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H. Cummings named Executive in Residence

Retired Citizens Bank president

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

H. Cummings, retired president of Citizens Bank, who has built a reputation as an esteemed colleague, financial visionary and community servant, has been named Executive in Residence at Rhode Island College.

In announcing the appointment, RIC President John Nazarian praised Cummings as "one of Rhode Island's most capable business executives and a true friend of public higher education."

"Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Cummings has been an energetic civic leader," the President said. "He has been an esteemed colleague, financial visionary and community servant, and I'm honored to welcome him to the RIC family in this critical role.

The past three years at Rhode Island College helped me develop in many ways. Through hard work and continuous struggle to fulfill most of the expectations that I imposed upon myself, I started appreciating the academic environment that I was surrounded by. Being away from my country, I found school and friends as an important source of emotional support in order to achieve my academic goals.

One of the most important persons who showed me what it means how to deliver professional development which meets the needs of our constituents. "It represents a partnership between the College and the school system in implementing high quality professional development tailored to the reform agenda in the Providence schools." - Joyce Stevos, RIC Class of 1965, director of strategic planning and professional development for the Providence school system.

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SCG funds safety and scholarship projects

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

Funding for selected projects from Student Community Government, Inc. (SCG) that enhance the operation of the Rhode Island College community continue to grow. Most recently, members voted to approved $23,000 to establish a permanent phone bank in the Alumni House, and to purchase and install five emergency telephones on campus. Tony Impagliazzo, SCG president.

A FLASHING BLUE LIGHT is activated whenever one of the newly-installed emergency telephones around campus are in use. Above, RIC Patrolman James V. Yezis explains the system to Erica Donovan, a resident assistant in ground floor of Henry Barnard School and the Unity Center.

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Nationally acclaimed civil rights lawyer, Morris Dees, to headline African-American History Month

Films, symposiums, performances, food, music and exhibits also scheduled

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

The public is invited to a month long schedule of activities at Rhode Island College to celebrate African-American History Month beginning Monday, Feb. 3, when the College will open the events with a noon-time reception in the Unity Center.

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Lest We Forget, the selected theme of the month, will include films, symposiums, performances, food, music and exhibits in Adams Library, Henry Barnard School and the Unity Center.

Headlining the month with an address by Morris Dees, a nationally acclaimed civil rights attorney from Montgomery, Ala., who co-founded and is chief trial counsel for The Southern Poverty Law Center. His presentation on "Teaching Toleration" will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Gaige Auditorium. The presentation, which is open and free to the public, will be followed by a film produced by the Law Center; sessions on teaching tolerance and legal implications of intolerance, and a number of academic forums throughout the RIC campus of which Dees is expected to participate.

Before leaving the College, Dees will be honored at a 5 p.m. reception in the Unity Center on the ground floor of Donovan Dining Center.

A graduate of the University of Alabama Law School, Dees became active in aiding minorities in court as a young lawyer. In 1971, he co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit group that...
In memoriam —former Barnard teacher

Virginia Wright

Virginia C. Wright, 77, of Cranston, a teacher at Rhode Island College's laboratory school, Henry Daram, for 18 years from 1953 to 1971, died Dec. 9 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Louis F. Wright. Born in Attleboro, Mass., a daughter of the late Herbert and Beathe S. (Blaine) Cowell, she had lived in Cranston since 1935. She received her bachelors and masters degrees in education from the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College. She also had taught at the Dutemple Elementary School and the Oak Lawn School, retiring in 1979. She was an assistant adjunct professor at RIC for 10 years.

Mrs. Wright was a member of All Saints Memorial Church in Providence, the Sigma Chapter No. 21, Order of Eastern Star, and the Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Deborah A. Byrne of Concord, Calif., and Susan B. Butkiew of Philadelphia; two sisters, Jacqueline Lund of Gallipolis, Ohio, and Priscilla Smith of Atlantic City, N.J.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in All Saints Memorial Church. Burial was private.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: Kenneth Farrelly (right), an elementary/special education major, receives one of two scholarships awarded for 1996-97 by the Class of 1959 from President John Nazarian. Looking on is Professor Emeritus Henry “Hank” Guillotte, who was president of the Class of 1959. The recipient of the other scholarship is Isabelle Lemieux, a secondary/special education major, who was not present for the ceremony, in the President’s Office. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

