Ground breaking
Oct. 20, for $8.8 m
HPEAC complex

Openings in RIC Master of Social Work
program at a premium

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Ground breaking ceremonies to mark the start of construction of the $8.8 million Health, Physical Education and Athletic Complex on the campus of Rhode Island College will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 20, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The College community is invited to join RIC President John Nazarian and other College and state officials at the west end of the Collier mall, adjacent to the building site of the former Michael F. Walsh Health and Physical Education Center, to note the beginning of construction, which is expected to be completed at the end of 1994. (The Walsh gymnasium was destroyed by fire on Jan. 5, 1992.)

The new 71,000 square foot complex will include the academic department of health and physical education, physical education labs, athletic training facilities, faculty offices and classrooms, as well as a basketball court, and volleyball and tennis courts. In addition it will offer competition and competition facilities for the College's intercollegiate athletic programs.

Thousands of students will have
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Crime rate way down
on campus

The number of auto thefts on the Rhode Island College campus had dipped to 72 last year compared to 117 in 1990. And, this is one of only two categories in which criminal activity has gone down.

This is according to the RIC Security and Safety Department annual report on "Crime Awareness and Campus Security" released under the Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act of Congress.

All categories of crime -- murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, liquor law and drug abuse violations, and weapons possession -- all registered zero occurrences in 1992.

The only other area to show activity was burglary, with three being reported for that year. There were three cases of burglary reported in 1991 also.

Richard M. Comerford, director of campus Security and Safety, attributes the nearly crime-free record to the "cooperation of the campus community," his department's crime prevention program, which includes use of student marshals in the parking areas as well as closed-circuit TV surveillance in residence hall parking areas and walkways, and the dedication of his security officers.

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by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College and its School of Social Work must be doing something right.

Would-be master's degree (MSW) students are beating down the doors trying to get in to the tune of almost 1,400 a year for a total of only 80 openings.

And, applications for the bachelor's degree are running 67 percent (70 to 117) ahead of last year.

These applications are processed through the normal channel for undergraduate admissions and that is the College's Admissions Office.

There is no cap on the number accepted as there is for the MSW program.

"I don't like the first of April," says George D. Metrey, dean of the School of Social Work, "because we have to send out so many rejection letters, but I can only make 80 people happy a year," he says in regards to the MSW program.

Some would-be students to the MSW program, who are really intent about gaining admission, reapply three or four times over as many years before getting in, confirms the dean.

How long has this been going on, you might like to know, and what's the reason or reasons for it?

The bachelor of social work (BSW) was taken out of the sociology department and the master's (MSW) added in September of 1979.

RIC offers the only master's of social work program in the state.

Two other institutions offer the bachelor of social work degree, Providence College and Salve Regina.

The newly created School of Social Work at RIC was approved by the state Board of Regents in 1980.

It graduated its first master's degree class in 1981 and received national accreditation at the same time, relates Metrey, who had been named the first (and, thus far, only) dean.

The first year about 100 students had applied for admission to the school's MSW program, but only 80 could be accepted.

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Gewirtz named Thorp Prof in Schools of Ed/ Social Work; cited for professional service

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A n associate professor and chairwoman of the master of social work program in Rhode Island College's School of Social Work, who says she wants "everyone to have a chance," has been cited for her professional service contributions toward that end.

Nancy H. Gewirtz of Providence has been selected by the combined School of Education and Human Development and the of Social Work as the 1983-94 recipient of the Thorp Professorship for Professional Service.

As such, she will present the annual Thorp Lecture at a time and place to be announced in the spring and receive a cash honorarium.

Announcement of her selection came at the recent faculty meeting opening the fall semester.

The Thorp Professorship honors the contributions of Mary Tucker Thorp whose illustrious career at the College spanned the period from 1926 to 1967.

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Focus on Faculty and Staff

Douglas Cureton, associate director of the Campus Center, was the coordinator for the "Celebrating Diversity Through Enhanced Understanding and Programming" conference this summer at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. This conference is sponsored by the National Association for Campus Activities. Cureton has presented at this conference for three years and was invited to serve as coordinator for 1993 and 1994.

Ali Bahrami, assistant professor of computer information systems in the Department of Economics and Management, recently published a paper entitled "From Fuzzy Input Requirements to Crisp Design," in the International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology. The feasibility of utilizing fuzzy associative memory (FAM) in design automation is examined in this paper.

Holly L. Shadoin, director of alumni affairs, was recently elected vice president of the Woonasquatucket Valley Rotary Club.

William R. Holland, associate professor and chairman of the department of educational leadership, foundations and technology, has been appointed to a one-year term as chairperson of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Committee of Professors of Secondary School Administration and Supervision. The seven-person committee works on improving the preparation of secondary school administrators and professors in that field. NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization, representing 43,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals.

E. Pierre Morenon, associate professor of anthropology, geography and lawrence Budner, professor of communications, have completed "Who is Harry Fish?," a 28-minute video on archaeology and the immigrant history of South Providence. The production was funded by a Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities grant. Morenon and Budner's "Bountiful Harvest," on the archeological history of the Narragansett Indian, has been accepted for the permanent collection of the American Indian Museum of the Smithsonian.

