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President calls for “review and refocus” of entire College
by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Revisions expected to start in 1997-98 academic year
As the work of the 12-member team of Rhode Island College administrators and faculty continues its task to “review and refocus” the academic and support services at the College in preparation for what is expected to be bleaker financial times ahead, President John Nazarian shared the progress of the working group’s efforts with the entire College community on April 24. About 350 individuals from across the campus community gathered in Great Hall auditorium for the 1 p.m. event.

“We are here to discuss what each of us, as members of the Rhode Island College community, can do together to refocus our finite resources to ensure the future of this institution into the next century,” President Nazarian began. “The stakes are high. We must work together as a community and a family to preserve this legacy. One person cannot do it alone; each of us must make the commitment.”

Emphasizing that “we must move...

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First ‘Reception’ is held for RIC authors
by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Despite little publicity, the first Rhode Island College Authors’ Reception, sponsored by the Campus Store April 24, was an unqualified success, reports Jayne L. Kopic, the Store’s assistant manager.

About 100 people came and went between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m., including some 20 RIC authors from the ranks of the faculty, staff and alumni who have authored text books, novels, poetry and references.

Local musicians Kyla Madonna, on flute, and Mike Zulski, on guitar, provided background music and refreshments were available.

The reception was held to promote a community atmosphere and, in keeping with everyone who knows that members of the College community are the published authors. It also served to showcase their works.

“First we held an author’s reception and we didn’t know what to expect,” explains Kopic, who says the Campus Store didn’t advertise the event much. “Next year will be a different story,” assures Kopic, who plans to make it an annual event.

AUTHORS’ AUTHOR! Some of the Rhode Island College authors who gathered in the Campus Store for a literary reception on April 24 are (l to r) Profs. Joan Rollins, Amritjit Singh, Richard Lobban, Rabbi William Kaufman, Capt. Larry Nichols, Prof. Frederick Reamer, and Associate Prof. Jeaninne Olsen.

Irvirg R. Levine to deliver undergraduate commencement address at 1996 ceremonies
by Clare Eckert
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International school journalist, Irving R. Levine, will receive an honorary doctorate at the May 31, 1996 commencement ceremony in the New Building.

The School of Graduate Studies will confer about 440 master’s degrees Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the New Building. On Saturday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m. over 1,100 undergraduates will receive their degrees. Undergraduate ceremonies will be held in the Explanade of the College in front of the New Building.

Levine, who hails from Pawtucket, and made his mark on the world by his ability to tell a story with a distinct voice and distinguished presence, will deliver the undergraduate address. Jay W. Lindgren Jr., recently appointed state director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families, will give remarks to the graduate school students. Santos, who received her master’s degree from RIC in 1977, and who has been applauded nationally for her initiation and effort

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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 eras (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite you to a celebration 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.

The Year Was 1971: Members from the Class of 1946 gathered for their 25th college reunion. How many members can you identify? This year the class will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary with a gala three-day celebration from May 16-18. Reunion information is on its way to all class members, according to reunion chairperson, Millie Brennan Nugent. Call the Alumni Office for more details at 456-8086.

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit items of information about their professional endeavors to What's News, Office of News and Public Relations, 303 Roberts Hall.

A. William Pett, an adjunct lecturer in the English department, presented a paper at the 17th annual Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts held by the International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts March 20-24 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The paper, "Women Against the Nightmare: Use of the Fantastic in Two Twentieth-Century American Women's Plays: Sophie Treadwell's Machinal and Marsha Norman's Getting Out," examined the combination of expressionistic and naturalistic techniques to depict women struggling against the societal machine.

Abbas Kazemi, associate professor of economics and management, received a $2,000 competitive grant from Economic Research Forum (ERF) in Cairo, Egypt, to conduct a study in "Economics Education in the Middle East and North Africa." The study is published in the ERF journal, spring 1996. In addition, Kazemi published an article entitled "Efficiency Wage and Implicit Contracts: A Survey" in METU Studies in Development, December 1995, Vol. 21 (4), pp. 543-556.

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Alumni of the Rhode Island College Upward Bound Program are encouraged to contact the Upward Bound Office in Craig-Lee Hall, room 110, on the RIC campus to become members of the association. Officially founded in 1995 to support Upward Bound students and the program's work, the association is open to all graduates.


