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WHAT'S NEWS

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Groundbreaking for Performing Arts Classroom Facility Oct. 2

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

After years of anticipation, the stage is set for the first act of the new Performing Arts Classroom Facility. Gov. Lincoln C. Almond, the Board of Governors for Higher Education, College President John Nazarian, and the College community will break ground for the \$9.5 million facility as part of the Homecoming activities at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the School of Social Work's new home on the East Campus will follow.

The groundbreaking will mark the culmination of two years of planning since the voters of Rhode Island approved the 1996 bond issue, which provided financing for the project. The 45,000-square-foot structure, designed by William Warner Architects, will address the unmet needs of the performing and fine arts programs, which have been operating in space designed in the mid-1950s to serve 1,000 students. Those same spaces now serve a College enrollment of about 8,600 students.

"This new facility will finally pro-

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Opening convocation shows 'blueprint' for new academic year and next century



OPENING CONVOCATION: Donovan Dining Center is crowded with returning faculty and staff who attended the meeting, Aug. 26, marking the beginning of a new academic year. Inset: College President John Nazarian addresses the crowd. (What's News Photos by Gordon E. Rowley)

by Shelly Murphy
What's News Editor

Record-setting entering class, new appointments, performing arts classroom facility groundbreaking, RIC's 40th year at Mt. Pleasant campus, RIC's upcoming 150th anniversary, major telecommunications upgrades, November bond issue, East Campus development...

These are just a few of the milestones and events Rhode Island College President John Nazarian shared with the College community in his remarks at the Opening Convocation on Aug. 26. His challenge this year was how to cover all of the positive news he had to share with the College community. After eight years of dealing with extremely tight fiscal restraints which impacted and restricted initiatives, Nazarian rose to this year's challenge with ease.

Speaking before the largest opening convocation crowd in recent memory, Nazarian recognized a few special members of the audience including Stephen T. Hulbert, commissioner of Higher Education; Deborah Smith, member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education; and Sarah T. "Sally" Dowling, newly-appointed chair of the Board of Governors, whom he invited to the podium.

In her first opportunity to address the RIC community at large, Dowling pledged support and advocacy for the College. "I am very proud of RIC. You

are entrusted with the minds, bodies, spirits of the young people who will be the leaders of our state," she said.

Sharing her perspective on the mission of the Board of Governor's in what she calls "The Four A's" — academic excellence, advocacy, accessibility, and accountability, she noted that RIC has "already been doing academic excellence" and providing access by keeping tuition down. Advocacy in terms of the Board, she said, is that "we must be the positive message givers."

Noting, that over half of the governors are new to the Board in the past year, Dowling said, "Change is good. Working

contributions of the Alumni Association and the Rhode Island College Foundation staff and volunteers in assisting the College in fulfilling its mission. The Alumni Association has provided funds for scholarships and faculty research and travel and is planning an extensive slate of activities for this year's homecoming weekend, Oct. 2 and 3.

The Foundation, which has also provided funds for scholarships and research, has increased the funds managed by the Foundation on behalf of the College to nearly \$7 million.

Both organizations were instrumental in the passage of the 1996 bond issue

"The past 40 years on this campus have seen many changes, but one aspect has not changed: RIC is strong because it represents the sum total of the creative energies and extraordinary dedication of its faculty, staff, and administration — past and present. — College President John Nazarian

together we can make this system of higher education the best in the nation and that's what Rhode Island deserves."

Echoing the concept of change and collaboration, Nazarian welcomed the unusually large number of newcomers to the College community and provided a comprehensive overview of the initiatives for the coming year and beyond. (See story on appointments, page 5.)

Nazarian recognized the tremendous

and are anticipated to be heavily involved in this year's bond issue campaign, Nazarian noted. In addition, these accomplishments have laid the foundation for another campaign.

"The Foundation's success has encouraged us to plan for the College's first-ever capital campaign which we expect will coincide with the College's

In their own words...



Julie Proulx

Class of 2001

Recipient of:
RIC Alumni
Departmental
Scholarships

This column showcases the award-winning essays of alumni scholarship recipients. The scholarships are supported by the Annual Fund to "keep the flame burning."

Most people who know me well would probably describe me as a person who is extremely motivated and driven to fulfill her dreams and aspirations.

I would have to say that this motivation was instilled within me at a very young age by my mother who taught me to believe that I could be

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The Way We Were...

This popular item in What's News will continue this year 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.



DEJA VU: In light of the bond issue that Rhode Islanders will be voting on in November, it seems appropriate that we look back to 1956. Above, in a skit in front of the Normal School building in downtown Providence students "predict" the passage of the 1956 referendum that enabled the building of the Mt. Pleasant campus of what is now Rhode Island College. Although we cannot identify the three students (perhaps someone out there can), the three gentlemen (l to r) are President William Gaige, Senator John O. Pastore, and Vice President Frederick Donovan. (Photo by Thomas D. Stevens)

'Good neighbor of RIC' Hugo Bert dies at 75

Local art gallery owner was member of RIC Foundation

Hugo Bert, 75, of Smith Street in North Providence, an art gallery owner and benefactor of Rhode Island College, died Aug. 31 at home. He was the husband of Helen (Alfero) Bert to whom he had been married for 53 years.

Mr. Bert — although not a RIC alumnus — considered himself "a good neighbor of Rhode Island College" often framing pictures for faculty at RIC since founding his Cottage Gallery adjacent to his Victorian house on Smith and Olney streets in 1978.

A daughter, Diane, transferred to RIC from Mt. St. Joseph's in Cincinnati, graduated and went on to earn her doctorate in psychology.

Mr. Bert was appreciative of the College for making this possible. That, and his interest in the history of the site on which RIC now rests, helped establish his enduring association with the College.

He served on the RIC Foundation and was instrumental in the success of the art auction to raise funds for the Foundation in 1990 on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

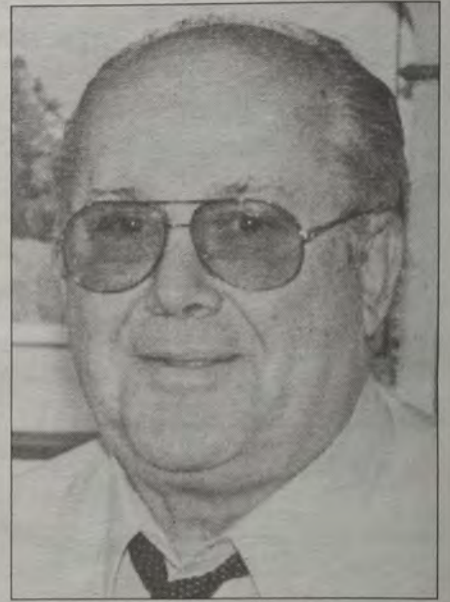
Born in Providence of French and Italian heritage, he lived in Italy for two years as a young child before returning to Rhode Island.

He was a member of the first graduating class of Mt. Pleasant High School where he was a varsity athlete in basketball, baseball and football.

A veteran of World War II, he had joined the Navy after the invasion of Pearl Harbor in 1941. By then he had already begun to collect art works.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rochester in 1946 and worked in New York City for 22 years in the food-processing business, founding the Bruno Ravioli Company which supplied many of that city's finest restaurants. He served for 10 years as chairman of the board of the Forest Hills (N.Y.) Community House.

Upon his return to North Providence in 1969, he pursued his first love, the fine arts. After estab-



HUGO BERT (File photo)

lishing the Cottage Gallery, he later co-founded the Bert Gallery in the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence.

He was a popular speaker on important Rhode Island artists and fine art collecting. He was a longtime artist-member of the Providence Art Club, and a past president of the Netopian Club.

Mr. Bert served on the boards of several community organizations and committees, including the RIC Foundation, the Art Committee of Women & Infants Hospital and St. Mary's Home for Children in North Providence, to which he often lent his skills for fund-raising activities.

