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Telecommunications bond issue update –

Technology leaps decades ahead in two years
by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

This time last year, the Rhode Island College campus was wired, but not exactly connected and definitely not wired for the 21st Century. Although work was progressing behind the scenes and in the walls with the installation of wires which would eventually link the RIC campus via telephone and computer to itself and to the world, to the casual observer not much was happening with the telecommunications bond issue money.

What a difference a year makes. Last November, the College was still using an outdated telephone system that didn’t even recognize the many new area codes that have been added to meet the demand for telephone numbers generated by the very-1990s beeper and cell phone boom and that kept alive memories of the old party lines. It wasn’t unusual to hear another phone boom and that kept alive the many new area codes that have been added to meet the demand for telephone numbers generated by the very-1990s beeper and cell phone boom and that kept alive memories of the old party lines. It wasn’t unusual to hear another phone boom and that kept alive memories of the old party lines.

This year, the old telecommunications system was retired and over 1,000 telephone units and lines were switched to the new system during the last two weeks of October. In addition, a small army of answering machines that had sat on desks across the campus to answer calls after hours and, in the case of many professors, to answer direct lines when the professor was in class, were sent packing their bags. These outdated dust-collecting devices sufficed, when they worked, but they certainly didn’t do much to aid in communication or provide access to information after hours.

The voice mail system does far more than take caller’s messages. It can actually help answer many of their questions and direct them to the person who can help them if the individual they were calling was unavailable. The goal of the voice mail system is to enhance the accessibility of the College and to further communications and connections.

The past year has also seen major changes in computer technology at RIC. Last November, College staff and faculty had lim-

RIC hosts teacher preparation symposium
by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor

Rhode Island College will sponsor the first statewide symposium to address the issues of teacher preparation, testing and professional development Thursday, Nov. 5, from 4-8 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium. The symposium will take the question “Are Teachers Prepared?” as it relates to those issues.

As the nation grapples with the issues of teacher preparation, testing and professional development, “Rhode Island College, with its history as a Normal School and considered the premier teachers’ college in the state, will take the lead in organizing this first symposium,” said College President John Nazarian.

He invited the public to the campus “for this important event.”

By Julie Whatmough
Class of 2001
Recipient of: RIC Alumni Departmental Scholarships

People teaching and will always be one of the greatest essences of my life. I have felt it as a gifted obligation of mine to fulfill, and to do so I will with honor.

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Create the Future, and Feel the Pride.

Vote on Nov. 3 for facility improvements to the state’s three higher education institutions

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Diversity fair explores range of educational, cultural topics

Promising Practices: a Multi-Cultural Media Fair with Workshops, whose aim is to place K-12 teachers in meaningful conversation with a variety of resource persons, exhibitors and diversity experts, is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Rhode Island College. The event, which is being organized by the Dialogue on Diversity Committee, begins at 8 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Call 401-456-8784 for further information.

9:30-10:45 a.m. Panels and Workshops, Session I-Gaige Hall
A: Marjorie Rosner, Orchestrating the Multi-Voiced Classroom
B: Ellen Bigler, Integrating Latino Curricula into Elementary Schools
C: Mark Motte, Changing Definitions of Diversity I
D: Elizabeth Henshaw & Elizabeth Rowell, Diversity Mentorship for Early Childhood Elementary Educators
E: Sally Gabb, "If Must Be Like Going to the Moon": Immigrant Families Making Cultural Transitions
F: Ewa Irena Pytowska and Joany C. Santa, Home School Liaison: Focus on Central Falls

11:15 a.m. -1:20 p.m. Keynote Address: Student Union Ballroom
Ms. Ewa Irena Pytowska, Assistant Superintendent, Central Falls Schools
Beyond Labels: Coming of Age in a Multi-Ethnic America

