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1993 Convocation marked by 'delight, change, reflection'

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

T he 1993 opening convocation at Rhode Island College will be remembered for many reasons by the 300 or so members of the community who attended the August 25 event. But top billing at the annual gathering celebrating the start of a new academic year had to go to the "face-lift" of the 30-year-old Donovan Dining Center. As people entered the building — still under construction — to say hello to friends and meet with new colleagues at a morning reception hosted by RIC President John Nazarian, they marveled at the extent and quality of the work done so far. Heads went up, smiles graced faces and everyone seemed entirely "delighted."

Norman Harrod, president of AFSCME, Local 2878, which represents many of the Center's dining and kitchen employees probably said it best: "The renovations are the best thing that ever happened to Donovan Dining Center.

As part of the convocation's vice presidential remarks by Lenore A. DeLucia, who heads administration and finance for the College and has overseen the renovations, DeLucia credited the contractor, Stone Building Company, "with being conscientious and able to stick to a schedule."

She said the building "will be ready for operation when the students return ... and that there is a 10,000-square-foot addition still to come." The expected completion date for the entire building is "on or about Nov. 1.

DeLucia also commented about the progress of the Old Stone Building project, which is under contract with Promac, Inc., and is expected to be completed by the end of March.

In addition, she announced that the contract to begin building the College's new health, physical education and athletic complex was recently awarded to A.F. Lusi Construction Company, Inc. The new structure will be built on the site of the Walsh gymnasium, destroyed by fire in January, 1992. She also reminded the community that several buildings will be brought up to code over the next year to meet the ADA requirements.

Vice President DeLucia's comments followed those of academic affairs Vice President John J. Salesses, who introduced new faculty, congratulated faculty who recently completed their Ph.D. and recognized the School of Education and Human Development's work in the recently completed NAS-DTE accreditation project and the upcoming November visit to the campus by the NCATE accreditation team.

Salesses also announced the recently approved joint Ph.D. in education program with the University of Rhode Island, and said its start is subject to the availability of funds, which are currently being investigated.

Other announcements by vice presidents Gary Penfield, student affairs and Kathleen McNally Wassenaar, development and college relations, included notice of the newly organized Office of Academic Support and Information Services (see related story, page 10) and the progress of the Alumni Association's annual giving fund, along with the purchase of a 15-passenger van given to the College by the RIC Foundation. (See photo and caption below.)

Just prior to President Nazarian's discussion of the state-of-the-College in the year to come, he recognized Prof. Chester Smolski, anthropology and geography, calling him, "Dean of the faculty" for his 40 years plus "dedication and contribution to the College."

He then went on to comment on the fiscal health of the College.

"Thanks to the support of the students, faculty, alumni, members of the Foundation and many others, we were successful in persuading the General Assembly to increase the state appropriation to the system of higher education by $4.5 million."

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DIC gets $200,000 for Institute for Developmental Disabilities

Larger grants likely to follow

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College School of Education and Human Development is the recipient of a $200,000 grant to establish a University Affiliated Program in Rhode Island that would serve to bring people with developmental disabilities into the mainstream of society.

The grant comes from a proposal by A. Anthony Antosh, associate professor of special education, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

Second- and third-year grants of $220,000 and $230,000, respectively, are likely to be approved.

Subsequent funding could run into even more substantial sums, it was indicated by R.N. Keogh, director of the RIC Office of Research and Grants Administration.

RIC will serve as the training and administrative center for the program as the Institute for Developmental Disabilities.

University Affiliated Programs (UAP) exist in virtually every state in the country "to provide training that facilitates the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities of all ages into society."

RIC's key role will be to provide

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Foundation and Alumni Assn. help 'plug' fiscal gap

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

State cutbacks to Rhode Island higher education in general, and to Rhode Island College in particular, have resulted in a surge of activity by the Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation. Both groups have been working hard to help fill the gaps to provide services to the College community, and scholarships to students.

The RIC Foundation recently raised over $10,000 at its summer golf tournament, and the Alumni Association has scheduled its annual golf day fundraiser for Monday, Sept. 27, at the Cranston Country Club.

In addition, the Foundation's plans for its annual concert, featuring 1981 alumni (Dr. Robert Coury and "Friends," are well underway. The evening of

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ON THE ROAD: Thanks to the RIC Foundation, Rhode Island College students will now travel in style in a spanking new, $250,000 metallic red Ford van, completely loaded with all the extras to make road trips comfortable. "Any College activity will have access to the van," according to Tuilio DeRobbio, Foundation treasurer, who headed the team responsible for the recent purchase. He said the College should "save money over the long haul now that they don't have to pay rental fees." And, he added, "This is the first (van). We hope that this is the first of about three. Joining DeRobbio, (second to left) to "show off" the van to the community is (1 to r) Vice President for Student Affairs Gary Penfield, student affairs and Kelly Molock, RIC student; with John Fitta, assistant vice president for finance and controller and Foundation leader. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
WELCOME to What's News at Rhode Island College's 14th year in print. We hope you like the face-lift it received.