BIOLOGY AWARD: Tracey Mondor (left) a junior from Woonsocket, is the 1996 recipient of the Mary M. Keeffe Award for excellence in biology. Presenting the award at ceremonies in Fogarty Life Science Building on Dec. 11, is department chair Jerry Melargeno. The award, named for the late Professor Keeffe, founder of the RIC biology department, carries with it a scholarship of $250. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

MUSIC AWARD: Senior John Baldaia (center) is this year’s recipient of the Sylvan R. and Helen Forman Music Scholarship. The award, which carries a $500 stipend, is presented by Prof. Robert Elam (right), chair of the Department of Performing Arts, and Helen Forman (left) during a holiday concert by the College’s chorus and symphony orchestra on Dec. 9 in Roberts Hall auditorium. The scholarship was established in 1992 by Mrs. Forman in memory of her late husband Sylvan. Baldaia, a Providence resident, is a music education major whose applied field is guitar. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

CORRECTION: The caption in a photograph on Page 6 of What's News Dec. 9 should have indicated that Dr. Edna Martins-Roy (Upward Bound Class of 1980) is a psychiatrist and Dr. C. Cristina Figueroa (Upward Bound Class of 1983) an internist.

WHAT'S NEWS

AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

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It's a fit: exercise and academics!

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

Steve Ramocki jogs 25 miles per week, weightlif's at least three times weekly, and regularly swims. It isn't that the former varsity trackman at Rhode Island College is a professional athlete, rather, he believes that physical well-being goes hand-in-hand with mental health and "being the best person one can be."

As an education, Ramocki, has been interested in the health benefits of physical activity as they correlate to the workplace. More specifically, it is his belief that physical education and fitness programs should be incorporated into college curricula. To that end, this soft-spoken professor has designed an extra credit component into all of his classes.

"Research strongly suggests, and to a large extent confirms, the relationship between physically fit employees and workplace efficiency," says Ramocki. "Employers want healthy employees. They're more productive, absent less frequently, less stressed, less likely to be injured on the job, and usually possess a more favorable attitude toward their co-workers and jobs."

Healthy employees cost less to employ as a result, according to Ramocki. With companies discounting with insurance companies over health care premiums, it is definitely in their best interest to hire people with healthy lifestyles and attitudes. The real push in this direction is rapidly approaching, Ramocki feels.

The courses faculty members teach at RIC shape the attitudes of the student who will be going into the business and organizational arena. Ramocki feels that it important to prepare students with healthy attitudes to work in competitive workplaces following this new trend.

"Education basically is self-development and this fitness/lifestyle dimension is going to prove pivotal to many of our students' success," he said.

Last semester Ramocki introduced the courses he was teaching. With the help of John Taylor, director of intramurals and recreation at the RIC Recreation Center, a program which included cardiovascular, flexibility, abdominal and body fat components, was offered to the students. If the students completed the program, they would earn an extra credit on their final course grade.

Taylor met with interested students and conducted fitness profiles on them, followed up with individually designed programs.

"The program used a point system starting with low level exercises. The more demanding the exercise, the more points the students would achieve," Taylor says, adding that the desired goal was vascular level to 87%. Then her sister had trouble keeping up with her!

Junior Mitch Cohen, a computer information system major from Cranston, agrees. Cohen changed his eating habits and followed the program and saw rapid results. In a few weeks he was feeling healthier and dropped over 10 lb. by the end of the semester.

Benvinda DaLomba also got back down to her ideal weight. The senior computer information systems major from Pawtucket and the others all agreed that feeling and looking better gave them more energy, improved their sleep patterns and made them happier and more productive.

"The healthier you are, the better you think," DaLomba stated.

Ramocki and Taylor were pleased with the positive results of this first-time effort.

"Many of them realized how beneficial physical activity is. Their self esteem improved and they had more energy," said ... "It then became evident to them that they would be more attractive to employers than graduates who are inactive and not leading healthy lives."

"Providing our students with the knowledge, attitudes and lifestyle development skills of physical development and healthy lifestyles is all part of educating them and developing skills of physical education major from Cranston, agrees. Cohen changed his eating habits and followed the program and saw rapid results. In a few weeks he was feeling healthier and dropped over 10 lb. by the end of the semester.

