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RIC alumnus wins Fulbright grant for work in Armenia

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

With bullets flying in Armenia, a Rhode Island College alumnus from the Class of 1966 finds himself in step with a problem-solving process. Moorad Mooradian of Springfield, Va., and formerly of Providence, a professor of conflictology at Veteran State University in Armenia, is teaching conflict analysis and resolution in this war-torn country for which he received a Fulbright grant this month.

Gunmen had invaded the Armenian parliament Oct. 27 and killed the prime minister and several other officials, plunging the small landlocked former Soviet republic into a political crisis. "Armenians here feel more shame and disappointment than fright," Mooradian said during a telephone interview Oct. 28. A Rhode Island College Office of News and Public Relations spokesperson said the gunmen have surrendered and "the national society where things of this nature are taken personally, he said.

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Since 1994 Mooradian has been involved in conflictology efforts which are directly related to the war between the enclaves of Nagorno-Karabagh and Azerbaijan. The enclaves are surrounded by Azerbaijan but populated mainly by ethnic Armenians.

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Once Upon A Time gains momentum

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

B used by the support of the Rhode Island General Assembly and increased demand for services, the Once Upon A Time volunteer reading program for pre-schoolers is making significant strides this fall toward becoming a statewide initiative.

Once Upon A Time, which started in 1997 as an all-volunteer pilot program in one home-based day care facility in Coventry, is now an ongoing program with a full-time coordinator who currently connects student volunteer readers and pre-schoolers in a total of 10 municipalities.

The goal is to expand the program, which is based at Rhode Island College, by involving all types of state-approved pre-school centers visitors. Registrants come from colleges and universities throughout the state.

"We anticipate adding two more towns by December. With careful planning and phasing in new towns, there's no reason this program can't go statewide," said Liza Garofalo, Once Upon A Time program coordinator. "This is a wonderful program.

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Admissions Open House Nov. 13

Rhode Island College Office of Undergraduate Admissions will hold its annual open house on campus Saturday, Nov. 13, 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 severe inclement weather, event will be held Nov. 14.)

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 Donnan Dining Center.

For further information or to RSVP, call 401-456-8384 or 1-800-669-5760.
Focus on Faculty and Staff

Thomas E. Malloy, professor of psychology, was one of four Americans hosted by a consortium of five universities in the Netherlands that are conducting a nationwide collaborative study of human development within the context of the family. Malloy attended the conference at the University of Nijmegen in May that included participants from Belgium, England, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Malloy was invited because of his expertise in the use of a mathematical model of dyadic behavior called the Social Relations Model (SRM). Malloy presented a paper entitled "Interalism: Conceptual and Empirical Advantages of the Social Relations Model for Interactional Personality Research" and consulted on SRM analyses presented by doctoral students and faculty from Dutch universities. In addition, he and his colleague Linda Albright published a paper entitled "The Effect of Observation of Social Behavior on the Accuracy of Metaperception" in the October issue of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. Malloy also presented a paper entitled "The Psychophysics of Trait Perception" at the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology held in St. Louis in October.

Elizabeth U. Henshaw and Elizabeth H. Rowley, professor and professor of elementary education, respectively, along with the late Jack Good from the University of Connecticut, had an article published in the current issue of Social Studies and the Young Learner entitled "Beating Bias with Books: Fostering Awareness and Compassion with Children's Literature." The article stems from the many workshops they have given on this topic over the past five years. The authors are committed to helping young children begin to develop the empathy and confidence needed for becoming caring and knowledgeable people who stand up for themselves and others in the face of discriminatory behavior.

Richard A. Lobban and Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, professors of anthropology, made guest appearances on the Sunday, Oct. 31, evening news on TV 64 and 12, respectively, regarding the crash of the EgyptAir passenger jet into the Atlantic off the New England coast earlier that day. They have made frequent flights to Egypt on EgyptAir for their annual study tour and lectures in the Middle East. They were specifically asked to comment on their reaction to the crash and its affect on the Egyptian community in this area.

