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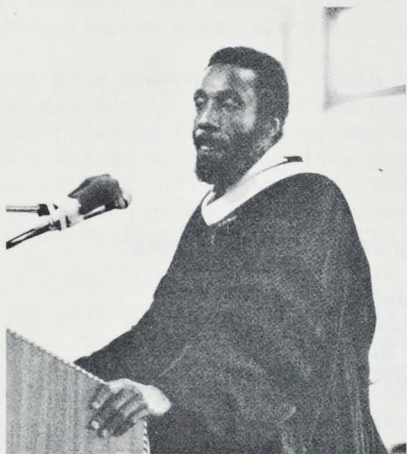
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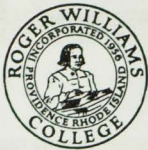
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1975 COMMENCEMENT RUNDOWN

Date: May 31

Place: Student Center

Main Speaker: Dick Gregory

Number of Graduates: About 575

Honorary Degree Recipients: Bishop Frederick H. Belden
James J. Doyle
Dr. Paul A. Freund
Dr. Roberta M. Kellogg
Frank B. Maher
Senator Claiborne deB. Pell

This issue of The Bridge, normally scheduled for May, was delayed because of uncertainties throughout the spring at the College. It was thought best to postpone publication until conclusive information could be sent to alumni. We reproduce below a statement by Judge Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, issued on behalf of the Board following its meeting of June 16, 1975.

On June 10, 1975, the Board of Trustees received the report of the Evaluation Committee appointed by it on April 24, 1975. After carefully considering that report and the recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee, the Board has made certain decisions which it deems to be in the best interests of Roger Williams College.

The Board of Trustees takes pride in the accomplishments and contributions of Roger Williams College, and is cognizant of the vital part played by President Ralph E. Gauvey, other administrators, and faculty in the period of the College's emergence as a significant four-year undergraduate teaching institution. This period reflects credit on all concerned. President Gauvey's accomplishments during his long tenure have been many and notable. The Board, and the educational community generally, deeply respect these accomplishments and are grateful for them.

A new period is now beginning. With it come new opportunities and challenges as well as new problems. In part, the new period is a reflection of the maturing of Roger Williams College as an institution, and in part it is caused by the changing circumstances in which American higher education generally finds itself. In assessing the situation of Roger Williams College and requirements of the new period upon which we are entering, the Trustees wish to make known decisions which have been made to ensure that the vitality of Roger Williams College and its usefulness to students will continue and be enhanced.

One of the most important of these decisions, we believe, involves the Board of Trustees itself. We are aware that the new period into which private colleges have come places new, important demands on those serving as members of the Board. More than in an earlier period, a college board today has increased responsibility for keeping the purpose of the college clear, for assessing its performance, for maintaining a two-way bridge between community and campus, for preserving institutional independence, for wisely exercising its final legal authority, and for continuously evaluating itself. To respond effectively to these demands of a new period, the Board has reached certain decisions with regard to its own structure and operation that we trust will increase the Board's effectiveness.

These include, in particular, a decision to increase standing committees. The Board has decided also that it will require in the new period a full-time position for a Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The position will be filled by a person knowledgeable in Board procedures and capable of being an effective link between Administration and Trustees. Finally, with regard to itself, the Board has decided on a continuing effort to enhance its own effectiveness as the principal governing board of the College. Our aim is to make sure that the educational and administrative functioning of Roger Williams College continues to be as successful in the new period as it has been in the past.

In order to ensure the continued educational effectiveness of Roger Williams College and to provide the imaginative leadership required in a period following the rapid growth of the decade in the sixties and in one during which new administrative approaches are needed to cope with the uncertainties of finance, enrollment, and academic staff, the Board has decided to create new administrative positions, to phase out oth-

ers, to develop more effective levels of administrative responsibility, to improve lines of communication between Administration and faculty, and to move towards increased efficiency in management.

Obviously such change requires some change in administrative personnel. Fully cognizant of his unique contributions to Roger Williams College and grateful for his loyalty and devotion to the College's prime mission as an experimental institution of higher education, the Board of Trustees accepts Dr. Gauvey's resignation, effective June 30, 1976, and takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to him for his many contributions and wishes him well in his future association with higher education. It hopes that his sabbatical year during 1975-76 will afford him the time and opportunity for study, writing, and research, activities so often difficult to pursue by a busy administrator. In the same spirit it expresses its appreciation to Mr. Frank Zannini, who also will be leaving his post as Vice President of Roger Williams College. The Board is aware of his contributions to the financial and business management of Roger Williams College.

