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Cox to broadcast live from Gaige Hall auditorium

Public ‘conversation’ on race, culture and ethnicity, April 28

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

The public is invited to participate in a live televised dialogue called A Rhode Island Conversation on Race, Culture & Ethnicity on Monday, April 28, beginning at 7 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium on the Rhode Island College campus. The free event will join together seven panelists from various walks of life who will offer discussion on ideas about how to live, work and relate to one another across ethnic and cultural boundaries. Modeled after a successful national forum organized by New York based National Conference, the Rhode Island Conversation on Race Culture & Ethnicity is a collaborative effort sponsored by The National Conference of Rhode Island and Southeastern New England, (formerly known as The National Conference of Christians and Jews) Cox Communications, the Providence Journal and Rhode Island College.

Cox Communications will provide live coverage of the event, which will be broadcast on the local access station throughout the system's coverage.

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Third annual Teacher Job Fair open to RIC seniors, alumni

Rhode Island Consortium of Educators (R.I.C.E.), made up of representatives from seven Rhode Island colleges and universities, is holding the third annual Teacher Job Fair at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The seven consortium institutions of higher learning are Rhode Island College, Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, Providence College and the University of Rhode Island.

The job fair is limited to 500 participating candidates, all of whom must be graduates and/or alumni of the seven participating schools.

If you are graduating this year (January, May or August, 1997) with a degree in education and are planning to become certified to teach, you are invited to attend.

Alumni interested in attending must get in touch with the Career Development Center. Peg Theroux is handling registration.

All participating candidates must be pre-registered. No walk-ins will be accommodated. Cost is $10, checks only, made out to R.I.C.E. Checks are non-refundable.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come/first-serve basis and none will be processed after noon on April 1. No student will be admitted without pre-registration.

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Athletic director’s initiatives include academic enhancement for student-athletes

Fundraising efforts take priority to build programs

by Clare Eckert
What's News Editor

A luxury for the athletic, intramural and recreation director at Rhode Island College would be to have 48 hour days. In fact, if Donald E. Tencher could have his way with Mother Nature, the sun would always shine, days would be never-ending and sleeping would be a thing of the past.

“There’s not enough time in the day,” said Tencher, who celebrates his second year at RIC April 5. Ideas for fundraising, recruiting student-athletes and keeping them here, come to the West Warwick native like water flows from a faucet in the on position. In fact, Tencher is always “on.”

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Sports Memorabilia Auction

Wednesday, April 23
Providence Marriott

He said when the position opened at RIC, he applied because it was a “dream” of his to someday work in athletics at a four year institution of higher education.

Having spent the prior 16 years at the Community College of Rhode Island, which he “truly enjoyed,” he called his selection as RIC’s director...

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In their own words...

Brian J. DeAndrade, Lincoln, RI
Class of 2000
Recipient of:
Graduate Award

Since Aug. 1, 1991, when I was first diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia) I have had a desire to help others who are in need of counseling.

I have come to understand the feelings of those who, for whatever reason, are in need of someone to understand and guide them. I know how important it is to have guidance...

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ANNUAL MAJOR DONOR RECEPTION: President John Nazarian hosted over 100 major donors to the College at a reception March 21 in the Faculty Center. Above (l to r) are George W. Babcock, a new member of the RIC Foundation board of directors, his wife Petrina, and Paul Bourget, Class of 1969, a member of the board of the Alumni Association and a charter member of the new “1854 Society.” (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News will continue this year in order for you to be able to resist your pangs of nostalgia with a collection 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.

REMEMBER HOMECOMING? In this photo from our files, dated 1962, we see Homecoming Queen Kathleen (Armstrong) Todd, Class of 1964, flanked by soccer players Charles Moffit (left) and Raymond Habbidoux, both Class of 1963. Incidentally, the tradition of homecoming weekend at RIC, which has not been observed in recent years, will be revived during Oct. 17-19. Watch the coming issues of What's News for details.

Technology whiz takes over RIC's computer center

by Cynthia L. Sousa

What's News Writer

David Beason, Rhode Island College's newly appointed director of the computer center, said he is ready for the challenge of moving RIC forward in the area of technology.

And, with the passage of the telecommunications bond issue last November, improvements to accommodate the new technology are close to becoming a reality. RIC is slated to receive $7.6 million in a four-year, two-phase program aimed at upgrading the telecommunications technology on campus.

It was the challenge of bringing the college into the 21st century with new and improved technology to help meet the needs of RIC students, faculty and staff that enticed this quiet professional from rural Arkansas to RIC.

Beason served in the Army for two years after graduating from high school. He then received a bachelor's degree in education from Henderson State University. He was later chosen to participate in a rigorous master of science, information systems and technology fellowship for the Army at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

The program emphasized contemporary analysis, design and implementation of computer-based systems to include networking, database, data/telecommunication, high level programming languages, expert systems, artificial intelligence and operating systems.

