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University School of Law Up and Humming As New Faculty, Staff Join Our Campus

By Dorothea Hesse Doar, APR

As we all know, the face of the Roger Williams University Bristol Campus changed dramatically during 1993 with the construction of the new School of Law Building. Visitors to campus and passersby admire the formidable structure, which, on August 23, 1993 became home to 180 students enrolled in their first year of legal education here at the University.

But there is more to the Roger Williams University School of Law than the approximately 140,000 square feet of granite, bricks and mortar. Such a facility requires many people devoting their energies to the operation of the new school.

The first dean of the school was Anthony Santoro, who, upon being named President of the University in the summer of 1993, turned the leadership of the new school over to Vice President and Dean **John Ryan**, formerly executive vice president of the University of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.

Working with Dean Ryan are 12 professors engaged in the task of teaching 110 full-time and 70 part-time students.

Let's Take A Tour

What about the other departments — the library, admissions, registrar, copy center, post office, computer services, dining services and bookstore? These areas all work together to create a smooth-running school, providing state-of-the-art services for faculty and students.

Please join us on a tour of the building.



Chris Houle, receptionist, greets visitors to the School of Law.

We begin in the lobby on the first floor, admiring a four-foot bronze seal embedded in the pink granite floor. We take care not to step on the work, noting the design depicts the lamp of learning below the scales of justice, surrounded by oak leaves, signifying integrity and strength.

The columned foyer, with its wood-paneled walls and a clear view of the balcony along two sides of the second floor, says "This is a place of professionalism." It reminds us of a courthouse lobby. It feels like a hall of justice. It is impressive.

We need directions. To our right, still in the lobby, we find **Christina Houle**, of North Kingstown, receptionist, at the information desk. If you were to call 254-4500, you would hear Christina's voice at the switchboard. Always with a smile, Christina greets visitors warmly. She points out the Deans' offices to

our right, the Admissions Office to our left.

We introduce ourselves to Associate Dean and Professor **Gary Bahr** of Bristol and his secretary **Pam Cabral** of Bristol; and down the hall, we meet Dean Ryan and his secretary, **D'Ellen Roye** of Bristol. They graciously pause from their work to meet us.

Recruitment Begins Here

Our next stop is the Admissions Office, where we are greeted by Associate Dean for Admissions and Career Services **Christel Ertel** of Newport; **Jean Johnson** of Rehoboth, Mass., secretary; and **Lori Lippert** of Bristol, office manager. Here prospective students are interviewed. We notice the well-stocked, user-friendly rack of law school catalogues and Law School Admission Test application forms.

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Dean Ryan and D'Ellen Roye

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We are fortunate to find Dean Ertel in — she often is on the road, recruiting new students.

"I love telling others about the school — it's an easy sell," she says, adding that her travels take her throughout the United States. The profile of the first class, which she recruited, reflects that — nearly 60 percent of the full-time students come from out of state.

We climb the stairs to the second floor, where we find faculty offices, classrooms, courtrooms and an A/V studio. We wave to Associate Dean and Professor **Bruce Kogan** of Bristol. Other professors ... many are in class teaching ... include **Barbara Bernier** of Cranston, **Raymond Gallagher** of Bristol; **Richard Huber** of Portsmouth, **Jonathan Mintz** of Providence, **Linda Fitts Mischler** of Bristol, **Louise Teitz** of Providence, **Robert Whorf** of Bristol, and **Michael Yelnosky** of Providence.

We find **Judy Menezes** of Bristol, secretary to the faculty, in her office on the north side of the building talking with Professors Fitts Mischler and Yelnosky. They look busy — we won't interrupt.

Also on this floor are Registrar **John Prettyman** of Portsmouth and his secretary, **Susan Comeau** of Bristol. The Registrar explains that his responsibilities include student financial aid services and the administering of exams.

John Prettyman is not new to legal education. He was business manager for the Widener University School of Law for the past 10 years.

After a cordial visit in the Registrar's Office, located on the west side of the building overlooking Metacom Avenue, we move along. We still have more people to meet.