Professor of English Mark Estrin delivered a paper at the Alfred Hitchcock Centennial Celebration held in New York City in mid-October. Sponsored by New York University's cinema studies department, the conference featured an array of scholarly papers, screenings of several Hitchcock films including a new print of North by Northwest, and panel discussions with Hitchcock biographers and collaborators. Estrin's papers, entitled "Britain's "Phony" War and the Americanization of the Hitchcock Picture: The Play of Politics, Culture, and Genre in the Making of Foreign Correspondent," was drawn from a chapter of his book-in-progress on Hitchcock's work. Estrin delivered an earlier version of this paper at the Millennium Film Conference held at the University of Bath, in Bath, England, this past summer. Estrin, who teaches the Hitchcock course for the College Film Studies Program, is also currently editing the Orson Welles volume for the University Press of Mississippi's Conversations with Filmmakers series.

Peter Allen, professor of anthropology, gave a commentary on and introduction of a gallery exhibition entitled "The War in Vietnam Afterimages," which was held at the University of Rhode Island's Main Gallery from Sept. 14 to Oct. 31. Entitled "Images of Vietnam: Understanding the Visual Legacy," Allen explored questions raised by the exhibition, placed its photographs in social and political contexts and suggested how they help define the legacies of the Vietnam War. In addition, Allen will be co-chairing two sessions at the upcoming annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association to be held in Chicago in November. He also attended the biannual symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association held in Princeton, NJ, Nov. 4-7, where he delivered a short paper on his recently published bibliography of anthropological sources on modern Greece.
The Century in Retrospect – The 1960s

Construction and curriculum development

In this final academic year of the 20th century, What's News is providing a glimpse of the College from each decade. This is the seventh installment.

by Shelly Murphy, What's News Editor

In 1961, just three years after the College moved to its new Mt. Pleasant campus, the first additional building opened its doors, ushering in a decade of expansion and new directions.

Construction
Mary Thrup Residence Hall, 1961

With the November 1961 dedication of the Mary Thrup Residence Hall, the College offered on-campus housing for 200 students for the first time in its then-107-year history. The residence hall was structured in 18 living units consisting of shared bathroom facilities and eight private bedrooms, which opened into a living room. A House Director lived in the first floor costs were $400 a semester for board and $375 a semester for room.

Thrup Hall was named to honor Thrup who was then a professor of education and director of laboratory experiences. Prior to that, she had served for more than 20 years as the director of the Henry Barnard School. She was named the College's first distinguished professor in 1963 and retired in 1966.

Fred J. Donovan Dining Center

In 1962, the Fred J. Donovan Dining Center was dedicated. In addition to food service, banquet rooms, and seating for 1,000 dinners at the time, the Center also included a sleeping room for over-night accommodations for 200 students. Donovan was a member of the faculty for 26 years and served as vice president and dean of men from 1940 until his retirement in 1966. He served as acting president from 1952 to 1966. He also served as director of the graduate program for 20 years.

James P. Adams Library, 1963

The James P. Adams Library, which represented an investment of nearly $1 million, was dedicated in 1963. It housed approximately 42,000 volumes at that time but was designed for future growth to hold 350,000 volumes. The Library was named after Adams, who served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges from 1955 to 1960. This was the time when the decision was made to build a new campus and to expand the academic mission of the College.

John Clarke Science Building, 1963

The John Clarke Science Building was dedicated in May 1963. The building provided a 300-seat lecture room, classrooms, and laboratories for science and mathematics classes. Clarke was a mathematician and statesman whose 13 years of patient and persistent diplomatic efforts resulted in the 1863 granting of the Charter of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. That document, which served as the constitution of the State of until 1842, was the most equilibrating document of its day. Clarke, who had known religious persecution, worked hard to ensure religious freedom for all in Rhode Island.

Michael F. Walsh Health and Physical Education Center, 1965

In 1965, two more buildings were dedicated on the growing campus – the Michael F. Walsh Health and Physical Education Center, and the Mary E. Weber Residence Hall.

The principal feature of the Walsh building was the main gymnasium area which could seat an audience of more than 2,500 for a basketball game or could be easily converted through folding walls and bleachers into four separate areas, each large enough to accommodate a large basketball court. The building, which also housed classrooms and offices, was dedicated on May 7, 1963 and named after Walsh, who served as Commissioner of Education for the state from 1947 to 1963. The Walsh building was destroyed by fire on Jan. 5, 1962.