Benvinda D. presenta la historia de Steve Ramocki y su dedicación a la educación física. Explica cómo la actividad física puede mejorar la eficiencia laboral y el bienestar general de los empleados. También menciona cómo los estudiantes pueden mejorar sus habilidades físicas y mentales a través de programas de fitness incorporados en el currículo universitario. La escritora destaca la importancia de mantener un estilo de vida saludable y cómo esto puede influir en el desempeño en el trabajo.
I thought I might take this first issue of the new semester to give you a sneak preview of the more comprehensive report which will be mailed to each of you this spring. Thanks to the friends and alumni of Rhode Island College and the Rhode Island College Foundation posted a very strong year.

The book value of the assets of the Foundation grew by 28.5 percent overall. Today the Foundation manages over 180 funds with a book value of over $55 million and a market value of $4.4 million. Of the total funds held by the Foundation, 65 percent are held in endowment and support many of the scholarships and special awards our students receive. This year, for instance, the Foundation dispersed over $148,000 in scholarship funds.

Over 49 friends and alumni made gifts of $1,000 or more to establish new or enhance existing funds. Eleven new endowment funds were created during 1996. They include:

- Robert M. Young Scholarship Endowed Fund - Established in memory of the family and friends of Robert M. Young, professor of biology, who served the College for 24 years. Funds will be used to establish scholarships to support an annual student in Dr. Young’s name.

- Burrill-Mecerle Dance Resource Library Endowment Fund - Established in 1996 through the contributions of Fannie Heleh Melcer and Billie Ann Burrill, professors emeriti of dance. The money will be used to purchase library materials on dance.

- Leadership Scholarship Fund - Established by the Rhode Island College Student Community Government during the 1995-96 academic year to honor and reward students who have made significant contributions to community life, both on and off the Rhode Island College campus. These annual scholarships will be awarded to those who represent models of involved and committed students who can, simultaneously, balance academic demands while serving the larger community.

- Robert D. Soule Technical Theatre Scholarship Fund - Established in 1993 by the friends and colleagues of Robert D. Soule, a man of the theatre whose career in scene design spanned four decades. This annual scholarship will be presented to a student who demonstrates a serious commitment to the theatre and resides in the field of theatre design. $7,599.10.

- Doris Palomo Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 in honor of Dolores Palomo by her family in recognition of Miss Palomo’s 21 years of exemplary service with the Cranston Print Works Company. In recognition that there are others who share Miss Palomo’s dream, this scholarship fund is to assist the development of committed teachers.

- Feinstein School of Education and Human Development Endowed Fund - Established in August 1996 with an initial gift of $500,000 from the Feinstein Foundation, this fund is to support the establishment of the Feinstein Enriching America Program at Rhode Island College. A second contribution of $500,000 will be made in 1997. $500,000.

- Olga M. Lusi O’Brien ’45 Roy and Imogene Elementary School Endowed Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 by Mrs. O’Brien, a graduate of Rhode Island College, this fund will provide educational support to students annually.

- Drabieko Family Endowed Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 by Alicia W. Kestin in memory and honor of her parents, Robert and Myra Drabieko, Holocaust survivors and World War II Veterans. Awarded annually to a student majoring in a string instrument.

- Alma Bishop Doyle ’30 Endowed Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 by Alma Bishop Doyle ’30 to recognize and honor Rhode Island College and the contributions the College made to her quality of life. This scholarship will assist an academically qualified student who demonstrates financial need and strongly character.

- Christopher J. Naylor Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 by the family of Christopher J. Naylor, a 1995 graduate of Rhode Island College’s Masters degree program in psychology. On December 10, 1995, while working at Intown Parking in Providence, Chris was shot and killed during a robbery. Awarded annually to a student majoring in the area of psychology and related psychology field.

- Gladys Corvera and George K. Baker, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund - Established in 1996 by Gladys Corvera Baker, a graduate of Rhode Island College’s MSW program. Fund to support a scholarship for a Hispanic student in the School of Social Work. $9,975.00.

- Future Endowments: Funds which have not yet reached the $5,000 minimum endowment level are held in a future endowment account. It is the understanding that the family, friends, and colleagues who establish these accounts have every intention of bringing them to the level of endowment. Once that level is reached they are taken out of this account and appear as a named endowment fund in the list of funds. Several initiatives to build future endowments are currently underway:

- Billie Romano Endowed Scholarship in Early Childhood Education - Established in memory of Juliet Romano, this fund will support a scholarship for a student in early childhood education.