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ASSOCIATION & ALUMNI FUND NEWS

Welcome to the start of another academic year! We're happy to start our column again and hope you find it useful and informative.

Is there interest in building our class reunion program? Apparently the answer is enthusiastic. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994]. At a meeting on August 24, 15 alumni representing seven classes met with 1994 Reunion Sub-Committee Chair, Hank Christiansen. The group talked about setting up a class reunion of their own. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994] Hank and Claire Giannamore, Class of 1964, already had commitments from their classes' most recent graduates. But the committee was told that the event would be tied to a "classy" event for all alumni and in particular, reunion classes. Representatives of the seven classes at the meeting agreed. As of this printing deadline, a total of 12 classes have signed on to celebrate their respective reunions - you guessed it - February 19, 1994.

The committee was told that the plans of the Alumni Association and the RIC Foundation to co-sponsor a ball to benefit the purchase of books for the James P. Adams Library last year fell through. [subliminal message: save February 19, 1994] By involving both organizations, it was felt the event could draw support and attendance from the campus community and alumni association leadership felt it would be time to hold a very "classy" event for all alumni and in particular, reunion classes.

The NCGE was chartered in 1915 to promote geographic education at all levels of educational institutions. The National Geographic Society with 3,700 members worldwide.

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Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed by the Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, which operates a free, confidential, 24-hour statewide information and referral helpline for those dependent on alcohol and other drugs.

Volunteers will be asked to work three hours a week on the Helpline.

The next orientation training program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Since 1988, the Pawtucket-based agency's telephone Helpline has responded to thousands of requests for treatment referrals, self-help meeting times, free literature, etc.

For more information, call Ann Lovejoy Johnson at 725-5410 or 1-800-622-7422.

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Oct. 1 deadlines for State Arts Council

To assist potential grant applicants, the State Council on the Arts will offer a workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at 95 Cedar St., Suite 103, Providence 02903.

Oct. 1 is the deadline to apply for funding to support arts programming by Rhode Island nonprofit organizations and to fund Arts in Education grants and Arts in Education Residency Grants.

Artists must be Rhode Island residents. Applications are available at RISCA, Arts in Education Program, 96 Cedar St., Suite 103, Providence.

Also, the Council on the Arts is updating and expanding its Performing Arts Directory into a RI Arts Directory. Free listings for active RI performing groups or artists must be submitted by Oct. 1 to be included in the next edition. Forms may be obtained by RISCA, 96 Cedar St., Suite 103.

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Book Garden to honor Rose Merenda

A "Book Garden" has been established at the Henry Barnard School Library in honor of Rose Merenda, associate professor at Rhode Island College and long-time kindergarten teacher at HBS.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Book Garden, please send a check made out to Henry Barnard School Library c/o Madeline Nixon, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence 02908.

Books purchased with contributions will have the name of the donor on a book plate placed inside the book.

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R.I. College grad makes living on fine cigars, gourmet coffee

Doesn't think tobacco business is especially risky

by George LaTour

What's News Associate Editor

W hy, you might like to know, would anybody at this point open up a tobacco shop?

The world seems to be against smokers these days. Well, at least against smoking.

"I've been asked that question a million times by limited members and friends," admits Roger G. Bacon of Providence, a 1986 graduate of Rhode Island College.

"People are looking for fewer cigarettes. That's true," says the rather distinctive-looking entrepreneur with full facial beard and shaved head who, with his wife, the former Michelle Paglia, opened Jolly Roger's Smoke Shop and Gourmet Coffee in

by Roger and Michelle are the parents of son Roger Erich Bacon, 3, whom Bacon calls his "store manager."

A bachelor's degree in marketing from RIC and seven years' experience in retail management since his RIC graduation also will help insure the success of the business venture Bacon feels.

And, the availability of gourmet coffee seems like a natural combination to further entice premium tobacco smokers through the doors.

A menu of selections can be seen on a rear wall in the small shop which itself is situated aside of Andrew's Restaurant across from the town hall. It boasts Colombian Supremo, Chocolate Hazelnut, Irish Cream Decaf, Belgian Lace Chocolate, Guatemalan Antigua, French Vanilla Almond and Italian Espresso and Espresso Decaf.