To ensure effective and dynamic leadership during the coming academic year when an Executive Search Committee of the Board of Trustees will conduct a search for a new President and Vice President, as well as for certain other administrative posts, the Board of Trustees has appointed Mr. William Rizzini Acting Vice President of the College and Acting Dean of Students effective July 1, 1975. In his capacity as Acting Vice President he will have all of the authority normally vested in the chief administrative officer of a college and will have responsibility for day-to-day operation of the College and the development of effective relationships with the Board of Trustees, the faculty, the student body, and all other segments of the community of Roger Williams College. To assist Mr. Rizzini the Board has appointed Mr. Harold Payson as Acting Academic Dean and Mr. Robert McKenna as Acting Dean of Administration and Acting Director of Auxiliary Enterprises. In this connection it should be noted that the position of Dean of Counseling Services is to be terminated June 30, 1975. The rest of the administrative officers and their staffs will continue on with their functions.

The Board of Trustees is aware of the heavy responsibility of this new group of administrators but is confident in its ability to provide the necessary leadership. With the assistance of the other skilled administrative personnel of the College, the coming year of transition should be successful.

In taking these steps the Board of Trustees is showing its deep concern for the welfare of Roger Williams College. It is confident that the faculty shares this concern and will cooperate with the Board of Trustees and Administration in the work ahead. Such concern and cooperation will assure the continuance of Roger Williams College as "a lively experiment in education."

A MESSAGE TO ALL ALUMNI OF
ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Your College is alive and functioning in Bristol and Providence! Roger Williams is going through a time of transition which I am confident will leave the College in a position to grow and prosper in the future.

Recently, an Evaluation Team made several recommendations for changes in administration, organization, policy, and processes. These changes were adopted by the Board of Trustees. Part of my responsibility is to implement these changes.

You should be aware that a Search Committee has been formed to seek a new President. Through the efforts of Judge Thomas J. Paolino, two alumni have been selected to serve on this Committee. They are Mr. Peter Sousa, President of the Alumni Association, and Ms. Anne Caldarella. The alumni representative to the Board of Trustees, Mr. Robert D'Uva, is also a member of this Search Committee.

Currently, I serve as Acting Vice President of the College, with the executive responsibility to run the College, while the other major administrative functions are being performed by Mr. Robert McKenna as Acting Dean of Administration and Mr. Harold Payson as Acting Academic Dean.

The public and private events of this past spring are now behind us. As most of you know, President Gauvey is on a sabbatical year and Mr. Zannini has resigned.

Acting on the assumption that all members of the College community are now most anxious to work together, I have formed several committees with representatives from the faculty, the administration, and the students. The alumni will be involved on one of them, the Orientation Committee.

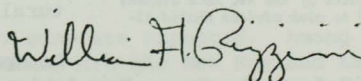
During the past several weeks, I have been most appreciative of the offers from several of you to help us out. Your concern and loyalty to Roger Williams College has been a source of strength to me personally and to those others whom you have contacted.

Now is the time when the Alumni Association could use your help probably more than any other time in its history. If you are interested, contact Mr. Peter Sousa, the president, at the following address:

6 Harvard Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

We seek your ideas, talents, and expertise. My best wishes to you and your families.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Rizzini
Acting Vice President of the College

1976-1977 DANFORTH FELLOWSHIPS

The Danforth Foundation awards one-year, renewable fellowships to selected college seniors and recent graduates who wish to become college teachers. The fellowships are open to all qualified persons of any race, creed, or citizenship, single or married, who are seriously interested in college teaching and/or administration and who plan to pursue a Ph.D. (or an appropriate advanced terminal degree in a field) in any field of study common to the undergraduate liberal arts curriculum in the United States. Applicants must be under 35 years of age at the time of application, and may not have undertaken any graduate or professional study beyond the baccalaureate. Those who are enrolled at the time of application in a combined B.A./M.A. program are eligible provided the bachelor's degree has not already been awarded. Applicants must be planning to enter an accredited graduate school in the U.S. in the fall of 1976.

The Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Tests in verbal and quantitative abilities are required. Testing occurs in October and December, but applicants are advised to take the GRE as soon as possible, on October 18. September 24 is the final registration day for the October test. Any interested person should contact RWC's Liaison Officer before September 15: Dr. Charles A. Watson, Social Science Division, CL 117, Roger Williams College, Bristol, R.I. 02809, phone: (401) 255-2395.

ON AND OFF In March Dr. Joshua Stein of the History Area took part in the Jacob Ziskind Institute program for continuing education in Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. Art Area Coordinator James Cathers had one of his works selected for exhibition in the Northeast Sculpture Open at the Brockton Art Center-Fuller Memorial. Mr. Cathers' sculpture was one of 39 pieces chosen from more than 280 entries from all over New England. The exhibit ran March 6 - April 27. Mustapha K. Baksh of the Business Administration Division was recently named an "Outstanding Educator for 1975."



Mark Hutchins, president of the RWC ASCE Student Club, presents award to club advisor Khalid Al-Hamdouni.

On March 20 the RWC Student Club of the American Society of Civil Engineers hosted a joint dinner meeting with the Rhode Island Section and the Brown University Student Chapter in the Rathskeller. The main speaker was Lee Pare, president of the Providence engineering firm of Lee Pare & Associates, who discussed the Wilkes-Barre Pier Project on the Providence River. Dr. Marc H. Richman of the Brown Engineering Department spoke on Products Liability. The student engineers dined again, on April 17, with their counterparts in architecture at the ASCE/AIA Annual Banquet held at the Governor Dyer Restaurant. URI professor David Nacci, winner of the "Engineer of the Year" award, spoke on ocean engineering. Robert Wertz acted as master of ceremonies, and awards were presented by Richard Amato and Mark Hutchins, presidents of the RWC architectural and engineering student chapters respectively.

In April the Marine Biology Program received a grant of \$2,000 from The Grass Foundation in Quincy, Massachusetts. Also, the College is a new member of The Sea Grant Association.

On April 13 the third Southern New England Painters' Festival opened in the library. Undergraduates from eight colleges in Rhode Island and Massachusetts exhibited 67

paintings through April 19. Winner of a Special Roger Williams College Art Club Purchase Prize was senior Thomas Fitzgerald, whose "Untitled 20" was accepted by William Rizzini (then Acting Academic Dean) for "outstanding commitment" to the College. In the photo, left to right, are Fitzgerald, Mr. Rizzini, and Michael Connors, who read the citation. Connors also was awarded an Art Club Purchase Prize for a painting entitled "Flesh", and an Honorable Mention for "Pony Farm." Later in April, four seniors won purchase awards for works created for, and displayed in, the Senior Degree Project exhibit. They were: Michael Connors, for a painting and a stoneware vase; John Fernandes, for a painting and a sculpture; Thomas Fitzgerald, for a painting and a drawing; and Anne Silliman, for a wall weaving.



WE OPEN IN NEWPORT

Open they did, officially on June 27, with a zesty production of "Hello, Dolly!" They are, officially, etc. productions, ltd., a theater company formed last winter by '73 theater graduates Elizabeth Hallenbeck, Jeffrey Caruso, and Donna Ferrara. Located in the Van Alen Casino Theater, they have brought summer stock back to Newport. They intend to keep it there, for they've already plotted a 1976 season of Bicentennial-related productions. For now, they're into their second production for 1975, "Plaza Suite." This will be followed by "Cabaret", "The Owl and the Pussycat", and "Bye Bye, Birdie." Included in their summer program are three weekend matinees for children and a summer theater school for teen-aged apprentices. Fun? Sure, and hard work, as in any professional enterprise. Among other things, Jeff, Liz, and Donna spent the past spring auditioning, scouting accommodations for the actors, soliciting ads for the playbill, and recruiting angels for their fledgling company. We wish them well!

FROM THE OPEN DIVISION

The Open Division, introduced last fall as an external degree program, now enrolls 135 students who pursue a variety of degree goals. Nine Open Division students obtained their baccalaureates on May 31; of these, seven were honors graduates. Ten more students will complete their degree requirements in August. Several alumni may be in a position to suggest this program to people they know, as a way of earning a college degree that is now needed or desired. A significant point to remember is that major programs are self-designed; the degree goal need not be confined to a catalog listing. The Open Division will find the courses and/or learning experiences essential to individual fulfillment. For more information, alumni should write the Open Division, or call Open Division Coordinator John Stout or Program Assistant Steven Esons at 255-2371.

