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IMPRESSIVE BACKDROP: Rhode Island's own artist Willy Heeks receives an honorary degree from President John Nazarian in front of the College's new building. Vice presidents Lenore Delucia (left) and Gary Penfield participate in the undergraduate ceremony held May 20. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

New building opened for commencements as nearly 1,700 degrees are awarded

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College's new $8.8 million building, which rose from the ashes of the burned Walsh Center on the campus esplanade, was christened May 18 when several hundred graduate students received their degrees in early evening ceremonies.

Two days later more than 1,300 seniors gathered in front of the new building along with more than 5,000 spectators, who enjoyed perfect weather, as bachelor's degrees were bestowed.

College President John Nazarian told the Thursday night audience that it was "with a great sense of pride and satisfaction" that he opened the new building for commencement in this, the College's 141st year.

"What a great facility; what a great College," commented Lt. Gov. Robert A. Weygand in the Saturday undergraduate commencement.

George Graboys, chairman of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education, noted that this was the first commencement at the new structure which he said he saw as "a symbol of the College."

"This is another first for the College which has been for the past continued on page 8

RIC awarded $1.8 million from NSF in partnership with East Bay Educational Collaborative

by Claire Eckert
What's News Editor

Rhode Island College, in partnership with the East Bay Educational Collaborative, was recently awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) $1.8 million grant over five years as start up funds to begin implementing The K.I.T.E.S. Project: Kits In Teaching Elementary Science. The award represents about one-third of the total estimated cost of the project expected to reach $5.7 million over five years. The award is the largest ever received by the College, and is one of only 10 approved nationwide by the NSF in a competitive selection process.

The project, developed under the direction of RIC Associate Prof. MacGregor Kniseley and Gerald Kowaleczk, executive director of the East Bay Educational Collaborative, and curriculum directors from public school systems in the East Bay is intended to replace the textbook-based science programs in elementary classrooms with an innovative and integrated kit-based science curriculum. The K.I.T.E.S. project "will ultimately break the pattern of our elementary teachers avoiding the teaching of science or relying solely on textbooks for instruction."

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McVays will sail into retirement

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A Rhode Island College husband and wife team, who have enjoyed sailing together for a number of years, share a number of other experiences, including retirement.

For instance, Kenneth and Ruth McVay both attended the old Cranston High School although two years apart; both attended RIC starting in 1977, Ken as a senior finishing up his bachelor's degree, Ruth as a freshman; both went on to complete master's degrees at RIC, and both have worked at the College, Ruth currently as administrative secretary to John Salesse, vice president for academic affairs, ("he's a wonderful boss") and Ken as a faculty member.

And both are calling it quits this spring after 11 years for Ruth and 14 for Ken.

Ken had officially retired in December, but has been teaching part-time for Project Graphics at the Center for Industrial Technology here and two regular classes. Ruth's
Across the ocean... teaching across the curriculum

RIC alumni receive Human Service Awards

Two Rhode Island College alumni recently received recipients of Human Service awards by the board of directors of Caritas and Corkery House, which provides treatment of adolescent substance abusers.

Kevin F. McKenna of Providence, who holds a degree in sociology, Class of '82, and Gregor Henderson of North Kingstown, with bachelor's (1974) and master's (1979) degrees from RIC, were honored at the annual dinner May 24.

McKenna was cited for his "hard work and dedication to the children of our state," Henderson for his work, dedication and care for the youngsters in treatment at Caritas House and many other youngsters in Pawtucket, where he was born and raised.

McKenna, who holds advance degrees from Worcester State College and New England School of Law, has worked with adolescents since 1963, serving as supervisor of the Key Program, a social worker and, later, juvenile probation counselor at the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

Henderson has been a tutor at Caritas House for the past 15 years, and has been working with children in Pawtucket's Jenkins Junior High School for the past 21 years. He served as a Special Olympics coach for eight years.

Alumni Association Golf Day reminder

The fifth annual Alumni Association Golf Day is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 25 at Cranston Country Club.

Call the Alumni Office at 401-456-8086 for details.

Correction

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the recent Report of Gifts for the 1994 Alumni Fund: Lori Burlington, Class of '65; Golden Anniversary Donors: Virginia Hill Murhy, Class of 1924.

Please forgive the error and accept once again our thanks for your support.

-Roberta Jalbert, Assistant Director of Development/Annual Giving Programs

A search for the artist within

Danish born, Paris transplant Erik Koch, noted for his 'colour poems' as he calls his decades-long series of miniatures exploring the infinite range of color and color relationships, will return to the Rhode Island College campus for the Second Summer Session July 5-August 11 to teach two art workshops.

Lovingly referred to as "A search for the artist within," the three-credit workshops will be in watercolor (Art 380-20) Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and in charcoal drawing, painting and color theory (Art 380-21) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon, both in the RIC Art Center.

This will mark the artist's fourth consecutive year teaching in the summer sessions. Students in Koch's workshops last summer larded the fact that a relatively small number of students had availed themselves of Koch's "totally different approach and perspective" which he brings to art and to the classroom.

