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Sergei Nikitch Khrushchev chats with RIC political science faculty member, Carey Rickbauck, in Alumni Lounge Feb. 27. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

What is happening with the former Soviet Army “is very dangerous,” the son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev told a small group of invited historians in Rhode Island College’s Alumni Lounge Feb. 27.

“(It is) very dangerous what is happening with the Army — more dangerous (to America) than the Cuban Missile Crisis (had been),” the 56-year-old Sergei Nikitch Khrushchev told the rapt listeners.

He explained that Boris Yeltsin of Russia claims the Army now belongs to Ukraine, another of the newly created republics. However, notes Khrushchev, the Army is “a good son of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.”

Currently residing with his wife, Valentina, in Cranston, Sergei Khrushchev is at the Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute of International Studies at Brown University this semester.

Intending to speak for about 20 minutes only, Sergei spoke off-the-cuff for a full hour, charming his audience which included RIC’s President John Nazarian and the history department’s George Kellner, who had arranged Khruschchev’s visit to RIC.

Asked what his father “really was like” (as opposed to the indelible image of the Soviet premier pounding his shoe on the table at the United Nations and promising to bury the United States) Sergei assured his audience that Nikita was “a good father, a good parent.

He told of his father spending time with him and their family, often discussing worldly matters — but never matters pertaining to business of the Supreme Soviet — and often deferring to the decisions of his wife, Sergei’s mother, in family matters.

Such revelation brought appreciative chuckles from the audience as Sergei, himself, smiled.

Kellner and Peter B. Brown, an assistant professor of history here and a Russian historian, had introduced Mr. and Mrs. Khrushchev to President Nazarian, Academic Vice President John J. Saleses and others in the president’s office just prior to Khrushchev’s talk.

Nazarian, Kellner and Brown presented flowers and small gifts to the couple as remembrances of their visit to RIC.

M.S. in industrial technology ok’d

20 students expected in first year (’92-’93)

A proposed master-of-science degree in industrial technology at Rhode Island College has been approved by the state Board of Governors for Higher Education, it was announced by President John Nazarian.

The RIC president said he was “happy to report” the approval, which came at the board’s Feb. 20 meeting, and that the new degree program would be “implemented effective immediately.”

Approval had followed a recommendation to the board by Americo W. Petrello, state commissioner for higher education.

In his written recommendation, Petrocelli noted that an external reviewer of the proposed program found it “could potentially be a strong catalyst for economic development and the long-term success of manufacturing organizations in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.”

By the third year, the program is expected to provide space for the bulging enrollment RIC has been experiencing for the last several years, according to Placco.

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BOG approves proposed performing arts complex

by Clare Eckert

At its February meeting, the Board of Governors for Higher Education unani­ mously approved Rhode Island College President John Nazarian’s proposal to construct a 50,000 square foot complex to support the performing arts programs in music, theatre, and dance.

The Board’s approval means that the $7.5 million cost of the proposed facility moved forward for endorsement to Gover­ nor Sundlun and the General Assembly. If approved at that level it will be plac­ ed on the general election ballot as part of a November referendum for higher educa­ tion seeking a total of $20 million. The total bond request - including the RIC complex - also seeks an estimated $12 million to build an addition to the Commu­ nity College of Rhode Island’s Knight Campus in Warwick.

The proposed RIC complex would take advantage of performance space and classrooms presently available in Roberts Hall, which are included in the proposal to be renovated and remain as the focal points, according to Christopher O. Placc­ co, design architect for Robertson Green Beretta Corporation.

“The new construction would not dupli­ cate what exists,” Placco said. “But would be connected through and extended on improved facilities that will lead to what is in place with all proposed new construction.”

If approved at the state level, the addition would be “pre­ ceived as free-standing,” but would be, in fact, connected by walkways and hallway. “The neat feature is that the entire complex would have its own unique identity and the aura of the arts,” explained Placco.

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The primary goal of the facility and the operating design factor used by Placco when he began the project in September, 1991, was to provide additional and appro­ priate classroom space for teaching and learning situations for RIC faculty and students involved in the arts programs.

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Dianne J. Klabechek receives class of 1940 scholarship

Rhode Island College elementary education major, Dianne J. Klabechek, of Portsmout,h was the recipient of the first scholarship offered by the Class of 1940 to a RIC student studying to be a teacher.

Klabechek accepted the $500 award from Louis Yosinoff, class representative and scholarship oragnizer, at a recent luncheon reception at the Alumni House.