Mary E. Weber Residence Hall, 1965

The College's second residence hall, built to house 180 men and women students, was dedicated on Dec. 12, 1965 to the memory of Mary E. Weber, who taught mathematics building, which included a 300-seat lecture room. Weber had served as Richard Coster in 1952 and his retirement in 1955. Upon her death in 1965, she left the College more than $125,000, the first legacy of the 20th century. What's News is providing a glimpse of the College from each decade. This is the seventh installment.

Radio City Music Hall Trip

The Class of 2002 is sponsoring a trip to New York City to see the world famous Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall on Friday, Dec. 3. The box leaves with the Women's Center, the S.O.S Union at 7 a.m. and leaves New York for the return trip at 7 p.m. Cost is $55 for RIC students and $55 for non-RIC students. For more information, call 401-456-8014.

Seminar to be held

Nicholas S. Thompson of Clark University will present a seminar entitled Evolutionary Psychology, the Problem of Evil, Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 12:30 p.m. in FLS 601.

Radio City Music Hall Trip

The campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity is holding a campus-wide event on the quad on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 17-18, from 12:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cardboard "houses" will be constructed to promote awareness of the plight of Rhode Islanders living in substandard housing. Pledges will be collected to support RIC's "Student-Build" house. Call 401-456-1868 if you wish to set up your own shack (as an individual or to represent your organization).

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Food Drive

The Women's Center, BSW Organization, and S.O.S are holding a food drive to benefit needy families. Food will be collected until Friday, Nov. 19. Drop-off boxes are located in the Women's Center; the S.O.S office (both offices are located in the lower level of Donovan Dining Center) and the School of Social Work (east campus, building one.)

A call for shacks

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Once Upon A Time

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The readers love it, the pre-schoolers love it and the providers embrace it with open arms.

The student volunteer readers, most of who are RIC students, donate about an hour a week to read to youngsters at daycare centers.

The readers actively engage the preschoolers in the stories, initiating discussions and related activities to bring the characters to life. In addition to the college students, a number of high school students in specific programs at the West Bay Career and Technical Center in Coventry are volunteering under the direction of their teacher Diane Thompso

Garefalo, who was hired in the newly-created part-time coordinator position in September, is responsible for maintaining and expanding the program statewide. Her duties include recruiting and training volunteers and developing relationships with the daycare providers. Funding for her position is included in a $40,000 allocation approved by the Rhode Island General Assembly in the current budget for the program, which is based at Rhode Island College.

The state allocation is the result of a bill introduced by Rep. Stephen Anderson '71 (D-Coventry) who, along with RIC President John Nuzarain, initiated the pilot project in 1997. The allocation will allow the RIC Office of Alumni Affairs to fund student volunteer training and workshops for educators, education students, daycare directors and parents. These workshops will focus on the importance of literacy for preschool aged children.

In just a matter of weeks since starting in late September, Garefalo has made significant strides toward that goal with the addition of three more communities this fall - Cumberland, Lincoln and Narragansett. Plans are well under way to add several more by December. Currently, the program is active in a total of 10 cities and towns. In addition to the three new ones, the other municipalities served are Coventry, Cranston, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick and Woonsocket.

She is also actively recruiting and training student volunteers and matching them with centers in their home communities. About 20 new volunteers attended a recent welcome and orientation session and more volunteers are in the initial phases of recruitment now. In order to serve as a volunteer in the program, RIC students must have been accepted into the program last fall as an AmeriCorps Readiness Project. The goal, which was achieved, was to start a satellite classroom to provide a training program.

Garefalo is familiar with Once Upon A Time because she served as an assistant coordinator for the program last fall as an AmeriCorps Volunteer. She helped recruit volunteers and develop the orientation and training for the readers. She also volunteered as a reader.

In the spring, she was assigned to a different AmeriCorps project - the Clothing Collaborative at West Bay Community Action. The goal, which was achieved, was to develop a satellite classroom to provide clothing for men and women in the western Rhode Island area.

"I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such different organizations and to accomplish what I had set out to do," Garefalo said. "When I heard about this position, I decided to pursue it rather than sign up for another year with AmeriCorps."

For more information about Once Upon A Time, contact Garefalo at 401-455-9977.
Author of ‘Against Islamic Extremism’ lectures on ‘Democracy in Islam’

by George LeTour

What’s News Associate Editor

“We hope that through (an) enlightened way of thinking democracy will become the claim for all Muslims” the former chief justice of the High Court of Egypt and author of Aga Islamic Extremism told a standing-room-only audience at the fall Rhode Island College General Education Forum in Clarke Science Building Oct. 20.