The association meets on a quarterly basis and seeks to assist students through scholarships, networking, mentoring, fundraising and other work.

According to Director of Upward Bound Marian Z. Boyajian, the program will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the fall. Planning for the event is ongoing. Contact Boyajian at 401-456-8081 to become a member of the alumni group, or for further information.

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**College Shorts**

**Chess team takes N.E. Amateur Team Championships**

Rhode Island College Chess Team hosted and won the April 13-14 New England Amateur Team Championships, defeating the No. 1 ranked local team, Zamora's Sharks.

Eight teams from Rhode Island and Massachusetts competed in the weekend tourney held in RIC's Mann Hall.

The tourney was sponsored by the chess team and Student Parliament.

**Fox appointed RI delegate to NEBHE**

State representative Gordon Fox, Class of 1985, has been appointed by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) to serve as a new Rhode Island delegate to a nonprofit six-state agency.

Fox joins a group of delegates from academia, private industry and government in representing the six New England states on the 48-member board of the regional higher education agency.

Fox, of Providence, is a member of the House Finance Committee and an attorney in Providence. He also serves as assistant city solicitor representing Providence in civil matters before the Superior and District Courts.

Fox has drafted legislation for various city departments for introduction in the Rhode Island General Assembly. His law degree is from Northeastern University School of Law.

In addition, Fox is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association and the American Bar Association.

The New England Board of Higher Education is a congressionally authorized interstate agency whose mission is to foster cooperation and efficient use of resources among New England's approximately 260 colleges and universities.

**Social Work Conference May 14**

The annual Social Action and Research Conference of the Rhode Island College School of Social Work will be held Tuesday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to noon in Clarke Science, room 128.

The conference will showcase students' social action and research projects. Presentations will focus on such topics as health and mental health care, teenage pregnancy, family violence, clinical practice and the needs of low-income parents.

The keynote presentation will focus on voter education.

The conference is free and open to the public. Certificates of participation for social work license continuing education hours will be available at the conference.

For more information, call Lenore Olsen at 456-8042.

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**Response to 2nd annual Teacher Job Fair 'excellent'**

Some 350 seek interviews with 38 school districts

The response to the second annual Teacher Job Fair April 16, which sought to match graduating seniors and recent alumni with employers, was termed "excellent."

Some 450 teachers and would-be teachers, many from the Rhode Island College classes of 1994, 95 and 96, signed up for the day-long event with 250 actually on hand to meet with representatives from 38 private and public school districts from as far away as Texas and California at the Winman Junior School in Warwick.

"The national interest in Rhode Island teachers by these school districts is certainly good news in an otherwise gloomy teacher market," noted Phyllis Hunt, the Rhode Island College representative to the sponsoring organization, the Rhode Island Consortium for Educators (R.I.C.E.).

Those interested in teaching jobs signed in at 8 a.m., underwent a general information session wherein they gathered information from recruiters, had an interview sign-up session and then the interviews themselves.

There are no figures to indicate how many actually obtained teaching positions, but Hunt said they've asked the graduates to stay in touch and keep them informed.

She reported that some job candidates reported having "six or seven interviews."

"The teacher job market in New England is not good," Hunt pointed out, "although people hope there will be some movement toward job openings with early retirements." In some other areas of the country, particularly in the South and Las Vegas, Hunt reported a more encouraging picture. In Las Vegas, which is becoming more family oriented, the demand for teachers is growing dramatically.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of teaching jobs opening up" with construction of a "lot of new schools."

In the South she specifically cited Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina as having good teacher job markets.

Colleges comprising the consortium, in addition to RIC, are Brown University, Providence College, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University and the University of Rhode Island.

Last year, the fair attracted school districts from across the country and was attended by more than 700 teachers, reported Hunt.
Gehrenbeck family attends inaugural memorial lecture

Roger Stuewer, Gehrenbeck’s Ph.D. advisor delivers address

THE CASE OF THE ELUSIVE PARTICLES: A Scientific Controversy in the 1920s' was the title of the inaugural Gehrenbeck Memorial Lecture delivered April 18 in the Clarke Science Building by Roger Stuewer (above, left). Gehrenbeck taught astronomy, the history of science, and physics at RIC from 1972 until he died in November, 1993. Stuewer, professor of the history of science at the University of Minnesota, was Gehrenbeck’s advisor when he received his doctorate at the university in 1973. Pictured above with Stuewer is Richard Gehrenbeck’s father, Gilbert, of White Bear Lake, Minn., and his widow, Rita.