So, for this summer's workshops art student Mrs. Andriana Tegu Contreras of Warwick, and Eric McLaughlin of Wakefield, a former student at RIC who had taken one of Koch's classes here in 1977 and who is now a professional artist himself, have formed a mini-fan club to promote Koch's return to the campus.

And they have the moral support of RIC art professor Hamid E. Brison, who has known Koch for nearly a dozen years, stemming from her late husband's friendship with the contemporary artist. Both had studied together with the noted Hans Hofmann in New York and Provincetown in 1955.

"His workshops offer a unique opportunity for the student to learn and expand his or her horizons," she says, "as to and address the artist within each of us," adds Andriana. Brison suggests those interested in either of the workshops register as soon as possible by calling the RIC art department at (401) 456-8804 or through the standard telephone registration at (401) 456-8800 (registration dates for Summer Session II is June 30-July 6).

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DIGGIN' IN: Two students, Rosemarie Cabral (left) and Christie Costa, and 23 other third graders at the Orio Avenue Elementary School in East Providence, with their teacher, Judy Antonio, dig for worms in the courtyard of their school building. The outdoor lesson is part of the scientific inquiry method of teaching that will become a common occurrence for member schools in the East Bay Collaborative which will benefit from the $1.8 million National Science Foundation partnership grant with RIC. Antonio initiated the earth worm lesson using her own creative talents to organize her classroom's kit.

MacGregor Kniseley, RIC associate professor of elementary education and author of the NSF grant proposal, shows President John Nazarian a resource guide of one of the K.I.T.E.S. Project: Kits in Teaching Elementary Science that will be made available to about 12,000 students in the 50 participating elementary schools in the East Bay Collaborative. The project is based on a collaborative effort to achieve systemic educational reform in the way science is taught in the elementary schools. It was initiated on the fact that elementary children learn about science when they have early exposure to hands-on materials and when they are involved in an inquiry-based way of learning, according to the proposal. The teaching methods and learning outcomes of K.I.T.E.S. address national science education standards.

"This award is not only a teacher development initiative, it is also an engine for systemic change," according to Kowalczyk. "It will cause institutions such as the state Department of Education, school committees and local finance boards to re-think their priorities. Ultimately, the support of all these institutions will be necessary to fulfill the intent and the promise of this unique opportunity."

The award will cover the cost of professional development of teachers working side-by-side with science educators, scientists, and engineers. In addition, resource specialists, materials supply systems manager, and support staff will be hired.

The "kits" are actually 30-gallon storage totes filled with materials for hands-on, inquiry-based science. Some of the kit topics are life cycle of butterflies, food chemistry, floating and sinking, measuring time, magnets and motors and microworlds. Each kit is grade-level appropriate, with instructional materials for teachers and other printed information for students.

The eight Collaborative schools will require 1276 kits at a cost of about $475 each. The expense of the kits are not covered by the NSF funding. Development efforts including fund-raising within the business and corporate community is planned, along with writing grants. In-kind funding from RIC is $334,000. The eight-school district Collaborative will provide $2.5 million and $796,000 is expected to come from the private sector, according to Kowalczyk.

The East Bay Educational Collaborative was started five years ago in an effort to merge educational services and resources. Among its purposes is to explore opportunities for cooperative programs and to share and coordinate resources of the member districts. The superintendents of the various school systems act as the Board of Directors.

Calling the partnership "a great example of what communities, educational institutions and businesses can accomplish by forging collaboratives," RIC President John Nazarian said, "this cooperative Project between the schools systems in the East Bay and the College is something we look forward to building upon in the future."
RIC adjunct professor—Pride. The organization is a support, education, advocacy and educational

WENDY BECKER

Workshop on school violence prevention slated

A summer workshop on the prevention of school violence will be offered again this summer at Rhode Island College as a three-credit graduate-level course from July 5-27.

The workshop is designed to promote problem-solving among general and special education pre-school, elementary and secondary level teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, school social workers and others, according to Steve C. Imber, professor of special education.

“Participants will have an opportunity to explore such topics as building security, peer mediation, suspension, expulsion, gun control (through videos) and cooperative problem-solving,” adds Imber.

He and John Caparco, principal of the Woonsocket High School, will present the workshop Mondays through Thursdays from 2-4:30 p.m. under Special Education 480-20.

The workshop will feature several guest speakers, including Atty. Gen. Jeffrey Pine; Lt. John Reis, a specialist with the Providence Police Department, and John A. Abbate of the Rhode Island Training School.

Last month Imber gave a presentation on school violence prevention at the 15th Young Adult Institute on Learning Disabilities in New York City. He observed that violence prevention workshops are “beginning to be featured” across the country.

At last summer’s workshop at RIC a SWAT team from the Woonsocket Police Department gave a demonstration of its techniques for participants.

Those interested in the workshop may call Professor Imber for more information, including cost and registration, at 456-8024.
Graduate student from China combines traditional art with computer graphics

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Chinese master-of-arts student has, he feels, successfully bridged the gap between eastern and western cultures by combining his art with the computer.

