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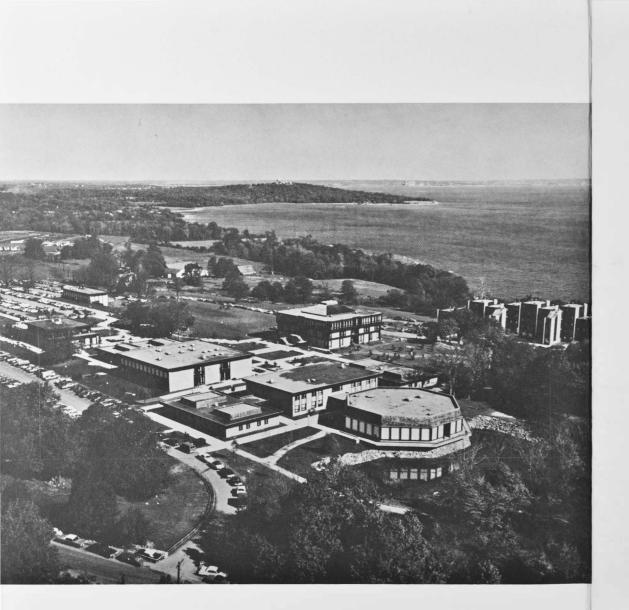
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Message from the President

"Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul, whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially when my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can.

-Herman Melville In Moby Dick

In November of 1971 when I received notification that the College had been turned down in its request for full accreditation, nothing better described my disappointment than the above words of Ishmael.

A cold and damp November indeed, not only in my soul, but permeating the entire College. All of us—faculty, students, administrators and Trustees—all were stunned, hurt and deeply disappointed at being denied that highest honor of academic acceptance and respectability—regional accreditation.

Two months later, however, at the Annual Meeting last year, we had evolved an imaginative, far-reaching plan which would lead us to a request for reconsideration of the decision in May. If successful, our June graduates would still have the privilege of being graduated from a fully accredited college. It was this effect on students more than any one other single thing that provided me with the incentive to make so many of the difficult decisions which had to be made.

In January of last year, we presented to the members of the Corporation the general plan of attack. In the middle of April, a letter listing our accomplishments was forwarded to the Association. Major accomplishments occurred in every area of criticism with the result that when the Commission met, it was unanimously agreed that Roger Williams College had met all the requirements for full accreditation. In June our first class was graduated from a fully accredited college.

For newly accredited institutions, it is the general policy of the Association to require an annual progress report for a three-year period at which time the institution is revisited. It is also the prerogative of the Association at that time to decide not to renew the full membership in the Association. In other words, after the initial three-year period, there is always a possibility that if progress does not continue, the institution could then be denied reaccreditation. Obviously, we at Roger Williams College are doing everything possible to make certain that this does not happen.

The most significant challenge which we have to face at Roger Williams College in the near future is to renew our accreditation and to make absolutely certain that we make continued progress in our attempts to arrive at additional sources of income other than tuition. The Century Club concept helped us arrive at a new base of giving and was, in very large part, the reason for our successful bid for accreditation. It is my hope that we will be able to retain the Century Club concept and build upon it during the next threeyear period.

Consolidation

A significant impact upon our accreditation consideration was the decision to consolidate the two-campus structure into the one major campus in Bristol, with a branch campus to continue in Providence.

Of special significance to the continuation of our Providence Branch Campus is the center that this provides for our professional studies and work-study programs. Roger Williams College had its origin in an attempt to meet community needs by training students with strong motivation to succeed in business and engineering. The consolidation of the College at the Bristol Campus was made with this background firmly in mind and with the commitment to support and further develop our highly successful Professional Studies Division.

Of interest to our long-range planning in terms of the campus consolidation are the enrollment projections currently under consideration. Following completion of the new Student Center, the existing physical plant in Bristol will be able to house comfortably 1800 students. Since the enrollment for the fall semester, 1972 in Bristol was 1450 students, it is obvious that there is potential for growth without further construction. The Providence Campus enrolled 519 day students in September, 1972. This represents the optimum number which can be educated in the present facilities. It is interesting to note that students, for the most part, had a choice of which campus to attend and many chose to take courses on both campuses.

