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## Dr. Fulton, con't

Mr. Rizzini continued: "More recently, when the College had a Sunday Open House, Dr. Fulton came to see the exhibits and to meet potential students. This visit was most typical of him. He was always interested and concerned. He fulfilled his role as Board member most conscientiously."

Dr. Fulton's contributions to the College came towards the close of his long, eventful and illustrious life. A graduate of Brown University, he studied for three years at Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar before returning to this country to earn a medical degree from Johns Hopkins University.

From 1926-42, Dr. Fulton was on the Medical Staff of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. At the same time, he was also a clinical teacher at the Harvard Medical School.

A cardiologist, he practiced medicine in Providence from 1946 to 1966, and served as Chief of Medicine at the Rhode Island Hospital for fifteen years. Dr. Fulton was also the first Professor of Medicine at Brown.

During World War II, Dr. Fulton served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as Chief of the Medical Services at Valley Forge General Hospital and at Ashford General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. He advanced from the rank of Major to Colonel and was awarded the Army's Legion of Merit in 1946. At Ashford General Hospital, his patients included several famous military leaders, among them Generals Omar Bradley and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

An accomplished pianist, Dr. Fulton could play and sing much of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas from memory. On many occasions, he thoroughly entertained guests and friends with his musical abilities.

In recent years, Dr. Fulton devoted much time and effort to the affairs of the College. "It was one of his main interests," Mrs. Fulton said recently. "He was very concerned about the direction of the College and wanted to see it produce a top-grade quality education for its students."

The Fultons are still represented on the Corporation by Mrs. Fulton and two of their eight children, W. DeWolf Fulton and Nancy Fulton Bragard. Both are currently in the education profession.

A formal dedication ceremony honoring the Fultons will be held by the College on Thursday, June 22.

## GO SOUTH YOUNG MEN

January vacations in Florida are not unusual for New Englanders seeking refuge from winter's cold and snow. January trips to Florida for New England collegiate golf teams are, however, less common. That is, unless the golf team hails from Roger Williams College.

In what they hope will become an annual event, the persistent and enterprising RWC golfers traveled to Florida in January for some "pre-season spring training." While in the Sunshine State, the team participated in two tournaments, played several head-to-head matches against area colleges and even had time to visit some of the local tourist attractions.

Arriving and playing in Florida was the easiest part of this story for the golfers. The hardest parts were raising \$3,300 to pay for the trip's expenses and locating transportation for ten players and two coaches. With some perseverance and a bit of ingenuity and luck, they managed to solve even these problems.

The story began last May when the team members decided to try to arrange a January trip to the South as a means of both improving their golfing skills and of getting a big jump this year on their Northern rivals (whom they will play in matches when the regular season begins this spring). They managed to raise some money last year through raffles, but a larger financial boost was needed.

Enter the team's co-captains — Walter Burkhardt and Jim Cota — who stepped in and provided the necessary additional funds. Burkhardt's father (who operates Hanson's clothiers in nearby Barrington, R.I.) donated men's apparel which the team sold for revenue and even supplied the team and head coach Bob Miller with golfing apparel. Cota, a professional artist, donated some of his paintings which were likewise sold for revenue.

With this obstacle overcome, Coach Miller then solved the transportation problem by locating a large mobile home in the Worcester, Massachusetts area which the team rented under a special discount rate. The team departed from Bristol on January 6 and headed for Florida and some surprising weather.

"It was absolutely cold in Florida, especially in the Miami area," said Coach Mil-



Standing l-r:  
Paul Langello, coach  
Norm Coffey  
Walter Burkhardt  
Joe Occhi  
Lou Miller

Bob Nemeck, coach  
Bob Miller, coach

Front row;  
Lou Nito  
Camillo Vargas  
Steve Landi  
Jim Cota

ler. "The temperature was only in the 40's and we were forced to curtail our schedule."

The weather forced cancellation of several matches against local colleges and the Southern Conference tournament (an eight-team affair in which RWC was entered and was to have become the first non-Southern team ever to participate), but did allow the team members to visit the Walt Disney World to play a practice round on the Magnolia golf course and to receive instruction from Bill Melhorn, a professional golfing immortal. The weather was warmer in the northern part of the state so the golfers were able to compete in two tournaments (the Quad Tournament in Fort Lauderdale and the Bob Grant Invitational Tournament in Boca Raton) and play a couple of matches against local colleges.