Besides his wife and daughter, Diane Bert Ranes of Chapel Hill, N.C., he leaves three sons, Dr. John Bert, Robert Bert and Dr. Arthur Bert, all of Cranston, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Home with a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Donations to his memory may be made to the Rhode Island College Foundation, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908. G.L.

Focus on Faculty and Staff

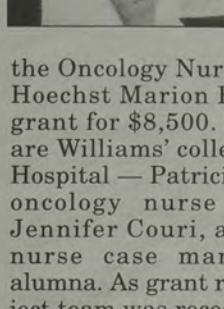


Michael S. Casey, assistant professor of management, presented a paper entitled "Corporate Advanced Manufacturing Centers: An Exploratory Investigation of

Several Operating Characteristics," at the 1998 Northeast Decision Sciences Institute annual conference held in March in Boston. Casey's paper was nominated for the Best Paper in Conference Award and was published in the conference proceedings.

Peter S. Allen, professor of anthropology, reviewed the video *Benazir Bhutto: Walking the Tightrope* for Science Books & Films magazine in Washington, D.C. in July. Bhutto was the first female to head the government of a Muslim state (Pakistan).

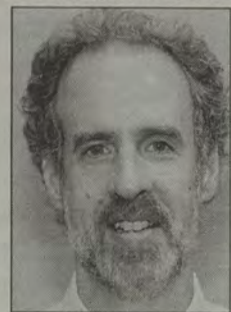
Jane Williams, associate professor of nursing, is the principal investigator of a project that will test a new clinical assessment tool ("Fatigue Experience Diary") designed to evaluate fatigue in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. The project has been funded by the Oncology Nursing Foundation/Hoechst Marion Roussel research grant for \$8,500. Co-investigators are Williams' colleagues at Miriam Hospital — Patricia Grossi, an R.N. oncology nurse clinician, and Jennifer Couri, an R.N. oncology nurse case manager and RIC alumna. As grant recipients, the project team was recognized recently at the Oncology Nursing Society



Congress in San Francisco. The current issue of *Organometallics*, a journal of the American Chemical Society, contains an article co-authored by **David L. Greene**, professor of physical sciences, entitled "Activation of the Carbon-Sulfur Bonds in Benzothiophenes by Precoordination of Transition Metals to the Carbocyclic Ring." The work, which deals with understanding the mechanisms by which sulfur and other pollutants may be removed from petroleum feedstocks, was done in collaboration with the research group of Dwight Sweigart of Brown University's chemistry department. Greene indicated that this type of basic research, which is supported by the National Science Foundation, is essential to meeting the societal goals outlined in the Clean Air Act.

Francis J. Leazes, Jr., professor and chair of the political science department, has been named the program chair for the 1998 American Society for Public Administration regional conference to be held in Newport Nov. 4-5. The theme of the conference is the changes experienced by professional administrators brought on by technology, re-inventing government initiatives and access to information.

Bennett J. Lombardo, professor of health and physical education, presented a session entitled "Coaching in the 21st Century: Issues, Problems, and Solutions" July 14 at the Association Internationale des Ecoles Superieures d'Education Physique (AIESEP) World Sport Congress 1998 in New York. Lombardo also moderated a session entitled "Athletic Coaches' Cognitions During Practice and Gameplay."



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from the staff
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RIC alumna Lucy Miller —

Microsoft's National Technology Teacher of Year invites teachers to utilize computer technology

by George LaTour
What's News Associate Editor

Lucy (Mastrianni) Miller, a Rhode Island College graduate from the Class of 1978 and *Technology & Learning* magazine's 1997 National Technology Teacher of the Year in a Microsoft-sponsored program, is inviting school teachers from throughout the country to join the computer revolution and get involved in the use of computer technology in their classrooms.

Miller, who lived in Hamden, Conn., while a student at RIC, had worked as the technology coordinator for the Davis Drive Elementary School in Cary, N.C., when she organized a SWAT team — Students Working to Advance Technology — which brought her to the attention of Microsoft and the magazine.

Since that national recognition (and a personal meeting with Microsoft's Bill Gates), Miller has relocated to Washington, D.C., with a new position as national leadership recruitment director for the 21st Century Teachers Network (21CT).

Launched by President Clinton in 1996, 21CT is a national network of former K-12 teachers who are committed to enhancing teaching through the effective use of technology.

The goal of 21CT is to help professional educators integrate technology into their teaching and to provide them with simple means of collaboration and professional development.

It is supported by leading education and technology organizations and is being directed by the McGuffey Project, a non-profit organization that is committed to the effective integration of technology in the classroom by identifying, recruiting and supporting teacher leaders.

"The 21CT is unique in that it is an organization of teachers for teachers," says Miller.

Organized in interest groups defined by subject area, grade level and geographic area, 21CT supports teachers with the resources and management assistance they need to create a self-sustaining national organization of educators focused on professional development.

The national network staff of 21CT is looking for teachers who can mentor their colleagues, collaborate with others to design professional development activities, and organize groups of like-minded educators for the enrichment of the teaching pro-



LUCY MILLER

profession, explains Miller.

Comprised of Miller, teacher recruitment; Kristina Ellis, Intranet Web Site; John Kennel, development, and Jennifer Flynt, government resources, the staff will help teachers to share resources, enhance professional development, promote mentoring and support the exchange of best practices and curriculum integration ideas, says Miller.

The 21CT Web site, located at <http://www.21ct.org>, has been designed to be an interactive environment in which all members are meant to be full and frequent partici-

"We are hoping all those 'natural teacher leaders' will surface to get involved."

pants.

Within each section of this site you will find a collection of resources.

"We encourage you to add your own best practices, useful applications and ideas," says Miller.

"The national network staff is working to make this site a valuable resource for you (teachers) and other teacher leaders.

"Please visit the site, contribute your ideas, and communicate with the staff any additional resources you think would be useful. Contact Kristina Ellis, site development, at kellis@mcguffey.org," she says.

Miller says they also are looking for corporations, foundations and others who will contribute the additional financial and material resources "to a build vibrant subject matter and geographic chapters of this organization all over the country."

She asks Rhode Island teachers and other teachers in reach of this

article to "share our vision with your colleagues, and share your thoughts and ideas with us."

Miller's job is to recruit and help teachers use the network for their professional needs and to form chapters, virtually and in person to support their professional development goals.

The 21CT teachers network provides the leadership structure for creation of chapters, which affords multiple leadership opportunities as groups develop their own goals and committees. The leaders decide their goals and 21CT supports the process.

"We are hoping all those 'natural teacher leaders' will surface to get involved.

"My boss, David Aylward, told me that he wants me to recruit all the other 'Lucy Millers' who are hiding out there who are just looking for a chance to be a leader and/or mentor for other teachers," relates Miller.

Miller, herself, is a chapter leader and will be recruiting other leaders from some 35-plus sites nationally. They will exchange ideas for developing SWAT teams in their areas.

"I am working on securing funding to support the SWAT sites as I see the biggest need is sub-release time for teachers to organize the SWAT teams," she says.

"If you need more information on how to start a chapter and leadership opportunities, please contact me and I will give you additional

details. I can be reached at lmiller@mcguffey.org."

Miller says the project "is taking off like wild fire" as evidenced by the hundreds of teachers registering online and the e-mail messages from those who want to be a part of 21CT as mentors, chapter leaders and contributors of information.

"We are making presentations at all the national conferences which is helping us spread the word about the goals and mission of 21CT," says Miller.

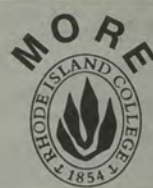
The 21CT is guided by a steering committee made up of the following education and technology organizations: The National Education Association, The National School Boards Association, the Software Publishers Association, TECH CORPS, the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education, The International Society for Technology in Education and the American Federation of Teachers.

to become actively involved in student life on a regular basis.

I believe that RIC will prepare me well for medical school and will provide excellent opportunities along the way.

