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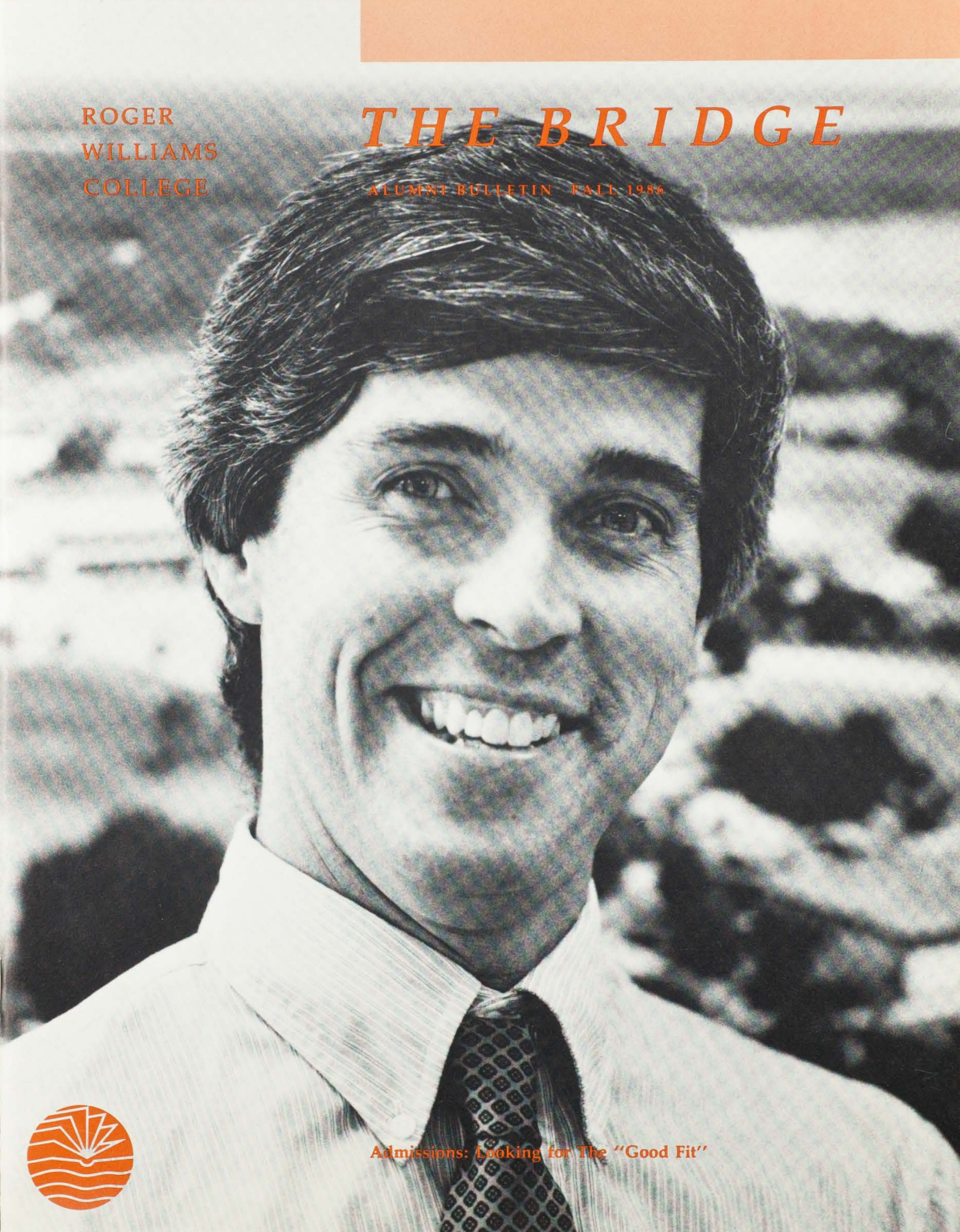
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Admissions: Looking for The "Good Fit"

Alumni Weekend '86 — Excerpts from a Reminiscence

by Lisa Guarneri '83



Roger Williams College hosted its second annual alumni weekend July 17 through 20. Following are three articles by or about alumni who were there.

What is it about returning to that little college by the bay that stirs up all kinds of emotions in us? What is it that draws us back despite any fears or anxieties? Maybe it's nostalgia, or the curiosity of wondering whatever happened to so and so.

After experiencing two alumni weekends at Roger Williams, I am pleased to report the good news. The first reunion at the College was more successful *only* in terms of attendance. At both, members from all classes were present and enjoyed a full weekend of parties, receptions, the classic cruise on the bay, a steak-and-lobster dinner, sailing, golfing, and, of course, Newport. Alumni and faculty enjoyed some casual time together to catch up on life after Roger Williams College.

But still I couldn't help wondering what was going on "inside" of these people who came back. Did they share in that same butterfly-in-the-stomach feeling that I did as I left the highway and headed toward the College? Did the sights and sounds of those four years at school come flooding back? Would I be the same person I was or the person I am now? Do I look all right? Is my job interesting? What have I accomplished since I left Roger Williams?

I have a secret to share. My present position as assistant director of alumnae affairs at Simmons College in Boston has made me somewhat of an "expert" in the reunion field. Want to know something? No one really cares what you are doing. What you have done. Where you live. What you drive. And, probably most important, how much money you make. Because when you cross over the Mount Hope Bridge, drive through the upper gate, pass by the guard shack, and onto campus, you become in your mind and to your classmates *the person you were*. Just think of that. For one weekend out of the year you are cordially invited to exit your structured

life. Welcome back to the old days where you can laugh and reminisce with your classmates. And another surprise is that alumni weekend proves that — No! You did not meet everyone at school while you were a student. There were familiar faces whom I had never spoken to before alumni weekend. Those faces turned into names and conversations. I've gained some special friends whom I only wish I had met while in school.

Just as the four years seemed to escape us, alumni weekend has the same tendency. Just as we are beginning to get comfortable again, we are asked to pack up and return to our respective places in the world. But such a weekend never really leaves you. Those four years never really do either. We return to the regular business of our own lives. We might not even talk about Roger Williams for weeks or months to follow. But every so often the chain reaction will occur. I will receive a phone call from a classmate in New Haven, who talked to New York, who talked to New Jersey, who talked to Dallas. Each conversation always seems to end with a comma, never a period. That would be too final. What a joy to be able to pick up right where you left off last month, last Christmas, or three years ago.

What did Roger Williams College do for me? It gave me a sense of myself. It provided me with one of the most important tools to live by: flexibility. And it gave me some of the best times with the best people I have ever known. As much as I still feel that pang to see everyone together again like old times, it is enough to know that you can always go back — at least to visit. And so it is in going

back that we realize how far we have gone and how much we have done since our days on that beautiful campus at the foot of the Mount Hope Bridge.

Lisa Guarneri '83 of Brookline, Mass., has been assistant director of alumnae affairs at Simmons College for the past two years. She is also pursuing a master's degree in children's literature at Simmons, and hopes to write children's books in the future. Guarneri, who majored in career writing at Roger Williams, is a member of the Roger Williams College Alumni Council.

Simple Gifts

Thoughtful and articulate alumnus Jim Williams '74 is not following the fast-track, "yuppie" lifestyle of many of his contemporaries. Instead, he has opted for the more simple life of a high school mathematics teacher and dormitory "parent" at the Darrow School, located in the mountains near New Lebanon, N.Y.

Jim was a resident of Connecticut when he arrived as a freshman at Roger Williams. He majored in humanities and worked part-time in the library. He remembers being unimpressed with the waterfront view from his dorm window. But he recalls being quite impressed with various humanities courses he took here. There was one in logic with Bob Blackburn and a course with Phil Schuyler, in particular.

"Because there were only three of us in Schuyler's class, we had to be prepared. As a result, I know more about De Gaulle than I ever wanted to know."

Jim mentions that, at Roger Williams, he learned flexibility, a quality that proved useful in the years following graduation. At first, he sold insurance and equities. "There were no jobs for history majors, then," he confesses. Next he studied for a master's degree in urban planning at the State University of Connecticut, while using research facilities at Yale. After five

years as a planner for the N.Y. Department of Transportation, he left the cities for the school in the Berkshires. His wife, Donna, now writes for *The Berkshire Eagle*.

The Darrow School occupies the 360-acre site of the first and largest Shaker community in America, dating from 1787. The Shakers are known for striving to achieve simplicity and order in all functions as well as symmetry in design.

With Jim, one senses a paring away of nonessentials. Despite his keen mind, he evokes an appreciation for the simple — for the genuine. Lines from an early Quaker hymn are recalled: "'Tis a gift to be simple, 'Tis a gift to be free." N.H.V.

Feeling Attached

The first student newspaper, *The Triangle*, came out each Wednesday and sold for a nickel a copy, claims its first editor, Norman Marcoux '48. Yet, while the paper cost a hefty five cents back in the late 1940's, college itself was free for Norman, one of the pioneers in the first daytime class. Like other returning World War II veterans, he received free tuition plus a modest monthly stipend for books and expenses from the government.

When Norman arrived — the date was July 1, 1946 — the college utilized one and one-half floors of the Y.M.C.A. Building on Broad Street in Providence. The school consisted of three classrooms, a small library, and



Norman Marcoux '48

an office. It was known as the Providence Institute of Engineering and Finance.

"Our instructors were businessmen and engineers, not full-time college professors," Norman remembers. "For example, we had a lawyer teaching business law who used to take us to the courtroom. We sat in the courtroom across from the jury box. Instead of two hours in the classroom, we had two hours in the courtroom."

