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1994 commencement —
1,800 get degrees in two ceremonies

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A midst the annual pomp and circumstance of commencement at Rhode Island College this spring some 1,800 degree candidates received either master's or bachelor's degrees in two separate ceremonies.

Advanced-degree recipients gathered with family, friends, College administrators, faculty, staff and special guests on Thursday evening, May 19, in Roberts Hall auditorium to hear the commencement address of retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Spann Watson, who told the students to persevere for a better world.

"For you who can command the discipline of a multicultural people: Hurry, for some of us are about to rot in the debased subcultures of self-destruction," said the former black pilot who flew in World War II with the Tuskegee "Black Eagles" despite early resistance to that fully trained cadre having combat duty.

Later, he would play a key role in the development for the armed forces of an integration plan.

Near-perfect weather greeted the several thousand people attending the out-of-doors undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 21, at which Colonel Watson, the founding director of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Edmund Barry Gaither, and the Muir String Quartet were awarded honorary degrees.

The Muir Quartet, minus one member who could not be present, performed several selections.

Gov. Bruce G. Sundlun spoke at both ceremonies, bringing the official greetings of the state to the graduates.

"You come from different races, backgrounds, desires and dreams," said the governor. "One thing brought you all together: to get an education...to increase your opportunities in life."

"I'm not going to stand here today and tell you you're going out into a scary world," said Sundlun, who earlier had announced his plans to seek re-election.

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Summer Theatre presents ‘Hit Parade 1994’

"Hit Parade 1994," two musical reviews slated for July by Rhode Island College Theatre, will feature the music of Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin and Jerry Herman.

Review I will be performed July 14-16; Review II, July 28-30. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

The performers will be Melissa and Jen Barrette, Christine Perron and Joseph Carvalho.

The three women were all featured in RIC Theatre's production of Gypsy. Carvalho was the pianist for the show as well as the assistant conductor.

The director will be Raymond Piccozzi; the choreographer, Elaine Colaneri, and the musical director, Robert Elam. Doug Cummings will design sets and lights; Marcia Zammarelli, costumes.

Tickets will be $12 for regular admission; $10 for senior citizens. A subscription package is available. For more information, call 456-8639.

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RIC one of top recipients in humanities grant activity

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Rhode Island College, it seems, has been one of the top recipients of grants in the state as far as the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities (RIC) is concerned.

Since the inception in 1973 of RICH, the state arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities, RIC — with 32 — has been awarded more grants than any other organization except Brown University.

Brown's total is 68 but includes the John Carter Brown Library and the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology.

Third behind RIC is the University of Rhode Island with 30 funded proposals.

Other top recipients of RICH grant money (regranted from the national organization) are the Rhode Island Historical Society, Trinity Repertory Company, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, RISD itself, the Langston Hughes Center for the Arts and the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

All total, the number of organizations served by the grants since 1973-74 is 285, reports Jane H. Civins, administrative associate to RICH executive director Thomas H. Roberts, who has held that position since the planning stages of RICH in the 1970s.

Idea for various projects originate with the individual faculty member or members. They usually coordinate their quest for RICH funding with R.N. Keogh, director of research and grants administration at RIC, who works closely with RICH's Roberts or Civins.

"We try to work together for a grant that meets everyone's needs," says Keogh.

The goal of RICH in all the projects is a strengthened public understanding and appreciation of the humanities, explains Civins.

The result of RICH funding, consequently, has been a "mutually satisfying exchange among Rhode Islanders from every walk of life, and professional scholars in the humanities."

From its inception until about 1980, RICH grants had a public policy emphasis, says Civins, but a shift at the national level then took place to a more academic emphasis. Consequently, the type of grants...

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Focus on Faculty and Staff

Lenore Collins, assistant professor of educational technology, has recently been appointed as examiner for the Rhode Island Quality Awards Program. Her responsibility will be to score applications and to participate in the internal continuous improvement procedures of organizations that have applied for the quality award. This newly created program is to honor those companies who promote quality excellence as a competitive initiative. The award program is administered by the Rhode Island Area Coalition for Excellence.

The New England Association of Colleges and Admissions Counselors presented the college counselor of the year award to Patricio Mazzacco, associate director of admissions. She was recognized by professional colleagues as the outstanding counselor in the college admission process from Rhode Island for 1993-94.

David C. Woolman, acting director of the curriculum resources center, presented a workshop on “Student Involvement in Human Rights: Resources and Activities that Link the Classroom with the World” at the 25th Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies. The conference was held in Boston recently and focused on “Promoting Equality and Human Rights.”

William Aho, professor of sociology, had an article entitled “Using a Computer to Improve Classroom Teaching and Meeting Presentations” published in the April issue of ASA Footnotes, a publication of the American Sociological Association.

Jeanneise Olsen, associate professor of history, received support from the Ford Foundation to conduct her research on “The Americanization of Chinese Americans in California, 1920-1945.”

T. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, is one of eight Rhode Islanders named to the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. He and the others were inducted in ceremonies Sunday, May 15, at the 1025 Club in Johnston. According to the Heritage Commission, Tegu is widely recognized as one of Rhode Island’s most acclaimed ambassadors of goodwill. He resides in Providence with his wife, Catherine.

