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Henry Barnard School celebrates 105th year

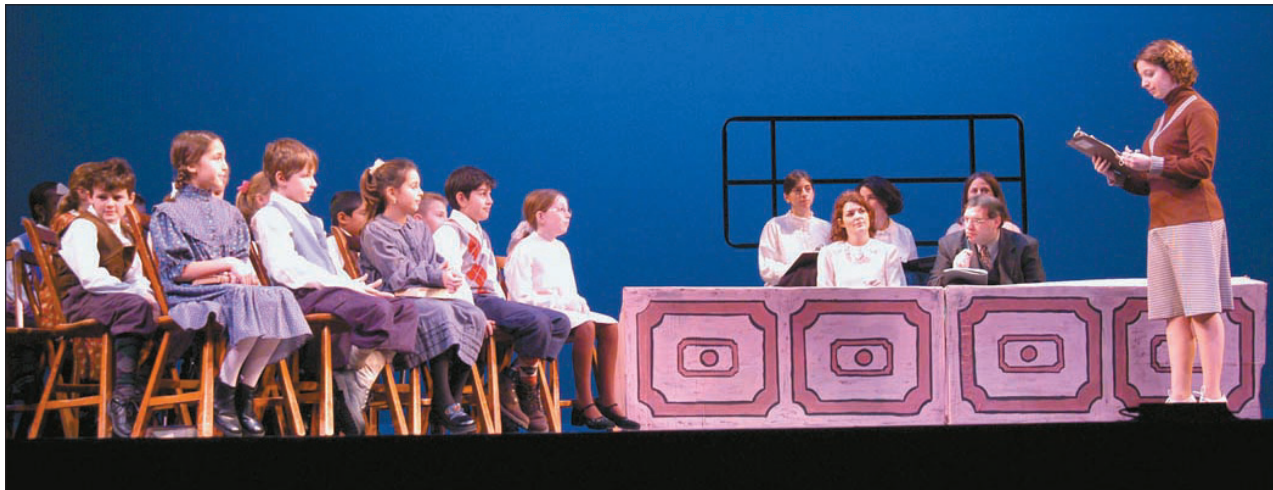
by David Cranshaw '05,
What's News Intern

It was a family affair for the Zuriers on December 18 when the Henry Barnard School celebrated its History Day and 105th anniversary. Melvin Zurier and his sisters Hilda and Rosalind were students at the school in the 1930s and 40s. Zurier's recollections were part of

Auditorium in Roberts Hall.

The production was written and directed by HBS associate professor Sharon Fennessey as part of the College's Sesquicentennial celebration. It consisted of a Readers Theatre, a form of theatre that emphasizes reading rather than acting. Participants read from a prepared script in which the narration creates the drama for the play. The production also included a

Ron Tibbetts, assistant principal Haven Starr, emeriti faculty, Rose Merenda and Ruth Whipple, alumni of HBS, current faculty and students at HBS. Starr told of his varied responsibilities from fixing jammed photocopiers to tying shoelaces to retrieving balls from the roof. He said the best part of the job is "watching children enter in the preschool, so little, so excited, and then watch them grow and leave as confident young people."



HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL celebrated 105 years of its existence with a program in Roberts Hall Auditorium on Dec. 18. Above, Laura Desmarais, a RIC student teacher (or "teacher candidate," as they are now called), acts as a period teacher of costume-clad Barnard students in a play written and directed by Sharon Fennessey, associate professor, as a panel of prospective teachers from the College observes. The program also included a performance by the HBS chorus under the direction of Bridget Baird.

a production tracing the history of the school that included accounts from former students and faculty, and concluded with a performance by the school's chorus in the

PowerPoint slide presentation created by HBS professor Beth Starring of documents found in the RIC archives.

Readers included HBS principal

The production included a scene reenacting the "observation pit," a demonstration room in the for-

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ROBERT TIDWELL

Robert Tidwell '86, M '93, is both a witness to and participant in the constant evolution of technology.

The lessons he learned while studying anthropology and public archeology at RIC have helped him

Robert Tidwell connects anthropology and technology

in his technology career, providing him with a trained eye in observing the socio-cultural changes brought about by the technological bloom of the past dozen years.

"Technology is changing relationships to others," said Tidwell, who spoke December 10 in the Alumni Lounge at Roberts Hall in a Brown Bag Lunch Discussion sponsored by the anthropology department.

Tidwell enjoys a dual career as chief information officer for San Juan College in New Mexico, and regional manager for Collegis, a national, Florida-based company that manages technology for colleges.

He noted that while technology is getting easier to use and integrate into our jobs and personal lives, there exists what he termed a "digital divide" that separates the techno-savvy from the cyber-clueless.

Economic and educational factors play a role in the divide, but there is another reason, according to Tidwell. "It also divides out generationally," he said, "with younger colleagues often more interested in riding the technology wave. We are still very much in a transitional phase between old modes and new."

He pointed out that what older generations view as being new are seen as the status quo by students entering college today: cars have always come with CD players and airbags, George Foreman has always been a grill salesman - and cyberspace has always existed.

And just as added safety features and better music systems have improved the auto experience, cyberspace is improving our life experience. Recent studies have shown that computers have brought people closer together by allowing them to go online, said Tidwell. This is particularly true of those who are part

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Then and Now...

In keeping with the Sesquicentennial celebration, we will feature a series of paired photos showing the College "Then" and "Now."