1996 Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

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PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Islander Michael Corrente has just completed his second major film, “Paterson,” for the new Federal Institute of Transportation and a mural painting, “Paterson,” for the new Federal Hill, which took honors at the Deauville Film Festival in France and the grand prize at the Avignon Film Festival in June, 1994, was shot in Rhode Island as well. Corrente is working on the screenplay, Capital Gains, about a banking crisis set in Providence, Boston and Washington, D.C.

He is the youngest of six children and a 1977 graduate of Coventry High School. He graduated from the Trinity Repertory Conservatory in 1981. His company name is Studio B Theatre Ensemble, founded in 1984, in New York City.

MICHAEL CORRENTE

Doctor of Fine Arts

Robert Birmelin, known internationally as a realist painter for his paintings and drawings depicting the compressed space, energy and psychological insight in images of contemporary urban life, received his BFA (1956) and MFA (1960) from Yale University School of Art. He also studied at the Cooper Union Art School and the University of London, Slade School of Art. Birmelin most recently exhibited "A World in Flux" featuring new works created from 1992 to 1996 at RIC Bannister Gallery.

A recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, he received a Fulbright grant for study in the United Kingdom early in his career, and won the 1987 Carnegie Prize for Painting from the National Academy of Design. Currently a professor at Queens College of CUNY since 1964, Birmelin has taught during the summer at the Yale Norfolk Summer Art School (1960); Columbia University, School of Painting and Sculpture (1965 and 1966); and the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture (1967). His works have been exhibited as one-person shows and as group displays over 150 times since 1965 in galleries such as the Galeria Mar, Buenos Aires; Odyssey Gallery, New York; Anapany Gallery, California; USIS Gallery, Italy; Moscow, in the former USSR; National Academy of Design and Smith College Museum of Art, Laguna; Gloria Art Museum, Texas, and the Barbara Hendrick Gallery, Washington, D.C. Public commissions include two panoramic landscape paintings of New Jersey highways for the New Jersey Department of Transportation and a mural painting, "Paterson," for the new Federal Building in Paterson, New Jersey.

Birmelin's works can be seen in virtually every American major collection including the Library of Congress, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Oklahoma Art Center, Boston Museum of Fine Art and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

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The program was presented at former President George Bush’s 84th Birthday Luncheon Summit in Virginia in 1989. It received national media attention, and since then has been the starting point for similar pro­grams in other states.

Active in many community and civic organizations, Petrocelli is a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee and was a member of the 1986 Robert M. Goodrich Public Service Award pro­posed by the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council to recognize outstanding public service.

In April 1990, he received the Chemical Award from the New England Association of Educational Opportunity Programs for his vision and creative leadership in initiating the Children’s Crusade.
RIC mother-and-daughter graduates share goal to teach

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A Johnston mother and daughter, who will graduate together May 18 from Rhode Island College as teachers, share a philosophy "to make a difference to that one student who might never be reached" and a hope they each will be able "to brighten many lives and futures."

Susan A. DeConde and daughter, Dina M. Evangelista, will be awarded bachelor's degrees in elementary education with a concentration in special education.

Both had attended St. Mary's Academy Bay View, and the Community College of Rhode Island, where they earned associate degrees before coming to RIC. Mom started at RIC in 1988; daughter in 1991, but both did their practice teaching at the same time in the first semester this academic year. Mom at Winters Elementary and Elizabeth A. Baldwin schools; daughter at Fallon Memorial and Flora S. Curtis schools.

Both achieved student-teaching honors and have been Dean's List students, they proudly report.

Mom served as a teacher assistant in regular and special education classes in the Johnston school department while attending RIC much of the time in evening classes. She also served as program coordinator for Spanish exchange students at the Center for Educational Travel and did a stint just prior to her college career at RIC as an assistant director of the Henry Barnard School summer camp program.