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Doesn't think tobacco business is especially risky. Various pipe tobaccos are offered as are domestic cigars and cigarettes for those who haven't managed yet to quit. Bacon graduated from Tolman High School in 1981. Wife Michelle is from North Providence. Bacon credits RIC's Joel M. Fuerst, an associate professor in the economics and management department, for having sparked his interest in marketing.

In fact, says Bacon, "I owe him quite a bit as far as my getting into the business." Fuerst had served as his academic advisor. "About getting through school."

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DISPLAYING PREMIUM CIGARS he sells in his new business venture is RIC grad Roger Bacon, proprietor of the Jolly Roger Smoke Shop in North Providence. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Centredale, North Providence, on June 4.

"But premium cigars and pipe smoking...the figures have never been better," he assures, particularly regarding premium imported handmade cigars. And this despite the cost which can exceed $5 per cigar.

"Cigar smokers smoke for the enjoyment of it, not the nicotine rush you get from cigarettes," he assures. In fact, cigar smokers seldom inhale, but tend to savor the rich aroma and taste of naturally grown and aged tobacco.

Leaning back in his chair, his six-foot-plus frame relaxing momentarily between customers, Bacon takes a long pull on a dark-leaved Churchill-size stogie and reflects: "That's what it's all about, a fine cigar and a glass of cognac after dinner...it doesn't get much better than that."

"A new business is always risky," Bacon concedes, but he and his wife "wanted to go for it" and did so "with a lot of family help."

Father Roger W. Bacon and mother Melitta provided much encouragement as did Bacon's sister, Karen Donovan, RIC '88, who with her husband, Robert, reside in Pawtucket.

Bacon says with a shake of his head in appreciation, "My father sat me down and said, 'If you want to get where you're going, you've got to get through these (RIC) doors first.'"

Where he's going at this point in his life seems to be toward business success.

"I'm very excited about it. We've been getting new customers every day — along with the repeats — who come in for both the gourmet coffee and cigars."

"Premium cigar smokers might like to know that the young lady behind the counter in another Rhode Island smoke shop of long establishment is Kirsten M. Kubisek of Providence, a junior at RIC majoring in psychology. She has been working her way through college at the Red Carpet Smoke Shop on Waterman Avenue in Providence's East Side for the past four years."
Campus parking advisory reminder

The Rhode Island College Security and Safety Office reminds the campus community that all fines for parking violations on campus are $69. The fine became effective January 1993 as a result of legislation passed by the General Assembly. The fee is administered by the Administrative Adjudication Division.

The fine applies to all parking violations on campus including illegal parking in spaces reserved for the physically handicapped, security officials note.

They advise all students, faculty and staff members who operate a motor vehicle registered in another person’s name recognize that the owner of the vehicle is responsible for all tickets and fines charged against that vehicle.

Parents, guardians or spouses can be summoned into court and/or their operator’s license suspended because of fines not paid to the Adjudication Court.

For further information, call the security office at 406-8201.

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RIC institutes Smoking Policy

In August, 1992, RIC President John Nazarian approved the Resolution of the Council of Rhode Island College that RIC be declared a no smoking campus. He appointed a committee to make recommendations regarding the implementation of such a policy. In April 1993, the Board of Governors for Higher Education issued its smoking policy which applies to all public institutions of higher education. President Nazarian reviewed the committee’s recommendation, the Board of Governors’ policy and other relevant documents and approved the following smoking policy which took effect on campus July 1, 1993.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. A recent report by the Center for Disease Control identifies second-hand smoke as the third leading cause of death in this country. In light of this recent medical evidence on the hazards of smoking to both smokers and non-smokers, Rhode Island College has a responsibility to provide a healthful, unpolluted, and smoke-free environment.

The following Smoking Policy is promulgated in compliance with Chapter 20.7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Governor Sundun’s Executive Order No. 91 - 40, and the Non-Smoking Policy of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education.

1. Every member of the Rhode Island College community is entitled to a smoke-free living and working environment.

2. Smoking is prohibited in all Rhode Island College buildings, including offices, auditoria, and Rhode Island College vehicles.

