RIC Foundation announces officers and new corporation members

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

The Rhode Island College Foundation announced the slate of new officers and corporation members at the group's annual meeting held Jan. 23 in the Faculty Center. About 80 Foundation members attended the business/dinner meeting along with several College administrators and academic deans. Keynote speaker was Joseph Phelan, senior associate of InForm, an organization created to serve college and university foundations, and founding president of the University of New Hampshire Foundation. Phelan is also editor and contributing author of the forthcoming American Association of Governing Boards' handbook on the design and management of college and university foundations. Marguerite M. Brown, RIC director of development and executive director of the RIC Foundation is also a contributing author to the text: Elected to serve for the upcoming year are Henry Nardone of Westerly, president; Eleanor McMahon of Pawtucket, vice president; Mary Juskalian of Providence, secretary; Tullio A. DeRobbio of North Kingstown, treasurer, and John J. Fitta of Barrington, assistant treasurer.

New corporation members includes Steven Evangelista of Warwick, executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc. Evangelista received his undergraduate degree from Roger Williams University, and his masters degree from RIC in 1977 in education administration.

Also, Patricia Rose Maciel of Providence and Wakefield, who is coordinator of Annual Giving and Special Events for St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island. Maciel received her undergraduate degree in Providence and Wakefield, who is coordinator of Annual Giving and Special Events for St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island. Maciel received her undergraduate degree from Brown University, and her masters degree in education administration. She is the immediate past president of the RIC Alumni Association and a current member of the association's executive board. Frank Montanaro was also elected. Montanaro is a project manager at RIC and a member of the RIC House of Representatives from Cranston. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1984. He also received his masters degree from Rhode Island College in 1986.

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RIC Theatre to present 'Mother Courage' Feb. 15-18

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

T here are more than 37,500 living Rhode Island College alumni in 49 states and more than 20 foreign countries. Approximately 66 percent of the graduates live in Rhode Island. Still, finding them can sometimes be difficult. That," says Holly L. Shadoian, director of Alumni Affairs, "is about to change." The RIC Alumni Office has contracted the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce an alumni directory, according to Shadoian, noting that this directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on RIC alumni ever compiled. The book will be arranged so that users can find graduates alphabetically, by class year or by geographic residence. Women will be cross-referenced by maiden and married names. Shadoian is particularly excited about the career networking section of the book. The book will contain "Past

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The Way We Were...

This year in What's News you'll be able to revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from the past — the College's past, whether the current era (Rhode Island College) or past era (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite your contribution of old photos, along with sufficient information about each such as who's in the photo and what they are doing, the year it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we'll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.

CLASSMATES: Ms. C. Alberta Hazard of Cumberland sends us this photo of eight members of the Class of '34, taken on the grounds of the Rhode Island College of Education in downtown Providence. First row: (l to r) Eleanor Fitzpatrick, Loretta Cornellier, C. Alberta Hazard, and Mary C. Coyle. Second row: (l to r) Veronica Creighton, Mary C. Burns, Mary Gallogly, and Peggy Keough.

The Rhode Island College Foundation

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We are inviting you to "Take A Seat"! Your tax deductible donation of $250 will entitle you to a personalized recognition plate on one of the chairs to be installed in Gaige Auditorium.

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Interning with P-Bruins was ‘a good opportunity’ for RIC junior

If you’ve played sports most of your young life and have studied in college to be an athletic trainer, what better way to enhance your resume and assure success than to intern with a professional sports team? Scott R. Weber of Smithfield, a Rhode Island College junior physical education major, recently completed a semester’s internship with the Providence Bruins hockey team, the minor league back-up team for the Boston Bruins much like the Pawtucket Red Sox are for the Boston Red Sox.

Top professional players are routinely shuffled back and forth between the two teams as injuries occur or someone goes into a slump or, on the other hand, shows increased potential, thus going from the Providence to the Boston team instead of the other way around.

Paul Roberti (Class of 1995) was the first P-Bruins intern from RIC last spring. Weber says — with a detectable glow of admiration — that Roberti has since graduated and is in Florida where he is a trainer and phys ed high school instructor, something Weber would be happy to do.

Asked how he got the internship with the P-Bruins, Weber explains that the team takes one intern in each semester, with RIC getting the fall internship this academic year and the University of Rhode Island the one in spring. His internship ran from mid-September to early December.

Kathleen M. Laquale, RIC’s Ph.D. athletic therapist, had nominated him for the job for which, indicates Weber, he will be eternally grateful.