And Susan did all of this while being a single mother of three children, including Dina. Son David Evangelista, 18, will attend American University in Washington, D.C. in the fall and Stephen Evangelista, 22, graduated from Providence College.

Dina has worked at the Johnston Stop & Shop supermarket since 1988 as a senior floral designer. In addition, she worked with her mother as a teacher in the Spanish student exchange program and was a caretaker/nanny for three young boys for a time, the latter giving her household responsibilities similar to those of her Mom.

Both mother and daughter are active in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Mom in the adult choir and daughter as a Eucharistic minister.

At RIC Mom Susan gave her daughter an option to take different sections of their shared classes, but Dina declined, thinking it would be fun to be in class with Mom.

The thing is, they didn't first announce to their professors that they were mother and daughter and having different last names, who could tell?

When the fact became known, it proved to be a pleasant surprise for the profs, we're told.

"The learning (experience) was incredible," attests Dina. "Yes," added Susan, "we were particularly enamored by (teachers) Elizabeth Henshaw and Nikki Thomas."

"Professor Henshaw was very supportive of me as a returning student," says Susan, who explains that returning to school after a 20-year lapse wasn't an easy task.

She credits her faith and spiritualty for playing "a major role" in her endurance.

Dina already has landed a full-time teaching position as a science teacher at St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence, working with behaviorally disordered girls and feels "very fortunate to have gotten a job so soon."

Now both mother and daughter are looking forward to getting master's degrees together. What else would you expect?
Cap 'n Gown Day 1996 —

Whooppe! Another season, another reason for celebrating

Text by
George LaTour

I t was Cap and Gown Day at Rhode Island College May 1, the day when graduating seniors don academic attire for the first time, thus ushering in commencement season at the state's oldest public institution of higher education.

And as is the custom, outstanding students were awarded departmental honors for their achievements.

"Today we celebrate success," College President John Nazarian told his audience, "not only the success of the award winners, but the accomplishments of the Class of 1996.

And he told them that their graduation on May 10 would bring them joy "only to be surpassed by the joy of your parents.

CAP 'N GOWN AWARD WINNERS and their awards: (front row from left): Eleanor "Candy" McSwain, Bachelor of Social Work Community Service Award; Kristen Reynolds, James Houston Award (Anthropology); Beth A. Laperche, Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science; Jane M. Papej, Josephine A. Stillings Award — Special Education; Florence S. Shee, W. Christine Carlton Award — Biology; Nan Shen, Departmental Physics Award; Kathryn Guilhem, Jean Garrigue Award — English; Terry M. Penha, Health and Physical Education Faculty Senior Award (Health Education); Linda M. Cogean, Health and Physical Education Faculty Senior Award (Physical Education); Nelia F. Fontes, Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award — Spanish — Modern Languages; Rebecca L. Sparks, Christopher R. Mitchell Award — Mathematics and Computer Science; Elizabeth A. Sparks, Nursing Faculty Award — Undergraduate; Jeffrey A. DiDomenico, Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award; Kari-Anne Kostka, Elisa F. Bonaventura Award — Special Education; Diane Lynn Jaccoby, Psychology Faculty Senior Award.

(second row from left): Marcia Schneider, Ronald J. Boruch Award — Physical Sciences; Ann F. Fialkett, Glasgow dell Pell Award — History; Michael Tiergrose, James Houston Award (Anthropology) and Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence) — RIC Foundation; Andrew S. Goughin, John E. Hetherman Award — Intercollegiate Athletics; Pamela Prendergast, Helen M. Murphy Award — Intercollegiate Athletics; Audra Labrecque, Robert M. Murphy Award — Intercollegiate Athletics: Lawrence Marcos, Alice K. Pellegrene, Music Education Award; Inna A. Barton, John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award — Economics and Management; Wall Street Journal Award — Economics and Management and Film Studies Program Faculty Award; Erika L. Namaka, Art History Award; Susanne M. Tinney, Studio Art Award; Michelle Muniz, Rose Butler Browne Award — RIC Foundation; Lisa Dowd, Nursing Faculty Award — Undergraduate Registered Nurse; Penelope Haskew, Rhode Island College Theatre Award; Carol A. Schlink, Rhode Island College Theatre Award and Peter Jefferes Archambault Memorial Award — Theatre and Dance; Fernando C. Mendes, Tegu Polyglot Award — Modern Languages.