William R. Collins, installed as president of the International Graphic Arts Association at its annual conference, held this summer at Clemson University. The theme of her installation address was "The Caring Organization." Collins will also present a paper at the Association of Graphic Arts Training in Nashville Oct. 4 entitled "Effective Recruiting: Changing Attitudes about the Graphic Communications and Printing Industry" and has been selected and funded by the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation to attend Graph Expo show and educator conference in Chicago in October.

Calling all alumni...

Alumni named 'National Counselor of the Year'

Gordon K. Cooper, who received a master of arts in rehabilitation counseling from RIC in 1981, was chosen as the National Counselor of the Year by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors at a forum recently in Chicago.

Cooper has worked in the field of substance abuse for the last 17 years, and presently is the substance abuse coordinator of the "Solutions" program at Family Service Inc. in Providence.

Last year Cooper was chosen as the Rhode Island Counselor of the Year at the Rhode Island Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors forum.

Cooper will receive his doctorate from Boston University in May 1993.

The next issue of What's News is Monday, Oct. 18. Deadline for submission of copy, photos etc. is Thursday, Oct. 7 at noon.

ASSOCIATION & ALUMNI FUND NEWS

One of the biggest responsibilities of my job running the Alumni Fund is coordinating the student phonathons for the Fund. This project is both a personal satisfaction for me, because I really enjoy working with today's Rhode Island College students, and a professional achievement of which I am very proud.

The Alumni Fund has enjoyed tremendous growth in the past several years. In 1992 alone, the Fund saw a 30% increase in both the amount raised and in the number of alumni who participate. These figures are for any fundraising program. The fact that 1992 was also the first year we used paid student callers so extensively is no coincidence.

I hire students to make phone calls and do personal follow-ups to the letter or phone solicitation. A personalized "ask" by phone is much more likely to result in an actual gift for the Alumni Fund than a letter. This is clear from the results: more than half the money raised in 1992 came from the phonathons.

Not only are the students asking for a gift in each call, but they are helping us keep in contact with alumni. We hear about new jobs, children, grandchildren, moves, travel, and hobbies through some great conversations between the alumni and the student callers. We hear opinions about our publications and our educational policies, our admissions procedures and our parking spaces. These conversations are all repeated to the staff. It's one way we find out what our alumni are thinking.

The number of alumni who participate in the Fund is small but growing. In the past, we have not had the callers or the time to reach many graduates by phone. Therefore, when phonathons were held in previous years, we called randomly on previous donors. Today, in any given night of calling, the majority of the people the students talk to have never given to the Fund before. The student callers take on this task of "cold calling" with enthusiasm and interest in each call. As many of you know, this kind of commitment from an employee is hard to find. It is one reason we pay our students so well.

My experience here at Rhode Island College has been my first time working with paid student phonathon callers and it has completely convinced me of their overwhelming needs here and how alumni can help, and they are successful in their fundraising efforts. I now want to start a month of student phonathons. I hope that, if one of these students calls you, you will hear the same good things that I hear on the other end of the receiver.

Kristen A. Jaldert
Assistant Director of Development, Annual Giving Programs

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Saturday Art Program begins

The 26th year of the Rhode Island College Saturday Art Program begins Oct. 16. It is not too late to register children (grades 2 to 12) in the following classes: mixed media, sculpture, drawing from observations, and mixed media. Classes are taught on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. for a period of 10 weeks.

For more information, please contact the art department at 456-8054.

Academic Advisement Center

The Academic Advisement Center provides helpful information concerning academic matters for students and faculty. Services include meeting with students to answer questions concerning selection of courses, change of major, etc.; acting as the official advisor for students with undeclared majors; sponsoring periodic workshops for students; providing academic follow-up to freshmen and transfer students; and serving as a resource for faculty and staff on College policies, curricula, etc. The staff is available by appointment. For more information, call 456-8133.

Nominations accepted for Who’s Who

Rhode Island College is accepting nominations for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Please nominate any student, graduate or undergraduate, that you feel is deserving of this award. Undergraduates must have completed a minimum of 60 credits and have a G.P.A. of at least 2.50. Graduate students must have completed at least 15 credits and have a G.P.A. of 3.25.

Nominees should also have demonstrated participation and leadership in academics and extra-curricular activities and service to Rhode Island College.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Student Life Office, Craig-Lee 127 and must be received in that office no later than Friday, Oct. 15.

Breakfast Meeting

The Rhode Island Association for Women in Education (RIAWE) will present a breakfast meeting Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the Dining Room of the Sharpe Refectory at Brown University.

Americo Petrelli, commissioner of higher education, will speak on "Towards Higher Education in Rhode Island."

The meeting costs $8.50 for members of the RIAWE and $11.50 for non-members. For more information, call Ann Thordike at 401-995-2649.

Specialist Ramey's drivin' forward toward success

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

When Jacqueline Ramey learned how to drive a stick shift at 16-years-old, little did the mid-westerner dream she'd be using the skill to deliver millions of gallons of fuel in 10-ton tankers in the midst of a war.

But, then again, little did the petite Rhode Island College National Exchange student believe that serving in the military during wartime would ever be a part of her life.