After graduating from this program, Beason was information systems project manager at the Defense Communications Agency in Arlington, Va., chief of applications, database and new technology at the Command & Control Systems in Washington, D.C.; and executive to the director and senior analyst for Army Personnel Systems, also in Washington.

Beason then left D.C. and returned to his hometown, where, since 1994, he served as director of information services of the Little Rock school district.

There he managed the policy, planning, design and implementation and operations of computing, telecommunications and networking for a $150 million public school district with 25,000 students, 3,600 employees, 54 remote campus area networks, a wide area network, 3,000 servers, personal computers and 1,100 telephones.

Beason's experience in transitioning outdated equipment and developing and managing telecommunications and networking speaks for itself.

The task of getting the College in gear to meet the ever-evolving new technology is very similar to what he was responsible for in Little Rock.

Beason is optimistic about his new position and the implementation of the bond issue. The changes "are going to take a while" but everyone he has met in his first few weeks on the job "is really committed to making it happen."

"RIC is a nice size," said this self-admitted described country boy. "It's large enough to be challenging, but small enough to be manageable," he said.

The first thing Beason plans to do is assess the situation. He plans to talk to students, faculty and administration from RIC, the University of Rhode Island and the Community College of Rhode Island and representatives from the Office of Higher Education.

Then he'll make his recommendations to help all these constituencies get what they want and need in terms of innovative technology and software and hardware. Beason says he will take a pro-active, assertive approach to the situation and will utilize his staff wisely to support the objectives and to enhance user support.

Beason has done his homework and is aware that the Rhode Island system of public higher education has been ill-equipped and under-funded to meet the needs of its students, faculty and staff, and the public in the past. "RIC hasn't had adequate resources to deal with new technology in past years," he said. "Now is the time to make RIC the most innovative, technologically advanced environment possible."

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Kathleen Laquale, athletic trainer, was recently named a 1997 National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Athletic Trainer Service Award recipient. The Athletic Trainer Service Award recognizes those NATA members who have "shown a unique and exceptional commitment to the profession through professional efforts and personal sacrifices."

Len West, educational studies department adjunct professor, participated in a public reading of Herman Melville's novel, Moby Dick, at the New Bedford Whaling Museum last fall. The multicultural fundraising event included "the rare opportunity to study the text of Moby Dick, alone in the very room where the author wrote it from 1850-51, at his farmhouse in Pittsfield, Mass."

Faculty and students of the Health and Physical Education Department participated in the 1997 Convention of the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Held in Burlington, Vt., March 4-9, Assistant professors Tracy Caravella and Betty Rauhe conducted a session entitled "Strategies to Enhance the Comfort Level in Death Education." West also served on the convention planning committee.

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It's Fitness Month! What's your excuse?

by Emanuel T. Vincent, III
Student Public Relations Assistant

Guess what ladies and gentlemen? Fitness month just passed by and you know what that means...one less month on this year's calendar to slip back into the New Year's resolution of getting in shape and losing excess weight. Unless of course, you're a member of the Rhode Island College community.

Fitness month was in full swing last month at RIC. But for some students and faculty, who religiously go for an occasional walk, jog with hopes of staying fit or getting in shape in time for outdoor summer activities, the challenge of staying fit goes on year all long.

Although exercise works for some people, others believe there is no one guardian angel, so to speak, to help control proper eating habits. They think the solution to staying fit and losing weight will be given to them in a secret exercise formula by Jenny Craig or by their local weight watcher guru. Guess what folks? For those who need a little nudge at the College dietitian, "Americans spend so much money on fitness centers, and the keystone is losing the weight. They invest large amounts of money eating plenty of fat-free foods and low calories shakes and forget there still exists plenty of calories in those foods."

Gallagher says, "It's important for college students, as well as the general public, to re-analyze their eating habits. We should be aware of good eating habits because they stay with us for life." Gallagher recommends daily exercise and eating less. When asked about students' eating habits, Gallagher reported the students' eating habits are average but stresses, "they have to learn to eat less and that regular exercise is a must."

Gallagher is always willing to help students with any health related questions and will work with students on staying trim and losing weight. Nutrition, Gallagher says "is the main thrust in the focus on fitness." Gallagher says, Browner lives in the residence halls and works out bi-weekly. He feels it is important for people to take part in fitness for continual longevity. "Fitness month will inspire me to become possibly more health conscious," Browner says.

Nineteen-year-old student Abel Cabral, who is majoring in Spanish and minoring in Portuguese, feels fitness month is very important for those trying to lose weight. Cabral, also a residence hall student, says going to the gym and eating less will help you stay healthy and stress free. Good nutrition, as Cabral points out "promotes a sound mind and healthy body." Although she does not exercise currently, fitness month could possibly change her outlook on getting fit.

Rhode Island College fitness month continued through the end of March. For more information of scheduled campus events concerning exercise, fitness, and eating healthy contact Gallagher, Tuesday and Wednesday at 456-4297.