(third row from left): Linda Poulos, Theodore Lemeshka Award — Biology; Joshua M. Anderson, Evelyn Walsh Prize — History; Russell Anderson, Elementary Education Faculty Award; Samuel Neves, Mary Ann Hawkins Award in Justice Studies — Sociology; Jamie Begoche, American Institute of Chemists Award; Michael DeQuattro, Cantor-Jacob Nohreneyer Award — Music; Tom Caulfield, Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice Award; Brendon D. Whites, John H. Chafee Award — Political Science; Jessica Kauloaitian, Communications Achievement Award (Public and Professional); Stacey Miles, Laura B. Whitman Award in Sociology; Daron Smith, Communications Achievement Award (Public and Professional); Billy Ray, Communications Achievement Award (Public and Professional); Lori Pelletier, Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence) — RIC Foundation; Kristen Turc, Communications Achievement Award (Public and Professional).

ABOVE: Prof. Patricia Cordeiro, Cap and Gown speaker, is surrounded by the officers of the Class of 1996. Left to right: Keith J. Labrecque, treasurer; Erica Norton, secretary; Kerryn Lynn O'Brien, president; and Lori Pelletier, vice president. LEFT: RIC President John Nazarian presides over Cap and Gown Day: RIGHT: 1996 Commencement Grand Marshall, Dolores Passarelli, director of the Office of Academic Support and Information Services, lends a helping hand to Todd Goyer, a justice studies major from Bellingham, Mass.
Award-winning sports leaders

Above: President John Nazarian presents the Helen M. Murphy Award for intercollegiate athletics to co-recipients Pamela Prendergast (left) and Audra Plant. Prendergast excels at basketball while Plant is an ace on the tennis court.

At right: This year’s winner of the John E. Hetherman Award for Intercollegiate Athletics is Andrew Coughlin for his ability in cross country and track.

Campus-wide review and refocus
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Beyond band-aid’s to fill the financial void left by the lack of financial support from the state, the President said “we must accept reality and turn this crisis into an opportunity to become stronger. In short, we do not have the money to fund our current level of programs in any adequate way, and nobody is about to come to our rescue. We must rescue ourselves.”

He acknowledged the work of those who participated over the last two years in addressing and changing the general education curriculum, which will be implemented as the Class of 2000 enters the College in the fall. “The fruits of that refocusing will become a reality this fall,” he said. “And I am most grateful to the faculty, students, administrators, and all who made this possible.”

The refocusing of general education was a long-term, surgical approach to a healthy institution - a solution that works,” President Nazarian said. “It is time to bring this approach to the other programs of this College.”

Moving on, the President outlined the guidelines used by the 12-member group to identify and analyze each program and cost center of the College according to the following criteria: Centrality; demand; quality; efficiency, and cost. He reported that the group agreed that “the long term solution to our problem calls for revision of the curriculum.” He announced that he has directed the Vice President for Academic Affairs to pursue “to work through the deans, department chairs and faculty to review their program offerings with the goal of modifying them to maximize their efficiency and effectiveness.” Further, he requested that the “process begin immediately and be completed in time to be phased in beginning with the 1997-1998 academic year.”

As part of the long-term solution to lessen the financial burden of the College while maintaining quality, accessibility, and opportunity to students, the President announced that the 12-member working group, “after careful review and deliberation,” determined that each academic program of study and support service cost center would be assigned one of the following six recommendations: Maintain; eliminate; suspend; review and action; improve productivity; or merge.

“Based on the data and extensive discussion,” he said, “I am today directing the appropriate administrators to suspend, effective immediately, all new admissions to the following programs: MA in Art, MA in Biology, MA in biology, BA in classical art studies, M. Ed. in elementary education - language arts, mathematics, science, urban education, MAT in French, MA in French, MAT in general science, BA in geography, Minor in international studies, BA in Latin American studies, BS in managerial economics, MAT in mathematics, MA in mathematics, BA in medieval/rennaissance studies, MAT in physical science, BA in public archology, Minor in recreation, M. Ed. in second education - urban education, MAT in Spanish, MA in studio art, BA in urban studies, and BA in women’s studies.