Xiao Zhou (pronounced "Show Joe") of Nanking has learned to combine his strong eastern cultural and artistic traditions with western design ideas and technology.

"As a result of his cultural fusion," observes Dennis O'Malley, director of Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery, "he has developed a unique special artistic design style."

The highlights of his work were displayed in the May graduate exhibition at Bannister Gallery and drew many new admirers. The work displayed concerned itself with the language and culture of China, and how it can be related to, as well as synthesized with western forms of communication.

Having become interested in visual art at the age of 13, the traditional colorful culture of China greatly influenced him. He studied both traditional painting (specializing in depicting flowers and birds) and Chinese graphic design. Then, three years ago, Zhou came to the United States with a dream — to become a successful professional graphic designer.

Upon completion of two more courses — which he expects to do in the fall semester — he will have successfully completed his master's degree requirements. By then, says hopefully, he will have landed a career job in his adoptive land.

Zhou graduated from Nanking Art College in China in 1987 and worked as an art editor of a Nanking University publication.

He resides in Providence with his wife, WuHung Zhang, whom he married in China prior to coming to this country. She is a chemical engineer but is not working in her field here. Zhou's parents and a brother still live in Nanking, a family and city he misses very much.

 Asked what, specifically, brought him to Rhode Island College, he explains that he has a cousin who attended RIC and spoke highly of the school.

At RIC June 26 —

Peace, love and healing with Dr. Bernie Siegel

Dr. Bernie Siegel, renowned surgeon, lecturer and best-selling author, will speak at Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall auditorium on Monday, June 26, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the principles which uplift not only people wanting to conquer cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, but those wanting to beat stress, depression, exhaustion, or just plain unhappiness.

He will demonstrate how nerve fibers, the immune system and hormones can be controlled by the mind.

"What makes Dr. Siegel both famous and unique," says Prov- idence's Learning Connection, sponsors of the talk, "is his ability to transmit to an enraptured audience the incredible power of welding medici ne to the mind: proof that hope, self-love, forgiveness and the will to live play a crucial role in healing and maintaining good health."

To attend, you may register at the Learning Connection at 201 Wayland Ave. or call 274-9330. Attendance fee is $34.

You may use VISA or Mastercard to pay.

The McVays
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last day on the job will be June 23.

Then, watch out Dennis Conner (of America's Cup fame) because the McVays are headed for the high seas!

A sailing family

"My father was a sea captain," relates Ken, "and as far back as I can remember they (the men in his family) were all sea captains.

Ken started sailing at age 5 and "grew up sailing."

After a 30-year career in the Marine Corps he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel during which he saw action in Korea (he was wounded twice for which he received two Purple Hearts plus a Bronze Star and Vietnam, the McVays relocated to Boston in 1976 from San Diego, Calif., and he started up "a summer business" of a sailing school with his brother, Dr. Ernest McVay.

The McVays are headed for the high seas!" spending their summers sailing either on their own 35-foot C- and C-sloop to Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk and Block Island, or in the Caribbean aboard Ken's brother's boat.

The McVays have three grown children, Marilyn Mathison, who just got married in San Diego; Michael of Encinitas, Calif., and Mark RIC Class of '88, of Swansea, Mass., and five grandchildren.

Their immediate family, following the family tradition of going down to the sea in ships, saw their oldest son attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis while the youngest served as an alternate crew member on the America's Cup Challenger, with Dennis Conner.

In retirement they'll sail

And what plans do they have that they'll no longer be working on a regular basis, they responded: "We'll sail of course."

First of all, they plan to travel to Alaska with RIC colleague Lenore D. Collins and head to Vancouver and then boarding a cruise ship.

A January trip may find them headed to the Panama Canal.

And Ken has started up a new business with his nephew, who is a harbor pilot, adjusting boat compasses.

While he's doing that, Ruth will again take up tap dancing lessons and continue singing in both her church choir and in the Portsmouth group called the Strays.

When not sailing, their home "port" will be the 45-foot ocean-going vessel with its panoramic view of the bay.

Speaking for both of them, Ruth says that they are "looking forward to retirement, but we'll miss the people.
Student nurses honored

Rhode Island College students of nursing were recently inducted into the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society of nursing. The students and their hometowns are:

- Darleen Alves of Charlestown;
- Ronita M. Appish, Maria D. Brown, Janet M. Meurignian all of Providence; Shannon Brockman of Central Falls; Frances Carratuoro, Jane A. Chapman, Mary Beth Curtis and Jane E. Demirjian all of Cranston.
- Colleen F. Clavin and Linda M. Masse both of East Providence; Irene M. Croft of West Warwick; Jeannie M. Dodd of Putnam, CT; Jennifer Lynn Estrella of Pawtucket; Kimberly A. Ferreira of Attleboro; Tammy Simmons of Barrington.
- Also, Michael A. Hesse of South Attleboro, MA; Colleen M. Johns of Narragansett; Mary K. Larochelle of Harrisville; Linda Lavoie-Whitaker and Sanders S. Mello both of Bristol; Lisa J. Letourneau of So. Attleboro, MA.; Christina Marrin of Foxboro, MA.
- And, Patricia A. McKeel of Cumberland; Sandra L. Nastarti of Deerfield Beach, FL; Diane Oppert of East Killingly, CT; Donna L. Page and Elizabeth Ann Sparks both of Warwick; Kathleen S. Petzold of Wyoming; Colleen Podraza of Attleboro, MA; Colleen F. Clavin and Linda M. Masse of Barrington.
- And, Vicki J. Ray of Saunderstown, Janice L. Russell of East Greenwich; Lorraine E. St. Armand of Tiverton; Keri A. Setera of Lincoln; Sharon Slowe of Somerset, MA; Margaret Lee Swanson of Portsmouth; and Lisa A. Valerio of Cranston.

