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College greets 2000 Commencement season

1,000 to receive degrees at commencement exercises

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

More than 1,000 Rhode Island College undergraduates and graduate students will receive their diplomas during the 2000 commencement exercises. Once again this year, the exuberance in front of the New Building will burgeon with activity and excitement as an anticipated 10,000 or more attendees—undergraduates, their friends and families, and faculty, staff and friends of the College—gather to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments.

Honorary doctor of pedagogy recipient and national education policy leader Gordon M. Ambach, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, will address the graduates.

Millard D. Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International, will deliver the graduate commencement address to about 300 graduate students and their guests on Thursday, May 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the New Building. Fuller will receive an honorary doctorate of humanities.

GORDON M. AMBACH
Gordon M. Ambach, a product of the Providence Public School System and a graduate of Hope High School, has served as executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers since July 1987. In this national leadership role, Ambach has led the organization's efforts to promote federal policy on early childhood and family education, school restructuring, youth apprenticeships, learning technology standards and assessments, the improvement of teacher education programs under the Higher Education Act, and under the Higher Education Act, and

ARRIVING FOR CAP AND GOWN cermonies at Roberts Hall on May 3 are Robin Lamontagne (left) and Lavonne Nkomo, vice president of the senior class. For more on this kick-off event of the commencement season, see pages 6 & 7. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

Where are they now...?

Tim Warren '83 likes to be on top of things—like mountains. A tall, handsome guy with broad shoulders and narrow hips, he looks like the athlete he is. At Rhode Island College he was on the cross-country and track teams. A native of Richmond, VA, he lived on campus all four years and served as a resident assistant in Willard Hall. After graduation he attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa, graduating in 1986. A year later he established a practice in Warwick.

His family had always been active in hiking and climbing, and after his studies at Palmer, he rekindled that interest by backpacking through the White Mountains of New Hampshire, often with his eight-year-old son Kurt. He also got involved in triathlons, grueling events that require speed in swimming and biking as well as running. And he ran a few marathons. But the mountains kept calling him back. He climbed "most of the challenging peaks in New England," the Sierra Nevada (of California), the Rockies and the Grand Canyon.

In 1988, he decided to tackle Mt. Rainier, at 14,410 feet, the highest of the Cascades in Washington state. "Rainier is perfect for training," Warren said recently in his Warwick office. "It's just half the height of Everest but has much of the same terrain."

A week and a half seminar on Rainier gave him experience traveling over glaciers, scaling rock faces and— that magical word for a mountain climber— "summiting." Last July Warren put all those skills to the test on 19,340-foot M. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The six-day ascent was fraught with altitude sickness but for Warren it was exhilarating.

What was the best part? "Getting to know the porters who helped us... and that beer back at the hotel after having reached the top."

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Seniors, awardees recognized at Cap 'n Gown

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Appause punctuated the Cap and Gown Convocation throughout the ceremony on May 3 in the Auditorium in Roberts Hall as Rhode Island College honored its outstanding graduating seniors. Some 39 awards for achievement were presented to 46 students, some of whom received more than one award.

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The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News continues in order for you to be able to revisit your alma mater with a selection of photos from the past — the College’s past, whether the current era (Rhode Island College) or past eras (Rhode Island College of Education or Rhode Island State Normal School). We invite your contribution of old photos, along with sufficient information about each, such as who’s in the photo and what they are doing, the year it was taken and place (if possible). In the meantime, we’ll continue searching our files for interesting pictures of past College life.

GATHERING FLOWERS IN MAY: For this first issue of May, 2000 we look back to a May Day in 1957, when it was the tradition at Rhode Island College of Education for students to go out into the fields surrounding the campus in downtown Providence and gather daisies. The daisies were woven into a chain that was carried in a procession during festivities that included dancing around a May pole. (file photo)

Save the date!

Dedication of the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts

Sept. 15, 2000

Afternoon ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours

This event will mark the beginning of a year-long dedicatory season featuring special performances and events. Watch What’s News for details.

Focus on Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit items of information about their professional endeavors to What’s News. Office of News and Public Relations, 300 Roberts Hall or email them to smurphy@ric.edu.

Nancy L. Cloud, assistant professor of special education, recently attended and presented at a professional development colloquium held at the TESOL Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Her presentation focused on a chapter she wrote for the recently released TESOL publication, Implementing the ESL Standards for Pre-K-12 Students through Teacher Education. Her chapter, “Incorporating ESL Standards into Teacher Education Programs: Ideas for Teacher Educators,” serves as the opening chapter for that volume. While at the convention, she also attended meetings of the editorial board of the TESOL Journal, having served on its editorial board for the past six years.