We take the elevator to the ground floor [lower level], where we step off to find the cafeteria, seating 150, staffed by University Dining Services.

According to Dining Services Director **Val Mahoney**, a snack bar menu is featured, but may be changed when customer survey results are completed. Hours are 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 5-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

The sparkling new lunchroom looks inviting, but we just had coffee, and it's too early for lunch. [We note that the lunchroom is available to all members of the University community.] We head for the law school bookstore nearby, where we purchase our Roger Williams University Law School sweat-shirt, the text for "Torts," and a package of sugarless gum. Serving us is **Natalia Bystrianyk '91** of Bristol, bookstore manager.

Copy Center To Serve University

Around the corner, on the northwest side, we find the DocuCenter — a full service document production

center. **Paul Vivieros** of Bristol, director of administrative services, is in charge here.

A 1972 business administration graduate of Roger Williams University, he also manages the law school mailroom, coordinates office supplies, and is landlord to the 24 law students housed in the Almeida Townhouse dormitories.

Paul, assisted by **Karen Friend** of Bristol, explains that the DocuCenter provides the entire University with state-of-the-art copy work.

"We are fast, efficient, and customer friendly," says Karen, adding that the DocuTech copier can produce 500 copies of one page in less than five minutes, scan photos, collate, staple and bind automatically.

The DocuCenter will produce flyers, newsletters, catalogues, letters, exams, memos, brochures, reports, proposals, and posters, up to 11" by 17". Making a note to get back to Paul and Karen, we move on.

Computer Store Ready for Business

Reversing our steps, still on the lower level, we head for Computer Services, headed by **Ron Black** of Wickford, director. Ron explains that his area is responsible for all computers at the law school, both administrative and academic. His functions include planning, budgeting, designing, implementing and operating the computer systems, as well as supervising the computer services staff.

Ron shows us the school's main computer — the size of a standard microwave — compact, considering the scope of its work. Reporting to Ron are **Tim Wells** of Narragansett, coordinator of computer operations; **Richard Reynolds** of Warwick, computer store manager; and **Mary Ann Poulin** of Newport, coordinator of computer support, who supervises the computer lab, located on the first floor adjacent to the library.

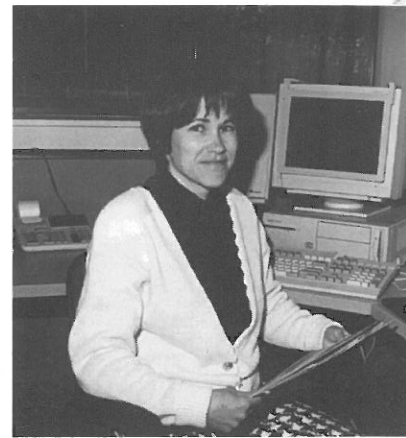
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Pam Cabral and Dean Bahr confer.



From left, Christel Ertel, Lori Lippert and Jean Johnson ready to welcome new students.



Kathy Meiggs always at your service in the Library.



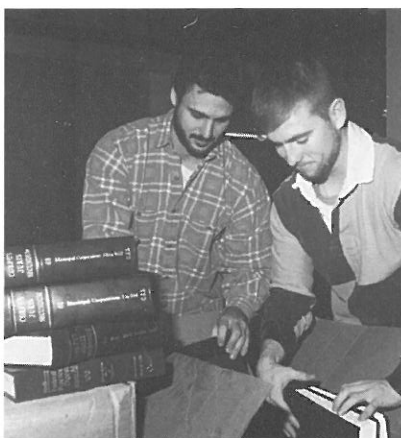
From left, Stephanie Edwards and Mary Anne Golda.