In a personal statement written by Klabechek as part of the selection criteria, the student wrote: "My goal is to be a teacher who makes a difference, not only in her own life, but in the lives of her students." Other criteria used in the process were faculty recommendations, and grade point average. Klabechek recorded a grade point average of 3.79, cumulatively.

This is the first scholarship awarded by members of the Class of 1940 who began a campaign to raise $5,000 as an endowed scholarship fund in 1983. By 1990 the class had surpassed their goal by $20,000. They presented a record gift of over $25,000 to the College at that year's commencement ceremony.

Klabechek hopes to teach math and science at the middle school level.

In Memoriam

Sally Wilson

Winston was a graduate of Hood College in Maryland where she had majored in history, and held a master's degree in library science from Simmons College in Boston.

She had been a librarian at Emerson College and with the Nova Scotia Regional Library System prior to joining the RIC faculty as an assistant librarian in charge of technical services in February 1979.

Wilson had served as secretary of the Council of RIC, chairwoman of the library department advisory committee, president of the American Association of University Professors, RIC chapter, an executive board member of the New England Library Association, secretary of the Rhode Island Library Association, secretary of the New England Archivists, and president of the New England Technical Services Librarians.

She was also a member of the Providence Preservation Society, the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Association of American Archivists.

Besides her mother, she is survived by a daughter, Josephine P. Peterson of Lunenburg, Mass., two sons, Robert J.A. Wilson of Seekonk and Charles E. Wilson of Lander, Wyo.; a sister, Josephine E. Shaub of New Castle, Del., and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Feb. 28 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Providence.
**College Shorts**

**Young artists display works**

Young artists in the Saturday Art Program at Rhode Island College will display their works for the public from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, in the Art Center at RIC. This year marks the 24th annual exhibit of student-produced work and will include material produced by 100 students from around the state enrolled in the Saturday morning program, according to Chris Mulcahey Szyba, program director. On display will be paintings, ceramics, sculpture and multi-media work.

Information about next year's Saturday Art Program as well as the new summer program will be available at the Art Center during the exhibit. Refreshments will be served. The show is free and open to the public.

**Catholic women's mini retreat**

The Chaplains' Office is sponsoring a mini retreat for Catholic women Tuesday, March 24 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Sr. Mary Ann Rossi for more information at 456-8166. All women faculty, staff, students and their women friends are welcome.

**New office for Mentorship Academy**

The office of the Mentorship Academy of the Rhode Island Children's Crusade has been moved from the first floor in Adams Library to the fourth floor in Barnard School.

**TIAA/CREF retirement seminar**

TIAA/CREF has invited participants age 50 and over to a three-hour retirement seminar to be held Monday, March 16 at the Providence Marriott and Tuesday, March 17 at the Hotel Viking, Newport. Afternoon and evening sessions are available.

The program, entitled "Life Stages—Getting Ready to Retire," will assist you with successfully planning ahead for your retirement. Also, if you wish, you may discuss your individual questions in a one-on-one session with a TIAA/CREF counselor. If you are interested in attending, please call Sue Charest at 456-8442.

**RIC staff receives grant from Crusade**

A grant proposal by three Rhode Island College staff members to the Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education was approved recently and cited for its innovation to assist the Crusade's recruiting efforts for mentors on a state-wide basis.

Laural D. Shepard, associate director of the Community Mentoring Programs called the $15,000 proposal unique and the first of its kind. "The RIC proposal will recruit mentors for its program, but will also provide mentors for other sites across the state," she said. She said it was the first proposal — so far — to have a dual recruitment effort included.

The three RIC members involved in the project are Joseph L. Costa, director of Student Support Services, Kristen P. King, coordinator of student activities and Catherine R. Bodell, coordinator of Project Explorations at the Henry Barnard School.

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The project calls for "a joint mentoring program to be established between RIC Student Support Services and the Campus Center to provide mentors for the Henry Barnard Elementary School, in addition to several elementary schools in Providence," according to the executive summary of the proposal.

"Students from the Student Support Services program and the Campus Center will build a relationship with the at-risk youth in various stages of their development and will assist them in becoming productive members of their prospective schools and communities," the report went on to say.

According to Costa, program head, "We were pleased to get the final approval and to be working cooperatively. It's an opportunity for three different departments on campus to work together."

Costa has 25 students signed up to begin the next mentorship training sessions. "It's great for the students to participate in this program and to be able to commit themselves to a community venture."

The grant money will go towards salaries for a project coordinator and a crusader club leader, as well as supplies, transportation for field trips, speakers, and a computer to track the program's successes.

Shepard said the Crusade expects to have about 30 programs operating by April. This is the first year of the project.