Thomas H. Meechel, assistant professor of biology, presented a seminar entitled “The Results of the ‘Marine Invertebrate, Ciona Intestinalis,’” to the Johnston Medical Research Center at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., March 14.

Stephen E. Fisher, associate professor of art, is among 30 New England artists from more than 70 applicants to receive a $5,000 1994 regional fellowship for visual artists from the New England Foundation for the Arts in the works-on-paper category.

James J. Scanlan, M.D., director of student health, is the author of an article in the current issue of Old Rhode Island On: “The Independent Man,” the statue that adorns the top of the Rhode Island State House. He notes that Gorham Manufacturing Company cast the 12-foot, 800 lb. plus, re-cycled bronze statue (re-cycled from an equal arm statue of Christopher Columbus in New York’s Central Park) in 1899 and for its work charged the grand sum of $3,000. The State House itself—an amazing 109 cubic feet of Georgia marble—was said to be worth more than $4 million, which would be considered an incredible bargain at today’s prices.

Vivian R. Morgan, an associate professor of mathematics, has been recognized as a successful innovator in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering education by the National Science Foundation, which invited her to participate in the national conference of innovators in undergraduate education in Washington, D.C., May 31 to June 3. Attending the conference were more than 250 NSF grant recipients who have been selected based on their progress toward national adoption of the reforms in undergraduate education they have developed.

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Professor Cuzner was among a group of College retirees honored at a luncheon given by the Class of 1940 last June.

Inborn York, Maine, a daughter of the late Willie and Adeline Cuzner, she was educated at Simmons College, Boston, where she received her bachelor of science degree in 1933 and her master of arts from Columbia University Teachers College, New York, in 1941.

She began her career as a librarian at the former Trinity College, now Duke University, N.C., from 1933 until joining the RIC library staff. She was a member of Grace Church, Providence.

She leaves her nieces and nephews, Robert Cuzner of Portland, Maine, James E. Cuzner of Danvers, Mass., and Joanne Cuzner of Watertown, Mass. She was sister of the late Edith Ashley, and Albert and William Cuzner.

A graveside service was held May 19 at the First Parish Cemetery, York, Maine.
When Claudette Brown's sons became Eagle Scouts, she remembers being very proud. "But the ultimate" came recently when all three of her children graduated from Rhode Island College.

Brown, of Smithfield, has been a cook’s helper in Donovan Dining Center for the past 13 years. Her daughter, Sheri, and son, Stephen, 23-year-old twins, graduated from Rhode Island College in May. Her son, Bill, graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island in June.

"I like working at RIC," admits Brown. "My job has served me well and was a big help in putting my children through college."

Sheri attended RIC for five years and double majored in justice studies and sociology. Her brother Stephen first attended CCRI receiving an associate’s degree and later transferred to RIC. He also received a B.A. in justice studies with an emphasis in criminal justice and, after completing a summer course, will obtain a minor in sociology. Sheri gained practical experience while at RIC — one at the Department of Children, Youth and Families and one with Channel 10’s Tuesday’s Child.

Presently, she works part time as a substitute teacher’s aide at the Child Enrichment Center in Providence but hopes to obtain a full time position in the human service field. Much of her time is spent babysitting. "I love kids," she stated. Some day she hopes to return to RIC to pursue a master’s degree in social work.

Stephen had the fortunate opportunity of interning at the State Police headquarters in Scituate. He said his interest in being a police officer, particularly a state trooper, came from being around his godfather, who was a state trooper. "I have a genuine interest in policing," he professes. "The internship was very exciting for me."

In his pursuit of fulfilling his dream of becoming a state trooper, Stephen has been somewhat successful. At only 18 years old he made his first attempt. His plan now is to keep trying. In the meantime, Stephen wants to become a police officer in a town or city. In fact, Brown said, "Stephen left the commencement ceremony at RIC right after receiving his diploma because he had to take a test for employment as an officer."

Stephen works for Eastern Utilities tinting windows for offices and homes. He’s been working for the company for about eight years, working full time while a student.

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New Media3 features Next Exit

The final event of New Media3, an annual conference focusing on New Media Art and Technology, is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at the Rhode Island College campus. The evening opens at 7:30 p.m. with video works of several recent RIC graduates, and closes with the east coast premier of the internationally acclaimed multimedia performance, Next Exit.

Dana Atchley, a Dartmouth College graduate, is a San Francisco multimedia artist whose attendance will coincide with the College's first offering of an all digital video course in a computer display. During the day, the artist will work in the class with Philip Palombo, associate professor of communications, in RIC's newly-established MultiCultural Media Center and later that evening present the east coast premier of his much lauded digital multimedia performance, Next Exit.

Next Exit is a large-screen production of a computer display which displays graphical representations of stories which are fully interactive. The performance was recently highlighted in Electronic Entertainment, Videography magazine. Morph's Outpost, the San Francisco Examiner, and on the Cable News Network. From recently winning a top award at the International Quick Time and Multimedia Festival in San Francisco, Atchley was also nominated for a distinguished award at the Digital World International Interactive Multimedia Festival.