Muhammad Sa’id Al-Ashmawy, citing passages in the Koran to substantiate his beliefs, said that followers of the prophet Muhammad misinterpreted the Koran to the extent that they too, believed they shared the same relationship with God (Allah) as did Muhammad.

“This is quite clear from the literal sense of the verses quoted, from their contextual sense, and from their historical context in which they were written,” he said. “They were fit only to the Prophetic mission of Muhammad, not to a singular personality,” said Al-Ashmawy.

“Later on, the Caliphs who followed them proclaimed themselves to be not only the deputies of the Prophet but also the deputies of God (Allah). In this way, having put themselves in such a lofty position, they were able to attribute to themselves the same mandatory powers that were ascribed originally only to the Prophet himself and his prophetic role.”

Hence, the religion of Islam has undergone “a profound change” in its essential meaning, said Al-Ashmawy. Instead of calling for submission to God, it calls for submission to any ruler putting the ruler in a dictatorial position which is the antithesis of democracy.

He was welcomed by College President John Nazarian, who noted that the College has worked to develop a new General Education curriculum that embraces a multicultural world view and has established an ongoing dialogue on diversity to help promote an appreciation for the differences among people and cultures.

Carolyn Flehr-Lobban, professor of anthropology and coordinator of General Education, introduced Al-Ashmawy, noting his “struggle against the backward forces of religious fundamentalism and extremism.”

Al-Ashmawy began to publish his original ideas about Islamic law in 1975, expanding these to social and political concerns while the extremist, Islamist trend was growing, especially after the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Thrash against Al-Ashmawy’s life began in 1989, Extremists tried to ban his books in Egypt and their threats have caused him to live under 24-hour armed protection for the last 18 years, she said.

His speech at the RIC forum raised the question whether democracy can exist or flourish in an Islamic state or indeed in any religious state, said Flehr-Lobban.

Al-Ashmawy said the changes in the original meaning of the religion had the result that the concept of Islam was “degraded from the level of being a faith related to God to that of becoming an ideology at the service of certain political goals and for the advantage of all kinds of worldly rulers.”

“An objective inquiry into the past history of Islam can only lead to the conclusion that the ideology... has destroyed the original character of the Islamic religion, scattering and dividing the Islamic community,” bringing about a “deep change” in the function of the rule of government, with “politics becoming an integral part of Islam.”

“Consequently,” said Al-Ashmawy, “politics becomes a religious duty,” adding that “ideology attributes a certain degree of infallibility to the rulers, endowing all political statements or acts with a religious character, as expressions of the absolute and self-asserting religious truth and, as such, not subject to discussion, criticism or opposition.”

The inevitable result of this belief will be that there “will always be” religious wars between different factions and sects, as well as between any form of government and its political opposition, since each of them considers the other to be heretical to the true religion.

Al-Ashmawy said it is “very unfortunate” that, for many reasons, “this type of ideological ideology is widely spreading in our time all over the world and dominates most of the Islamic societies.” It has “reduced and lessened Islam from the level of a faith to that of a mere political system of affairs, both on the side of government and the opposition.”

He said, “Democracy is reckoned by the upholders of this ideology to be a heresy, a typical feature of Western corruption, an attempt to destroy the Islamic traditions and an effort to invade and dominate the minds of Islamic peoples.”

According to these ideologies, in democracy, people want to rule themselves while only Allah is the real ruler, and His followers “usually identified with the leader or group who holds power” — are the only ones qualified to apply His rules.

He said in spite of this present situation, there is in many Islamic countries a number of Muslim thinkers who strive to put forward and foster another concept of Islam, that of an “enlightened Islam.”

He said these thinkers have “come to the right conclusion” that, if not all, of the Koran verses used by Muslim ideologists “must be rightly understood and explained as temporary and not as permanent dispositions.”

“These enlightened Muslims intend to help all Muslims all over the world to understand that development is the basic language of Islam and, at the same time, the essential code or cipher of life. They want to make Muslims understand and assimilate the true meaning of law and the deep sense of life,” said Al-Ashmawy.