Other memories range from Dean J. Harold G. Way, "a fabulous man from England who could teach anything" to "founding our first fraternity, Tap-a Keg-a Lager." (Some college recollections are universal!)

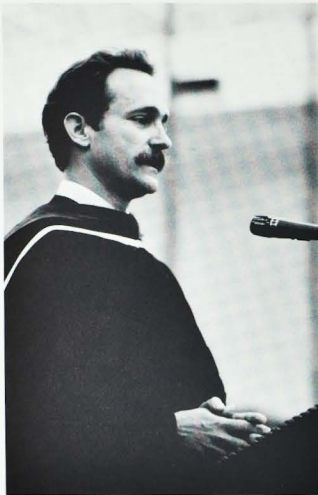
After receiving his associate degree in management, Norman transferred to the University of New Hampshire where he earned a B.S. in accounting. He began his career as an installment loan officer for Industrial Trust Company, now Fleet National Bank. Later, he joined Litton Industries, headquartered in Fall River, Mass. As an internal plant accountant, he traveled around the country auditing company records "without advance warning."

Married for 35 years, he and his wife, Alice, have a daughter, Linda Lee, who graduated from Carnegie-Mellon with a degree in statistics last May.

Until the 1985 alumni weekend, Norman had never returned to Roger Williams College. "I never felt attached until last year," he says. "Then Alice and I really enjoyed ourselves. Now we look forward to seeing people we met last year. If they hadn't come again, we wouldn't have either."

One of the alumni he refers to is Joseph O'Brien '50. Because Joe attended the college evenings, the two don't recall meeting before alumni weekend last year.

Norman lists as the highlights of this year's reunion a visit to Willner House, the president's residence, and attending a musical revue inside the "remarkable" performing arts center, which he had toured last year. He is feeling attached to the "new" Roger Williams College already. N.H.V.



Dr. Lloyd D. Keigwin, Jr., associate scientist in the Department of Geology and Geophysics at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Mass., delivered the address at the College's fall convocation on September 3. In keeping with the international theme of 1986 as the year of the ocean, Keigwin's speech on "Oceanography: Past, Present, and Future" included a brief history of the science and recent revolutions in understanding the ocean.

First-ever Faculty Strike Settled After 34 Hours

As the College community was welcoming new and returning students at its annual convocation on Wednesday, September 3, the faculty met and voted to strike. Classes were to have begun at noon. Most administrators, staff, and students were caught by surprise. It was the first teacher walk-out at the College since the Faculty Association was organized in 1972. The 118-member union is affiliated with the National Education Association/Rhode Island.

Contracts talks, which had been going on since spring, broke off early Wednesday morning after two days of all-night marathon sessions. Later, many observed that fatigue and a lack of communication had contributed to the stalemate. At approximately 8:30 p.m. the following evening, after a day of continued mediation by a federal labor official, the College and the Faculty Association reached an agreement on a three-year contract. Classes resumed at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

Under terms of the agreement, faculty salaries for 1986-87 will increase by 4 percent for those moving up the scale and by 4.5 percent for those at the top of the scale. In the second year of the contract the increase will be 4 percent for all; salaries will increase an average of 3½ percent for the final year. Under the old contract, faculty members at the top scale earned \$33,649 a year while those on the scale averaged \$26,000.

Students handled the tense situation "responsibly and creatively," according to dean of students Dr. Karen R. Haskell. "Although they were eager to begin classes, they found unexpected time to become acquainted and to check out resources, such as career services and health services." Haskell commends the Student Senate for organizing to keep students informed and occupied. "The anxiety level for freshmen on campus was high," she says, "but the student response was superb." N.H.V.

Library Inaugurates "Friends" Group, Honors Alfred Shepherd

For his many years of generosity to the Roger Williams College Library, Alfred J. Shepherd was honored on June 11, during a reception to inaugurate the "Friends of the Library." Shepherd, who is the chairman of the newly formed Friends, retired this year from Roger Williams College after 17 years as a researcher, consultant and, most recently, counselor in the College's counseling center. He is credited with the success of the tutorial program and the "early warning" system designed to help freshmen. This fall he is in London teaching a course for the College's theatre program.

As Carol DiPrete, assistant dean for academic services and library, points out, "We see the Friends as a group interested in sharing with others their enthusiasm for books and libraries." The Friends will also promote the work of the library by seeking gifts of books and other materials and encouraging supporters to donate funds for special acquisitions and projects. There will be a membership opportunity for Friends, as well.

At the reception, which was held at Willner House and hosted by President and Mrs. Rizzini, DiPrete presented Shepherd with an engraved plaque. Champagne and dessert were served, and musical selections were provided by the Mair-Davis Duo on mandolin and guitar.

The support group was launched by DiPrete, Shepherd, Kenneth Cedergren, Frances Katzanek, Elizabeth Palter, Wendell Pols, Rebecca Tildesley, and Shepherd's wife Mary Howe.



(Above) Carol DiPrete, assistant dean for academic services and library, with Bristol businessman Peter Hallock at the reception to inaugurate the "Friends of the Library." (Left) Alfred and Mary Howe Shepherd.

Alive! Arts Brings Twain, Carolers, Others to Campus

"I think most of the Twain impersonators, especially those who wear a white suit and smoke a cigar on stage, are pretty much doing impersonations of Hal Holbrook doing Mark Twain," says William McLinn. Twain always wore black tails on the lecture circuit and never smoked on stage. McLinn brings his rendition, "Mark Twain Himself," to Roger Williams on November 8 as part of the College's Alive! Arts Series. This year the series has expanded from four to eight performances. All events will be in the performing arts center.

McLinn, a former congressional staff member and seminarian, has made more than 1,000 appearances as Twain throughout the country and the world since he began performing in 1975. He was chosen by Hannibal, Mo., to impersonate Twain during the celebration of the famous author's 150th birthday celebration last year.

On December 3, "Nowell Sing We Clear," a pageant of midwinter carols, will be presented, along with a mummies' play, in traditional raucous style. Performers are John Roberts and Tony Barrand, known for their lively renditions of English folk songs, and Fred Breunig and Steve Woodruff, popular in New England as dance callers and musicians.

On February 9, the College will welcome Vinie Burrows, who will present her one-woman show, "Walk Together Children," an exploration of the Black presence in America assembled from the poetry, prose, and song of Afro-American writers. Burrows, who made her Broadway debut as a child actress, has performed in several Broadway and off-Broadway productions and at international theatre festivals.

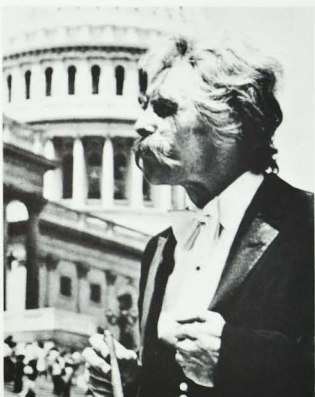
After two years researching, compiling, and editing works of known and unknown writers, Burrows developed "Walk Together Children," which opened to an enthusiastic reception in New York City in the late 1960's.

Since that time, she has performed her one-woman show in more than 1,000 college and university theatres

throughout the world and has added six other solo programs to her repertoire.

The remaining events in the Alive! Arts Series will be: Mitchell Rose and Diane Epstein, dance, comedy, and theatre on March 13; the Clark-Schuldmann Duo (piano and cello) with special guest Robert J. Lurtsema on April 9; and the one-man show James Humes as Winston Churchill on May 10.

All events are at 8 p.m. in the performing arts center. Admission is \$5 for each event, \$2 for students. The series is sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee. For more information, call the Student Services Office, 401 253-1040 ext. 2067.



(Far left) William McLinn as Mark Twain
(Left) Vinie Burrows (Above) Nowell Sing We Clear



Sharon Kearney, an intern in greenhouse management this past summer, joins faculty member Martine Villalard-Bohnsack in the new greenhouse. Kearney is a junior from Salem, Mass.

In Brief

"PM Magazine" Returns On August 25, the local television program "PM Magazine" aired a segment about the opening of the performing arts center at the College. It was the program's second visit to the barn, which was just emerging from its foundation in spring 1984 when "PM" filmed a story about the building.

Co-host Sprague Theobald '74, who joined Sheila Martines for the return visit on August 19, left the show recently to produce documentaries.

Greenhouse Blossoms Cacti, begonias, geraniums, houseplants, tropical plants — they're all growing at the Roger Williams College greenhouse. Built last year at a cost of \$28,000, the greenhouse extends from the east side of the science business building. The facility, a 16-by-31-foot Janco Lean-to Chesapeake Greenhouse, is used primarily by biology majors in the horticulture track.

Plants are grown here for use in general biology and plant physiology courses and for various lab demonstrations.

Each semester the greenhouse is put under the care of a student intern who sees that the plants are watered, fertilized, and treated for diseases. Dr. Martine Villalard-Bohnsack, who has taught botany at the College for 15 years and is in charge of the greenhouse, says that employers like the greenhouse management experience the horticulture students are getting. "Some graduates have obtained positions primarily because they had the greenhouse management job here," says Villalard-Bohnsack. Before Roger Williams built its own greenhouse, Blithewold Gardens and Arboretum allowed the College free use of its greenhouse for nine years, charging only for heating expenses.