Palombo, coordinator of the NewMedia3 conference, said, "I've been familiar with Dana and his video artwork since the 70s when he was performing Road Show. He has always been one of the artists working in video in a thoroughly refreshing and engaging way. While he uses the latest in available technology, the view never gets a sense of its presence." Palombo said he recently experienced a special presentation of Next Exit where Dana was performing to an audience containing some of America's leading technology developers and media critics and "he just never missed a beat in elevating the audience to another level of experience in his narrative. He is a craftsman of the highest order in the new cyber frontier."

In an Electronic Entertainment interview of May '94 Atchley stated, "Multimedia is nothing new, but the power of computers to integrate and control various media is—and it's very exciting. For the first time I am not limited by available technology. We're talking about a whole new way to store our memories—the Electronic Family Album."

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RIC and Prov. Chamber to sponsor int'l business conference

The Rhode Island College Center for Industrial Technology and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce will welcome more than 25 business executives and educators from Russia, Latvia and other CIS Republics for a month-long conference intended to stimulate international economic development opportunities and business-to-business networking links between Rhode Island and those foreign countries.

"Doing Business with Americans," will run from July 5 through Aug. 2 on the RIC campus. The foreign business men and women and educators will travel throughout Rhode Island visiting local companies and learn how American businesses operate. Each of the conference participants will be linked with a Rhode Island company during their stay, which will also include day-long sessions and tours of various companies and plants for the entire group.

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Kenneth R. Walker served on the RIC faculty for 23-plus years; has served as a highly regarded high school and college basketball official, and continues to serve as chair of the state Parole Board. Consequently, when he decided to retire a few years ago, he was looking at retirement from three "careers."

As it worked out, he's retired from full-time responsibility in each of these endeavors, but he hasn't quit altogether yet. He retired as a professor of secondary education last Christmas and was one of 14 RIC retirees honored at the recent Commencement Gala.

He stopped officiating at college basketball games four years ago at which time he was asked to be an observer in the Atlantic 10 Conference and Ivy League, which means he goes to games to evaluate officials.

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Upon the chairman's position being made full-time by an act of the state legislature last year, Walker was offered the job but declined and today serves as chairman only until the governor fills the position. Then Walker, in all likelihood, will continue to serve as a board member on a part-time basis.

Very interesting life

"I've had a very interesting life," feels Walker, who is a life-long resident of East Providence where he lives with his wife, Gail. They are the parents of three children and grandparents of five.

Walker sees education as the basis of his "well-being," an education that provided degrees from Providence College (bachelor's in education), RIC (master's in guidance and counseling) and Boston University (doctorate in education).

While studying for his advanced degrees, Walker pursued a career in education, starting out working with boys in the John Hope Settlement House, Providence, then as a classroom teacher at Central Junior High School in East Providence; guidance counselor and assistant varsity basketball coach at East Providence High; assistant principal at Central Junior High, and then, in 1970, faculty member at RIC where he began as coordinator of urban education.

Not long after he began his tenure at RIC, Walker served as project director for a series of seminars on race and poverty. The seminars were conducted at six different locations in the state and were attended by more than 400 elementary and secondary school teachers.

At another point

At another point in his years at RIC, Walker was invited to teach by the inmates at the Adult Correctional Institution's Wing of Hope, which houses prisoners serving terms on drug-related charges.

They had heard about this tall, rangy, black man who was both teacher and athletic official, and they wanted him to teach them.

As one of the inmates said later, Walker was "teaching history as you never heard it in high school"—history not necessarily from the white man's point of view.

"Rhode Island College...the people..." Walker says, momentarily struggling to find the right words, "my colleagues, made it possible for me, in the 23-plus years here, to get a good perspective on life."

"I'll always be grateful to the fine human beings I've met at this campus," he adds, capping off the tribute.

On May 20, RIC people, his colleagues, paid him and the 13 other retirees their own tribute, noting the 324 years of collective service at the recent Commencement Gala in Donovan Dining Center, thanked each of the retirees while presenting each with a memento of their service.

Gordon N. Sundberg, director of personnel, told the retirees, faculty, staff and officers of the Class of 1984 and their guests that retirees, so called, were now being called "reefies" and the act of retirement "renewment."

Amidst the chuckles that followed, he wished them well in whatever activity they next sought to pursue.

The retirees, their departments and their years of service are:

Faculty

Dr. Kenneth R. Walker of East Providence, secondary education, 23; Dr. Earl E. Stevens of Cumberland, English, 25; Dr. Vincent F. Calia of East Providence, counseling/educational psychology, 30; Dr. Henry P. Guillotte of Providence, mathematics and computer science, 30; H. Samuel Hall of Little Compton, mathematics and computer science, 34; Dr. David M. Hysell of Greenville, art, 25; Dr. Carolyn R. Swift of Providence, English, 29; Dr. Panajotis T. Votoras of Providence, English, 91.

Administrative Staff

Dr. William F. Kavanaugh of North Smithfield, industrial technology, 24; Christine L. Watts of Providence, Henry Barnard School, 24.