3. Smoking is prohibited at meetings or conferences sponsored by Rhode Island College.

4. Smoking is allowed only in outdoor areas away from building entrance ways and vestibules.

5. All buildings and facilities will be clearly posted with “No Smoking In This Building” signs at the entrances.

6. Regulation of smoking in the Residence Halls shall be subject to the following restrictions:

a) All residents of College Residence Halls who desire a non-smoking room or suite must be accommodated;

b) Smoking is prohibited in all public areas within the Residence Halls, including all hallways, staircases, entrance ways, vestibules, lounges, and bathrooms;

c) Smoking will be allowed only in specifically designated suites in which the air exchange is directly with the outside atmosphere and not with the atmosphere in any other part of the building; and,

d) All regulations regarding smoking in the Residence Halls shall be subject to the approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

7. In conjunction with the Rhode Island College Office of Health Promotion, information on smoking cessation programs will be made available to all interested members of the Rhode Island College community.

8. In recognition of the value placed on individual responsibility and leadership, every member of the Rhode Island College community shares equally in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this Policy.

This Policy shall become effective as of July 1, 1993.

OFF TO CAIRO: Kharyssa K. Rhodes of the Manville section of Lincoln, a second semester junior with the double major of anthropology and African Studies, leaves Rhode Island College Sept. 7 for an academic year’s study in Cairo, Egypt, as a winner of the Ridgway Shinn Jr. Study Abroad Fund last spring. She’ll be studying Egyptology from September to June at the American University where she expects to get credit toward her college degree from most of the countries on her agenda. Then, next July a couple of friends from RIC will join her in Athens for the grand tour of Europe, she says. Rhodes, 24, eventually would like to teach on the college level “but my first love is archaeology and this is the road to it.” She will travel to and study in Cairo virtually expense free thanks to the Shinn scholarship and a Bowman Scholarship from the Council of International Educational Exchange. Rhodes is pictured above outside the RIC Office of International Studies with Drs. Richard and Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, both professors of anthropology.

ALL SMILES at the conclusion of the annual Taft Institute Seminar in Government at Rhode Island College’s Faculty Center for a two-week period in June-July are (l to r) Victor Prologhi, seminar co-director and professor of political science; College President John Nazarian, and U.S. Sen. John H. Chafee. Some 30 school teachers, librarians and administrators from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts heard office holders, pollsters, political consultants and reporters discuss two-party politics and the dynamics of the American political system.
Former varsity soccer stars renew friendship to organize alumni soccer day ‘homecoming’

by Clare Eckert
What’s News Editor

J ulio A. Contreras and Domenico Petrarca hadn’t seen each other for about 10 years until last May when a friend and former Rhode Island College classmate and soccer player called him up “out of the blue” to say he’d be in the state for a visit and “wanted to get together with some old friends.”

Actually the story gets a little complicated as to who called whom and how the teammates finally got together. It seems that Contreras, RIC Class of 1980 and assistant manager for the audio-visual department, received a call from Matteo Giarusso, who also graduated in 1980, who received a call from Luis Anselmo, another 1980 grad, from his home in the Azores, who asked that Giarusso call some of their former classmates and set up a time and place where they could all get together and reminisce about their alma mater during his summer visit to the United States. Petrarca, who graduated in 1977 and had played soccer for one year with the others, also received a call.

In any case, Contreras exclaimed, “I’ve been looking for them over 10 years. We all played soccer together at RIC!”

The Foundation’s Board also continues to offer the services to the University of Southern Maine.

The Foundation, founded in 1965, solicits, encourages and receives gifts from private sources for the benefit of RIC. It is responsible for more than $2.2 million in assets. The Alumni Association began in 1887. It organizes and serves over 35,000 alumni, providing professional, social and educational opportunities.

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entertainment is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, in Roberts Hall auditorium. The Foundation’s Board also accepted the challenge by President John Nazarian to sponsor a raffle throughout the fall semester. All proceeds are earmarked for the James P. Adams Library.

And both groups are working together to make the evening of Feb. 19 a huge success when they will co-sponsor the College’s first-ever “black tie event” at Rhodes on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston, also to benefit the Adams Library.

According to Alumni Association President Patricia Ross Maciel, Class of 1961, “there is a spirit being created between the Foundation and the Association, “a camaraderie” that she believes is in the best interest of the College.

“The Foundation recognizes the value of the College to the community at large,” she said. “I think (the two groups) working together is the way to go.”

Theresa Howe, president of the RIC Pius XI Club, agrees. “The commitment by the members of the Foundation to the College is strong and long-standing. We realize the burden state cuts have made on the students and the College in general and we are committed to help support the financial well-being of this most important institution of higher education.”

Tullio DeRobbio, past president of the Foundation and its current treasurer, offered insight into the cooperative effort of both groups, noting that for the past two years the volunteer organizations have been working toward printing financial support in a more unified fashion.

“While I believe that because of cutbacks the most difficult part of the year was to continue to offer the services to the students is through outside help,” he said, referring to the efforts of the Foundation and the Association.