1:30-2:45 p.m. Panels and Workshops, Session II-Gaige Hall
A: Richard Lobban, Open Session: Sharing Your K-12 Strategies
B: Amritjit Singh, "Ethnic" Literature and "White" Resistance
C: Mark Motte, Changing Definitions of Diversity II
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3:15-4:30 p.m. Panels and Workshops, Session III-Gaige Hall
A: Leonard Perry, Dialoguing Cross-Racially
B: Barry Schiller, Roger Simons and Amritjit Singh, Immigration, Environment and Diversity
C: Willis Poole, Teaching Content to ESL students in the Mainstream Classroom
D: Robert Vowmeyk & Raymond Mitchell, Race, Labor and the Historical Imagination
E: Sanjeev Chatterjee, South Asian Diaspora in the Americas
F: Ellen Bigler, Integrating Curricula on Latinos Into Secondary Schools

3:30-4:30 p.m. Private Support: RIC's Center for Management and Technology was well represented at the Workforce for the Millennium Job Fair Oct. 7 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Above (l to r) are RIC students Tom Munford, Joseph Cooke and Kevin Tobin. (What's News Photo by Clare Eckert)

Private Support

Marguerite M. Brown, Director

News from the Office of Development, the Rhode Island College Foundation and the Office of Alumni Affairs

Annual Fund update

Thank you to all of our alumni and friends who have made a gift or a pledge to this year's Annual Fund. As you know, we are in the midst of the fall phonathon season, and Rhode Island College students have been working diligently each evening in their effort to contact our alumni and friends and talk with them about what's happening at the College.

As of October 22, the fall phonathons have added over $21,000 in pledges toward this year's all time record setting goal of $300,000. Under the supervision of senior Jen Courtney and former student, Shandell Ruiz, our student callers have received very positive responses.

If you have yet to make a pledge or a gift to the '98 Annual Fund, please take time to make that decision now. Dec. 31 marks the end of our fund year. All gifts made to the fund support student scholarships, faculty research, emergency financial aid, and alumni programming. You can make a difference! The College needs your commitment and support as we continue to make affordable and quality education available for everyone.

Year-end financial planning

Many areas of New England have experienced the "first frost on the pumpkin." For those of us in development, we recognize this time of year is when most individuals think about making a charitable contribution in anticipation of your end-of-year tax deduction. In the past several months, we have seen what some describe as a roller coaster activity in the stock market. Yet, experts have indicated that even the most recent ups and downs of the market have yet to shake the confidence level of most investors.

What happens in investment markets offers options for charitable giving. There are really only three possible scenarios for the markets—they can go up, go down, or trade at current levels. All three offer strategies for making a gift of appreciated securities and meeting both personal and philanthropic objectives.

Downward trends: If the market is headed downward, one strategy could be to make a charitable gift with appreciated securities to conserve cash. This would allow a gift with "paper profits" that might be eroded by a decrease in the stock market, while, at the same time, preserving cash reserves for other purposes.

Upward trends: You might simply like to reduce your position in the market. Therefore, you might consider a gift of appreciated stock, or a combination of giving some shares of a stock and selling the remaining shares. This "balanced sale" of stock would also provide year-end tax benefits.

Whatever your interest or favorite charity, we hope that you will find some of these tips useful as you plan for the end of the year.
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By William Bunch

RID campus ‘wired’ for new millennium and beyond

This November, thanks in part to the $4.6 million telecommunications bond issue passed by votes in 1996 and also to the conscious efforts of the staff in the department of Information Technology and telecommunications, RID is definitely wired for the new millennium and beyond.

Information Technology Department gets it done "byte by byte" by Vincent Ross

In the past year, under the direction of Assistant Vice President David Bousquin, the Information Technology Department has made the last five years forward in the world of computer. From the opening of the modern Horace Mann Center for Technology which housed 100 computers and 2 printers to the installation of 500 computers across campus responding to the needs of the staff, of the network and user services. This has been a busy, busy year.

