Upward Bound 30th anniversary a ‘fabulous’ affair

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

Indira Prado, 28, of California, wouldn’t have missed it for the world. Neither would have Ramon Rodriguez and Aida Gonzalez, both of Florida, or the other nearly 300 party-goers who attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the Upward Bound Program at Rhode Island College held Nov. 16 in Donovan Dining Center.

"Upward Bound is the best gift you can give yourself," Prado, who traveled 3,000 miles to be with her 1986 reunion class at the event. At a reception held on the mezzanine level of the dining center, Prado looked around and told a reporter, "This brings back a lot of memories. There was so much that went on here," she said with a smile.

Rodriguez, Upward Bound Class of 1986, who lives in Miami and works as a physical therapist, and classmate Gonzalez, of Orlando, a phlebotomist, flew up from Florida for the weekend to visit with family and meet with other members of their Upward Bound class.

"We stay in touch with each other," said Gonzalez. "There’s a crew of us,

RIC record on Milken Awards termed ‘spectacular’

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

With the naming recently of the four “exemplary-educator” winners in Rhode Island of the annual $25,000 Milken Award, Rhode Island College can now boast of having 23 of the winners among its alumni (or with RIC affiliation) out of the total 38 awarded in Rhode Island since the program’s inception here in 1990.

"Pretty spectacular, I would say, and quite unusual," said Rebecca Rhone of the Milken Family Foundation, who was reached by telephone in Los Angeles. "We’re pleased to see that so many of the Rhode Island Milken educators are alumni of Rhode Island College. This speaks well for the quality of education Rhode Island College provides its teachers," said Dr. Thomas Boysen, senior vice president for education of the Milken Family Foundation.

In their own words...

Jennifer A. Tropea, Cranston
Class of 1997
Special Ed major
Recipient of: Departmental Award

“This race is never grateful: from the first, one fills their cup at supper with pure wine, which back they give at cross-time on a sponge in bitter vinegar.” - Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Browning’s words, although acerbic, are not a highly exaggerated depiction of what is often true in our society.

In my experience, people often accept gifts with eager and open arms, but sadly, their only form of gratitude is often a casual “thank you” in return.

I was fortunate enough to be raised by two loving, generous parents who have always gone without so my brother, sister and I can have everything we need to be successful in life.

A SAVE! Holly Weber does what she does best in the recent soccer match between RIC and Roger Williams University, where her sister heads goal. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley) See story on page 3.
The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News will continue this year in order for you to 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 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.

The above photo, taken at the east end of the esplanade of Rhode Island College of Education, was sent to us by Irene (Dwyer) Campbell, Class of 1925. Teacher-preparation in those days, Mrs. Campbell writes, was a two-and-a-half-year course of study. Left to right are Alice (Carroll) Trainer, Hope (Scott) Lombardi, Irene (Dwyer) Campbell, Mae Sheriden and Aaron De Morasville.

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.

Carol R. Shelton, an associate professor of nursing, and Virginia Walsh of the Salve Regina sociology department, recently received a $1,000 grant from the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women's Research, Resources and Scholarship at the Center for Women's Research, Fowl: Administrative Legality in the Rhode Island State Nurses Association of School Superintendents was organized in 1817--179 years ago--and is one of the oldest professional associations in the United States.

Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, professor of anthropology and director of International Studies, delivered a paper at the Oct. 21st Mansfield Conference on “Religious Values and the Political Process” at the University of Montana in Missoula. Her address, entitled “Islamic Humanism: Reform and Resistance in the Middle East,” was the 27th Mansfield Lecture in international relations and the first on the subject of Islam. During her three-day stay in Montana, she also was a guest speaker in university classes on the subjects of international human rights, and ethics and anthropology. In addition to these appearances she also met with the local ministerial association to discuss Islam in America.

Lisa D. Humphreys, assistant professor of mathematics, is the co-author of a paper “Multiple periodic solutions for a nonlinear suspension bridge equation” that was accepted for publication in the INA Journal of Applied Mathematics. At a math/computer science colloquium she explained how her research helps explain the famous collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state. She also recently has presented a paper entitled “Exploring population models using the TI-82 and Maple V” at the ninth annual International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics in Reno, Nev.