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Foundation Golf Day fundraiser 'record success'

At exactly 1 p.m. on Aug. 10, 1993, Board of Governor's member Judge Frank Caprio fell to his knees...not because he'd seen "the light"...rather he'd just heard the resounding "shot gun" start of the Rhode Island College Foundation's Fourth Annual Golf Day held for the second year at the picturesque Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck.

Judge Caprio was among more than 100 golfers who participated in this year's event, which raised over $10,000, according to golf day co-chair John J. Fitta, assistant vice president for finance and assistant treasurer of the Foundation. Fitta and Tullio DeRobbio, past president of the Foundation and its current treasurer, have organized the event for the past four years.

According to Fitta, this year's was the most successful financially, "but every year has been an enjoyable day for all who participate either playing golf or attending the luncheon or dinner.

"Thanks to the support of our corporate sponsors and all those businesses which donate prizes and gifts, and our tee sponsors, the annual golf day has turned into one of best fundraisers for the Foundation, and a great way to get together at the end of the summer," Fitta said.


Photos by Gordon E. Rowley

Text by Clare Eckert

READY FOR THE FUN OF IT are (from left) Frank Montanaro of the Golf Day Committee; Jim Pontarelli of Philip Morris USA, a major sponsor for the second year; Charlie St. George of the Miller Brewing Company, key supporters of the event, and John Fitta, co-chairman of the event with Tullio DeRobbio of the RIC Foundation.
A FORMIDABLE FOURSOME prepares to take to the course. They are (from left) Peter Coccoli of the state Building Commission; College President John Nazarian; Frank Caprio and Henry Nardone, current and former members, respectively, of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.

THEY'RE OFF...Profs. Jules Cohen and David Harris head for the links.

LATEST FASHION in golf headwear is displayed by James Cornelison, assistant vice president for administration.

LOOKING OVER THE PRIZES are (from left) Fred Chicos of the Chickering Group, health insurance providers; Kathleen McNally Wassenar, vice president for development and college relations; Norman Cotter, owner of the Pine Valley Country Club and annual prize donor, and Theresa Howe, president of the RIC Foundation.
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development and prepare us for the

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have offered two observations which
bigger “ leavings that lie ahead.

There are also cross-cultural dif­
fferences which affect leaving home.

For instance, among black families
it is not uncommon for a young man to
live with his parents well into his thirties.

In Japan, infants are regarded not
as too dependent and needing to be
coaxed into greater connectedness as
they grow.

Although the physical leaving of
home is of itself no easy task, it is
indeed the inner, psychological
development— the awakening of
our own sense of identity, apart from
parental definitions or expectations -
that often present the most
signiﬁcant challenge.

Moreover, a smooth transition in
leaving physically does not guaran­
tee a successful emotional parting—
witness the coed who phones others
every day, or the young person whose
engagement celebration is ruined by
not free of parental inﬂuence pre­
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pelled to react to his college or to feel com­
plain with what they are always
“supposed to do.” As a general rule,
new arrivals—internal or external to
the external movement, and the
external leaving facilitates the inter­
nal leaving because it removes adults
from direct parental control, allowing
them the freedom to experi­
ment with various roles and identi­
ties that are crucial to ﬁnding them­

But what makes leaving home,
physically or emotionally so difﬁcult?
Indeed, why must it always be a cri­
sis?

One study has found that a sample
of college students who had “left
home” (i.e. were living in a college
campus) reported more affectation for
and better communication with their
parents, as well as a greater feeling
of independence, than a comparison
sample of commuting college stu­
dents. Moreover, in the months
before leaving for college, there
was not uncommon for young people
to experience increased anxiety and
emotional distress toward their par­
tents.

Researchers have speculated that
the antecedent anger may serve a
separating function and be part of
the then normal process of leaving
home. By the time they have been
at college for several weeks, there is
often an increased sense of
attachment to parents.

To help the young person disen­

Tips for Parents

• Try to plan ahead including living
arrangements, income budgeting,
transportation and crisis plans.
Organize your resources.

• Take a “transitional object” with you,
whether it be your teddy bear, a family
photo, or the afghan from the den, and
make plans to return home periodically
to keep the link to home. That may only
be taking something to them, or
invite one or more friends to your
home. It will help to keep them
connected to home.

• Remember that although there is
no right pattern for everyone, a gradu­
al leaving will usually be a three or
four stage process.

• Expect some family friction as you
prepare to leave, but realize that this
is usually temporary and try not to
burn your bridges. If leaving is stormy,
try eventually to make peace with
them.