It is worthwhile noting that when the new Student Center is constructed, the existing dining hall could well be converted into an arts or art/drama center. At the present time, fine arts is housed in what was originally designed as areas for faculty offices. With more and more students choosing art as a major area of interest, these studio arrangements are seriously inadequate.

Alternate Degree Programs

There has been considerable publicity given to a variety of external degree programs being offered by colleges and universities across the country. One of the most publicized of these has been the Empire State College founded and supported by the New York State Board of Regents. A student can enter that program and through correspondence courses, television, and independent study earn a valid bachelor's degree. You may have read about this in the October 2, 1972 issue of *U. S. News and World Report*, copies of which are available from my office.

There are a variety of other such programs including the original "University Without Walls" founded by the Union of Experimenting Colleges and Universities, of which Roger Williams College is a member.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Union College group, I am extremely enthusiastic about the organization and about our own developing alternate degree programs. The alternate degree program at Roger Williams College is primarily designed for more mature students who have had some experience in formal education beyond high school. Motivation and goal orientation are key elements in the degree process. A student can obtain his degree through a number of experiences which may or may not include classroom work.

The alternate degree program at Roger Williams College is especially attractive for the person over thirty who has had considerable experience. The program aids a student in bringing these varieties of life experiences together into a comprehensive philosophy of life. The cost can be approximately the same or in certain cases even less than the regular academic program. The bachelor's degree in arts or sciences is awarded through the consortium of the twenty-five Union colleges. Additional information can be obtained by calling my office.

Prospects for the Future

As with many other people in other kinds of occupations, college presidents tend to become myopic if they have no opportunity to develop a standard of comparison in terms of their institutional expectations, challenges and performance. With this in mind, I spent four days last autumn visiting seven private colleges in the New England states.

I returned from these visits with a reinforced positive attitude concerning the viability of Roger Williams College. We are certainly holding our own in the private college sector and it was refreshing to find that the other institutions are involved with the same problems which at times tend to be considered ours alone. The visits and the discussions with other presidents and deans, students and instructors put into manageable proportion the problems we face. But of more significance, the visit helped point out for my own analysis the great many strengths which our College has indeed attained. These include an unusual, unique and aesthetically beautiful campus; an historic precedence which emphasizes teaching as the major function in the learning process; a faculty which accepts and approves the teaching function as the raison d'etre of the institution; a fairly low tuition structure compared to other private institutions; a sound financial history for the past ten years and continued optimistic prospects for the future.

A recent paragraph in a new book about small and innovative colleges in the United States summed up the Roger Williams College experience.

The book, entitled *This Way Out* by John Coyne and Tom Herbert, included Beloit, Bowdoin, Carleton, Colby, Antioch, Earlham, Lawrence, Oberlin, Reed, St. John's at Annapolis, and, of course, Roger Williams.

The section on Roger Williams describes some of the programs and notes that ours is "not a wildly experimental place" but we are moving carefully and in small steps. The authors point out that we are looking for students who want to continue the discovery that education is a process rather than an end product. I think the last paragraph sums up many of the good things about our college. The authors state:

"Roger Williams has a young faculty, responsive to students and classes are small and informal. It's a friendly place. We think it is also an ideal place for Rhode Island. Students who want to develop their own program, but like structure and advice will be happy here. Bristol is an old town with charm and close to Providence and Boston. The atmosphere is not competitive nor the course material irrelevant. There are requirements and that sort of thing, but you can find a happy home at Roger Williams. And on the ocean too."

Roger Williams College has indeed come a long way in the past ten years. I am proud of the Individuals who have made this growth possible and I am proud of the general way we have developed as described by the authors in the above quotation. The job, of course, is far from finished. Fortunately, there are many new and interesting challenges ahead and I am pleased to note with considerable pride that there are so many more people now involved and interested in aiding Roger Williams College to develop its own potential for greatness.

One of my strongest beliefs is that most institutions and most people are far more capable, far better, far more noble, if you will, than they may think. The majority of us have an image of ourselves which belies the untapped strength of character, the unbelievable potential to become in every respect far better than we actually are. This is one of the most significant strengths of the Roger Williams College experience— an unwavering belief in developing an educational process which facilitates the total fulfillment of each individual not only to his benefit but also to the ultimate benefit of his fellowmen.