Math/Computer Science faculty participated in the fall conference of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England (ATMNE) in Providence with four members making presentations. James Bierden presented “Math Between the Lines” which concerns math concepts in trade books; Lisa Humphreys talked on using technology to help explain population models; Donna Christy presented “Meet the TI-92: The Classroom Bridge Equation” that was accepted of the math/computer science colloquium; and Ann Moskohl presented “Women in Mathematics and Science: Past, Present and Future Borders.”

Science Teachers conference Dec. 7

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Rhode Island College will host the annual Rhode Island Science Teachers Conference (in Clarke Science) sponsored by the R.I. Science Teachers Association (RISTA).

There will be sessions and workshops for teachers at all levels from elementary through college as well as informational sessions on the 1997 R.I. State Science Fair and the Science Olympiad.

Numerous exhibitors will be on hand, demonstrating their products and software. Some free materials and door prizes, such as an educational cruise on Narragansett Bay from Save the Bay, will be available.

A new feature of the conference will be the first induction of members to the "RISTA Science Teachers Hall of Fame." Outstanding science teachers who have served Rhode Island students for many years will be honored.

If you would like to nominate a present or former teacher or colleague, send your nomination to RISTA, c/o Judith Sweeney, Museum of Natural History, Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI 02906.

RISTA welcomes to its membership all who have an interest in the teaching of science, at any grade level, elementary through college. Membership fees are $15 per year ($8 for undergraduates) and include such benefits as discounted registration fees for the RISTA conference and a subscription to the quarterly RISTA newsletter.

In recognition of its commitment to serve teachers of science in the elementary grades, RISTA has instituted a new office, vice-president of elementary education, this year by Joyce Heist of the Henry Barnard School. Other officers are: Judith Sweeney, president, Russell Rose, vice-president of secondary education, Ronald Kahn, treasurer, and Janet Miele, secretary.

All who teach science are invited to attend this year's conference, which will run from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. The advance registration fee is $12 for RISTA members, $18 for non-members, and $8 for students and includes lunch. For on-site registration, add $2 to each fee. For more information contact Judith Sweeney at the museum or Elaine Magee at 456-5147.

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Weber sisters face each other on soccer field—

Both are their team's goalies and are considered outstanding players

Above: WEBER FAMILY: Michael, Holly, Jennifer and Lou Ann Weber before the RIC-Roger Williams match-up which pitted the sisters against one another as their respective team's goalies. At right: Holly. (What's News Photo by Gordon R. Rowley)

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Nothing gets by the Weber sisters. Well, almost nothing.

Holly and Jennifer Weber of Warwick are both outstanding goalies for their respective women's soccer teams, Holly at Rhode Island College and Jennifer at Roger Williams University.

These two teams were to have played one another, thus matching up the sisters, in September, but rain postponed the match. The re-scheduled match was played Oct. 24 at Roger Williams, a match that the girls' parents, Michael and Lou Ann Weber, "were really looking forward to," attested Holly.

"They cheer for both of us and win either way!"

In the RIC-Roger Williams match-up, played on slippery wet grass (from heavy rains the night before) on an otherwise perfect autumn evening, Holly made an impressive 18 saves, but that wasn't enough to win either way. The score was a close 2-1.

Holly, a freshman last year at RIC, was the starting goalie on RIC's first-ever women's soccer team.

She helped her team then by recording the school's first-ever shutout, 6-0, against Emerson College. And in the Salve Regina Tournament, she made the All-Tourney team, recording 34 saves in one game.

About the RIC team's performance, Holly explains that "we're just getting used to everything."

"Last year we had a 2 and 10 record, so we're doing a lot better this year (winning five of the last six matches) and the coaches — Nicki Barber and Joy Woog (both of whom had played for Brown) — are doing a good job."

A former three-sport standout at Pilgrim High School, Holly also had served as that team's goalie after her sister's tenure at that post. The team, in Holly's last year, with nine returning seniors, went on to the state playoffs. Today, counting Holly, the RIC team has four former Pilgrim players.