“We hope that through this enlightened way of thinking democracy will become the main claim for all Muslims; they will come to the understanding that democracy is the only path for their improvement and progress, and that only through it they will become able to rule themselves and to legislate for themselves,” he concluded.

Questions were taken from the audience after the talk, which was sponsored by the General Education Program and College Lectures Committee.

Meningitis Vaccination Clinic

There will be a Meningitis vaccination clinic Nov. 8, 9, and 10, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., at the Student Health Center, Brown Hall. Student ID is required at the clinic site. In accordance with the Department of Health regulations, the age limit is 22. Those previously immunized do not require re-immunization. To schedule an appointment or for further information, call 401-456-8055.

Entertainment Books

The Chaplains’ Office is selling Entertainment Books to support Campus Ministry activities. This book, which costs $20, enables you to save 50% on fine dining, casual dining, travel, sports, local attractions, etc.

Books purchased now can be used immediately and are valid through Dec. 1, 2000. The Entertainment Book also makes a wonderful gift for the holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries.

Books will be on sale until the end of the semester. For more information or to purchase a book, call 401-456-8168. Books may also be purchased at the Campus Bookstore in the Student Union.

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Midnight Madness turns into ‘Saturday Night Fever’

Midnight Madness’ at RIC kicks off the winter sports season with competitions on and off the court.

Much of the excitement of the evening came from the competition between the five residence halls, Halls win based on the percentage of their residents who come to the New Building gymnasium for the event and the hall that shows the most spirit. At this year’s ‘Madness’ Oct. 27 — Sweet Hall won for largest percentage and Browne won for spirit.

There are free sodas, pizza and ice cream for the students. Free T-shirts are tossed to the crowd. Raffle winners took shots at the basket for cash prizes. And one lucky raffle winner got two airline tickets to Florida for spring break.

The highlight of the evening, of course, is the introduction of the athletes, which is preceded by the introduction of the president and the team coaches. In keeping with the theme of this, the fifth annual Madness — ‘Catch the Spirit’ — the president and coaches were each attired like disco king Tony Manero, played by John Travolta, in the 1977 film Saturday Night Fever.

Here are a few images of “Madness.”

**BLUE M&M candy is Weber Hall’s Charm Howie.**

**JOHN ‘TRAVOLTA’ NAZARIAN: a.k.a. RIC president.**

**RiC CheERLEADERS who encouraged the crowd: (from left) Michelle DeBrum, Ashley Mello, Mary Katherine Folan, Christy Stabile, Stephanie Rezendes and Kristin Ferreira.**

**WRESTLING DEMO: Troy Lambert, (top) a junior, wrestles sophomore Chris Richards.**

**NOW SWEET: Sweet Hall residents (clockwise from top) Alexander Li, Susan Kahrs, Alexis Radkovich and Mike Critteden.**

**PACKED STANDS in the New Building.**

**THORP HALL ENTHUSIAST Olivia Lima holds up her sign.**

**TEAM SCRIMMAGE: The women’s basketball team gives a demonstration.**

Text and Photos by Gordon E. Rowley
academicians from both Armenia and Azerbaijan," says her husband, Lillian, from their home in Virginia. "Armenia is progressing in its democratization and privatization efforts," says Mrs. Mooradian, "but until the Nagorno-Karabagh war is settled and Armenia's borders are opened to trade, the population will not be able to support itself properly.

The U.S. government has been sending aid to Armenia since the 1988 Gumri earthquake." Mooradian adds, "It is "always a battle" to keep the appropriations from being diverted to other areas.

Mooradian has been working through several Armenian-American associations to keep up Congress' awareness of Armenia's troubles, "but it is a battle," says Mrs. Mooradian, "but until the Nagorno-Karabagh war is settled and Armenia's borders are opened to trade, the population will not be able to support itself properly."

Fulbright--The U.S. Information Agency, the latter that explains and supports U.S. foreign affairs interests abroad, and coaches at Cranston West High School for a time. He earned a master's degree at the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate at George Mason University whose Conflict Analysis and Resolution offers the degree, one of the first in the field.

The mission of the Institute is to advance the undeclared and resolve the conflict over significant and persistent human conflicts among individuals, small groups, communities, ethnic groups and nations.