Admissions: Looking for the "Good Fit"

by Elaine Brousseau

In 1940 about 13 percent of college-age young people went to college; by 1970 that number had jumped to 43 percent. Indeed, the 1960's and early 1970's saw more young people going to college than ever before, many of whom, for financial or academic reasons, might not have been eligible earlier. A number of institutions of higher learning opened their doors to these students and expanded by so doing. Roger Williams College was one of them.

But times have changed. And William Dunfey, director of admissions, has been analyzing the changes. As he sees it, Roger Williams College, as it heads toward the 1990's, is projecting the image of a solid liberal arts college with many career-oriented programs for the average to above-average student.

"I don't see Roger Williams changing that much in the next five years," says Dunfey. "Our goal is to take those students who may be average and provide them with a sound education so that they can move into positions in their chosen fields and do well." Dunfey does foresee, however, the College attracting a "significant number" of "very able" students who are in the B to A range, particularly those seeking to major in architecture, computer science, and the natural sciences.

The engaging admissions head, who took charge of the Admissions Office when former dean Robert P. Nemec retired this past spring, is originally from Hamilton, Ohio, and was graduated from Notre Dame in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in English. He then taught English in a Catholic high school in Cincinnati for three years. Fifteen years ago, he and his wife, Joan, also an English teacher at the time, moved to the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, a city they both liked despite the exodus of so many city dwellers for the suburbs in the early 1970's. This year Dunfey and his family bought a second house near the water in Bristol. They plan to live in Bristol during the summer and use the house in the winter on weekends.

Dunfey's three children are students in the Boston public schools: Beth, 13, is an eighth grader at Boston Latin; Will, 11, is in the fifth grade, and Kevin, 8, in the third grade at one of the elementary schools. His wife, Joan, teaches English and computer science at Lesley College in Cambridge, showing teachers how to integrate the computer into the language arts.

Dunfey was hired as associate director of admissions in August 1981 and was named director in spring 1985. Dunfey came to Roger Williams after a succession of college administrative jobs in the Boston area. From 1971 until 1974 he was in graduate school, teaching courses at community colleges at night. He has a master's degree in American studies from Boston College and has completed the course work for a doctorate in higher education there.



(Facing page) William Dunfey, director of admissions (Above) Gloria McMurrough, associate director of admissions

Does he miss teaching? "I haven't thought about it in 10 years but I'm starting to think about it again," Dunfey notes. From 1974 until 1976 he taught at Middlesex Community College, along with administering tutoring programs for freshmen and other academic support programs. From 1976 until 1979 Dunfey was director of admissions at Labouré Junior College in Boston, then worked for two years as coordinator of programs for a consortium of public colleges in Massachusetts that included the University of Massachusetts, Boston. In this position he did some recruiting of both adult and high school students.

What changes has Dunfey seen at the College in the five years he's been here? "Academically there has been a lot of stability in our programs, with some notable changes." The move from the four-year to the five-year accredited Architecture Program has resulted in a "tremendous increase in interest," says Dunfey. "It's a high-quality program," he continues. "Right now architecture is riding the wave, but things are cyclical in admissions. We in the Admissions Office are not relying on that program to be the bulwark of the institution. Diversity is one of our hallmarks."

Dunfey also applauds the addition of the two-year accredited program in respiratory therapy (see "In Brief," *The Bridge*, summer 1986) and the significant changes made to the curriculum for computer majors about three years ago.

But, by far, what Dunfey calls the "most dramatic" of the recent innovations is the introduction this year of the General Education Program, which combines four college skills courses in writing, mathematics, and speech with nine courses in ethics and moral reasoning, humanistic inquiry, historical study, literature and the arts, behavioral and social analysis, science and technology. The program is optional for freshmen this year and will be required next year for all incoming students. Dunfey, who has supported the General Education requirements ever since they were first discussed, calls the new program "one of the lead stories as we recruit this fall." He notes that "one of the neat features is that these are new courses developed especially for the program. The skills portion is particularly easy to promote. Prospective students and their parents like the real effort we're making to see that every student is competent. We're now looking at three components to a degree: the major, General Education courses, and skills courses instead of the major/minor approach we had before."

Having solid academic programs to promote is essential for the Admissions Office as colleges and universities nationwide move into the lean years ahead. The number of high school seniors has been declining since 1979, with 1987-92 looking to be the "worst years" in terms of numbers of high school graduates, says Dunfey. "Our work is going to be challenging. My ambition is to keep admissions at current levels. We're striving to stay where we are," with total day student enrollment between 2,300 and 2,400.

The Admissions Office plans to maintain enrollment in a period of a decline in the potential pool of applicants by recruiting more vigorously. "We've extended our efforts geographically in recent years," says Dunfey, including moving into the Maryland-D.C. area, which he calls "a natural extension of where we've recruited before."

Each fall about 15 to 20 states are represented in the incoming class. Besides New England, New York, and New Jersey, there are almost always a few students from Florida, Ohio, Illinois, and Maryland. "We've done a bit more spot recruiting," explains Dunfey. An alumnus in Cleveland, for example, will represent the College at a major college fair; Dunfey is making an appearance in Philadelphia and also in Illinois in the fall; associate director Gloria McMurrrough spent a week in Puerto Rico where, Dunfey explains, "other New England colleges have been very successful with recruiting." The office plans to extend its outreach into New Hampshire and Maine. "We still think that we can do better there."

Increasing the number of applications from Rhode Island is another priority. The key is getting the word out about all that is going on at Roger Williams to the state's guidance counselors. This year the Admissions Office plans to invite a number of guidance counselors to the campus to see firsthand some of the changes, says Dunfey. They'll see the architecture building going up, the performing arts center in operation, and hear about programs from faculty members. "I want them to see the institution as thriving and vital. I want guidance counselors to recommend the school to students more than they have, and I'd like to see greater attention paid to Roger Williams because I think we're deserving of it." This fall Dunfey will accompany Nancy Assalone, the admissions officer who covers Rhode Island, on a visit to selected high schools in the state. "This year we will be working hard to attract more students from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts communities. We need more commuting students."



Admissions counselors Nancy Assalone (left) and Mary Anne Johanson with Brian Davis, assistant director

The New Recruits — How Have They Changed?

Those future alumni, the Class of 1990, who became part of the College community in September, resemble recent graduates in many ways, but they're starting to show different interests, particularly in the choice of major.

Most incoming freshmen this year are male (61 percent) and they call the suburbs their home (60 percent). The overwhelming majority are white (95 percent) and have graduated from public high schools (78 percent). Academically, the new students are average to above-average, ranking generally in the middle fifth of their high school classes. Most first heard about Roger Williams College from high school guidance counselors or through the Admissions Office.

Chances are they're from Massachusetts or Connecticut, although the freshmen this year hail from 18 states. This year the Admissions Office received a record 720 applications from the Bay State. Of that number, 225 of those accepted have enrolled. Indeed, Massachusetts has led all states in number of freshmen enrolled in all but one of the last six years. By contrast, the number of applicants from Rhode Island has fallen off by more than 25 percent since 1980.

Architecture has overtaken business as the course of study most freshmen want as their major (23 percent of the class of 1990 chose it, although there were spaces for only 90 students), while those who arrived on campus still undecided about a major have grown to 20 percent of all incoming freshmen.

The number of students choosing to major in fine arts is on the increase since 1983, while students in the natural sciences and engineering technologies have declined steadily. Since 1982, the number of future alumni planning to major in business has dropped by 20 percent. The social sciences and humanities have been holding their own.

When asked why they chose Roger Williams, most incoming students mentioned academic programs, the attractive campus, and small class size.

International students presently make up about 8 percent of Roger Williams College students. The five-year plan Dunfey expects to prepare for international recruitment will take into account that quite a few international students are being recruited from private high schools in the United States. Dunfey is also investigating overseas recruiting trips made in conjunction with other colleges. A special travel agency makes all arrangements with the foreign secondary schools.

The College is enrolling fewer minorities now than in the 1970's, a situation reflected on campuses across the country. Dunfey says that his office has been making an effort to step up recruitment of minorities.

Dunfey carves out the geographical recruiting area and parcels out sections to the five professional admissions counselors in his office. Gloria McMurrrough, associate director of admissions for the past 12 years, handles Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. Jim Kapalla, an associate director for 13 years, tackles New Jersey and Long Island and this year will take on Pennsylvania. Brian Davis, the new assistant director of admissions, will represent the College in Massachusetts. To Mary Anne Johanson goes New York State, Vermont, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Nancy Assalone recruits in Rhode Island and, as the person responsible for the office, does a lot of interviewing and supervises work-study students. Joanne Fazzano is joining her as a part-time admissions counselor this fall. Florence Phillips, Sally Papi, and Cathy Sherman handle the secretarial workload.

Dunfey, who formerly was responsible for recruiting in Massachusetts, says that he will help Brian out a bit, as well as handle New Hampshire and Maine. "That is how we're extending ourselves," Dunfey observed. "And, with the Alumni Assistance Program (see sidebar), we'll be better represented in our key states of Connecticut and Massachusetts," he continues, sounding a bit like a political campaign manager.

How does the office handle the close to 3,000 applications that come in each year? Dunfey says that the College has what he calls a "modified rolling" admissions policy. An initial review of applicants takes place in late fall, with most application review done in December and January. Eighty percent of students receive a decision on their applications by January or February. The exception is for candidates for the Architecture Program where no applications can be received after February 1, and no candidate is notified of the College's decision until the application period closes and all applications are reviewed.