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At RIC Holly played basketball last year and stays in shape between soccer seasons by working with weights. With two 45-minute halves in each match, you have to be in good shape to compete.

Sister Jennifer, a tri-captain for Roger Williams, is in her senior year as goalie there and has already received recognition as a top-flight netminder with the school's best career save percentage of 79.4. In leading the team to a 16-3-2 mark last year, she had eight shutouts.

Playing soccer since age 4, Holly says her dad coached her and Jennifer although he, himself, had never played soccer.

"We just played with the kids in the neighborhood," says Holly, boasting that "my sister always pushed me" to perform well.

The 19-year-old, who plans to major in physical education in the hopes of someday becoming a teacher and coach, says she "loves the game."

Multicultural and family issues expert to speak, Dec. 2

EurAsia Ensemble to perform Dec. 3

When Cultures Collide: An Approach to Conflict Resolution" will be presented by Guadalupe G. Lara, a national consultant and trainer on multicultural and family issues, on Monday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium on the Rhode Island College campus.

Lara, co-founder of the Michigan Standing Committee on Multicultural Mental Health, worked at Children's Hospital of Michigan since 1980 as a pedi­atric social worker. In 1989, she became director of social work there. She is responsible for directing, planning and implementing services for inpatient and outpatient hospital units, and for the development of instruction for physicians and nurses on conflict management and cultural relevant service delivery.

Prior to her hospital work, she had been the coordinator of the Human Resources Development Institute for the AFL-CIO and an assistant director for the Detroit Police Department Rape Center.

Lara is currently a doctoral candidate in social work and medical anthropology at Michigan State University. She received her MSW from Wayne State University in June, 1976. Her undergraduate degree is from Central Michigan University. She holds a certificate in aging from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

She has 15 years of public broadcasting experience as a producer and broadcaster, and is a member of over 20 community organizations, including NAACP, Latinas Leadership Association, and the United Way Community Services, Board of Directors.

The event is free and open to the public. Sponsors include Harambee, Asian Student Association, P.W.O.R. the Women's Center, L.A.S.O., and the Unity Center. For further information, call Jay Latimer, director of the Unity Center, at 456-8791.

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Private Support

Margarette M. Brown, Director

News from the Rhode Island College Development Office and the Rhode Island College Foundation

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- We are both pleased and excited to report that the Foundation has received many calls from alumni and friends who want to create new endowments, include RIC in their estate plans and make RIC the beneficiary of insurance policies and charitable gift annuities.
- Something's brewing on the second floor of Alumni House. Could it be plans for the College's first performance center? With a telephone bank and data center? You might want to review the alumni and athletic merchandise offers some affordable and unique options for alumni and friends to show their affection for Rhode Island College. Gold and White this holiday season!
- When you're making your holiday gift list, don't forget to include the College. A gift to this year's annual fund provides much needed financial assistance for Rhode Island College students. Be sure to make your gift before Dec. 31 to secure your tax deduction.
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The Rhode Island College Foundation TAKE A SEAT!

The Rhode Island College Foundation is raising funds to replace seating in Gaige Hall auditorium. This facility is used extensively for concerts and many College activities.

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.

The donation of a chair with its recognition plate is a perfect way to honor an alumnus(a), or to perpetuate the memory of a friend or family member. It would be great as a birthday or class gift! Please help us to reach our goal.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this special event, call the Development Office at 401-456-8105. Thank you for your support.

Recognition Form

Please indicate how you would like your recognition plate(s) inscribed. Limit is two lines.

Name/Address

Phone                  No. of Seats @$250 Total Due

Please make check payable to the Rhode Island College Foundation. Mail to the Rhode Island College Development Office, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02905. Thank you.

Upward Bound

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they said laughing.

Rodriguez recalled his experience at Upward Bound, and said "it was the best thing that ever happened to me. It turned me around 180 degrees. There is no way I would be where I am today if it were not for Upward Bound."

The young men's feeling rang true throughout the evening as speaker after speaker described the program, its successes and the achievements of graduates. Appropriately, the theme chosen for the event was "1966-1996: A Generations of Hope and Achievement."