- Matilda Segatore ’29 Fund - Established through a bequest from Matilda Segatore and gifts from the family. Purpose yet to be determined.

- Patrick O’Regan Fund - Established in memory of Dr. Regan, an annual faculty award in memory of Dr. O’Regan.

- Lough Fund - Established to support a student resource room named in honor of Dr. Lough.

- Bachelor’s of Social Work Fund - Established to support an annual scholarship.

In addition, the Foundation received support for specific faculty projects from several foundations and corporations, including Ocean State Charities Trust, The Champlin Foundations, the Rhode Island Foundation, Texton and others.

We look forward to providing you with a complete list of the funds held by the Foundation in late March— and thank you all for your continued support.

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Nominations sought for alumni awards, Alumni Honor Roll

Rhode Island College Alumni Association Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 1997 alumni awards and Alumni Honor Roll. Deadline for nominations and supportive material, which should be sent to the Alumni Office, is Feb. 10. Winners will be honored at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner Wednesday, May 7.

Ellie O’Neill, interim director of Alumni Services, emphasized that nominations are confidential and should not be discussed with those nominated. Appropriate forms are available at the Alumni Office. Nominations may be made via letter or memo.

The association alumni award program has been in existence since 1965. Awards are made in the following categories: Alumni/Alumna of the Year, Charles B. Willard Achievement Award, Alumni Faculty and Alumni Staff awards.

In the latter three categories (service, faculty, staff), nominees must not be graduates of the College.

The Alumni/Alumna of the Year must be an active member of the association and have demonstrated outstanding service to the College and the association by outstanding service and/or financial contributions.

Nominees of the Willard Achievement Award will have brought honor to the College by achievement in his/her field.

Nominations for the Service Award must have made contributions to the College of time, talent or resources or one who has made contributions to the state or nation which reflects the ideals of service to humanity to which RIC is committed.

The Faculty/Staff awards shall be made to those who are employed by the College and who shall have made contributions to the College through exceptional competence in teaching, printed publications of special merit, innovative model in research or development of a new program, or wide community or campus recognition for service.

Nominees to the Alumni Honor Roll, now in its sixth year, must have graduated from the College five or more years ago, must have achieved career success, and be considered a role model whose success demonstrates the value of a
TIES Project ‘links’ student teachers with technology

A selected group of elementary teacher education students at Rhode Island College — through Project TIES (Telecommunications Instruction to Enhance Science) — developed their telecommunications skills over the past semester, thus encouraging them to utilize technology in the classroom.

Some 17 students were assigned to classrooms in four school districts and the RIC laboratory school, Henry Barnard, after a series of workshops were held to prepare them for student teaching in classrooms where telecommunications is utilized as a tool for instruction.

These student teachers were involved in a variety of Internet activities with their cooperating teachers and have carried out a wide variety of projects with the children in their classes.

A poster session was held Dec. 18 in Donovan Dining Room-South which depicted their individual telecommunications projects.

Begun last spring, two TIES grants totaling $11,000 provided seed money to get the project off the ground, reported Prof. Richard A. Green and Ezra L. Stieglitz of the elementary education department.

Rhode Island College has been named one of six institutions of higher learning in the United States to participate in the Institute for Advanced Study’s High School Teacher Program for 1997-99.

A multi-level mathematics program aimed at researchers, graduate and undergraduate students, and high school teachers, its focus over the two-year period is to promote fundamental changes in the content and teaching of high school mathematics.

Emphasis will be placed on the sharing of ideas on the methods of teaching and the use of computers to teach geometry, according to Alejandro Andreotti, assistant professor of math at RIC, who is co-site director with Ann E. Moskol, professor of math.

RIC will get $6,000 a year for the program, plus $2,000 for each of the approximately seven high school teachers selected, the latter to cover the costs of two three-week summer sessions in Park City, Utah, says Andreotti.

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Professional development

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He called the PDA "an example of a cost-efficient and site-based collaboration." The PDA is a new approach to the professional development of teachers.

The PDA: Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Process calls for teachers to be evaluated in the "Five Dimensions of Teaching" and the protocols for teacher evaluation.