In addition, a monthly student advisory committee holds public meetings in the Faculty Center. All are welcome.

Class of 1942 scholarship awarded to Gina Fioriani

SCHOLARSHIP: Gina Fioriani, a senior and elementary education major, receives the annual Class of 1942 Scholarship from Vice President for Academic Affairs John Saitio. Looking on is Dean David Nelson of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development. The scholarship includes a $500 stipend. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Summer Math Camp

A Mathematics Enrichment Camp for children ages 9-12 will be conducted July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the air-conditioned Henry Barnard School on the Rhode Island College campus.

It is designed for children who enjoy math and features hands-on, project-oriented approaches to problem-solving, reasoning and communicating mathematics. The theme, in this, the first such camp at RIC, is "Explorations in Geometry."

Students will receive a camp T-shirt and portfolio notebook. Each camper must bring his/her own lunch/snacks. Cost is $125. Deadline to register is June 1. Call math Prof. Ann Moskal at 456-9761.

2nd annual Gehrenbeck Lecture is April 10

Prof. Hendrik J. Gerritsen, of Brown University's physics department, will deliver the second annual Gehrenbeck Memorial Lecture in the History of Science on the theme of "The Science of the "Daylight into Buildings" on Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. in Clark Science 128. Mostly non-technical in nature, it is intended for a general audience and is free and open to the public.

Gerritsen's lecture, entitled "Ancient and Modern Daylighting," will trace a history of bringing light into buildings — from the first days of simply cutting an opening for sunlight to come in, to the specialized prismatic glass tiles, which use the principles of light diffraction to direct greater amounts of light, deeper into rooms.

The lecture honors the memory of Richard R. Gehrenbeck, who taught physics, astronomy and the history of science at RIC for 22 years until his death in 1993.

After the lecture, the audience will be invited to a small reception for the speaker and the Gehrenbeck family.

The lecture is being sponsored by the Gehrenbeck Memorial Lectureship Fund, the RIC Lectures Fund, the physical sciences department and the Rhode Island chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi.

Native American dance April 16

Native American Student Network will present Native American traditional, ceremonial and fancy dances by the Docecrest Indian Cultural Center on Wednesday, April 16, from 6-6 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium. Tickets are $2 with RIC I.D. and $4 general admission. All are welcome.
Private Support

Marguerite M. Brown, Director

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

- On Friday evening, March 21, President Nazarian hosted over 100 of the College’s major donors at our first annual Major Donor Reception. (See page 1 for photo.) Individuals who had made a gift of $250 or more to the College during the calendar year 1996 enjoyed the music of Michael DeQuattro’s ensemble, Michael, a graduate of Rhode Island College, is currently a student at the New England Conservatory of Music. Words of thanks were expressed by President Nazarian, Paul Bourget ’89, charter member of the new 1854 Society, and Jennifer Tropea, Class of 1997. Jennifer, a special education major who expects to graduate Magna Cum Laude, has received her Rhode Island College education major who expects to graduate Magna Cum Laude, has received her Rhode Island College education.

- The first list of the Gold and White Society, individuals who have remembered Rhode Island College in their estate plans, was published in the Annual Giving Report. If you have mentioned RIC in your will, or would like to do so, please contact the Development Office (456-8105) for assistance. We would be happy to provide you or your advisor with the appropriate language.

The first phonothon of the spring semester will be held on Monday evening, March 31, from the new phone center. So, while you’re watching the NCAA finals, and a Rhode Island College student calls you for your gift or pledge to the 1997 Annual Fund, please be generous. If you’ve never given before, please consider making a gift, if you have given, please consider joining the next giving club level. You make the difference in providing the margin of excellence here at the College.

- Reservations are now being taken for the Foundation’s Annual Gala honoring Alan Shawn Feinstein, donor of the College’s first million dollar gift. Please join us on April 19. During the evening, the Foundation will be conducting a silent auction to support Honors Scholarships. If you have an item to donate, please contact Lynn Vincente at 456-8105.

A career night for those interested in careers or internships in the computer field, was held at Rhode Island College on March 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Student Union ballroom. Several New England-based companies were recruiting computer information systems (CIS) and computer science majors from RIC and nearby colleges, offering over 100 jobs.

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Cohem credited RIC adjunct professor Faith Lamprey and an active member of Association for Systems Management of Southern New England (ASM-SNE), for coordinating this annual event. "Phyllis Hunt of the Career Development Center also participated in the event," the professor.


The event was sponsored by the ASM-SNE and the RIC student chapter of this organization.

The Rhode Island College Foundation

TAKE A SEAT!

The Rhode Island College Foundation is raising funds to replace seating in Gage 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 the Gage Auditorium.

The recognition plate with its recognition plaque is a beautiful way to honor an alumnae 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 456-8105.

Thank you for your support.

Take a Seat!