RIC President John Nazarian, honorary co-chair of the celebration, likened the occasion to the Thanksgiving holiday. "It is fitting that tonight's celebration is held so close to Thanksgiving," he said, "because in many ways, tonight is a night of thanksgiving."

The President said that "Upward Bound...represents one of the best, most positive, and most effective programs to emanate from Washington over the past 30 years."

Also on hand to help celebrate the anniversary were Rhode Island General Surgeon Nancy Mayer, who offered her services "from the state level" calling Upward Bound, "one of the programs that really does work." Secretary of State James Langevin, RIC Class of 1990, and Steven Pappas, federal director of the division of student services for the TRIO programs, of which Upward Bound is a part.

Pappas proudly spoke of his association with Upward Bound programs and accepted the challenge of calling current student "emerging leaders."

Usually, Pappas noted, he would be bringing greetings from the U.S. Secretary of Education. But having recently left a conference in Wisconsin where he told the students there, that he would be coming to Rhode Island College's Upward Bound celebration, he made a change in his remarks:

"...they asked that I send greetings from them," he began. "So from the emerging leaders in the middle of the America to all the emerging leaders here, I send you their greetings."

Program Emcee, Wendy Pennington, Upward Bound Class of 1983, and a Boston College grad who is vice president for Published Images, introduced Program Director Martin Z. Bayajan as "our friend, our teacher, and we love her very, very much."

Bayajan, who has led the RIC program for 15 years, thanked all who participated in making the event a success. "It exceeded our highest expectations," she called the College program "truly an extraordinary Upward Bound" and said the goal is to "maintain the integrity of the program into the next millennium. The Foundation of Upward Bound stands without a crack."

Midway through program remarks, Delores Davis Grant, Upward Bound Class of 1982, who holds an undergraduate and graduate degree from RIC and who is a teacher in Providence, read a fax message from her sister, Viola Davis, Class of 1983, Upward Bound and Class of 1988, RIC, who along with President Nazarian was an honorary co-chair of the event. Viola, who is an actress and Emmy nominee was unable to attend because of a work commitment.

She wrote, "The old ad-age the show must go on," but "I am with you all in spirit, fondly and joyfully. She went on "And I'll bet you all look fabulous!"

And all did.
Gary Siuzdak, Class of 1985

World traveled scientist shares knowledge with current students

by Cynthia L. Souza

What's News Writer

"It's always a thrill when one of our own comes back," said professor of chemistry Charles Marzzacco of Rhode Island College alumnus Gary Siuzdak, who presented a talk entitled "A Mass Spectrometry-Based Approach to Biomedical Research" on campus recently. Siuzdak is presently director of mass spectrometry at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

He received a B.A. in chemistry and a B.A. in mathematics from RIC in 1985 after graduating from Tolman High School in Pawtucket and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).

The bright, young scholar then went on to receive a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Dartmouth College (1990). His doctoral thesis focused on "Multiphoton Induced Chemistry."

Following his doctoral study, he became employed by Scripps and was promoted to assistant professor in the departments of chemistry and molecular biology this year.

Marzzacco remembers Siuzdak well. "He was in the RIC Honors Program," a program offering academically superior students an opportunity to participate in a four-year honors experience. Marzzacco was Siuzdak's faculty mentor and supervised his Senior Honors Project which involved "studies of light induced acid-base reactions."

"He was one of the first Honors students in chemistry, a very good, conscientious student. He graduated magna cum laude," said Marzzacco of Rhode Island College for the spring semester.

In addition to those that cover one-half of a Labor Studies course fee, the institute has available for union members a limited number of scholarships that cover the full course fee.

The Institute for Labor Studies and Research is offering two new scholarships for Labor Studies students at Rhode Island College for the spring semester.

The students in attendance the day of the talk, according to Marzzacco, were quite excited about seeing a former RIC student going off, becoming very successful and getting published.

Siuzdak is also currently preparing a chapter for a book entitled The Search for Sleep Initator Molecules with Mass Spectrometry with Steve Henrikson.