With the opening of the Horace Mann Center for Technology and the subsequent appointment of William Ross, class of 1977, masters 1979 and a second bachelor’s degree in the direction of network and user services, the focus for the network and user services shifted from the lower level of the Horace Mann Center to the Horace Mann Center with access to computers. Few academic departments were fully computerized and students had access to only a few expertise who could field the phone department in Gaige. The computer and the Internet - or even a computer for the future - was not a necessity until recently. The state has selected a new MIS office to assist self-proclaimed computer novices like Belle Evans, associate professor of English, in understanding the world of computers. From the days of mainframe to the new millennium, students are needing and learning new computer skills.

Writing code on the mainframe is like scrubbing floors with a toothbrush. The result is very good and the floors are very clean. The client server is like using a mop. It’s not as pretty. But the floors get clean and they get cleaned more often. - Ross, referring to Year 2000 work

The past year has been busy, but that’s only part of the story. Back to the Horace Mann Center last year, the staff of the MIS department continued to parese to keep up with all the behind the scenes work that is vital to keep the College running while preparing for the Year 2000. In addition to doing routine things like making sure paychecks are printed, grade reports are mailed and a myriad of other reports are produced, the mainframes and the file servers keep working and are backed up, the staff has been working a quiet attack to disarm a major threat - the Year 2000. That is when in all our computers will turn the clock back 100 years if their programs aren’t refitted.

While there may sound like an interesting experiment or a plot for a B-rated science fiction movie, it is not remotely entertaining to those in MIS. Vince Ross, who joined the College as director of management information systems in August, is mounting a strategic war to prepare the College for the Year 2000. Based on his past accomplishments, it is up to the challenge.

Ross is an Air Force veteran with extensive experience in connecting and servicing computers responsible for time-sensitive operations such as making sure the link between a NASA satellite and its launch vehicle worked as planned and by troubleshooting the systems in the Massachusetts NORAD American Aerospace Defense office without causing any unexpected consequences.

After 10 years in the military, he declined an assignment to the Pentagon and opted for a position in the private sector where he thought his skills would be needed and he could learn new ones. He joined a young company called Pursit as project manager of the new system development focused on Year 2000 conversion. While at Pursit, he person-ally rewrote 2 million lines of CORBA code for Year 2000 conversion.

With the memory of 2 million lines of code fresh in his mind, he saw the potential at RIC. “I thought it was a ground that would be good for my career and it was right. It has prepared me for the challenge.”

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Another solution to the Year 2000 problem, which saves a lot of time and effort, was for the alumni office. “The Peoplesoft program doesn’t have an alumni component so we are able to transfer their information to a client server,” Ross said. In addition, in order to solve the Year 2000 problem one swoop, they at the beginning of the year revamped the access of the data. “All previous access needs to be updated, the client server makes that change.”

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RIC joins YWCA in ‘Confronting Violence Against Women’

On Oct. 21 Rhode Island College’s Women’s Center participated in the YWCA’s fourth annual “Week Without Violence.” Held primarily in the Student Union Building, the event, entitled “Confronting Violence Against Women,” included the display of more than 200 T-shirts from The Clothesline Project. The hand-painted shirts carry messages written by victims of domestic violence or by their surviving loved ones, the aim being to show the widespread extent of this problem.

There was also an exhibit sponsored by the Silent Witness Collaborative of RI. This consisted of several life-size silhouettes telling the tragic stories of women who were victims of domestic violence.

Lt. Stephen Campbell, of the Providence Police Department’s Domestic Violence Unit, spoke to social work students, and there was an opportunity for people to design T-shirts on the theme of stopping domestic violence.

Here are a few scenes from that day, some of them heart-rending.