Then



Now

THE CHANGING CLASSROOM: For this issue of What's News, we contrast a typical classroom at Rhode Island College of Education (left) with the hi-tech keyboard laboratory for music students in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts (right). In the newer classroom, called a MIDI lab (Music Instruction Digital Interface), each student has a computer and keyboard and the teacher can listen in and instruct each student from a master control center, much like in a modern language laboratory.

Focus on the 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, Building 10 or email them to cpage@ric.edu.

Rod Rodrigues, professor of mathematics, presented a minicourse at the 16th International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics in Chicago last fall.



ROD RODRIGUES

The title of the minicourse was "Stand-Alone and Web Technical Documents using Word." Rodrigues' photography show was on exhibit in the Little Falls Café in Cranston's Pawtuxet Village during the

month of November.

Ann Moskol, professor of mathematics and computer science, held a workshop on "Using the TI-83 in Statistics" at the ATMNE conference held in Manchester, N.H. recently.

Associate professor of mathematics and secondary education **Mary Sullivan** presented a talk entitled "On What Day of the Week Will My 100th Birthday Be Celebrated?" at the same conference.

Dave Abrahamson, professor of mathematics, spoke on "Searching for Weapons of Math Instruction" at the MAA Northeastern Section fall meeting held last November at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.

At the same meeting, associate professor of mathematics **Lisa Humphreys** gave the Christie Lecture, "Exploring Uncharted Territory in Forced ODEs: Strange and Counterintuitive Periodic Solutions."

Peter Andreozzi, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, presented a talk on "Exploring E-Portfolios" with co-presenter Maria Lawrence at the 66th annual conference of the New England Association of Technology Teachers held last November in Newport, R.I.

Last November, **Joseph Levi**, assistant professor of Portuguese, received a grant from the CESC

(Centro Studi Colombiani Monferrini, Italy) president: Giorgio Casartelli Colombo di Cuccaro, to contribute with three essay-entries/talks at the International Conference Commemorating the V Centenary of the death of Christopher Columbus. Levi also received a grant from the CEPESA (Centro Português de Estudos do Sudeste Asiático, Lisbon, Portugal) [Portuguese Center for the Study of Southeast Asia], Lisbon, Portugal, to contribute with two essay-entries/talks on women in the Lusophone Empire (Portuguese-Speaking Empire). Levi is the only American scholar invited to participate in these projects.

This past fall, greenhouse manager **Dianne Huling** was invited to participate as a panelist for the New England Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society meeting. The general topic of discussion was "Propagating Alpine Plants by Seed." Huling's contribution was titled "Propagating Alpine Plants by Seed in the Greenhouse and House." Huling recently entered a photography contest sponsored by the North American Rock Garden Society, an international organization of approximately 4,500 members. Huling placed first in the class *Alpine Plant in a Natural Environment* with her photograph of *Aquilegia coerulea*, which is the state flower of Colorado. She garnered second place in the class *Rock Garden Shots* with a photograph of Princess Abkhazi Garden in Victoria, B.C., Canada. Seven honorable



DIANNE HULING

mentions were also awarded to Huling. Most of the photographs entered were taken this past summer on a North American Rock Garden Society-sponsored botanizing trip to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The pictures will be published in subsequent editions of *The Rock Garden Quarterly*.

In Memoriam –

Rep. Paul V. Sherlock, RIC prof. emeritus, special ed advocate



Paul V. Sherlock, M.Ed. '60, professor emeritus of special education at RIC, state representative, and a passionate advocate for those with disabilities, died January 17 at

Rhode Island Hospital. He had been diagnosed with cancer in 2001.

Sherlock, 73, of Warwick, had served 25 years in the General Assembly, and was currently chairman of the House Finance Committee. Before retiring from teaching about a year ago, he had been on the faculty at RIC, also the location of the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, which is dedicated to integrating individuals with disabilities into schools, work and society.

He was the first director of special education for the State of Rhode Island, from 1959 to 1966, and is often referred to as the "Father of Special Education." Sherlock is widely credited with bringing special education out of the closed world it once inhabited, and for helping to create the state's group-home program for adults with disabilities. His stamp is on much of the landmark special education law that has come out of

the General Assembly over the last 25 years.

A former Trudeau Center president and member of its Hall of Fame, Sherlock was also a former president of the Rhode Island Association of Retarded Citizens. His work on behalf of those with special needs was inspired by his son Timothy, who was born with Down syndrome.

Sherlock was an Army veteran of the Korean war. He received a bachelors degree from Providence College, a masters from RIC and a doctorate in education from Boston University. He was a fellow at the Yale University Bush Center in 1983 and 1984. Prior to RIC, he had taught in Pawtucket and Warwick public schools.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann E. (Devine) Sherlock; two daughters, Kathleen Sherlock MacLean and Mary E. Sherlock; two sons, Timothy P. Sherlock and Martin D. Sherlock; four sisters; three brothers; and six grandchildren. He was the father of the late Patrick J. Sherlock, and brother of the late Edward Sherlock.

Funeral services were held at St. William Church in Warwick. Burial was in Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

Donations in his memory can be made to the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center, 3445 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886.



KEEPING HEALTHY: A student gets the FluMist vaccine last month from Janice Neylon, RN, in the Health Services Office, while Bob Emerson, a cameraman for NBC 10, films the event.

Tom D'Agostino has a passion for the paranormal

by Jane Fusco
What's News Editor

Tom D'Agostino believes in ghosts. He's seen quite a few and has had conversations with some of them. He has photos and recordings that prove they exist. And he is constantly called to check out a presence or occurrence that cannot be explained. It's all in a day's work as a paranormal investigator, more commonly known as a "ghostbuster."