SUMMER VISITORS

Some are here, some have been here, some are expected. Among the outside groups using our facilities this summer are the New England Association of Hospital Engineers, Teen Trips, the Cranston East Band, and the Marine Veterans. In addition, the Admissions Office continues to sponsor mini-holidays for high school counselors and their families during July and August. Never doubt, we're eager to receive word on other groups that are seeking a summer get-together site.

RWC JOINS N.E.T.C.
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The College has entered a new cooperative program with the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport which will enable all active duty and retired Naval personnel to earn an associate degree in business management in two years of evening classes. They may complete the degree requirements by taking two separate courses, each two nights weekly, during each 10-week stage of the program. They may then go on, if they wish, to the B.S. degree in business without loss of credit-units and in the proper time sequence.

POWER ENGINEERING
TO BE INTRODUCED

A new brochure is in the works, and it announces a new engineering technology program in the Division of Continuing Education: Power Engineering. The program offers both the A.S. and the B.S. for 1975-76. To quote from the brochure text: "A power engineer shall be defined as one skilled in the management of energy conversion. A power engineer operates and maintains equipment essential to power generation, heating, ventilation, humidity control, and air conditioning...". More information is available from Mr. Rocco Colagiovanni, Engineering Division Coordinator. Call 255-2308.

HISTORIC
PRESERVATION

During the past few weeks, the why's and wherefore's of a proposed new major in Historic Preservation have coalesced during meetings of an Ad Hoc Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Michael Swanson of the American Studies Area. Rhode Island experts in the field have met regularly with the Committee to offer comments and insights as to the need and the shape of the curriculum. The College is, of course, extremely well situated to sponsor such a curriculum. During the spring semester, for example, three American Studies majors, Stephen Hankins, Eve Perretz, and Michael Hemenway, undertook an independent study entitled "A General History of the Coggeshall Farm, 1750-1900", the Coggeshall Farm being a restored working farm located in Colt State Park, Bristol. The history is by no means finished, and the three majors hope that other students will pick up the thread of their work until it is.

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as you may already know.

So brush up your Portuguese, and

make it a holiday to remember!

CLASS NOTES

1949 Maurice Bouchard is a group manager for the Internal Revenue Service in Providence.

1953 Residing in Providence, Andrew Breton is a self-employed accountant. He has three children.

1955 Richard Antonelli is president of Lark Development Corp. in Johnston and vice president of H. W. Ellis, Inc., Warwick. He has four children, 11, 9, 7, and 5 years of age.

1963 William Poole is president and owner of Engineering Welding and Fabricating Co., Inc., Cranston. He and his wife live in East Greenwich.

1964 A resident of California, Gladys Kingsland is an engineering aide III in the County of Los Angeles Department of County Engineering.

1967 Regina Kleinberg Parlee will complete her B.A. in psychology at Rutgers University this year. Mother of two young children, she also runs a nursery school in her home and is a substitute school teacher.

Richard Whitman is a sales representative for Chase Metals Service, Inc. He and his wife live in Nasonville.

1968 Steven Weil has earned a B.B.A. in management from the University of North Florida and is an outside salesman for Frederick Weil Company.

1970 W. Henry Coleman, III resides in Barrington and manages the Cumberland office of W. Henry Coleman, Inc., realtors. He has two young sons.

Robert Leaver is director of the RWC University Without Walls program and an adjunct instructor in psychology in the Evening Division.

Brian Meyerhoff is principal of the

Stark Village School. He and his wife live in New Hampshire.

In January Rhode Island Junior College announced the appointment of Frederick Singleton as Affirmative Action Officer for the college. He lives in Providence with his wife and four children.

Robert St. Angelo is a salesman for St. Angelo Motors, Barrington. He is engaged to Louise Andreozzi of Harwich, Mass.

1971 Residing in East Providence, Allan Arago is resident project engineer for Pezzullo, Sweeney & Associates of Providence.

Norman Arcand is sales manager of Inskip Motors, Providence. He and his wife are living in West Warwick.

Michael DeCesare is vice president of De
Cesare Building Co. in Providence.

Albert Polselli is a research technician for the R.I. Department of Economic Development.

Barker's in Dayville, Connecticut employs Douglas Ross as a department manager.