**Higher Ed Act passes Senate**

On a 93-to-1 vote, the U.S. Senate recently approved renewal of an expanded version of the Higher Education Act. It goes on to the House for final confirmation.

The bill, which drew very little debate on the floor, includes all aid programs to institutions of higher education, at a cost of $7 billion over five years.

The long-term plan provides more scholarships for the poor and middle class, simpler application forms and harsher punishment for schools that cheat, according to a Providence Journal-Bulletin article.

**'1, NAT LOVE: THE STORY OF DEADWOOD DICK' is performed by Rochel Coleman in the Henry Barnard School cafeteria Feb. 28. The one-person show, sponsored by HHS and RIC's Office of New Student Programs, was the last event in the College's salute to African-American History Month.**

(What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
Albert Tavokalov's photos of life 'through his camera's eye'

Photo of man with tea cups: this is a waiter in the Azerbaijan capital of Baku.

The woman and child are Armenian refugees in Moscow. The coup is in progress and they fear "it is all over for them, they will never be able to leave Moscow," Tavakalov says. Many families went to this Armenian Church to light candles during the coup.

The man on the couch is Azerbaijani artist Togrul Narimanlekov. He and his daughter are pictured in his studio.
Refugee photographer speaks out about strife and heroism in Azerbaijan

by Cynthia DeMaio

Persistranka has been a double-edge sword in the former Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan. While it has allowed greater freedom of expression and relaxed state control over civic and religious activities, it has permitted the reawakening of decades-old animosity between the Moslem Azer­bianjans and the Christian Armenians. Azerbaijan is located on the southeastern flank of the Caucasus Mountains. The Caspian Sea forms its eastern border, Iran is to its south, and Armenia to its west. Eighty percent of its roughly seven million people are Moslem, while only eight percent are Armenians.

In 1991 hostilities broke out between Azerb­ianjans and Armenians. After fleeing into the Soviet Union twice, Albert Tavakalov, a 47-year-old Armenian refugee from Azerbaijan, eventually moved his family to Moscow then immigrated to the United States.

Speaking with the assistance of a translator, Ina Daskarov of RIC, Albert said that ethnic violence has many sources. With the advent of glasnost, Armenian minorities concentrated in one area of Azerbaijan, called the Nagorno-Karabakhtskaya Autonomous Oblast, demonstrated for unification with Armenia. This angered some of the Moslem majority.

"I remember one time in the central square of Baku (the capital of Azerbaijan) where meetings of Moslem people took place. Women played a large role in the protests, calling for Moslems to fight and even kill the Armenians," Tavakalov said. Many Moslem women are fanatical in support of their religion, he added.

During times of ethnic tension, it is not safe for Armenians to walk the streets. Tavakalov said groups of teenagers would stop pedestrians and demand to see their passports. (Passports are stamped with a person's nationality.) If the passer-by is Armenian, he could be severely beaten or even killed.

The Tavakalov family narrowly escaped this sort of violence on its trip to the airport when they left for Moscow. They had been planning to visit with Azerbaijani friends. It was unsafe for them to travel in taxis, so Tavakalov's friends brought them to the airport in private cars. 'We were on our way to the airport and there were a lot of people in the street, a crowd was coming towards us. It was so dark. We had our fingers crossed that we would not be stopped,' Albert said. The Tavakalov family made it to the airport safely, but they were robbed by a mob while waiting for their flight.

While it is often the young people who act violently, Tavakalov believes that adults encourage this behavior. He said a criminal element from the countryside comes to Baku and ransacks the apartments of Armenians who are forced out of their homes.

"It would be unfair to say that only Armenians do this," Tavakalov added. He said Armenians are guilty of similar crimes in areas where they are the majority. In Cawkaz, a region near the Caucasus Mountains, the Armenian people are very vocal about their desire to become part of Armenia. "They are a hot people. They long for freedom." The Communist state allowed them to express these sentiments. Tavakalov said the nationalities fought each other, but they did not think about gaining freedom from the Soviets.

ALBERT TAVAKALOV

It is the heroism of the Azerbaijani people, rather than the acts of hatred, that Tavakalov wants Americans to know about. "When I was considering leaving Baku, my boss (who is azerbaijani) called me and asked me not to leave. He said if my family was in danger he would give me his car and we could go to his country until the crisis passed."

"I know many Azerb­ianjans who have risked their lives to help Armenian friends. If the criminal element knew these families were doing this, they would not forgive them," Tavakalov said. "For intelligent people, there is no problem between the nationalities.

"Every nationality has its good and its bad. In Azerbaijan, there are a lot of mixed marriages and children from these marriages. I believe there will be a time when these two nations will become friendly again."