Len West, adjunct professor in elementary education and educational studies, presented a science education workshop about meteorite impact effects on earth’s natural environment with Marguerite Hardisty, education coordinator of the University of Rhode Island Master Gardener Association, at the Barrington YMCA recently. They offered video, still photographs, printed materials and hands-on comparative examination of earth rocks and space rocks from throughout the solar system.

Caroline Fluehr-Lobban, professor of anthropology and director of general education, spoke March 30 in Washington, D.C., at a State Department conference on “Sudan: Conflict Identities,” that was designed to review the U.S. government’s foreign policy regarding Sudan. Her remarks focused on the future of the Islamist government in that country. In early April, she and Richard Lobban, professor of anthropology, and two RIC students, Kevin DeJesus and Paul Khalil Soucie, presented papers at the 19th annual Sudan Studies Association conference at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Both professors are founders of the association and Richard is its executive director. Carolyn serves on its board of directors.

Fluehr-Lobban presented a paper April 14 on “Globalization of Research and International Standards of Ethics in Anthropology” at the New York Academy of Sciences conference on “Ethical Dilemmas for Anthropology in the 21st Century.” Two members of the elementary education faculty presented papers at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference held in Chicago, Ill.; recently Lorraine M. Cott, assistant professor, presented “Problem-solving Mini-books: Math and Language Activities for Every Child.” Lisa Owen, assistant professor, presented “Creating Units: A True Integration of Four Subject Areas.”
Once Upon A Time volunteer reading program expands to pre-school centers

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

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lowers and spring. Two topics children are more likely to want to experience outdoors than to talk about indoors. Unless, it's a Friday morning at the Pawtucket Day Nursery. For Friday is the day the "reader" from the Once Upon A Time program comes. And, it also happens to be that it's raining when Derrith Schwarz '90 arrives at the Center with her book bag in hand on a rainy Friday.

The preschoolers eagerly gather around Schwarz and settle down to listen to her read books about flowers and spring. A couple of the children compete for her attention, eager for her to acknowledge their answers to the questions she poses about the stories. Next, the children hustle to find a seat at a table to color a handout of flowers that Schwarz has brought with her.

This scene is similar to one that has been played out across the state weekly for three years since the Once Upon A Time program, which is based at Rhode Island College, began in 1997 in one home-based daycare facility in Coventry.

The main difference with this scene is that the preschoolers in this bright room are not in a home-based daycare facility. They are among about 140 children, ranging from 18 months to eight years old, enrolled at the Pawtucket Day Nursery.

A few months ago, the program achieved its goal of expanding from five home-based daycare centers to other types of licensed daycare centers. Once Upon A Time now places about 15 volunteer readers in a total of 37 centers, including 15 pre-kindergarten centers, in more than a dozen Rhode Island communities.

Schwarz's visits to the Center mark another milestone for Once Upon A Time. It is the first time the program has placed a RIC alum, a student, in a center in our five-year strategic plan, we outlined a pilot project involving RIC alumni as both volunteer readers and mentors to undergraduate student volunteers," said Liz Garofalo, coordinator for Once Upon A Time. Funding for her position is included in a state allocation for the program. Continued funding for the program is included in the proposed state budget for next year.

"Just as we were doing the preliminary planning for this program, Derrith heard of it and wanted to get involved. At the same time, the Pawtucket Day Nursery expressed interest in the program which they learned about from Marlene Lopes. It was a perfect match," Lopes is special collections librarian at RIC and a member of the board at Pawtucket Day Nursery.

It's appropriate that the Pawtucket Day Nursery is one of the early centers to participate in this RIC initiative. The Center, which opened in 1992, is accustomed to being a pioneer, and to working with RIC. It holds Rhode Island daycare license #1, and two individuals key to the development of the center have RIC ties.