Alumni scholarship

Continued from page 1 and counseling when it seems as if one no longer has control of his/her life. It is due to these circumstances that I am pursuing a career in counseling and am currently enrolled as a full time graduate student in the agency counseling program.

My main objective is to become a counselor in order to feel useful to society and to feel a sense of fulfillment. I would like to help others as I have been helped to regain control of my life and to prove that even when it seems as if there is no hope—there is a turning point.

I have spoken with several patients in Boston when I have gone for my check-ups. The nurses at the hospital have asked me to speak with patients that need to see and hear that they, too, can get well. I am always happy to do this because I know that there are many people in my situation who prefer to forget about the past and/or cannot cope with it. I was invited to speak at a symposium at Brigham and Women's Hospital at the dedication of their new bone marrow transplant unit last October. It was an honor and I was truly elated to be able to do it.

I have spent countless hours on the phone speaking with patients that I met while volunteering at Roger Williams Hospital. I am currently pursuing a similar situation at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Due to my weakened physical condition, I have been concentrating on my courses and have not been employed. Consequently, my parents have been funding my education. If I were to be awarded this scholarship, it would be of some help to them.
**Alumna guides YWCA of Greater R. I. in its 130th year**

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

"I feel a very strong personal commitment to the Y and its mission — developing women as leaders and ending racial and sexism," says Rhode Island College alumna Linda A. (Gutiueri) Cipriano of North Smithfield, executive director of the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

And, she assures, the 27 staff members under her share her commitment to the mission of the Y, which just observed the anniversary of the 130th year since its founding.

"My focus is to keep alive the recognition of what has been done over the years by our women," adds Cipriano from her Y office at 1035 Branch Ave. in Providence.

That, in itself, could be a full-time undertaking. When added to the many programs today of the Y for women and girls and their families, including health and wellness, youth empowerment, victim services and self-sufficiency programs, you have a tall order.

"I work more like seven days a week, 12 hours a day," reports Cipriano in feigned amazement.

Managing a non-profit organization "is a very challenging thing," she says, pointing out that the Y in Providence — going back to 1867 — was specifically designated to provide housing for women moving from the country to the city to find work.

That's expanded today to say the least.

"We have about 2,500 participants in various programs — and they are not 'gender exclusive' as far as programs are concerned," assures Cipriano. While all people are served, the focus is on women and girls as you might imagine.

The Y provides breast and cervical cancer screening for the underserved population, an HIV outreach education program, support to families of homicide victims and Teen Court programs, among others.

The Y has been a United Way agency since the early 1920's. Its board president, by the way, is Michelle (Gross) Lombardi, also a RIC graduate, Class of 1975.

There is a second Y in Rhode Island, the YWCA of Northern Rhode Island. Both groups are "very active" in the northeast regional area, says Cipriano, with collaboration on certain issues and events such as their Week Without Violence and the National Day of Commitment to End Racism.

Cipriano has been with the Y for the past three and a half years. Immediately before that, she worked in property management with the Ferland Corporation.

She is a daughter of Dolores and the late Marion Gutiueri of Pawtucket where her father taught school.

She graduated from Pawtucket West High School in 1966 and "went right into RIC" as a student only to drop out after one year. She then took "a lot of courses" at the University of Providence its Continuing Education for Women (CEW) in Providence, eventually returning to RIC and graduating with a B. A. in psychology and management.

She is married to Anthony V. Cipriano, RIC Class of 1968, and has three grown children, Darren, also a RIC grad, Class of 1994, Alisha and Jennifer Moran, and one granddaughter.

Discussing the mission of the Y in her comfortable office the other day, Cipriano reflected that the challenges of today are "just being repeated over and over again" for women and the Y, namely, how are women going to survive.

That was the underlying concern of the organization when it was founded and it remains so today.

"Women have always directed the Y to meet the needs of the time" and Linda Cipriano is comfortable in the knowledge that the YWCA meets that challenge.

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RICH HISTORY: Executive Director of the YWCA Linda Cipriano talks about the history of the organization in front of a display at "Y" headquarters on Branch Avenue in Providence. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
A gang of diminutive "pirates" took over Henry Barnard School gymnasium on March 20. And they were welcomed enthusiastically by the Barnard students and teachers.

They were the Potowomut Pirates, a troop of 14 first- to fifth-grade girls from the Potowomut Elementary School in Warwick. Their specialty? Jumping Rope. Alone. By twist. With one rope. Two ropes. Even three!

RIC Adjunct faculty member Alice Marchant, of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, volunteers two mornings a week at Potowomut to coach the team, which was formed last September. The team is sponsored by the American Heart Association and the R.I. Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

And dare we say it? The joint was jumping!