The "five dimensions" are knowledge of students, of content, of pedagogy, of learning environment, and of learning communities.

"Evaluating teacher performance for improvement is a valuable way to enhance the quality of elementary, middle and secondary school programs," noted the proposal.

The proposal is consistent with the standards for beginning teachers recently adopted in the State of Rhode Island and the Professional Teaching Standards for the national certification of teachers.

A cadre of 40 to 60 teachers will be prepared as trainers and coaches in the teacher-evaluation process.

From this cadre, trainers will be selected to instruct non-tenured teachers in the five dimensions of teaching.

Persons who complete the PDA will be identified as coaches in their building to assist beginning teachers.

Trainee/coaches will receive approximately 40 hours of preparation on implementing the proper procedures (protocols) for teacher evaluation.

Invited participants will obtain three graduate credits (tuition free) in portfolio development and will receive compensation as trainers or coaches during non-school hours.

The PDA program was initiated Jan. 15.
Congratulations to the following students who attained a grade point average of 3.25 for the Fall Semester.

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referred to the Alumni House phone bank as a necessity. "The beneficiaries of the center will be the students who receive and enjoy enhanced financial aid distributed through the Alumni Fund." Last year more than $80,000 in financial assistance was given to students.

According to Margaret C. Brown, director of development and executive director of the RIC Foundation, most money raised by the Alumni Association is directed to the phon-a-thon. Although the phon-a-thon fundraising has been successful for the last several years, students and staff participating have worked under less-than-ideal circumstances, Brown noted. "A centralized phone bank was needed to reach maximum achievement potential."

Cheryl Precopio, assistant director of development for the annual fund and Ellie O'Neil, assistant director of alumni activities, "are extremely grateful to SGC for their generosity. Precopio anticipates the center, which will be available to other campus organizations for phon-a-tons, to be operational by spring.

The emergency phones, located in front of the Art Center, Fogarty, and the rear of the new residence hall, Whipple at 120, and in front of Fairfield University's School of Business, will be installed right after the phones are installed in the new Building in December as vice chair of the Working Group and president of the Rhode Island, Citizens Bank of Rhode Island, Citizens Bank of Massachusetts and Citizens Bank of New Hampshire. He was president of Citizens from 1986 through 1992. He is past chairman of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and has served as national president of the American Institute of Banking, the Rhode Island Bankers Association. He has also served as president of the Rhode Island, Philharmonic and the Narragansett Council of Boy Scouts of America, and is a director of the Narragansett Council of Boy Scouts of America, and is a director of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, President of the Executive Council, Roger Williams Hospital, and Community Services of United Way. Cummings is also a member of the R.I. Bar Association and the Rhode Island Bar Association.

The new emergency phones join the list of already existing phones located at the entrance of each residence hall, the west side of Donovan, the Recreation Center, Parking

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: RIC Patrolman James W. Yeitz explains the operation of the campus' newly-installed blue-light telephones to Kerri Rondeau, director of Brownie Hall, and Dave Carulli, a resident assistant in Thorp Hall. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Alumni scholarship
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to be an intellectual, and the ways to reach out to one's maximum academic potential is Dr. White, Ph.D. professor at RIC. I worked closely with him on my senior year, in the classroom and on my junior proposal for the Senior Honors Project, this was one of my biggest challenges during my senior year.

My sophomore year at RIC has been the year of struggle and constant challenge. I had chosen biology as my major, but during my junior year I decided to take a three-year psychology. I entered the project with Dr. White, which was called The Effects of Magnets in Tenebrio molitor. Together with other research assistants we have successfully completed our research in January of 1996. This study has been presented by other research assistants at Eastern Psychological Conference in Philadelphia, in April of 1996. I will further work on a similar project with Dr. White in the fall of 1996, which I chose to be my honors project.

This project means a lot to me. Besides my grades, doing this project helped me gain an in-depth knowledge of the field I was not familiar with, and tested my research skills. I hope that it not only help me work on this project, but also guided me with his expertise in the field of psychology, showing what it takes to be a good scientist, and a good person. Inside the classroom, Dr. White offered insightful, philosophi­cal, and by the same token, scientific ways of thinking. His attraction to the College never waned, Cummings said. When he made the move from the bank, he began "giving serious thought" to joining academia in a capacity which would be "broad to the College and to the students." He said, "I am here to be called upon.