This year the new admissions director is following the lead of other colleges in giving each admissions officer a more active role in determining which candidates are accepted. Once an application is complete, one of the admissions officers will do the initial write-up and give a recommendation. "This gives counselors a feeling of completion," says Dunfey, especially if the candidate was one they had recruited and interviewed. "This way they are ultimately making the decision."

If you're in admissions it helps to be able to read people and sometimes read between the lines on an application form. Bill Dunfey certainly knows this. "What we look for in admissions is a sense of where there's going to be a good fit. I go out of my way to recruit a student when I sense a good fit, when I feel in talking to this young man or woman that he or she would be right for Roger Williams and would do well here."

If It's October, He Must Be Working — Seven Days A Week

Roger Williams College is well-served when Jim Kapalla is not at his desk. When he is away from campus, which is most of the time, chances are he is in New Jersey, introducing the College to high school seniors, parents, and guidance counselors. His single-handed efforts have paid off. After Massachusetts and Connecticut, New Jersey supplied Roger Williams College with more applications than any other state this year.

As associate director of admissions, Kapalla has been with Roger Williams for 13 years, working mostly out of his home in Roselle, N.J. He concentrates his recruiting efforts in his home state and Long Island, "sparingly" in the five boroughs of New York City, and "secondarily" in Pennsylvania.

Kapalla has been in admissions for nearly 20 years. Following a stint in the Army, he received a B.A. in business administration from Upper Iowa College. After four years as a dorm counselor there, he had a chance to be a recruiter for Upper Iowa in the New York metropolitan area. Five years later, former dean of admissions Robert P. Nemec recruited Kapalla for his team at Roger Williams. "Bob had had about a year's experience representing the College in New Jersey" and was eager to get Roger Williams better known in the state, says Kapalla. "I just picked up and visited the same schools I was familiar with, but this time I was introducing a new college."

Kapalla clearly loves representing a school in New England. "It's one of the easiest places in the country to present to people," he explains. Although colleges from all over the country recruit heavily in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, many high school students in this area are looking to go to a college that is within 300 miles of their home.

The College has become easier to present as well in the past few years, Kapalla notes. "High school counselors whom I see have gotten good feedback from the students who have come here. They're also impressed that we've recently built new dorms and a recreation center. And now the new architecture building."

"Having a five-year accredited Architecture Program puts us in an exclusive group," Kapalla adds. "Architecture opens doors. Since the installation of architecture there's been a quantum leap in interest."

When your car is your office and your trunk is your file cabinet, you had better be organized. And Jim Kapalla is organized. "Viewbooks always go in the same spot in my trunk," he insists. When he's on the road his four-door sedan is packed with "pictures, full displays, and all the literature that I can carry. There's no room for anyone else but me."

He totes all this material around mainly to mini-college days. "About 10 years ago, the approach in recruiting was to make an appointment to visit with the guidance counselors at a high school, then hope students would come down to visit you in the guidance office. Students had to get out of class to meet with you." High schools today are experimenting with mini-college days, to which between 10 and 20, sometimes as many as 40, colleges are invited.

October and November are without question the busiest months for an admissions officer, although September and December are active, too. Kapalla sums it up: "If it's October, I'm working days, I'm working nights, I'm working Saturdays, I'm working Sundays."



Alumni on the Road for Admissions Office

Only about one percent of this year's freshmen said that they had first heard about Roger Williams from an alumnus. But soon that number may be rising.

This fall the Admissions Office is sending alumni on the road to get the word out about Roger Williams College. "Some of them have been helping our office informally in the past," says admissions director Bill Dunfey of the nine women and four men who were selected for the new Alumni Assistance Program. "But this effort is the first on our part to identify a small group of alumni and focus their efforts on something," explains Dunfey, who credits associate director Gloria McMurrough with laying the groundwork for the program.

Indeed, McMurrough worked with five of the 13 alumni last year. Her own experience as a long-term volunteer in admissions for her college, Skidmore, (and as a past president of the national alumni association there), has helped her see what a wonderful resource alumni are.

The first group of hand-picked alumni volunteers will meet with admissions counselors in their states for lunch or dinner and an evening's training session. Counselors will give their alumni helpers the information that they use to recruit students, and will discuss the questions most frequently asked by prospective students and parents.

The first group of alumni volunteers is made up of Ann Dennehy '85 of Charlestown, Mass., Lisa Guarnieri '83 of Brookline, Mass., Frank D. Gilchrist, Jr. '81 of Whitman, Mass., Sharon Castelli '86 of Warren, R.I.,

George '82 and Ronita Holmes Williams '82 of Roslindale, Mass., Maria Yonadi '86 of Watchung, N.J., Dana Tripodi '86 of Bristol, R.I., David Baum '83 of Avon, Conn., Renee Morgan '84 of Woodbury, Conn., Betsy Cameron '85 of Ledyard, Conn., Debra Guth '83 of Shelton, Conn., and D. Paul Nalette '77 of Strongsville, Ohio. Also joining the alumni will be Nalette's wife, Barbara, an admissions counselor at Roger Williams from 1978 until 1983.

The purpose of drawing on alumni to help with admissions is, of course, to extend the reach of the Admissions Office staff. Each volunteer will represent the College at one or two college fairs in his or her area in October and November. "Or a maximum of three to four," insists Dunfey. "We don't want to overload them." Each may also be asked to participate in one of the off-campus receptions, which Roger Williams hosts in January for interested high school seniors and their parents at nine different locations throughout the Northeast.

Although many colleges with extensive alumni networks rely heavily on alumni volunteers to interview prospective students, Dunfey doesn't see his alumni program moving in that direction. That's a good idea for a college that draws its student population from across the country, says Dunfey, but "for a college as regional as we are, it doesn't make sense for alumni to interview students. We like to see prospective students coming on campus for a tour and an interview."

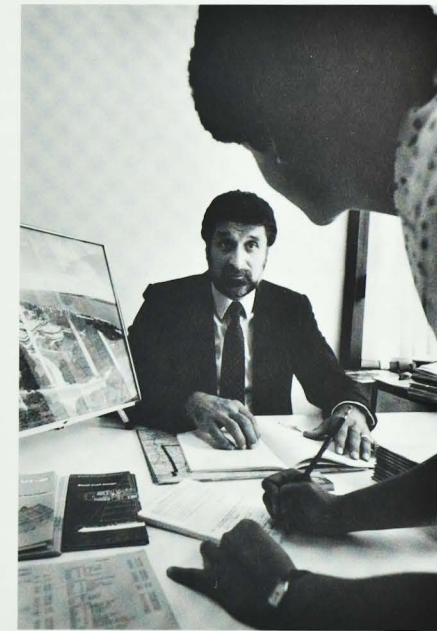
This year with the Alumni Assistance Program, "we want to do something small, and we want to do it well," says Dunfey. But he would welcome calls from prospective alumni volunteers. "We especially need people from New York, New Jersey, and northern New England (New Hampshire and Maine)." Interested alumni should call the Admissions Office at 401 253-1967.

Even alumni who are not "on the road" can help with recruiting, explains Dunfey, simply by recommending the College to high school seniors they know or providing the Admissions Office with referrals. "It gives alumni a sense of connectedness to the College," he says.

In October and November Kapalla is on the go seven days a week, crisscrossing the New Jersey-Long Island area. "You can't just go to one area and stay," Kapalla explains. Take October 20 for example. Kapalla has a major college fair to attend in Nassau, Long Island. Then he drives that evening to Montgomery, Pa., for a fair on October 21; after that, it's back to Suffolk, Long Island, for an event the following day. On a typical October day, Kapalla will be at one school for a mini-fair in the morning and at another in the afternoon. Then he either heads for home or to another part of the state to attend a college night.

When he introduces prospective students to Roger Williams, Kapalla emphasizes the variety of programs, the College's small size, and the relatively low cost of tuition, compared with other private colleges. He strongly encourages the prospective student to visit the campus. "I tell students to come up and evaluate us intuitively, to feel the vibrations of the college community."

Many do come to visit before applying, but an even greater number send in their applications without ever having seen the campus. For at least some of these students, talking to Jim Kapalla must have convinced them that Roger Williams College might be the right place. After all, as he puts it, "When I'm in Long Island or New Jersey, I *am* the College."



(Facing Page) William Dunfey with Gloria McMurrough and alumni volunteer Sharon Castelli '86 (Above) Jim Kapalla, associate director of admissions

Meditations on a T-Shirt and Roger Williams

by Michael R.H. Swanson



This year Rhode Island celebrates its 350th birthday. As the College takes its name from the state's founder, Roger Williams, The Bridge asked Dr. Michael R.H. Swanson, who has taught American studies here since 1972, to help us commemorate the state's founding as a democratic refuge by writing about Roger Williams. "Meditations on a T-shirt and Roger Williams" is the result.

One cannot leave Rhode Island for any length of time and keep abreast of latest developments. Returning from trips to Europe and the Midwest, I chanced by a store in Bristol and noticed the latest in T-shirt art, a celebration of the state's most recent anniversary emblazoned with "Rhode Island: 350 Years in a State of Confusion." My first reaction was one of mild amusement. Later, remembering that I promised *The Bridge* a few remarks on Roger Williams, my mind kept returning to the slogan on the shirt. What would our most famous "founding father" think of this, should he return today? Are we really in a "State of Confusion" and, if so, is that such a bad state to be in?

Massachusetts Bay certainly thought so. Uniformity of action, if not uniformity of opinion, was so desired that Roger Williams was cordially invited to leave. Confusion is considered socially dangerous by those who know "THE TRUTH." I suspect that Roger Williams was never quite that certain. I don't mean to imply that he was wishy-washy or without opinion. Rather, his thought continued to evolve in response to events and conditions of his day in a way that was both creative and productive.

