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# Roger Williams College

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Fifteen  
Years In  
Bristol





Roger Williams College  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Fifteen Years In Bristol...

### *A Successful End To The Beginning*

A writer has said thoughtfully "that whatever is built today determines whatever is built in the future." It is time to reflect, with a measure of pride and satisfaction, upon the monumental task which has been accomplished by all who have been associated with the Roger Williams College community in its fifteen years in Bristol.

For those of us who have been involved closely, from the beginning to the present, it is not an easy assignment to look at ourselves from an outside perspective. But all of us in the college community should be pleased with the significant progress.



Each of us enjoys our own special remembrances of the beginning . . . the end of September in 1969, when everything was new . . . 57 faculty, two-thirds of them beginning to teach for the first time at Roger Williams College . . . 135 courses, 100 of them being offered for the first time . . . 1,300 students, almost all of them coming to Roger Williams College for the first time, learning their way around campus, sitting outside because the Library was not finished and the one dormitory building also was not finished completely . . . the 300 residential students who were supposed to live on campus being housed for six to eight weeks in



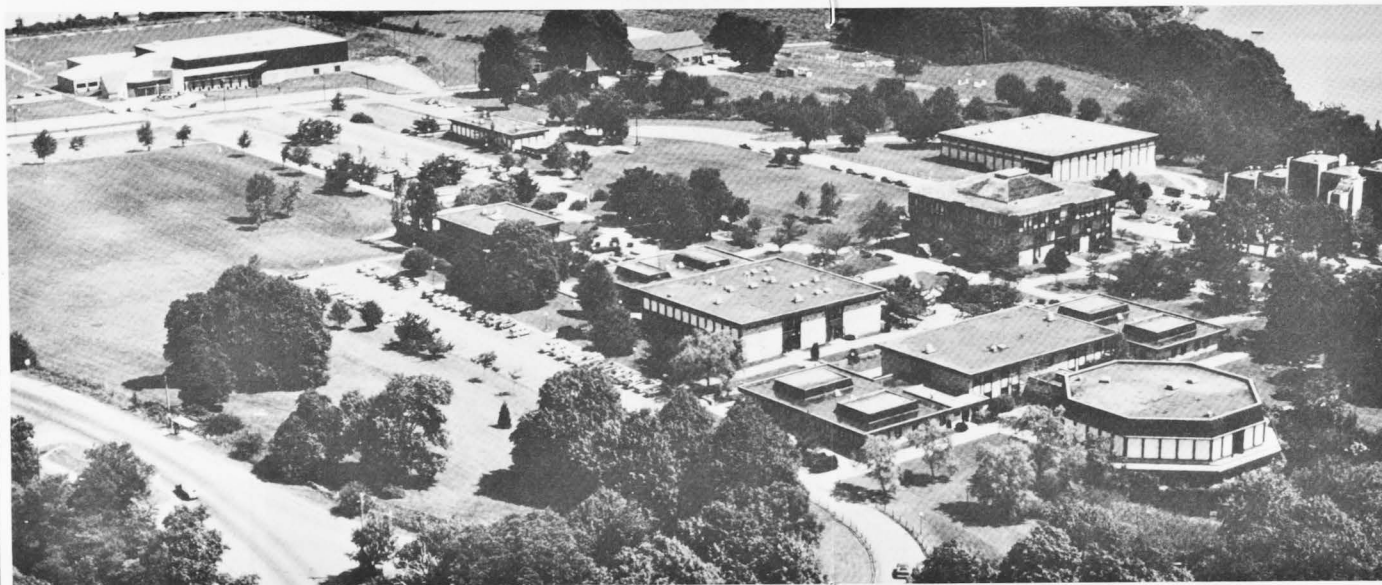
temporary locations scattered from Providence to Tiverton . . . a campus described as "the most beautiful ever seen . . . an unusual blending of landscape with architecture" . . . the dining hall located in the circular building . . . the curriculum in Liberal Arts with emphasis on a well-grounded general education and described as experimental . . . President Ralph Gauvey calling upon the students "to be concerned, committed, but to respect the opinion of others" . . . Trustees described as "going out on a limb and supporting the construction of the campus" . . . faculty described as coming to Roger Williams College to teach and not to use Roger Williams College facilities just for research . . . Admissions following an open-door policy as the "school of the second chance" . . . students encouraged to make their own decisions in an academic environment of decreased structuralization of curricular requirements . . . students encouraged to leave Roger Williams College to take part of their personal academic requirements elsewhere in order to broaden their perspectives . . . no accreditation of any kind.

Barbara Franklin remembers how John Selley and Eddie Borden moved every single office from Providence to Bristol by truck, file by file, section by section, person by person. As a matter of fact, Barbara, John and Eddie have been in Bristol all of these fifteen years along with twenty-one faculty, seven administrators, four staff and eight persons in the Physical Plant Department of the original 57 faculty and 100 employees. Here listed are our fifteen-year veterans:



Albert Adams  
*Administration*  
Dr. Joseph Alaimo  
*Faculty*  
Paul Andrews  
*Physical Plant*  
Robert Blackburn  
*Faculty*  
Edward Borden  
*Physical Plant*  
Madeline Carr  
*Staff*  
David Catalan  
*Physical Plant*  
Rocco Cologiovanni  
*Faculty*  
Robert Conway  
*Faculty*  
Lucille Cosgrove  
*Staff*  
Dr. Lorraine B. Dennis  
*Faculty*  
Freeman Dias  
*Physical Plant*  
Dr. George Ficorilli  
*Faculty*  
Barbara A. Franklin  
*Staff*