Dr. Ralph E. Gauvey, President

Business and Engineering



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Ralph E. Gauvey



The new resident hall, offering a panoramic view of Mount Hope Bay, opened its doors to approximately 150 students in September, 1972. The dormitory houses a total of 300 students who enjoy individual study rooms, lounges and recreational facilities. Special features of the new resident hall include the design and special equipment to accommodate students who are disabled, a penthouse on the top level, and study rooms where classes are conducted.

Adventure in the Arts A Creative Learning Experience for Young People and A Program of Discovery Inspired by the Life of ALVIN E. ANDERSON Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees 1960–1969

The sound of guitars, the smell of paint and home made bread, and the building of a geodesic dome added a lively dimension to the usual summer quiet of the Bristol Campus during July when eighty high school students from Florida, Maryland, Delaware, New York and New England gathered to participate in a month-long program, **Adventure in the Arts**.

Under the direction of professional artists and craftsmen, young people attended small, informal workshops in painting, drawing, drama, weaving, photography, ceramics, music and jewelry design. Students were encouraged to explore as many of the offerings as they wished in an effort to broaden their artistic interests. Imaginations and hands were busy working on joint projects which added a special community spirit. Participants had an opportunity to enjoy concerts, plays, lectures, field trips to museums, and summer recreational activities. Our waterfront location is ideal for a combination of summer fun and art.

Adventure in the Arts was unique in providing an atmosphere which nurtured personal as well as artistic growth.

Future Development

Roger Williams Century Club





Ralph R. Papitto, Trustee and Founding Chairman of the Roger Williams College Century Club.

The Roger Williams College Century Club was launched on March 22, 1972 under the Chairmanship of Ralph R. Papitto, President of Nortek, Inc., and a member of the Board of Trustees. The Century Club was initiated to assist the College in its application for accreditation. Two important factors in gaining recognition were, first, to increase the number of books in the library from 33,000 to 55,000 in order to meet the standards for a college our size and scope; and, secondly, to build the College's financial resources through a major fund-raising campaign. Professional fund raisers warned the College that it would be impossible to meet the Century Club goal of \$50,000. We did attain this goal, however, and substantially increased the number of volumes in the library. We are proud to have completed our first major fundraising campaign and are especially grateful to those friends and trustees who worked so hard to see our dream of accreditation realized.

The Century Club will continue to play an important role in the development of the College. A \$100 membership will purchase ten books for the library. Each volume is affixed with a bookplate bearing the name of the donor. In appreciation of their significance to the growth of Roger Williams College, all Century Club members are accorded full library privileges and free admission to college lectures, concerts, films, and athletic events as well as special programs designed exclusively for Century Club members.



Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

In order to augment the strengths and the dreams of Roger Williams College, we must continue to expand our base of support. The Century Club concept has helped extend that base considerably, but during the next year we must continue to increase our financial resources in order to provide the kind of educational opportunities and facilities needed.

Funds are required for the new Student Center which will eliminate the crowded classroom buildings and library as well as for scholarships, laboratory facilities, library acquisitions, and special academic programs. Gifts from friends have provided a vital difference in creating innovative programs of mutual benefit to students and faculty. Accreditation affords us the opportunity to receive grants from foundations not available to us previously. We will work toward larger grants from foundations for many sources.

We have always been grateful to our trustees and corporation for their dedicated support to Roger Williams College and hope that during the coming year each one will help us to acquaint people with the College—our past, our present, and our dreams for the future. Roger Williams is unique because our students are judged individually; we offer an atmosphere for curiosity in learning and hopefully provide the stimulus for our young people to want to be life-long learners. Our success in the future depends on a broadened financial base.

"It is provided in the essence of things, that from any fruition of success, no matter what, shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary."