If I am selected to be a recipient of the RIC Alumni Departmental Scholarship, it would mean a great deal to me for two reasons: First, the scholarship would ease the financial burden for both my parents and myself. Second, I would not have to work as many hours which would allow me to focus more on my studies and devote more time to campus activities.

Receiving this scholarship would be a great privilege and I am confident that I would put it to good use in every way possible.



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One time transcript fee implemented

Effective this semester, there will be a one time charge of \$25 added to all registered students' bills as a transcript fee. This one time fee will allow students to request transcripts of academic work at the College at any time in the future at no charge. Alumni and past students of the College may obtain transcripts free of charge. Requests for transcripts must be made in writing (as in the past) and must include an authorizing signature. No telephone, fax or email requests will be honored for security reasons.

Please include your social security number, name, any other name you may have had, dates of attendance, and the name and address of the person or institution to whom you are forwarding the transcript. Send requests to: Records Office, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI 02908.

The procedure for multiple copies of transcripts is as follows: No more than five student transcripts may be requested per day over the counter. Student copies are for review and/or use with an academic advisor. Student copies of transcripts may be picked up in person.

While most official transcript requests are usually met within 48 hours, requests for larger orders may take three to five days to complete depending on the semester workload. Official transcripts are those needed for graduate or professional school admission, certification of attendance, and/or employment purposes. Official transcripts are mailed. If you require courier service or express mail, you must make the necessary arrangements and pay for it. For more information, call the Records Office at 401-456-8213.

Biology seminars

The biology department, with the support of the College Lectures Committee, is sponsoring a number of seminars for the fall semester. The schedule is as follows: Michael Savada of Providence College will speak on "Pollen: Form, Function and Evolution," Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m. in Fogarty Life Sciences (FLS) 209; Christine Biron of Brown University School of Medicine will present "Induction and Function of Innate Immune Responses to Viral Infections," on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 12:30 p.m. in FLS 050; Thomas Gilmore of Boston University will present the "Role of Mutant Transcription Factors in the Development of Lymphoid Cell Malignancies" on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in FLS 050; Bruce Schultz of Providence College will present "The Behavioral Ecology of Two Problematic Engineers: Beavers and Elephants," on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in FLS 050; Keith Killingbeck of the University of Rhode Island will present "Specialization Among Desert Plant Species," on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. in FLS 209; Christien White-Zeigler of Smith College will present "Environmental Regulation of Virulence Gene Expression in *E. Coli*," on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in FLS 050. All seminars are free.

Alumni scholarship

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anything I desire.

This belief was nurtured further during my high school years at St. Mary Academy—Bay View.

During my time at Bay View, I was involved in an array of activities such as the Community Service Team, theater and National Honors Society. I also was enrolled in Honors and AP classes.

In high school, a foundation was built which I soon discovered was a great advantage to me here at Rhode Island College.

As a freshman at RIC, I started down the path toward my greatest goal — to be a doctor.

I have always enjoyed learning about how things work together as a system, especially the human body. I believe that I would make an excel-

lent doctor because I am good at solving problems and I enjoy being of service to others.

Since I have been at RIC, I have taken full advantage of the opportunities that have been made available to me.

During the first two semesters of my freshman year, I was enrolled in Honors courses including biology and chemistry. As a result of the Honors courses, I have been able to establish close relationships with my professors.

Eventually, I would like to perform research with a professor in biology. I also have been involved in campus activities such as the Biology Club, Browne Hall Council and the OlympRICs. I also have enjoyed living on campus which has allowed me

Private Support



Marguerite M. Brown, Director

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

While it is the beginning of another academic year, the Foundation, Alumni Association, and the Annual Fund are entering the last quarter of the fund raising year. The summer saw some substantial opportunities to add funds to support Rhode Island College students, both during the coming year and in perpetuity.

New Scholarships

Robert J. and Sarah S. Black established an endowed scholarship in the name of Mrs. Black's sister, Vera Sohigian, Rhode Island College of Education, Class of 1935. The Vera Sohigian Scholarship will provide support for a full-time undergraduate pursuing a degree in education. In addition to an outright gift of \$25,000 to establish the scholarship, the Blacks have designated a portion of their estate in their wills to enhance the scholarship in the future. Both of the Blacks and Ms. Sohigian will be featured in the fall issue of the Alumni Magazine in our Focus on Philanthropy.

Two new scholarship awards for the fall semester were made possible by an outright gift from June Rowan

from Lincoln. One scholarship will be presented to a student in the School of Nursing in memory of June's aunt, Annie Ward, who died recently at the age of 91. A second scholarship will be given in memory of June's brother, E. William Cobain, a 1963 graduate of RIC, to a student in technology education or career and technical education. Bill, who spent his career teaching in Connecticut schools, was a leader in the field of special education.

Foundation Golf Tourney

The Rhode Island College Foundation held its ninth annual golf day on Aug. 11 at the Warwick Country Club. Despite early morning showers, the 109 golfers enjoyed a spectacular afternoon of golf. Under the committed leadership of co-chairs John J. Fitta, assistant treasurer for the Foundation, and Frank Montanaro, trustee for the Foundation, the golf day netted over \$22,000 to support honors scholarships. The team from Bank Boston, an annual sponsor, took the first place team prize. (See related photos below.)

Performing and Fine Arts

This month's issue of *Rhode Island Monthly* features an eight-page insert on the performing arts at Rhode Island College. Entitled *Breaking New Ground*, it features an architect's rendition of the new Performing Arts Classroom Facility to be built adjacent to Roberts Hall. The new facility offers a unique opportunity for alumni and friends to establish scholarships and take advantage of naming opportunities to assist future students. To become part of this campaign, please contact the development office at 456-8105 for more information. Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Oct. 2, Homecoming Weekend. Join us for this historic moment!

Homecoming '98 Oct. 2-3

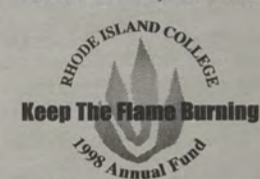
And, speaking of Homecoming '98, watch your mail for the brochure announcing an array of events for alumni and friends. On Oct. 2 and 3, the campus will be alive with activities for all ages and interests. By combining family day, homecoming, groundbreaking ceremonies, athletic events, the dedication of the Hall of

Fame, and many reunion class activities, the Rhode Island College community extends a warm welcome to "Come Back to RIC."

The Annual Fund

The Annual Fund will begin its final push to reach its goal of \$300,000. Under the leadership of honorary chair, Paul Bourget, Class of 1969, and a volunteer Annual Fund Leadership Committee the fund is steaming toward its goal. The committee includes Mike Montecalvo, Class of 1984, director

news and public affairs, WRRX/FM; Herb Cummings, the College's executive-in-residence; Frances Driscoll, Class of 1961, senior vice president, Roger Williams Medical Center; Lee DeLucia, vice president for business and finance; and Cheryl Precopio, Class of 1991, director, annual fund. The alumni volunteer phonathon is scheduled for Sept. 10, and full fall phonathons will begin in early October. Make your gift — make a difference! Help keep the fame burning!



Foundation golfers chase clouds away, raise \$22,000



STRATEGIC PLANNING: (Above l to r) Taking a break from the game are Gov. Frank Caprio, of the Board of Governors for Higher Education; College President John Nazarian; Gov. Jack Sullivan; Patrick Shanahan, chairman, president and CEO of First Bank and Trust; and Gov. Mike Ryan.

DEDICATED SUPPORTER: Paul Bourget, Class of 1969 and honorary chair of this year's Annual Fund and a sponsor of the tournament, (second from right) is joined by the rest of his foursome (l to r) Chris Ricciardelli, his son, David Bourget; and Chris Pauley.

More than 100 golfers showed their dedication to Rhode Island College and the game itself, turning out for the ninth annual Rhode Island College Foundation golf tournament on Aug. 11 despite the gloomy weather forecast. The skies cleared and more than \$22,000 was raised to support honors scholarships.