So how did this 1990 RIC graduate with a degree in political science, author and musician end up chasing poltergeists instead of pursuing a political career?

"Because I always liked being scared," he said. "Ghosts are fascinating, the last frontier really."

D'Agostino has many bizarre tales to tell, all of which are captivating and believable, because he himself questions every detail of an investigation before ruling it a paranormal experience. He said he is not at all psychic, just in tune to looking for answers to the unexplainable. "I approach everything pragmatically, and with skepticism," he explains.

"It's been scientifically proven that ghosts are real. They are not just dead people walking around," he adds.

D'Agostino became a believer more than 22 years ago when he and five friends stayed at an old house purchased by another friend. There were unexplained sounds of furniture moving and footsteps that the guests didn't think much of until a window pane came out of its casing from the top of the stairs and rolled across the floor to a full stop and rested against the staircase.

"We were frozen in our tracks, all six of us. It felt like something was holding us in place. We couldn't move. It seemed like an eternity but it only lasted about 10 seconds. Then we were released. We freaked out. The place was definitely haunted," he recalls.

Shortly after that experience, D'Agostino and fellow band members were rehearsing in a newly renovated music studio that had once been a mortuary. "An old man suddenly appeared, almost transparent, and pushed the door to the room we were in shut," he said. Weeks later, D'Agostino happened upon an old portrait left behind in an abandoned part of the building and discovered the man he saw was one of the original owners of the funeral home.

"During rehearsals, we would hear screaming and crying even though no one else was in the building. We



GHOST HUNTER Tom D'Agostino '90 with tools of his trade and a photo of a house with a ghostly figure in one window.

just thought they didn't like our music," he laughs. D'Agostino said he has recordings of the rehearsal sessions where the screams and cries are audible.

It's no laughing matter when people call D'Agostino to investigate a haunting experience. He takes his work very seriously.

An investigation begins with interviews of the person reporting the sighting or haunting to determine if there is a reasonable explanation for the occurrence, or just an imagination gone wild.

If not, then the investigation continues with extensive research into the history of the site, note taking, digital recording devices and examination of the magnetic fields. In addition, D'Agostino takes photos, makes videotapes and uses a thermal scanner to check for "cold spots" that could indicate a ghostly

presence. It can be an exhausting process that can take repeated visits and examinations.

"I think of it as a science," said D'Agostino. "I look for every way to explain something in a rational sense."

D'Agostino explains that since the earth's field is magnetic, its forces can replay scenes. A spirit can be stuck in that time like in a photograph, "looking for something, some answer," because its electrical energy is neither created nor destroyed, only transferred. D'Agostino said this is one proof positive that ghosts are real.

Also according to D'Agostino, ghosts are generally unaware of humans. A person's aura or energy force can draw in a ghost for any variety of reasons, including a transition phase such as childhood to adolescence, a weakened physical

state caused by stress, or simply a significant historical event or date.

"The past will tell a lot in an investigation," said D'Agostino. "Spirits usually follow a routine. They will appear on a certain date, or will re-emerge through another energy force. It's a classic haunting when something from the past stays."

Such was the case of one of D'Agostino's investigations involving the spirit of a woman who lived in an 18th century home that perpetually smelled of roses. His research showed that the owner loved roses and rose gardens once surrounded the house. He believes her spirit remains through the scent of the roses.

Being in his line of work, it's not surprising that D'Agostino and his wife, Arlene Nicholson, got married on Halloween night at the Stagecoach Tavern in Chepachet, famous for its ghost sightings, and live in a haunted house in Burrillville built in 1860, where several of the inhabitants are ghosts, even a cat.

A family outing most likely occurs in a New England burial ground or a site like the Ram Tail factory in the woods along the Ponagansett River, declared haunted in the state's 1885 census.

The spirits make their presence well known in the D'Agostino house. D'Agostino claims a young girl's voice was repeatedly heard throughout the house, a doll once flew off a shelf without assistance, a candle flipped out of its holder (the spirits didn't like its location, he says), and a poster had to be removed before noises stopped. "We know when something doesn't belong in the house. The spirits tells us," he said.

D'Agostino also believes his resident ghosts are friendly sorts. "Whatever or whoever is there protects us and watches over us," he boasts.

D'Agostino's pursuit of the strange and supernatural is also evident in his numerous articles for *FATE* magazine, his contributions to the book *Ghost Stories of New England* by Susan Smitten, and the Ghost Hunters Society website. His first book, *Curious New England, A Collection of Ghost and Supernatural Stories*, is due out this spring.

D'Agostino, who claims to have seen hundreds of ghosts in his time, said that at least 85 percent of people have experienced something that they cannot explain or understand.

"Death is a one-way door. Whatever I can find out about is amazing," he said. "It's scary and thrilling at the same time."

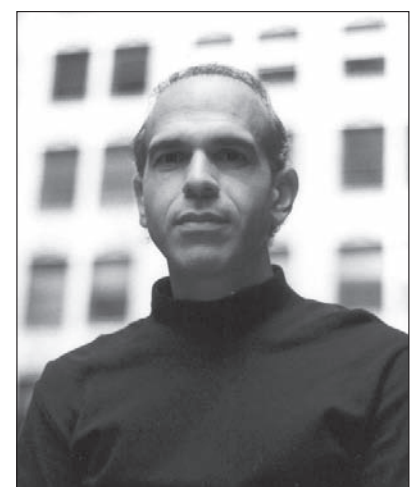


THE POVERTY INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND held its annual policy symposium Dec. 16. Above, at a reception before the speaking program are (from left) Nancy Gewirtz, Cheryl Amey, Dean George Metrey, Ellen Frank, the newly appointed senior economic analyst for the Poverty Institute and the keynote speaker for the event, and Linda Katz.