Support Staff

Virginia Broccoli of Johnston, music, 25; Marie D'Andrea of Johnston, School of Social Work, 8; Herbert O'Neill of West Warwick, security, 11; Kenneth Stanley of North Providence, custodial services.
All 43 Upward Bound grads headed to college

Upward Bound program at Rhode Island College graduated 43 students at its 26th annual commencement ceremony on June 7 in RIC's Gaige Hall auditorium, capping from one to four years of study for the students who were selected from six target high schools in the area to prepare for college or university acceptance.

Six Upward Bound Scholarships were awarded at the program's graduation ceremonies June 7 in Gaige Auditorium. Recipients were (L to R) Denise C. Baisor of East Providence High, $500 from the City of East Providence; Marcin G. Ruszkowski of Shea High School, $200 from the City of Pawtucket; Dilania M. Inoa of Central High School, $300 from the Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Fund; Anna V. Dyachenko of Mt. Pleasant High School, $250 from the City of Providence; Juan Carlos Samaya of Central High, $1,000 from Upward Bound Alumni Scholarships Fund; and Zankhana M. Patel of Central Falls High, $250 from the City of Central Falls.

He cited the economic recovery in the state and his administration’s record in human services and told the students they have “an unlimited chance” for success.

“There’s nothing that is going to stand in your way,” he said.

College President John Nazarian introduced the 50th Anniversary Class of 1944 which received a loud round of applause. Class representatives Claire V. Crohan and Marion I. Wright presented Nazarian with a check for over $7,000 to benefit the College library.

Remarking that this year’s graduating class is the first since his inauguration as President in 1990, Nazarian reinforced the need for continued financial support from the state, congratulated all the graduates, and welcomed everyone in attendance to “these commencement exercises...And what a beautiful day”!

He urged the graduates to “use what you have learned at the College to make this a better world for all people.” He asked each “to help restore the sense of duty, responsibility, respect, understanding, compassion and, above all, the sense of community and family.”

Other speakers in the ceremonies included representatives from the state Board of Governors for Higher Education Richard A. Licht, chair­man, and Joseph A. Almagno, presi­dent of the senior class David Fazo; master’s degree candidate Kevin J. Coughlin, alumnus, chair­man of the Council of RIC John J. Gleason.

This was the first time in 13 years that the College has held separate commencement exercises for its undergraduate and graduate classes. Degree recipients included those who completed their studies last January, this May or who will complete them this August.

32 Inducted into nurses honor society

Some 32 Rhode Island College students of nursing were inducted into the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing, in ceremonies May 13 at the Doubletree Hotel, Newport.

The local chapter-at-large, Delta Upsilon, serves both RIC and the University of Rhode Island College of Nursing students. It is one of 321 chapters at colleges and universities worldwide.

The students and their home­towns are: Monica Manooshian and Michael Marsella, both of Providence; Beverly Smith, Jean L. Soscia and Charles LaFlamme, all of Cranston; Jean Rathbun, Michael Marsella, both of Warwick; Ballou; Jodie A. Souza, Johnston; A.Lopes, both of East Providence; Ruth F. Lanctot, Paradise; Argentine; Diane M. Ellis and Mary Polverino, both of Barrington; Ruth F. Lancot and Sean J. Kelly, both of Woonsocket; Christina M. Cushman and Lisa A. Balcom, both of Smithfield; Sherri A. Leduc and Debra Priestley, both of North Smithfield; Abigail Champlin, Warwick.

Also, Stacy H. Benedict, Coventry; Diane M. Ellis and Mary Polverino, both of Barrington; Ruth F. Lancot and Sean J. Kelly, both of Woonsocket; Christina M. Cushman and Lisa A. Balcom, both of Smithfield; Sherri A. Leduc and Debra Priestley, both of North Smithfield; Abigail Champlin, Warwick.

Also, Jodie Bey and Stacy A. Lopes, both of East Providence; Anne-Marie Dupault, Forestdale; Karla O. Marzouka, both of Barrington; Wendy Almagno; Mary V. Gavigan, North Scituate; Cathy J. Bennett, Portsmouth; Cynthia Mochiatti, Riverside; Eva S. Holland, Tiverton; Denise A. Elliott, Warren; Karla M. Charest, Attleboro; Cheire M. Bellanance and Therese M. Gimler, both of North Attleboro; and Karen L. Laracy, Foxboro.

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**MAKE COLLEGE A HABIT** program between Rhode Island College and the Grove Avenue Elementary School in East Providence brought parents, children, teachers and RIC faculty together to explore the campus and interact with professors. The two-year-old program began last year when about 48 first graders and their parents visited the RIC campus for the first time. On May 23, the same students visited as second graders, along with their par­ents. They participated in two science classes taught by elementary education prof. MacGregor Kniseley and sec­ondary education prof. Paul Tiskus. On May 27, first graders at Grove visited the campus to begin their six year journey to “make college a habit” as they travel through their elementary school years. Each student is given a notebook during their first visit with their name and a “footprint” with the grade level on the cover. Following the visit, they return to their classrooms and write a story about their experience at RIC. Each year they write a new story. Upon graduating from Grove, they will leave with the notebook and “a better understanding about what college is all about.”