Anthony Verdelotti is a revenue officer for the Internal Revenue Service in New Bedford.

Anthony Vetri is a technical sales representative for the Pennwalt Corporation, located in East Orange, N.J. He and his wife have three children, one of whom is married.

Phillip Vincent is a reporter for the Newport Daily News and the father of a baby son.

1972 William Ashcroft is a materials control supervisor at Paragon Gears, Taunton. He and his wife live in North Dighton.

Elaine Bassis is currently a travel consultant at the Scanlan Travel Center in Attleboro.

A sales representative for McNeil Labora-

tories, Providence area, Dennis Dionne has successfully completed his company's basic pharmaceutical education program at the home office facility in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

In June Michael Festa received an M.A. in counseling and student personnel services from URI. He is assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences at URI.

Vincent LaGreca is an applications engineer for ITT-Grinnell Corporation in Providence.

Ann Leaver earned an M.S. in child development and family relations at URI. She is a part-time psychology instructor at RWC and a resource person/teacher in the UWW Corrections Project.

A Coventry resident, Ralph Shippee is a bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Boston.

Geraldine Tattrie is credit manager for W. J. Lynch Paint & Varnish Company in Rumford.

1973 For the past year Virginia Al-
drich has lived in Puerto Rico,
where she has been teaching kindergarten
at the Baldwin School of Puerto Rico.

Carl Arruda serves as a police officer
in North Kingstown.

Victoria Brewer is a claims representa-
tive trainee in the Providence office
of the Department of HEW.

Anthony Bucci is a 7th grade teacher at
Holy Trinity School, Central Falls.

Rockwell International employs Leo Chabot
as a chief engineer. He lives in Char-
lotte, North Carolina with his wife and
two sons.

Michael Chuey is a sales representative
for Life Savers, Inc.

Andrea Feldman is engaged in cancer re-
search at Miriam Hospital.

"The head harlequin of Rhode Island's

only rent-a-clown service" is the way a
January article in the Providence Journal
described Gary G. Gardner, who does his
professional clowning under the name
Garth A. Clone. Gary (or Garth) holds a
master's in circus skills from the Ring-
ling Bros.-Barnum & Bailey Clown College
in Florida and has been accepted on
scholarship to the Teatro Dimitri, an
Italian circus in Switzerland. He'll be-
gin in September: "I don't plan on re-
turning to America -- though times
change!"

Scott Harrison earned a B.S. in special
and elementary education at Boston Uni-
versity and, while working toward his
master's in special education at Boston
College, has been a special education
teacher in the Boston School System.

Robert Israel is enrolled in a master's
program at URI and is editor and publish-
er of Harbinger magazine, forerunner of
RWC's present Aldebaran.

Richard Iuliano has taken up residence in
Singapore, where he is employed as a field
petrochemical construction engineer for
Fluor East Asia.

Timothy Lifrak is teaching in the Fall
River Middle School. He resides in Fall
River with his wife, one child, and an-
other "expected."

Robert Viadella is a civil engineer with
General Dynamics in Groton, Conn.

A resident of Warwick, Robert Volpe is a
junior engineer at ITT-Grinnell.

1974 This fall Donald Annaldo will enter
the graduate program in ceramics at
R.I.S.D.

Gary Card is a manufacturing engineer for
Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. in North Kings-
town.

Lorraine Evans is a community specialist
at the John Hope Settlement House in
Providence.

William Kingston lives in Lowell, Mass.,
where he is assistant manager of the S.S.

Kresge Store.

Art graduate Joseph Lytle has opened a studio in downtown Bristol.

Elaine O'Donnell is assistant to the Chief's Aide in the East Providence Fire Department. She also works as a supervisor for that city's recreation department.

The City of Providence employs William Okolowicz as a firefighter.

John Reposa is an assistant adjutant, Second Engineers, U.S. Army.

James Skowron is a social worker for the State of Massachusetts in the New Bedford

Welfare Office. He has a son aged 7.

Gail Steiner has moved temporarily to New South Wales, Australia, where she will teach elementary school for a year.

1975 American Studies major Louis Godena has been admitted to the doctoral program in the History of American Civilization at Harvard Graduate School.

James Watters was recently commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps and is currently enrolled in the graduate program in Health and Hospital Administration at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

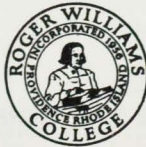
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