• Develop a base of support outside
the family—e.g. with friends,
classmates, colleagues, etc. Early
leavings often seem to be a way to
automate to help with loneliness.
Don’t try to exist in a vacuum.

• Don’t “catastrophize” failures—it’s
necessary to return home, view the
experience as an opportunity to
learn.

• Try to shift communication with your
parents from “parent-child” to “adult-
adult.” This may take some time and
be very difﬁcult.

• Find a goal or dream that you are
moving toward, not just a family
that you are leaving. Develop some
competence in school and/or work.

• Phone home, E.T. You don’t have to
tell them every intimate detail of your
new life, but let them know that you’re
alive and basically O.K.

Tips for Parents

• Prepare your children for leaving
home. Let them know that they have
opportunities for preliminary leavings—e.g. 
overnights with friends, sleepovers,
camps, visits to relatives without you.

• Prepare yourself for their eventual
departure by making sure that your
children aren’t your entire life. Include
other interests, relationships, etc. so
that when the nest is empty you don’t feel
alone.

• Give your young adults space,
including the freedom to make their
own decisions and to take responsibility
for them that can succeed. At the same
time, make sure that they have some
experiences that are important to you.

• Stay in touch with them, but don’t
make them feel that you are so interested
in them that they can succeed. At the same
time, make sure that they have some
experiences that are important to you.

• It’s a trial and error process.

• As hard as it may be to stop seeing
them as your children, it is important to
recognize that they are now adults, and
that they may not want to seek your
advice or make the same decisions that
you made as a young adult.

• When and if they do call, don’t give
them the third degree; rather try to
share in and celebrate the experi­
ences that they feel with the new
possibilities opening up to them.
Alumni House gets much needed face-lift

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The old girl has always been Classy, but the years have taken their toll on her appearance.

A dash of paint here; a touch of polish there; a little constructive surgery and voila!

The 100-year-old-plus Rhode Island College Alumni House will be fit again and ready to receive visitors.

Town historian Vincent H. Dexter dated the house from 1870 with a notation that “it can be safely assumed that it was built just after the Civil War.”

Holly L. Shadoian, director of alumni affairs, reports that work is progressing and “there already is a visible change.”

The porch roof has been replaced; new gutters have been ordered; scraping, priming and painting of the porch is well underway. Additionally, the blueprints and design specifications are in hand for the remodeling of the first floor, including making the bathroom handicapped accessible.

Shadoian, who seems just delighted to find that the old house was and still is a quality structure.

She says there are conflicting dates regarding the age of the house with estimates from various sources giving 1830 or thorbustas as the earliest construction date to 1870 as the latest.

The 1830 estimate came from the Providence Preservation Society in May 1977, according to a form on file in Alumni House, which said the “house is Federal style, circa 1830.”

This early date was supported in an 1882 atlas showing the house.

The 1830 estimate came from the 1972 Rhode Island College Alumni magazine giving the age as 1850-60, and another estimate from town historian Vincent H. Dexter — dated the house from 1870 with a notation that “it can be safely assumed that it was built just after the Civil War.”

He noted that a North Providence map of 1870 did not show the Alumni House as being built, “however, it was built around this period.”

The discrepancy might be explained in that the house, circa 1870, was built on land originally known as the Lyman Farm, circa 1830.

Historian Dexter wrote that Alumni House (now called) “is a beautiful spacious colonial structure and a plaque bearing the name ‘John Wanton Lyman House, 1829.”

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training to a variety of persons who will then be able to help create situations to enhance that inclusion, according to Keogh.

Other objectives include expanding or refining all existing pre-service training programs in Rhode Island; to develop and coordinate a statewide network of UAP faculty, consumers and practitioners; to develop committees to coordinate applied interagency research and analysis of the critical factors which have an impact on independence, integration and productivity.

The latter objective recognizes that, although there are some commonalities, the issues and decisions facing each age group are unique.

Therefore, there will be four committees focused on (a) early childhood (b) school inclusion (c) adult inclusion and (d) aging persons with developmental disabilities.

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While the proposal to establish a UAP in Rhode Island comes from RIC, it represents a collaborative effort of multiple organizations in the state.

These include Brown University School of Medicine Child Development Center, the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, the Community College of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island State Department of Education, the Rhode Island Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project.

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PREPPING THE FRONT PORCH FOR a face-lift is painter Rick McCormick. Clogged gutters can be seen over his head as work began. (What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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Passarelli offers 'OASIS' of hope

by Cynthia W. DeMaio
Student Writer

Making it easier for freshmen to get past the "new student willies" is one goal in her new job as director of OASIS, says Dolores A. Passarelli. OASIS stands for the Office of Academic Support and Information Services, currently operating out of Craig-Lee 60.