Cold temperatures in Georgia and South Carolina also forced cancellation of the final part of the trip in which the RWC golfers were expecting to play five matches in six days. As a consolation prize, however, the team instead stopped off in Pinehurst, N.C. for an interesting and entertaining visit to the Hall of Fame of Golf before returning to Bristol on January 19.

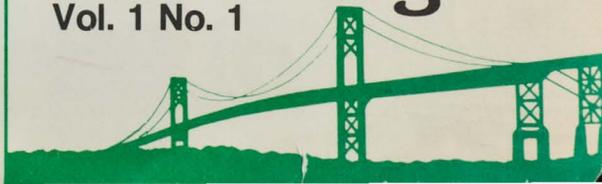
Despite the weather problems, Coach Miller termed the trip "absolutely marvelous," and looks forward to doing it again next year if the necessary funds can be raised. Once again, it will be up to the team members to utilize their talents and ingenuity to secure the funds required for the trip.

However, based on their efforts during the past year, it's almost a cinch that the RWC golfers will be returning to Florida.



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# REDEVELOPMENT OF KAISER

## Plans In The Making

Roger Williams College is presently engaged in preliminary preparations for the redevelopment and use of the former Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation plant in Bristol, R.I.

An internal collegewide planning committee, headed by Acting President William H. Rizzini, has been established to formulate proposals for renovating and redeveloping the site for College use. The planning committee has been divided into five task forces, each of which is responsible for a specific facet of the redevelopment process.

The task forces are representative of the entire College community, comprising members of the administration, faculty and student body. Following is a brief profile of each task force:

- *The Idea Committee* is chaired by Dr. Michael Swanson, faculty member in the Social Science Division. Its objective is to educate the entire planning committee as to the many considerations involved in restoring a former factory plant and of the outside opportunities available to the College for financial assistance.

- *The Architectural Committee* is headed by Horace Knight, faculty member in the Engineering Division. It produces architectural plans for the property and its structures according to the proposals submitted by the other task forces.

- *The Sociological Committee* is chaired by Public Relations Director Anne Caldarella. This committee is exploring ideas with members of the Bristol community and developing plans by which both the College and the town can benefit from the redevelopment.

- *The Historical Preservation Committee* is headed by Kevin Jordan, faculty member in the Social Science Division. This committee is concerned with preserving the historical value of the Kaiser property. It will evaluate proposals submitted by other task forces to determine how they will affect the historical value of the property.

- *The Financial Planning Committee* is chaired by Robert McKenna, Dean of Student Services and Director of Auxiliary Services and Off Campus Utilization. It is responsible for studying and determining the financial impact of redeveloping the Kaiser plant. This committee will also evaluate all financial proposals for redeveloping the property and serve as a financial overseer throughout the redevelopment process.



(Left) Richard L. Knipe, V. President of Kaiser Aluminum, presents the Kaiser deed to Judge Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams College.

According to Acting President Rizzini, each of the task forces establishes its own role in the Kaiser restoration project, meets on its own and prepares its own course of action. All five task forces have commenced their preliminary preparations and are in the process of developing proposals as to how the plant should be renovated and/or utilized.

As an offshoot of the efforts of the planning committee and as an example of the College's interest in the Kaiser property, a Historic Preservation course, entitled "Kaiser Feasibility Study," was offered during the recent January Intersession. Under the direction of instructor Kevin Jordan, students examined many aspects involved in redeveloping the Kaiser plant including transportation, parking and pedestrian mobility; the design of open spaces; building designs for College use; and a social and economic study of the Bristol community and the specific neighborhood in which the plant is located.

The Kaiser Corporation deeded the plant and its 46 buildings to the College in September, 1977. The property is located approximately one mile north of the Fulton campus.

The College plans to redevelop and use a substantial portion of the site for educational purposes (such as dormitories, classrooms, laboratories, offices, a gymnasium, etc.) and for other special uses. The College is presently maintaining the property with an around-the-clock security watch seven days a week.