New faculty and staff appointments announced

At the Opening Convocation, the following new faculty and staff were recognized. This group of newcomers represents the largest addition to the RIC community in recent years.

This list, prepared by the Office of the President in conjunction with the Office of Human Resources, includes all individuals currently employed by the College on an academic year or calendar year basis who began their service after Jan. 1, 1998.

FACULTY

Terrence M. Adams, assistant professor, mathematics and computer science. Adams holds a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Albany and a BS from Siena College. Most recently a lecturer at Ohio State University, he comes from Schenectady, N.Y.

John M. Aflague, assistant professor, nursing. Aflague holds an MSN from Boston University, a BSN from Northeastern University and a diploma from Mt. Auburn Hospital School. He was most recently a director and assistant professor at Lasell College.

Wendy L. Becker, assistant professor, social work. Becker holds an MSW from the Boston University School of Social Work and a BA from Brown University. Most recently, she has served as executive director of Youth Pride, Inc. and has also served as an adjunct faculty member at RIC since 1993.

Debra Decastro-Ambrosetti, assistant professor, educational studies. DeCastro-Ambrosetti holds a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to obtaining her doctorate, she served as a middle school English teacher in Jamestown, N.Y. and an elementary school teacher in Mayville, N.Y.

Eugene C. Goldfield, assistant professor, psychology. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, and received his MA and BA degrees from the City University of New York. Most recently a research associate at Children's Hospital, Goldfield also has served as a part-time instructor at RIC since 1993.

Julia K. Held, assistant professor, Biology Department. She earned her MAT in biology from RIC and holds a BA in biology from Wellesley College. She has served RIC as a part-time instructor since 1987.

Donna Darling Kelly, assistant professor, art education. Kelly holds a Ph.D. from Boston University, an M.Ed. from UMASS-Boston, and a BS from Empire State College. Kelly comes to RIC from Boston University, where she served as a member of the faculty and as an administrator since 1991.

Bonnie Lee Macdonald, assistant professor, communications. MacDonald is a doctoral candidate at Penn State and holds an MA in art education from RISD and a BA in fine arts and computer science from Framingham State College.

Melissa A. Marraccini, assistant professor, Henry Barnard School, where she will teach kindergarten. She holds an MA from the University of Maryland and a BA from the University of Massachusetts. Marraccini most recently taught kindergarten classes at the University of Maryland.

Brian M. McCadden, assistant professor, educational studies. McCadden holds a Ph.D. in social foundations of education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA in journalism from Roger Williams University. With extensive experience in teaching and research, McCadden comes from Carbondale, Ill.

Joan McConaghy, assistant professor, industrial technology. McConaghy holds an MS and BS in industrial technology from RIC. She previously served the College as an adjunct faculty member.

Nikki Merchant, assistant professor, elementary education. Merchant holds an M.Ed. from RIC and a BA from the University of South Florida. She previously served RIC as an assistant professor from 1993-95.

Maureen Newman, assistant professor, nursing. Newman holds a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Virginia, an MS from Boston University, a BS from Boston College and a diploma from the Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing. Most recently an adjunct faculty member at the Boston College School of Nursing.

Mifrado Obach, assistant professor, counseling and educational psychology. Obach holds a Ph.D. and an MS from Tulane University, an MA from St. Mary's College, and a BS from the College of Santa Fe. Most recently an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin at Stout, he comes from St. Paul, Minn.

Lisa B. Owen, assistant professor, elementary education (mathematics). Owen holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, an MS from Florida State University and a BA from the University of South Florida. Most recently an assistant professor at Nova Southeastern University, he comes from Hollywood, Fla.

Richard A. Perreault, assistant professor,

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Joseph Pescatello, Catholic chaplain. Father Pescatello, ordained in 1989, also holds a masters in guidance and counseling from URI. He has served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Pawtucket, St. Brendan's in Riverside and at St. Mary's in Cranston. He also worked as a residence hall director at URI from 1984-1987. He will also serve as Catholic chaplain for Bryant College.

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College campus bustles with new beginnings



Photos by
Gordon E. Rowley



It was back to school for 8,640 Rhode Island College students on Aug. 31, and the campus was the proverbial beehive of activity on that day and the weekend just before. Here is a glimpse of that activity:

Clockwise from upper left: Students hurrying to the first day of classes found the campus esplanade decked with new banners first seen during last May's commencement exercises; Students checking into the residence halls got a helping hand from a member of Intersarsity, a Christian fellowship group. Here group members Natalie Markward (left) and Paula Puckett (right) help Stephanie Gallo and Kenny Duva (center) move into Sweet Hall; (l & r) Anthony D'Asnemica and Kyle Liese carry a rug; Cindy Plante (right) and her mother, Melissa, walk by the Welcoming sign at Willard Hall; Freshman Maryrose Silvia pins up photos in her room in Browne Hall to remind her of home; Ken Hynes unload a potted tree; and Amy Roman leaves the Campus Store with over \$200 worth of books.



Convocation highlights activities for the upcoming year – Continued from page 1

sesquicentennial year, which begins on May 29, 2003. This is less than five years away," Nazarian said, to applause.

This year the College marks another milestone—the 40th anniversary of the move to this campus. Nazarian contrasted the campus of 1958 with that of 1998 from a unique perspective — as the only current staff member who was also on staff the day the new campus was dedicated.

That September, the College's total enrollment was about eight hundred, including 260 freshmen. This September, the College welcomes more than eight thousand (8,640) students, including about 1,000 freshmen and about 700 transfer students. In September 1958, the faculty numbered 65; this September, the faculty numbers about 375, not including part-time faculty.

"This year's entering class continues to reflect the institution's commitment to academic excellence and multiculturalism. It includes 63 honors students, a new record; 12.3% multicultural students, also a new record; and continued growth in the number of out-of-state students who seek to attend the College because of the quality of its programs," Nazarian said.

Also noteworthy is that among our entering class there are over 100 students whose parents or grandparents were graduated from this institution. "It speaks well for the quality of the College that we have been able to cross generational lines for a growing number of families," he said.

"The past 40 years on this campus have seen many changes, but one aspect has not changed: Rhode Island College is strong because it represents the sum total of the creative energies and extraordinary dedication of its faculty, staff, and administration — past and present. Speaking on a personal note, as the College's only remaining staff member who was also present on that particular opening day 40 years ago, it has been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with all the wonderful people who together have given life to this remarkable institution.

"This College embodies the spirit of the state and is truly a beacon of hope and opportunity for all Rhode Islanders. In fact, this year's Management Letter — which is a planning document that the College presents to the Board of Governors — engages the imagery of a lighthouse to symbolize that beacon of hope and opportunity," Nazarian said.

Highlights included:

General Education 2000 program

Developed as part of the College's ongoing refocusing of the institution, the program addresses the changing of curriculum to meet the changing demands of the world in which we live. "I continue to be impressed by the outstanding job done by the Committee on General Education and by the faculty who have implemented this program. General Education 2000 is truly a monument to the spirit, vision, and dedication of our faculty," Nazarian said.

Embracing diversity

"Implicit in our approach to general education reform is the recognition that the western world is not the world. Ours is a global community and we recognize that diversity in all its aspects is a strength. Three years ago, we began a concerted effort to weave into the fabric of this institution an appreciation for the diverse global village in which we live. Faculty, staff, and students alike have embraced these efforts and I want to express my appreciation for this response ... it is the day-to-day awareness of how we as a society are strengthened by our differences that I find extraordinarily promising for the future." (The Dialogue on Diversity Committee is planning a Nov. 7 program.

Management & Technology

James Schweikart, has been appointed director of the Center. One area that will be a special priority for Schweikart and the Center during the year ahead is to build on outreach efforts to the business and industrial community of the state. Another priority will be to expand the number of internship opportunities that we provide for our students.