S. Elizabeth Campbell, former professor and coordinator of student teaching at RIC; and Mary Thorp, long-time director of the Henry Barnard School, served as educational consultants to the Center. "Reading is extremely important to us," said Barbara Cavallaro, RIC graduate student, in a nursery setting. "The story lady is coming," and when they tell her they went with a parent to the library to check out a book she read to them. Schwarz, who has eight years experience as a nanny and operated a nanny placement service until recently, enjoys the interaction with the children. "I had some extra time and wanted to volunteer. This ties in with my love of literature and my interests in literacy and working with children. I didn't want to be a nanny anymore, but I missed the kids. This allows me to be silly with the kids, to practice different voices, but I don't have to be on all the time like I did when I was a nanny," Schwarz said. "She feels she is contributing something important. "These kids can really read. They know half the books I bring to them. But it's good for them to have a special time set aside when they specifically focus on books."
Foundation & Alumni Affairs

Alumni News

The nominating committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors has prepared a slate of officers and directors. According to the Association's bylaws, the director of Alumni Affairs must notify all active alumni by May 15 of the proposed slate, at-large nominees, and the date, time and location of the June board meeting during which the election of officers and directors occurs.

• The proposed slate of officers for 2000-2002 is:
  - President: Judy Roy '74, Cumber­land; Vice president: Miguel Lopes '71, Portsmouth; Treasurer: Ellen Kitchell '81, Cranston; Secretary: Marianne Maynard Nordin '78, East Green­wich; and Past President: Paul Bour­get '69, Woonsocket.
  - Proposed for a two-year term are: Jason Anthony '99, Cranston; Mary Jane Lepkey Breisch '65, Portsmouth; Laura Field '90, Providence; Lori Martin '83, Cranston; Mary Paulino '77, East Greenwich; and Bernand Trelil III '99, Johnston.
  - Proposed for a one-year term are: Donald Bobbitt '79, Riverside and Joe Roch '90, Cranston.
  - Proposed at-large directors, for a one-year term are: Ryan Theroux '99, Woonsocket and Deborah Ogge '90, Cranston.
  - Members returning to the board (term expires June 2001) are: Lucia Napoli Anand '83, Hope; Suzanne Augustin '89, North Scituate: Phyllis Hunt '80, Seekonk; and John Schrack '54, Pawtucket.
  - I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following alumni who are completing their terms of service on the Alumni Board. Collectively, these dedicated alumni have served almost 40 years. We are grateful for the work they have done on behalf of all the alumni.
  - Arthur Campbell '53, Wakefield; Syd Cohen '40, Cranston; Inez Cote '76, North Providence; Norma DiLibero '81; Maggie Moy '86, Newport; and Irene Rupert '39, Warwick.

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Alumni House. For more information, call the office at 401-456-8086.

Just a few reminders for all our alumni:

• May 11, Alumni Awards dinner at Donovan Dining Center at 5:30 p.m. We expect a large crowd to honor our five alumni award winners and 32 honor roll recipients. Call 401-456-8827 for reservations.
• May 18-20, the Class of 1950 is celebrating its Golden Anniversary with many special events.
• May 24, Homecoming committee meeting at noon at Alumni House.
• June 1, deadline for scholarship applications.
• June 21, Alumni Association annual meeting.
• June 30, and of our fiscal year.

It has been a very good year for the Alumni Association. We continue to grow and to expand our programs and outreach to all our alumni. We encourage you to keep in touch through phone, fax and email (alumni @rice.edu), and invite you to visit us on the web at www.ric.edu where you will find our calendar of events. Happy summer and we'll see you in the fall at Homecoming 2000 — Come Back to RIC! scheduled for Oct. 13-14.

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With RIC diploma as key, DeJesus plans to open many doors to achieve his goal

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

A 29-year-old graduating senior at Rhode Island College, who is known as a human rights activist, has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue a master's degree in anthropology at the American University in Cairo starting in September.

Kevin DeJesus of Providence also has been awarded a summer scholarship to study Arabic as part of the language requirement for his master's. That scholarship — at the Arabic Language Institute at American University — starts June 2.

With a master of arts in hand as well as a graduate diploma to study Arabic as part of the language requirement for his master's, DeJesus plans to pursue a doctorate at American University's "largest human rights center for study and research in the Middle East and Africa."

That being accomplished, the geography-anthropology double major at RIC plans to follow a career of research, teaching and work in the field of human rights.

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His master's degree scholarship is the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Graduate Scholarship.

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And leadership is something DeJesus has displayed right along in the field of human rights.

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He returned to RIC, took on the major study of anthropology and this May 20 will close the undergraduate chapter in his college life, a chapter that included serving as a special projects assistant in the Office of Student Activities, a resident assistant in Thorp Hall, a member of Student Parliament and Student Community Government, and president of the Geographic Society.