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1994 Undergraduate
Commencement Exercises

For the first time in memory, classical music replaced a commencement address at R.I.C.'s May 21st graduation exercises. Above, The Muir Quartet (minus one member who was unable to attend) performs after receiving honorary degrees. Other honorees were Tuskegee "Black Eagle" airmen Lt. Col. Spann Watson and art historian Edmund Barry Gaither.

Among the graduates, decorative mortarboards were the order of the day. Below, Russell Rondeau, a chemistry major as you might have guessed, spots a model of a glucose molecule, while Pat Cusley (top center) has one word for the occasion. Just below, "Trekkie" Anthony Pecchia is perhaps hinting at his uncertain future, while John Diego Restrepo's expression (far right) seems to match his quizzical headgear.

Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
FAMOUS FOR HIS FLAGS: Professor Emeritus T. Steven Tegu last displayed his “Flags of the World” during the College’s cultural pursuit days in 1990. (File photo)

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83-year-old citizen of the world; Prof. Tegu toward the assigned room I heard the blare of Spanish music and because he had stationed one of his banners and posters from Spanish Tegu’s wife and children blocked our we could escape to the registrar’s Professor Steven Tegu, a Greek office to drop this bizarre course, door speaking only Spanish. Before summer school program.

In 1969, at an age when many contemplated retirement, Tegu decided to get a Ph.D. at the University of St. Louis in Spain. His whole family went. When I graduated a year later I spent the summer in Europe. I embarked on a twenty-four hour train ride from Paris to Madrid to see my old friend. When the cab pulled up to his apartment there was a huge sign welcoming me in English and Spanish. He took me under his wing for a few weeks and we visited places Spaniards didn’t know about in their own capital. He often approached tourists and tried out about a dozen languages until he hit the right one to everyone’s delight. One day he suddenly informed me that I was becoming too dependent on him, so he made me find my own way back on a local bus. By then, with his tutoring, I felt comfortable in a foreign country now I could roll my R’s with the best of them and pronounce Spanish words beginning with Z as if the letter were TH.

Tegu, like a lot of immigrants to America appreciates and enjoys our freedoms more than we do. Long before he became a teacher he sampled this country’s vocational smorgasbord: photographer, television host, World War II pilot, investigator, traveler. Air Force major, even a boxer. But most of all a teacher. He used to say the Spanish had sterilized the story of Don Quixote by making young students memorize and regurgitate the tale. Like the Man of La Mancha herself, Tegu has faced life’s inquisition singing the impossible dream.

On May 15, 1994 the state’s heritage committee inducted Dr. Steven Tegu into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. This 83-year old citizen of the world has brought honor and decency to our shores. On behalf of those students who trembled in his class almost three decades ago, let me say thank you for helping us to learn what America was all about in a Spanish summer class.

Contributed by Scott Malloy, Assistant Professor, Labor Research Center, URI

President names 14 to emeriti status

College President John Nazarian recently announced the names of those people who have been named emeriti.

They follow:

Vincent F. Calia, Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education-A.B., Northeastern University; Ed.D., Ed.D., Boston University

John E. de Melim, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Art-B.F.A., Fafis State University; M.F.A., Institute Allende, San Miguel.

Henry P. Delotte, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Secondary Education—Ed.B., Rhode Island College; A.M., University of Illinois; Ph.D., University of Connecticut

H. Samuel Hall, Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics—B.S., Bloomburg State College; Ed.M., Pennsylvania State University; M.S., University of Rhode Island


James J. Kenny, Associate Professor Emeritus of Instructional Technology—B.S., Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University.


Ira J. Lough, Associate Professor Emeritus of Philosophy—B.S., Providence College; M.A.T., Brown University.

Tari E. Stevens, Professor Emeritus of English-Ab., Indiana University; M.A., University of Connecticut; Ph.D., University of North Carolina.

Carolyn R. Swift, Professor Emeritus of English-Ph.B., University of Chicago; A.M., Columbia University; Ph.D., Brown University.

Terry A. Votoras, Professor Emeritus of English—B.A., A.M., Wayne State University; Ph.D., University of Arizona.

Frank S. Williston, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy—B.A., Clark University; M.A., Syracuse University; Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

The Office of News and Publications Services wishes its readers a safe and enjoyable summer.

What’s News will resume in September.
This year's Rhode Island College Rose Butler Browne Scholarship winner epitomizes the essence of what the award is all about: self-confidence; brave; proud; driven and willing to work hard to overcome life's obstacles.

Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, a sophomore in school and community health, who hopes to teach someday, is as well a wife, mother, and volunteer at the Mount Hope Neighborhood Association. She was honored for her efforts at a reception on May 18 in front of her friends, co-workers, family and members of the College community. Ranglin-Vassell received a check for $250 which comes out of an endowment in the name of Rose Butler Browne.

Prof. Browne received her undergraduate and master's degrees at RIC and went on to become the first black woman to earn a doctoral degree in education from Harvard University in 1939. In 1950, the College bestowed on her an honorary doctorate degree, and in 1969, a seven-story residence hall was named in her honor.

Addressing the reception audience, Ranglin-Vassell turned to Emmett Brown, the son of Rose Butler Browne, and said, "Thank you Emmett, and thank you Mrs. Browne. I'll make you all proud.