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Siuzdak has also authored or co-authored over 30 publications including "The Excited-State Protonation and Photophysical Properties of Anaphanthenones" written with Marzzacco, George Deckey, Rosemary Colarulli and Arthur Halpern, which was published in the Journal of Physical Chemistry in 1989.

He has presented papers across the U.S. and in Mexico, Italy, Australia and recently in Switzerland where he was the keynote speaker at the Montreux Conference on Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry.

In addition, Siuzdak was a founding scientist of the Mass Spectrometry Analysis Network (SANDMAN) in 1994 and of the San Diego Mass Analysis Network (SANDMAN) in 1995. Both of these are small companies that are doing contract work in his area of expertise.

He has received the following awards and honors: Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Switzerland, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Post-Doctoral Fellowship, the Ronald J. Boruch Award in Physical Science from RIC, the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, an alumni scholarship award and a chemistry scholarship award from the Robert M. Goodrich Distinguished Public Service Award, named in honor of Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council's (RIPEC) first executive director, honors career public employees who make a sustained superior contribution in the service of Rhode Island taxpayers.

Ramirez received a B.A. in chemistry from Brown University (1986), a M.Ed. in bilingual-bicultural education (1990) and later a certificate of advanced graduate studies (1993) in school administration, both from Rhode Island College.

Ramirez is currently the principal of Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School in Providence, and is a doctoral degree candidate at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. In 1994, Ramirez was named "Man of the Year" by the Rhode Island Hispanic Community. Ramirez is also a graduate of the 1995 Leadership Rhode Island class.

Ramirez serves as president of the board of Progreso Latino, is a member of the Latin American Professionals Organization of Rhode Island (OPLARI), is a board member of the Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education among other affiliations.
Rhode Island College prepares for the holidays!

Above: TURKEY DAY PREPARATIONS: Lamhoun Keomanykoutb, of the Office of Residential Life and Housing, hangs up a decorative turkey in preparation for Thanksgiving Day. The staff of the housing office gets the jump on holiday celebrations by having its Thanksgiving dinner on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

At right: PREPARING FOR A WORKSHOP on wreath-making are (left and right) Shannon Hinton and Krys Pezza. The workshop was held Nov. 21.

FILLING A BAG with Thanksgiving groceries for the needy are RIC chaplains (left and right) Larry Nichols and Jim Montavon. Upcoming holiday events sponsored by the Chaplains' Office are the distribution of survival kits to the homeless (beginning Dec. 12) and the Christmas Giving Tree. For the latter, contributors will choose an ornament with the age and gender of a child from a Christmas tree in the Student Union. Then an appropriate gift for that child can be dropped off at the Chaplains' Office or the housing office in Sweet Residence Hall. For information on either of these gestures of goodwill, call the Chaplains' Office at 456-8168.

At right: DEMONSTRATING THE CANDLE-LIGHTING ceremony of the family-oriented African-American holiday Kwanzaa, are members and family members of the Multicultural Faculty and Staff Association. Founded by Maulana Kerenga in 1966, Kwanzaa is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Its name means "the fruits of the harvest." Around the table (left to right) are Faith Latimer, 6; Jay Latimer of the Unity Center; Asst. Prof. Elizabeth Henshaw; Asst. Prof. Adolphine Nwauwa, and Ikenna Nwauwa (8 months). Standing (left to right) are Asst. Prof. Xae Reyes, Troy Gomes, Joan Burke, Benvinda Dalomba, Sherrie Hard, Albert Speaks, Deborah Johnson of the Admissions Office, Prof. Richard Lombok, and Dongting Zhao. On Dec. 4 members of the RIC community will travel to nearby Weston College to celebrate Kwanzaa with students, faculty and staff of that institution. For more information, call the Unity Center at 456-8791.

At left: CAROL CLASS: Members of Prof. Bill Jones' American Popular Music class rehearsing Christmas Carols are (left to right) Kristy Casali, Beverly Watson, Debbie Butler and Amy DeSantis. Standing (left to right) are Dominique DiOrion, Eva Kendricks, Scott Moorency and Melissa D'Amico.