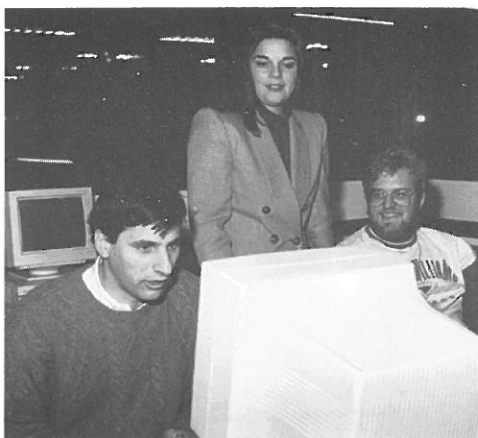
Cathleen DeSimone, student, working in the Library.



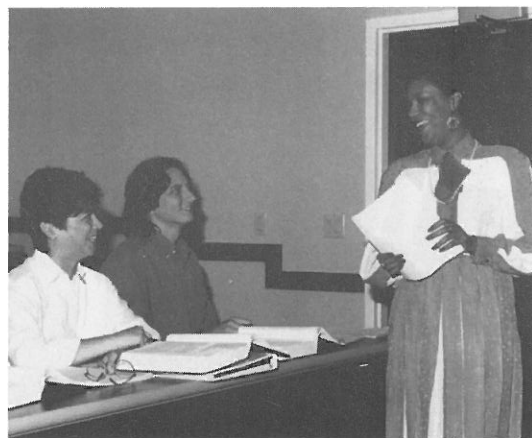
From left, Lucinda Harrison Cox, Donna Miller and Nanette Kelley.



From left, students Matt Sabo and James Donegan do their part.



Mary Ann Poulin, center, with students Edward Medici, left and Steven Murray, in the Computer Lab.



Barbara Bernier, right, with students June Little, left and Jason Gramitt.



Susan Comeau and John Prettyman



The Law School's First Winter



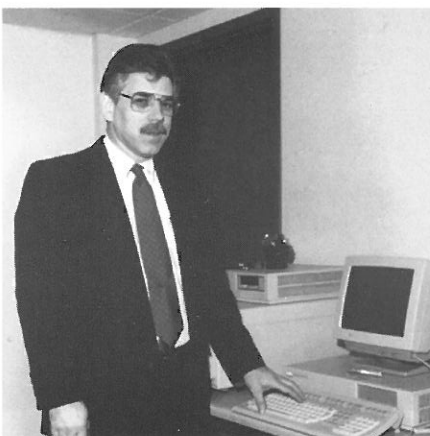
From left Judy Menezes, Michael Yelnosky and Linda Fitts Mischler



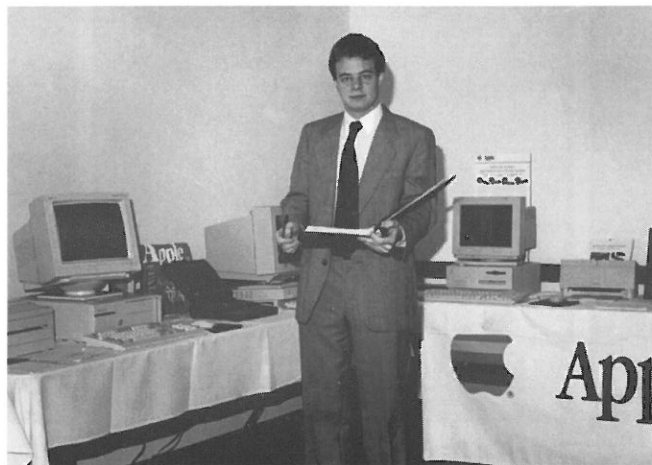
Lunchroom staff, from left, John Pacheco, Cecile Stebbins, Val Mahoney, Melissa Dupont and Matthew Rielly



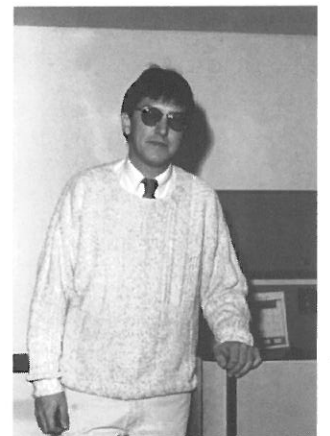
Karen Friend and Paul Vivieros



Ron Black



Richard Reynolds



Tim Wells

President Anthony Santoro congratulates Gail Winson (left), director, Law School Library and associate professor of law, and Linda Cambra, secretary, Main Library, as winners of the United Way/Fund for Community Progress campaign. Gail won \$500 toward a professional development



conference, while Linda received one week's paid vacation. Tom Walker, director, Alumni and Parent Relations, served as chairman of the campaign.