In keeping with her spirit of generosity, the Jamaican native, began her address by pointing to others in the crowd who are special people in her life, with whom she intends to share the honor.

"I am special today, because I am the winner," she said. "But it is all about: Self-confidence; brave; proud; driven and willing to work hard to overcome life's obstacles."

Without skipping a beat, she raced to get an application, began writing the required essay and went to her family and friends for support in her endeavor.

Prior to being notified of the award, "my sister (Valarie) said, 'Marc, you're going to win,' " So sure of her instinct all along and trying to motivate her younger sister, Valarie, who works as a GED counselor at the Urban League, said, "Whatever (Marcia) wants to do, she's going to do. She has a strong background and is committed to what she does." Valarie, as well as brother, Ephraim and husband Van, all agreed that they were proud of her good work at the Center and her effort in college.

"She worked hard for it," said Ephraim. "We are proud."

### Student athletes cited for academic achievement

The following individuals qualified as members of the Rhode Island College 1993-1994 Academic 3.0 Club for Athletes.

To be eligible for the Athletic 3.0 Club, a student must be a member in good standing of a Rhode Island College intercollegiate varsity team for the entire season, have earned a minimum of 12 credits in each semester of the academic year while maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average in each of those semesters.

Students named to the Club were:

- Derek Bardeon, Central Falls, R.I., tennis; Tracey Bradley, Middletown, R.I., volleyball; Peter Burns, Kingston, Mass., tennis; Alex Butler, East Prov., R.I., basketball; Dawn Camire, Pawt., R.I., cross country/track & field.
- Andrew Coughlin, North Providence, R.I., cross country/track & field; Stephanie Cleary, Cranston, R.I., volleyball/gymnastics; Rollice Ernst, Cranston, R.I., tennis; Lolita Lipa, Coventry, R.I., gymnastics; Joceline Maurais, Middletown, R.I., softball; Virginia Mello, Cumberland, R.I., gymnastics.
- And, Joan Murphy, Cumberland, R.I., tennis; Debra Napolitano, East Greenwich, R.I., cross country/track & field; Susan Obara, Portsmouth, R.I., gymnastics/track & field; Andrea Plante, W. Warwick, R.I., basketball; Pamela Prendergast, Warwick, R.I., tennis.
- Also, Amy Schauble, Barrington, R.I., softball; Sandra Spremulli, East Providence, R.I., basketball; Maria Venagro, Cranston, R.I., basketball; Jennifer Verrill, Westbrook, Maine, gymnastics.

The following individuals qualified as members of the Rhode Island College 1993-1994 Academic 3.0 Club for Students.

Three Rhodes Island College students majoring in mathematics/computer science officially have been designated "successful participants" in the recent math competition in modeling sponsored by the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications.

Participating in the annual three-day competition were Gail Bianco and Brian Guckian, both of North Providence, and Missy Medina of Pawtucket. They worked on-site at RIC under the direction of advisor David L. Abrahamson, associate professor in the math/computer science department.

The problems tackled by the students are open-ended and require research, modeling and simplifying assumptions, and result in a report which includes an attempted solution and discussion of strengths and weaknesses as well as an analysis of "where to go next," says Abrahamson.

It is to be emphasized that these are real-world problems where perfect solutions are not possible.

This year the RIC team opted for the problem "optimization of time required for electronic data transfer through a computer network under assorted storage and transmission constraints."

"Gail, Missy and Brian are to be congratulated for their achievement" of successful participation in the competition, says Abrahamson.
Business partnership with InTech breeds success for students and alumni alike

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

The owners of Integrated Technologies Inc., Rhode Island College Class of 1983, Steve Aldous, and his brother Tom, who attended the College briefly, and their general manager, Tony Nunes, a one-year student at RIC during the 1980s, are the creators of success. Young, energetic, smart, well-groomed and ready for adventure. The Aldous brothers' success as business owners is an Horatio Alger-American Dream story. And Nunes is cut from the same pattern. He's the mouthpiece in his job as marketing manager and "clerk-of-the-works" for everything else. The two brothers, originally from Attleboro, are real, down-to-earth businessmen, who took a risk and have worked hard 24-hours-a-day for six years to get where they're at today. Nunes came on board two years ago when he tired of the corporate structure of a Fortune 500 company that didn't allow creativity to expand and personal drive to excel.

Last January, the three gathered all of their collective experience, maturity, business-sense and natural good will and started to give something back to other young men and women like themselves. One time - who needed a "foot in the door" of the business world. The Aldous brothers consciously chose RIC and the students in the Department of Economics and Management to build a network of student interns for their business, and at the same time, offer opportunities of employment with Integrated Technologies Inc. once they graduated from RIC, or career assistance to help line up jobs with companies InTech works with.

Robert R. Barber, 21, B.S. business management, Class of 1994, is one of those students, who took the offer and went full-speed ahead. So intrigued with the company and anxious to get going on his career during his last semester at the College, Barber began an internship with InTech in January and today is employed by the company as an account manager. The Cranston native said he's gained experience and knowledge - not only about computers - but how to get along in a tough, competitive business climate, where one mistake can mean the loss of thousands of dollars.