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Photos and text by Gordon E. Rowley
The mission of Prevent Child Abuse - Rhode Island (PCA-RI) is inherent in the name: prevent child abuse at the grassroots level by assisting young parents in raising their children in a healthy fashion. A master of arts degree graduate from Rhode Island College can give you chapter and verse on the tenets of preventing child abuse. "I can talk about it until the proverbial cows come home," assures Frederick V. "Ted" Whiteside III of Providence, who earned his bachelor’s degree from Providence College in 1968 and his master’s in 1985. He has worked for 28 years with abused children and their families.

He is the second executive director of PCA-RI, which until last April was known as the Rhode Island Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. Prior to that, he was day assistant director of St. Aloysius Home, formerly in Greenville. The primary issue with child abuse and neglect," says Whiteside, "is the stresses that young parents are under." The larger issue is one of providing appropriate support and nurturing for young families. "In most instances, abuse is not intentional and calculated but rather spontaneous reaction to frustration and disillusionment. We need to do a better job of removing some of the stresses that young parents are under," Whiteside assures that the "stresses" mentioned above are well known: poverty, inadequate housing, lack of education, and the isolation of parenting.

"We now know ways to address these issues. We know if we get in early — even before a child is born — and support some of these young parents, and we do that day that we can decrease incidents of child abuse and neglect," Whiteside notes.

Operating out of a modest office in a building known as Independence Square at 500 Prospect St. in Pawtucket, Whiteside seems easily works a full week and night running some 10 different programs most of which are focused on providing education and creating public awareness. He has one part-time staff assistant, an intern student from RIC or PC. He assists him, but mostly "we make use of volunteers." He refers to is the PCA-RI 18-member board who hired him and to whom he answers.

National organization
PCA-RI is one of 42 chapters of a national organization created in the early 1970s and headquartered in Chicago. It goes by the name of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse but will change it to Prevent Child AbuseAmerica for uniformity. Chapters in 16 states, including Rhode Island, have already made the same change.

The national organization was created out of a ground-movement at the time focusing on children, says Whiteside.

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In addition to training and speaking around the state, Whiteside says his group is "seriously supporting" statewide home visitations focusing on families with the most need. This would include couples experiencing child abuse in a family which already has experienced spousal abuse.

"There is a clear correlation between spousal abuse and child abuse," says Whiteside.

"There has been research and the determination that early intervention provided by a home visitor is a powerful tool in the prevention of child abuse and neglect," he stresses.

As with any small non-profit human service agency, money is tight and the need is great. Thus raising public consciousness of the issue and what can be done is vital to fulfilling its mission not only by helping prevent abuse but also by raising the support necessary to continue its work.

In April, which is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month, Gov. Lincoln C. Almond helped kick off the Rhode Island Campaign during which 10,000 blue ribbons were distributed. Participating in the state are the October, Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. and Col. Urbana Brazil from Lifespan, President chief of police, served as honorary co-chair for PCA-RI's fundraiser.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month during which groups plan public marches, displays and other events to draw attention to the serious issue, see photo essay, p. 6 & 7.

The task before Whiteside and PCA-RI is challenging to say the least.

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In April, which is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month, Gov. Lincoln C. Almond helped kick off the Rhode Island Campaign during which 10,000 blue ribbons were distributed. Participating in the state are the October, Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. and Col. Urbana Brazil from Lifespan, President chief of police, served as honorary co-chair for PCA-RI's fundraiser.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month during which groups plan public marches, displays and other events to draw attention to the serious issue, see photo essay, p. 6 & 7.

The task before Whiteside and PCA-RI is challenging to say the least.

"AIDS is just as much to do and we're so excited."
Katie Hagan finds the net for women’s soccer

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

S
coring goals has never been a problem for Paceco’s Katie Hagan. The 20-year-old forward for the women’s soccer team has been doing that for the past 15 years. “Soccer has always been my number one sport,” the sophomore says. She began playing at age five in the Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association and has never looked back.

Since coming to RIC in the fall of 1997, Hagan has proved herself to be one of the top players in the Little East Conference.