Clockwise from above: Meredith McCauley demonstrates "double under," passing the rope twice under her feet on each jump; coach Alice Marchant talks to the audience; Amy Meehan does some fancy footwork; Colleen Malachowski and Amy demonstrate "double Dutch with a rope inside,; (l to r) Natalie Revens, Meagan Ferguson and Amanda McCormick wait their turns to perform; and (center) the Henry Barnard School audience seems enthralled.
Athletic director

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of intercollegiate athletics, intra­

collegiate recreation a "fortunate"

career move.

"As much as I loved CCRI," Tencher said, "I was definitely

tough enough to move to RIC. Four year

institutions allow you to see stu­

dent-athletes mature over the four

years, and campus life is more com­

plicate. Colleges, like RIC, that are

four years is what College is and

should be all about.

Tencher exudes pride when he

talks about his job at RIC and the

possibilities he foresees down the

road for all of the programs he heads.

"So far," he said, "we've only scratched the surface." His philo­

sophy is to always "strive to be a win­

ner...to be the best in everything you

do." To that end, Tencher has made

giving student-athletes academic

workload a priority, as well as ensur­

ing the equipment they need to excel

is provided.

In the academic arena, he and

head trainer, Kathy Laquale,

recently announced the formation of

BRIDGES, a program that links aca­

demics and athletics to make sure

that student-athletes are successful

in both endeavors, according to

Tencher at the announcement pro­

gram.

Referring to the faculty and staff

who attended the announcement,

Tencher said, "I want to thank the

people here from the bottom of my

heart for becoming a part of the

BRIDGES Program. We have

upwards of 272 full-time student-

athletes who will benefit from your
time, talent and resources."

This was the second such program

Tencher initiated in Rhode Island.

At CCRI he brought together faculty

and student-athletes in what he called

the "total person program." Charles

Wilkes, RIC Class of 1984, took

responsibility at CCRI, and Tencher

came to the College and was

on hand during the BRIDGES

announcement to explain further

what the benefits are to the student-

athletes.

"This program works. It's a hands-

on approach to keeping student-ath­

letes involved with their studies

and the Brownstone is the 17th all-time

leading scorer in the College's his­

tory."

The BRIDGES program at RIC has identified 17 members of the

College faculty and staff who have

volunteered their time to work with

specific teams. They will work as

academic advisor, mentors and be a

"friendly ear" when need be, accord­

ing to Tencher. "We want to offer as

much as possible to build as many

safety nets as possible for our stu­
dent-athletes BRIDGES will give

the students the coach's perspective

on things and the faculty and staff

perspectives on things. The idea is

that the two ideas blend to benefit

the students."

Recruiting is another priority for

Tencher, who is a self-proclaimed

"jock" with high visibility with the

Rhode Island high school athletic

directors. "We want to expand our

recruiting boundaries," he said.

One way he has begun the effort is

to visit as many high schools as

possible. They will work with

potential student-athletes when they visit the

College, and open the facilities to high school tournament and cham­

pionship play.

Over 16,000 high school students

and their families and friends were

at RIC over the last 18 months at

either the state's high school girls

gymnastics and basketball champi­

onships, boys wrestling, and track

and field tournaments. Tencher also

began offering summer camps for

youngster students last summer.

"Our facilities are so nice," he

said, "that's really an easy sell. People

are immediately impressed. They

want more information. The word

is out there, that we are building

something great."

On the fundraising side, Tencher

thanked the alumni affairs office

and members of the alumni associa­
tion for "helping us make it all

happen." He and Ellie O'Neill,

intimorl advisor to the alumni travels to

Florida over the holiday break and

working with a student from Dun-Florida

where the men's and women's

basketball teams were playing.

"Helping the student get good for

fund raising and for recruiting," he

said, adding that Florida resident

Cesar Delongeque, RIC Class of 1978,

will be helping out in the recruiting

effort in the future.

Last year as well, former RIC

baseball players put together a golf
tournament with their college team­
mates and friends, raising over

$2,500 for the athletics.

On Wednesday, April 23, Tencher

and his staff will "reach out to the

broader community" when they host

the Rhode Island College First

Annual Sports Memorabilia Auction

at the Providence Marriott.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

when the public is invited to preview

the silent and live auction items

before official bidding takes place at

7. Food and beverages will be avail­

able. Ticket donations are $10 per

ticket and everyone will receive a

free t-shirt, Tencher said.

Among the auction items include

a Troy Aikman autographed football,

an official NBA basketball

autographed by Shaquille O'Neal,

a golf ball signed by former President

Gerald Ford, Joe Montana's color

photo signed by the SuperBowl-win­

ning quarterback, and nearly 200

other items to buy.

In addition, funds to produce the

College's seasonal sports magazines

have come from local advertisers.

Tencher said. As resources remain

scarce, Tencher said, "fundraising

will continue to be a top priority."

Tencher earned a master's degree

in sports administration from the

University of Rhode Island. He is the

assistant director of continuing

education for the National Asso­
ciation of Collegiate Directors of

Athletics (NACODA). In addition, he

is a member of Rhode Island Sports

Council, the Kick-Off Classic and the

Rhode Island State Baseball

Championships. He lives in West

Warwick with his wife, Tina, and

his 16-year-old son, Paul.