With a RIC diploma as his key, Kevin DeJesus will open who knows what doors in his quest to improve the human condition.
Accolades, awards bestowed on seniors at Cap 'n Gown Convocation

HAPPY GRADS: (l to r) Amanda Marrullo, Michelle Graham, Chira DiFazio, Yaviri Grosso and Sharen Brouillard.

DECKED OUT in their academic regalia, the faculty proceeds into Robert Hall.

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their goal “beeds well for your future.”

He asked the seniors to pause “to remember those who have helped you along the way: parents, spouses, children, family, friends, teachers, professors, advisors, and others who have inspired you and helped to sustain you.”

Robert L. Castiglione, professor of philosophy whom the students had invited to give the keynote address, extended the congratulations of all of his colleagues in the arts and sciences.

He said in preparing his address he had polled a number of people who had worked closely with the students to ask what they thought would be important to say on this occasion.

Thomas J. Levin, director of the Counseling Center, counseled hope and ambition using an epigram that he gleaned from May Sarton: “Without wild dreams of achievement, there is no spur to even do the dishes.”

Ellen Weaver, assistant director of the Office of Academic Support and Counseling Center, counseled hope and ambition using an epigram that she gleaned from May Sarton: “Without wild dreams of achievement, there is no spur to even do the dishes.”

Ken H. Perrenoud Jr., assistant director of Office Services, urged: “Don’t make promises you cannot keep, especially to yourself. Accept yourself as you are and where you are and remember always you are someone special.”

In addition to offering “a complete philosophy of life,” William E. Irwigley, director of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, wrote Castiglione that he should tell the graduating seniors to get a job right away, or even two jobs, and pay a bit into Social Security.

Other thoughtful suggestions came from a news of members of the RIC family and all were encouraging and congratulatory in nature.

Castiglione was introduced by Peggy E. Standard, class president.

Other speakers included Brian K. Baker, representing the Class of 2000, and Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, who asked those selected for inclusion in Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities to stand for recognition.

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safety summit," he answered. Why do these mountains? The "adventure of it," he exclaimed. Traveling to exotic places ("I've flown in a hot air balloon, scuba dived, and was followed by a three-day safari on the Serengeti Plain."). Meeting all kinds of "wonderful people," some of whom he's seen on TV news, "is just great. Perhaps the greatest draw is the physical challenge." "It's your against Nature," Warren explained. "I have a healthy respect for Nature and I know I'm no match for Her.

LUTHER H. BLOUNT
Doctorate of Humanities

Luther and Barnary Evans BARNARY EVANS
Doctorate of Commercial Science

Edward J. Liston
Doctorate of Public Service

Barnaby Evans is one of the originators of the Providence Banner Trail and the driving force for the restaurant system of the 96-year-old Regent Avenue Elementary School in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. Evans and other artists purchased in 1914 to develop into artists' condominiums.

WaterFire Providence, his best known work to date, made its debut in 1995. To celebrate the moving of the rivers in Providence and also, in Evans' mind, as a symbol of the rebirth of his adopted city. Evans created the piece in a way that it would bring together the sense of sound and smell, evoking in each person a different reaction - a reaction which was calculated to change throughout the event as sounds and sights combined for the benefit of our community.

WaterFire Providence which is almost entirely underway is made possible by the hard work of many who come together as a family gathering around the city, often by the best: grand and business conventions.

More recent works by Evans include the "Second Dream," a 1999 installation at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, which took place with the Boston Institute of Contemporary Art's Vita Brevis series. Evans has received the David E. Sweet Leadership Award from the Leadership Rhode Island, the International First Place Programming Award of First Night the Capital of Rhode Island, and the National, and the Renaissance Award from the City of Providence.

Edward J. Liston
Doctorate of Public Service

Edward J. Liston is recognized as an influential leader of the community college leader. Since 1978 he has served as president of the Community College of Rhode Island, as it evolved from a small traditional junior college into the largest two-year institution in New England. A son of immigrant Irish parents, Liston is a native of Westchester County, New York. He is a graduate of the State University of New York, where he attended on the GI Bill following his service in the Navy. While still in school, even as his business and legislative specialist for the U.S. Law School at Tuscaloosa, he and a shelf freighters, cable boats, and more recently, dinner boats and coastal cruises. One of his more famous vessels was Miss Liberty, which began plying tourists to the Statue of Liberty in 1937. A prolific inventor, Blount currently holds 21 U.S. patents, ranging from innovative marine and recreational systems and hull designs to an effective "pint-flush" toilet that has been widely adopted by recreational boaters, thereby helping to protect the quality of fragile coastal environments through the elimination of raw sewage. He also designed and built the first dinner boat in the United States, therein launching the dinner boat industry.