He added that “counting majors as well as second majors (enrolled in the above programs), a total of fewer than 60 students will be affected. All students currently enrolled will remain as such.”

On the administrative side, the six criteria were also used to identify potential areas of “review and refocus.” They are: admissions, alumni affairs, athletics, intramurals and recreation, career development center, college health service, counseling center, center for economic education, faculty center, film library, financial aid, graduate office, Henry Barnard school, purchasing, records office, student life, and summer session. He requested that recommendations “be delivered to me no later than August 1, 1996.”

Also, he announced that 10 more administrative positions will be added to the growing list of unfilled jobs. Also, the President announced “that on the academic side, I have rescinded authorization for two positions in the School of Education and Human Development and one position in the School of Social Work. There may be others,” he said, “but that will depend on a number of factors” as the work of the faculty in consideration of refocus curriculum and programs becomes apparent.

In ending his hour-long address, the President encouraged the community “to bring forward recommendations to strengthen this institution and to keep its promise alive for a new generation of students. Together we are Rhode Island College, and together, we shall refocus this institution so that its future may outline its illustrious past.”

Members of the working group include: Vice President Salesse, Vice President of Administration and Finance Lee Delucia, Vice President of Student Affairs Gary Pernfield, Assistant to the President Michael Smith, Dean of the School of Social Work George Metrey, Dean of the School of Education and Human Development David Nelson, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science Richard Weiser, Interim director of the Center for Management and Technology Natalie Sahba, Adams Library Director Richard Olsen, Assistant Vice President for Finance and College Controller John Fita and Director of Institutional Research Richard Prull.
College's student athletes honored at awards banquet

On Sunday evening April 28, the Department of Inter-collegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation held its Annual Athletic Awards Dinner. A sellout crowd of almost 300 people were in attendance at the Donovan Dining Center to honor this year's outstanding group of student athletes. President John Nazarian opened the evening welcoming this large gathering of student athletes, their families and friends, alumni and college officials. Jodi Johnson, RIC Class of 1995, promotions manager of WPRO AM-456-8007, and Sports Information Director Ed Vaillancourt presented RIC watches to their senior athletes. President Nazarian had the distinct honor of presenting those awards. The Hetherman Award was presented to Andrew Coughlin. Andy was a four-year member of the cross-country and track teams. He is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, an Eagle Scout and has maintained a 3.16 GPA while majoring in social work and maintains a great evening and a successful year of the Bazar family. Pauline Feldhus, the recipient of the first annual Dana Bazar Award, is surrounded by members of the Bazar family. Also on hand during the presentation at the Athletic Awards Banquet is President Nazarian (far left) and Julie Silvestri, president of RIC Student Government, Inc. (sitting, far right). Dana Bazar, while a student-athlete at RIC, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in May of 1992. Family members include: (From row sitting from left to right) Dana's sister and her husband, John and Kerri Gavin and Karen Bazar, aunt. 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HBS champions get creative during Reading Week

**Guest readers participate**

Henry Barnard School celebrated national “Reading Week 1996” during the week of April 22-26. The event, which carried an Olympic theme, was sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council of the International Reading Association and the Providence Journal. During the past few months, faculty and students at HBS prepared for the week by designing Reading Week mascot and Olympic posters. In addition, children formed Olympic Reading Partners with parents, siblings and other important adults in their lives. They signed a contract and were provided with “Olympic Reading Activities.” With their reading partner, children selected 10 activities to participate in. Some of the activities included using the newspaper and atlas, art projects, and writing to explore the theme, “Go for the Gold! Read, Write and Learn Together!”

Children in many grades wrote and published individual books for the Young Authors’ activity. For their books, Renise Ofokansi, grade K, Kara Elliot-Ortega, grade 2, Nathaniel Monzaek, grade 5, and Takuya Sagaramaki-Ameda, grade 6, were selected to represent HBS at Literacy Day in the Park, April 27 at Roger Williams Park.

During the week, faculty, administration, public personalities and government officials served as role models and read to children in many classrooms. Mary Foye, associate professor at HBS (grade 4), said, “Research has shown that reading plays a very real and vital role in children’s learning and is a major factor of success in school as well as adding to the joy of living.”