THE TEAM: Members of the College community who gathered in the Presidents' Dining Room in Donovan to kick off "Project Bridges" included (I to r) women's basketball coach Ken Hopkins, men's basketball coach James Adams, President John Nazarian, Prof. David Harris, Prof. Barry Gilbert, Recreation center director John Foley, Asst. Prof. Carla Werner, Admissions Director Karen Castagno, Asst. Prof. Celeste Pinal, School, Prof. Tom Randall, athletic trainer Kathy Laquale, and Prof. Charles Marzzacco. (What's News photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Conversation

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orge areas and later at a future
date. (Check your local listings for

station number, and future dates

and times).

According to Tony Maione, execu­
tive director for The National Con­ference here, the purpose of the

statewide event is to "challenge

accomplishments and raise our

self-esteem about ideas about how

we can live, work and relate more

positively to one another."

Panelists include well-known

Rhode Island entertainer Rose

Worner, who will also perform an

original act; Joe Newsome, former

state representative from Providence

and president of the South

Providence Development

Corporation; Delia Smidt, former

community legal education coordina­
tor for the International Institute

and a RIC student; Robert B.

Whitcomb, editor of the Providence

Journal editorial and commentary

pages of the Providence Journal;

Lise Iwen, a human rights and

women's advocate attorney; Bob

Cooper, executive secretary of the

Board of Editors
Even though old man winter is still gripping the area the Rhode Island College athletic program has jumped into spring. The baseball, softball, tennis and outdoor track programs all started their seasons this week.

The women's softball team under the guidance of Coaches Maria Morin and Christine Haigh travelled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for the break. The team played extremely well, gaining its share of victories and polishing up its skills for the upcoming conference schedule.

The baseball team has a new look with an entirely new coaching staff. Former All-Stater from Bishop Hendricken, has taken over the head coaching duties. He will be ably assisted by former Stonehill College player Leo Bush and West Warwick native Al Petrarca. The team travelled to Florida for spring training playing in the Tampa and Ft. Myers areas. The team won two and lost four on its southern swing. This team is young but look for it to improve as the season progresses.

The women's track and field program kicked-off its season with the RIC Relays this past weekend at home. Despite a chilling cold day, a good crowd was on hand to participate in this early season ritual. Veteran Coach Matt Hird has been putting his troops through the rigors for the season ahead.

The men's track and field program, under the direction of Coach Buddy Kane, also opened its season at home with the RIC Relays. Coach Kane has experienced an early season numbers problem but is hopeful that the return from the break will generate a new sense of enthusiasm for the season ahead.

Veteran Coach Dick Ernst will be at the helm as the men's tennis team opens its season this week against cross-town rival Johnson and Wales University. This team will be looking to regain the past form that made it perennial Little East Conference contenders.

The tennis team will play in a brand new facility. The baseball and softball fields are being upgraded as we speak befitting the hard work being accomplished by our student-athletes and coaches.

**Baseball, softball tennis or track and field, anyone?**

**Rhode Island College Sports Memorabilia Auction**

**Wednesday, April 23, 1997**

**Providence Marriott**

**6:30 p.m., Preview**

**7 p.m., Bidding begins**

- Silent & Live Auction • Food • Door Prizes

**Donation $10**

**Tickets available at the door or by calling 401-456-8007.**

**All proceeds to benefit Student-Athlete Support Programs**

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**Basketball news**

For the second consecutive year, senior Alex Butler was named Little East Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Butler led the Rhode Island College Anchormen's team in scoring with an average 25.8 points per game.

Butler, from East Providence, was also named to the All-Conference first team for the third straight year. RIC point guard Kenneth Bliss was given an honorable mention on the All-Conference team.

Sue Paul, a senior RIC gymnast from Coventry, placed first in the vault category at the ECAC Division III Gymnastics Championships held recently at SUNY-Cortland. Paul outscored 41 competitors with a score of 9.450. She also placed sixth in the All-Around with a score of 36.275. A National Collegiate Gymnastics Association All-American, Paul is the defending national vault champ. RIC placed fifth out of seven teams in the championship, scoring 171.950.

Paul also successfully defended her national gymnastics vault title at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) national championships March 21 and 22 held at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Paul recorded a combined score of 19.150 (9.625 in the individual competition) over the two days of competition eclipsing her mark of 18.850, set in last year's national meet.

Teammate Nicole Centazzo, a senior from Bristol, finished second at 9.325 and, with Paul, earned Division III All-American status. Centazzo also earned All-American status for her all-around score of 35.75. On the uneven bars, Jenna Daum, a senior from Tiverton, place sixth with a score of 9.05 and was also named All-American. She also came in 11th in the All-Around with a score of 35.275.

In addition, Centazzo and Virginia Mello, a senior from Cumberland, were named to the NCGA Academic All-American team.