An adventurer who had long delighted in taking friends on recreational coastal cruises, Blount turned his hobby into a cruise business, which he capitalized by selling five of his boats in 1992 and then in 1992 in Los Angeles prior to his arrival in Rhode Island.

Among his accomplishments: the renaming of the institution (former, Rhode Island Junior College) in 1958 which was dedicated to preserving its while also redefining its mission: the establishment in 1980 of a third major campus in Newport, and the campuses throughout the state; a major expansion of the Knight Career College which helped to elevate its status in 1993.

Liston gained national attention by developing transfer agreements with some 75 four-year Rhode Island colleges, including CCRi graduates who could seamlessly pursue a baccalaureate degree; most of these agreements were included in CCRi's enrollment of over 30,000 students in a wide variety of degree and non-degree programs.

Liston's commitment to access and opportunity for non-traditional, underserved students and the emblematic of Liston's commitment to keeping tuition and fees affordable.

Liston has also served as chair of the Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, the Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation. He was co-convener of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges, served as chair of the National Council of State Directors, and was Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC), and served on the Board of Visitors of the Community College of Rhode Island. Liston will retire from the post in June 2000.
From the athletic director's desk

• Our condolences go out to the family of the late Bob Nolan ‘66, MEd ‘70. Bob was an all-round great guy. He was a great sport’s fan and very loyal to his alma mater, Rhode Island College. He was a lifetime booster as well as a staunch fan and writer for the school newsletter. He will be missed.

• The Hall of Fame committee finalized its first induction class in the new century. Nine former student-athletes or coaches were selected for induction. The Hall of Fame selection process is ongoing and the committee welcomes names to add to a list it is compiling. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting Scott Gibbons at 401-456-8516.

This year’s class will be inducted at a ceremony during Homecoming Weekend Oct. 13-14. A list of inductees will be featured in the next issue of What’s News.

• Congratulations to the women’s softball team for a great year. Going into the conference championship, it was seeded third, just missing second. We wish the Anchormen good luck in post-season play.

• Congratulations to the women’s outdoor track and field team and the men’s tennis team that just missed winning the Conference championship and finished second. Great job!

• Congratulations to head softball coach Maria Morin, who is being inducted into the Classical High School Hall of Fame.

It was a great day last Wednesday at the Rhode Island State Capitol, as Governor Smith and the Board of Governors for Higher Education honored the outstanding scholar-athletes from each of the three state institutions. Our honorees are listed in an article on this page.

• California here they come! The RIC women’s basketball team will be fundraising over the next few months to play in California during the first week in January 2001. In addition to cheering on the women’s team, there will be a number of alumni events slated. More information to come in future issues and through the alumni office.

• The last weekend in April was a busy one as 6,000 Rhode Island Girl Scouts attended World Fest hosted by RIC and centered around the RIC athletic facilities. In addition, 800 female basketball players were on campus playing in an invitational basketball tournament. Keep those potential students coming.

• The RIC Sports Camps are filling up rapidly but there are spots remaining. More information can be obtained by calling 401-456-4607.

This is my last column for the academic year. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. If anyone’s travels take them near the RIC campus this summer, please be sure to lock up. Good luck to all our graduates and we’ll see you in the fall.

Sports Roundup

Baseball
Head Coach Scott Perry’s team is 6-20 overall and 2-6 in the Little East Conference. First baseman Scott Virgiluk is the club’s top hitter, posting a .386 average in 28 games.

Softball
Head Coach Maria Morin’s team is 18-14 overall and 6-4 in the Little East Conference. First baseman Rachel Medeiros is batting .510 with a team-high 154 assists and 25 runs scored.

Men’s Tennis
Head Coach Dick Ernst’s team is 5-6 overall and 1-1 against Little East Conference opponents. Joe Tests owns a 7-4 record at both number one singles and doubles.

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field
The men’s and women’s track and field team took part in the Connecticut College Invitational on April 8. Dan Fero paced the men’s squad, placing 11th in the steeplechase event. Melinda Hoelling continued her dominance of the high jump event, placing first at 5’7.00”.