Grades advance more responsibility in today's managed health care system

by Cynthia DeMaio

What's News Student Writer

The biggest challenge facing graduating nurses is the complexity of care they will provide once they begin work, says Patricia Thomas, chair of the nursing department at Rhode Island College.

"Today's nurses need to identify and assess the patient's acute nursing needs and implement them while the patient is in the hospital. They then plan for care after discharge," Thomas says. Because they average hospital stay is significantly shorter than it was five years ago, nurses "take admission and discharge data almost simultaneously," Thomas says.

In the era before skyrocketing health care costs, if a person became sick, he or she would see their doctor. The physician would decide on the treatment and would bill the insurance company. This is what is now called "retrospective reimbursement."

However, as the population increased, the cost of health care escalated. In the 1980s, the Medicare system adopted a "prospective" approach to reimbursement. Instead of the doctor deciding how long a patient would be hospitalized, the third party payer would specify the types of treatment and length of stay it would cover.

The third party (typically either the federal government or an insurance company) would write a schedule of every possible illness and set prices according to a person's age and diagnosis, Thomas says.

The prospective reimbursement model was applied to Medicare in the 1980s and Medicaid in the early 1990s. The anticipated approach was then carried into other health care areas, and is now the norm for people covered under plans, Thomas says.

While insurance companies are able to contain costs by stipulating hospital stays, many patients are sent home to recover, but even this is tightly managed, Thomas says.

"For example, if you had a gall bladder operation, you would get authorization for a visit from the nurse after your release. During that visit, she would teach you how to care for your wound," Thomas says. "However, if you had a complicating condition such as diabetes, your doctor could argue for two to three home visits."

The managed care system places more responsibility on the patient to participate in their health care, Thomas says. "It also adds to the responsibility of nurses who must teach clients about health care.

Another result of "managed care" is the need for nurses to have a combination of cognitive and management skills, Thomas says. "The nurse must identify the patient's needs both at the hospital and when he/she returns home. She must plan for patient care over the whole spectrum of admission, discharge and home recovery," Thomas says. (Thomas notes that while physicians treat the 'cellular changes' of the ill and prescribe medication, it is the nurse who recommends follow-up care to patients and family members.)

Nurses also delegate patient care. "Management duties include coordinating care with other hospital workers such as laboratory technicians, nursing assistants and members of the X-ray department. It is in the four-year program that future nurses learn these skills, Thomas says.

The school's nursing department is up for reaccreditation this year, but Thomas says she is confident about the outcome. "We have been accredited since we were first eligible in the mid-1970s," she says.

During this round of reaccreditation, the department received "excellent support from the administration" in preparing for the upcoming visit from the National League for Nursing. For example, the College provided the necessary computer hardware to document the department's compliance with a 25-point criteria to reaccreditation.

RIC is one of three public institutions of higher education in the state offering a nursing diploma. In response to the question of duplication, Thomas answers that each school attracts students from different demographic backgrounds and provides different types of degrees.

"The Community College of Rhode Island attracts and prepares one kind of nurse: someone with strong technical skills. (CCRI graduates are registered nurses who have an associate degree.) RIC nurses, who receive a bachelor's degree, are ready to supervise and delegate the care of patients," Thomas says. "The University of Rhode Island offers several degrees: a bachelors', masters' or Ph.D. diploma. As for demographics, "among those URI targets are out-of-state students, while RIC is a metropolitan area school," Thomas says. "I've heard it said that RIC is a college of opportunity, but aren't all of our state schools? There is a very large diversity in this state and each school responds to the needs of various segments of the state's population," Thomas says.
New building impressive backdrop for Commencement 1995

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141 years the gateway to Rhode Islanders to earn a college degree.

Addressing the graduate students, Judith K. Sweeney, a RIC alumna, who has been recognized internationally for her work in education, said her students have been her legacy in the 23 years she has been teaching.

"I am a teacher — one of the things of which I am most proud. And it is here that I learned to be a teacher," she said.

She told the graduate students that "each one of us, despite the odds, has an opportunity to make a difference.

"Setting your goals is extremely important. Remember, this is a beginning for you. Take risks, have courage and never lose sight of who you truly are.

"Think clearly, act decisively and always find wonder in the world," she exhorted Sweeney who was given an honorary degree.