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Sports

Aquatics offerings at Recreation Center

The Rec Center is offering many instructional, fitness and recreational aquatics programs this semester. An American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 6 and running through May 1. The fee for students and Rec Center members is $80 (non-members, $95). The course includes instruction in first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer. Participants must be at least 15 years old and strong swimmers.

A NAUI Open Water I SCUBA Course will meet Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., Feb. 18-April 29. The fee for students and Rec Center members is $215 (non-members, $250). For a taste of what SCUBA is all about, sign up for a free diving experience, Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening includes a short introduction and video presentation, followed by an instructor-guided dive in the pool.

Swimming instruction for adults and children who are members is also offered. In addition, several fitness swimming, aquatic exercise and personal training clinics are scheduled throughout the semester as well.

For more information, please call Alan Salemi at 456-8227 or Janice Fifer at 456-8238.

RIC Alumni Night!

The Alumni Association invites our alumni and their families to come cheer on the RIC Men’s Basketball team at its home game vs. the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Tuesday, Feb. 11 7:30 p.m. Athletic Complex

No charge for RIC alumni!

Come show your support!

RIC Athletics

DONALD E. TENCHER

director of intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and recreation
456-8007

Warmth, sunshine and tough competition greet RIC basketball teams in Florida

The men’s and women’s basketball teams traveled to Florida during the first week of January. The trip was filled with plenty of good weather, warm meetings with alumni from the Miami, Ft. Myers, and St. Augustine areas, and very good competition. The RIC student athletes held their own in every game despite the fact that they were playing against very good scholarship programs. We hope next year’s events will be even bigger and better!

Basketball

On Jan. 15, Alex Butler, Rhode Island College’s pre-season All American men’s basketball team guard scored his 2000 and 2001 points of his career when he knocked home the first basket of the game against Eastern Connecticut State University. The Anchormen won the game with a score of 87-66 making the team record 7-5. Butler had 21 points in the game.

Butler became only the third 2000 point scorer in RIC history. Leading the list is Ricky Wilson, Class of 1972, with 2055 points, followed by Dick Rouleau, Class of 1968, with 2183. As of Jan. 15, Butler was leading the NCAA Division III in scoring, averaging 27.0 points per game.

Wrestling

RIC’s Jay Almeida, who wrestles in the 126-lb. division, has been named Pilgrim League wrestler of the week. The Warwick native was 3-1 at the Southern Connecticut Duals recently.

Gymnastics

The RIC gymnastics team has been ranked fourth nationally, according to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association-Division III. The Anchorwomen follow Ithaca College, leading the list with 142.65 points; Springfield College (141.58) and Ursinas (142.65). The top eight teams qualify for the NCGA National Championship. RIC beat third ranked Ursinas Jan. 19.

Alumni chatter

Congratulations to RIC alumnus and CCRI basketball coach Vin Cullen, Class of 1955, who achieved a coaching milestone recently with his 600th victory. This puts Cullen toward the top of the list of the country’s highest-ranked coaches and positions him as New England’s top all-time college coach.

It was great to see former RIC basketball star Dr. Cesar Palomeque, Class of 1979, in Florida. Palomeque is a dentist in the Miami area and has consented to be the alumni chair for RIC in the southeast Florida area.
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maintains a pool of lawyers who specialize in lawsuits involving civil rights violations and discrimination cases. He was involved in the development of the Civil Rights Memorial in Alabama, where he named the names of 40 men, women, and children who lost their lives during the civil rights movement. (The memorial was dedicated in 1989.)

He is the author of Gathering Storm: America’s Militia Threat, the autobiography, A Season for Justice, and Hate on Trial: The Case Against America’s Most Dangerous Neo-Nazi. In addition, NBC produced a movie about his life, Line of Fire. He received the 1987 Trial Lawyer of the Year award from the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Association, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association in 1991.

The development of the Civil Rights Movement and the anti-abolitionist movement in the United States is the focus of this month’s events. Several prominent figures from this era will be highlighted, including Horace Mann, Elizabeth Campbell, and Robert Richmond. The leading character, Robert Richmond, a composite of several leading manufacturers during that era, is an anti-abolitionist and an owner of a mill in North Kingstown. His daughter, Emily, is secretly involved with the Society of Abolitionists, and also works to bring slaves out of the south through the Underground Railroad. She helps a slave Joseph, husband of the housemaid for the Richmond family, escape from a plantation in Virginia to North Kingstown on board a ship. The play climaxes when Emily’s father, acting as a mob of violent anti-abolitionists, unknowingly attacks his own daughter and friends as they emerge from the abolitionists’ meeting.