Working with P-Bruins

Working with the P-Bruins’ one full-time trainer, Weber would report to the Providence Civic Center every morning before classes began and “get things ready for treatments” such as hot packs, electronic muscle stimulation or ultra-sound.

His courses at RIC — like anatomy and physiology — more prepared him for the job. By 9 a.m. he would have to leave to attend classes but would return in the afternoon to continue.

“Game days were long,” says Weber with the treatment of five or six players prior to practice then, maybe, one or two more after practice. Treatment might just be the application of ice packs, he explains.

During a game, if a man got injured and needed a doctor, it was up to Weber to locate the doctor in the stands. If the player was badly cut and needed stitches, Weber would assist the doctor in providing them.

“After a game you might have to take a man to the hospital (or during the game for that matter) and get back for the bus leaving for the next day’s game,” relates Weber.

He says he usually went on trips with the team, including a few overnight stays. When not traveling with the team he would get home on game nights or any where from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Unpaid, the internship, nevertheless, paid off in experience “and you rack up hours for certification as a trainer.”

Need 1,500 hours

You need 1,500 hours of work performance (experience) to get certified. Weber already has about 1,000, some 600 he gained by his P-Bruins’ internship alone.

His internship was “definitely a good opportunity” and, he adds, “it paid off in experience and you rack up hours for certification as a trainer.”

As Weber sees it, the P-Bruins’ internship was “definitely a good opportunity” and, he adds, “it looks good on a resume.”

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

by Tom Meedel
Department of Biology, Fegarty Life Science Building 247. Any questions, call Meedel at Ext. 9705.

SOS luncheon for new students

Slightly Older Students (SOS) will hold a luncheon for new eligible students Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the South Dining Room in Donovan Dining Center. Sign up for the luncheon in the S.O.S. office on the lower Donner. This is an informal luncheon to introduce interested nontraditional students to the services and resources SOS provides.

Faculty Research Grant Deadline

The deadline for receipt of Faculty Research Grant proposals for 1996/97 is 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16.

Seven copies, collated and stapled, must be submitted to Tom Meedel, Department of Biology, Fegarty Life Science Building 247. Any questions, call Meedel at Ext. 9705.
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NEW MEMBERS of the Rhode Island College Foundation are (front from left) Patricia Nazarian of Pawtucket, Class of 1982, former manager for Nessralla Enterprises (now retired); Patricia Ross Macel of Providence, Classes of 1976, "Alumna of the Year" in 1995, former director of the RIC Alumni Association; Mary Herley Nardone of Westerly, an active community volunteer and member of the Westerly Hospital Auxiliary; Patricia Tondreau of Lincoln, Class of 1963, president of Office 1000, Inc. and Creative Forms and Systems, Inc.; (rear from right) Stephen Evangelista of Warwick, Class of 1977, executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Robert Ricci of Saunderstown, former superintendent of schools in Providence and Quiney, Mass.; Walter Petrucci of Pawtucket, a retired businessman and director of public works in Pawtucket, and Frank Montanaro (not pictured), a state representative and project manager at RIC.

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Robert Ricci, interim superintendent, said that the next goal is a reality." A seasoned business woman, Executive Board members are poised to move the foundation toward our next target of $5 million, she said. "In this environment of budgetary constraints, the Foundation has an almost $100,000 in scholarship support from income generated by special events and designated endowment funds established by individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations.

The current trustees of the Foundation together with the Executive Board are poised to move the RIC Foundation toward our next target of $5 million, she said. "In this environment of budgetary constraints, the Foundation has an increasingly important role to play in providing support to the students and programs of the College. By working together, we can make this next goal a reality."

"Business needs change, and the business world changes," said Jules A. Cohen, assistant professor in the department of economics and management.

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Judy Roy helps create business efficiency —

Alumna is a ‘solutions provider’ via her own computer software company

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

A Rhode Island College alumna, who feels she is a “late bloomer,” nonetheless got into the computer revolution at its beginning after her graduation in 1974 and today is president and chief operating officer (CEO) of a successful private software development and marketing company.

Judy Roy runs Design Systems, Inc. in Smithfield, heading a management team of 18 programmers, sales and training personnel and business consultants in a modern compact office in the Smithfield Office Industrial Park off Route 205 and Route 7.

Taking over the firm in 1993 and transforming DSI from a local company selling computer software and hardware into an international software “solutions provider” dealing with manufacturing, financial and electronic commerce, the company grew in sales by 110 percent in the first year of operation, and expects growth of another 100 percent this year.