Ohanian joins RIC faculty

Thomas Ohanian M '89, whose film-editing inventions have won an Academy Award and two Emmys, has returned to RIC this semester as a member of the film studies department. He will teach a Monday night course for graduate students – *Digital Filmmaking: New Methods in Making Motion Pictures*.

Ohanian received a masters degree in instructional technology from RIC, and was awarded an honorary degree from the College in 2002.



THOMAS OHANIAN

Foundation & Alumni News



Marguerite M. Brown,
Vice President,
Development and
College Relations
and Executive Director
of the RIC Foundation

While many of you may have watched the Swarovski crystal ball drop in Times Square a few weeks ago, we promise that the New Year's celebration will be eclipsed by our own — the end of the Sesquicentennial Year Celebration planned for June 20 on the State House lawn.

Complete with a lawn party, gala dinner, and full WaterFire, the event will be a fitting close to an extraordinary year.

Commencement this year will also take on a special quality. Invited to join in the undergraduate procession on May 15 are the members of the Class of 1954, all former honorary degree recipients, past presidents of both the Foundation and Alumni Association, members of our

emeritus family, the highest elected official in Rhode Island's cities and towns, and class representatives beginning with the Class of 1924.

The Class of 1954 has undertaken an ambitious fund-raising goal on the occasion of their golden anniversary. Under the leadership of Don Driscoll, the committee has set an unprecedented goal of raising \$100,000 for their class gift as part of the Capital Campaign—and they are well on their way to making that goal a reality.

And speaking of the Campaign, we are just preparing data for the President's mid-year report to the community on our progress to date. I am happy to share the news that we have passed the \$21 million mark in total gifts and pledges toward our \$25 million goal. We can't thank our alumni and friends enough for their continued support for the College and its programs. We will be offering several different opportunities to make your contribution to the Campaign in the coming months. Join the rising tide of contributors who are propelling us toward our goal!



As part of the Sesquicentennial celebration, academic departments have been encouraged to invite alumni back to campus to talk to students about their professions and to reminisce about their college experiences. In December, political science/public administration students had an opportunity to hear from several alumni. Seated: Bill Fazioli '86, senior vice president of First Southwest Company; Ann Gancz '82, attorney, State Library, office of the Secretary of State; Lynn Farrell '99, Textron Six Sigma Black Belt, Textron, Inc.; standing: Major Ellis Hopkins '87, US Army; Michael Ryan '74, executive vice president, Narragansett Electric Company; Kim Casci '92, office of Congressman James Langevin; John Palangio '88, director of consumer protection, office of RI Attorney General; Frank Anzeveno '81, chief of staff, office of Speaker of the House, William Murphy. Missing from photo: Rev. James Capoverdi '91, diocesan priest; Brenda Munro '96, finance office, RI court system.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

The Young Alumni Group has two great events for you!

Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004

Snow Tubing

Yawgoo Valley Ski Area
Exeter, RI

6-8 p.m.

Join us for a night of winter fun! Reservations are \$10 per person and all adults and children over the age of five are welcome to attend.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.



Call 456-9625 to reserve your spot!

Friday, Feb. 20, 2004

Trinity Brewhouse Party/ Providence Bruins Game

Join us for a pre-game party from 5-7 p.m. at the Trinity Brewhouse before we head over to the Dunkin' Donuts Center to watch the P-Bruins vs. the Manchester Monarchs. Game time: 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and include the pre-game party. If you would like to attend just the party at Trinity, the charge for the reception only is \$5. Tickets are limited, so reserve early.



WINE AUCTIONEERS (from left) Liz Poglitsch, Derek Luke of Coastal Extreme Brew Company, and Chris Gasbarro of Seekonk Fine Wine and Spirits, preside over the festivities at "Mingle and Jingle," a wine tasting and silent auction held Dec. 5 in the Helen Forman Theatre in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. The event benefitted the College's scholarship programs.

RIC on the Road— heading for the sun

Florida in January is sounding awfully good right now! We have 1,284 alumni with Florida addresses, and a few hundred more are snow birds who spend several months there in the winter. Outside of a few New England states, Florida has the largest percentage of alumni who call it home.

That's why we are heading down for a visit as part of our RIC on the Road events during our Sesquicentennial celebration.

Over 100 alumni and friends responded to our luncheon invitations. Several more who cannot attend the luncheons will be receiving personal visits.

Alumni from 1936-1993 will

have an opportunity to find out who from Rhode Island may be their neighbor.

Reservations are important in order for us to have an accurate count. If you'd like to join us, please call the Alumni Office at 401-456-8086.

On Friday, January 30 we are hosting a luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel on PGA Boulevard, West Palm Beach

We will be driving across Alligator Alley for a luncheon on Saturday, January 31 at the Sanibel Harbour Resort in Fort Myers.

Both luncheons are scheduled for noon.

Hope to see you!

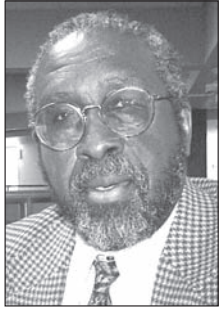


ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP: Joyce DeCesare (right) is thanked by Marguerite Brown, vice president for development and college relations, for establishing a scholarship in the name of her father. The Salvatore J. Fransoci Music Scholarship Award, honoring his "lifetime of achievement as a great pianist, teacher, psychologist and friend," will be administered by the Rhode Island College Foundation and awarded to students who excel in the study of piano.