Previous to the Aug. 1 appointment, Passarelli was in charge of new student services at Rhode Island College including the Academic Advisement Information Center, the National Student Exchange Program, and New Student Services. Starting this semester, she will oversee services for students with disabilities and those for whom English is a second language.

In her new position, Passarelli hopes to strengthen the ties between students and their faculty advisor. "Most kids don't know who their advisors are and they don't go to them for advice. At freshman orientation we give students a script that says: 'this is your advisor's name, here is a timetable to contact him or her on various topics,' " she said.

The point Passarelli is making is that the faculty advisor can be an important person - they force new students into the academic scene their first year. In the beginning, most students feel that they don't fit in, that they're not smart enough to make it. Advisors can help by encouraging them and by helping them select courses that make sense for their interests and abilities," Passarelli said.

Passarelli was asked to head up these new student services so that the school could "work in a coordinated way to meet the needs of special populations of students." For example, tutor programs in the Math Learning Center help students with questions that come up in specific courses. However, if someone wants to prepare for the math section of the National Teacher's Exam, they would go to the Academic Development Center for help. "My job is to make sure there is no duplication of effort," Passarelli said.

To ensure a strong and consistent program, Passarelli will push for permanent part-time staffing at the tutorial centers. Professionals are currently hired on a year-to-year basis. Her long-term goal is to get full-time staffing where needed, Passarelli adds.

She notes that while the tutoring services and services for disabled and foreign-language students will report to her, the associated academic departments will continue to provide support in their specific disciplines. "I will keep an open line of communication with the academic departments, to be sure all goes smoothly," Passarelli said.

The freshmen "willies" aren't the only thing which interferes with a student's success. "We have many people at RIC who do not visualize themselves as students. Some work 20 to 40 hours a week, others have the principle responsibility for younger brothers and sisters. My job is to see that they stay in school," Passarelli said.

Her office is running workshops this fall to help these students deal with common problems. Topics and activities include tours of the campus and the library, "getting a grip on your schedule" and preparing for exams, deciding on a major, and healthy eating habits.

Passarelli says that parents can help students as they struggle with school. "Starting college is a confusing time for kids. They are afraid of failure yet are afraid of success. Part of them wants to leave home, yet another part wants to stay. I urge parents to give the kids their own decisions, but to keep the lines of communication open," Passarelli said.

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On the role RIC plays in the broad picture, he said, "We must take charge of our destiny and work together to implement change. I believe that we should be looking to putting things together and breaking them down into smaller units. There has to be a connectedness to what we do, and what we teach across departments and across the curriculum."

"Remember," he said, "we must join together to fight for, to support, and to demonstrate the importance of higher education, not only to RIC, to Rhode Island, to the nation, but for all."
RI C Dance Co. celebrates its 35th season

An expanded schedule featuring commissioned works by two singular American choreographers and a resumption of the Rhode Island Dances series will highlight the 35th season of the Rhode Island College Dance Company this fall, according to RIC dance director Pascale Delache-Feldman. The choreographers, Daniel McCusker and Elizabeth Streb, will set new pieces for the annual winter and spring concert series, respectively.

McCusker was in residency here in August and will be again in November to create the 20-minute work He and Maine's Ram Island Dance Company then will share the stage with the RIC dancers in the winter concert Dec. 3 in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Streb, described as a "dance firebrand" and recognized as a leader in new dance forms in New York, will be in residence in January to create her new work for the RIC company which will premiere in March.

The College's Rhode Island Dances series enters its second three-year cycle with an encore performance on Oct. 15 by the Everett Dance Theatre.

Having successfully inaugurated the series in the fall of 1990 with a long-awaited performance of "Flight," Everett Dance returns with another evening-length work, "The Science Project."

Finally, from Oct. 13 through the 15, thousands of Rhode Island school children will have the opportunity to see a variety of modern dance excerpts when the RIC Dance Company presents its annual Mini-Concert Series.

The daytime concerts are offered free of charge and provide an informative and engaging introduction to modern dance for the young audience, according to Dante DelGiudice, RIC dance director.

Further details on each of these dance events will appear in these pages throughout the season or you may call 456-9791.

Vari ed menu on tap for RIC Theatre

Crimes of the Heart, described as a "warm, hilarious comedy," will lead the way for the 1993-94 Rhode Island College Theatre season, which offers a varied menu of entertainment this year.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, Crimes of the Heart will run Oct. 7-10.