Athletics

Lavigne and Cook selected as Hetherman and Murphy award winners

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Senior student-athletes Jeff Lavigne and Jen Cook were recently chosen to receive the John E. Hetherman and Helen M. Murphy Awards, respectively. The awards are based not only on athletic prowess, but also on community and campus involvement.

The Hetherman Award was established in 1958 and sponsored by the RIC Class of 1940 to honor its classmate, Jay Hetherman, Hetherman, while a student, played varsity basketball and baseball for two years. He was also active in the Drama Club and took part in all “stunt night” activities and major productions. During World War II, Hetherman became a naval aviator, receiving his wings in Jacksonville, Fla. in 1942. Approximately one year later, while returning from flying a rescue mission in the South Pacific, he crashed and lost his life, leaving an enviable college and service career behind him.

The student who receives the Hetherman Award must be a male student-athlete who participates in intercollegiate athletics, a good student and have demonstrated interest and participation in campus activities.

Glendale’s Jeff Lavigne, a senior co-captain, is one of RIC’s all-time greatest men’s soccer players. He recently signed on to play professionally with the Rhode Island StingRays.

He was named the men’s soccer team’s MVP in 1999. It was the second time Lavigne has received this award, having also garnered the squad’s MVP honors as a junior in 1998.

Lavigne was named Second Team All-New England and First Team All-Little East in 1999. He leaves RIC as the Anchormen’s 14th all-time leading scorer with 15 career goals and 11 career assists for 41 career points. He was named First Team All-Little East in conference in junior 1998 and Second Team All-Little East as a sophomore in 1997.

Lavigne is a justice studies major and a 1998 graduate of Burrillville High School.

The Murphy Award was established in 1979 and sponsored by the faculty of the Henry Barnard School to honor an outstanding RIC senior woman athlete. The award is named in honor of Helen M. Murphy, a graduate of RIC in 1939, who was a member of the faculty for 38 years and taught at the Henry Barnard School, beginning in 1941, until her retirement in 1979.

West Warwick’s Jen Cook is one of the finest female athletes ever to play at Rhode Island College. She is a four-year letter winner on both the women’s basketball and softball teams. She was named the women’s basketball team’s MVP in 1999-00. Cook leaves RIC having played in 103 games with 1,129 minutes, 584 rebounds, 154 assists and 109 steals in her career. She averaged 10.9 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game in her career. She is seventh all-time at RIC in career scoring and fifth in career rebounding. She is one of only four players in RIC women’s basketball history with 1,000 or more points and 500 or more rebounds. Cook is third all-time with a .701 career free throw percentage and tied for fourth with 103 games played.

As a shortcut on RIC’s softball team, she is a three-time All-Little East Conference selection. She currently ranks in the top five in career batting, hits, RBI, doubles and runs scored.

Cook is a elementary education major and a 1998 graduate of West Warwick High School.
Rhode Island College Department of Art's Class of 2000 will be the last artists to exhibit in the Bannister Gallery at the Art Center location where it has operated for the past 22 years. Reports Dennis O'Malley, gallery director.

The gallery is being relocated over the summer to the site of the former offices of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance adjacent to the Auditorium in Roberts Hall. This transition will enable both a greater exposure for the exhibition program and the expansion of teaching space in the Department of Art, says O'Malley.

Beginning with a few years of exhibits in Adams Library in the mid-1970s, the gallery was re-located in 1978 to the Art Center building when it was reconfigured. Allen, author of "Social Landscape" which was dedicated in the mid-1970s, the gallery was re-located in 1978 to the Art Center building when it was reconfigured. Allen, who holds a doctorate from Brown University in classical archaeology, is a visiting lecturer at Smith College and Tufts University and has taught at Brown and Yale.

### Annual Senior Show

**The exhibit runs from May 11 to 20. The work above — by 1998 award winner Jeffrey Begeche — is untitled laminated and fabricated wood 9" x 3" x 5". The show is free and open to the public.**

### Allen sheds new light on 'Finding the Walls of Troy'

Susan Heuck Allen, author of "Finding the Walls of Troy," described the machinations of Herman Schliemann, who took credit for discovering ancient Troy while the man in the forefront of the actual search, Frank Calvert, was relegated to a footnote in history, in a talk sponsored by the Friends of Adams Library and Rhode Island Women in the Arts April 11 at Rhode Island College.