Ramey came to RIC via Klamath Falls, Ore. where she grew up, Saudi Arabia where she served in the US Army during Desert Storm, and the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay where she was a communications major.

Now in the Army Reserves after serving three years active duty, nine months in Saudi Arabia, Specialist Ramey is a sophomore at RIC because of its east coast location and its management curriculum.

She had been in many areas of the country while in the Army, but had only been to the east coast once for a three-week training program in New Jersey.

"I wanted to go east," she said. "RIC's management courses sounded really interesting...so here I am!"

Pleased to be in Rhode Island, Ramey said her neighbors are friendly, and that "people at RIC have really helped me get acclimated."

The 24-year-old chose off-campus housing, calling it "a lot homier and quieter" rather than move into a residence hall room which would resemble military barracks too much, she said.

A typical vehicle of the type that Specialist Ramey is accustomed to driving.

An only child, Ramey yearned for more adventure than Florence, Ore. could offer when she graduated from high school in 1988. Her mother supported her decision to enlist. Proudly she said, "The recruiter treated me as special" because she was the first female Army recruit from her district.

It was on to basic training—eight-weeks in Fort Jackson, S.C., and then to Virginia to train as a petroleum supply specialist, learning about transmission fluid, fuel and grease.

Ramey chose this job because of the amount of money for college she could earn, and because women in the military are commonly employed in the area.

"We're treated equally and have a lot of support in this type of job," she said.

Later, at Fort Dix, N.J., this petite soldier learned how to handle five- and 10-ton trailers. All the training paid off by the summer of 1990, when Ramey found herself preparing for deployment to Saudi Arabia.

In the bag she had to pack enough clothes, toiletries and miscellaneous items to last her at least six months.

Ramey and others in her company were responsible for providing truck loads of fuel to a point where others came to receive it.

It was a very demanding job with long hours, unbearable heat and stressful conditions. Living in a tent, not being able to venture outside without equipping herself with pounds of gear and having to wash her clothes in a bucket became the norm.

Looking back, Ramey said the wartime experience has made her more sensitive to others, and things such as family and school have taken on more importance in her life.

This past summer, Ramey attended the school in Wisconsin. There she excelled and made the "Commandante's List," a prestigious military list. She hopes to be promoted to Sergeant soon.

Crediting military training personnel for having given her "excellent" training, Ramey is grateful for the experiences she's had and intends to make the military her life.

State funds made available to begin ADA compliance

With the use of state funds, Rhode Island College has begun to implement a three year plan to bring the campus faculty further into compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Two weeks ago, work began at the President's House that will include renovating the lower level and first floor bathrooms, additions and installing hand rails. The work is being done by M&J Construction of Johnston. In addition, an asphalt ramp to the lower level of the house on the west side to make the entrance to the lower level accessible, and a cement ramp to the first floor of the house is being done.

The President's House is often used as an alternative location for meetings, development activities, other College functions and alumni affairs, according to Kathryn M. Sass, director of conferences and special events.

"As the community has grown over the years, we have found that the President's House is used more and more for a variety of events. Making it accessible to all people is a priority."

According to James R. Cornelison, assistant vice president for administration and ADA coordinator, "A transition plan was completed last summer. For the next three years, the community will notice work being done throughout campus on those identified buildings and areas that need to be brought up to code."

"The good part," Cornelison said, "is that no College money is being used."

The College received about $80,000 in 1993 FY funds for last year's work from the state's Building Commissioners Office, and will receive about $349,000 this year as part of the office's budget to bring all public buildings up to code in accordance with the mandated ADA regulations.

Cornelison said the College has worked on making the campus fully accessible for the handicapped since 1977. Curb cuts, ramps to buildings and elevators were made available to the community throughout the years.
‘Typical’ RIC student is...

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

The typical Rhode Island College full-time student, according to the latest census report, is a white, female, age 21, who lives with her parents or relatives, studies teacher education or liberal arts, speaks English as her primary language and is single without children.

She entered RIC as a freshman and the College was her first choice school. She works 13 hours a week off-campus while studying as a commuter student, and her parents or relatives provide the primary means of financing her education.

The classroom experience is well regarded by her, but class schedules and the provisions for room and laboratory facilities do not fare quite as well. She attends at least one student activity/event per month.

She is “very satisfied” with the College’s undergraduate degree candidates last December. Some 552 students responded for a response rate of almost 40 percent, said Richard W. Prull, director of institutional research and planning, of the report just released.

Part-time Students

Women comprised the bulk of part-time students, who were single with no children, 14 percent were single parents, 14 percent were married with no children, and over one third (35 percent) married with children.

Almost two-thirds (65 percent) of the part-timers indicated that they transferred to RIC with only 35 percent of commuters and 59 percent of commuters said they had no basis for judgment in ranking the quality of courses in their respective degree programs.

Half of the part-time students reported that working while attending college was the major means of financing their education. One third said savings, spouse’s income and scholarships/grants were major or secondary means of financing their education.

The great majority of both full- and part-time undergraduates work while enrolled at the College.

rented housing and one half indicated they owned their own home.

About a third of the part-time students, RIC was their first choice school, and almost two thirds (64 percent) indicated that they had interrupted their college studies for a total of at least five years before coming to RIC.

