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# View from the Bridge

## A Penny Saved

by Thomas V. Falciglia  
Executive Director for Development



**H**ere's a question which may be on the minds of many people these days. How does the new Economic Recovery Act of 1981 affect gifts a donor may make to a charitable institution such as Roger Williams College?

You see, up to the twentieth century few people were concerned with the tax implications of gifts made to their favorite charity because at that time taxes had very little, if any, impact on charitable giving. However, during the last sixty years or so the imposition of income, gift and estate taxes, at graduated rates scaling up to 70% (soon to be reduced to a maximum of 50% by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981), coupled with the Reagan administration's encouragement of philanthropy, has created an environment where few significant gifts to colleges such as Roger Williams are made without considering the tax consequences of such gifts.

The new schedule of tax rates under the 1981 Act will reduce to some extent the tax benefits of a gift to Roger Williams College. But, while the principal motivation for such gifts continues to be a desire to help the institution involved, one cannot ignore the effect which such gifts have on the taxation of the donor.

I bring this to the reader's attention because the trend in charitable giving these days, for donors making larger than average gifts, is in the direction of planned giving.

Planned giving, which may be a confusing term to some, has also commonly been referred to as "Deferred Giving," or "Estate Planning" or "Major Giving." Any of these names can be interchanged with the term "Planned Giving." One definition of a planned gift is that it is a gift made with specified property, in a specified format, with a directed purpose to produce the maximum donor satisfaction, and the maximum good for the particular charity involved.

Among the many forms of planned gifts are bequests, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, gifts of stocks and bonds, real estate, personal property and others.

Why are we discussing a subject such as this when everybody knows that the state of the economy these days allows most people little room to include charitable giving in their budget? The answer is that the subject is most important when the economy is hurting. There are many ways to save money through tax benefits which result from major donations and planned giving techniques.

Roger Williams College is now in the process of establishing an endowment fund. It is one of the most impor-

tant planning steps the College can take to insure a strong financial future.

Gifts to an endowment fund can be made by conscientious donors through proven planned giving methods, and much money can be saved for some donors while helping the college to achieve this worthwhile goal. A perfect example of this is the gift which Roger Williams College received in December of a charitable remainder trust worth in excess of \$110,000 by a member of the Roger Williams College Corporation. The donor realized a considerable savings in capital gains taxes by making the gift, and the trust will provide an income for the donor for life. The College also has received over \$200,000 in life insurance gifts to date.

The Roger Williams College Development Office (255-2311) can provide information on deferred giving plans for anyone interested.

It might be worthwhile for you to investigate.

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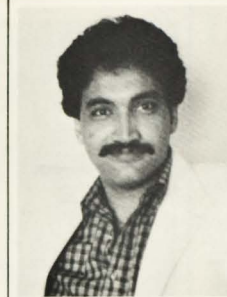
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# Programs

## London Theatre

Twenty-seven students returned to campus from Roger Williams College's annual London Theatre Program. Studying about the world's finest theatre while living abroad for a semester allows students to come to know themselves better and to appreciate other cultures.

Although the faculty is drawn from the large number of professional and educational theatre experts available in London, Betsy Argo and William Grandgeorge have recently been alternating as Program Directors. One of the great advantages of this program is that students are able to benefit from the wealth of actors, playwrights, directors and critics who are available to serve as guest lecturers.

Among the courses given at the students' residence in Talbot Square are:

Theatre Design Workshop	
Modern Drama	The Theatre of Shakespeare
Acting Workshop	Seminar in Directing Problems
British Theatre and Its Cultural Influences	

A typical day begins with students having breakfast at eight in the morning. Within an hour the dining rooms are converted into classrooms for three hours of lectures and seminars. On Fridays there are no formal classes; however, field trips usually occupy the day or even the whole weekend. Afternoons are often spent by the group at a matinee, the premier of an American movie, or visiting an historic site. Almost every evening is spent at a performance — ballet, symphony, or theatre.

Interestingly, the students often set the agenda for their field trips and explorations. As Betsy Argo comments: "Unless they make the connections themselves, they won't experience the learning. They tend to be very serious about their studies. This most recent group 'lived' in the libraries. And, like the students back on campus, the London students do have 'pop' quizzes, mid-terms and finals!"

William Grandgeorge reports that, different as each London program has been, the amount of growth he has seen in the students who have had the London program opportunity still amazes him. He once said: "I suppose that no students fully realize what the London program means to them until they've been home five years. But then that might very well be true of any student's appreciation of the entire Roger Williams College experience."