-Walt Whitman

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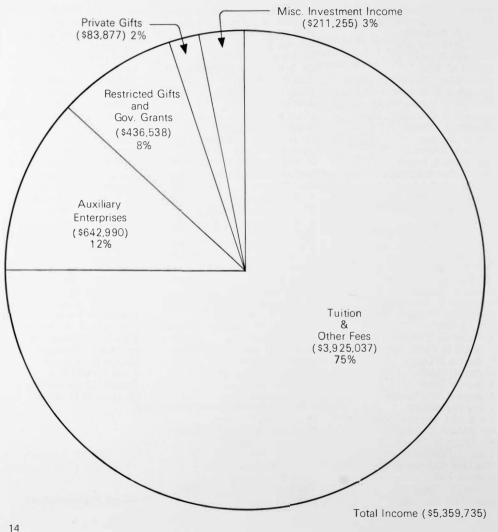
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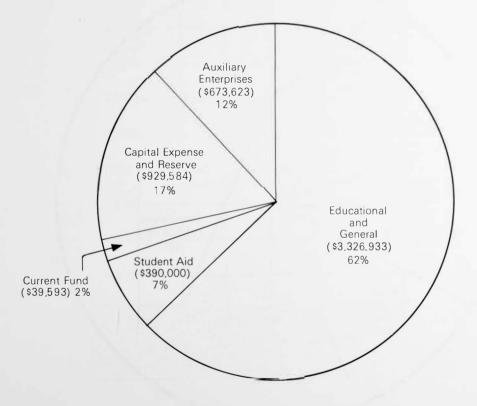
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Comparison of Operating Income to Expenses

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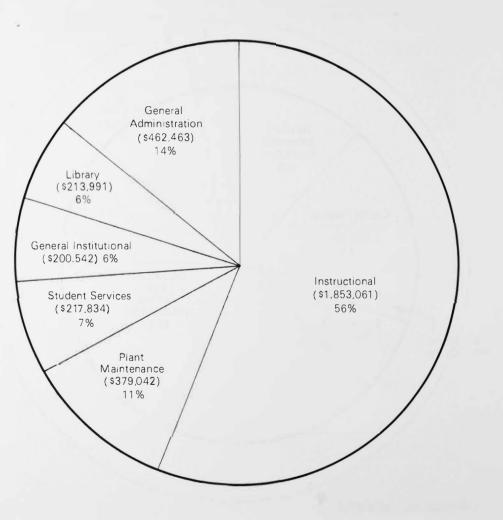
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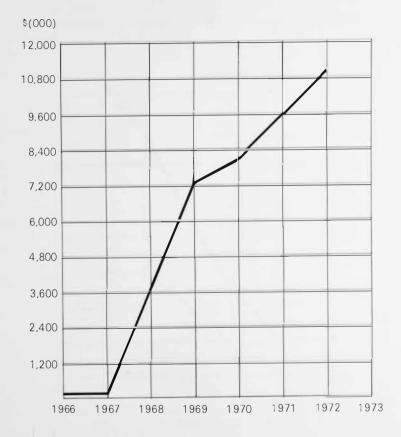


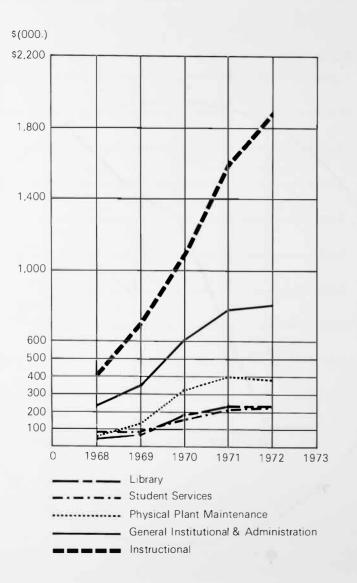
Total Expenses (\$5,359,735)

Distribution of Educational and General Expenses

Value of Physical Plant Facilities







Roger Williams College Student Geographic Distribution

STATE	1972		1972	Percent
Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Illinois Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Missouri New Hampshire New Jersey New York North Carolina Ohio Pennsylvania Rhode Island Tennessee Vermont Virginia Washington, D. C.	1 59 4 1 5 10 5 265 1 265 1 2 4 68 118 1 1 7 1368 2 2 5 5 5 5 5 7 Total 1934	Rhode Island Out of State Foreign Unknown FOREIGN Bermuda Japan Manama, Bahrain Puerto Rico STATE OF RHODE Bristol County Kent County Newport County Providence County Washington County	1368 566 4 0 ISLAND 179 130 230 824 5	70.6 29.1 .2 1 1972 1 1 1

