educational Psychology 1967 - 1991

Calvin Tillotson
Associate Professor
Modern Languages 1959 - 1990

Classified employees

Edmond D. Buchman
Senior Maintenance Technician
Physical Plant 1982 - 1990

Carmella A. Burke
Housekeeper
Custodial Services 1967 - 1990

Amando J. Campagnone
Watchperson

Louis F. Capasso (Deceased)
Laborer
Physical Plant 1970 - 1990

Barbara A. Carceri
Clerk Secretary
Administration and Finance 1980 - 1990

Elena M. DeGiovanni
Assistant Administrative Officer
Alumni Affairs 1969 - 1990

Virginia S. Dorece
Teller
Donovan Dining Center 1982 - 1990

John J. Falvey
Supervisory Patrol Person
Security 1978 - 1990

June F. Flori
Senior Clerk Typist
Student Health 1973 - 1990

NON-MELTING ICE is the invention of Kathy Fidler, a HBS 6th grader. An 'invention' was part of the Project Graphic was part of the school's open house May 9.

This is the last issue of 'What's News' this season. Our next issue will be when classes commence in September.

We wish you a safe and restful summer.
Leading scientists, educators, and business executives are participating in the "American Biotechnology Manufacturing Conference," which is expected to draw a significant number of conference representatives from companies around the world.

American Biotechnology Manufacturing conference set

The first New England based international biotech manufacturing conference is scheduled for October 17 and 18 in the Center for Industrial Technology on the Rhode Island College campus.

Over 200 CEO's from companies around the world expect to attend the conference, which is scheduled to be held in the Center for Industrial Technology on the Rhode Island College campus.

In addition, representatives from higher institutions of education, Rhode Island government officials, and biotechnology manufacturing business and others are expected to participate in "A Case Study: State Government, Education, and Industry Working Together to Educate Students in the Need for Manufacturing Biotechnology." A model, multimedia demonstration for use in high schools and business manufacturing will also be presented.

The keynote speaker at a noontime luncheon on the second day of the conference will be William Luther, assistant director for Education and Human Resources for the National Science Foundation.

Among those presenting topics include: Dr. David Bontrager, director of the Office of the Orphan Drug Program of the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. John Brownlee, director of the FDA Orphan Drug Office. They will discuss "The Role of Biotechnology in the Development of Pharmaceuticals," and "The Future of Biotechnology Manufacturing." A model, multimedia demonstration for use in high schools and business manufacturing will also be presented.

Several important issues will be addressed during the conference, including the potential effects of the Orphan Drug Act and the "Issue of Diversity: Manufacturers of Pharmaceuticals," and building a nationally educated workforce in the area of biotechnology.

A Doctor of Pedagogy was bestowed upon Dr. James Haffner, director of the Office of the Orphan Drug Program, for his efforts in promoting the importance of the Orphan Drug Act and the "Issue of Diversity: Manufacturers of Pharmaceuticals," and building a nationally educated workforce in the area of biotechnology.

Be it resolved that the Council of Rhode Island College recognizes the potential of the Orphan Drug Act and the "Issue of Diversity: Manufacturers of Pharmaceuticals," and building a nationally educated workforce in the area of biotechnology.

Dr. Marlene Haffner, director of the Office of the Orphan Drug Program, was introduced by Dr. James Haffner, director of the Office of the Orphan Drug Program, for his efforts in promoting the importance of the Orphan Drug Act and the "Issue of Diversity: Manufacturers of Pharmaceuticals," and building a nationally educated workforce in the area of biotechnology.

Conference chairperson, Linda M. Harman, associate professor of biology and the organizer and director of the RIC College of Science, said, "The significance of these issues is of importance to the health and well-being of all Americans, workers, and the general welfare of local communities.

Besides RIC, Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and the Community College of Rhode Island will also be involved in the conference by being funded through grants from the Rhode Island Workforce 2000, an independent funding agency.

For further information, registration forms, or conference packets, call 1-800-621-6800.