In 16 games this fall, she is second in the LEC in scoring with 11 goals and four assists for 26 points. She has scored a goal in eight games, scoring multiple times on three occasions. In her best performance of the fall, Hagan scored two goals and registered an assist for five points in the team’s 7-1 win at Lasell on Oct. 7. Earlier in the season, she was named to the Roger Williams University All-Tournament team.

RIC Head Women’s Soccer Coach Nicole Barber loves penciling Katie’s name in the starting lineup of each game. “Katie comes to play every day. She has excellent field vision and a knack for scoring key goals. She works well with our other forward, Joan Hencler, to give us a formidable one-two punch up front. Katie is dedicated to making herself a better player each day. RIC is currently 9-0-1 overall with three games left on schedule. “We’ve had tough luck this year,” Hagan says. “We’ve played right with the top teams in our conference, but we’ve lost a lot of those games by one goal.” In fact, six of the Anchorwomen’s nine losses were by one goal. “We want to finish the season out on a winning note,” Hagan says.

Hagan was a welcome addition to a young squad as a freshman in ’97. She played in 18 games, starting 16 of them. The 5’7” forward finished the year as the squad’s leading scorer with nine goals and four assists for 22 points. She registered a career high six points, scoring two goals and passing on two others, in a 4-1 win over Rivier. She was selected to the Salve Regina All-Tournament Team and capped the year off by being named RIC’s Most Valuable Player. “I was really surprised with the success I had last year. I just wanted to keep on scoring,” she said.

Hagan helped her game in top condition is a priority for most athletes and Hagan is no different. Like the majority of her teammates, Hagan plays in several indoor leagues during the off-season. “I played in four different leagues this year,” she says. The RIC team won the indoor championship at the Bridgewater State Invitational in the spring. Hagan was the MVP.

Hagan is a 1997 graduate of Burrillville High School. She played soccer and basketball during her playing days for the Broncos. In soccer, she was named First Team All-Division in each of her four years at BHS and was Second Team All-State as a junior and senior.

Although she was recruited by several Division I and II schools, Hagan decided to stay at home and attend RIC. “I came to RIC because of its prestigious education program. Academics was my first concern when it came to choosing a school. RIC was a good choice because it had the major I wanted: to ‘play soccer’.” The physical education major is hoping to teach and coach soccer after college. “I plan on playing in several women’s soccer leagues after college too,” she says.

Fortunately for the Anchorwomen, Hagan has plenty of games left to play in her career.
RIC Theatre presents a classic comedy
'The Servant of Two Masters' Nov. 12-15

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

The Servant of Two Masters, a classic comedy by 18th century playwright Carlo Goldoni, will be staged by Rhode Island College Theatre Nov. 12-15 in evening and matinee performances in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Written in 1740 in Venice, this slapstick from the commedia dell'arte tradition centers on the extravagantly contradictory character of Truffaldino, the servant of the title, and on his finally unsuccessful attempts to serve two masters while keeping each one unaware of the other's existence.

He is engaged first by Beatrice, a gentlewoman who arrives in Venice disguised as her own brother. Beatrice has come to collect the dowry which her dead brother had been promised by Pantalone, a rich merchant, whose daughter Clarice was meant to become his bride.

Out of greed and a sense of bravado, Truffaldino then agrees to serve as well another new arrival to Venice, Florindo Aretusi, who turns out to be Beatrice's finance and who is a fugitive from Turin where he is wanted for attempted fraud.

Although Goldoni is not often performed in the United States and Britain, his reputation is sharply higher on the European continent. As one approaches his native land, Goldoni's stature becomes downright majestic, says the New York Times. Nearly every Italian city, and especially his native Venice, is festooned with Goldoni statues, piazzas and boulevards. And in 1993, the 200th anniversary year of his death, stages all over Europe were crowded with Goldoni's works.

'The Servant of Two Masters' has been described as "a delightful romp through the fun of a classic comedy." RIC's David Burr will direct a cast of 13 players with senior Tania Rocha of East Providence playing the role of Truffaldino.