Address : www.RIC.edu/GiveNow

Costa named to TRIO Hall of Fame

Joseph Costa, director of student support services, was inducted into the TRIO Hall of Fame at the national conference for the Council for Opportunity in Education, held in San Diego, Calif. September 23, 2003.



Costa was selected for having expressed tireless devotion to TRIO students and programs, and being a strong advocate for educational opportunity within his community and across the nation. He is a charter member of the New England Educational

Opportunity Association (NEOA, established in 1971).

Sixty people were selected for this one-time special honor, given by past board chair of the Council for Opportunity in Education, Jonathan McKenzie, to people who have worked with TRIO for several years and demonstrated a high level of commitment to the programs despite the many challenges throughout the years.

TRIO is a series of educational programs for low-income and disabled Americans, directed by the Council for Opportunity in Education. The programs, which originally numbered three, were established by the federal government to help potential students enter college, graduate and participate in America's eco-

nomics and social life.

There are currently five programs in the TRIO series: Talent Search to identify promising students, Upward Bound to prepare students for college-level work, Educational Opportunity Centers to provide information on academic and financial aid opportunities, Student Support Services for tutoring and mentoring once students enter college to ensure retention and graduation, and the McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement program — named for Ronald McNair, one of the astronauts who perished in the 1986 Challenger space craft explosion — to prepare students for post graduate studies.

Student Support Services and Upward Bound are two TRIO pro-

grams offered at Rhode Island College.

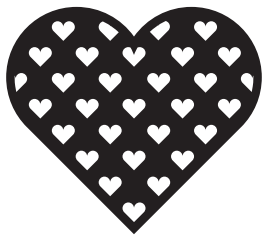
The programs are designed to work with students one-on-one, are performance based, and focus on early intervention to reach students grades six through 12 who have college potential but often do not recognize their academic or career options beyond high school.

"TRIO is one of the last great society programs started by President Lyndon Johnson. I am pleased to have taken part in the program for so many years and have helped so many good students reach their potential," said Costa.

Over 2,700 American colleges, universities and agencies offer TRIO programs, serving over 900,000 students.

How many Rhode Island College alumni are in your family?

Valentine's Day Legacy Brunch



On February 14 we are hosting a brunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for our legacy families.

We have identified many legacy families but know we have missed others. Please call the Alumni Office 456-8086 if you did not receive an invitation.

Even if you cannot attend this event, please identify your family for future legacy events.

Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 9 to 401-456-8086.

Honorary Chairs: *The Langevin family:*
Congressman James Langevin '90; mother June '02;
siblings Richard '91, Joanne '03

Co-chairs: *The Swann family:* Kathleen '79, M '89, Ph.D.'01;
daughter Elizabeth '03



PRESIDENTIAL CHAT: On Jan. 12, U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee paid a visit to campus to discuss several issues with College President John Nazarian, including the proposed Center for Public Policy and the ongoing State Home & School Project.

Not just academically speaking

Here's to your health

This is a challenging time to be in the business of delivering health care. Health care costs are soaring, more people are unable to afford



Lynn Wachtel
Director of Health
Services

adequate health insurance coverage and medical care, and pharmaceuticals have become increasingly complex. As most of us are only too well aware, the "business" of health care is in crisis. At Rhode Island College Health Services, the staff is committed to educating students to become knowledgeable health care consumers while at the same time providing high quality, accessible and cost-effective primary care services. Our goal is to promote a culture of health behavior that facilitates the achievement of educational goals and enhances the academic potential of our students.

Health Services is open to all students at the College including commuters and residents, undergraduate and graduate, insured or

uninsured, full or part-time. We are open year-round and are staffed by a full-time nurse practitioner, registered nurses and part-time physicians. Visits are available by appointment with acute care or illness visits generally scheduled within 24 hours. Medical records are considered strictly confidential and are maintained under current state and federal laws. They are kept separate from academic records and are not released without the written consent of the student.

Available services focus on providing holistic primary care that aims to enhance not only the student's physical well-being, but emotional health and safety as well. Each student encounter is considered an opportunity to educate on prevention and risk reduction to promote life-long healthy choices. Appointments are available for routine physical exams including sports and pre-employment exams, management of acute illnesses and injuries, women's health care including GYN exams and pap smears, birth control, emergency contraception and pregnancy testing. Full lab services are available on-site including blood tests, throat cultures, urine tests and STD screening for both

males and females. Immunizations are available to registered students requiring updates.

Referral and collaboration with other campus resources such as the Counseling Center, campus dietician, athletics and off-campus community services, and specialty care, enhances the ability of the Health Service staff to coordinate comprehensive primary care.

Two ongoing prevention programs are currently underway in Health Services. The first is a smoking cessation program that aims to individualize the needs of student smokers trying to quit. One-on-one counseling, free nicotine patches, "Quit Kits" and prescriptions for Zyban, the smoking cessation pill, are available with an appointment. Funding for this important program was obtained in collaboration with the RI Cancer Council.

The second prevention program in progress is the influenza vaccination. Rhode Island College was the recipient of free FluMist nasal vaccine donated by Wyeth Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals early in December. This new vaccine was administered by nasal spray and given to over 250 students and staff on campus through the end of January.

The College offers a low-cost Student Health and Accident Insurance policy for any student carrying a minimum of six credits. Full-time, pre-registered undergraduates are automatically enrolled unless they opt to waive because of other coverage. Enrollment and purchase of the plan is through the Bursar's Office. All students are strongly encouraged to carry health insurance (required for full-time, international students and students who participate in athletics).