Roger Williams was not the only "founding father" of our state. Other exiles came from Massachusetts Bay and England and founded settlements on both sides of Narragansett Bay. But only Roger Williams was able to harness all the communities together, getting them to cooperate with one another. Sometimes the steps necessary to create compromise were ludicrous. The smallest colony (now the smallest state) had the longest name "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." In colonial times it had five distinct seats of government *simultaneously*. A few of today's oldest citizens can remember when it had two capitals — Newport as well as Providence. There's confusion for you.

While in Rhode Island, Roger Williams developed a sense of the *possible* that was unique for his era. In his famous "ship analogy," he likened a society to a sailing vessel. Conformity was necessary only on those issues that affected the safety of the vessel. Divergent thinking and behavior could be accepted in every other instance.

His view of what was "essential agreement" in the political arena was more narrowly focused than the views of his contemporaries. Therefore there was room in his colony for persons and philosophies he found personally repugnant. He never backed away from an argument: he also never sought to *end* the argument by oppressing his opponent.

Williams had a pilgrim's personality. In one sense, every position he took was a tentative position. One thing that concerned Williams and his contemporaries was a variant on the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Most Puritans took the position that one should not be in "communion" with those not of the "elect." "Communion" was a matter not only of sharing religious sacraments but also of community participation.

Roger Williams spent a good deal of his adult life wrestling with this question. As he developed doubts about the theological soundness of this or that person, he would withdraw from communion with him. At one point, the only person with whom he remained in communion was his own wife!

Having pursued exclusivity as far as he could go, Roger Williams followed a line of logic that led to an astounding reversal of position. He came to suspect his own ability to determine whether *anyone* was spiritually "right" or "sound." If only God knows who is righteous, he argued,



"Landing of Roger Williams," an engraving published by Johnson and Fry Company, New York, 1866. Courtesy of The Rhode Island Historical Society

then the only appropriate thing to do would be to leave the spiritual judging to God and enter into communion with anyone who led a decent life.

From that point on, he never called himself a Puritan, Congregationalist, or Baptist. He did not even often refer to himself as a Christian. Rather, he most often called himself a "Seeker." No doubt many of his contemporaries thought him "confused," if not worse. Perhaps he was "confused" — if so, this confusion contributed to one of the most fruitful lives of the colonial era.

People may chuckle in a patronizing fashion at the 350 years of "confusion" Rhode Island has endured as a state. Here at Roger Williams College, the confusions we experience on campus can frustrate us intensely. But we shouldn't be too quick to complain about confusion, if the life of Roger Williams is an example. There is a close relationship between confusion and freedom, and also a close relationship between freedom and growth.

One of the alternatives to being "confused" is to be *dead wrong*. One of the ways to remain dead wrong is to be *certain* that you are right. Accepting a degree of social confusion is one of the risks that freedom requires of us. There are two patterns to the way people seem to cope with uncertainty and confusion. Some are so afraid of it that they fear to take any action. Others see it as an opportunity to work their will upon their world.

Perhaps we all ought to run out and buy our own "State of Confusion" T-shirts. Whether or not we do, let's not laugh too loudly and too long at Rhode Island or our College. Think about the fluid, changing situations that are often marked by confusion as chances for us to be as honest, ambitious, and creative as Roger Williams was. He *may* have been confused, but he has also been remembered and honored more than many of his more "certain" contemporaries.

"Roger Williams, Fact and Fancy: Perceptions of Rhode Island's Favorite Son" is The Rhode Island Historical Society's exhibit in celebration of the state's 350th anniversary. It continues through November at Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent Street, Providence.

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Rulph Chassaing



Ulker Copur

Chassaing Receives NSF Grant The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Dr. Rulph Chassaing of the Engineering Technology Division a grant of \$9,591 to enhance the Senior Project Laboratory. The award was made under NSF's College Science Instrumentation Program; the purpose of this program is to support excellence in science and engineering instruction at undergraduate institutions.

The title of Dr. Chassaing's project is "Digital Signal Processing Applications." The grant runs for two years and will be matched by the College to purchase digital equipment.

According to Dr. Chassaing, digital signal processing integrates microprocessors in areas such as communications and controls. This relatively new field has emerged in the past 10 years as a result of the development of microprocessors. Students in the Senior Project course will now have "an opportunity to apply the techniques of digital signal processing, particularly in the areas of communication and control and speech and image enhancement," Dr. Chassaing indicates.

"Job opportunities for students are excellent, and this is one of the highest salaried fields of all engineering programs," Dr. Chassaing reports. He points out that "more and more schools with traditional electrical engineering programs now have introduced programs in computer engineering." Roger Williams College graduates 15 to 20 students annually in computer engineering.

Dr. Chassaing, who has been with Roger Williams since 1975, has also been successful during the past year in receiving gifts of state-of-the-art equipment from such companies as Texas Instruments, Motorola Corporation, and Raytheon. *E.S.P.*

New Faculty Appointed The dean of the College, Dr. Bartholomew P. Schiavo, has made the following appointments to the faculty this fall. They are Ulker Copur and William L. McQueen, Architecture; David E. Melcher, Business; Elizabeth A. Peck, Library; and Ed Devlin, Open Division. The latter replaces Dr. William H. Knight, III '70 (see page 20). Martha Christina, Fine Arts, and Loretta Shelton, Humanities, have taken on duties in addition to half-time teaching.

Copur had been associate professor at the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, University of Oregon, following teaching positions at Yarmouk University in Jordan and at Middle East Technical University in Turkey. She earned a Ph.D. from Cornell in 1976, an M. Arch. from the University of Oregon, and a B. Arch. from Middle East Technical University. Copur has directed and coordinated numerous research, planning, and design projects involving various aspects of architecture, urban and preservation planning. She has published and lectured extensively. A concert pianist, she has performed in Turkey, Austria, England, and the United States.

McQueen had been an adjunct faculty member at Roger Williams for the past two years. Previously he had taught at Boston Architectural Center. He is a registered architect in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and a certificate holder from the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards. McQueen earned a B. Arch. from the University of Illinois; he has taken graduate courses at the University of York in England and at Harvard Graduate School of Design. He has been in professional practice since 1969, most recently with Mastroianni/McQueen Architects of Boston and Milford, Mass., where he executed and coordinated many public, commercial, and residential commissions, including town hall renovations, housing for the elderly, condominiums, office buildings, store interiors, and private homes.

Melcher has spent 20 years in management positions for the Marine Corps, where he had been controller, assistant head of community relations, logistics officer, and security officer. He received a B.S. *summa cum laude* from Roger Williams College in 1976 when he won the Business Award for

Outstanding Achievement. He earned an M.S. in management from the Naval Postgraduate School, where he later taught.

Peck comes to Roger Williams from Brown University where she was catalog librarian. Previously she had been reference librarian in the Art and Music Department of the Providence Public Library and information specialist at Indiana University. Since 1984, Peck has been review editor of *Art Documentation*, a periodical published by the Art Libraries Society of North America. Her degrees are an M.L.S. and a B.A. from Indiana University.

Devlin had been an adjunct faculty member teaching business and construction science in Open Division, as well as an adult education recruiter for the College since 1984. Prior to that, he had been a director of Fisher Junior College on Cape Cod, a building inspector for the Town of Yarmouth, and a facilities engineer for Eastman Kodak Company. Devlin's degrees include a B.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.S. in business administration from East Tennessee State University.

Christina is director and editor of Ampersand Press, publishers of fiction and poetry chapbooks. She had been an adjunct faculty member since 1977 at Roger Williams, where she teaches creative writing. Christina earned a B.A. from Indiana University, a B.A. from Roger Williams College, and an M.F.A. from Vermont College. Her poetry has appeared in *Tendrill*, *Poets On*, and *Poetry Now*. One of her poems has been accepted for future publication in *Yankee*.

Shelton is a faculty member in Humanities and director of the Learning Center, which provides academic assistance and student tutoring. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in English. She earned an M.A.

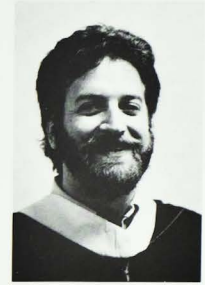
from Rutgers University and a certificate in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf, a writers' conference. She has taught at Rutgers University, Portsmouth Abbey School, Burlington County College, and in the Florence (N.J.) Township public schools. *N.H.V.*

New Administrators Named Three alumni have been appointed to administrative posts at the College. They are Dwight Datcher '74, Thomas Oates '71, and Scott Yonan '77.

Datcher is the new sports information director. He had been basketball coach here, following three years as assistant basketball coach at Georgetown University. Oates heads the controller's office. A former chief accountant at Woonsocket Hospital, he earned an M.B.A. at Bryant College. Yonan, who has been international student advisor on a temporary appointment since February, has accepted the permanent position. Yonan stayed on after graduation to fill positions as head resident and director of residential living. After heading West, he served as youth activity supervisor for the Texas Youth Council in Dallas, foreign student advisor at the ESL Center in Dallas, and, since 1983, international student program specialist at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

Brian Davis is the new assistant director of admissions. He had been admissions director of Franklin Institute in Boston. His degrees are an M.T.S. from Boston University and a B.G.S. from Wichita State University. James Woodruff has been appointed staff psychologist. He earned a Ph.D. from North Texas State University, an M.A. from Central Michigan University, and a B.A. from the University of Vermont.