William Grandgeorge  
*Faculty*  
Carol Hathaway-Burns  
*Faculty*  
Dr. Thomas Holstein  
*Faculty*  
Edward Jernigan  
*Physical Plant*  
Charles Jungwirth  
*Faculty*  
Frank Mancini  
*Faculty*  
Robert McRoberts  
*Faculty*  
Helena Medeiros  
*Staff*  
William Mershon  
*Faculty*  
Guilherme Milhomens  
*Physical Plant*  
William Nott  
*Administration*  
Dr. John M. F.  
O'Connell  
*Faculty*  
Harold Payson  
*Administration*  
Dr. Bartholomew P.  
Schiavo  
*Administration*  
John Selley  
*Physical Plant*  
Alfred Shepherd  
*Administration*  
Mary Spalding  
*Faculty*  
Peter Spadetti  
*Administration*  
Dr. Joshua Stein  
*Faculty*  
John Stout  
*Faculty*  
Dr. Philip Szenher  
*Faculty*  
Dr. Melvin A. Topf  
*Faculty*  
Dr. Charles Watson  
*Faculty*  
Lewis B. White II  
*Administration*





Along the way, the College has emerged with a reputation for being a truly caring community where students find faculty accessible as well as concerned and where the students develop into responsible members of society. Our average class size still averages out to a little over twenty, and the campus still is one of the most beautiful in the East, but a few things have changed.

The end of September 1984... with a new Recreation Center, a new seven-building dormitory townhouse complex recently constructed... 100 full-time faculty, with only three of them beginning to teach at Roger Williams College... 341 courses being offered this semester with about eight of them scheduled for the first time... 2,016 students with about 700 of them coming to Roger Williams College for the first time plus many part-time students... less difficulty learning

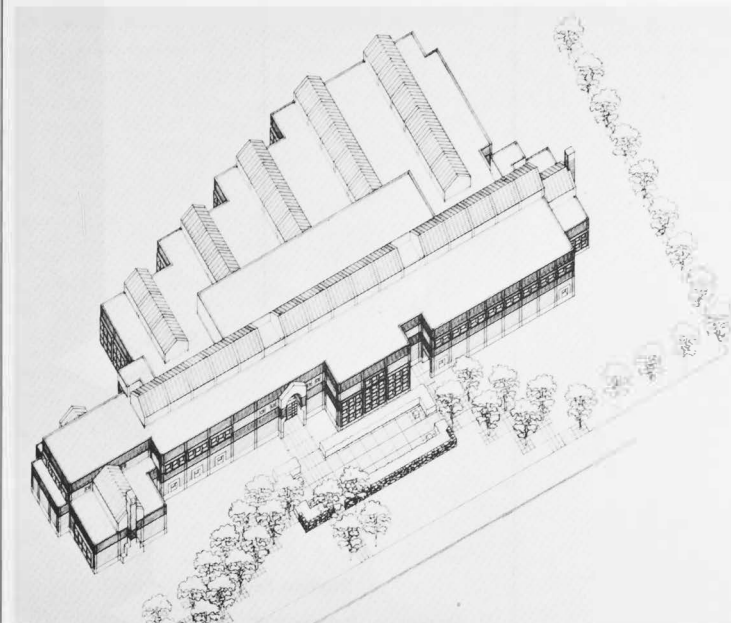
their way around campus thanks to our remarkable student orientation program and the efforts of our Student Life Staff... still sitting outside but because space in the Library and just about everywhere else is at a premium, but the dormitory situation is a bit more comfortable... instead of temporary housing situations we now have a beautiful apartment complex up the street and the Nike Site housing... the former circular dining hall now houses Art, Theatre and a host of other activities, and the students eat in the very busy Student Center constructed in 1974...

the curriculum is now comprehensive with both Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, yet still the opportunity for a student to create his or her own program exists and there is an excellent opportunity to blend Liberal Arts with Professional Studies... we still encourage students to be good citizens and respect the points of view of others... Trustees still go out on a limb to help us develop the campus... faculty continue their emphasis on teaching and are also spending extra time doing publishing and research... Admissions is no longer open door but still oriented away from total reliance on standard testing; there is still ample opportunity to enter Roger Williams College... not only does the College enjoy regional accreditation but during this year also five different professional accreditation visits will have occurred.

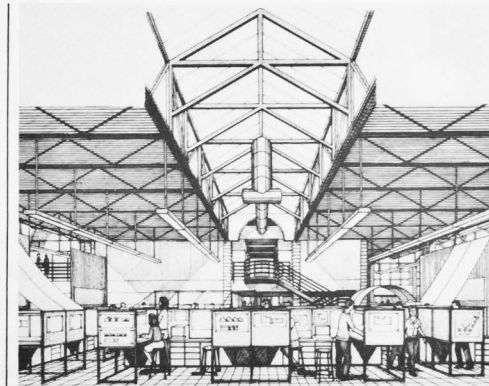
What will happen in the next fifteen years? The answer is contained in the beginning of this overview... we will build for the future academically, always for the sake of our students.

William H. Rizzini  
President  
Roger Williams College

October 1984



*Winning design from the national design competition for the new architecture building.*



# Revenues & Expenses