While the median reported number of hours worked per week by resident students was 13, full-time commuters worked over 20 hours and part-time students over 34.

In the academic area, she indicated she had taken courses she could not register for the courses she wanted. Her concern for the “maintenance” of the campus has displaced her concern over the parking situation.

The Student Census

The Student Census, a survey of RIC undergraduate degree candidates designed to collect representative data on student characteristics and student opinions regarding College programs and services, was compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

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L L A T I S OF SUMMER: One of RIC’s students, Amy Hart of Lincoln, sits in the last chair of the summer on the wall in front of Adams Library. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Miscellaneous

- 19 percent of resident students and 12 percent of full-time commuters are in the liberal arts curriculum, which came in second to teacher education.
- Over 30 percent of resident and 44 percent of commuters reported they were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the College dining services.
- 87 percent of resident students and 59 percent of commuters reported they were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with receiving timely information about on-campus activities and events.
- 7 percent of the resident and 28 percent of commuters reported they were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with on-campus employment opportunities. Some 28 percent of resident and 51 percent of commuters said they had no basis for judgment in this category.

Gewirtz named Thorp Professor

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award is given only to those individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions through professional service.

Gewirtz’ citation noted that her professional service occurs in a public service arena, “where rejection is more common than reward.”

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Novelist Ann Hood says she’s ‘been lucky’

By George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A seven-year-old West Warwick girl with a voracious appetite for reading became frustrated with a local library requirement that one could only take out two books at a time, books she would read in two days.

So, Ann Hood started to write her own stories. Today, she has garnered a reputation as a prolific writer, one who has recently finished her fifth novel in addition to having already written some 25 short stories, a couple of anthologies, and nearly a score of non-fiction works.

All have been published, the latest, her novel, Places to Stay the Night, by Doubleday in New York. And, she says modestly, “I’ve been lucky. My books have always sold well.”

Rhode Island College has been lucky as well in securing her services on the English department faculty where she’s teaching three courses this semester.

They are: Introduction to Creative Writing, Advanced Creative Writing-Fiction, and a literature class, Recent Fiction.

Like her novels, her classes are popular. Characteristically, she shrugs off the large numbers in her classes by saying there’s a real demand for creative writing courses at the College.

Raised in West Warwick where her parents, Lloyd and Gloria Hood, still reside, she graduated from West Warwick High School and then earned her bachelor’s degree in English, with a concentration in modern American literature, from the University of Rhode Island in 1978.

From 1979 until 1986, she was employed as a flight attendant for TransWorld Airlines. During this time, she worked on her master’s degree in English and creative writing at New York University, Gallatin, which she completed in 1986.

Today, she resides on Providence’s East Side with her five-month old son, Sam, and began this fall semester as an assistant professor of English at RIC.

“Ann’s a major addition to the creative writing program and to the College,” assures colleague Thomas Cobb, himself a best-selling novelist.

When asked if there were any other writers in her family, Hood says, “No,” explaining quickly that the rest of her family are “all good in math” but not so in English, but “they’re great storytellers!”

This fact, no doubt, helped inspire the blossoming writer at an early age.

Asked whether or not her novels were in any way autobiographical, Hood explains that they are based on many of her life experiences “but you change the props” and, thus, make the experiences more universal.

Her latest novel, which came out in February in hard cover, 12 Places to Stay in the Night — concerns a mother who abandons her family and what happens to her.

It will come out in paperback this spring, published by Bantam Books.

Unlike the woman of that novel, Hood gets to see her family “all the time” now that she’s back in Rhode Island.

“My dad is retired and he’s my Nanny, baby-sitting my son,” she says with a smile that hints of a genuine affection for the baby-sitter.

Hood credits her experience as a flight attendant for enhancing her ability to capture people on paper.

“A lot of people comment on the reality of my dialogue in my books. I think being exposed to so many different kinds of people as a flight attendant helped,” she says.

She wrote her first novel — Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine — while flying on international flights to such exotic sites as Cairo, Athens, London, Paris and Rome.

She explains that as a flight attendant she only had to work 12 days a month. The rest of the time she frequently took advantage of employee passes to travel even more on her own...and write.

Reflecting momentarily on her success, Ann Hood says that despite the fact that her books have sold well “I don’t think this is a good time to start out (as a novelist). This (latest) book is my fifth novel, so I have quite a following, I guess.”

And, no wonder, with press reviews like these:

“Ann Hood is brilliant...her writing spare and eloquent.” — New York Times

“Ann Hood is a big talent. When all is said and done, she’s powerful.” — Denver Post

“Ann Hood is clearly a force to be reckoned with in the world of contemporary fiction.” — Los Angeles Daily News

Roger Williams sighted

P. William Hutchinson, Rhode Island College professor of theatre, portrays Roger Williams Sept. 17, at the 300th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution at a special ceremony at Roger Williams National Memorial in Providence.

Rhode Islanders affixed their signatures to a giant facsimile of the Constitution after it was signed by Hutchinson.

The National Constitution Center, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to informing Americans about how the Constitution reflects the changing needs of our society, sponsors ceremonial signings of the Constitution each year to increase civic awareness.

This year, for the first time, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution was celebrated nationally with ceremonies in over 100 locales in 39 states taking place.