The production is being supported by an integrated curriculum project in language, social studies and the arts, according to Fennessey. All of the fifth graders will participate in a variety of roles.

Also scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 12:45 until 1:45 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom will be an “profiles in history/soul food buffet.” Advanced tickets are $3 with RIC ID, or $5, general admission. At 6:45 p.m. that evening in Roberts Hall auditorium will be a gospel concert featuring Freda Battle and Family. In addition, the film Malcolm X will be shown at 7 p.m. in Horace Mann, room 193 with RIC ID or $2 general admission.

For a full schedule of events, please see below. For further information, call 456-8791.

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Rhode Island College President John Narrarian and other College officials, education faculty, students and teachers are proudly honoring the first recipient of the S. Elizabeth Campbell Scholarship for Elementary Education. In honor of the Faculty Center dining room while honoring the benefactor herself, a graduate of the Class of 1931 who retired as professor emerita in 1972 after 40 years as an educator. A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually as an endowed scholarship from funds already in the RIC Foundation to an undergraduate education major, who intends to embark on a career in teaching.

Januaryawarded the presentation will be a conference on the topics of portfolios in teacher assessment featuring speakers Jay Simmons, professor at Boston University and Mary Brennan, principal of the Fox Point School in Providence.

Many school districts are implementing, or are moving toward, the use of teacher portfolios in hiring and tenure decisions, notes Joan L. Glazer, professor of elementary education.

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**It's the T.N.T. of melodramas — Tense, Nerve-wracking, Terrific!**

Agatha Christie’s biggest hit, *The Mousetrap*, by RIC Theatre is Feb. 20-23

by George LaTour

What's News Associate Editor

_The Mousetrap_, the most successful mystery melodrama ever written by the Mistress of the Mystery, Agatha Christie, will be performed by Rhode Island College Theatre Feb. 20-23 with evening and matinee performances in Roberts Hall auditorium.


Agatha Christie, the Duchess of Death, who spent a half century of her life figuring out new ways of killing off her fictional victims, was, paradoxically, a shy, old-fashioned matron, who shunned the spotlight for herself even as her typewriter (or, paradoxically, a shy, old-fashioned mousetrap play in history.

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**RIC Woodwind Quintet in Feb. 12 chamber series**

Rhode Island College Woodwind Quintet will be performing at the Wednesday, Feb. 12, chamber music series after an absence of nearly eight years. Time of the performance, which is free and open to the public, is 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall.

The members of the quintet — Susan Thomas, flute; Denise Plaza-Martin, oboe (guest artist); Philip McClintock, clarinet; Susan Woods Bassoon and Elizabeth Gates, horn — contribute to the musical life of our state as members of major performing organizations, including the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the Rhode Island Civic Choral Society and Orchestras.

They will present Heiden's Sinfonia for Woodwind Quintet, Cambini's Quintet No. 3 and Hindemith's Kleine Kammermusik fur fünf Bläser.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.

**Feeling Trapped:** Rehearsing a scene from the upcoming production of *Agatha Christie’s *The Mousetrap* are (l to r) Randy Brodeur, playing Trottler; Kim Williams, playing Miss Casewell; and Lara Hakeem, playing Mollie. *(What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)*

**Violist Hsin-Yun Huang to perform with Muir Strings Feb. 10**

Hsin-Yun Huang, violist with the Borromeo String Quartet, will perform the Brahms Quintet in F Major, Opus 88, with the Muir String Quartet in the Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series Monday, Feb. 10, in Gaige Hall auditorium.

Other selections on the program will be Haydn's Quartet No. 2 in D Minor, Opus 76 ("Quinten") and the Bartok Quartet No. 3.

Reserved-seat tickets are $18 with discounts for senior citizens and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance by phone via VISA or Mastercard by calling 456-8194 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily or at the Roberts Hall (not Gaige Hall) box office from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and until the time of performance on Feb. 10.