Described by Roy as primarily a software company — one of whose major markets is the jewelry industry — DSI provides an analysis of firms that engage them, which leads to an evaluation of their entire systems.

Then recommendations are made concerning the appropriate software needed to increase the firms’ efficiency — “a completely integrated package written in modern leading-edge language” — and sales made.

While DSI doesn’t advertise a lot, “we attend a lot of trade shows,” says Roy, all of which helps generate business.

DSI boasts of having 150 “institutions in fashion” alone as clients in the United States, Canada and Mexico with about 50 of these just in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Not always in computers

Roy was not always interested in computers.

In fact, while a student at RIC, she majored in English with minor studies in biology, and, generally, “took a variety of courses” but none of them involved computer science.

Nevertheless, she says, “I don’t know if I’d do anything differently if I went back to RIC now.”

Roy says companies are “operating really lean today” and look for people who are well-rounded in their education.

“Now you have to hit the ground running,” she assures, leaving to doubt if one can be self-taught as she was in computers and still expect success.

She feels RIC does provide a well-rounded education and “has a good computer science program.”

“I always go to RIC for entry-level people,” she says, adding that DSI currently employs a RIC graduate (Mirrah Blanco, Class of 1993) “who’s excellent.”

Tenacity did it

Roy says “tenacity” got her her first career job with the Monroe Division of Litton Industries in Providence, where she worked in the mid-1970s after a couple of make-do jobs she took after graduation.

“I got into computers when no one knew what computers were about. No one anticipated it would become the revolution it became,” says Roy.

Reflecting on that first job, she says, “I wore a pants suit when I reported to work and my employer said that was inappropriate. I didn’t wear pants then for years,” she confirms with a chuckle.

At Litton, Roy went from sales rep to sales manager in the firm’s Boston office and then to marketing manager of microcomputer products in its Morris Plains, N.J., office.

Then, it was a move to the NEC firm in Massachusetts where she introduced NEC’s first microcomputer in the U.S. via direct sales to Fortune 500 companies.

Around this time Roy took graduate courses in management, finance and information systems at Babson College while working full time.

She went on to become general manager of NKC’s Small Systems Distribution Center. From there it was onward and upward as Roy reached vice president status at ColorAge, Inc. in Billerica, Mass., before taking over DSI as president and CEO.

Today, exuding confidence and grace, Roy can and does walk into company board rooms filled with graduates from Ivy League business schools and more than holds her own.

“After you walk into these board rooms for the hundredth time, you get used to it,” she says.

Native Rhode Islander

A native Rhode Islander, Roy is a daughter of Raymond and Dora Roy of the Mt. Pleasant section of Providence. She has a younger brother and a younger and an older sister.

She is married to Donald Bockoven, a business manager, who has two children from a previous marriage. They make their home in Cumberland.

Concerning raising a family while pursuing a career, Roy says she thought that was something you couldn’t do.

“I don’t think the average working people can do it. Something’s got to give,” she says, quickly adding: “But, I give credit to women who can.”

Asked what her goals are at this point, Roy says that she wants to “build a healthy company, not necessarily make a pile of money.”

As for being a “late bloomer,” Roy says she does manage now to fit in more of the civic and volunteer work that she never got to earlier.

She pauses from behind her desk to reflect momentarily and then adds: “I want a good balanced life... to do all the things I didn’t do when starting out.”

And, you can bet, Judy Roy will do just that.

Mary M. Keeffe Award for Excellence in Biology awarded

CONGRATULATIONS: RIC junior Shazia Latif (left) receives the annual Mary M. Keeffe Award for Excellence in Biology from department chair Prof. Jerry Melaragno.

Named for the late Dr. Keeffe, who retired from the College after 25 years of teaching, the award requires a 3.5 GPA in biology studies and includes an engraved plaque and a check for $250.
Full-time students who attain a grade point average of 3.25 in any semester have their names placed on the Dean's List in recognition of their scholastic achievement. Congratulations to all!

For Cvornyek – Labor is the gift of labor

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 15, as part of Rhode Island College’s African-American History Month, an event honoring George Wiley, a native Rhode Islander who established the first National Welfare Rights organization in the country, will take place.

Robert L. Cvornyek, assistant professor of history and secondary education, will be there. His passion for human dignity, equal justice in the workplace and sense of community involvement give him no other choice. Never mind the fact that he is the event coordinator.