Curriculum collaboration

At its June meeting, the Board of Governors approved a proposal that would permit students at the University of Rhode Island to pursue a major in African and African-American Studies at RIC, he noted. This is an important academic area and class enrollment is strong, but the number of student majors has been limited. This collabora-

"This is not a matter of pride or parochialism, but rather a matter of how best the system can serve the students who attend our institutions and the taxpayers who help to fund them. We look forward to working with the Board and with our colleagues throughout the system to identify the proper role of each institution."

Performing Arts Classroom Facility

Groundbreaking is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2. The model of the structure that has been prepared by William Warner Architects was on display at the convocation. Contract specifications call for the project's completion within 460 calendar days, Nazarian said to another crescendo of applause.

East campus development

School of Social Work has moved to

a perception, however, that we may have to overcome during the campaign," Nazarian noted.

"With regard to the bond issue itself, we will once again be calling upon each of you for your assistance on the campaign. I recognize how much work went into a similar effort just two years ago. Even with that extraordinary effort, however, we received just 54% of the vote — good enough to win, but not enough of a margin to permit any degree of complacency as we face the voters once again. It is clear that we all must intensify our efforts to secure a victory at the polls so that we may continue our progress on campus." (Look for more information on the bond issue initiative in the next issue of *What's News*.)

Telecommunications and Technology

With the passage of the 1996 technology bond issue and by incorporating other means of financing, we've made considerable progress in a short time.

Network computing capacity has increased by a factor of 10 in the past two years. Technical support staff, which has been reorganized and expanded, has been provided with new technology training. Last year we opened the Technology Center at Horace Mann Hall. We completed Phase II of the Center this summer.

The new campus telephone system is currently being installed and is slated to go-live this fall.

One especially exciting example is the development of a truly digital library. Adams Library will soon have available the complete online backfiles of a collection of 100 scholarly journals.

Accreditation

The College is in the midst of accreditation activities. The Feinstein School of Education and Human Development is preparing for evaluation this fall by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).

The College as a whole is scheduled for a visit in 2000 from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). In 2001, the Council on Social Work Education will evaluate both our BSW and MSW programs, the first time both of these programs will be evaluated simultaneously.

James Bierden and Patricia Thomas are serving as co-chairs for the NEASC accreditation. Nazarian stressed, "The accreditation process is not the work of a handful of individuals. The future of this institution is the responsibility of each and every one of us. Collectively, we are Rhode Island College."

Retention Task Force

In focusing on standards and outcomes, one of our priorities has been the identification of ways by which the College might increase its rate of student retention. This initiative has

been dubbed "Rhode Island College Project REACH," with reach being an acronym for Retention Efforts: Advising, Communication, Helping.

The task force, under the leadership of Clare Eckert, will issue its first formal report to the President soon.

Creating a New Service Agenda Initiative

The two three-hour seminars on customer offered during the past year will continue to be offered. The initial seminars will become part of an expanded orientation program to be provided for all new hires, beginning with the new appointments for 1998.

Two new three-hour seminars will be developed and offered as a follow-up. They will cover "Challenging Situations" and "Communications Skills."



NEW TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT is moved into the second floor of Henry Barnard School by Guy Clermont, a technician with WILTEL, the company making the installation. The new system, valued at just under \$1,000,000, is expected to be "up and running" by Oct. 1. (What's News Photo by Gordon E. Rowley)

tive approach — a credit to the faculty at both institutions — will help to infuse new vitality into the program as it serves to benefit students at both the College and at URI.

Nazarian also noted the progress of another of the College's collaborative programs with the University: the Ph.D. in Education. "Faculty from both institutions have done a fine job and the first cohort of Ph.D. candidates is now in the dissertation phase of their programs. I hope I will be forgiven just a bit of pride as I observe that three out of

four of these candidates have chosen as their major advisor a faculty member from Rhode Island College."

Collaboration with URI

"Inter-institutional collaboration can be an excellent means for fulfilling the mission of public higher education in the state. On the other hand, we may find that it makes more sense for certain programs to be offered only by a single institution."

Consistent with this philosophy, the Board is considering an update of its Coordination Plan Guidelines, which date back to 1981 and identified specific academic areas which would be considered sovereign to the College and others that would be considered sovereign to URI's College of Continuing Education.

and tanks are slated for removal during the next few months together with the automobile graveyard. The College will thereafter be able to develop the area as an attractive gateway between the Main Campus and the East Campus."

Bond issue

The state's FY99 budget includes a higher education facilities bond issue to be placed before the voters this Nov. 3 — about 60 days from now. The entire higher education bond issue, which is just under \$21 million, includes \$4.3 million for the East Campus project. It also includes funding for projects at URI and at the Community College.

"To answer the first question that perhaps may have just popped into everyone's mind — no, this bond issue does not include any funds for the new convocation and sports arena at URI. That is

"I am very proud of RIC. You are entrusted with the minds, bodies, spirits of the young people who will be the leaders of our state.

— Sarah T. "Sally" Dowling, chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education

RIC Athletics



DONALD E. TENCHER

director of intercollegiate athletics,
intramurals and recreation

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Athletics plans full slate of activities for Homecoming weekend

Former Hall of Fame inductees, Hetherman and Murphy award winners to be honored

On Saturday evening, Oct. 3, the formal dedication of the Athletic Hall of Fame in the New Athletic Building will take place. Additionally, all former Hetherman and Murphy award winners will be honored in a special ceremony which will feature the unveiling of a permanent honoree wall. All former Hall of Famers and Hetherman/Murphy award winners are being invited back for the special evening which will include the dedication followed by a dinner. The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 and may be obtained by calling the College's Development Office at 401-456-8105.

Athletic Alumni Golf Tournament, men's alumni soccer game, men's alumni baseball game

On Sunday, Oct. 4, at Firefly Golf Club in Seekonk, Mass., the Athletic Alumni Golf Tournament will be held. The event will kick-off at 1 p.m. The cost is \$70 and includes green fees, prizes, a gift and dinner. All proceeds go to student-athlete support programs. The event is open to all alumni and friends of RIC athletics. More information can be obtained by calling 401-456-8007. Bob Fuoroli, Class of 1968, is chair of the event.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, a men's alumni soccer game and a men's alumni baseball game will be held in the morning preceding the women's varsity volleyball game against Elmira College, John Jay College and Lehman College in the RIC Invitational and the men's baseball game versus Roger Williams University. John Foley, director of the Recreation Center, will be the chair of the event. Scott Perry, men's baseball head coach, will be chairing the baseball event. For more information, call Foley at 401-456-8400 or Perry at 401-456-8007.

Dedications: Marocco Family Student-Athlete Academic Center, Dayna Bazar Field

Also on Saturday evening, Oct. 3, the College will dedicate the new Marocco Family Student-Athlete Academic Center and the new Dayna Bazar Softball Complex.

The Marocco Family Center will provide student-athletes with a modern facility in which to pursue academic success. At its completion, the Bazar Field, named after the late Dayna Bazar, a RIC softball standout, will provide softball players with one of the finest facilities in the northeast.

RIC fall athletics pre-season preview

by Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's team is led by first-year Head Coach Len Mercurio who took over the program when John Tomlinson stepped down after four years as the Anchorwomen's skipper in May. Mercurio, a member of the URI Athletic Hall of Fame, guided Bryant College to a 35-17 record from 1991-93.

RIC finished 1997 with a 10-8-0 record and a 2-5 (seventh place) mark in the Little East. Mercurio has the majority of the starting lineup back in action this fall. Forward Tim Brown will be the club's top offensive threat. He led the team in scoring and was named a First Team All-Little East All-Star in 1997.

On defense, the team will be anchored by senior backs Don Denham and Jeff Lavigne. Lavigne was a Second Team All-Little East All-Star a year ago.

RIC has both goalkeepers returning as well. Neal Correia and Peter Gallo are expected to battle for the starting job.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Nicole Barber enters her fourth season as the Anchorwomen's Head Coach. RIC posted an 8-9-2 mark and a 1-5-1 (seventh place) record in the Little East Conference in 1997.

Barber has all but two players returning from last year and the squad is hoping to notch its first winning season in the program's short history (three seasons).