Huang has garnered numerous international awards, including the first prize at the 1993 ARD Competition in Munich and the 1986 Lionel Tertis Competition in Australia. She is the recipient of the prestigious 1993 Bunkamura Orchard Hall Award in Tokyo.

Her solo performances with such orchestras as the Bavarian Radio Symphony and the Tokyo Philharmonic have been telecast internationally.

In demand in her native Taiwan, Huang appears there several times a year in recital and with orchestra, and was recently presented in a private recital for President Lee Teng-Hui.

Her engagements last year included solo appearances with the Berlin Radio Orchestra, the Russian State and the Taipei City symphonies.

As a chamber musician, she has appeared in festivals in the United States, Canada and Europe.

She studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey, U.K., and holds degrees from the Curtis Institute and the Juilliard School.

Huang has been the violist with the Borromeo String Quartet since 1994, and serves on the faculty at the New England Conservatory.

The Muir String Quartet is now in its fourth season of performing critically acclaimed chamber music in the RIC Performing Arts Series.
Tuesdays
11 a.m.—Stress Management Laboratory in Craig-Lee 130. This group is designed to introduce students to a variety of stress management and relaxation strategies, and includes the use of biofeedback equipment to help individuals develop greater physiological self-control. No appointment or intake interview is required, and students may attend as often as they wish. For more information, call 456-8094, or drop by the Counseling Center, CL 130.

12 Wednesday
12:30 to 2 p.m.—Speaking for the Terrified. This eight week self-help group is intended for students whose anxiety about speaking in public situations (classes, work, social groups) interferes with their success or happiness. For more information, call 456-8094, or drop by the Counseling Center, CL 130.

13 Thursday
noon to 1:30 p.m.—Coping with Jealousy in CL 130 with Dr. Tom Lavin. Jealousy has no doubt ruined many a Valentine's Day, and is a major source of relationship conflict and even violence. This workshop will explore the meaning and causes of jealousy, and discuss practical ways to keep the green-eyed monster at bay.

7 p.m.—Art; Sam Ames, Gallery Talk in Bannister Gallery.

Thursday
Feb. 6 through May 1—Lifeguard Training Course held in the Recreation Center pool from 6 to 9:15 p.m. For further information, call Aquatics at 456-8277.

6-9 Thursday
Theatre: Torch Song Trilogy written by Harvey Feinstein and directed by Frank Toti. 8 p.m., Feb. 6-8 and 2 p.m., Feb. 9 in Roberts Little Theatre. Pay what you can. Limited seating.

6-26 Thursday
Art: Sam Ames—"Metal/Plastic/Flesh: New Drawings and Paintings" Opening: 7-9:30 p.m.

7 Friday
Bus leaves SU at 8 p.m. $5 tickets at SU Info Desk and Rec Center includes bus, bowling, shoe rental, pizza, prizes. Sponsored by RIC Recreation and Student Activities.

8 Saturday
Bus Trip to Quincy Market. Bus leaves SU at 10 a.m. and returns to RIC at 5 p.m. $4 tickets at SU Info Desk. Sponsored by Student Activities, 456-6034.

10 Monday
8 p.m.—Music: Muri String Quartet with Hsin-Yun Huang in Gaige Auditorium. Part of the Performing Arts Series. Reserved seating $18, senior citizens and RIC faculty/staff $16, non-RIC students $14, RIC students $5.

11 Tuesday
6:30 to 8 p.m.—Free Scuba Experience in Rec Center pool. For further information, call Aquatics, 456-8227. (Classes begin Feb. 18 through April 29.)

Sports Events

4 Tuesday
5:30 p.m.—RIC Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut State University Home. 7:30 p.m.—RIC Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut State University Home.

6 Thursday
7 p.m.—RIC Women's Basketball vs. Johnson & Wales University Home.

8 Saturday
1 p.m.—RIC Women's Basketball at Plymouth State College Away. 3 p.m.—RIC Men's Basketball at Plymouth State College Away.

11 Tuesday
5:30 p.m.—RIC Women's Basketball vs. University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Home. 7:30 p.m.—RIC Men's Basketball vs. University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Home.

15 Saturday
1 p.m.—RIC Women's Gymnastics vs. Big Red Invitational at Cornell University. 3 p.m.—RIC Men's Basketball at University of Massachusetts-Boston.

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