In the team competition, RIC placed sixth scoring 140.575. Wisconsin-LaCrosse won the team championship with a record 146.800.
Gilbert’s humanitarian effort brings out the best at RIC

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Prospective students can sign up now for a new master of arts in English/Creative Writing at Rhode Island College, announces Thomas L. Cobb, a Ph.D. associate professor of English and author of the novel Crazy Heart, which may be made into a movie if Hollywood has its way.

Cobb is one of three full-time faculty to teach — along with two adjunct faculty members — the creative writing 32-hour degree program which is to be structured around a combination of workshops and literature courses, culminating in a thesis.

“It’s on the books now,” says Cobb, “and students can enroll now for the fall semester.”

Cobb says members of the department feel that, eventually, it will develop into a fairly large program, perhaps with as many as 25 students in five years.

“We don’t want it to become too large,” he stresses.

“There’s nothing like it between Boston and New York — except at Brown,” which has a master in creative writing (MFA degree), says Cobb.

He believes that Brown’s approach to creative writing is more experimental in nature while RIC will offer “something more traditional with emphasis on the fundamentals” which should appeal to a “wide open market.”

He reports that RIC’s undergrad program in creative writing “has grown considerably” and its graduates have had “a lot of success” with it, going on to “some of the best graduate schools in creative writing in the country” — schools like those in Iowa, Arizona, Florida, New Mexico and Emerson in Boston and Brown in Rhode Island.

Other full-time faculty in the master’s program will be Mark R.

“PROJECT UNDERCOVER” was a recent statewide drive to gather donations of new and unopened packages of underclothes, diapers, and socks for needy children in Rhode Island. Above is RIC coordinator of the project Pam Gilport, of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, with some of the items collected. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

by Cynthia L. Sousa
What's News Writer

Vice President for Administration and Finance Lomen DeLucia didn’t have to ask Pamela Gilbert twice to be Rhode Island College’s coordinator of Project Undercover 1997.

The administrative secretary of student affairs only had to read the appalling fact that 30,000 children under the age of 7 are living in poverty in the state of Rhode Island to give DeLucia an answer.

Yes!

Project Undercover is a partnership of the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program and Girl Scouts of Rhode Island. Its primary goals are to raise public awareness as to the need for new socks, underwear and diapers for these needy children and to generate enough donations through a drive each year to provide two sets of the above items for each of the 30,000 children.

Gilbert said she took on the project “very willingly.” A mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she said, “anything having to do with children is very dear to my heart.”

This humanitarian attended the official “kick-off” of the project which was held at the State House. Attended by several groups of Girl Scouts singing camp songs, Gilbert said the event was “very nostalgic” for her. After all, her own three daughters had been Girl Scouts and she herself had been a Girl Scout leader.

Back on campus, she eagerly contacted a “point person” in each building on campus to collect the desired items during the drive which was held on campus from March 8 to March 27.

“The response was excellent,” she said.

In 1996, about 12,000 items were collected, with the help of the city of Warwick, the Warwick Girl Scouts, and state and local organizations.

This year, the project expanded. Sponsorship included Bank of Rhode Island; Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Rhode Island Firefighters; Rhode Island National Guard; the State of Rhode Island; and the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program’s statewide network of churches and civic organizations.

Co-chairs of this year’s event were Patrice Wood of Channel 10 and Laureen D’Ambra, the state’s Child Advocate.

Over 16,000 Girl Scouts and volunteers solicited new clothing through their troops, schools, churches and civic organizations.

The donated items will be made available to children through the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program’s statewide network of social service agencies which will help identify those in need.

The Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program began in 1985. It is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for those individuals and families who are least able to meet their basic human needs.

Gilbert said she genuinely appreciates the generosity of the RIC community. “There are a lot of good people on campus.” And she is one of them!

Joseph Gilbody named Fuld Health Trust Scholar

Rhode Island College junior nursing student Joseph Gilbody of Johnston has been named a Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholar, one of 52 across the United States selected as outstanding nursing students.

This marks the fifth year a RIC student has earned the award.

More than 250 students are nominated each year for the prestigious award. Only one is selected from each state.

Gilbody will be recognized next month at the 45th annual convention of the National Student Nurses Association in Phoenix, Arizona. He also will participate in the International Council of Nurses’ 21st Quadrennial Congress in June in Vancouver, Canada.

The Helene Fuld Health Trust is the nation’s largest charitable trust devoted exclusively to excellence in nursing education. Over the past decade, the Fuld Fellowship Program has offered

nursing students a wide variety of international educational experiences.

Anderson, a Ph.D. associate professor of English who has had two books of poetry published, and Cathleen M. Calbert, a Ph.D. associate professor of English and national award-winning poet.

Adjunct faculty will be RIC Publishing Services’ writer-editor Gita Brown, a fiction writer whose

Be I Whole was published in 1995 and who holds a masters degree in creative writing from Brown, and Daniel Asa Rose, a writer of fiction and non-fiction prose.