Seniors Jill Lozeau and Amy Teixeira are the only players left since

the Anchorwomen's inaugural season in 1995. Lozeau was named a Second Team All-Little East All-Star for her play at midfield a year ago.

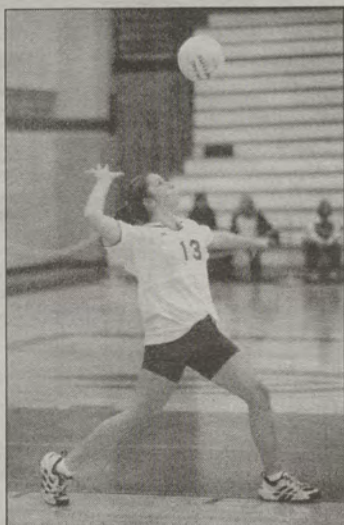
Forwards Joan Hencler and Katie Hagan will pace the team offensively. Hencler, RIC's all-time leading scorer, led the team in assists last fall. Hagan was named the team's MVP and led the club in goals and points as a freshman last year.

Meghan McCormick, Lisa Scholz and Kristy Siravo will anchor the defense from the back positions.

Jessica Robitaille will mind the goalkeeping duties. Robitaille played every minute of every game between the posts last fall, registering a 1.78 goals-against average.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Kristen Norberg begins her 15th season as RIC's Head Coach with a veteran team returning. Norberg feels this squad has the most depth of any



JESSICA ARRIGHI



JILL LOZEAU

team she's coached. Despite a 1-10 start in 1997, the club rebounded to win nine of its final 16 matches to post a 10-17 mark for the year. RIC won the consolation round of the Little East Tournament, notching victories over UMASS-Boston and Southern Maine.

The team is led by hitters Jessica Arrighi and Kate Wolloff. Arrighi was named the team's MVP in 1997 and ranked in the top five on the squad in virtually every statistical category. Wolloff, a strong front court player, was named to the All-Little East Tournament Team last fall.

Hitter Cara Gregory, who has had an excellent pre-season, should dominate the middle and shut down opposing hitters. Erin Julien and transfer Wendy Paul will compete for time at the setter's position.

Brandee Trainer, Megan Mello and Kimberly Lebrun are other newcomers to watch in '98.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Head Coach Dick Ernst is hoping the women's tennis program can rebound from last fall's 3-11 overall record and sixth place finish at the Little East Conference Tournament. Ernst will have to find a replacement to fill the void left by Kelly Lange at number one singles and doubles.

Trisha Haworth is expected to have a solid season. She posted a team-high 13 wins and led RIC with a .765 winning percentage at the number two singles spot last year.

Coach Ernst is looking forward to having Joy Fox return who was on exchange in Ireland last year and missed all of last season. Fox was 13-2 in singles and 6-7 in doubles action in 1996.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team opens the 1998 season on Sept. 5 at the Wheaton College relays. Head Coach Matt Hird will look to sophomores Alicia Blinn and Laurie Giguere to pace the Anchorwomen. Liz Esteves and Michelle Kiernan also return. Several newcomers may also fill prominent roles.

The men's team will join the women's team a week later at the Rhode Island Invitational which will be held at CCRI in Lincoln. Men's Head Coach Dick Hoppman has been aggressively recruiting the past year and has several newcomers he feels will make an immediate impact. Marc Lavallee was an All-Class A selection from LaSalle High School who should figure prominently at several meets this fall. Anthony D'Agneica was a Second Team All-Class A selection from Charho High School who will also be a pace setter in '98.

Performing Arts Series —

Muir returns to roots; potpourri tantalizes with eclectic mix of puppets, dance and theatre



WAYANG LISTRIK/ELECTRIC SHADOWS

Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series will bring back the Muir String Quartet for a sixth season while also offering its potpourri series of outstanding performances for 1998-99.

The Muir Quartet, which began its series here in 1993 with the complete Beethoven String Quartet Cycle and the resultant overwhelming response, will perform on Monday evenings at 8 in Gaige Hall on Sept. 28, Nov. 30 and March 1.

Going back to the roots of "this extraordinary series," says John Custer, Performing Arts Series director, each of the Muir's concerts will include at least one of the Beethoven String Quartets.

The American String Quartet will perform works by Mozart, Bartok and Beethoven Monday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m., also in Gaige Hall.

The potpourri series — all performances are at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium — starts Tuesday, Oct. 13, with the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, widely recognized as the Windy City's premier dance company. It will perform a repertoire which includes works by world class choreographers Twyla Tharp and Bob Fosse, among others.

Wayang Listrik/Electric Shadows, part of the Jim Henson (of Muppet fame) Foundation Tour, will perform Thursday, Oct. 15. It is described as "a phantasmagoria of images, light and sound" which "tells a timeless tale of good and evil, of fierce battles and comic brawls as the gods and anti-gods battle for the Elixir of Immortality."

Tango Buenos Aires will take the stage Thursday, Feb. 25, for a show which "exhibits sensuality and sex-

ual energy...a revelation," according to *The New Yorker* magazine.

Dancers and Musicians of Bali comes next on Tuesday, March 9. The 35-member company draws from the finest master performers of the tropical Indonesian island of Bali, presenting both ancient communal rituals and dramatic dances.

Ken Ruta as "Oscar Wilde: Diversions and Delights" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27. Ruta plays Wilde, the most celebrated playwright and wit of his generation. An overwhelming, flamboyant man and colorful writer, Wilde's books — *The Picture of Dorian Gray* — and plays — *The Importance of Being Earnest* — were hailed universally.

Prior to each performance a more detailed write-up will appear in *What's News*.

For further information, call 456-8194.

Seven entries slated in RIC Chamber Music Series this fall

The Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series will offer seven performances in the fall 1998, all on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138.

All are free and open to the public. On Sept. 23, Robert Boberg, professor of music who is nearing retirement after 32 years at RIC, will perform his last piano solo recital in this series with works by Haydn, Debussy and Moussorgsky's "Picture at an Exhibition."

The Cantilena Trio, comprised of cello, clarinet and piano, will perform works by Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky and Schubert on Sept. 30.

Violinist Joanna Kurkowiec, who has given solo recitals at the Lincoln Center and Harvard University's Paine Hall, will perform Oct. 14.

The SPARX Ensemble, a flute and harp duo which has been honored with many regional and national awards, will perform Oct. 21.

Pianist Lois Shapiro, violinist Bayla Keyes and cellist Rhonda Rider join forces to form the Triple Helix which will perform Oct. 28.

On Nov. 18, D'Anna Fortunato, mezzo soprano, and Rene de la Garza, baritone, will present a recital of vocal duets by Purcell, Saint Saens, Brahms and Bernstein.

Cellist Mark Motycka, principal cellist with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra of Nebraska, will perform Dec. 9.

Groundbreaking — Continued from page 1

vide up-to-date, high quality teaching and performance space benefiting the outstanding academic programs we offer in music, theatre and dance," said Lenore DeLucia, vice president for administration and finance.

The new facility will house the College's performing arts programs of music, theater, and dance, and include classrooms, faculty offices and a variety of rehearsal, practice and performing spaces. In addition, the project calls for a 400-seat performance space and the renovation of the music wing of Roberts Hall. Other facilities in the building include a new Bannister Art Gallery, dance studio, music rehearsal room, piano lab, music practice rooms, instrument storage, new black box theater, student performance space, additional dressing rooms, shop for set construction, and set storage.

The bids for the construction of the facility were opened in early September and preparatory work is slated to begin later this month. To accommodate the new facility and construction, parking lot C and part of Second Avenue will be closed permanently. As a result, a new one-way traffic pattern around Roberts Hall will be implemented.

For a preview of the new Performing Arts Classroom Facility, see the special insert, Breaking New Ground, in the September issue of Rhode Island Monthly.

This eight-page publication, which shows the architect's rendering of the new facility, highlights the RIC performing and fine arts fall season.