Also during the week the program called “DEAR—Drop Everything an Read”—took place three times daily. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday day an announcement was made via the intercom system to all classes and to everyone in the building to “DROP Everything an Read” for 15 minutes. Everyone in the building was encouraged to carry a book with them at all times.

On Friday, April 26, certificates were distributed to all children participating in Reading Week. Special recognition was given to children whose work (posters and books) were selected for submission to the Providence Journal Bulletin and the Rhode Island State Council of the International Reading Association. Special recognition was also given to those children who took part in “The Reading Partners’ Program.”

HBS students ‘discover’ their talents during Math/Science Day

Henry Barnard School held a Math/Science Day on Friday, April 26, to celebrate Math Awareness Week and Science and Technology Week.

According to Carli Carrara, instructor, grade 5, and Alida Frey, kindergarten instructor, the purpose of the day was for the children to observe, experiment, have dialogue and consider possibilities.

Frey and Carrara won Presidential Awards for Excellence in teaching science and mathematics in 1995 – Frey in the area of math; Carrara for science. They spent a week in Washington last spring and met award winners from across the U.S. Each received a $7,500 grant to use for professional development.

Frey and Carrara also are lead teachers in the KITES Project headed by grant writer MacGregor Knisely, associate professor of elementary education.

Through the KITES Project and the East Bay Collaborative, teachers are trained to use science kits in the classroom and to evaluate them. When comfortable using the kits, they then train other to use them.

For the professors, Math/Science Day was a culmination of their experience with other Presidential Award winners in Washington last April and their participation in the KITES Project.

“While in Washington, the National Science Foundation encouraged all of us to bring back and share the enthusiasm we felt for math and science with our schools,” they said. Thus, Math/Science day was scheduled.

During the day more than 60 parent volunteers and several Rhode Island College students from science methods courses taught by Knisely and professor of elementary education Richard A. Greene, participated in open-ended activities using math and science with the HBS students. The activities ranged from creating a bubble with the largest diameter to experiments in electricity and magnetism.

“Participating in open-ended math and science activities provides the children with opportunities to integrate math and science in meaningful ways and encourages them to acknowledge the scientist and mathematician within,” said the teachers.

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Senior Art Show May 9-18

The Department of Art at Rhode Island College will present its annual exhibition of works by graduating bachelor of arts and bachelor fine arts seniors May 9-18 in Bannister Gallery in the RIC Art Center.

Exhibit opening is May 9 from 7-9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will feature artworks from all department concentrations including ceramics, fibers, metals, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

A related event on May 15 from 12-30-2 p.m. will be a gallery talk, "Art and the Real World," by David M. Spatt, co-author of The Artist’s Friendly Legal Guide and adjunct faculty member at Fisher College in Massachusetts.

Spatt is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association’s Lawyers on the Arts Committee and a practitioner in arts and entertainment law in Rhode Island and New York.

Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9. For more information, call Dennis O’Malley, gallery director, at 456-9765.

Art faculty sculpture exhibit June 3-8

In conjunction with the 16th International Sculpture Conference in Providence June 6-8, the RIC Art Gallery will present an exhibition of RIC art faculty sculpture June 3-8.

The show will feature large 3D pieces by Harriet Brisson, Kristiohn Horvat, Bill Martin and Dennis O’Malley.

Brisson’s work explores mathematical principles and crystalline structures. Horvat’s cantilevered forms loom both physically and psychologically. Martin’s pieces merge whimsy and mechanics in highly crafted, aesthetic inventions. O’Malley’s “G.U.M.,” refurbished for the Rhode Island Children’s Hospital, is the by-product of classical modeling and punk sensibility.

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Promotion and tenure recipients announced

The following individuals have been promoted by College President John Nazarian, effective July 1:

- To the rank of professor: Jennifer Tiernan, Allison Baker, Leigh-Anne Gauvin, Stacey Milburn, Ann Flaherty, Audra Plante, Jessica Kaloustian, Keri Setera, Rebecca Sparks, Kevin DuBois and Joshua Anderson. Prof. Thomas Ramsbey is acting director of the honors program.

Over 500 summer courses, workshops begin May 20

Over 500 courses from accounting, management to management to writing will be offered at Rhode Island College this summer. Tenors Session I begins on May 20 and runs until June 28; Session II is from July 1 to August 8.