As winner of the Fulbright grant, Mooradian is one of approximately 2,000 U.S. grantees who have traveled abroad for the 1990-1991 academic year. Assignment of the award came Oct. 21 from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the U.S. Information Agency, the latter an independent foreign affairs agency within the executive branch that explains and supports U.S. foreign policy and national security interests abroad.

It promotes mutual understanding between the United States and other countries through a series of educational and cultural exchange activities.
Athletics

B. Trainer leads team through tough season

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College sophomore Brandy Trainer hasn't let a difficult volleyball season get her down this fall. Although the Anchorwomen have struggled to an 8-23 overall record and a 3-4-1 (third place) mark in the Little East Conference, the North Kingston resident is earning the respect of her short college career.

"I've had to adjust to the team having a bad season," the 5'11" Trainer says. "It's taught me how to take wins and losses without getting too high or too low. We have a real young team this season and I think we're going to get a lot better over the next couple of years."

"Brandy is such a positive person on and off the court, "RHIC Head Coach Kristen Norberg." Her attitude rubs off on the team, especially her teammates. She is a leader on and off the court and has embraced the role to help this team win matches."

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team is currently 9-7-2 overall and 2-3-1 (third place) in the Little East Conference. Head Coach Nicole Barber's team had its first win of the year on Oct. 16, defeating Eastern Connecticut State University 3-2. The Anchormen are 8-23 overall and 1-6 in the Little East Conference.

The Anchormen are 8-23 overall and 1-6 in the Little East Conference. Head Coach Kristen Norberg's team has played only three matches, the only player on the team to play in each game of the squad's 32 matches.

Trainer led the team with 110 digs and was second on the team with 85 total blocks. She also had 135 kills and 44 service aces on the year. Trainer was named to the Little East Conference's Weekly Honor Roll once during the season.

"I'm generally happy with the way I've played, but the losing hasn't been easy," Trainer says.

"I remember how nervous I was in my first college match and I was playing a new position, back row," Trainer eventually settled in as a starter at middle hitter, a position she never relinquished.

Before coming to RIC, Trainer was a standout for the North Kingston High School varsity girls volleyball team. Her averaging over 600 assists a season helped her team win the state. She was named Third Team All-Division as a senior in 1998 and helped RIC to win the State Championship.

With all that she's accomplished, it's a challenge for her to be satisfied. "It's kind of hard to be playing organized volleyball when there were so many great matches and good times with my high school team." Trainer says.

"I was given a lot of responsibility. With my high school coach, a French teacher upon graduating from college. This off-season Trainer will serve as an assistant coach for the North Kingstown High School. Trainer is a great team player and has been a valuable addition to this year's Midnight Madness that everyone in attendance loved!

Sports Roundup

Women's Cross Country

In the men's race, Jeff Montagano placed second overall with a time of 21:55. Keely Subin placed seventh with a time of 22:52.

Women's Volleyball

The Anchorwomen are 6-23 overall and 1-6 in the Little East Conference. Head Coach Kristen Norberg's team has played only three dual matches and one tournament at home this season. The Anchorwomen were selected 3-1 in those matches. The Little East Conference Tournament began on Nov. 5. "We want to make some improvements before the year is done. Hopefully we can upset some teams at the conference tournament."

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80 Russian folk dancers, musicians —

The Don Cossacks of Rostov will storm onto stage in Roberts Auditorium Nov. 15

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

In a blur of fuscia and turquoise garments, with sabers slicing the air and balalaikas trilling grace music 400 years of history, the Don Cossacks of Rostov dance troupe will fill the Auditorium stage in Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall Monday, Nov. 15, in the second Performing Arts Series' Potpourri Series event of the season.

The 80 performers from the southern Russian town of Rostov-on-Don will gather for two years of folk music and will appear at the Don River to perform their famous performance.

They were part of the ensemble that has entertained the world for the past decade, and will perform in many European countries, Japan and America, bringing pride to the public and professional critics.

Reserved seat tickets are $26; $16 for senior citizens, and $14 for students and may be purchased in advance via Visa or MasterCard by calling 401-456-8194 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For in-person sales, the Roberts box office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and until time of performance.

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The performance is free and open to the public.

The program will include Frederic Chopin's Polonaise Fantaisie, Opus 61, former RIC music professor Robert M. Bobbign's Sonata, and William Bolcom's selections from 12 New Rodeos for Piano.