Speaking in the Forman Center, Allen, the wife of RIC faculty member Peter S. Allen, professor of anthropology, pointed out the detective skills that Allen had employed in correcting the historical record. "Dr. Allen has written a wonderful history of Troy and has examined the important role of ethics in archaeological digs. In a delightful manner, she has unraveled the mysteries dealing with Troy's discovery," said O'Malley. Her talk, accompanied by slides of maps, photographs and drawings, brought the story of archeological digs. In a delightful manner, she has unraveled the mysteries dealing with Troy's discovery," she said.

Allen's book has been selected by the Library Book Club as its book of the month, reported William Oehlkers, president of the Friends of Adams Library. Allen, who holds a doctorate from Brown University in classical archaeology, is a visiting lecturer at Smith College and Tufts University and has taught at Brown and Yale.

### Performing Arts Summer Camp

**"Experiencing the Performing Arts," the annual three-week Summer Performing Arts Camp at Rhode Island College for students in grades 7-12, will run July 16-28 in the Recreation Center. Classes in music, theatre and dance run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

"It's a chance for young performing arts students to be taught by professionals in the area who are practicing their craft. Faculty will be made up of working artists, including those from Trinity Repertory Theatre and the RIC performing arts faculty," says Bill Wilson of the RIC music, theatre and dance department.

Tuition is $595 plus a $30 non-refundable application fee. Application deadline is May 21. For more information or application, call 456-8814 or write to Wilson, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, Rhode Island College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence 02908.

### Alum invited to Cannes Film Festival

**Hollywood screenwriter Carl Dupre '38 has been invited to show his latest film, Broken Down, at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival this spring.**

He co-wrote the film's script with David Pelton, who also is the film's director.

The story is about New York City characters who are compulsive gamblers. They get into trouble with a bookie and resort to very desperate measures to pay off a bet. One of the gamblers becomes alienated in the pursuit to break even and falls in love along the way with tragic consequences all the way around.

The film's premiere is April 15 in Los Angeles.

Dupre, a Rhode Island College Honor Roll inductee last year, had his first film, Detroit Rock City, premiere last April and is looking forward to showing his film in all 50 states. At that time, a full-page ad for the film appeared in the New York Times.

That film is a comedy set in 1978 wherein four teenage KISS fans have their loyalty tested after losing the tickets to see their favorite rock band at the Motor City.

Dupre was the subject of a What's News feature article Feb. 1, 1999.
RIC alums help make Trinity’s ‘My Fair Lady’ a stunning production

by George LaTour
What’s News Associate Editor


And an integral part of that former Broadway blockbuster musical by Lerner and Loewe is performed by Rhode Island College graduate Tim Robertson ’92 who, with Jay Atwood, plays piano on center stage for most of the show.

“It’s hard not to notice we’re there,” says Robertson, who currently serves as box office manager for the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts at RIC.

“The actors interact with us and we have a few bits with them during the show,” he says. This is the first show at Trinity for Robertson, who resides in Cumberland, although in 1988 he was subscription manager for Trinity.

“Right from the get-go,” wrote William K. Gale for the Providence Journal, “you can see that the luminous, electrifying My Fair Lady…is going to be a new day.”

“The (Trinity) setting is expansive. It says THEATRE in its far-ranging multi-level design,” says Laurence J. Sasso Jr. for the Observer. It “embraces the senses,” he says.

Director Amanda Dehnert’s reworking of the 1896 mega-hit, based on author George Bernard Shaw’s Pygmalion, finds the chorus turning Trinity’s upstairs stage into their dressing room, changing clothes and warming up, turning backstage to onstage.

The 28-member ensemble includes a 16-member chorus, one of whose members is RIC graduate Melissa D’Amico ’98, who says, “Trinity did a whole new take on My Fair Lady. It’s like a different show.”

D’Amico, who’s “having so much fun,” played the leading role of Eliza Doolittle for the 1995 RIC Theatre production of the classic show.

Julie Andrews played the part on Broadway with Rex Harrison playing the curmudgeonly language professor Henry Higgins who strives to transform the Cockney flower girl into a “proper lady.”

Rhode Island College held a seminar for students April 20 in Adams Library to explain “assistive technology” and demonstrate its devices. Assistive technology is described as “applications of technology (software and hardware, low and high tech) which can increase access, support personal independence and otherwise benefit persons with disabilities.”

Antoinette Gomes, interim director of Student Life, said this was the first in a series of planned seminars that would also include faculty and staff.

