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Recruiting Students World-Wide

Leadership Expands: New Trustees, New Advisory Boards

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1990-91 College Enrollment Tops Record, Again!

For the second straight year, Roger Williams College reports the highest enrollment ever in its history for Fall Semester 1990 with a total of 3,823 full and part-time students, a 2.5 percent growth from 3,730 in fall 1989. Of that total, 2,111 are full-time learners, while 1,712 are enrolled part-time in day and continuing education programs in Bristol and Providence.

"Given the demographic trends of the declining traditional college-age student market, Roger Williams College is in a healthy enrollment position with its increasing numbers," said William Dunfey, director of admission and assistant to the vice president for enrollment planning.

This year's freshman class numbers 620, with 62 transfers, for a total of 682 new students on the Bristol campus. The profile of the freshman class indicates that combined median SAT scores were the second-highest in College history.

"This high enrollment, combined with the strongest academic records ever in the entering classes of 1989 and 1990, means the College is experiencing real success, both qualitatively and quantitatively," Mr. Dunfey said.

Once again, business tops the list of intended majors of new students (22 percent), followed by the social sciences (15 percent), fine arts and humanities (12 percent), architecture (10 percent), engineering (8 percent), and science and mathematics (8 percent). Twenty-five percent of entering students, still

undeclared, are exploring different majors.

Advisory Boards Add Community Expertise to College

Seventeen academic Advisory Boards have been formed this fall to involve professionals and community leaders in activities of each of the College's eight Schools, as well as many of its individual academic programs.

"We are excited about the prospect of having a large number of people outside the College community offering us the benefit of their wisdom, experience and support," Vice President for Academic Affairs Malcolm H. Forbes said.

Advisory Boards had existed previously for the School of Architecture, School of Engineering, the Social and Health Services program, and the Education program.

"We've expanded the number of boards so that each dean has access to an Advisory Board to benefit his or her particular School as a whole, as well as specific academic programs within it," Vice President Forbes said.

The Advisory Boards were created to assist the College in three main areas:

- *Programs:* to assess the quality of specific academic programs, determine the resources needed to enhance them, and develop special opportunities in the field for students and faculty.

- *Recruitment:* to establish people in the community representing Roger Williams, which will give the College a competitive edge in recruiting.

- *Resource Development:* to help the College attract the external resources needed to support activities of each School.

"The academic Advisory Boards can clearly make a significant difference for Roger Williams College as we continue to improve the quality of our programs and our institutional reputation," Vice President Forbes concluded.



New Campus Volunteer Center Focuses on Community Service

A new Volunteer Center began operations on campus in September. Marc Capozza, director of student life, said the center connects students who want to volunteer with local agencies needing assistance in community service projects.

"We hope to combine the needs with the resources, allowing a mutual benefit for both the community and the students," Mr. Capozza said.

Roger Williams College students have demonstrated community involvement for many years, whether through special projects of various student organizations, or on an individual basis. The College Service Association (CSA) has organized students in volunteer, fund-raising and information campaign activities for the past five years.

With the establishment of the new Volunteer Center, students now have a direct

pipe-line to volunteer opportunities in the community.

Other campus groups have been involved in community volunteering on a per project basis, among many other diverse activities. The Volunteer Center is the only campus organization focusing solely in this area of community service.

Brian Gough, assistant director of student life, coordinates activities of the Volunteer Center, assisted by two student interns selected through an application and interview process. Phil Hamel, hall director, helps with supervising interns and center operations.

The interns work with student groups and individual students during the year to promote volunteerism and help train volunteers. They also work closely with local agencies to acquaint them with the College and the opportunities the center provides.

"We expect that this will have a strong personal impact on those who participate," Mr. Capozza said.

Law School Study Underway

The Law School Committee continues to explore the feasibility of creating a law school at Roger Williams College, according to The Honorable Joseph R. Weisberger, committee chairman. The committee is currently investigating potential sites in the Providence area for a law school. The subcommittees — survey, site, library, start-up costs, and consultant — are proceeding to gather information to formulate recommendations. The Law School Committee plans to present an official report to President Sicuro early in 1991.