The National Park Service and the National Archives also participated in organizing the event in Providence.
Robert S. Shein
Director of multicultural media

Robert S. Shein "wanted to escape" when he left his Rhode Island home for Arizona State University in Tempe at 18-years-old. With no singular career choice in mind, the 32-year-old says he choose Arizona State for no particular reason. Shrugging his shoulders, Shein said, "I guess because there was sun, it was cheap, great weather."

Eighteen months later, Shein still had the sun. And he was still enjoying the Arizona climate. The young man had even chalked up some very good grades for a student who was like an unguided missile moving from place to place without any real direction. But Shein was running out of funds fast. He said jobs weren't coming his way. The 19-year-old knew he needed to get serious about life.

"I decided to join the Army," he said. "At 19-years-old... there I was in the U.S. Army, bald-headed and big-eared!"

Actually, the Army opened up doors filled with adventure, travel and espionage for Shein. It was the young intellectual's skills the military was able to take hold of and train.

Following basic training in Missouri, Shein went through a battery of tests to examine his intelligence in order for the Army to best use their new recruit.

As luck would have it, Shein "shone" when it came to tests. Within months, he found himself selected for the Defense Language Institute studying Russian five days a week, eight hours a day for one full year. Once proficient and fluent, Shein was sent off to the US Cryptological Institute in Texas to learn code-breaking and how the former Soviet Union intelligence communications systems were set up.

Shein's official title was Intercept Operator and Intelligence Analysis. He spent the next three years in Europe and the Middle East, having the "best time of my life" working for the Department of Defense National Security Agency.

Retiring as a sergeant, Shein said, "I survived, I did well." But all along he knew that getting back to Arizona State to finish his degree was the most important assignment he would have.

Shein was accepted back into Arizona State in Dec. 1986 with more than 50 college credits under his belt. Because of his continuing education in the military, and his three semesters of work prior to the Army, Shein was able to graduate in May, 1987.

The Army was also "good" to the East Side resident because it paid for much of his undergraduate work. In fact, Shein was able to enter graduate school at Brown University with "money left over from the Army. As long as I was in school, they paid for it."

He had an "interesting homecoming" in Rhode Island in 1988 and entered Brown's Department of Slavic Languages Ph.D program in September of that year.

Which all brought him to Rhode Island College as director of multicultural media in the fall of 1992. Shein works out of the language lab in Craig-Lee and said his "broad goal is to introduce technology into the curriculum. Since his arrival, he has been attempting to "reconstruct the internal underground wiring to central points on the campus for use with coursework."

Among other things Shein has helped orchestrate on the campus is the broadcasts of SCOCA or newscast from around the world, the NASA Select or the NASA educational channel and Channel 1 out of Moscow.

Shein also teaches Russian to about 16 students, all of whom he speaks highly of saying "that the students here are impressive. They are here to get an education and that's commendable."

"Education is a right, not a privilege," according to Shein, who is an avid reader and runner. He hopes to contribute to the overall educational process at RIC in many ways, one of which is extremely important to him. "I'll be working on trying to get a $150,000 grant to rebuild the language lab... not just to have a lab, but to provide a multicultural media lab for all the faculty to use."
College enrollment decreases after five years of growth

Rhode Island College enrollment decreased this fall after five years of growth, reports the Office of Institutional Research and Planning in its official fall enrollment report.

Total student headcount is 9,509, down 3.3 percent compared to last year's all-time high of 9,838, while full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is 6,751, reports Richard W. Prull, director of institutional research and planning.

The FTE enrollment represents a decrease of 9.9 percent compared to last fall's high of 7,024.

"This decrease in enrollment is slightly greater than the two percent decrease projected to occur as a result of actions taken by the College over the past three years to enroll a constant number of freshmen and transfer students and reduce the number of non-degree students," notes Prull.

Prull points out that while this fall’s enrollment is at a "slightly lower" level than it has been in five years, it is "still significantly higher" than it was in the mid-1980s before enrollment began its rapid increase.

In those years, headcount enrollment was slightly greater than 8,000 and FTE enrollment averaged just over 5,700, about 16 percent lower than the current level.

The undergraduate enrollment decreased 2.9 percent this fall to 7,588, the second highest total in the College's history. The current undergraduate headcount is 9.1 percent higher than it was five years ago, says Prull.

Prull attributes the fall's decrease in undergraduate enrollment to a small decrease in the number of degree candidate undergraduates and a substantial decrease in the number of non-degree students.

Degree candidate headcount decreased 1.7 percent to 6,961, while the number of non-degree students decreased 12.3 percent to 727, a level not seen since the mid-1980s, notes Prull.

"Compared to five years ago, the number of degree candidates is up 18.1 percent while, in contrast, the number of non-degree students is down more than a third."

"This decline in the number of non-degree undergraduates is, in part, due to the fact that the College has intentionally shifting its resources to support degree students, with non-degree students having been faced with either moving to degree status or registering last and risking not getting the course(s) they desire," he reports.

Graduate enrollment decreased for the second year in a row, down 5.2 percent to 1,921 compared to 2,028 last fall and the peak of 2,132 two years ago.

Graduate enrollment is 3.6 percent lower than it was five years ago, but about one third greater than it was during its low point in the mid-1980s.