The seminar, sponsored by the Offices of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Life, featured a number of speakers, including Gomes, Gary M. Penfield, vice president for student affairs; James R. Cornwall Jr., assistant vice president for administration and Americas with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator; Sarn Weiss, peer advisor for students with disabilities; Betty Dalton, assistant professor of special education, and Robert Pires, a student member of the Assistive Technology Advisory Board.

Other speakers included Grace Cabral, an independent living counselor who spoke on “Assistive Technology at School, at Work.” and Lee Walker, a RIC student who spoke on “The Pros and Cons of Dictation Software.”

Pires demonstrated the assistive technology software. Two new courses in assistive technology this summer were announced: Special Education 380: Basic Principles and Practices in Assistive Technology which is a 20-hour course for two credits, and Special Education 480: Augmentative Communication Technology which is an 18-hour course carrying one graduate credit.

Both courses will be given at the TechACCESS Center of Rhode Island on 110 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, the first from July 5-14; the second from July 17-21. For more information, contact Betty Dalton at 401-456-8072 or email at <edalph@ric.edu>.

Above: TWIN PIANOS at center stage in the Trinity Repertory Company’s production of “My Fair Lady” are manned by RIC’s Tim Robertson ’92 (left) and Jay Atwood. (Trinity Photo)


'Assistive Technology' demonstrated at student seminar

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Robert Pires, student member of the Assistive Technology Advisory Board, demonstrates the Voyager XL, a closed circuit television for low vision people which magnifies documents on an accompanying TV screen. (What’s News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)
**Former 'couch potato' senior citizens getting 'in the pink' of health thanks to the Recreation Center —**

BEGINNING RITUAL: John Taylor (back to camera) conducts exercises for Club 50.

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Maybe America's children don't get enough physical exercise these days, but a group of older adults at the Rhode Island College Recreation Center sure do.

With tongue-in-cheek, they call themselves "Club 50" but their ages range from somewhere over 50 to 81.

John S. Taylor, assistant director of physical fitness and exercise, who guides them through a regimen of bends and stretches, squats and turns, rest and walking, assures that "some of them outshine the youngsters. They can walk circles around the young kids."

The 16-member group, coming mostly from the surrounding neighborhood, meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. This is the third year they've been coming for floor exercises through which Taylor guides them with patience and a good deal of humor.

He trades quips with the "seniors" about real or imagined aches and pains and they give as good as they get, often drawing chuckles and laughs throughout the session.

Taylor provides them with information about physical fitness and good health and works on occasion with their doctors to assure certain health-related problems are being addressed properly.

Group members regularly use the Recreation Center weight room with its stationary bicycles, and work with Janice H. Fifer, assistant director of aquatics, at the Center's Olympic-size pool.

The experience is not only good for their health but lends to a healthy camaraderie between people who have become good friends.

"They enjoy themselves," observes Taylor.

"I think it's fantastic," says Sandra Webb of Providence. "I just started about a month ago because I never did any exercise. It has really helped me a lot. When I joined I couldn't even stand on my toes. I had pain in my knees. Now the pain has disappeared."

Russell Cuddy of Cranston says he had gone to his doctor and "got good and bad marks" about his physical condition. "After I started coming here, I got all good marks" over the improvement in his vital signs. Cholesterol and blood pressure readings improved, for instance.

Frank Abbate of Cranston reported he experienced the same results after having had open-heart surgery. "I've been coming here for three years and my vital signs are all good now."

"I had to get away from being a couch potato," says Alice Canning of North Providence, who comes to every session with her husband, James. "It's a very good program," he assures.

Taylor says the Recreation Center conducted an Open House three years ago to entice people to join the exercise program. "Then it sort of spread by word of mouth. People who didn't have access to a senior center sort of came in," he says.

Taylor also gives credit to Evelyn Fagnotoli, former Providence city council member for the fifth ward, for helping form the group.

"She was trying to get seniors in the ward involved in an active life style and sent them to us," he says.

Anyone can join the group by becoming a regular member of the Recreation Center. The annual membership fee covers everything," says Taylor.

Call 401-456-8400 or just stop by the Center and sign up.

WHO’S WHO INDUCTEE Carolina Gazzolo, a senior management major from Mansfield, Mass., accepts a certificate from College President John Nazarian signifying her selection to the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges as Gary Penfield, vice president for student affairs, looks on. The occasion was a reception April 18 in the Student Union ballroom honoring the 76 RIC students selected this year. (What's News Photo by George LaTour)

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*Little East Conference game
**hosted by Williams College

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