RIC also is offering a course this summer (second session) to teach teachers from grade school through high school how to teach creative writing in their classes.

Most teachers, says Cobb, don’t have any real training in creative writing.

“We’ll teach some fundamentals in contemporary poetry and fiction along with the psychology of creativity,” he says.

Schools around the state soon will be notified of the offering. Teachers who are interested and want more information can call Cobb at 456-8115.

Joseph Gilbody

One of 52 in nation honored as outstanding nurse student

JOSEPH GILBODY
Violinist Bayla Keyes, a founding member of the internationally famous Muir String Quartet, and Yeesun Kim, cellist of the Borromeo String Quartet, will perform as guest artists with the Muir String Quartet in its Monday, April 7, concert in Rhode Island Colleges' Gaige Hall auditorium at 8 p.m.

The performing conclusion in the current series by Muir in its fourth consecutive season at RIC will offer Barber's Quartet, Opus 25, Bartok's #2, Opus 17, and Brahms' Sextet in G Major, Opus 36.

The Muir's past performances at RIC have elicited high praise by audiences and critics alike, characterizing it as providing "chamber music from heaven."

Keyes, in her 16 years with the Muir, performed in more than 1,000 concerts in North America and Australia.

She studied at the Curtis Institute with Jascoby Brodsky and Ivan Galamian and attended the Meadowmount School of Music in Warms, South Carolina.

"I want to commemorate people who didn't do anything wrong and yet lost their lives," said Keyes.

She explained that she herself survived the Holocaust because, as a teenager and the youngest in her family, she had been sent to study in France and England before World War II.

"Because I'm the youngest, I'm alive. People who would have been good citizens in their country were lost," she continued.

Her interest in music stems from her family's interest.

"Music played a large part in our lives. My mother sang and played the violin, her sister sang and another relation was an orchestra conductor in Warsaw," she related.

Mrs. Keestin's gift, which establishes the Drabienko Family Endowment in the Rhode Island College Foundation, is especially significant for us all. She is not an alumna of the College. She makes the donation because of her love of music and RIC's track record in presenting and fostering the performing and fine arts," said Marguerite M. Brown, executive director of the RIC Foundation.

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The performance is free and open to the public.

Group members are John Sumerlin and Laura Gulley, violins; Donna Jerome, viola; Janet Chappell, cello; Ian Greitzer, clarinet, and John Orvis, piano.

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Mondays
8 p.m.—Rock Hunt every Monday until April 14, in SU Coffeeground. Sponsored by RIC Programming, 456-8034.

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.

Noon to 1 p.m.—Interfaith Bible Study in SU 300.

Wednesdays
12:30 to 2 p.m.—Catholic Student Association in SU 300.

Thursdays
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.

4 p.m.—Open Discussion AA meetings are held every Thursday in the SU 305. If you want to drink, it's your business. If you want to quit it is ours.

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Art: Robert Dilworth, Gloria Ortiz-Hernandez, and Fontenel Pointjour "Ikon." Open April 3, 7 to 9 p.m. in Bannister Gallery.

1 Tuesday
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Don't Be Fooled! Individualized computer printouts with info on calories, weight and energy expenditure. Sponsored by Kay Gallagher, 456-8447.

8 p.m.—Comedy Night. Free in the SU Coffeeground. Sponsored by RIC Programming, 456-8045.

Sports Events

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3 p.m.—RIC Women’s Softball at US Coast Guard Academy.

1 Tuesday
1 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball at Worcester State College.
3 p.m.—RIC Men’s Tennis at Salve Regina University.

2 Wednesday
3 p.m.—RIC Women’s Softball vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Home.

3 Thursday
3 p.m.—RIC Men’s Tennis at Salem State College.

5 Saturday
11 a.m.—RIC Men’s Track & Field. RIC Invitational. Home.
1 p.m.—RIC Men’s Tennis vs. University of Southern Maine.
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11 a.m.—RIC Men’s Track & Field. RIC Invitational. Home.
1 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball vs. University of Mass-Dartmouth.

6 Sunday
1 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball vs. University of Mass-Dartmouth.

8 Tuesday
3 p.m.—RIC Women’s Softball vs. Roger Williams University. Home.
5:30 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball vs. Salve Regina University. Home.
8:30 p.m.—RIC Men’s Tennis at Bridgewater State College.

10 Thursday
3 p.m.—RIC Men’s Tennis vs. URI.
3 p.m.—RIC Women’s Softball vs. Bryant College. Home.
5:30 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball at Salem State College.

12 Saturday
10 a.m.—RIC Women’s Track & Field. RIC Invitational at Connecticut College.
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1 p.m.—RIC Men’s Baseball at Plymouth State College.
1 p.m.—RIC Women’s Softball vs. University of Maine-Boston. Home.

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