Life in Moscow proved to be difficult as well. In Baku, Tavakalov was a news photographer for the Azerbaijani news agency Azerinform. His photos were also used by Tass, the official press agency of the former Soviet Union. He lived in a luxurious apartment and was well respected in his field. Having created the first photo lab in the country that could process and print color photos, Tavakalov was a true artist. I always thought photography can be on the same level as painting," he said. "I am a child of Cawkaz. There is a lot to be proud for every Cawkazian man. We

FORMER SOVIETS! MEET AT RIC: Albert Tavakalov (left), a news photographer who took many photographs for Tass, the official press agency of the former Soviet Union, meets Sergei N. Khrushchev (right), son of former Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev in President John Nazarian's office. Khrushchev's wife, Valentina, is by his side. After introduction by Nazarian (center), the two former Soviet citizens conversed briefly in Russian. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

became a second class citizen. One of his neighbors called the police to report that a "black" was living in his apartment building (the name used for Asians). He had to check with the police every 45 days to renew his residency. Tavakalov resented this treatment. "The police came to the apartment after the phone call. My children were afraid. Here were two big men at our door with guns. My father was in World War II. He defended Moscow. He was wounded and died from these wounds. But I cannot live in Moscow. Why?"

With his brothers' help, Tavakalov and his family immigrated to the United States in 1991. He came to Rhode Island under the auspices of the Tolstoy Foundation and the Jewish Family Service.

"This is the first time in recent history that Soviets have been allowed to leave the country," said Lenore Collins, director of the GRAPHIC program at RIC. Since its start in 1986, 168 people have gone through this language and work skills training program. The program is funded by the U.S. Office of Human Services and awarded through the State Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Tavakalov's photos of the recent Soviet coup were featured in the Feb. 20 issue of The Observer (who Tavakalov worked for as an intern) and in the March 1 issue of the Sunday Journal Magazine. While he does all kinds of photos, Tavakalov says his favorite are photo stories. "These are stories about people: simple laborers and people of art," he said.

Some of the famous people Albert has photographed are actor Togrul Nami­ manak and world chess champion Garry Kasparov. Both are from Azerbaijan. No matter who his subject, however, he tries to portray the person by his use of his camera. "The camera for me is the same as a brush," he said. Albert also believes that photography can be on the same level as painting. "I am a child of Cawkaz. There is a lot to be proud for every Cawkazian man. We like to have guests, visit in homes. We have big, big dinners, great wine, and wonderful songs. I used to think of Cawkaz. The camera for me is the same as a brush," he said.
On the job with...

Prof. Enrico Pinardi heard someone say "broke" while setting up his exhibit in Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery last week. Pinardi laughed and said loudly for the benefit of his seven-man crew: "That's a word I don't want to hear."

And, well, he might not! His exhibit—a portion of a larger one at the Vorpal Gallery in New York and smaller one at the Pucker Gallery in Boston—is called "Games and Players." It runs from March 5-27 at RIC and consists of some very large pieces requiring much assembly and represents thousands of dollars worth of artistic creativity.

Taking it all in stride, of course, was Bannister Gallery's Dennis O'Malley. Setting up exhibits is an ongoing task for him, a task that could all too easily be taken for granted when one views the art on display in exhibit after exhibit.

One of the larger constructions of "Games and Players" measures 20-feet long, 5-feet deep and 9-feet high and holds some of the carved wood pieces in Pinardi's exhibit. While he prefers to work with mahogany, some of the six-foot pieces in the "Bearer" series are carved from redwood with ebony finishes. Paintings with titles such as "Oracle," "Sanctuary" and "Vigil" also are part of Pinardi's work, which "deals primarily with the characters and activities that have historically controlled the game of life."

The artists and O'Malley have to be concerned not only with the proper set-up of each exhibit, but of such things as transportation of art work from other sites for the exhibit. Paintings and sculpture have to be encased properly to avoid damage and must be shipped by professionals in the trade to assure a safe and timely arrival.

"Photo exhibits are the most difficult to set up," confides O'Malley, indicating you don't just pound a nail in the wall and hang the photographs. It usually takes from a Monday through a Thursday to set up an exhibit. Other factors that go into it include setting "just the right lighting" and making labels for each work for the viewers.

"Sometimes, the artist likes to help (set up his/her exhibit), but many times," says O'Malley, "they feel they're a little blind to their own work and prefer someone else set it up and arrange it."

In the case of the "Games and Players" exhibit, RIC art Professor Pinardi and his crew of art students and former art students prove an invaluable aid to O'Malley, who gets a "break" (oops!) on this exhibit.

Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
Text by George LaTour
American Indian Movement founder, Clyde Bellecourt, to speak here

The founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in 1968, Clyde Bellecourt, who recently led the Native American challenge on racism in sports and media during the 1992 Super Bowl will deliver a keynote address at Rhode Island College Thursday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in Fogarty Life Science building, room 50, as part of a series on "Columbus 1492: Unanticipated Consequences" after 500 years.

Bellecourt, national director of AIM and the primary defender of the spiritual, cultural, political and treaty rights of Native Americans, will present the topic, "America Before Columbus: Looking from the Past, to the Present, into the Future." The event, including an informal discussion following his presentation, is free and open to the public.

Born on the White Earth Chippewa Reservation in Northern Minnesota, Bellecourt spent 14 years in juvenile and adult penal detention institutions. Labeled "incorrigible," by the courts at 16 years old, he was sent to St. Cloud Reformatory and eventually landed at the Stillwater State Prison for conviction of second degree burglary.

It was through an educational training program in prison, and the help and understanding of his parole officer, that Bellecourt was given his first opportunity to address a gathering of law enforcement and justice system professionals about the plight of the Native American. Impressed by what the young Indian had to say and how he said it, a businessman attending the seminar offered him a job which provided Bellecourt the self-esteem and financial security he needed to become a contributing member of society, and eventually the leader of an entire nation of people.

The 55-year-old member of the Mississippi Band of the Chippewa Nation has devoted his adult life to the well-being of American Indians through organizing local, regional, and national groups dedicated to preserving the culture and rights of his people.

After founding AIM, Bellecourt went on to found the Little Earth of United Tribes, Inc. a legal rights center and housing project group in Minnesota. In 1972, he led a 3,000 mile march from California to Washington, D.C. to protest termination legislation of Indian treaties.

Bellecourt, to speak here

The diagram above is a layout of the proposed 50,000-square-foot performing arts complex. Central to the diagram is Roberts Auditorium. To the right of Roberts auditorium is depicted a dance, music and theater, a centralized location of all of the programs into one area would greatly enhance their academic experience.

The demand by students enrolling in performing arts coursework has increased substantially over the last three years. Nearly 3,000 students registered for courses this year alone. Overall College enrollment has escalated over 20 percent in the past five years to a current enrollment of nearly 10,000, and except for minor modifications to the performance areas and some additional practice areas over the years, the College has not embarked on any major changes or construction to serve this group of students in about 30 years.

Robert W. Elam, professor of music, called the proposal "essential for our project." He said the National Association of Schools of Music has delayed accreditation because of the acoustical problems where classes and practice sessions are held.

"All the people in the performing arts areas are pulling together to make this happen," Elam said.

Managing director of theater, Edward A. Schaff said, "This is a very positive move in the right direction to have a proper and modernized performing arts space."

He agreed with other performing arts faculty that the most important aspect "in these very early planning stages" is to gather support for the entire project.

Dante T. DeGiudice, director of dance, who lost his studio in the January Walsh Health and Physical Education Center fire, is exceptionally pleased that the proposal has gone forward now. This semester, DeGiudice was forced to move his program off-campus.

Referring to the guts of the complex as "the mess and bolts," Placzo said that "they are subject to change. What we have now is a tentative scheme of the integration of each area."

Realizing that budgets are tight and resources are limited, President Nazarian emphasized to the Board of Governors in his presentation for approval that, "I don't think we can afford not to move forward with these much needed classrooms, faculty and staff office areas, appropriate learning and rehearsal sites, and performing arts facilities.

"The College has built a reputation in the performing arts areas as graduating students who are among the most talented and successful in their fields," Nazarian said. "Now is the time to support this effort and to support the excellent programs that exist at the College for our present and future students."

Chairman of the Board, Governors, Richard Licht said, "A good case was made for the need" of the proposed facility at the February meeting. He said that "it didn't appear to be extravagant. It appeared to be very utilitarian."

"I have every confidence in the administration of the College that they selected this and deemed this to be their number one priority," Licht said.
Students stand-out at debate tourneys

Marciniak to conduct RIC Wind Ensemble March 13th concert

Marciniak joined the RIC music faculty in 1972, coming from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania native has a degree from Mansfield State College, a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, and a degree from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania native has a degree from Mansfield State College, a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, and a degree from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

Brahms’ “A Lovely Rose is Blooming” will lead off the program as Francis Marciniak conducts the Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble in concert Friday, March 13, in Roberts Hall auditorium, starting at 8:15 p.m.