Others in the cast and the roles they play are: Eric Greenlund, Pantalone; Dina Cataldi, Clarice; Michael Robertk, Dr. Lombardi; Cory Gugliotti, Silvio; Holly Beaudry, Beatrice; Jason Anthony, Florindo; Laura Ames, Brigella; Esther Zabrynski, Smeraldina; Jessica Shiano, first wafer; Sara Walker, second wafer; Michael Celleemme, porter. Stage manager is Beth Vassallo.

Performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-14, are at 8 p.m. The Sunday show is at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 with discounts for senior citizens and students and can be purchased in advance by telephone via VISA or MasterCard. The box office is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and until time of performance.

C. CALBERT

RIC's Calbert writes second book of poetry

Cathleen Calbert, associate professor of English at Rhode Island College, will have her new book of poetry released in February by Sarabande Books out of Louisville, Ky.

Entitled Bad Judgment, it is Calbert's second collection of poems offering feminist fables appropriate to the millennium, tales of when the world lost meaning, of falling in love in an age of indeterminacy.

"Her sense of comic absurdity is uncanny, in one poem, the speaker attends a costume party as a dead debutante; in another, facile positivism is shredded by satire," according to Sarabande publicity.

In poems that balance realistic and surrealistic narratives, irony and sentiment, Calbert records the journey of a woman reeling from a number of losses — her youth, the death of a close friend, religious faith toward love and marriage.

Calbert writes an updated feminist song of herself, a song that celebrates the pleasure of being the modern "woman as wildcard, as other than wife, mother, lover, friend," the woman who delights in forging herself with wit and wisdom, according to the publisher.

Calbert's previous collection of poetry was Lessons in Space. She was a recipient of The Nation Discovery Prize in 1991, the Gordon Barber Memorial Award of the Poetry Society of America in 1994, and a writing fellowship from the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts in 1985.


Price of the 72-page book is $26.00, $12.95 in paperback.

Symposium

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and Accountability in Teaching project.

The panel of experts at the symposium includes Anne Lydecker, provost at Bridgewater State College; David F. Nelson, dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development; and Kathy Swann, of the Rhode Island National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Former RIC provost and former commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island Eleanor McMahon, a visiting professor at Brown University's Taubman Center for Teaching Standards, will be moderator.

Organized under the leadership of the RIC president and the faculty of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, it is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

For more information, call Susan Schenck, director of clinical experiences, at 456-8114.
Soprano Fortunato, baritono de la Garza in recital Nov. 18

As a student at RIC, any type of dreams can and do come true. For me, it has been a dream to become a teacher of elementary education. It has been a dream to become stronger for myself and for my future students. To have confidence and faith in oneself so that the students have a positive attitude as I can to become stronger for myself and for my future students.

As a teacher, I have experienced working with young children for years now as an older sister, as having been a frequent sitter, and through teaching a class in Developmental Education at RIC.

Patience is the virtue needed by all parents; working with children and it is one that I, fortunately, possess. I have yet to experience any of the other more trying aspects of teaching, such as pretest-giving, or testing. I have yet to experience what it is like to have a class of 30 children in one's mind which says one is not important. So fortunate to be.

Tuesdays

Noon to 1 p.m.—Bible Study will be conducted in an informal discussion group in room 300 of SU. Bring you lunch.

1 to 2 p.m.—Stress Management Laboratory/Meditation Group in CL 130 with Tom Lavin. This group will teach a variety of stress management and relaxation strategies, including the use of biofeedback. It will also include at least 15 minutes of meditation during each session for those who want an ongoing, formal meditation practice. No appointment or intake is required. Participants may attend as often as they wish.

Wednesdays

12:30 to 1:45 p.m.—Catholic Student Association will hold a meeting in SU 300. Any Catholic student who would like to be a part of this group is asked to drop in on any meeting. You can join at any time. Pizza and refreshments are provided on a bi-weekly basis. For more information, call 456-8168.