Integrated Technologies Inc. is an international company on the cutting-edge of "open-systems" computer technology, which trains and teaches small and large corporate employees to operate their individual computer systems for specific usage resulting in higher productivity and increased efficiency. Although there are other companies doing similar tasks, InTech has designed an educational curriculum in an "accelerated class" format done in two- or three-day training sessions, thereby beating their competitors in price and company downtime. InTech offers one-on-one labs and small class sizes "for maximum retention." Other differences include free telephone support for 30 days, "client-tuned" sessions and expertise for "business-now" environments.

Nunes explained that for years companies depended on the mainframe computer networks to link employees. "It was a centralized focus with not much control by the individual." An "open-system" redistributes computing power from the mainframe to the individual station, he said. "It's as much a philosophy (of good business practice) as a technological evolution." Nunes said "open systems" are essential today because of "the pace of business and the need to make decisions" by company employees.

With "open systems," Nunes said, companies with 20 or less employees can operate like a huge business because of the increased individual control. InTech trains employees to be hands-on familiar with the options of their individual programs and stations. In so doing, any company, large or small, is at the same vantage point. From there, Nunes believes, success depends on how hard a person works and how much their willing to strive.

Steve Aldous, who is referred to as "a technical genius," developed the curriculum. Both brothers teach, along with several of their employees.

Since the link between InTech and RIC started, six students have interned there. All have been placed with the help of Nunes and the owners, and Barber plans on continuing with the company for the near future. Nunes called Prof. Nancy Brown, of the Department of Economics and Management, "a doctor of sales" and credits her with helping make the college-business partnership a success.

"We all had a connection in some way to RIC," said Nunes, whose wife, the former Anna M. Braz, graduated with the Class of 1985. InTech is still growing. In fact, the company will relocate from East Providence off Catamore Blvd. to downtown Providence soon. The student interns will help the growth in their own way. Nunes hypothesizes, because as they work in the field, they'll remember where they started and who gave them their first chance.
David Coury wins Heal L.A. Through Music Award competition with ‘Simply We Sing’

MUSIC IS HIS MAGIC: David Coury (right) accepts his award from Musicians Institute representative at ceremonies held recently in L.A. where Coury resides.

Unaware that his song “Simply We Sing” had beat out 3,000 entries in the Musicians Institute of Hollywood’s Heal L.A. Through Music Award competition, David Coury, Class of 1982 was surprised and delighted when he heard from his business manager while on vacation in London, England that he had placed first.

“I was really honored,” Coury said from his Los Angeles home last week. “If my song got into the top 12, I would have been happy.”

The award entitles Coury to about $30,000 in cash, equipment and scholarship money to attend the Institute, which was established in 1977 as a vocational and degree-granting music school in Hollywood.

Nathan Smallwood, promotions manager for the Institute, said the school came up with the idea to solicit recordings from musicians as a “positive thing for the community” of Los Angeles. “We thought of it as a way to unify” the city after the infamous L.A. riots and the more recent earthquakes. Smallwood said a $15 entry fee from contestants was donated to local charities as well.

This summer, Coury will enter the keyboard institute, one of six specific music training programs offered by the school. As part of the arrangement, he plans on expanding his private vocal performance workshops by becoming a staff member of the vocal institute of the school once he graduates. His scholarship program will run one year.

Judging the competition were “prominent musicians, recording company people and publishers,” said Smallwood, adding that Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, headed the team.

RIC audiences for the last two years were entertained by Coury when he appeared on the Robert’s Hall auditorium stage during October concerts sponsored by the Foundation and performed his award-winning record “Simply We Sing,” among other pieces.

Coury entered the contest as a way to “get my song heard.”

The award-winning Mosaic will be premiered by the Manchester (Ct.) Symphony Orchestra in October.

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Peter Boyer, 24, Rhode Island College Class of 1991, has once again been recognized for outstanding achievement — this time as a recipient of the international Broadcast Music, Inc.'s (BMI) student award. BMI is one of the largest U.S. music performing rights societies. The competition is sponsored by BMI and the BMI Foundation.

Boyer, who won national attention as a student at RIC, is no stranger to the stage as a conductor, composer, writer and pianist. His talent won him rave reviews and standing-room-only audiences as a senior student when he conducted REQUIEM in RIC’s Roberts Hall auditorium and St. Joseph's Church in Newport.

The winning work which was submitted for the BMI competition is Mosaic for orchestra, which also received an Honorable Mention in the 1994 ASCAP Rudolf Nissim composition competition in January, one of five recognized from a field of 200 nationally. The piece was also his master’s thesis at The Hartt School in Connecticut, where he completed his course work for his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition last month.

In addition, Boyer’s work Suite for chamber orchestra, won the Hartford Symphony Orchestra’s composition competition as well. The work was premiered by the Hartford Symphony Chamber Orchestra on May 14, and conducted by Pusztai.