Hardink is a graduate student at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University where he studied with Brian Connelly. He graduated from Oberlin with a bachelor of music degree in 1987. His former teachers include Bobbign and Sanford Margolis.

For more information, call John Pacentino, series coordinator, at 456-9885.

California artist

to lecture Nov. 17

California artist and Rhode Island native Matt Heckert, who has achieved international stature as a sculptor and programmer of digital and mechanical "sound sculpture," will lecture Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 12:30 p.m. in Gaige Hall auditorium.

Heckert's digitally controlled sculptures comprise work that is known as the "Mechanical Sound Orchestra."

His work has been shown widely, including recent exhibitions at the K.O.P.A. festival in Lithuania, the Ultima Oslo Contemporary Music Festival in Norway, and the Ars Electronica Festival in Linz, Austria.

The lecture is supported by the College Lecture Committee.

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An eye-opener for students —

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Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble, conducted by Robert Franzblau, will celebrate the end of the 20th century with a concert of classical music from the century's greatest American composers Friday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall.

Entitled "An American Century," the concert will feature pianist Judith Lynn Stillman, RIC artist-in-residence, in George Gershwin's "A Rhapsody in Blue." This landmark piece will be heard in its original dance-band orchestration as premiered by the Paul Whiteman jazz band.

"A Rhapsody in Blue" was premiered on Feb. 12, 1924, at Aeolian Hall in New York City with Gershwin as soloist. He had previously achieved fame on Broadway, but public response to "A Rhapsody in Blue" eclipsed anything he had previously received. It was soon played all over Europe, and it paved the way for his many successes in the "serious" music world, says Franzblau.

Works by Aaron Copland ("An American Century" and "An Outdoor Overture"); Charles Ives ("The Alcotts" from the third movement of "The American Century" and "An Outdoor Overture"); and Vincent Persichetti ("Round Me Fills the Night") also will be performed on Broadway, but public response to "A Rhapsody in Blue" eclipsed anything he had previously received. It was soon played all over Europe, and it paved the way for his many successes in the "serious" music world, says Franzblau.

When asked what are the defining characteristics of 20th century music, it was either Igor Stravinsky or Yogi Berra who said, "It's music, music, music." And incorporating them into stimulation was the "Dethier Prize for Outstanding Pianist." This award cites McCintosh for his "commitment and support of music educators." His position was awarded the "Rhode Island Biology Teacher by national association.

Winner of 18 national and international competitions, including the International American Music Scholarship Association's Artists Competition and the International Recording Competition, she has received critical acclaim in the U.S., Switzerland, France and Israel.

She was awarded the first Annual Calibrean Pell award for excellence in the arts and last year performed for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

General admission tickets are $7. Senior citizen and student tickets are $5. RIC students and faculty are admitted free. For more information, call 401-456-9883.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, Tennessee Williams' searing tale of a self-deluded Southern belle, will be presented by RIC Theatre Nov. 11-14 in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall in evening and matinee performances. Above, rehearsing a scene, are (from left) Jason Almeida of Warren, Moira Costigan of Pawtucket and (seated) Karen Carpenter of Foster, playing the lead characters Stanley, Stella and Blanche respectively. Call 401-456-8800 for more information. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Alum named Outstanding Biology Teacher by national association

Rhode Island College alumna Claire R. (Woodman) Laquerre, '86 and master's '95, a Woonsocket High School biology teacher, has been named the 1999 outstanding Biology Teacher in Rhode Island by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

The award cites her "commitment to professional development." She recently spent 15 days studying the rainforest ecosystem in Belize, and last summer participated in the two-week Rhode Island Teachers and Technology Institute.

"Laquerre uses these experiences to enhance her knowledge and skills and incorporates them into stimulating lessons for her students," says Linda A. Jayk, chair of the high school science department.

The national association, in conjunction with Prentice Hall and the Rhode Island Biology Teachers Association, presented a $200 check and a plaque to Laquerre.

Her bachelor's degree is in secondary education with a concentration in biology; her master's is in biology.

CLAIRE LAQUERRE
### RIC CALENDAR

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<td>10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. — Meningitis Vaccination Clinic at Student Health Services, Brownell Hall. RIC student ID needed, age limit of 29 years. Sponsored by Health Services, 401-456-9055.</td>
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- **Wrestling** at Roger Williams Invitational 10 a.m.

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