News and Notes

Welcome aboard to the following full-timers [Names of the new School of Law personnel appear in the story beginning on page 1]:

Robert Aspri, bibliographic control, Main Library; **William Baird**, director, Athletics, Intramurals, Recreation; **Didier Bouvet-Marechal**,

international admissions counselor, Admissions; **Ferdinando Cabral**, custodian, Facilities Management; **Manuel Costa**, custodian, Facilities Management; **Tracy DaCosta**, counselor, Student Financial Aid; and **William Darling**, guard, Security.

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Curious about the Computer Store, we stop to chat with Richard, and learn that anyone can purchase hard or software through this area. The store has available ACER IBM compatible DOS based and Apple Macintosh based hardware and software. Printers for purchase are Apple, Canon and Hewlett Packard.

We make a mental note of the capabilities of the Computer Store, say our thank yous and goodbyes, and head for the elevator, to complete our tour in the library, located on the first floor.

Library Fully Staffed

Gail Winson of Bristol, director of the law school library, is expecting us. She and her secretary, **Kathy Meiggs** of Bristol, guide us to the north side of the building, housing the library offices. They are joined by **Lucinda Harrison-Cox** of Warren, reference librarian; **Donna Miller** of Bristol, circulation assistant; **Stephanie Edwards** of Bar-

ington, secretary; **Nanette Kelley** of Narragansett, part-time reference librarian; and **Mary Anne Golda** of Cranston, part-time cataloguer.

Leaving the library offices we pass the circulation desk and enter the library proper. The vast facility, which contains more than 150,000 volumes and covers nearly half the first floor, houses the most comprehensive law collection in the entire state.

"It would be difficult not to learn, in this environment," we observe, noting several law students engrossed in their work.

Once again in the main lobby, we realize we have come full circle.

Chris Houle is still at her post at the reception desk.

And we are now much more aware of what is happening behind the impressive walls of the new School of Law Building – and much better acquainted with the people who make it all happen.

If anyone asks, the new School of Law is definitely up and running.

For Your Benefit

By Joanne Lisinski

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Each year on April 1 employees may switch to an alternate health insurance carrier. Plans available are Classic Blue Cross, HealthMate, and Harvard Community Health Plan of New England.

Q. How does Classic Blue compare with HealthMate?

Both are products of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island, with some differences. Classic has a \$100 deductible for individuals and a \$200 deductible for family coverage per calendar year. There are no deductibles with HealthMate.

Office visits are reimbursed at 80 percent after the deductible is met on Classic. Participating physicians charge a \$10 co-pay per office visit to HealthMate subscribers.

Inpatient hospital room and board for a semi-private room is paid in full for 365 days on Classic, for unlimited days with HealthMate. Mental health and substance abuse is covered at 100 percent for 45 days per year by both Classic and HealthMate. If the provider is non-participating, coverage is at the rate of 50 percent for HealthMate.

Q. How does the dependent coverage compare?

Spouses are covered on both plans. Children are covered to age 19 on both, but to age 24 if a full-time student on Classic and 23 if a full-time student on HealthMate.

Q. What are the advantages of Harvard?

Services by the Harvard network of health care providers are performed, in most cases, in one facility. No annual deductibles. Office visit co-pay is \$5, prescriptions, \$5.

Harvard facilities are located in the Boston area, Lincoln, South County, Providence, and Newport.

Detailed information on all health plans is available in the Personnel Office. You may call for a specific brochure.



