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CATCHING UP - A CALENDAR OF RECENT RWC HAPPENINGS

(For the sake of economy and convenience, The Calendar of Events and NEWS will be combined and published monthly this year for the college community. We hope that those friends of the college who received the Calendar last year will also enjoy the glimpse of Roger Williams activities and concerns they'll get in the newsletter. Editor)

JUNE 6, 1971 Brilliant blue skies, a refreshing bay breeze, and a spirit of celebration captured perfectly by guest speaker Art Buchwald were the elements which fused to make the college's second four-year commencement exercises a success for the some 350 attending graduates and their several thousand guests and well-wishers. Held outdoors on the Green of the Bristol campus, the exercises included remarks by Dr. Ralph E. Gauvey, President; The Hon. Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Serge Beaudoin, President of the Providence campus senior class and Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, with humorist Buchwald's light-hearted address providing the highlight of the day.

Dr. Gauvey presented the Roger Williams College Award for outstanding leadership and service to Gerald G. Harrington, member of the Bristol campus building committee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Gauvey praised Mr. Harrington, a Providence attorney, for his dedication to a \$7-million dream he thought both worthwhile and possible: a new campus for Roger Williams College."

Among those who qualified to receive their degrees were 189 Bachelor of Arts candidates; 196 Bachelor of Science candidates; and 56 candidates for the degree of Associate in Arts, 35 for the degree of Associate in Science, and 40 for the degree of Associate in Engineering Technology.

JUNE 21 RWC Summer Program sessions began in Providence and Bristol, with evening classes scheduled on both campuses also. Enrollment was up substantially in Bristol over that of the previous year's pilot program.

JUNE ? Biology instructor Thomas J. Holstein, in conjunction with two colleagues from Brown University and Harvard Medical School, published a research article in the June issue of The Journal of Experimental Zoology. Not recommended for light reading, the piece is titled, "Multiple Forms of Tyrosinase in Rodents and Lagomorphs With Special Reference to Their Genetic Control in Mice."

JULY 6-16 Writers Tom Wolfe, R. V. Cassill, and Ralph Memolo arrived at the Bristol campus to discuss the new genre of "non-fiction fiction" with students participating in a special two-week creative writing workshop. This was the second visit to the college for Wolfe, whose books and articles have established him as the foremost practitioner of The New Journalism. Cassill is the author of the best-selling novel, Dr. Cobb's Game, based on the recent Profumo scandal in England. Ralph Memolo is a Boston area journalist.

JULY 14 Thomas M. Jones, formerly Registrar of the College, assumed the post of Dean of Admissions/Registrar, according to an announcement made by President Gauvey. Mr. Jones, a Barrington resident, has been on the staff of the college since 1968, when he was appointed Director of Financial Aid, becoming Registrar in 1969.

A graduate of Bowdoin College, Mr. Jones received a master of arts in teaching degree from Brown University. He serves on the Board of the Barrington Citizens' Scholarship Foundation and is chairman of the Board of Finance of the Barrington Congregational Church. Mr. Jones, who lives at 11 Linden Rd., is married and has five children.

JULY 15 Frank Zannini, Dean of the Providence campus of Business Administration and Engineering, and William H. Rizzini, Coordinator of the campus' liberal arts program, were named Outstanding Educators of America. Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service and professional recognition.

JULY - AUGUST Philip J. Szenher, RWC English instructor, spent the summer working on his doctoral dissertation, with the assistance of a \$1,000 research grant awarded him by the University of Connecticut. One of 50 persons chosen from among 800 applicants for the grant, Mr. Szenher was working on the dissertation subject: "Poetry, Both in Divine and Human Things: A Study of the God of Paradise Lost."

JULY 28 In a fund-raising report released by Alexander H. Hirst, chairman of the college's Development Committee, it was noted that gifts to Roger Williams have increased from 56 in 1970 to 409 in 1971. Contributions for the year ending June 30 totaled \$68,625, up nearly \$25,000 over the previous year's figure of \$44,549.

The largest gift was of \$20,000 from the Rhode Island Foundation in support of the Capital Program. Also mentioned in the annual giving report was the S & H Foundation grant which made possible last fall's Ecology Lecture Series, a \$5,000 scholarship endowment from the Bristol Rotary Club, and many smaller gifts to the Harold Way Scholarship Fund and the Library Acquisition Fund.

"This increase in giving during a recession year when so many institutions suffered cut-backs reflects a heartening response to the needs of the college," Mr. Hirst said in his report.

JULY 29 Jacob Hagopian, Director of the RWD Urban Studies Center in Pawtucket and retired justice of the US Military Court of Appeal, was named Magistrate of the US District Court by Chief Judge Raymond J. Pettine. This honorary post is on a part time basis and is without compensation.