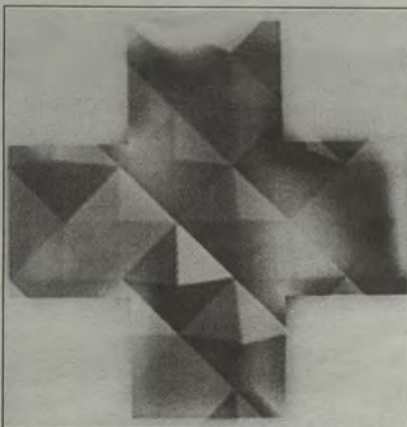
Bannister to exhibit work of South African artists; other more traditional fare

Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery will feature its annual faculty show, an exhibit of South African artists, sculpture, drawings and paintings for its fall fare.

The faculty show, running from Sept. 10-26 with the opening Sept. 10 from 7-9 p.m., highlights the work of the art faculty at RIC.

This year's exhibit will cover the areas of ceramics, design, fibers, metals and sculpture and include works by Jonathan Bonner, Yizhak Elyashiv, Nancy Evans, Erin Flood, Krisjohn Horvat, Heemong Kim, Curtis LaFollette, William Martin, Lisa Russell, Bryan

Steinberg, Leigh Tarentino and Jason Travers.



DIAMONDS IN THE SNOW illustration for an annual fund raising event for the N.W. Ohio American Red Cross by Nancy Evans.

"Maps to the Present: The South African Revolution" Oct. 8-30 investigates a new artistic consciousness by combining South African artists of different backgrounds and circumstances who emphasize, rather than avoid, their traditions under the forced segregation of Apartheid. The opening is Oct. 8 from 4-8 p.m.

The exhibit is the focal point of the College's annual October Series, a month-long multi-disciplinary dialogue at the interface of culture and political issues. The gallery will host a

number of films, lectures, colloquia and other events touching on the historical changes in South Africa.

Robert Rohm/Sculpture and Drawings runs from Nov. 5-25 with the opening Nov. 5 from 7-9 p.m. Recently retired from the University of Rhode Island where he taught sculpture for 30 years, his sculptures are abstracted from the human form. Through them he explores the enigma of human life and its vehicle, the body.

Michael Kvium/New Paintings runs from Dec. 3-23 with the opening Dec. 3 from 7-9 p.m.

Kvium is a Danish painter, multimedia and performance artist whose work is generally disturbing, provocative and strangely humorous at the same time.

All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Located in the RIC Art Center, the gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9.

Looking back and moving forward —

RIC Dance Company celebrates its 40th anniversary season

Rhode Island College Dance Company will observe its 40th anniversary season with a nod to its founders and distinguished dance alumni.

In the fall of 1958 rehearsals began in earnest for the College's first ever Spring Dance Concert planned for performance in May 1959, notes Dante DelGiudice, dance director.

"Established by Billie Ann Burrill, now associate professor emerita, the RIC Dance Company soon evolved into a trend-setting collegiate dance ensemble. With the additional leadership provided by Fannie H. Melcer, now professor emerita, in the early 1960s, the RIC ensemble became a seminal force in the broadening of our state's understanding and appreciation of dance as a powerful and significant art form.

"The legacy of our company's founders continues today as innovative performance, educational and community programming remain the hallmark of its activities.

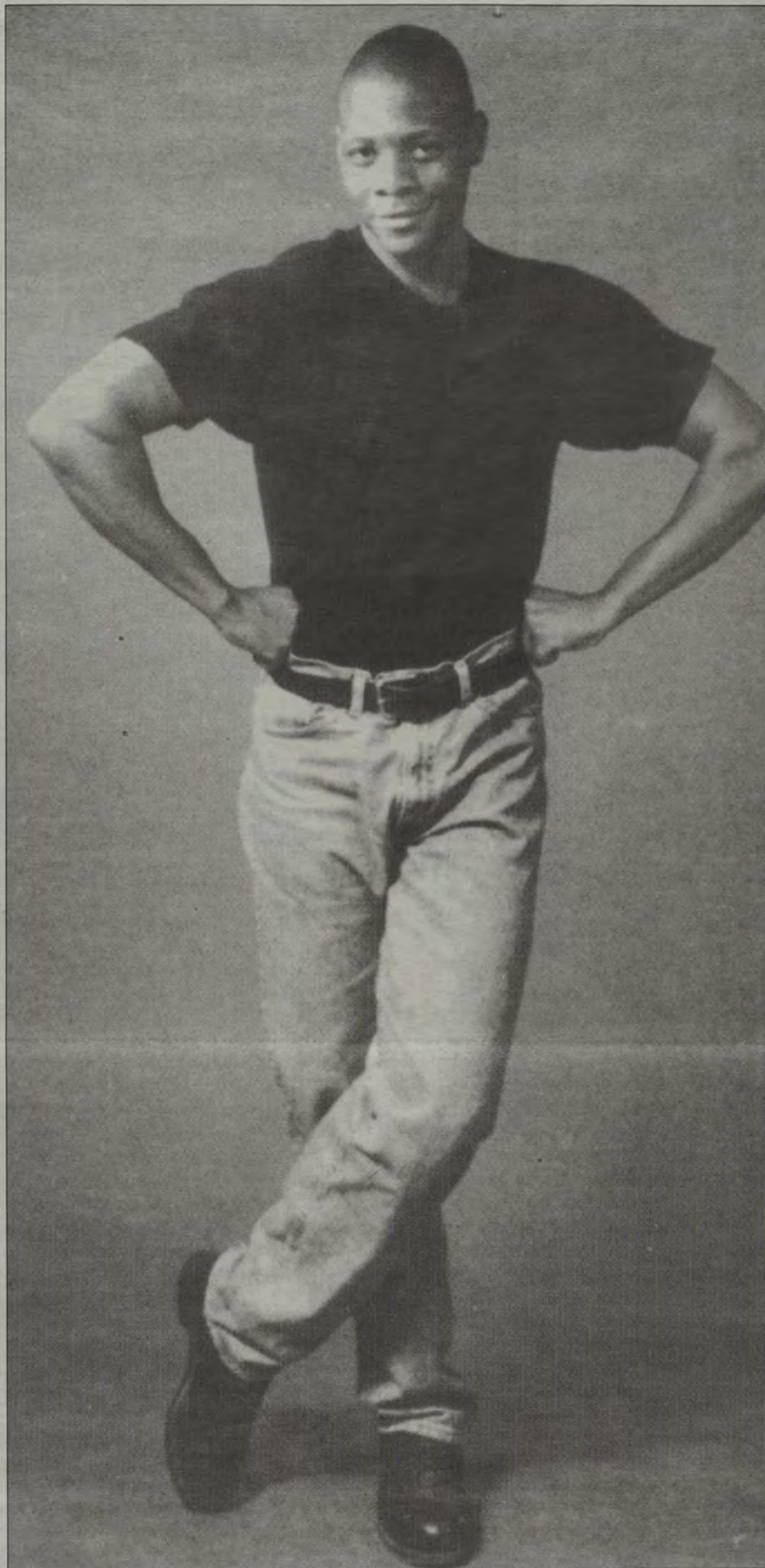
"While special commemorative programming honoring Ms. Burrill and Dr. Melcer is planned for our 40th Spring Concert Series in March, our Dec. 4 Winter Concert will celebrate distinguished dance alumni who will return as performers and choreographers in a shared concert with current RIC Dance Company members," says DelGiudice.

These include participation by D.J. McDonald, Nola Rocco, Debra Meunier's Fusionworks: Women Dancing, Clare Vadeboncoeur, Suzette Hutchinson's Danscapes Dance Theatre, Fernando Maneca, Liam Clancy's Largey/Clancy Dance Theatre, Angelica Vessella and Albert Denis.

In addition, the company will present its annual Mini-Concert Series for school children with morning performances scheduled for Oct. 7 through 9 in Roberts Hall auditorium.