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The Conductors Institute at Hartt for the third summer this year. In August, he will begin his dissertation composition. He is also the recipient of the Norman Bayles Memorial Award in Composition from the Department of Composition at The Hartt School.
Rhode Island College Foundation
Fifth Annual
Golf Day
Tuesday, August 9, 1994
Warwick Country Club

The Club is located on Warwick Neck overlooking Narragansett Bay. Their facilities offer a spectacular view of the Bay, Jamestown Island and the Newport Bridge.

Registration Fee ($125 per person) entitled you to 18 holes, golf cart, buffet lunch, refreshments on the course, prizes, favors and dinner!

Schedule:
11 a.m. Buffet lunch and check-in
1 p.m. Shotgun Start
6 p.m. Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres
7 p.m. Dinner and prizes

We encourage you to register early—bring your own foursome or we will arrange one for you.
Questions? Call the Foundation office at 456-8105.

Complete the registration form and send it with your registration fee (payable to RIC Foundation Golf Day) to the Development Office/RIC/Providence, RI 02908.

We also encourage you to provide your financial support by giving a tax-deductible contribution in one of the several categories.

Golf Day Registration Form

Name

Address

Telephone

If you have a foursome, please list the others in your group.

Registration deadline: Enrollment is limited to the first 30 foursomes. Please register—including payment in full—by July 29.

Yes! I want to become a special sponsor of the 1994 Golf Day as a:

___ $25 Golfer Donation (program listing)
___ $50 Patron (program listing)
___ $175 Tee Sponsor (program listing/advertisement at a designated tee)
___ $600 Corporate Sponsor (program listing/advertisement/Golf Day dinner for two)
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RAISING THE ROOF: The Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex is taking shape. The entire project is expected to be completed next year. What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley.

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

For sure, no one on the Rhode Island College campus appreciated what seemed to be the worst winter in years. With mother nature belowing and bellowing herself every day for months on-end like a lost tiger, the days seem to never end, the drive to and from the campus was downright dangerous, and walking around campus was tough enough.

But, wait a minute...there is a silver lining in all of this. Spring arrived. The sun finally peeped its head, the first graduate commencement ceremony in 13 years was successful, a glorious day for undergraduate graduation arrived, and Donovan Dining Center took a shape that all agree is comfortable, inviting, open and clean.

Donovan is only one of several projects the College is involved with - all of which are moving ahead despite the difficult financial conditions RIC has experienced over the last several years, according to Vice President for Administration and Finance Lenore DeLucia.

"Even though we've had extremely limited financial resources in the last few years," she said, "we've managed to find other ways and resources to improve our condition." Referring to the fact that none of the projects' funding sources have come out of the College's operating budget, DeLucia said all are going along smoothly. They include: Stone Building, Donovan Dining Center, the new Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex (HPEAC), and the recently started Department of Transportation (DOT) road work.

The Stone Building renovation project, which will soon house admissions, continuing education, the graduate office and classrooms, was accomplished with a $2.5 million dollar low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Education, and the generosity of long-time RIC advocate, Class of 1934 graduate and Foundation member Helen Forman, who gave $200,000 to complete the project. The building will be named after Mrs. Forman's deceased husband, Sylvan R. Forman and be called The Sylvan R. Forman Center.

Funding for the 11,411 square-foot dining center addition came from auxiliary funds. Funds for the new health, physical education and Athletic Complex, which is expected to be completed in the spring of 1995, come from the $8.8 million insurance settlement following the horrific January 1992, four-alarm fire of the former Walsh gymnasium. All the road work, which will allow for safer driving and easier access to and from the campus, comes to RIC by way of DOT!

And there is more. The Faculty Center is now accessible from the dining center. Instead of traveling through the kitchen of Donovan to get to the Faculty Center, one can now walk right over and order. Speaking of placing an order in the service area, the center will now offer four different meal plans to satisfy student eating patterns, and it will be open to the entire campus during regular hours.

Viewers can actually watch the Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex take shape as the roof goes up and ties the building together into something that can be visualized as a whole. As for the Stone Building, whose historical significance to Rhode Island was among the reasons for the College securing the loan, it is "a treat to behold." DeLucia said on first sight the building is a "gracious form" with authenticity of its age marked by the contractor's attempt to maintain portions of the building in their original state, along with duplicating woodwork and trim wherever possible.

As for the road construction, the vice president-turned-hardhat-said it had been planned for "some time." She added that the access road had never been substantially improved, and that the project includes widening the road, curbing, surface repair and opening two lanes for traffic exiting the campus at Mt. Pleasant Ave. "The DOT and the College have had a very cooperative arrangement," she said. It is expected to be completed this summer.

So what's next in this continuing growth and improvement effort for the 140-year-old college - the first public institution of higher education in the state?

Did anyone say landscaping? Well, if you did, you were right! Beckman and Weremay Ltd. of Wickford and a College advisory committee have been working on landscaping for the interior of the campus on the esplanade area. "Our plan is to complete that portion that lies between the Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex and the most easterly edge of Gaige Hall," said DeLucia.

We're on the move, no doubt about it. Be patient. DeLucia and her Campus Facilities Committee members are searching to uncover ways to find more classroom space. That answer may lie in the East Campus area where the DCYF is currently housed, but intends on vacating. The property has already been given over to RIC by the state. "We'll watch and wait until they find new quarters," she said.

Please stay tuned!