Other selections will include Ralph Vaughan Williams’ “Folk Song Suite,” with soprano Diana McVey, tenor Mark Colozzi and harpist Therese Bergeron. “Theme from Greensbushes” by Percy A. Grainger; James Barnes’ “Romanza;” Norman Dello Joio’s “Fantasies on a Theme by Haydn” and John Philip Sousa’s “Manhattan Beach March” will follow.

Presented by the RIC music department, the concert is made possible by the RIC Performing and Fine Arts Commission. It is free and open to the public.

The RIC Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Francis Marciniak, is a select group of skilled and enthusiastic junior/senior level wind players. The ensemble is known for its exciting and dynamic performances, and it is recognized as one of the premier wind ensembles on the East Coast.

For more information, please contact the RIC Performing and Fine Arts Commission at 456-8454.
Dance X Six to offer a ‘smorgasbord’ of dance
by George LaTour

The debut performance of the recently formed Rhode Island Dance Consortium, a coalition of Rhode Island’s professional companies, will be given Sunday, March 15, at Rhode Island College’s Roberts Hall auditorium at 8 p.m.

Titled “Dance X Six,” each of the participating dance companies will perform one (in most cases, a signature) piece. The companies, their works and choreographers of those works are: Groundweir Dance Theatre; “Recurrent Stressful Alternations” with choreography by Kelli Wicke Davis; Festival Ballet; “Cinderella” (Pas De Deux from “Cinderella”); and “Divine Company,” choreography by Christian Hemmey. Also, Fusionworks Contemporary Dance, “Flip, Flop and Fly,” performed by Deb Meunier; Island Moving Company, “Geeen Verhaal,” choreography by Miki Obi; East End Dance Ensemble, excerpts from “Science Project,” choreography by Dorothy Jungels in collaboration with John Belcher and performers; and Jones & Boyce, “Flip, Flop and Fly,” “New Rag” and “South,” choreography by Brian Jones and Susan Boyce.

The Dance X Six concert, says Dante Del Giudice, director of dance at RIC, “is a key supporter, in an ambitious and timely coalition of Rhode Island professional companies, which aims to enhance recognition, opportunities and resources for dance in the state.”

To accomplish this, the Dance Consortium was formed last year including the Dance Learning Project by which school children and their parents could participate in informal settings at the schools involving a variety of activities related to dance.

Thus far, the communities of Barrington, West Warwick and Pawtucket have brought in members from the various dance companies to their elementary schools to see dance being created and to participate.

The District of the Rhode Island DANCE CONSOR'TIUM

The project has been supported by a variety of funding sources, including the various community school departments, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Lofts Jaffe, a Rhode Island dance supporter and underwriter of Jacobs’ Pillow, a major site for dance performance in western Massachusetts, RIC and others.

Tickets are $10 general admission with discounts for senior citizens and students.

Guest sopranos to trace history of two-voice writing
Soprano Kathryn Jennings and mezzo-soprano Hillary Nicholson, accompanied by Paul Phillips on piano, will present a program in the Wednesday, March 11, Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series that will trace the history of two-voice writing, including works by Mozart, duets by Romantic German composers and selections from opera and musical theatre.

The recital begins at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138 (recital chamber). It is free and open to the public.

Jennings has performed throughout the United States in opera, choral and recital theatre, orchestral performances and solo recitals. Born in San Francisco and raised in Salem, N.C., she earned degrees in music from Queens College in Charlotte and the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where she was awarded the Corbett Scholarship.

Other studies include those at the American Institute for Musical Studies and at the Wiener Meisterkurse in Vienna. She will perform Norina in Don Pasquale with Commonwealth Opera in April.

Nicholson made her professional opera debut with Lyric Opera of Illinois and has appeared in opera with Lyric Opera of Cleveland, Opera Memphis, Cincinnati Opera and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

She received her master’s degree in music and artist’s diploma in opera from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Phillips is director of orchestra and chamber music at Brown University and is associate conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, music director of the Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra and Youth Concert conductor of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

As an accomplished pianist, he has performed in the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Recital Hall as well as through the United States and Europe, where he formerly served as coach/conductor at the opera houses in Frankfurt and Luneberg. He is a graduate of Columbia University, where he received both bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He also attended the Eastman School of Music.

Phillips recorded the solo piano soundtrack for the film documentary Lette East. The musical theatre series program is made possible by the RIC Performing and Fine Arts Commission. For more information, call John Pellegrino, coordinator, at 456-8244.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Other works by composers Irving Fine, Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland will be performed. These include Fine’s “Alice in Wonderland,” Bernstein’s “Almighty Father” and Copland’s “Simple Gifts” and “Long Time Ago.”