World renowned geographer Harm J. de Blij gave the keynote address at the Saturday commencement for undergraduates.

A special correspondent for Good Morning, America, de Blij brought a "global perspective to the proceedings, reminding the new graduates that "there are people in Africa, China and India who would give their right arm to be in your place today."

Citing the recent bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma, de Blij said 1995 "is not only important to you because you are graduating, but it may be critical for it may mark the loss of innocence in the United States."

The individual can do more to effect change in the United States than "anywhere else on the globe," he said.

He urged the student to be activism in life, not merely to do what they must to survive in their professions.

The Golden Anniversary Class of 1945 was on hand and received a prolonged standing ovation by the graduating seniors. Representing the class was Rae K. O'Neill, who reported that the class would donate $10,000 to support the Ridgway F. Shinn Study Abroad Fund.

She recalled that only 59 students were awarded bachelor's degrees in 1945, since half the class was drafted or dropped out of school in the war effort. More than a dozen of O'Neill's classmates were on hand for the ceremonies.

Receiving honorary degrees besides Sweeney and de Blij were Willy Reeks, an artist of international repute who is a native of Rhode Island, having grown up as a ward of the state in the Children's Center adjacent to the College; Eugene E. Lee, scenic designer for Trinity Repertory Company for more than 25 years and an internationally recognized scenic designer; and the late Sister Carol McGovern, a tireless advocate for the poor, who was executive director of Amos House when she died of cancer April 5 at the age of 53.

Her brother, James, accepted the degree for her.

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci brought the greetings of the City of Providence as did G. Richard Fossa for the town of North Providence at the Thursday ceremonies.

"It takes a special person to go forward, to make the sacrifice. You didn't do it alone. Let's give a big round of applause to your parents, guardians and friends," Cianci urged the graduate students.

"Stay in touch with each other and your college," said Cianci, "and when they call on you, give them your help."

Student speakers for each of the graduating groups were Ruth C. DiStefano for the graduates, and Mark D. Bradbury, president of the Class of 1995.

Among the other speakers was John J. Gleason, who made his last commencement appearance as chairman of the Council of RIC.

He reminded the graduates that "education is our ideal. It is the hope of our state and nation. Best wishes and good cheer."
Summer happenin's at Rhode Island College

SPRUCING UP: Recent RIC grad Jin Kye scrapes a door in Thorp Hall as part of the redecoration of the residence halls.

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

W ith commencement a fading but cherished memory, it's business as usual at Rhode Island College this summer.

Although the Taft Seminar, a seminar in government policy for teachers, has been canceled nationally this summer for lack of funds and for the first time won't be held here at the College, several programs and events are scheduled to take place.

Over 3,400 students are enrolled in over 480 Summer Sessions I and II courses. From accounting to writing, a wide selection of undergraduate and graduate courses are being offered.

Biology 105, Basic Principles of Biology, is the first course offered in the recent partnership between RIC and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Special summer offerings include workshops in France and London, a workshop at sea, a workshop on preventing school violence (see page 5) and others. Summer Session II runs from July 5 to Aug. 11. Thursday, July 6 is the last day to register for Session II courses.

RIC's residence halls are available to students who wish to stay in them this summer until Aug. 12. The daily rate is $16; the weekly rate is $80. Linens are available at extra charge.

Thorp Hall, which was closed for renovations, is scheduled to reopen in September while Webber Hall will close then for improvements.

Summer 1995 marks the 29th year of the Preparatory Enrollment Bound Program. This program helps improve their academic skills, successfully complete high school, and upon graduation, become enrolled in a challenging six-week residential program which focuses on the academic and personal development of each student.

Students attend classes in mathematics, science, English, study skills, oral communication, engage in counseling sessions with Upward Bound staff, and participate in athletic activities and weekly social and cultural program.

Eighty-seven students are enrolled in the program which will be from June 18 to July 28.

Orientation 1995 is being organized by the Office of Academic Support and Information Services for the month of July.

Approximately 1,000 freshmen will take part in the orientation program which consists of a two-day summer program on campus conducted by peer counselors to provide the students with academic advisement and an introduction to college life.

The Recreation Center is open during the summer Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

The facility includes a two-lane, 25 yard "L" shaped heated swimming pool; a four-lane, 1/10 mile indoor track; three multiple-playing courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis; a 15-station Eagle Cybex weight-training area; and full locker room facilities for men and women with saunas and steam rooms.

Aerobic exercise programs (both on land and in the pool) for beginners and the more experienced are offered regularly and an eight-week (June 22-Aug. 10) yoga instructional program is being offered for individuals who have previously completed instruction in Hatha Yoga. This program will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. for a fee of $35 for students and Recreation Center members; $45 for all others.

In addition, five-week beginner tennis programs will be offered and a two-week instructional basketball clinic starting Aug. 1 for boys and girls ages eight to 14 will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Several swimming instruction programs are also scheduled including "Swimming for the Terrified," and adult beginner and intermediate classes, pre-school swimming instruction, and child classes in water exploration and stroke development.