Barbara Weber heads the financial aid office. She had been associate director of financial aid at Morehead State



Scott Yonan '77

University following her studies for an M.Ed. at Kent State University and a B.S. from Mount Union College.

Patricia Scott is assistant director of career services. A former coordinator of student activities and career counselor at Terra Technical College in Fremont, Ohio, she has an M.A. from Bowling Green State University and a B.S. from the University of Oregon.

Christine Hrynowski is welcomed as an assistant director of student life. She holds an M.A. from Indiana University and a B.S. from the University of New Hampshire. *N.H.V.*



"Taking all things together, I say, I thought I might as well go below and make a rough draft of my will. "Queequeg," said I, "come along, you shall be my lawyer, executor, and legatee."

It may seem strange that of all men sailors should be tinkering at their last wills and testaments, but there are no people in the world more fond of that diversion. This was the fourth time in my nautical life that I had done the same thing. After the ceremony was concluded upon the present occasion, I felt all the easier; a stone was rolled away from my heart."

On the Pequod, *Moby Dick*

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Agostinelli Named to Governor's Commission Anthony Agostinelli, faculty member in the Social Science and Open Divisions, has been appointed vice-chairperson of the Governor's Justice Commission. The commission was established to coordinate all the institutions involved in the justice system in Rhode Island, which includes the courts (Supreme, Superior, District, Family, etc.) corrections (Adult Correctional Institutions, Probation and Parole Office), Public Defender's Office, and Attorney General's Office. The commission also recommends how the Governor should allocate such federal funds as those available through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Agostinelli is also chairperson of the commission's Criminal Justice Information System Committee, which is developing a plan to use computers to bring together pertinent information so that cases can be handled more efficiently.

Fawcett Published *Supervision in Early Childhood Education: A Developmental Approach* by M. Temple Fawcett and Joseph J. Caruso was published this summer by Teachers College Press, Columbia University. Fawcett is a faculty member in the Social Science and Open Divisions at Roger Williams. The book offers suggestions and provides guidelines to those who supervise staff members in day care centers, nursery schools, Head Start programs, kindergartens, and primary grades. Fawcett coauthored the book with Joseph Caruso, who is director of instruction for the Fall River, Mass., public schools.

Fawcett directs the Early Childhood Program at the College. She has recently been a member of the Day Care Salary and Training Committee of the R.I. Legislative Commission and currently serves as a member of the Massachusetts Office for Children Task Force on Group Day Care Licensing Standards. She has also been a consultant to the Massachusetts State Department of Education working on early childhood education.

Fawcett and Caruso will speak on supervision in early childhood education at the national conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C., this November.

Eight on Sabbatical Eight faculty members are on sabbatical leave for all or part of the 1986-87 academic year. Following is a list of the instructors and their sabbatical plans: Rocco Colagiovanni (spring 1987) will continue to research and write a mathematics textbook. Dr. Joseph Neuschatz (fall 1986) will review research literature on social support and support-seeking behavior. Barry Kleckner (spring 1987) will do a comparative study of what colleges similar in size and type to Roger Williams are doing to assess, plan, and improve audiovisual services for the 1990's. Wendell Pols '71 (fall 1986) will design an evaluation and testing program for the library component of the developmental and college skills courses.

Roland Chase (fall 1986 and spring 1987) will begin work on a new law book, investigate establishing a *Roger Williams College Law Journal* focusing on Rhode Island law, and research the state's zoning law. Dr. Phillip Szenher (spring 1987) will do research on censorship in literature and prepare an essay about censorship and community standards for possible publication. Mary Spalding (spring 1987) plans to review pilot studies and new mathematics textbooks and develop a syllabus for the first two years of the mathematics curriculum. Dr. Joseph Alaimo (fall 1986 and spring 1987) will complete a draft of a composition textbook.

1958

Richard A. Scott of Smithfield, R.I., has been promoted to sales manager of the Burrillville and Woonsocket offices of J.W. Riker Realtors. He was formerly controller and assistant treasurer for Glas-Kraft, Inc. of North Smithfield. He has been associated with Riker for the past four years. Scott and his wife, Ann, have three children.

1971

Russell J. Ferland of Pawtucket, R.I., has been promoted to director of computer-aided design and drafting at the Robinson Green Beretta Corporation, an architectural firm in Providence. He has been with the firm since 1973 and is a registered engineer in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Stanley Quinn is manager of Otis Elevator Company in Portland, Maine. A native of Rhode Island, Quinn joined Otis in 1971 as a service helper and moved up to service representative and now manager. He lives in North Gorham, Maine, with his wife and their two children.

Anthony W. Verdelotti was ordained a deacon of the Roman Catholic Church on January 19 by Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of Providence. Verdelotti worked as a revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service in Boston for nine years before completing his theological studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. He will serve at Saint Anthony's Parish in Providence.

1972

Anne Caldarella has been named coordinator of the Displaced Homemaker Program for the R.I. Department of Human Services. She has been with the center for the past six-and-a-half years as supervisor of career counseling. Caldarella was director of public relations and publications at Roger Williams from 1976 until 1978.

Pasquale J. Zarlunga of North Providence, R.I., is a Democratic candidate for the North Providence Town Council. Zarlunga is chief estimator and construction manager for the Bacon Construction Company in Pawtucket. He is a former national director of the Associated General

Contractors (AGC) of America, and, in 1983, was commended by the R.I. chapter of the AGC. Zarlunga, who has been active in the Marienville Fire Department for more than 30 years, is also a life member of the State Firefighters Instructors Association. He also teaches construction science courses in the Open Division at Roger Williams.

1973

Joseph P. Geaber, Jr., of Wakefield, R.I., has been awarded a juris doctor degree from Suffolk University. Geaber is a police sergeant for the South Kingstown Police Department. He and his wife, the former Deborah Mills, have two children.

Joseph J. Sgambato has been appointed general sales manager at High Vacuum Equipment Corporation in Hingham, Mass. He joined the company in 1979 as a sales administrator and has since held divisional sales management positions within the company. He lives in Weymouth, Mass.

1975

William M. Preston was recently appointed staff engineer in the technical services department at Dryvit System, Inc., in West Warwick, R.I. He was previously with ITT Grinnell Corp., Providence, as a senior product engineer in the pipe hanger division. Preston lives in Smithfield, R.I., with his wife, Rosemary, and their three children.



William M. Preston

1976

Douglas L. Adler was elected town moderator in Charlton, Mass., last November. He moved to Charlton in 1978 and has been active in town life since, serving in the volunteer fire department and in the ambulance squad. Adler, who is supervisor and power pool coordinator at New England Power Exchange, lives with his wife, Jeanne, daughter, Karina, and sons, David and Christopher.

Second Lieutenant Charles S. Sivo graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

1977

Philip Boczanowski is head of Boczanowski, Inc., of Medway, Mass., a construction company that has exceeded its goal in construction and sales at the Summer Hills Subdivision in West Medway where 99 houses are scheduled to be built. Boczanowski also has several projects under construction in the San Diego, Calif., area where he lives with his wife and daughter.

John Conway's poem, "Clothes Make the Man," will be included in *The Norton Anthology of Light Verse* to be published next year. The anthology is used as a college textbook.

Conway is the author of three small volumes of poetry, including "The Winter City," which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize as a small press selection in 1984. His work has appeared in a number of newspapers, magazines, and journals, including *The Christian Science Monitor*, *New Bedford Magazine*, and *The Hiram Poetry Review*, and he has recently received a grant to work on a collection of his poems. Conway is employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island as a researcher and writer.

Philip Sloan, a partner in the law firm of Longolucco, Vinci and Sloan in Westerly, R.I., has been appointed town solicitor of Charlestown, R.I.

1978

Thomas L. Norris has joined the Bourne, Mass., school system as part of the industrial arts team at the high school.

1979

Daniel L. Skelly of Duxbury, Mass., has been appointed the chief of the Capitol Police, the 76-member force that guards the Statehouse and other state government buildings in Boston. Skelly, who had been chief of police in Duxbury since 1983, was chief of police in Rehoboth, Mass., from 1979 to 1983.

He earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Anna Maria College and is an instructor with the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. He and his wife, Karen, have two children.

1981

Denise J. Bastien, assistant graphics curator for The Rhode Island Historical Society, helped *The Bridge* obtain a copy of the engraving "Roger Williams Landing" (page 15) from the society's archives. An historic preservation graduate, she lives in Bristol.

Jane F. Fearing received a juris doctor degree in May from the University of Bridgeport School of Law. While in law school, she served as dean of the Bridgeport chapter, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. Fearing also was a member of the student bar association and a student member of the American Bar Association.

Barbara J.D. Listenik, an artist, had her paintings displayed recently at the Morin-Miller Galleries in New York City. Listenik has done work in advertising, music videos, and an independent feature production. She has had work published by *Lance*, *Variety* and *Aldebaran Literary Magazine*. Her work has also been displayed at Worcester Academy and Walkens Cafe in New York.



Barbara J.D. Listenik

1982

Robert Duquette of Fall River is the newest Conservation Commission agent in Westport, Mass. He is currently working on a master's degree in biology at Bridgewater State College.

Donald S. Margarita has been appointed purchasing manager for Anderson-Little. He has held management positions in purchasing at the Rhode Island School of Design. He lives in Fall River with his wife, Jo Ann, and their son, Donald John.

Thomas Miller, new director of the drama club at Bristol High School, Bristol, R.I., directed students there this past spring in "Theatrical Voices," a compilation of scenes from many plays. Miller holds a graduate degree in directing from Illinois State University.