Although there is no charge for most services provided by Health Service staff, you or your insurance company may be billed for outside lab, x-ray or specialty services.

Health Services is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday until 8 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the academic year.

A provider (NP or MD) is generally available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no evening or weekend hours during the summer or school breaks.

Visit our website at www.ric.edu/health-services for more information or call us at (401) 456-8055.

Take care...

HBS

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mer HBS that allowed students to observe the methods and teaching styles of experienced teachers and discuss what they saw with the Master teacher. Senior teacher candidate, Laura Desmarais, played the role of the Master teacher, Miss Pierce, while other teacher candidates at RIC played the role of the "observers." Emma Pierce was a teacher at HBS from 1918 into the 1940s and earned the reputation of being a strict teacher.

Zurier took to the stage to tell of an experience he had when he was in eighth grade. From his two older sisters he knew his teacher, Mary McArdle, liked to ask difficult questions early in the class to motivate the students to learn. The teacher would start at the front of the room and work backwards until a student could answer the question. All students who answered the question wrong had to remain standing. Sitting in alphabetical order, Zurier was always last to answer the question.

The teacher asked the class to identify the definition of the word 'brawn' in the historical novel *Ivanhoe*. His oldest sister Hilda was unable to answer the question when she was in the eighth grade, but she relayed the correct answer to Melvin. When he had the chance, with all



BARNARD REUNION: Present and former Henry Barnard School teachers and several alumni of the school attended a reception in the Alumni Lounge after the celebration of the school's 105 years on Dec. 18. Above (from left) are HBS alumnae Melissa Chapin (HBS Class of '66), her mother Marianna Church (HBS '36), President John Nazarian (RICE '54), former teacher Ann Hajian-Kibarian (RICE '49), and Elaine and Russell Wilbur (HBS '26).

the students in the class standing, Melvin was able to correctly identify that brawn was another word for pork in the context of the novel. "I guess I learned from this experience that having older sisters wasn't so bad after all," he said.

His family's HBS connection continued with his cousin Syd who later completed his student teaching at HBS and Melvin's four children who all attended HBS. The tradition is being carried into the present by two

of his grandchildren, Hannah (third grade), and Joseph (kindergarten).

The Readers Theatre ended with Fennessey reciting the HBS motto, "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

The program concluded with a performance by the HBS chorus singing under the direction of Bridget Baird, assistant professor. The fifth and sixth graders sang songs from other countries, some songs in Spanish and Latin.

"The production fits in with the Sesquicentennial because HBS was the place where all teachers did their preliminary training before they went out to do their student teaching," said Fennessey. "It is still true today. In every classroom at HBS, we train our young teachers in all subject areas to prepare them for student teaching. It's the place where the educational theory moves into practice."

Fennessey has been writing plays for her classes since she came to HBS 14 years ago. She has written plays on many historical people including Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King and John Adams. Four of her plays have been published including: *The Loam and the Lash* about slavery, *Road to Freedom*, about Sojourner Truth, *His Name was Martin*, a work on Martin Luther King, and *A Matter of Justice*, a piece written about John Adams.

The Henry Barnard School has been educating future teachers since 1898 when the Normal Observation School opened on the site of the former Rhode Island Normal School. In 1920 the school was named to honor education pioneer Henry Barnard and moved out of the then Rhode Island College of Education into its own building next door.

In 1958, HBS moved with the College to its present location. The school now offers childcare for three- and four-year-olds as well as kindergarten and elementary classes up to grade five.

Tidwell

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of the so-called Generation Y, the 60 million offspring of baby boomers born between 1979 and 1994.

"I would say that younger people are more social than their parents," said Tidwell. "You're going to have a larger group of friends in Gen Y. It's more cumbersome and time-consuming, so friendships are forged and maintained online."

For college students - both undergrads and grads - the first method of choice for research is online. Tidwell, who plans to pursue a Ph.D., will do it online because of the convenience and time savings it offers.

The increasing access to information online has also sent traditional libraries scrambling to keep stride with the technology, with many digitizing their reference collections. At San Juan, said Tidwell, the library's book compilation will only grow digitally - not with hand-held books. He went as far as to say, "Libraries as a place, will go away."

One of the biggest growth areas for the future is wireless technology. "The speed of wireless is astonishing," said Tidwell. He noted that since the first cell phone arrived in 1973, there are now one billion worldwide. Now the wireless computer is also part of the cultural landscape, what with Starbucks coffee shops offering wireless access to the Internet, and McDonald's restaurants soon to follow.

Tidwell predicted that by 2007, many of us will carry or wear wireless computers, and that mobile devices will be charged wirelessly as well.

As distant as a fully wireless world may seem, it's helpful to remember that the World Wide Web is only 12 years old and commercial traffic has only been on the Internet for eight years. What once was unimaginable, is suddenly commonplace. Without a doubt, the near future promises more of the same. In other words, the sky - filled with innumerable wireless signals - is the limit.

RICSMA helps prepare future middle school teachers

The Rhode Island College Student Middle Level Association (RICSMA), now in its second year, is continuing its efforts in the development of students aspiring to be teachers of sixth through eighth grade.

The purpose of the program is to introduce students to the life of a middle level teacher, advance the appropriate teaching preparation and give the students experience in the field, said John Niska, assistant professor of educational studies. Niska started the program in 2002 with support from RIC's Feinstein School of Education and Human Development and the Rhode Island Middle Level Educators (RIMLE) network.

"I saw a need for providing support for students who truly want to be middle level teachers," said Niska. He said he saw a gap between the elementary education program and the secondary education course work that did not focus on the middle level grades.