Below: MAKING HOLIDAY door tags for a nearby retirement community are students (left to right) Becky Waldron, Hao Nguyen and Beth Vanasse. Carriers, who would like to visit nearby homes for the elderly around Christmas time, are urged to call the Student Activities Office at 456-8034.
Alumni scholarship
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Un fortunately, recent family medical problems have hindered my parents’ ability to continue to provide all the help needed. I had to finance many former classes through student loans. Without a scholarship or some form of aid, I will inevitably be forced to do the same for my classes this year.

I feel as though I am an excellent candidate for this scholarship. I have earned a grade-point average close to 3.5 (out of a possible 4.0) which has enabled me to be inducted into the national teachers honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

I have chosen a profession which will give me the opportunity to give back to my community. As a special education major, I have already completed 90 hours of volunteer work in three different educational settings—pre-school, elementary school and middle school.

I have worked with students who have emotional and behavior disorders, mental retardation, physical handicaps and learning disabilities. I have put my basketball talents to good use as a volunteer for the Rhode Island Special Olympics.

I presently tutor five special needs students (10 hours a week) in reading and math.

I plan to continue my pursuit in special education and stay involved in volunteering, attaining a masters degree and, eventually, attaining a Ph.D.

It is a dream of mine to return someday to RIC as a professor, to share my education and experiences with eager and enthusiastic students as so many of my professors have done for me.

As a former recipient of an alumni scholarship, as a former student ambassador and as a former phon-a-thon caller (1993-94-95), I have seen and experienced firsthand the benefits of giving to such a worthy cause as the alumni fund. It was a sincere pleasure to carry the alumni association, especially the year after I received my previous award.

To conclude, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the people who have given me this essay and considered me for such an honor. If I am selected as a winner, I will not let you down.

CAROL AVILA

GUEST SPEAKER: As part of the current series of colloquium, Prof. David A. Kenny, of the Department of Psychology at the University of Connecticut, speaks to students and faculty members on "Advances of Quantitative Methods in Social Science" in Whipple Hall 102 on Nov. 13. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Milken 1996 award winners
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Family Foundation.

"The recognition that the graduates of Rhode Island College have received from the Milken family is an honor for the recipients, a distinction for the College, and, most certainly, a tribute to our faculty," said College President John Nazarian.

"As we near the 21st century, this nation's need for exemplary teachers has never been greater. We at Rhode Island College are proud that we have helped to shape the professional careers of so many outstanding teachers and, through their work, the lives of thousands of young people throughout the state, the nation and the world," he said, adding, "We are also grateful to the Milken Family Foundation for its commitment to the promotion of the teaching profession."
"Midnight Madness" ushers in 1996-97 winter sports season

On Friday Nov. 1, the "New Gym" was rocking with action as the second annual "Midnight Madness" took place before a crowd of over 1,200 fans and supporters. This year’s program was even bigger and better than last year’s inaugural event.

The evening started with Coach Tim Clouse’s grapplers taking center stage as the team participated in a series of demonstrations and ended their stint with an intrasquad scrimmage. If opening night is any indication of the season ahead then you won’t want to miss a single minute of Anchormen wrestling.

One of the evening’s highlights was the premier appearance by the Rhode Island College Pep Band. The band, comprised of all RIC students, were just out to entertain the large crowd of over 1,200 fans and supporters. This year’s program involved as many alumni as possible.

The men’s basketball team took to the floor in an exhibition bout for the Jeep but fell short in his attempt. Another lucky individual was given a shot to win two airline tickets to spring break but he too fell short.

The evening didn’t have any lulls as WPRO radio personality Bill Habermen kept the action moving as master of ceremonies. He was ably assisted by WPRO personality and RIC graduate Jody Johnson. The RIC cheerleaders, led by Coach Lori Valois, did a great job in keeping the crowd involved and on their feet as they put on a quality performance throughout the program.

The women’s basketball team looked extremely sharp as they took to the floor in an exhibition contest. By the looks of things Coach Ken Hopkins’ squad should be in the thick of the battle for the Little East Conference crown.

Last year’s dunk champion, John "Dr. Dunk" Nazarian, regained his championship form and easily defeated Gary "Dr. Slam" Penfield.