As a means of defraying the anticipated expense of renovating the plant, the College has launched an extensive fund-raising campaign in which it is soliciting financial assistance from both inside and outside the College community.

# REACHING OUT TO INDUSTRY . .

"A new era of development" in the history of Roger Williams College began during the fall semester with the opening of the Quonset Point Division.

As part of its goal of "reaching out to industry," Roger Williams College established at Quonset Point three new and unique academic programs specifically tailored to the needs of industrial workers. These programs allow employees to continue their formal education while simultaneously keeping their full-time jobs.

For example, the Quonset Point Division offers Associate Degree programs leading to the Bachelor's Degree in Management, Industrial Technology and Engineering Technology. Courses related to these fields plus Liberal Arts electives are offered during all five of the ten-week sessions each academic year.

Students are permitted to take two courses per session, and are able to complete their requirements for an Associate Degree in nine sessions (ninety weeks). All courses meet twice weekly (either on Monday and Wednesday or on Tuesday and Thursday) for two hours. Class hours are from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The course schedule itself is designed to accommodate employees of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. in Quonset Point. Last year, Electric Boat asked several Rhode Island colleges to submit academic proposals for establishing a Quonset Point program primarily for company employees. Roger Williams College was one of the colleges engaged in this competition and, based on its proposal, was the one finally chosen.

Eighty percent of the students enrolled in the first session were employees of the Electric Boat Division. The academic program at the Quonset Point Division is ideal for these workers because it gives them (as "student-employees") a constant mix of theory and practice in both their educational and professional experiences.

Although the Quonset Point Division is geared primarily towards satisfying the needs of Electric Boat employees, the courses are also open to the general public.

The first session at Quonset Point began on October 11 and closed on December 15. The next session opened on January 3 and concluded on March 9.

Roger Williams College has worked closely with the Electric Boat Division in formulating an academic program to meet the needs of industrial workers. In the future, the College hopes to expand this relationship to other local industries and businesses in order to attract prospective students from these areas and to increase its academic services to working adults.

# SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR WORKING ADULTS

"The Open Division is tailor-made for me. It's the best thing that ever happened to me. Because of it, I am growing in my job."

These words were spoken by Bertram Orosco, a former police officer in two countries and now a resident of Newport, R.I., with his wife and three children. While maintaining his position as a Mental Health Assistant at the Newport Hospital, Orosco is also pursuing a degree in Social and Health Services through the Open Division of Roger Williams College. Sound impossible? Well, it's not, thanks to the Open Division.

The Open Division, established by RWC in 1974, is an innovative educational program designed primarily for working adults who wish to continue their formal education while retaining their full-time jobs at the same time. In a "non-traditional" fashion, the college grants academic credit to Open Division students not only for standard classroom courses, but also for certain past and present employment, military and other learning experiences.

The Open Division offers programs leading to either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree in many areas of study

including Business Administration, Industrial Technology, Public Service and Management, and Criminal Justice. In addition to regular classroom courses, Open Division students also engage in independent study programs, internships and job-related projects to earn academic credit.

Orosco's situation is similar to those experienced by other Open Division students. While employed at the Newport Hospital, he attended night classes at Rhode Island colleges, but eventually had to terminate his studies because of job and family responsibilities. However, he then enrolled in the Open Division and is now able to fulfill both his professional and educational obligations.

Orosco has lived an interesting and eventful life. Born and raised in Trinidad, he was a member of the Trinidad-Tobago Police Department for four years. He later moved to England where he was appointed an officer in the London Police Department, the first time in the city's history that a black man had held that post.

Orosco came to the United States in 1965 and joined the Newport Hospital staff in 1972. Now in his third semester at Roger



B. Orosco

Williams College, he hopes to complete his degree requirements next year.

An ardent advocate of the Open Division concept, Orosco says: "The Open Division is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I had that opportunity and I grabbed it."