Offering an array of repertory excerpts in a lecture-demonstration format, the Mini-Concert Series has been providing young Rhode Islanders with an enjoyable and informative introduction to modern dance for over 30 years.

Also, fall guest artist residency activities will include alumni D.J. McDonald (Sept. 2-7) and Clare Vadeboncoeur (10 Wednesday evening workshops starting Sept. 23) and, from the University of Alabama and major dance festivals,



GUEST CHOREOGRAPHER CORNELIUS CARTER

jazz dancer, choreographer and educator Cornelius Carter (Nov. 11-14).

Community dancers are invited to participate in these classes and workshops.

RIC alums to perform in Rigoletto; pros to talk to students

A number of Rhode Island College alumni will participate in the Saturday, Sept. 26, Ocean State Lyric Opera Company production of Verdi's *Rigoletto* in which operatic soprano Diane Alexander, Class of 1985, sings the major role of Gilda.



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Recent RIC grads Eva Kendrick, Rebecca Kilcline and Antonio Grelle and senior Dominique Doiron will sing in the chorus. Todd Snow is

technical director. Kristen Vaillancourt is stage manager. Both are RIC grads.

Rigoletto will be staged at 8 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence. Tickets range in price from \$26.50 to \$61.50. Call for details about discounts through PressPass and WGBH. Call Tele-charge at 800-233-3123; for discounted sales call 331-6060. After Sept. 20, call the auditorium at 272-4862.

Bass singer Sean Barker, who is playing the role of Count Monterone in *Rigoletto*, will speak to RIC students in the performance class on Tuesday, Sept. 15, about the "real world" aspects of a career in performance such as finding agents, audi-



MARC VERZATT

tioning for roles and role interpretation.

Also, the stage director of *Rigoletto*, Marc Verzatt, will speak to RIC opera workshop students, vocal majors and directing class members Monday, Sept.

21, about his experiences as a ballet dancer with the Metropolitan Opera ballet and as a director of many opera productions in Europe and around the country.

RIC draws \$12K in scarce financial arts support

Rhode Island College continues to attract funding and praise in support of its fine and performing arts and humanities programs.

Three recent grants will support the College's Performing Arts Series, the work of a faculty member from the art department, and the film project of an English department professor.

The first two come from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts; the third, the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities (RICH). They total over \$12,000.

Given to the RIC Foundation is a \$6,176 grant by the arts council in support of the RIC Performing Arts Series, and a \$1,000 RICH grant to Lawrence Budner, professor of English and Film Studies, for the production of a 27-minute video documentary concerning the subject of media celebrity and the average citizen being transformed into a movie actor by serving as a movie "extra," the documentary is entitled *Background Extra*.

A \$5,000 grant via the arts council's Fritz Eichenberg Fellowship in Drawing and Printmaking was awarded to Stephen E. Fisher, a professor of art and department chairman, to support his work. The fellowship is described as "a highly competitive grant designed to recognize and support artists doing exemplary work."

"I'm extremely pleased to congratulate you on being among the organizations and individuals in our capital city to receive a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts," Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. wrote to RIC Foundation's executive director Marguerite Brown.

"Your work is essential in fueling our renaissance, centered upon our capital city's celebration of the visual and performing arts.

"The acclaim that Providence receives as an American city so actively embracing the arts and artists is due to the flourishing of organizations such as yours."

'Something Old, Something New' for Wind Ensemble

Richard Cumming, celebrated and prolific composer-in-residence at Providence's Trinity Repertory Theatre and long-time music faculty member at Rhode Island College, will premiere his latest work, commissioned by the RIC Wind Ensemble, in the ensemble's Friday, Nov. 20, concert starting at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

This piece represents Cumming's first offering for the full resources of the modern wind band, according to Rob Franzblau, ensemble conductor, who terms the composer's style as "melodious, witty and accessible."

The "Something Old" in the concert's title will be represented by three classic pieces for wind ensemble: George Frederick Handel's Overture to the Royal Fireworks Music; Richard Strauss' Serenade in E flat Major, Opus 7, and Robert Russell Bennett's Suite of Old American Dances.

Tickets are \$7 general admission with discounts for senior citizens and non-RIC students. RIC students admitted free.

RIC CALENDAR

SEPT. 7 - 21

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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

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Rec. Center Intramurals Roster Sign Ups—at Rec Center. Rosters due by noon on Wednesday Sept. 16. For information, call Frank Anzeveno at 456-8400.

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Thursday

7 to 9 p.m.—*Art . Rhode Island College Biennial Faculty Show*. Opening Sept. 10, 7 to 9 p.m. in Bannister Gallery.

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Wednesday

12:30 to 2 p.m.—*Campus Activities Day Outside Student Union*. Rain location in the SU Ballroom. Sponsored by Student Activities, 456-8034.

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Saturday

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.—*Leadership Forum* hosted by the RIC (Epsilon Rho) of Kappa Delta Pi in the Faculty Center in DDC.

Alumni Assn. golf tourney Sept. 28

The Rhode Island College Alumni Association's 8th Annual Golf Day will be held Monday, Sept. 28 at Cranston Country Club.

The cost is \$70 for 18 holes of golf, carts, greens fees, dinner, prizes, and snacks on the course. A raffle which includes two roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines, a two-night stay at the Ivy Lodge in Newport, two tickets to Riverdance at PPAC and more will also be held. Tickets are \$10.

Registration will be held from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. Shotgun start, scramble play begins at 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the RICochet Fund, a fund which provides scholarship assistance to students in emergency situations.

To register for the tournament or to purchase raffle tickets, call the Alumni Office at 401-456-8086.

Sports Events

Men's Soccer

Sept. 5	at Notre Dame (NH) Invitational	noon/2: p.m.
Sept. 6	at Notre Dame (NH) Invitational	noon/2: p.m.
Sept. 9	BRYANT COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Conn. College Invitational	3 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Conn. College Invitational	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	RIVIER COLLEGE	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Albertus Magnus	1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 5	at Roger Williams Invitational (Bayside Field)	2 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Roger Williams Invitational (Paolino Field)	noon
Sept. 10	at Johnson & Wales (Pierce Stadium)	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Conn. College Invitational	1 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Conn. College Invitational	3 p.m.
Sept. 17	SALVE REGINA	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Worcester State (at Assumption College)	2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Sept. 8	CLARK UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	RUTGERS-NEWARK	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 17	SALVE REGINA	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	UMASS-BOSTON	3:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Sept. 4	at Springfield Invitational	4 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Springfield Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 11	at Little East Round Robin (at E. Conn. St.)	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Little East Round Robin (at E. Conn. St.)	10 a.m./1 p.m.
Sept. 16	WPI	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Bridgewater State Invitational	5 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Bridgewater State Invitational	TBA

Men's & Women's Cross Country

Sept. 5	at Wheaton College Relay (women only)	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Rhode Island Invitational (at CCRI-Lincoln)	10 a.m.
Sept. 19	at UMASS-Dartmouth	11 a.m.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Homecoming '98 serves up a variety of activities and events Oct. 2-3

Come back to RIC! Alumni, parents, students and friends of Rhode Island College are invited to return to RIC for Homecoming '98 to be held on Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3. This campus-wide event combines Homecoming and Family Day into one weekend aimed at bringing the RIC community together for social, educational, athletic and recreational activities.

In addition, the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$9.5 million performing arts classroom facility will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. near Roberts Hall followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony for the School of Social Work's new home on the East Campus.

Also on tap for the weekend are athletic Dedication Ceremonies and cocktail reception and dinner.

Other highlights of the weekend include class reunions, an alumni cabaret, a young alumni kick-off event, breakfast with College President Nazarian, workshops, a children's activity fair, entertainment by the Big Nazo Puppets and the American Band, a student/faculty recital, a multicultural event sponsored by The Unity Center, and more.

Look for your brochure in the mail detailing all activities and events. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 401-456-8086.



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