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Openings in RIC Master of Social Work program

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"Each year the number of accept­ances went up," says Metrey, "but it was five years before we increased the acceptance rate to 80."

He reports that each year has seen an increase in the number of applicants, reaching the highest number yet for this fall's class at 1,350. Of that number 246 completed requests for the 80 openings.

Deadline for registration for next fall (1994) is Feb. 1. Metrey reports that already there are more than 700 requests for fall of '94 admission to the school.

Also, the requests are coming in at a rate of 10-to-15 a day, assures the dean.

Only MSW in state

In addition to the fact that RIC offers the only master of social work degree in the state, Metrey attributes much of the interest by students to a "resurgence of concern for people" with "more looking to get involved."

"You see people who have had broad careers taking up social work as a second career," notes Metrey.

Also, he points out, more social agencies are looking to a certain level of professionalism and, consequently, looking for people with the master's degree in social work.

That, says Metrey, and the fact that agencies that tend to hire social work graduates are under pressure to get "professionals" involved because of medical insurance and the question of who can be reimbursed for their services.

Another important factor, says the dean, is the "high visibility" of RIC social work graduates in the community.

And, most, if not all, of the school's faculty are involved in issues relating to poverty, particularly the plight of women and children, and serve on any number of social welfare organizations.

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The chair of the RIC MSW program, Nancy H. Gewirtz, for instance, has served as a member of the People First Budget Coalition steering committee. This coalition of more than 85 organizations was established in 1991 to fight cutbacks in federal funding for human services, a fight that reemerges almost yearly.

Gewirtz, of Providence, has a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's in social welfare, a master's in public administration and a Ph.D. in political science.

She was recently cited by the School for her efforts in seeking social justice for the state's "most vulnerable populations."

"This effects what we do and how we have to help our students to counter-act these kinds of problems," says Metrey.

"This is why we are so active in the community."

"We know of jobs that we don't have the budget to call. As far as I know, all of our graduates have gotten jobs if they wanted them," says Metrey.

"In general, we get out there but salaries for those with bachelor's degrees in social work start at about $21,000 a year, while those for master's degree recipients range from a respectable $26,000 to $32,000 to start."

Why no more than 80

When asked why the school doesn't take in more than 80 new students a year, Metrey explained that all school MSW faculty salaries must be paid by student enrollment and "we've been able to do this, but we can't take more students without more faculty."

He adds: "And I don't know as we want to."

As Metrey explains the problem, other faculty at RIC are not under this arrangement.

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As Metrey leaned over to answer yet another of the seemingly endless telephone calls the other day during his interview, he confirmed they don't have enough help which "is a problem over here."

But, that, apparently, is one of the few problems the RIC School of Social Work and its MSW program have.

On the other side of the coin, it can boast of a Sterling reputation for both teaching and community outreach, a reputation that just seems to keep those students coming.
The former West Warwick Police chief, Cyrille W. "Cy" Cote, has been named assistant director of Rhode Island College Security and Safety. Cote, who still resides in West Warwick, retired as chief after 24 years of service which saw him starting "as a grunt!" (according to his own description) and rising through the ranks. He had served as chief since April 1990.

Cote, who assumed his new duties at RIC August 30, "...has served with distinction" and his leaving is "a great loss to the community," said West Warwick Mayor Kathryn O'Hare.

Cote's previous chief was marked by his low-key style.

A Providence Journal article upon Cote's retirement said it is almost impossible to get him to talk about his own achievements, but the plaques on his wall testify to the impact he has made on the town, both as a police officer and a resident.

A recent sting operation on an auto-theft ring in his community was the subject in August of a segment on TV's Hard Copy program.

Married with two teenage daughters, Cote is known universally throughout West Warwick and Coventry, his adopted hometown. He coached girls softball teams, is a lector in his church, is an adjunct faculty member in criminology at the Community College of Rhode Island, was a founding member of the Coventry Police Department.

Bourret with the department's bicycle safety, neighborhood crime watch, and DARE programs. "DARE is an anti-drug program taught by police officers to children in the third grade," Crystal said.

Children being taught by police officers. "It is a nation-wide trend that police are getting back into the community and changing their image. They don't want to be seen as the 'macho mean guy.' Community relations helps them because it brings down the crime rate and increases public safety," Crystal said.

Community relations programs also have an impact on the immigrant population, "People from different parts of the world, such as Latin America or Asia, sometimes see law enforcement as a military presence. Police public relations programs try to show that the U.S. police are there to protect them, not to harass them," Crystal said.

The chief of the Coventry police, Roger LaLiberte, deserves a lot of credit for starting a community relations program, Crystal said. "He is the captain is an older man but he's flexible. He could see something new was coming and thought it was a really good trend. I respect him for that."

The Coventry Police Department currently runs its anti-drug DARE program in the elementary schools. Lieutenant Bourret hopes to expand it into the middle and high schools.

Crytal said another active program at the department is the bicycle registration and safety program. "There are 40 bikes in the back of the police station. They are stolen bikes recovered by the police, but they don't have registration numbers so they can't be returned," Crystal said. To promote bicycle safety, Lieutenant Bourret did a show this summer which was aired on Rhode Island's new station, WFIT, Channel 28.