“Robert Cvornyek has been telling people the stories. And hoping that they understand so much in their lifetimes that explaining social injustice to them, for instance, is not necessary. They know it,” said Cvornyek.

Cvornyek, who received his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University in 1993, believes that RIC students really want to apply their education. “They have clear goals in mind and really want to make a difference.”

Cvornyek’s involvement with Youth Action stemmed from his interest and experience working with organized labor. In a one year program, Youth Action trains multicultural youth (ages 16 to 23) from across the state to become community organizers. The students attend classes on Saturdays for a semester then go out and intern in the field at agencies like Parents for Progress, a welfare rights organization.

Cvornyek feels the program is a good one. “It’s gratifying to see students want to give back to the community. They’re learning the skills of being good community organizers and recognizing that they are part of a long tradition of people trying to promote social justice and change.”

Youth Action focuses on four areas of community organization and activism: coalition building; grass roots organizing; labor organizing and electoral organizing. Students choose the area in which they would like to work. Placements have included labor unions, political campaigns, and other service organizations.

Cvornyek’s interest is in creating a coalition between labor and the community. “Labor, if it really wants to survive, must work more closely with communities,” he stated.

Cvornyek said he is proud to be a part of the Institute for Labor Studies and Research, an organization that focuses on education of working people and research.

He teaches courses through the institute and developed a course on occupational safety and health which he teaches. He pointed out that many immigrant groups in Rhode Island are still working under nasty conditions. “With so much emphasis on wages and benefits in the workplace, people underestimate the significance of humanity in the workplace. This course equips people with the knowledge to change conditions under which they work. Dignity in the workplace should be a fundament,” he said.

Cvornyek feels he was inspired to bring the outside world into the classroom by Robert Zangrando, a professor now retired, from the University of Akron from which Cvornyek received his master’s degree. “Seeing Zangrando bring history to life, with the passion he had for the issues, made me realize that changes in the lives or development of a people, country, or institution occur by the passage of history. I know then that I wanted to follow in his footsteps and be involved in the branch of knowledge that deals systemically with the past and, indirectly, the future.”

At the George Wiley Memorial Program reception on Feb. 15, the College will recognize the work done by the students Cvornyek works with in Youth Action.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. a reception will be held. At 7:30, a play written by Warwick resident Rose Pearson entitled “The Paper Factory” will be presented by local actors and actresses. The play deals with race and race relations in this country as shown through the career of an African-American who develops a printing press in Narragansett.

Cvornyek, his wife Dorothy, and children Robert, 11 and Elizabeth, 6, live in Narragansett.
The winter sports teams are all working extremely hard as their seasons approach the downward swing. The women's gymnastics team has had an outstanding season as they have broken numerous school records with impressive performances against a number of Division I and II opponents including a big win against cross-city rival Brown University. Standout performers for this year’s squad include Nicole Contazio, Sue Paul and Jenna Daum. Nicole and Jenna recently broke a school record on the uneven bars set by Cathy Duza during the 1985-86 season. Sue Paul broke her own all-around record set in 1994-95. The team will be participating in the ECAC Championships to be hosted by Rhode Island College in our brand new facility on Feb. 17. The team is coached by Dick Stapleton and Kris Reaman.

The men’s basketball team is currently in first place in the Little East Conference. In addition to their first place standing in the conference, the team is currently ranked ninth in the New England poll. The team has been led all season by potential All-American Alex Butler. Alex is currently the third leading scorer in the nation. The team will be in the thick of the race for an NCAA playoff berth. The Anchormen are coached by Jim Adams who is ably assisted by Dave Johnston and Tod Keefe.

The women’s basketball team continues to play extremely hard despite some disappointing single digit losses. These freshmen and sophomore laden team gets better with every game. The lessons learned through the losses of the current season will surely play a significant role in the victories of future seasons. Coaches Hopkins, Tesseglia and Brown will continue to push the team towards post-season play.

A combination of key injuries and academic difficulties have proven to be extremely problematic to this year’s wrestling team. Despite some very strong performances by Jason Cornicelli, Keith Fittsimmons and Jason Giroux, the wrestlers of Coaches Clouse and Carlsen just haven’t been able to duplicate the record setting performances of past years. This young team, coupled with the return of 1995 national tournament participant Dennis Lanni has a very bright future.

Stay tuned for future developments!
Forman Endowed Music Scholarship goes to Daniel Hann

Daniel Hann of West Warwick, a sophomore music-in-performance major (percussion) is the recipient of the 1995 Forman Endowed Scholarship in Music.