RIC education majors either earn a certificate in elementary education or secondary education. There is currently no certified program to prepare middle

level teachers.

"I see myself as an advocate for the students," said Niska. RICSMA, he said, gives the students a forum where they can talk about the issues that affect them as future middle level teachers and the chance to meet with practitioners in the field.

The summer before the program began, Niska approached students about starting a program for middle level teachers. The students showed interest and generated the core of the program out of the needs they identified, he said.

RICSMA is made up of about 80 undergraduate and graduate students majoring in educational studies.

Niska serves as the association's sponsor and advisor. He is assisted by James Barton, professor of elementary education, James Cherian and Diane Kern, assistant professors of elementary education, and Mif Obach, associate professor of counseling and educational psychology.

There are five educational programs conducted each year. The next one, called "What Principals Are Looking for

in an Effective Middle Level Teacher," will be held on February 4 when four principals from schools around the state will lead a panel discussion. One of the panel members will be Jane Kondon, principal at Davisville Middle School in North Kingstown, who is the current Rhode Island Middle Level Principal of the Year.

Future plans include a discussion in March entitled "What I Learned My First Year of Teaching" and a final event in May that will celebrate the achievements of the participants.

The first program "Building Prospective Relationships: Effective Strategies for Classroom Management" and a second workshop, "What You Should Know About Doing Your Student Teaching," were held during the fall semester.

The association is affiliated with the National Middle School Association and the New England League of Middle Schools, organizations that promote the education and development of adolescents between the ages of 10 and 14.

For more information, contact Niska at 456-4655 or jniska@ric.edu..



INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON: Modern languages professor Joseph Levi hosts an annual potluck lunch for his students at the end of the semester. Here he is with his Italian 101 students on Dec. 17 in Building 10.

2003 Service Recognition Awards

In order to recognize the commitment and dedicated service of its faculty and staff, Rhode Island College established a Service Recognition Day. On this 13th Service Recognition Day, held in December, those who have served the College for 10, 15, 20 or 25 years were recognized at a reception at the President's House.

The 30-Year Honor Roll recognizes faculty, administrative staff, and support staff who have completed 30 years of service to RIC. The Honor Roll plaque is permanently displayed in the President's Office reception area in Roberts Hall. Honor Roll members attended a reception at the President's House December 4.



THE LARGEST GROUP ever to achieve 30 years of service to the College – 36 – poses for a photograph on the lawn of the President's House during a reception Dec. 4.

25 Years of Service

Faculty

Louise J. Buonomano
Nancy H. Gewirtz
Elaine S. Magyar
E. Pierre Morenon

Administrative Staff

Mariam Z. Boyajian
Thomas J. Bradley
Louis H. McGowan
Gerald T. Russo

Support Staff

Norman E. Harrod Jr.
Elaine A. Papa

30 Years of Service

Charles H. Allsworth
Samuel B. Ames
Deborah K. Andrews
James J. Betres
Jeanne A. Boichat
Lawrence Budner
Robert L. Castiglione
Stanford E. Demars
Carmelo DiCicco
Jane C. D'Uva
Allan L. Fingeret
Sharon A. Giacobbi

Barry Gilbert
Linda A. Green
Gary R. Grund
Terence E. Hays
Dianne J. Huling
Steve C. Imber
Thomas T. Kochanek
Donna L. Konicki
Judy Letourneau
Bennett J. Lombardo
Barbara A. Lounsbury
Jane D. Malone

Peter A. Marks
Edward W. Markward
Linda M. McEnery
Russell J. Monaghan
Ann E. Moskol
Richard R. Olmsted
John A. Perrotta
Anne F. Quinn
Harold Ramsay
Robert T. Rude
Raquel Shapiro
David A. Wilson



YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS were made at the President's House on Dec. 3. Above, Elaine Magyar, professor of chemistry, is one of 10 employees who achieved 25 years of service. Making the presentation is College President John Nazarian.

20 Years of Service

Faculty

Willard F. Enteman
Frederick F. Harrop
Marlene L. Lopes
Lloyd H. Matsumoto
Lenore J. Olsen

Administrative Staff

William R. Angell
Cynthia P. Boudreau
James R. Bucci
Diane L. Hall

Support Staff

Stephen J. Albanese
George R. Bassett
Robert L. Panciocco
Doris I. Remillard

15 Years of Service

Faculty

Dorothy M. Bianco
Thomas L. Cobb
Richard Feldstein
Rachel Filinson
Alema Karim
Thomas E. Malloy
Maureen T. Reddy
Barbara A. Schapiro
Carolyn L. Wood

Administrative Staff

Kevin R. Brennan
Patricia H. Hays
Frank A. Montanaro
Arthur J. Patrie
Steven Platt
Melissa L. Souza

Support Staff

Joseph R. Brown
Louis Carchia
Maryann D'Elena
Kathy E. Delfino
Joyce E. Fife
Linda G. Guest
Nancy Jaynes
Kheth Kong
Patricia A. McKenna
Nancy M. Moretti
Nancy L. Peters
Anthony St. John
Robert F. Turner

10 Years of Service

Faculty

Robin Kirkwood Auld
Mary Byrd
Beverly A. Goldfield
Elizabeth U. Henshaw
Claus Hofhansel
Jianhong Liu
Thomas Meedel
Leslie Schuster
Paul Tiskus
Ying Zhou

Administrative Staff

Princess Sirleaf Bomba
Julio A. Contreras

Robert Shein
Charles R. Simpson
Julie E. Wollman-Bonilla

Support Staff

Richard A. Briggs
Donald L. Chapman
Barbara F. Choquette
Mark J. DeLellis
Dennis Pimentel
Laurie L. Proulx
Glenn J. Vekeman
Charles P. Wilson

Faces of RIC

This continuing series in What's News will feature RIC grads whose career paths have taken some unusual turns.