At a few special programs will be offered this summer. They include snorkeling, inner-tube water polo, a water running workshop and a water volleyball night.

For information on programs and membership fees, call 401-456-8400.

Nearly 400 years of service retires

This year's retirees whose years of service to the College adds up to nearly 400 years attended the Commencement Gala on May 19 in the Donovan Dining Center. Those attending the Gala gather for a photo with President John Nazarian who, upon the retirement of Prof. Chet Smolksi, becomes the most senior faculty member, with 41 years of service to RIC. They are (front row) Ruth McCay, academic affairs; Lorraine L. Heureux, office services; Pres. Nazarian; Anita Alierio, office services; (second row) I . r.) Prof. Frances Benson, nursing and Elsa Spagnolo, modern languages; (third row I to r) Dr. J. Janella Greiner, English & ed. studies; Prof. Chester Smolksi, anthropology/geography; Dr. Carl Stenberg, English; Prof. Kenneth McCay, industrial technology; Prof. Elaine Perry, theatre; and Vaugh Bajakian, custodial services.
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Some Henry Barnard School kids went on a safari of sorts recently.

Maybe the best way to describe it is a “safari of the mind” since they didn’t leave Little Rhody, or Barnard School on the Rhode Island College campus for that matter.

What they did do is enter for the first time the statewide competition of the Odyssey-of-the-Mind worldwide program, competition made possible by the Barnard PTA which bought for them the program package of instructions, rules, etc.

Now in its third year in Rhode Island and 16th worldwide, the program seeks to encourage students to think creatively by looking at a problem and seeing a challenge instead of an obstacle.

“While the program fosters independent thinking,” explains Barnard parent Karen Ostrowsky of Warwick, “the kids also learn the true elements of team work like assuming responsibility and accepting the ideas of others — lessons to be used throughout life.”

Seven students in Jane D. Malone’s sixth grade class worked on the “Scientific Safari” project whereby they had to build a safari vehicle with two sources of power (in their case, battery and human).

One of the student’s fathers, Phil Parsons, gave the vehicle project a boost, retrieving several old bicycles from a junk pile which the kids disassembled for their various parts.

Then Phil donated an old motor which he took off a farm tractor as well as a battery which came from his antique M.G. sports car.

Other parents pitched in as well, for instance, to teach the kids how to wire the vehicle and other helpful tips that would make it operative.

With the safari vehicle ready to roll, the students then had to maneuver it in a regulated (and fairly small) space, which was mapped out to specification in advance according to the Odyssey-of-the-Mind program, tag six “animals” (stand-up cardboard cutouts) and relocate them to a relocation area, take six injured “animals” to the hospital and two poachers to jail.

Additionally, they had to come up with a new species of animal (which is harder to do than you might think) and, as if all that weren’t enough, they had to tie it all in to the theme of saving the environment. Pheeww!

When did they manage to do all this, you might ask.

“On weekends over a four-month period and one afternoon during each week,” says Ostrowsky, whose twin son, Louis, was part of the team.

“And the kids did very very well on a difficult project,” she assures.

Ostrowsky coached the project team as did Debi Gordon, also of Warwick, whose son, Brian, also participated.

Other students on the HBS team were Matthew Parsons of Johnston, Eric Harrison and Justin Benttinen, both of North Providence, Jeremy Forsyth of North Smithfield and Elyssa Monzack of Warwick.

Did we mention that the team was in some pretty stiff competition with other teams from around the state in their division? Well, they were.

“Other teams came from Wheeler School, Community Prep, Rocky Hill, Winnman, Jamestown, Wickford Middle and LaSalle Academy. LaSalle Academy! That’s a high school. You mean the Barnard kids had to compete with high school students?”

Yep. Ostrowsky explains that the teams in a given division went by age rather than grade which meant that you could have a 9th grader in your division.

“The state competition was held April 8 at East Greenwich High School where Congressman Jack Reed kicked-off the program.

The Henry Barnard kids gave it their best shot as could be expected, but they didn’t bag enough of the judges to come up with a winning score — this time, so they couldn’t go to the world finals in Knoxville, Tenn., May 22-27 where 5,000 other creative achievers from around the globe gathered.

It was generally agreed, however, that the whole thing was very worthwhile as a learning experience for the Barnard team.

And, just wait ‘til next year!
Rhode Island College Foundation
Sixth Annual

Golf Day
Monday, July 24, 1995

Overlooking Narragansett Bay

Quidnessett Country Club
North Kingstown, R.I.

Golf Day Registration Form

Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________
Address: __________________________

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

Registration deadline: Since we are limiting enrollment to the first 30 foursomes, please register - including payment in full by July 17th (early registration is encouraged.)

Yes! I want to become a special Sponsor of the 1995 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 and Golf Day dinner for two)
- $1,500 Annual Golf Day Sponsor (program listing, advertisement and complimentary foursome)

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

Schedule:
11:30 a.m. Buffet lunch and Check-in
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:00 p.m. Cash bar & Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Prizes

We encourage you to register early - bring your own foursome or we will be happy to arrange one for you. If you have any questions please 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.