1983

Suzanne Lopes was recently named materials manager at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Mass. An employee at the hospital for more than 17 years, Lopes had been director of Central Processing for the past five years. She had also been a licensed practical nurse in the surgical department. Her new responsibilities will include centralizing the purchasing and receiving process into a computerized system.

1984

Army 2nd Lt. Mark W. Jackson, a field artillery officer with the 18th Field Artillery in Fort Sill, Okla., recently participated in a NATO-sponsored exercise in the Army's return of forces to Germany (REFORGER) and the Air Force's Crested Cap exercises. He was formerly from Warwick, R.I.

Peter Lauria is project manager for General Restoration Company in New York City, a contractor specializing in exterior restoration of stone buildings in the New York area. He is responsible for coordinating and supervising projects.

Kenneth J. Tavares, formerly of Warwick, R.I., completed an airplane repair course at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

Roger R. Brisson of Providence graduated from the U.S. Air Force graphics course at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

Lorraine Damaso of Warren, R.I., has been promoted from bookkeeper to business manager at St. Andrew's School in Barrington, R.I.

1986

Peter E. Cabral was recently promoted to lieutenant in the Somerset, Mass., Police Department where he is the training and crime prevention officer. Cabral, who has been with the department since 1971, has served as head of the department's detective division. In 1983, he was promoted to sergeant.



Knight To Head Program at Central New England

Dr. William H. Knight, III, '70, a member of the faculty at Roger Williams since 1971, has accepted an appointment as director of engineering technology at Central New England College in Worcester, Mass. He will oversee curriculum development in the engineering technology program and will be responsible for hiring faculty and acquiring equipment. Of Central New England's 2,400 students, about 1,250 are studying engineering technology.

At Roger Williams, Knight was a member of the faculty in the Open Division. In the 15 years he taught at the College, he had also served as coordinator of the Engineering Technology Division and as director of cooperative education. Knight helped develop the construction science major, offered through Open Division.

After graduating from Roger Williams with a bachelor's degree in industrial technology, Knight earned a master's degree from Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kan., in 1971 and, in 1976, an Ed.D. in higher education with an emphasis on engineering technology curriculum development from Nova University. He and his wife, Margaret, will continue to live in Greenville, R.I., with their three-year-old daughter, Laura.

Marriages

Michael Owen O'Shaughnessey '70 to Janice T. Pieri, July 19, 1986
Judith A. Feuti '76 to Michael L. Rouette, June 14, 1986
Catherine Ann Silvia '76 to Rickey Joe Williams, April 6, 1986
Paul Michael Caruso '77 to Nancy Auroe LaRoche, April 6, 1986
Robert DiRenzo '77 to Diane Capps, November 9, 1985
James Gerard Flynn '78 to Marianne Paquet, June 7, 1986
Kevin Donald Ouellette '78 to Catherine Marie Leary, April 26, 1986
Alfredo DiMauro, Jr. '79 to Marie Elizabeth Daglio, July 4, 1986
Kenneth Stephen LaForce '79 to Victoria Elaine Silvio, June 1, 1986
Andrew J. Hudock, IV '80 to Kimberly K. Thompson, May 17, 1986
Elizabeth M. Truitt '80 to Dr. Rick Lewis, June 4, 1986
Laurie Ann Yaskot '80 to Thomas Paul Donovan, June 7, 1986
Scott Bauer '81 to Joanne Boutsioulis, May 25, 1986
Thomas Charles Winchell '81 to Suzanne D. Boucher, July 12, 1986
Geoffrey S. Brown '82 to Amy J. Middleton, April 19, 1986
Jo-Ann Parker '82 to David Michael Fleischman, June 29, 1986
Jan Boenau Robinson '82 to David Thomas Hartt, September 21, 1986
Stephen A. Sabetta '82 to Sandra Jean Tamburro, June 28, 1986
Raimond David Tedesco '82 to Cheryl Anne Kulinski, April 11, 1986
Leo Denis Messier '83 to Diane Marie Petrucci, June 28, 1986
Ronald J. Smiley, Jr. '83 to Kristine Yanakakis, December 1985
George L. Stamatakis '83 to Kimberly A. Barber, June 22, 1986
Luis I. Teixeira '83 to Dina Fernandes, July 19, 1986
Taylor Rowe Treat '83 to Jane Elizabeth Gifford, July 12, 1986
Karen Vilandre '83 to Richard Costa '83, May 17, 1986
Stacey Lynn Wright '83 to Edmund A. Roberts, Jr., June 28, 1986
Paul A. Bertelli '84 to Susan D. DeFusco, June 15, 1986
Judith A. Crowley '84 to Philip J. Howell, June 28, 1986
Richard Donat Desrochers '84 to Grace Evans Ferguson, August, 1986
Jeremiah Scott Ellis '84 to Diane Marie St. Onge, June 14, 1986
William F. McKeon '84 to Polly Burton Finch, May 3, 1986
John Wesley Patrick '84 to Kathryn Ann Hughes, April 19, 1986
William Joseph Primiano '84 to Gina S. Amaral, June 14, 1986

William F. Rizzini '84 to Christine A. Rebello, June 21, 1986
John Joseph Ryan '84 to Diane Mary Campbell, June 28, 1986
Arthur W. Boisvert '85 to Bethany J. Taylor, June 14, 1986
Stephen A. Cardi '85 to Tina S. Moretti '84, May 25, 1986
Ronald Clay Cardoza '85 to Rosella Ann Conley, June 14, 1986
James K. Hassett '85 to Susan Palmisciano, April 13, 1986
James Frank Marcello '85 to Mary Elizabeth Murphy, April 26, 1986
Deborah Marie Parker '85 to James Kevin Drew '84, May 17, 1986
Carl J. Tirocchi '86 to Jane E. Kaminski, June 14, 1986

Births

D. Paul Nalette '77, former president of the senior class, and his wife, Barbara, former admissions counselor at Roger Williams College, announce the birth of their second child and first son, Stephen Paul, on July 17, 1986. They live in Strongsville, Ohio, together with their daughter, Jennifer.
Judy Order '79 of Worcester, Mass., and her husband, Paul Fortin, announce the birth of their daughter, Tory Rose, on May 2, 1986.

Deaths

Conrad J. Carlson '53 of Attleboro, Mass., a salesman for the Brownell Mill Supply Company for many years, died June 20, 1986. He was the husband of Patricia T. Brennan Carlson.
John E. Mansolillo '58 died October 12, 1985 in Providence. Mansolillo, 56, was a civil engineer for Howard Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff Company, Boston. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Economou Mansolillo, and two sons.
Richard Hencler '59 died November 28, 1985 at the age of 66. A Providence resident, he was a project engineer for BIF Industries for 27 years until his retirement. He was the husband of Halina Tyrk Hencler, and he leaves a son and a daughter.
Lt. Col. Leonard W. Mayo '72 died June 27, 1986 in a traffic accident while on active duty with the Army Reserve at Fort Drum, N.Y. Mayo was a systems analyst at the Bird Machinery Company in South Walpole, Mass. He was the husband of Eleanor M. O'Brien Mayo of Somerset, Mass. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and a daughter.
Stephen J. Polselli '74 of Wellsville, N.Y., a sales representative for A.B.F. Transportation Company in Youngsville, Ohio, and a former resident of North Providence, R.I., died on December 6, 1985. Besides his wife, Ann L. Root Polselli, he leaves a son and a daughter.

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Michaela Scanlon of Ferrycliffe Stables rides Lacey, one of the College-owned horses.



Equestrian Team Coaches Set Up National Organization

by Elaine Brousseau

Bunny Ramsay and Michaela Scanlon have gone national. The two coaches of the Roger Williams College equestrian team have set up the Intercollegiate Dressage and Combined Training Association (IDCTA), the first collegiate association for dressage and combined training. "We started it because there was no organization for colleges interested in combined training to compete within," explains Ramsay, who with Scanlon manages Ferrycliffe Stables on the property adjacent to the College.

Most colleges belong to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, whose parent organization is the American

Horse Show Association. According to Ramsay, in hunter-jumper shows the rider's performance is judged against other riders in the ring. The host college provides the horses, so often a rider in competition will be riding a particular horse for the first time.

Combined training is as different from this "as English is from Western," says Ramsay. In combined training events, horse and rider are judged one at a time and are judged against a perfect score, something like the compulsory exercises in gymnastics. A combined training show typically consists of competition in the very discip-

lined dressage (the French word for training — it really refers to the "dance of the horse and rider," says Ramsay), cross-country jumping (this is jumping against permanent obstacles that don't move, like stone walls and hedges), and stadium jumping (against fences that will knock down).

"It's always a learning program for the rider," insists Michaela Scanlon. "You're working against a perfect score, and you get to see how well you did in all the events at the end of the day." As with the other type of horse shows, those placing highest receive ribbons and trophies.

A number of New England colleges and universities like the University of New Hampshire, University of Lowell, and University of Connecticut have already joined the IDCTA, which is still in its infancy. (The first organizational meeting was held two years ago.) The group has the approval of the U.S. Combined Training Association, which sent a representative to the organizational meeting and has been putting schools in touch with the IDCTA. Press releases about the organization have also been sent to all major horse magazines. "Roger Williams College has been good about helping get information out," says Ramsay. "We're starting out regional, but inquiries have been coming in from all over the country."