Community crime watch is another activity the Coventry police are promoting. For example, because of a disagreement between an apartment complex owner and the station, a new crime watch unit was sent up to the complex owner and the station, a new crime watch unit was set up recently.

"A family which was relocating to Rhode Island called the Coventry police to find out the safety record of a particular apartment building. The police told them about a few complaints, so the family decided to move elsewhere," Crystal said.

"The apartment owner found out what happened and was upset. He called the station to complain, but by the end of the conversation decided to try a community watch program," Crystal said. She noted that the complex became a safer place to live because "in addition to having one pair of eyes patrolling four times a night, there are 20 pairs of eyes watching all the time."

The individual contact the police have had in the school and the community has made a difference in kids' attitudes, Crystal said. "I've noticed a difference in my youngest son, who has grown up seeing Lieutenant Bourret in the school. My older kids think cops drink coffee, eat doughnuts and give you speeding tickets. With my youngest son, it's different."

During the past year, Lieutenant Bourret brought an all-police rock band into the school for a performance. "They sang rock songs and the kids saw them as regular people. They broke down the barrier of the uniform," Crystal said. Lieutenant Bourret received a standing ovation at the end of the show. "The kids were screaming and yelling. He was a star," Crystal said.

Crystal's work at the police station ended when the internship was over this summer, but her enthusiasm for community relations has not. "I love this kind of work and like to work in the community. It's nice to make a difference in the world during your lifetime."

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**Rally for 'RIC TIX' with The Big Nazo AND free ice cream!**

The Big Nazo Puppets will invade Rhode Island College (and, probably, the free ice cream Sundae bar) on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., outside of Adams Hall or, if raining, in the Student Union Coffee Cabaret.

The reason for the expected lateness is to stimulate student interest in the rally for RIC TIX, an event to promote the RIC Foundation raffle to benefit the James P. Adams Library.

Members of the College community joined the RIC Foundation board and other committee members for cider and doughnuts on Sept. 28 in Alumni Hall to celebrate the official kick off of the RIC Foundation benefit raffle for the library.

**Rhode Island College Foundation Raffle - 'RIC TIX' - on sale during event**

The raffle itself will not take place until Feb. 19, but when it does, ticket holders will have a chance to win free College tuition and fees at 1993-94 rates or a $1,500 cash prize, plus other prizes.

Tickets, at $2 each, will be available at the RIC TIX event, which is being sponsored by the Student Community Government, the Anchor and RIC Programming.

For further information, contact Kristin King, activities coordinator, at 456-8008.

The Big Nazo, in case you didn't know, is an ensemble of up to 10 visual artists, puppet performers and masked musicians who unite to create a bizarre and oftentimes hilarious cabinet. Its innovative work of mask and puppetry techniques, combined with Rhythm & Blues music and audience interaction has evoked laughter, dancing and applause throughout New England, New York, Chicago, Nova Scotia, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Osaka, Japan, among other sites. A tour of Russia is its future. The Big Nazo calls Providence "home" and has appeared on local TV as the wheezing, coughing furnace on the Providence Gas Company commercial.

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**Community relations and police work for an interesting summer internship**

by Cynthia W. DeMaio

Student Writer

While most public relations majors were working at advertising agencies this summer, Crystal Martin, a junior at Rhode Island College and a Coventry resident, was doing community relations work for the Coventry Police Department.

Crystal assisted Lt. Charles Bourret with the department's bicycle safety, neighborhood crime watch, and DARE programs. "DARE is an anti-drug program taught by police officers to children in the third grade," Crystal said.

Her enthusiastic reports about the police officer in school gave Crystal the idea to apply for the department about an internship. "I always wondered what community relations had to do with police work," she said.

The old-time police view of the department was changing as police have new public relations duties at RIC, which Crystal said she understood the need for. "I wanted to get the idea out there that police are not only there to do police work," Crystal said.

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The Science Project blends and unifies elements of dance, theatre and performance with science — specifically physics.

"The Science Project ... turns science into visual-kinetic poetry," says Del Giudice.

Everett Dance functions as a collaborative organization, creating work under the artistic direction of Dorothy Jungels, who serves as an adjunct dance faculty member at RIC. Jungels began as a visual artist who studied dance.

She co-produced Oh How We Danced, a documentary film on social and popular dancing, and founded the Everett Dance Theatre in 1986 after receiving a choreographer's fellowship from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. In 1990, she received a choreographer's fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and a New Forms Regional Initiatives Grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts.

She has taught in a variety of settings, including private studios, college programs and the Institute of Mental Health. Tickets are $10 general admission with discounts for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call 456-9791.

Rhode Island College
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CRIMES OF THE HEART
BY BETH HENLEY
Directed by David Burr
October 7, 8, 9, 8 p.m.; October 10, 2 p.m.; Roberts Auditorium
Reservations only with Visa or Mastercard.

JED Vocal Ensemble to bring live opera to RIC

JED Vocal Ensemble, formed last February to bring live opera to school children, will bring operatic scenes to Rhode Island College in its Chamber Music Series performances Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 338 (recital chamber).