Also we encourage you to provide your financial support by giving a tax-deductible contribution in one of the several Sponsor categories (see registration form).
RIC Theatre tickets for next season now available

Subscriptions are now being taken for the 1995-96 Rhode Island College Theatre season which begins in October with Lillian Hellman's first play, The Children's Hour, and concludes with the musical 42nd Street in April.

Other productions by the student company are Molière's Tartuffe as translated by Richard Wilbur Nov. 9-12; Biederman and the Firebugs by Max Frisch Feb. 15-18, and the annual Spring Dance Concert Feb. 28-March 3.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays, all in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Season subscription is $40 ($54 if bought separately) and are filled first in order of receipt. Renewal subscriptions are due by Sept. 1 to retain current seating arrangements; new subscriptions by Sept. 15.

Write RIC Theatre or call 456-8060 for subscription forms.

Hellman's The Children's Hour, which runs from Oct. 5-8, is a play about two old friends who have ruined by a monstrous child's lie about their "unnatural" relationship.

Written in 1934, it remains a strong, vital gripping drama, says Cue magazine.

Molière, the greatest comic dramatist of France, was at the height of his popularity when he wrote Tartuffe over 300 years ago. The play presents a mordantly devastating picture of a cunning man who professes a puritanical kind of piety while actually being a lecher, cheat, thief, liar, fraud, and ungrateful wrecker of his benefactor's family.

Despite Molière's position of being a great favorite of King Louis XIV, the upstart comedy by the play on the first produced before the royal court in 1664 was formidably. The Queen Mother exacted a promise that the play would never be shown again.

Biederman and the Firebugs, produced in 1958, was inspired by the Communist overthrow of the democratic Czechoslovakian government.

It allegorizes good-natured citizens' terrorizing with evil and thus inviting catastrophe.

42nd Street, running from April 17-21, has music by Harry Warren and lyrics by Al Dubin. It is based on the novel by Bradford Richards.

Rhode Island College college graduate Susan Moniz, Class of '85, is on her way to New York City to join the Broadway revival of the musical Grease in the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

She performed June 19 in the role of Sandy, playing opposite John Secada, who plays Danny, for a six-month stint.

Moniz has recently won rave reviews in the Chicago press for her leading role in the revival of Evita.

For ticket information, Moniz advises you check the New York Times theatre pages or call the Eugene O'Neill Theatre box office at (212) 239-6200.

Free aerospace education workshops conducted at RIC

Aerospace Education Workshops conducted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)/Goddard Space Flight Center will be conducted at Rhode Island College July 10-14.

On Monday and Tuesday, July 10 and 11, Gloria Clarke will conduct "Living-In-Space." A native of Washington, D.C., Clarke received her B.S. from Troy State University. She is currently pursuing a M.S. in aerospace education at Oklahoma State University.

Before joining the NASA, Clarke taught physics, chemistry and biology at Eastern Senior High School in Washington and worked as an adjunct instructor at George Washington and Georgetown Universities.

Since joining the NASA she has served as a moderator in the video conference series "The Gee in Microgravity," broadcasting live from Oklahoma State University. Having completed three test flights on its microgravity training plane, she now has experienced apparent weightlessness as the astronauts do in space.

In her workshop, participants will take part in activities which will help explain vital lung capacity, investigate the effects of microgravity and the condition of weightlessness; explore the challenge of spatial suit mobility; and utilize critical thinking analysis, and other skills to complete problem solving activities in a series of cooperative learning activities and other activities as time permits.

A NASA aerospace specialist Vernon C. Smith will conduct "Astronomy" on Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14.

A native of southwestern Pennsylvania, Smith received his bachelor's and master's degrees from California University of Pennsylvania. He is currently working on his doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

For 10 years he taught physics, mathematics and computer science at the high school level.

His workshop will focus on a demonstration of scan line images; digital visualization; building a solar tracker and an exploration of NASA's astronomical research and educational resources.

In both workshops, materials will be distributed that are appropriate for use in an elementary classroom.

Both workshops are free and will be held in the RIC's Central campus' Center for Advanced Learning. Interested participants may sign up for the workshops through RIC professor of elementary education Ellen O'Neill, at 401-456-8016 or 401-246-1633.

Dr. Noreen M. Coachman, M.D., a Rhode Island oncologist who has served as a role model while doing extensive volunteer work for the Rhode Island College Upward Bound Program, told the 41 graduates of the 29th annual graduating class June 8 of her own experiences as a struggling student and the decisions she faced, and assured them they, too, would face difficult crossroads.

Addressing the graduates in the Donavan Dining Center, Dr. Coachman urged them to "work hard, have a good time, ask for help and guidance from your God, and to this own self be true."

President John Nazarian — introduced as "always a strong advocate of the Upward Bound program" — reminded the class that he had challenged them to make a commitment to succeed when they began the program.

"I'm pleased to learn you accepted the challenge," said the president, "...and will soon join Upward Bound alumni who have brought honor to the program, their families, and themselves."