The scholarship, for $1,000, was presented to him in the President’s Office Jan. 29 during a brief ceremony at which Helen Forman and Robert W. Elam, chairman of the music department, were present along with College President John Nazarian.

The scholarship fund was established in June of 1992 by Mrs. Forman, Class of 1954, in loving memory of her husband, Sylvan. It is the purpose of the fund to provide scholarship support for students pursuing a major in her special love, music.

Mrs. Forman has been a leader in convincing alumni of the need for scholarship support.

The fund is administered by the Rhode Island College Foundation.

NATIONAL AWARD: The RIC chapter of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association received an award from the national association in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 9 in recognition of its Awareness Day last May at the Rhode Island State House. The initiative was to heighten awareness of the state legislature to the concerns of those with speech and hearing disabilities. Seated, with plaque, is chapter president Jessica Kaloustian. Standing (1 to r) are Prof. Herriet Magen, chapter advisor; vice-president Alyssa Stevenin, and secretary Bambilyn Cambio.

Debate Society competes in Irish tourney

The Rhode Island College Debate Society, with funding from Student Community Government, sent two teams and two judges to the 1995-96 World Debate Tournament held at University College in Cork, Ireland over semester break.

The RIC team made up of students Kevin Dubois and Chris Harrison won six of the nine rounds of debate they participated in. According to Erica Jacobson, Debate Society treasurer, about 250 teams from all over the world participated in the tournament. "It was a great opportunity for the RIC Debate Society to represent the College at the tournament and to gain some visibility," she said.

The teams debated various topics of the headline news variety using British Parliamentary style, a style new to them and for which they practiced.

The other team was made up of students Jeff Brodeur and Sam Ciotola. Judges were Erika Papi and Colm Donahue.

The debate Society is made up of 15 to 16 members and debates every weekend in tournaments at other schools throughout New England and New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Coordinators sought for French exchange student program

The New England chapter of Loisirs Culturels A L'Entranger (LEC), a non-profit French exchange student program, is looking for coordinators to find American host families for French exchange students for a three or four week period during the summer.

Mary Lou Church, New England coordinator for LEC says these positions are ideal for professors or teachers due to their work schedules, expertise and contacts.

Appropriate candidates must be organized, motivated and people-oriented. Coordinators are able to work part-time from their homes. No French language skills are necessary. Students who come to stay with American families bring their own money and are fully insured by LEC.

Please contact Church at 401-683-9555 for more information or to apply.

Grants funding workshop announcement

"Surfing the Internet for Grants Funding: An Introduction to SPIN Gopher" will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Guignie 168. This workshop will demonstrate how to use the Faculty Research and Grants Gopher system and will show participants how to make effective use of InfoEd's SPIN gopher, a system which permits easy searching over over 6,500 active grant programs. Participants will be given instructions on how to access SPIN Gopher through the College's new World Wide Web home page. This workshop is open to the entire College community but please call 456-8228 if you plan to attend.

Violence-in-Society series Feb. 21

"Partner violence" to be discussed

Sherry L. Hamby, a research fellow at the Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire, will address the Violence-in-Society colloquium series Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Horace Mann Hall 193 on the topic of "Dominance and Its Links to Partner Violence: Recent Empirical and Theoretical Work."

Sponsored by the psychology department, the Women's Studies Program, the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Violence Policy and Research Group, the colloquium is free and open to the public.

Hamby, now in her second year of research at UNH, was a visiting assistant professor in psychology and a research fellow in the School of Medicine at North Carolina.

Her research interests include the study of risk markers of partner violence and issues in the conceptualization and measurement of family violence.

In addition to this work, she is currently collaborating with Murray Straus on the revision of the Conflict Tactics Scales, the most widely used measure to assess partner violence.
Rhode Island College music and theatre graduates continue to gather performance credits and applause in several productions.

Lori Phillips, a music major from the Class of 1986 who is a lyric soprano, made her Opera San Jose debut as principal artist-in-residence in the role of Rosalinde in Die Fledermaus which opened in November. She will be heard later this season as the countess in Le Nozze de Figaro and Cio-Cio in Madama Butterfly.

Phillips is the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, including a Liederkranz Foundation Scholarship, Chicago's Bel Canto Foundation Competition and the Anna Maria Saritelli-DiPanni Bel Canto Scholarship. A native of East Providence, she now makes her home in New York City.