Tuition for in-state students is $112 per credit for undergraduate courses and $150 per credit for graduate courses. Out of staters pay $240 per credit. Students receiving unemployment benefits, disabled veterans may be eligible for tuition fee waivers.

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The following faculty members have been granted tenure effective July 1 of the year indicated:


Rhode Island College and the South Bank University in London are planning a pair of four-week sessions in London, June 22 through July 21, at the Business School of the South Bank University. One course will focus on the European Community, the other a more independent research-oriented course in British politics and public policy that will involve substantial group exploration and field work in London itself. Students from Rhode Island could enroll in either or both courses. Each course would meet for about 30 minutes Monday through Thursday mornings. Research and field opportunities are provided for each course with a total cost of $300.

The Anglo-American Educational Services Agency will provide student accommodation in good quality London apartments. All living arrangements are individualized in a host family. Students will be placed in the appropriate level upon arrival. The program contact is Judith Fuller, Department of French, (401) 456-8054 or (401) 751-4504.

Workshop in France (Provence-Cote d'Azur)
July 16-Aug 3

(credit for French 110, 113, 114, or 250, 350 (4 credits) depending upon student ability and placement) Workshop for teachers of French is being investigated. Admission required. For further information contact Prof. Thomas Ramsbey at (401) 456-8054 or (401) 456-8029.

Rhode Island College offers an outstanding athletic facilities. In addition to the first-class facilities, daily instruction will be provided by the state's most competent coaches. The cost for each weekly session is $99. The schedule of summer sports camps is July 1-5, softball; July 9-12, baseball and tennis; July 15-19, track and field/running and basketball; July 22-26, basketball; July 29-August 2, soccer; August 5-9, gymnastics and football; August 12-16, soccer and cheerleading; August 19-23, volleyball.

Rhode Island College Sports Camps
The Department of Intramural Athletics will be sponsoring a sum-
Will graduate as outstanding students in their disciplines —

Cap 'n Gown Award winners have had distinguished college careers

Approximately 30 Rhode Island College seniors, representing the best in their fields of study and, consequently, winners of departmental awards at the annual Cap and Gown ceremonies May 1 in Roberts Hall auditorium, will graduate May 18, capping distinguished individual academic careers as undergraduates.

This page highlights seven of the College's 1996 distinguished award winners.

Congratulations!

Twin graduates — Rebecca (math) and Elizabeth (nursing) Sparks of Warwick. Rebecca won the Christopher R. Mitchell Award in math and computer science. She will graduate "at least magna cum laude," says her department chairperson. Elizabeth won the Nursing Faculty Award. She has been president of the Nursing Club and implemented and edited the first Senior Newsletter.

Second career — Thomas G. Caulfield of North Kingstown will pursue a second career in social work after a successful first career in law enforcement. With a 3.95 academic average (out of a possible 4.0), he is the recipient of the bachelor of social work Anthony E. Ricci Award. He is member of ACLU's Public Access TV Committee and done a lot of community volunteering, including teaching English to Russian immigrants.

Two academic awards — Innis Barton of Manville winner of both the John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award for the graduating senior with the highest academic average in the department of economics and management AND the Wall Street Journal Award for the graduating senior who is deemed by a vote of the faculty to be most outstanding in both academics and college and community service. She will graduate with a double major in accounting and film studies and will begin work toward a doctorate at the Graduate School of Cinema and Television at the University of Southern California.

Transfer from China — Nan Shen of Providence, a transfer student from China's Tianjin Institute of Science & Technology, is the outstanding graduate of the physics program and won the Departmental Physics Award. He has a 3.85 academic average and has fellowship offers into the Ph.D. programs in physics at both Harvard and Brown, one of which he will attend in the fall.

"Tireless advocate against domestic violence and for its victims" — Eleanor "Candy" McSwain of Providence received the bachelor of social work Community Service Award. She has volunteered at the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a speaker, panelist, consultant and counselor. She has spoken out on the subject on television's "Newsmakers" program, Rhode Island Take-Back-the-Night March and at RIC's Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities, among others. Atty. Gen. Jeffrey Pine has written in support of her award: "Candy has been an outspoken advocate for crime victims. She has supported legislation which has dramatically changed many of the domestic violence criminal statutes. She is an intelligent and articulate advocate for victims."