The midnight hour approached, the lights dimmed and the spotlights shone bright. It was time to meet the members of the gymnastic, wrestling and basketball teams as they were introduced individually to the enthusiastic crowd by WPRO’s Habermen.

One by one, these proud student-athletes, ran out to the center circle as the crowd cheered.

Following the introductions and a spine-tingling rendition of the National Anthem sung beautifully by student Rebecca Burns, the lights shone bright.

It was time for the lights to dim and the action to begin as the crowd cheered. One by one, these proud student athletes ran out to the center circle as the crowd cheered.

"MAD" GYMNASTS: Member of the womens’ gymnastics team as seen during Midnight Madness Nov. 1. (What’s News Photo by Clare Eckert)

The evening didn’t lack for excitement and provided everyone with a glimpse of the exciting season ahead.

Don’t miss the action of the sports season ahead!
‘Recent Pictures’ by James Janecek at Bannister Gallery Dec. 5-21

The work of James Janecek embodies a synthesis of the major trends in 20th-century abstraction. His “Recent Pictures” exhibit will be on display in Rhode Island College’s Bannister Gallery Dec. 5-21.

That Janecek terms these works "pictures" reflects not only their mixed-media nature, but also the idea that the term, generally used in a photographic sense, refers to an impulse to record a particular visual event. Abstract visual action can in this sense be considered, as much as a photography used to be, a true document of a real place as recorded by one who has "been there," according to Dennis O’Malley, gallery director.

"Recent Pictures," says Janecek, is the evolutionary result of a group of monotones produced in the past two years. The printed material served as the basis for the expansion of a variety of drawn and painted ideas which may have related tangentially in content and at the same time may have had a compelling visual connection.

"This connection has been developed to the extent that one idea methodically dissolves into another idea to become part of the overall effect.

"All of the events in 'pictures' contain references to actual events and observations, yet are not described by exact description or specific time. Once all of the different parts are in play on the surface, a kind of cohesion develops, which can not be predicted and which is eagerly sought."

Opening of the exhibit is Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7-9 p.m. A gallery talk by the artist is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. The exhibit and gallery talk are free and open to the public.

Back to the future —
Fred Scheff called back for ‘Phantom’

Fredric S. Scheff of North Kingstown, Class of 1983, will rejoin the national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Phantom of the Opera on Nov. 25 on an open-ended contract which will take him to Detroit, Denver, Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington, D.C., among other major cities over the next two years.

He will be performing in the chorus and as understudy for the tenor’s role in the character of Piangi, as he had done in an eight-week stint two years ago (What’s News Nov. 29, 1994). Being an "open-ended" contract, Scheff says he can stay on "as long as I can stand it."

Consequently, his last performance in Rhode Island for some time may have been Nov. 22-24 when he sang in Popcorn and Puccini, great operas for the public, in RIC’s Gaige Hall auditorium.

Another RIC alumnus, Diane Alexander, recently played the role of Carlotta in the Phantom for eight months in San Francisco.

PIRATES! THE BALLET by Australia’s longest established professional dance company, the Queensland Ballet, will be performed Monday, Nov. 25, starting at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium. Featuring dancers and singers, the ballet is based on Gilbert and Sullivan’s hilarious light opera, Pirates of Penzance. Tickets are $18 with discounts for students and senior citizens. (Photo by Branco Gaica)
Performing Arts Series —

Queen of Flamenco Maria Benitez and her dance theatre to perform at RIC Dec. 2

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

High energy improvisations are the focus of Maria Benitez, dubbed by Vogue magazine as “The Queen of Flamenco,” when she brings her Teatro Flamenco to the stage of Rhode Island College’s Roberts Hall auditorium Monday, Dec. 2, for an 8 p.m. performance.

Benitez presents a diverse and demanding repertoire for music and dance with the rhythms of flamenco at its core.

In addition to the daring solo work for which the form is traditionally known, Benitez has added her own choreographic voice to the company’s repertory and also has commissioned distinguished Spanish choreographers and composers to create new works specifically to expand the dramatic range of the company.