The concert is being presented by the RIC music department, overseeing performing and Fine Arts Commission, which has funded it in part.

Richard Cumming

Richard Cumming came to Rhode Island College in 1966 as a guest conductor and music director for Trinity Repertory Company. Prior to that, he had toured 49 of the United States and Canada, Europe and the Far East as piano soloist and accompanist.

EDWARD MARKWARD CONDUCTS

His compositions have been recognized by ASCAP, the Ford Foundation, Music-the Composer, the National Federation of Music Clubs, the National Endowment for the Arts and others. In Rhode Island, he has received three Music Composition Fellowships from the State Council on the Arts and was a recipient of the Governor’s Arts Award in 1990.

He is on the faculties of Bryant, Providence and Rhode Island colleges and was awarded an honorary doctorate in music by RIC in 1989.

Edward Markward

Edward Markward joined the RIC music faculty in 1973 where he became the youngest professor promoted to full professor. At RIC, he conducts the symphony orchestra, chorus and chamber singers. He is also music director/conductor of the Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra.

Additionally, he serves as principal guest conductor of the Brooklyn Heights Symphony Orchestra in New York, and has conducted numerous all-state orchestras throughout New England.

His major teachers have been Gustav Meier, Julius Herford, Brock McElbertan and Elizabeth Green. He has attended master classes with Andre Previn, Seiji Ozawa and the late Leonard Bernstein.

A champion of contemporary music, Markward has won the prizes of such composers as Elie Steinmueller, Paul Cooper, Paul Nelson and Richard Cumming.

MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND DANCE CONSORTIUM

Chamber Singers, pianists Cumming, MacCubbin to perform in March 23rd concert

The Rhode Island College Chamber Singers, under the baton of Edward Markward, will perform in concert on Monday, March 23, in Roberts Hall auditorium accompanied by pianist Richard Cumming and Jay MacCubbin on the opening work, “Lieder des Wanders” Opus 52)” by Johannes Brahms.

The 9:15 p.m. concert — free and open to the public — will also perform works by Randall Thompson (1899-1984) such as “The Last Words of David,” William Schuman’s (1901-1992) “Carols of Death” and Jean Berger’s (1909- ) “The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee.”

The concert is free and open to the public.
The graduate program will be administered by faculty in the Department of Industrial Technology, and the academic activities associated with the program will be implemented within the Center for Industrial Technology. The curriculum has two central objectives: to expand the teaching and research capacity of the department and to increase graduate enrollments. In addition to its support by several sister institutions of higher learning in Rhode Island, the program has received "strong support" from three manufacturing firms, WELGEN, Hasbro and General Dynamics.

PROGRAM (continued from page 1)

When
- Saturday, March 28
  - 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, March 29
  - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Callback: Sunday,
  - March 29, 5 p.m.
- Salary for the summer: $850
Where
- Roberts Little Theatre
- Roberts Hall
- Rhode Island College
Audition Clothes
- Men: Casual shirt and slacks-NO jeans!
- Women: Scoop neck top and a skirt. Clothes should allow for easy movement.
  - "No sneakers!"
  - Bring a resume and a photograph. These may not be returned.
For more information call 456-8244.

Ships Ahoy! Music of the Sea to be performed by the American Band March 20

Special Feature: the recorded 'songs' of a humpback whale embellished with sounds of the tuba

The American Band, under the direction of Francis Marcink of Cumberland, will present a concert entitled "Ships Ahoy!" on Friday, March 20, at 8:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium on the Rhode Island College campus.

The concert will include music written about the sea, such as "Sea Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "Of Salton and Whales" by Francis McBeth, which is a five-movement composition based on the main characters in Herman Melville's Moby Dick.

Buttery's work incorporates recorded 'songs' of a humpback whale.

The score from the award-winning television series on the sea battles of World War II, Victory at Sea, and "Semper Paratus," the official Coast Guard march and other selections will be included. As a special feature, Gary Buttery, principal tubist with the United States Coast Guard Band, will perform a multimedia work called "Conversations with Grace." The work, written by Buttery, incorporates the actual recorded 'songs' of a humpback whale, named "Grace" by Buttery.

The whale songs were recorded off Bermuda and were later notated and embellished with the addition of the "gentle giant" of the wind instrument world, the tuba, which can best approximate the timbre, range and emotions of "this lovely voice from the sea," according to Buttery.

The music will be accompanied by slides taken by him during his work with humpback whales off Newfoundland from 1978-81.

Admission to the concert is $10 with a special offer: buy one and get one free. Tickets may be purchased at the box office the day of the concert or from the RIC music department by calling 456-8244.