## A Message From the Acting President:

*Roger Williams College is in the middle of a major development campaign. Monies donated will be used primarily for the development of the Kaiser Corporation complex and for other space needs. This will provide Roger Williams College with the opportunity to develop unique educational facilities which can serve as a model for student and community learning experiences.*

*Because Roger Williams is a young institution not yet blessed with endowment funds, we must look to our trustees, faculty, members of the college corporation, parents of students, and alumni for assistance in this worthwhile endeavor.*

*We have, therefore, established a President's Club and a Parents' Century Club. And, in the very near future, the*

*alumni phase of the campaign will get underway.*

*We are striving for one hundred percent participation because we need the support of every member of the RWC family. We are asking for five hundred dollars for membership in the President's Club and one hundred dollars for membership in the Parents' Century Club. But we would really be very grateful for other gifts in any amount. So, if you have not already made a contribution, please consider doing so now.*

*Remember, your financial support at this time will shape the future of Roger Williams College and will reflect your belief in its mission as an educational institution, a mission which surely has marked our lives in a most significant way.*

J. Lytle

## ALUMNI ART SHOW

"Moon Madness," was one of the paintings Joe Lytle, class of '73, recently exhibited at a selected alumni exhibition held in the College's Loft Gallery. Lytle describes his present works as "fantasy paintings."

Artists Donald Annaldo, class of '74, and Thomas Fitzgerald, class of '75, also exhibited their works. Annaldo, who has also earned a Master's degree from Rhode Island School of Design, showed his new "contemporary porcelain ceramics." And Fitzgerald exhibited his "abstract expressionistic paintings."

All three artists teach part-time at the College.



## BOOK FUND HONORS JUDGE PAOLINO

A book fund has been established in honor of Judge Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams College, who recently retired from the Rhode Island State Supreme Court.

The fund was established by staff members of Judge Paolino's law office in Providence and was announced at a December banquet honoring the Judge. The staff members made a substantial financial contribution to the fund at that time.

Judge Paolino concluded twenty-one years of service on the Rhode Island State Supreme Court with his retirement on December 31. He is a former Rhode Island Republican Party state chairman and a former GOP national committeeman.

Monies contributed to the book fund will be used to purchase books for the College Library, with the majority of the new books to be law-related publications. The fund has been established at an auspicious time for the College, since it can serve to support the Paralegal Studies program commencing in September.

Contributions to the Fund (specifically earmarked: "For the Judge Paolino Book Fund") may be forwarded to the following address:

**Fund-Raising Office  
Roger Williams College  
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809**

Roger Williams College students Roger Wilson (left), Howard Waltz (center) and David Lewellyn (right) separate steel cans from aluminum cans at a recycling area on campus. The students are involved in Recycling Systems, an effort aimed at picking up all recyclables, paper and glass on the college grounds. Started by Lewellyn last year as part of an ecology assignment, the program now has collection points for recyclables on every floor of the college's dormitories.



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# CAMPUS NAMED FOR DR. FULTON

He was truly a "Renaissance Man" in every sense of the term. A scholar, a physician, a civic leader and a gifted musician, he was a man whose spirit and unquenchable *jote de vivre* will remain a part of Roger Williams College forever.

His name was Dr. Marshall N. Fulton and he served the College as Trustee for six years before he died suddenly on May 16, 1977. In his memory and in honor of his wife, Mary Howe DeWolf Fulton, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted in November to name the Bristol campus the "Fulton Campus" of Roger Williams College.

The Fultons played a major role in the growth and development of the College. In 1965, for example, they arranged for the College to acquire its new campus, which is comprised of 63 of the 130 acres of Ferrycliffe Farm in Bristol. Ferrycliffe had been owned by Mrs. Fulton's family for nearly a century prior to the acquisition.



Dr. Fulton

For three years, Dr. Fulton served as Chairman of the Honorary Degree Committee. He was also an active member of the All College Council, the Development Commit-

tee and the Membership Committee. According to Mrs. Fulton (who served on the Building Committee and is currently a member of the Corporation), "Marshall cared about the College and he wanted it to prosper."

The entire College community mourned Dr. Fulton's death. Acting President William H. Rizzini recalls: "Dr. Fulton was always generous with his time and with himself. I still remember how he and his wife offered us the temporary use of their lovely home in Bristol to house some dormitory students two years ago when the College was confronted with a housing problem. In 1976, he and Mrs. Fulton hosted a lovely reception at their home prior to the Honorary Degree dinner."

(Mrs. Fulton obliged the College again last fall when she housed two students from Colombia for five days until space for them was located).