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Emotions 101 in CL 130 with Denise DeSesa-Smith. Pain and distress are part of life. Pain and distress are part of life. The ability to tolerate and cope with emotions and tolerate distress. Call 456-8168 to sign up or to find out more about it.

Sundays

10 p.m.—Catholic Mass in second floor lounge in SU. Sponsored by the Chaplains Office.

Vote on Nov. 3 for facility improvements to the state's three higher education institutions

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Sunday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Tell the Truth: Women's Center and RI Regional Conference for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Supporters and Professionals in Gaige & Student Union. Volunteers needed. Cost: $10; RIC Students $5. Contact the Women's Center, 456-8474, for further information.

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Tuesday

1 to 2:30 p.m.—Learning Optimism in Craig Lee 130 with Dr. Alex Smith. Do you generally assume the worst? Have trouble maintaining hope? Think there's nothing you can do about it? This workshop focuses on the straightforward, but not simplistic, skills you can use to gain mastery and genuine self-esteem.

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Wednesday

12:30 to 2 p.m.—Tai Chi Stress Reduction Workshop in SU Ballroom. Everyone is invited to this free workshop—male, female, staff, students and faculty.

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4 to 6 p.m.—Seminar: "Specialization Among Desert Plant Species" in Fogarty Life Science 200.

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8 a.m.—Promising Practices: A Multi-cultural Media Fair with Workshops. Plenary session and media exhibits in SU Ballroom; three sets of concurrent workshops in Gaige Hall. Cost is $5. Pre-registration is encouraged.

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Theatre: The Servants of Two Masters in Roberts Hall Auditorium. 8 p.m., Nov. 12-14 and 2 p.m. (matinee), Nov. 15. Reserved seating $10, seniors citizens, non-RIC students $9, RIC students $4.

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Friday

1-3 p.m.—National teleconference. Alcohol Abuse Campus Violence. Student Union ballroom.

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Saturday

8:30 to 11:45 a.m.—Conversations About Writing: A mini-literacy conference in Henry Barnard School. The keynote presentation "Reflections on Successful Writing Practices in The Classroom" is being presented by Sharon Fornessey of Henry Barnard School. Following the keynote presentation, a variety of workshops will be offered on the topic of literacy. For registration information, call Rose Merenda, 7-7670 or Caroline Meekler LeStrange, 785-8476.

Admissions Open House Nov. 14

Rhode Island College Office of Undergraduate Admissions will hold its annual open house on campus Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the New Building. High school seniors and their families, transfer students and adult students are invited to attend. (Event will be held rain or shine. In case of severely inclement weather date: Sunday, Nov. 15.)

Scheduled for the afternoon will be walking and trolley tours of the campus, individual and group discussions with faculty members, and laboratory and performance demonstrations by faculty and current students.

Financial aid, admissions and residence hall representatives and other College personnel will be available to answer questions and assist visitors. Refreshments will be provided in Donovan Dining Center.

For further information or to RSVP, call 401-456-9824 or 1-800-699-5769.

Sports Events

Men's Soccer
Nov. 5
BRIDGEWATER STATE 2:30 p.m.

Men's & Women's Cross Country
Nov. 7
at ECAC Championships TBA

Wrestling
Nov. 14
at Roger Williams University Invitational 10 a.m.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD
* Denotes Little East Conference Opponent

KAPPA DELTA PI, an international honor society in education, inducted 74 RIC students into its ranks Oct. 22 in Gaige Hall auditorium. Above, officers who conducted the ceremony, include (l to r) Kevin Riley, newsletter editor; Cindy-Sue Dyrud, foundations representative; Amy Pompetti, historian; Judy Mailloix, treasurer; Kristin Prior, vice president; Bonnie Phalen, secretary; and Mark Maziarz, chapter president. (What's New Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

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