The ensemble will perform "The Telephone" in Gian-Carlo Menotti's "Opera Buffa" in one act; a scene from Act 1 of Donizetti's Don Pasquale, and a scene from Act 1 of Pergolesi's La Serva Padrona.

The ensemble is comprised of Joanne Mouradjian, a lyric soprano who has been a recitalist and oratorio soloist throughout New England; Edgar E. Edwards, a member of the music faculty at Barrington College for seven years and a music teacher in the East Greenwich public schools for 24, and Philip Martorella, pianist, who has performed on television and radio in solo and chamber music recitals and in major concert halls in New York and New England.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Having successfully inaugurated the series, which showcases some of Rhode Island's premiere dance companies, in the fall of 1990 with a long-awaited performance of Flight, Everett Dance returns with another highly anticipated evening-length work, The Science Project.

This work, says RIC dance director Dante Del Giudice, has received extremely favorable reviews for performances in major dance venues in New York and throughout the U.S.

JED VOCAL ENSEMBLE

was a Massachusetts finalist in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Artist Awards. She earned her bachelor's degree in music education at RIC and her master's in vocal performance at Boston University.

Martorella holds a bachelor of music degree from Mannes College of Music and a master's from the Juilliard School of Music.

Edwards, a member of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and Civic Chorale orchestras as well as baritone soloist at the Central Congregational Church, Providence, holds a bachelor's degree in violin and voice from Barrington College and a master's in voice with an emphasis on opera direction from the New England Conservatory of Music.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8944.
Avid Technology Inc., headquartered in Tewksbury, Mass., was awarded an Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the 45th annual Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles on Sept. 18 for work in which a Rhode Island College master's graduate was involved.

Thomas A. Ohanian, who earned a master's in instructional technology in 1988, and five colleagues at Avid Technology are the inventors of the Avid Media Composer system, now the "most popular digital nonlinear editing system in the world," according to Avid Technology.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences cited Avid and the inventors for outstanding achievement in engineering and development of the Media Composer. The Media Composer was among the first digital nonlinear editing systems to provide the industry with an image quality good enough to serve as a catalyst for moving beyond traditional analog editing technology.

Since then, more than 2,000 systems have been purchased to edit short-form programs such as commercials and music videos and long-form projects such as TV's "L.A. Law" and "Northern Exposure," and feature films like The Fugitive, reports Avid.

Avid Technology is a developer and supplier of professional-level nonlinear digital film, video and audio editing systems. Its products are marketed in 75 countries.
**Monday**

8 p.m.—Catholic Mass will be offered every Monday evening in the Thorpe Lounge.

11 a.m.—McAuley House Volunteers meet in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300, to work in the soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m.—Successfully Applying to Graduation Schools Workshop. This workshop is sponsored by the Counseling Center and will be held in Craig Lee 153. For further information, call the Counseling Center, 456-8084.

**Thursday**

3:00 p.m.—Lunch and Giggles. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Support and Information Services, RIC Programming and the Coffeeground, SU Coffeeground. Create your own ice cream sundae, meet new people, reunite with friends made at Orientation and have a laugh at this special "Comedy Cafe." For more information call the Campus Center, 456-8084.

**Tuesdays**

**Noon—Bible Sharing** will be held every Tuesday in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300.

**1 to 2 p.m.—Library Resource Tour.** Sponsored by Adams Library Reference Staff. Readers guide to Periodic Literature, ERIC, Microfiche, Index. (Note: sign-up is required by Oct. 1, 4 p.m. at SU Info. Desk.)

**3:30 p.m.—Art Therapy Lecture by Lisa Gilligan. Room 16, Art Center.**

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**Sports Events**

**Tuesday**

3:00 p.m.—Women’s Tennis. RIC vs. U. Mass-Dartmouth. Home.

4:00 p.m.—Men’s Soccer. RIC vs. University of Mass.-Dartmouth at 4:00 p.m. The cost is $27. Drop off points will be Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center and Ellis Island Boat. For further information, contact the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300, 456-8168.

7:00 p.m.—Women’s Volleyball. RIC vs. Bridgewater State College. Away.

**7-30 p.m.—Living with AIDS Series will present The Triumph of the Human Spirit folk songs with Joyce Katzberg in Bannister Gallery.**

**Friday**

9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.—Dance. RIC Dance Company will present the Annual mini-concert series for Rhode Island schoolchildren in Roberts Auditorium.

**Saturday**

7 a.m.—N.Y.C. Bus Trip. The Chaplains’ Office is sponsoring a bus trip. The bus will leave the SU building at 7 a.m. and return at 11 p.m. The cost is $27. Drop off points will be Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center and Ellis Island Boat. For further information, contact the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300, 456-8168.

10 a.m. to noon—Assertiveness Training Workshop. This workshop is sponsored by the Counseling Center and will be held in Craig Lee 130. For further information, call the Counseling Center, 456-8084.

**Monday**

9:00 a.m.—Women’s Volleyball. RIC vs. Eastern Conn. State Univ. Away.

11:00 a.m.—Women’s Cross Country. RIC vs. Roger Williams. Invitation. Away.

1:00 p.m.—Men’s Cross Country. RIC vs. Roger Williams Invitational. Away.

2:00 p.m.—Men’s Soccer. RIC vs. Endicott College. Away.

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