Viola Davis, a theatre major from the Class of 1988, recently was featured in the Boston production of August Wilson's new play, Seven Guitars, playing the role of Vera. She toured in November and December with the play — to San Francisco (the American Conservatory Theatre) and will tour to Los Angeles (the Mark Taper Forum) in January and February.

Jennifer Mudge Tucker, a theatre major from the Class of 1994, opened in a new Trinity Repertory play, Vair Dire, Jan. 4 for its East Coast premiere.

She is a student at Trinity Rep Conservatory. Theatre Prof. P. William Hutchinson says that it is "unusual that a first-year student gets in a main-stage production."

Susan Moniz, a theater major from the Class of 1989, after touring with Jon Secada in Grease to Hawaii last June and having opened on Broadway in July, continued to play the role of Sandy Dumbrowski through December.

Ron McLarty, formerly of East Providence, Class of 1969, plays Coach Harris on ABC's Champs. His network credits include regular roles on Spenser: For Hire and Cop Rock.

RIC junior Kanha Arounerangsy, (left) who worked through the statewide initiative, Campus Compact, with inner city elementary school children to produce photographic exhibits of their families, explains one student's display to Admissions Officer Maria Cano during opening ceremonies of the College's African-American History Month celebration held in the Unity Center. The exhibit will be housed during the month in the Center, located on the lower level of Donovan Dining Center.

Other activities scheduled during African-American History Month include the George Wiley Memorial Program Feb. 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the Student Union Ballroom; a gospel concert at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 in Gaige Hall auditorium; a discussion with alumni on the book, "Waiting to Exhale," scheduled for Feb. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 211 of the Student Union, and a fashion cultural extravaganza on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium. Tickets for the extravaganza are $2 with RIC ID or $3 for the general public. All other events and programs are free and open to the public. For further information, call 456-8791.
Mondays and Wednesdays
Volunteer at a Soup Kitchen on the second Monday of each month: serve lunch at McAuley House from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; serve dinner at St. Charles from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please sign up the day prior to the event in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300, 456-8168.

Serve lunch at McAuley House from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; third Wednesday of each month: serve lunch at McAuley House and serve dinner at St. Charles from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please sign up the day prior to the event in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300, 456-8168.

Serve lunch at McAuley House 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. and on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For further information, call the Chaplains’ Office at 456-8168.

Tuesdays
11 a.m.—Biofeedback-Assisted Relaxation held on the first Tuesday of every month or by appointment, Craig Lee 130, Dr. Tom Lavin. Call the Counseling Center, 456-8094 for further information.

12 Noon—Bible Sharing in the Chaplains’ Office, SU 300. Bring a bag lunch and join us for informal Bible study get together. Refreshments will be provided.

15 Thursday
7 p.m.—Art: Miles Manning, director of DCA Gallery. Gallery talk on contemporary Danish artists in Bannister Gallery.

18-19 Friday
RIC Theatre: Mother Courage by Bertolt Brecht in Roberts Hall Auditorium p.m., Feb. 15-17 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18. Reserved seating $10, senior citizens and non-RIC students $5, RIC students $4.

Saturday
7 p.m.—Gospel Concert featuring youth singers for Christ in the SU 211. Free and open to the public. Part of the RIC African-American History Month—“Back Home.” For further information call the Unity Center, 456-8719.

21 Wednesday
12:30 p.m.—“Waiting to Exhale” roundtable discussion led by RIC alums Harold and Dayus Metts in the SU 211. Free and open to the public. Part of the RIC African-American History Month—“Back Home.” For further information call the Unity Center, 456-8719.

23 Tuesday
6 p.m.—RIC Women’s Basketball at Western Connecticut State College.
8 p.m.—RIC Men’s Basketball at Western Connecticut State University.

25 Thursday
7:30 p.m.—RIC Men’s Basketball vs. Wheaton College. Home.

17 Saturday
1 p.m.—RIC Women’s Gymnastics ECAC Division III Championships at RIC.

18 Sunday

20 Tuesday
TBA—RIC Men’s Basketball Little East Conference Playoffs-first round.
TBA—RIC Women’s Basketball at Little East Conference Playoffs-first round.

23 Friday
TBA—RIC Men’s Basketball Little East Conference Playoffs-semi finals.
TBA—RIC Women’s Basketball Little East Conference Playoffs-semi finals.

24 Saturday
TBA—RIC Men’s Basketball Little East Conference Playoffs-finals.
TBA—RIC Women’s Baseball Little East Conference Playoffs-finals.

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