Suzanne Carcieri M '93

She is the lovely and gracious woman Rhode Islanders are quick to recognize as the person most likely to be by Governor Don Carcieri's side. But the state's First Lady, Suzanne Carcieri, is truly a woman of substance and independence, having traveled the world, worked as a teacher, volunteered as a marriage advisor, championed community causes, performed in community theatre, all in addition to being a wife, mother and grandmother.

Today, she uses her knowledge and experience to be what she calls a "political advisor" to her husband.

Carcieri received her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Rhode Island and became a junior high school teacher

nor have been married 38 years.

In her 30s and into her 40s, Carcieri joined the Academy Players, singing and dancing in musical productions of *Carousel*, *Camelot* and the *Pirates of Penzance*, "while my husband babysat," she said.

Her daughters literally followed in her theatrical footsteps. Three years ago, Carcieri and daughter Alison appeared together in a production of *Oklahoma*, a reprise for mom.

Carcieri enrolled at Rhode Island College in the mid-80s to obtain a masters degree in health education. It was at that time that she learned she had ovarian cancer.

"The professors were so helpful and allowed me to make up tests and papers during my illness," she recalls. She earned her masters in

1993. Today, she is an advocate for health care issues and preventative health care measures, particularly for children.

As First Lady of the state, Carcieri admits that it took a while to "transition" to her new role.

"I attended a lot of events to see what was going on (around the state) and become informed so I would know what my husband would be dealing with," she explained.

And flexibility is the key, she notes. "It's hard work for both of us," she said. "But part of it is just being yourself."

Carcieri said that this is "an informative time in my life," and that she represents the average person for her husband to use as a gauge when he wants to provide information or deliver a particular message to the people.

"I sometimes serve as a sounding board for him," she said.

Carcieri urges everyone in the state to take an interest and become involved, rather than take the NIMBY- not in my back yard - attitude. "If we all tended to our backyards, we could make Rhode Island a better place."

What's next for this very focused lady? A children's science center near Main Street in East Greenwich that the Carcieris plan to open in a 110-year old building they purchased for one dollar, for the purpose of tutoring, lecturing and providing resources for children in the sciences.

Carcieri said that she has learned many new things and has been inspired by many of the people she has met as the governor's wife, but this is one First Lady who the people of the state can learn from and be inspired by as well.



FIRST LADY SUZANNE CARCIERI

before taking time off to raise a family. She then became the "art lady," traveling to elementary schools in East Greenwich teaching art history. She resumed her teaching career in the 1970s as a tutor to Narragansett Indian students.

When her husband accepted a position with Catholic Relief Services, the Carcieris went to Jamaica for a two-year assignment, where she got a job teaching biology in a Catholic girls school. What she didn't realize was that the courses she'd be teaching would involve tropical diseases such as malaria, snail-borne disease and hookworm. "I had to learn things I knew nothing about the night before each class. As Americans, we don't encounter these diseases," Carcieri explained.

"The students saw me as their link to America," she added. "Only one out of five students (on the island) attends high school. They see America as the land of opportunity."

Early in her marriage, she and her husband volunteered as a team couple to assist in marriage encounter sessions to help couples enrich their marriages. She and the gover-

Florida dedication to POW/MIAs spearheaded by RIC alum

Tom Ryan '78, wanted to make sure that American soldiers who were prisoners of war or missing in action would not be forgotten. So Ryan organized an event - held December 16 - dedicating four bridges in Florida in their honor.

Ryan, a Vietnam veteran, said the bridges, located between the towns of New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange on the state's east coast, are the only ones in Florida dedicated to the country's over 90,000 POW and MIA soldiers since World War I. It is also one of only several such bridge dedications in the United States.

The ceremony was held at a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in New Smyrna Beach, and was attended by approximately 200. Speakers included two elected state officials who had sponsored the legislation dedicating the bridges, which passed the state legislature last spring after a three-year effort.

Ryan, who lives in New Smyrna Beach and is a veterans' advocate, first raised the idea for the dedication years ago. He garnered the backing of local governments and led efforts to gather thousands of



Tom Ryan '78 of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, speaks to a local TV station about his role in the POW/MIA bridge dedication held last December. (Photo by Jennifer Smith of The Observer [Fla.])

never were," Ryan told *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*.

Ryan, an activist, artist and writer, is a Woonsocket native who



This sign is located in Florida by the Spruce Creek and Rose Bay bridges in the tri-city area of New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and Port Orange. (Photo by Jennifer Smith of The Observer [Fla.])

petition signatures from area residents to demonstrate community support of the plan.

"I just feel we should give (the soldiers) special recognition because they kept waiting to be rescued and

received a BA in sculpture at Rhode Island College. He is the author of the book *The Cat Z* about illegal international smuggling during the Vietnam War.

Marriages Made at RIC



Anne Brothers '83 married Matt Giarrusso '80 on October 19, 1985. She and Matt began dating three weeks prior to his graduation. While an undergrad, Matt played soccer for the Anchormen. Matt went on to earn an MBA from Bryant College and is presently the co-owner of AG & G Inc. in Johnston, R.I. Matt and Anne have four children—Carla 16, Amanda 14, Matthew 10 and Melissa 4.