Ramsay and Scanlon are setting up a schedule for fall competition. Combined training competition is more difficult, from a logistics angle, on the non-host teams than other types of horse shows. "There's more traveling with horses," explains Ramsay. Because so much of the emphasis in combined training is on the way the horse and rider move together, it's essential that a rider compete on his or her own horse. Each college team, then, brings along its own horses instead of letting the hosting college provide horses.

Bunny Ramsay has been an equestrian advisor and coach at Roger Williams for eight years now; Michaela Scanlon joined her as a coach and manager of Ferrycliffe Stables four years ago. There has been an equestrian club at the College for the past eight years, a team for the past four. Between 30 and 40 students participate in equestrian events each year. The team holds tryouts twice a year. Team members generally take riding lessons once a week and extra practice before events.

The equestrian program is not designed only for those who have been riding for years. Scanlon encourages students who are interested but who have little or no previous riding experience to look into the program. "Sometimes we have beginners," she says. "In competition there is a level for the newcomer."

And, of course, being a woman is no handicap. Says Ramsay: "Men and women do not split in equestrian events. It's perhaps the only sport where men and women compete as total equals."

Mark Your Calendar

Following are dates for remaining fall contests in club football, soccer, cross-country, and women's volleyball. (Women's tennis finished its season on October 15, the golf team on October 18.)

Club Football		Head Coach: Manuel Chantre (1st year)	1985 Record: 0-8
OCTOBER			
25 Sat.	Merrimack College	(H)	11:00
NOVEMBER			
1 Sat.	Stonehill	(A)	1:30
8 Sat.	Bentley College	(H)	1:00
Soccer		Head Coach: Bob Frye (9th year)	1985 Record: 27-8
OCTOBER			
21 Tues.	Bryant College	(H)	3:30
23 Thur.	Curry College (conference game)	(H)	3:30
25 Sat.	Eastern Connecticut State	(H)	2:00
28 Tues.	Anna Maria (conference game)	(H)	3:00
NOVEMBER			
1 Sat.	Clark University	(A)	7:00
Cross-Country		Head Coach: Harold Smith	
NOVEMBER			
8 Sat.	ECAC Championships	(A)	TBA
Women's Volleyball		Head Coach: Joel Dearing (6th year)	1985 Record: 27-8
OCTOBER			
21 Tues.	CCRI/Becker Jr. College	(A)	TBA
28 Tues.	New Hampshire College (tournament)	(A)	6:00
31 Fri.	Bryant College	(A)	6:00
NOVEMBER			
7-8 Fri.-Sat.	RWC Invitational (tournament)	(H)	TBA
	Framingham State/Eastern Connecticut State		

**Hector Massa Receives
Walter Pierce Award**

Hector Massa, athletic director at Roger Williams College for the past 14 years, received the Walter "Pard" Pierce Award from the Association of Baseball Umpires of Rhode Island at a special banquet on May 29 at Archie's Tavern in Pawtucket, R.I.

The award is presented annually by the association to a member who has made a significant contribution to the Rhode Island Interscholastic League baseball program. Massa, who has umpired league games for 40 years, retired from the league at the end of the season.

To Readers of *The Bridge*

Is there a story you would like to comment upon? An issue or program on campus that has sparked your interest? Your fellow alumni would like to read what you have to say.

We are also interested in hearing about what you're doing and where you're living. Send information about your job, graduate school, family, awards, promotions, etc., for the "Class Notes" section of *The Bridge*.

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Letters

Editor:

Congratulations to you and your staff on the excellent job you are all doing with the "new" Bridge.

While The Bridge has always been the best way to keep up with what's happening at Roger Williams, the quality of your summer 1986 issue made it a real joy to read. In both form and content, The Bridge has come a long way since its inception. Your alumni must be pleased!

We all know the value of retaining alumni support to build for any college's future. Thanks for your active role in providing for the future at Roger Williams College.

*W. DeWolf Fulton
Roger Williams College
Corporation Member*

Editor and staff:

Congratulations to all who have contributed their creative skills and apparent hard work for producing a truly fine alumni magazine. The new layout is excellent, as is the overall quality of the magazine.

The new Bridge is at least as good as several area alumni magazines being produced by much larger institutions, with decades more experience.

Take a bow, Dr. Palter, Nondas Voll, Elaine Brousseau, and Bridge staff members. You all deserve a round of applause.

*Dennis Afonso '83
North Attleboro, Mass.*

Editor:

I am impressed with the new format and appearance of The Bridge and found the summer '86 issue to be enjoyable reading. The student profile and the faculty "Currents" were especially noteworthy.

Keep up the good work with The Bridge, and good luck.

*Pete Lauria '84
Staten Island, N.Y.*

Editor:

Thank you to President William Rizzini and the Alumni Weekend Committee for hosting a very enjoyable alumni weekend on the campus. Everything was great and both my wife and I will look forward to our annual return next year.

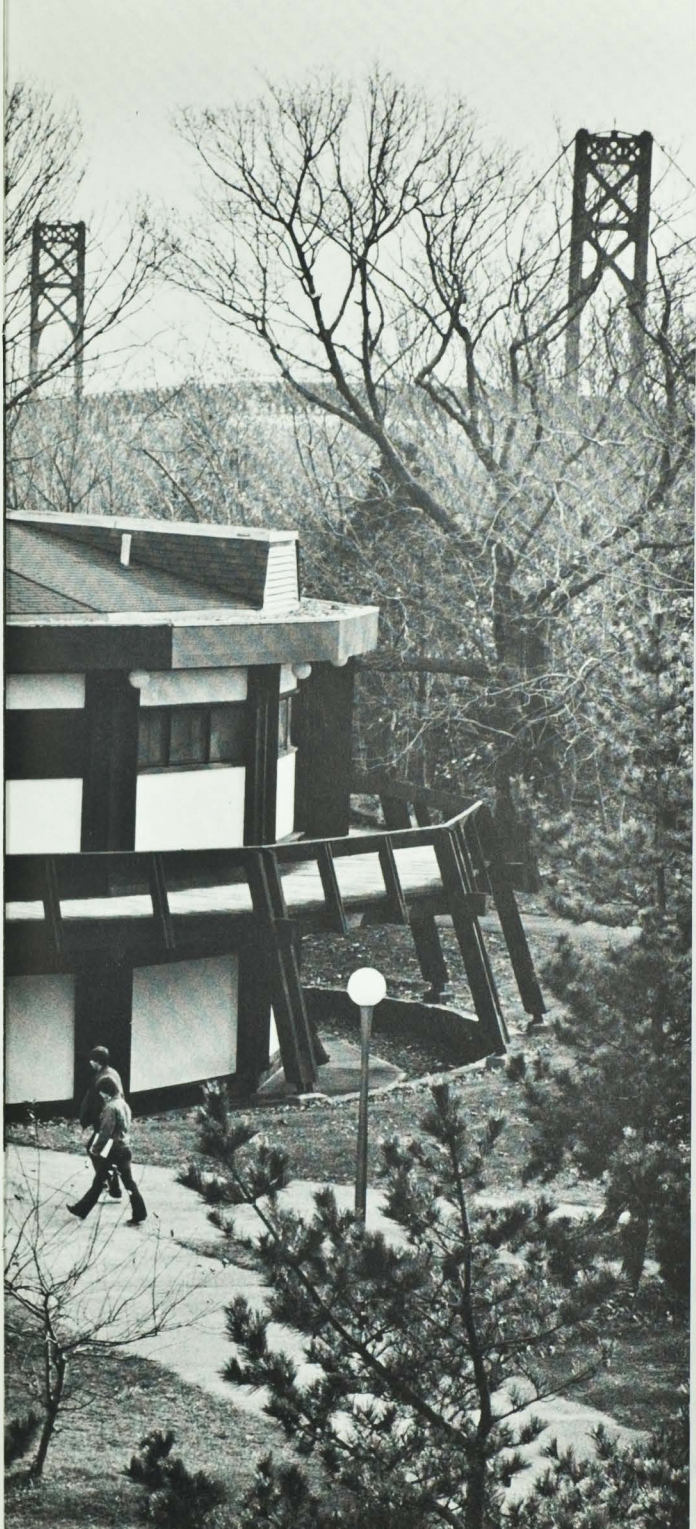
Our only regret is that so many of the Roger Williams College alumni are not taking advantage of this opportunity to join us for the fun festivities — pool party, sailing, musical show, cocktail party with faculty, planned tour of new facilities, plenty of good food, clean townhouse dorms, and all for a very reasonable cost. Also, to top it off, the younger children spent the entire time in a camp atmosphere. The kids had fun while the parents were free to join in on all the alumni activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all alumni to mark their 1987 calendars when the July dates are set and then make a strong effort to return to the beautiful Bristol campus for a gala alumni weekend. If they don't come they are missing out on a real fun time. I know the alumni committee will be working hard to provide the activities that the graduates want.

Again, thanks for a very memorable time.

*Joe O'Brien '50
Sayreville, N.J.*

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Vinie Burrows in "Walk Together Children," February 9, 8 p.m.,
performing arts center

Parents' Day

October 25, on campus

Concert

Mair-Davis Duo, November 2, 3 p.m., performing arts center

Groundwerx Dance Theatre

November 7, 8 p.m., performing arts center

Open House for Prospective Students

November 16, noon-4 p.m., on campus

Small Craft Design Workshop

November 21, on campus

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November 23

Many Moods of Christmas Concert

December 7, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Bristol

Creative Writing Program Series

Reading by Thomas Lux, November 20, 8 p.m.

Reading by Terry McMillan, December 11, 8 p.m.