Joanne Lisinski

News and Notes

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Also **James Devlin**, director, Engineering Laboratories; **Joseph Dudek**, driver, Security; **Robert Frueh**, academic advisor/recruiter, School of Continuing Education; **James Galib**, telephone technician, Facilities Management; **Deb Granatiero**, assistant director, Student Activities; and **Mariana Haynes**, director, Academic Resources Center.

Also **Shannon Jacobs**, counselor, student financial aid; **Gerard Keaveney**, custodian, Facilities Management; **Sally Lafleche**, counselor, Admissions; **M. Elizabeth LeBlanc**, faculty, School of Social Sciences; **Darrell Matsumoto**, photographer, School of Architecture; and **Michael Pattie**, custodian, Facilities Management.

Also; **James Phillips**, driver, Security; **Jeronimo Pimentel**, custodian, Facilities Management; **Peter Praxmarer**, faculty, School of Social Sciences; **Michael Principe**, custodian, Facilities Management; and **Michael Riccio**, electrician, Facilities Management.

Also **Joan Romano**, accounts payable, Bursar; **Michael Schipper**, vice president, Human Resources; **Thomas Sorger**, faculty, School of Science and Mathematics; **Charlene Sylvia**, secretary, School of Continuing Education; **Joseph Travers**, technician, Audio-Visual Services; **Susan Travis**, assistant slide curator, Architecture Library; **Linda Vieira**, accounts receivable, Bursar; and

Stephen White, assistant dean, School of Architecture.

Goodbye, Bob

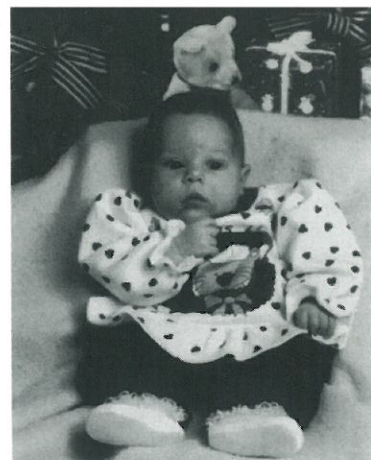
After 30 devoted years of service to the University **Bob McKenna**, executive vice president, has retired to spend more time with his wife, Joan, and their family. We wish them both a very rewarding retirement.

Congratulations to:

Melissa Peo Hanmer '86, counselor, Admissions, married **Rory** October 2, 1993 at the United Congregational Church, Middletown, followed by a reception at the Rockwell House, Bristol. They enjoyed a 10-day honeymoon to California, returning to their home in Bristol. "Max" the cat is adjusting. Melissa and Rory are busy working on their new cape.

Ed Ragosta, clerk, mailroom, married **Anna Collis** September 25 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Cranston. They honeymooned in St. John's, Virgin Islands. They are planning a second wedding ceremony in April for her parents in Dorking, England. How many people do you know who have two different wedding anniversary dates to observe? ... Ed, an avid photographer, recently participated in the annual Professional Photographers Association Annual Competition at the Newport Marriott. This is his second year as a winner.

First-time grandmother **Candace Maguire**, assistant director, Alumni Relations, whose daughter **Lisa** gave



Elizabeth Mae Carney

birth to **Elizabeth Mae Carney** October 18, 1993. Proud parents **Lisa** and **Paul** live in Centreville, Va., where Candace and her other two daughters **Amy** and **Katherine** enjoyed a family reunion over the Christmas holidays.

David Gingerella '78, bursar, and wife **Debbie**, on the birth of their third child, daughter **Ashley**, born September 5, 1993. Their other two are **Nicole Lee**, 8, and **David**, 6.

James Azar, director of Center of Counseling/Student Development, and wife, **Julianne McCarthy**, on the birth of daughter, **Margaret**, born January 13, 1994. Margaret has a 3-1/2 year-old brother, **Christopher**.

Lynn Fawthrop enjoyed a two-week trip to South Africa and Brazil in November '93. She's still raving about Capetown ... "It's paradise, the cleanest place I've ever been. And beautiful. The ocean on one side, the mountains on the other." She noted that she was, however, very aware of personal security everywhere she went ... "Even the

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