All of the graduates, reports Maria Z. Boyajian, Upward Bound program director, have been accepted to various colleges and universities throughout the country.

Upward Bound is the federal-RIC sponsored program which provides access to institutions to students from low-income families, who will be the first in their families to attend a four-year college, are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and are not over 19 years of age.

It serves high school youngsters in six targeted inner-city schools and helps them improve their academic skills so that they may successfully complete high school and, upon graduation, gain acceptance in colleges or universities throughout the country.

Upward Bound graduates 41; all headed to college

RIC grad Susan Moniz in 'Grease'

Upward Bound Scholarships of $1,000 and $500 respectively are being awarded to Brenda Nimoh and Jandira Ramos. Nimoh will attend Georgetown University and Jandira Ramos will attend the University of Rhode Island.

Winners of the Target School System Scholarships ($250 each) went to the following high school seniors who have the highest academic average for their respective schools: Lillian M. Gutierrez, salutatorian of her Central Fall High School class, who will attend the University of Rhode Island; James A. Forcier of East Providence High, who will attend the University of Connecticut; Janilda F. Ramos of Shea in Pawtucket, who will attend Brown University, and Dioseli Vasques, who is valedictorian of her class at Hope High and who will attend Brown.

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HAPPY SCHOLARS: Recipients of this year's Upward Bound Alumni Scholarships of $1,000 and $500 respectively are (l and r center) Brenda Nimoh and Jandira Ramos. Nimoh will attend Georgetown University to study child psychology while Ramos will enter the premed program at Brown University. At far right is Claudia Mollen, chairperson of the Upward Bound scholarship committee and Upward Bound graduate of the Class of 1982. At far left is Mariam Boyajian, director of Upward Bound. Graduation exercises were held June 8 in Donovan Dining Center. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
State education leaders and long-time public servants of the caliber of Henry J. Nardone, Eleanor McMahon, Mary M. Juskalian and Tullio A. DeRobbio - all current officers of the Rhode Island College Foundation - make up the team that is leading the Rhode Island College Foundation in forward motion on behalf of the College, its students and faculty, and the state.

Founded in 1985, to "solicit, encourage, and receive gifts from private sources for the benefit of RIC, the Foundation is dedicated to providing a margin of excellence to an already fine College." Over the years, many people have worked hard to build the Foundation’s treasury and as of last week, Foundation assets were over $3.2 million. This year’s leadership team anticipates raising the total even higher.

Among activities this year, the Foundation held its successful gala honoring Lou Marciano, an active member and office-holder, and is readying for the sixth annual golf day scheduled for Monday, July 24, at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown. (see related story)

But hard work and leadership are the keys to success in any organization and this year’s Foundation officers mean business.

Nardone, of Westerly, who received an honorary degree from RIC in 1991 and his alma mater; the University of Rhode Island, two years later, is Foundation president.

Foundation Golf Day set

The Rhode Island College Foundation’s annual golf tournament has become so popular over the last five years that golfers “begin inquiring about the date long before it’s actually set.”

John Fitta, RIC assistant vice president for finance and College Controller, who organized the first tournament for the Foundation six years ago, and has continued as co-chair said, “it’s become an event that people really look forward to and ask about well in advance.”

This year’s Sixth Annual Golf Day is scheduled for Monday, July 24 at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown. The day begins with a buffet lunch and check-in at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1. At golfing, participants are invited to enjoy themselves with hors d’oeuvres and beverages at 6 and dinner at 7. Prizes and special recognitions will follow.

“The golf day has become the principal fundraiser for the Foundation,” according to Fitta, who added that over $50,000 has been raised thus far. This year’s goal is set at $15,000.

“As charitable golf fundraisers go, this is considered a quality day,” he said. Helping Fitta organize the day are co-chairs George Babcock, RIC Class of 1969 and vice president of Rhode Island Hand and Orthopaedic Center and Fran Montanaro, RIC Controller, who organized the first Foundation Golf tournament for the Foundation six years ago, and has continued as co-president.

McMahon, vice president of the Foundation, retired from Rhode Island College as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs when she became the first commissioner of higher education in 1982. Her advice and expertise is sought after not only from the education community but from a wide assortment of organizations. Among the leadership roles she has held are those of the Pawtucket resident holds with local groups including Valley Resources, Inc., Attleboro Pawtucket Savings Bank, Providence College and Providence Country Day School.

ART WORKS DONATED: Spencer Crooks (center), a renowned local artist and Rhode Island College supporter, stands behind a watercolor of the Whitehall Building in Greystone, one of five of Crooks’ works recently donated to the College by Citizens Bank. A recent thank you reception and viewing exhibition was held in Alumni Lounge. The paintings are renditions of Rhode Island scenes. They are now part of the growing art treasures owned by the RIC Foundation. (Left to right) Faye Sanders, Board of Governors for Higher Education member and senior vice president of Citizens Financial Group, President John Nazarian, Crooks, Donald Dolphin, vice president of Trust Investment for Citizens Bank and Hugo Bert, Foundation member and owner of Bert Gallery.