Featuring solos, duets and trios, the dynamism of flamenco foot and body work is non-stop.

“Benitez pushes the traditional boundaries of flamenco into genuinely dramatic form. All the dances were enhanced by the brilliant musicians whose technique and power are staggering. A thrilling event,” declared the Denver Post.

Internationally acclaimed as a performer, choreographer and director, Benitez is considered by many as the finest exponent of Spanish dance today.

Teatro Flamenco launched its first season in 1970 in Santa Fe, N.M., an area rich in the traditions of Old Spain.

Today, Benitez and her husband, Cecilio, maintain homes in Santa Fe and New York City.

RIC Chorus, Orchestra to present two rarely heard seasonal gems

A concert entitled “Seasonal Celebration” will be presented by the Rhode Island College Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Edward Markward, professor of music, Monday, Dec. 9, at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Featured artists will be Rene DeLaGarza, baritone, and Eric Sesman, bass-baritone, both of whom have appeared under Markward’s direction on many occasions.

The two works to be performed are Richard Cumming’s Christmas and Ernest Bloch’s Sacred Service (Abodath Hakodesh).

The Cumming work, which depicts the birth of Christ and its surrounding events, was commissioned by the RIC Chamber Singers. It was premiered at RIC in December of 1989.

Since then, Cumming, whose compositions are received with enthusiasm, has revised and expanded the work which will be given its premiere at this concert.

Christus represents the Christian heritage in this seasonal concert. Representing the Jewish heritage is Ernest Bloch’s Sacred Service (Abodath Hakodesh), taken from the morning service in the Union Book of Prayers. The Work will be sung in Hebrew.

Other than the obvious connection of the roots of Judaic/Christian faith represented in the concert by these 20th century composers, is the relation between the two.

Cumming was a student of Bloch’s (1880-1959), born in Switzerland, was one of the most influential composers in the United States, having held positions at the Mannes School of Music, the San Francisco Conservatory and the University of California at Berkeley, among others.

Cumming, born in China, raised in San Francisco, and one of the top musicians in New York for many years, came to Rhode Island in 1966 to serve as composer-in-residence at Trinity Repertory Company and has been for 30 years, “one of the most influential musicians in the region,” according to Markward. Cumming serves on the adjunct music faculty at RIC.

Tickets are $7 with discounts for senior citizens and students and will be available at the box office the day of the concert. For more information, call 456-8244.
**Mondays**


**Tuesdays**

Noon — Interfaith Bible Study. The Chaplains' Office offers interfaith Bible study every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union 300. Everyone is invited. Bring your lunch.

**Wednesdays**

12:30-2 p.m. — Catholic Student Association. Any Catholic student is invited. Chaplains' Office, Student Union 300. Refreshments are provided.

**Thursdays**

4 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous. Open discussion meetings weekly until Dec. 12. Student Union room 305.


Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, Nov. 28—Sunday, Dec. 1—no classes.

25-27 Mon.-Wed.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Tuesday through Saturday); 6-9 p.m. (Tuesdays and Thursdays) — Wall Sculpture of Keith Long. Bannister Gallery. Free and open. Runs through Nov. 27.

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8 p.m. — Dance: The Queensland Ballet. Pirates! The Ballet. Performing Arts Series. Roberts Auditorium. Reserved seating $18, senior citizen $14, and RIC faculty/staff $16, non-RIC student $14, RIC student $5. Tickets available at Roberts Box Office or call 456-8194.


25-26 Dec.

8 p.m. — Dance: Maria Benitez Teatro Flamenco. Performing Arts Series. Roberts Auditorium. Reserved seating $18, senior citizen and RIC faculty/staff $16, non-RIC student $14, RIC student $5. Tickets available at Roberts Box Office or call 456-8194.

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**Friday**

7 p.m. — RIC Women's Basketball vs. Anna Maria College. Home.

8 p.m. — Dance: Rhode Island College Dance Company's Annual Winter Concert with Paula Jose-Jones Performance Works. Rhode Island College Dance Company. Roberts Auditorium. General Admission $10, senior citizens, groups, student $6, RIC students $4.

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