AUGUST 11 The planet Mars was closer to Earth than it will be again until the year 2003, and was, in fact, almost as near to our planet as it can possibly be - 34,920,000 miles away. David G. Hawkins, RWC physics instructor got more than he bargained for when he invited the public to come look at the fiery planet through the college's eight-inch Newtonian reflecting telescope each clear night until August 18. Mr. Hawkins arrived at the telescope's steel shelter each evening to find between 50 and 150 persons standing quietly in line in the dark, waiting to get a look through the glass. The instructor estimated that nearly 800 people in all came to see the astronomical sight. Said Hawkins, "If we had known we would get that kind of response we would have planned things differently."

AUGUST 12 According to the annual announcement of federal Work/Study allotments to Rhode Island colleges, RWC again this year receives more of the aid than any college in the state: \$161, 025 allotted to over 498 students. The next largest grant was \$113,681 for 375 students at Rhode Island College. Donald G. Desrochers, Financial Aid Director, attributes the size of the grant to the fact that Roger Williams was one of the first colleges in the area to apply for work/study funds and has actively pursued its student work/study programs in the past four years.

AUGUST 15 New members are added to the admissions staff of the college. Serge J. Beaudoin who graduated last June from RWC with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and was president of his class is named Admissions Officer for the Providence campus. Michael E. Diffily, who holds a B.A. degree from Brown University and an M.A. in counseling from the University of Rhode Island, is appointed Admissions Officer at the Bristol campus. The admissions staff will also be assisted this year by James C. Pidgeon of Cranford, N.J. who will serve as area representative for the college in the New York/New Jersey region. Mr. Pidgeon, a graduate of N.Y. State University at Oswego, was formerly Assistant Director of Admissions at the Indiana Institute of Technology.

AUGUST 16 The new position of Assistant Registrar is filled by Earle Y. Degraphenried, a 1969 graduate of Bryant College, recently returned from a 14-month tour of duty in Vietnam. Mr. Degraphenried will be responsible for registration and the scheduling of classes on both the Providence and Bristol campuses.

SEPTEMBER 1 Anthony Jarzombek, one of the first graduates (B.A., June '71) of the Creative Writing Program is accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Oregon, where he is one of only six students admitted for the graduate writing degree. In addition, two of the young writer's poems were recently accepted for publication in literary magazines. "UPI Telephoto" has appeared in the Beloit Poetry Journal and "Windy Night" is slated to appear in Ploughshares, a new periodical published in Cambridge, Mass. Tony is the son of Anthony Jarzombek, Jr., of Lincoln, a copyreader for the Providence Journal.

SEPTEMBER 8-10 Beginning of the new academic year at RWC. Some 719 freshmen descend upon the Bristol campus, while 200 arrive in Providence. In Bristol, the somewhat bewildered new students are introduced to their college in a 35-minute multi-media show produced especially for them by senior Gary Beer, junior Carla Pizzano and some friends. The presentation, "Orientation '71" features slides, taped 'rapping' about what it means to be a student today, bits of news film, and music by Joni Mitchell, John Sebastian, the Jefferson Airplane, and others. Orientation on both campuses also includes the chance to meet faculty and staff, to talk about academic options with advisors, and to register for courses. The orientation process in Providence is topped off with a buffet luncheon served on the lawn of the downtown campus.

SEPTEMBER 13 The first day of classes for all RWC students. About 1,010 students attend the Providence campus; 1,421 are in Bristol. Also – the date of the opening of the Cooperative Day Care Center established by and for members of the RWC community. The Center, located on the first floor of the former United Brothers Synagogue at 205 High Street in Bristol, now serves about 15 children from 10 RWC families. Generating spirits behind the Center include Penny Goldberg (instructor, Contemporary Issues in Women's Liberation, wife of Dean of Bristol Students, Leonard S. Goldberg) Dora Temkin (wife of English instructor Howard Temkin) and Mary Ellen Watson (wife of History instructor Charles Watson). Also assisting in this cooperative effort are some

RWC students studying child development and theories of education; they'll receive academic credit for their day care internship.

SEPTEMBER 18 The Bristol campus is the site of the first informal meeting between facilitators and prospective students in the college's new University Without Walls program. In the UWW, now underway at RWC after a year's planning and organization, the student chooses a single tutor — or “facilitator,” as he or she is known — who will serve as teacher, guide, advisor, and friend during a prolonged period of independent study by the student — usually a year or more. A basic tenet of the program is that real “learning” is best achieved through individual initiative, encouraged and “facilitated” by the sympathy and advice of the tutor.

Among the 17 students already beginning programs of study in the RWC University Without Walls, one intends to study and build harpsichords, one is developing a major funding proposal for UWW, one is working in the Department of Education in Hartford, one is studying free schools in metropolitan N.Y., and another plans to travel.

Further information on UWW may be obtained by calling 255-2198. Roger Williams is one of 19 institutions in the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities to establish a UWW program with grants from the Ford Foundation and the U. S. Office of Education.

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