Roger Williams College Fall 1972 Entering Class Statistics

		PROVIDENCE	BRISTOL	TOTAL
Applications Received		468	1013	1481
Deposits Received		251	482	733
	Male	110	398	508
Students Attending	Female	3	163	166
-	Totals	113	561	674
Freshmen and Reactivations		93	484	577
Transfer Students		15	65	80
Re-entering Students		5	12	17
Veterans		18	29	47



New Student Center

The proposed \$1 million Student Center represents the key to our future as a College in meeting the stipulation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which stated, "Roger Williams College has achieved remarkable growth and flexibility in meeting student needs in a relatively brief period, but will need to provide more educational and recreational facilities for its students by 1975". The Student Center will serve students, faculty and residents of surrounding communities As a multiple-use Center, it will include facilities for recreation, counseling, student services, concerts, convocations, a larger book store, meeting rooms and a dining room. The Center will be an asset in recruiting students at a time when most four-year private colleges are facing deficits. During the next year, the College will solicit funding from foundations as well as private sources. The consolidation of campuses has increased the number of commuting students on the Bristol Campus and the proposed Student Center will provide urgently needed space in which students may work and relax while on the campus. The timetable for completion is as follows:

Complete plans and
SpecificationsDecember, 1972Review by GovernmentJanuary, 1973Bidding ProcessFebruary, 1973Begin Ground BreakingMarch, 1973OccupancyFebruary, 1974



Gift Income Report Fiscal Years

	CONTRIBUTIONS	
1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
\$44,549	\$70,125	\$83,877
46	DONORS 376	583

GIFTS BY SOURCES 1971-72

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Organizations	
Board of Trustees	
riends	
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1972 CONTRIBUTING FOUNDATIONS

Blackall Foundation Congdon & Carpenter Foundation Federal Products Foundation Ford Foundation Foundation X General Electric Foundation Rhode Island Foundation Sears & Roebuck Foundation June Rockwell Levy Foundation

Student Aid Program

BUDGET National Defense Student Loan Educational Opportunity Grant College Work-Study Program College Grants in Aid Total	1971–72 \$108,067 69.252 230,400 <u>70,731</u> \$478,450	1972-73 \$150,000 98,565 202,000 67,000 \$517,565
Total Students Participating	367	330
Percent of Total Population	14%	18%

\$ 1,855 \$ 7,440 \$13,885 \$ 1,700 \$18,265

\$40,732 \$83,877

Deferred Giving Programs at Roger Williams

Most people agree that they need all the
income they can accumulate for retirement
years but they would like to make a charitable
gift contribution NOW Alumni and Friends
have found they can do both through one of
Roger Williams College's programs for estate

planning. The following basic plans make it possible for an individual and the College to share in the challenge of creating and maintaining the innovative programs we offer to our students

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Guarantees a yearly fixed income to the donor or survivor. Income is largely TAX FREE and there is a sizeable tax deduction during the first year, guaranteed by Roger Williams College.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST

CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST

LIFE INCOME

LIFE INSURANCE

meet the donor's needs. Income based on a fixed percentage of assets. Capital gains are avoided; tax deductions for first year of gift.

Securities or monies invested in a trust to

Guaranteed fixed dollar income, income taxed at lower rate, sizeable charitable deduction, irrevocable gift to the College maintained in a separate fund.

Securities or money placed in a fund with other donors'. Income based on earnings of securities. Income tax deduction allowed, capital gains avoided, funds may be added to at any time. At death of donor, assets go to Roger Williams College.

Name Roger Williams College as beneficiary in your life insurance program.

For additional information on deferred giving, please contact: Dr. Ralph E. Gauvey, Roger Williams College, (255-2111)

Roger Williams College is a non-profit corporation governed by a board of trustees. Gifts to the College are tax-deductible for income tax purposes as provided by law.

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Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Please bill me for

Century Club

Student Center

Scholarships

Unrestricted

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on the College bequest program _____

Name ______

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