It will be followed by Peter Shaffer's Amadeus, winner of five Tony Awards, including "Best Play." It has been described as a "theatrical masterpiece," a play of genius about two geniuses. Dates are Nov. 11-14.

Next on the theatrical menu will be Harold Pinter's An Inspector Calls, an invigorating drama that "shocked the world when first produced" says program chairperson.

The play unfolds the secret horrors of a family's past that haunt their present and their future. It will be staged Feb. 17-20.

The Spring Dance Concert is on tap as the next entry in the theatre season. Choreographed and danced by members of the RIC Dance Company and guests, it is being billed as a "performance that entertains and inspires."

The dance concert is scheduled for March 3-6.

A resounding musical — Gypsy — will round out the theatre season on April 21-24.

Described as a "brilliant, gem-hard look at show business," it is based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, perhaps the most famous "exotic" dancer of years gone by. The play won a Tony Award as Best Musical.

All performances will be staged in Roberts Hall auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. except matinees which will be at 2.

Ticket prices will range from $8 to $12 for the various productions with discounts available for students and senior citizens.

For more information watch for detailed write-ups in these pages prior to each event or call 456-8060.

Chamber Music Series this fall to offer wide range of musical styles

This fall the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series once again will offer a wide range of musical forms and styles, including classical and ethnic music.

And, again, numerous visitors to the campus are expected to fill Roberts Hall at 136 (recess chamber) for the 7 o'clock afternoon performances which are always free and open to the public.

Some of the nation's most gifted musicians are featured.

Two outstanding young artists — cellist Emmanuel Feldman and doublebassist Pascale Delache-Feldman — have formed the Axiom Duo of Boston and have set out to perform music beyond the normal accepted range of the cello/bass repertoire and to give each instrument its own virtuoso voice.

They will perform here on Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the first concert of the fall season.


On Oct. 20, the Solati Trio will perform. Then, on Oct. 27, Reinmar Seidler, cello, and L. Frederick Jodry, cembalo and organ, will present a program of incendiary pieces composed in the flamboyant mannerist style of the Italians between 1620 and 1690.

On Nov. 10, Carrie Kourkoumelis, harp, will perform music for harp and flute. She is followed on Nov. 17 by the musical couple Noel and Gigi Velasco, tenor and soprano.

The last concert of the fall series, on Dec. 8, will feature a familiar series performer and RIC faculty member Stephen Martorella on piano.

For further details watch for advance write-ups in these pages or call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.
### RIC CALENDAR

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<td>11 a.m. to noon—Clintondale Care Reform. U.S. Congressman Jack Reed will give an overview of the nation's expectations for the proposed health care plan. To be held in Whipple 102. The event is free and open to the public. For further information, call the sponsoring department of political science at 456-8056.</td>
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### Sports Events

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- **9 p.m.**—Outdoor Movie. The movie A Few Good Men to be shown outside the SU Coliseum (rain location—Coliseum). Sponsored by OASIS, Film Society and Campus Center. For further information, contact the Campus Center, 456-8034.

#### Thursday
- **3:30 p.m.**—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Eastern Nazarene College. Home.
- **7 p.m.**—Women's Tennis. RIC vs. Western Connecticut State University. Home.

#### Friday
- **4 p.m.**—Women's Tennis. RIC vs. Stonehill College. Away.

#### Saturday
- **3:30 p.m.**—Men's Soccer. RIC vs. Eastern Connecticut State University. Home.
- **7 p.m.**—Women's Volleyball. RIC vs. Waterbury Polytech Institute. Home.

### Golf Day

**Rhode Island College Alumni Association 3rd Annual Golf Day**

**Monday, Sept. 27, 1993 Cranston Country Club**

- **Win a 1994 Saturn courtesy of Saturn of Seekonk for a hole-in-one on #15!**
- **Take a chance on winning the use of a new Honda or two weeks courtesy of Saccucci Lincoln Mercury Honda!**
- **Win a new set of clubs from Nevada Bob's of Seekonk for any hole-in-one!**

Registration fee of $60 entitles you to 18 holes (best ball format), golf cart, hat, steak dinner and prizes! Registration at 11:30 a.m. – Shotgun start at noon Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres at 5 p.m. – Dinner and prizes at 6 p.m.

Participation limited to 120 golfers – Sign up by Sept. 13.

Whether you golf or not, you can support the event by sponsoring a tee flag for $50 (non-alumni $100). All tee flag sponsors will be listed in the program.

Complete the reservation form below and return it to the Alumni Office with your check payable to: RIC Alumni Golf Day, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI 02918.

For more information, call the Alumni Office at 456-8056.

If you are in need of any special accommodations, please note on form.