RIC's Claudia Widdiss exhibits sculpture at Warwick Museum

CLAUDIA WIDDISS of Providence (left), a part-time faculty member of the Rhode Island College art department, poses with one of the two pieces of sculpture she has at the Warwick Museum's 'Black, Brown and Tan' exhibit which curator Claude Elliott says is the first major exhibit there by African-American artists. The exhibit consists of selections from the portfolio of African-American artists who have visited Third World countries. Widdiss had visited Lagos, Nigeria, in 1977 as one of 500 U.S. artists chosen to participate in FESTAC, an international cultural festival celebrating the arts of Africa. The sculpture pictured above is called 'A Song for Lynn' in honor of Widdiss' friend, Lynn Rosario, a former student at RIC who now resides in Washington, D.C. The piece is wood, screen, pigment, copper and measures 5' x 8' x 2'. The Warwick Museum, in existence more than 15 years, is a community-based non-profit organization located in the Kentish Artillery Armory Building on 3259 Post Road, next to city hall in Appleton. The current exhibit will run until April 12. For more information, contact Gregg Mierka, executive director, at 737-0010.
March 4 - April 15
Noon-Mass. Roman Catholic Mass
Monday through Thursday during Lent in Student Union 304. For further information, contact the Chaplains' Office, 456-8168.

Monday, March 9
12 to 1 p.m.-Alcoholics Anonymous to meet in SU 305.
1 p.m.-Grief Group to meet in the Chaplains' Office, Student Union 300. This is a support group for those mourning the loss of a loved one. For further information, contact the Chaplains' Office, Ext. 868.

Tuesday, March 10
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.-Dance Event. Master class with Creach/Koester at: The Dance Academy, 5 Hennessey Ave., No. Providence. Seniors, groups, non-RIC students, and RIC faculty/staff $8; RIC students $6.
8 p.m.-Dance Event. Terry Creach and Stephen Koester to present "Men Dancing" in Roberts Auditorium. General admission $10; senior citizens, non-RIC students and RIC faculty/staff $8; RIC students $6. For further information, contact Roberts Box Office, 456-894.

Thursday, March 12
7 to 9 p.m.-Fun Flicks. Award Night in the Video Den on the ground floor. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

Friday, March 13
8 p.m.-Physical Sciences Department Colloquium in Clarke Science 128. ACS Meeting, Professor John Peterson, Rhode Island College, to speak on the topic, "The Magic of Physics, the Physics of Magic."
8:15 p.m.-Wind Ensemble. Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble to perform in Roberts Auditorium. Francis Marciniak, conductor; Norman Dello Ioio-Fantasy on a Theme by Haydn; Johannes Brahms-Two Chorale Preludes; Vaughan Williams, English Folk Song Suite; Percy Grainger - Theme from Greenslade; general admission $3.

Sunday, March 15
7 p.m.-Dance Consortium. Rhode Island College Dance Consortium to present "Dance Times Six" in Roberts Auditorium. General admission $10; seniors, groups, students, RIC faculty/staff $8; RIC students $6. For ticket information, contact Roberts Box Office, 456-894.

March 9-March 23

Wednesday, March 11
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.-Fun Flicks. Make your own video in the Video Den. All who want to participate must sign up at the information desk in the Student Union. Free and first come, first served. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.
12:30 p.m.-Lenten Workshop. "Caring for the Homeless!" to be presented by Jim Tuft, Director of Amos House in SU 300. For further information contact the Chaplains' Office, 456-8168.
1 to 3 p.m.-Repository Workshop with Creach/Koester at: The Dance Academy, 5 Hennessey Ave., No. Providence. Seniors, groups, non-RIC students, and RIC faculty/staff $8; RIC students $6.
9 p.m.-Film. The Rhode Island College Student Film Society to present the film "Heavy Metal" in the Student Union Ballroom. Admission is $1 with RIC ID and $2 without RIC ID.

Monday, March 16
Noon to 1 p.m.-Alcoholics Anonymous to meet in Student Union 305. 1 p.m.-Grief Group to meet in the Chaplains' Office, SU 300.

Friday, March 20
8:15 p.m.-American Band. The American Band presents "Ships Ahoy" in Roberts Auditorium. Gary Buttery, tuba; Francis Marciniak, conductor; Vaughan Williams - Sea Songs; McBeth - Of Sailors and Whales. Admission $10 (buy one, get one free).

Tuesday, March 24
7 p.m.-Fabric Photo Album Covering in Student Union 211 sponsored by the Campus Center and Kappa Delta Phi. Free.

Sports Events
March 14 - March 21
Saturday, March 21
Sunday, March 22