During this past semester in London, there were several guest lecturers. Roger and Jean Burton gave a delightful presentation on cockney language. Penny Castedgli, writer of children's and adults' plays for the BBC, also spent a morning lecturing. Mary Ann De-Veleig, publicist for the Geoffrey Ballet, was a guest



Betsy Argo presented donation to St. Paul's Covent Garden Church

speaker; another authority, this one on career management for artists, visited.

A special treat was afforded the students when Ray Harry Hunthausen, an American special effects master married to a British wife, gave a lecture. After luncheon he accompanied the students to the ballet, explaining that by studying movements — both ballet and opera — he is better able to create realistic special effects.

This year the Roger Williams College program received much publicity because of Betsy Argo's efforts on behalf of St. Paul's, the actors' Covent Garden church. Her idea was to have American colleges offering theatre courses in London to repay their debt to the British theatre by donating to this fund. Photographs of Betsy and the RWC students turning over a "check for £50" appeared in *The Stage* and *Television Today* and numerous newspapers in England.

In speaking about her most recent London Theatre Program, Betsy talked about the friends she's made during her stay in London. She cited Dr. and Mrs. Wang, Eugene and Patience, who staff the American Reference Center. She told about Felix Barker, the famous London theatre critic, who invited the students to "high tea" in Kent one year. From that gracious respite the students then toured Kent and St. Alban's, famous for its ruins of a Roman theatre — the only one in England.

Betsy complimented the students who participated in the most recent program. "They were one of the most congenial and gregarious groups I've been with. Like the British, their courtesy was staggering, and they made more friends everywhere they went." She says that she looks forward to her next visit to one of her favorite cities, its friendly inhabitants, and some of the best theatre in the world.

## Venice and Portugal

During the June 1982 Intersession a four-week program in Venice and a three-week program in Portugal are being offered. The academic trip to Venice is designed for architecture students, as well as those in restoration, fine arts, theatre and humanities. Seminars will be taught in English by Italian professors. Topics to be covered are: ancient and modern architecture, ancient urban spaces, interior design, restoration, and history of architecture and art. Weekly field trips to other Italian cities will round out the program. For further information, contact Dr. Luigi Butera (255-2326).

The program in Evora, Portugal, is under the direction of Dr. John Christina (255-2168). Students can arrange for projects in many areas. Studies must be arranged prior to departure and can be completed upon return. Travel to Lisbon and the nearby shores will be included.

## London Intersession

The American Studies and History Areas announce a joint program of study in London for the January 1983 Intersession. Three courses will be offered, each worth one unit or three credits. All students will take *Cultural Institutions of England*, an examination of the major institutions which shape the cultural life of the British public. Students will also choose either *Architecture and Preservation in England* or *Great Cities in History: The History of London*.

Exclusive of transportation to and from England, the tuition and fees will be \$860, which includes room and board. For more information, contact Dr. Joshua Stein of the History Area (255-2238) or Dr. Michael Swanson of the American Studies Area (255-2289).



London Theatre Program students with Betsy Argo (on left)

# RWC Highlights

## Apathy or Advocacy

**W**ho says that today's college students are apathetic? To debunk the myth, look to the efforts RWC students expended to oppose President Reagan's cuts in financial aid to higher education.

In March, Ray Perry, President of the Student Senate, and Jeff Williams, President of the Freshmen Class, traveled to Washington to meet individually with three of the Rhode Island congressional delegates. They linked with thousands of student representatives from across the nation to demonstrate in front of the Capitol Building.

Back on campus, Ray and Jeff joined with students in five teams of two in order to carry their message into the classrooms. Using leaflets as well as verbal explanations, they activated student protest against the drastic cuts which many of their RWC friends will experience next fall.

Two other activities sponsored by the Student Senate were: a rally in Providence with several delegates of ARISE, the Association of Rhode Island Students, which was attended by Senators Pell and Chafee and Representatives St Germain and Schneider; and the "Mom and Pop Campaign." In this effort students sent postcards to their parents asking them, as principal tax payers and voters, to write their congressmen about the financial aid cuts.

With the strength shown in such effective student advocacy, who says that today's college students are apathetic?



Children's Theatre tours elementary schools

## Children's Theatre

**D**uring January Intersession, the RWC Children's Theatre performed for over 15,000 Rhode Island and Massachusetts students in 35 elementary schools. The touring company, in its seventh year, was

(photo by Gloria LaBounty - reprinted by permission)

under the direction of Betsy Argo. The actors and technical crew were all RWC students.

Each year Betsy has written or adapted original children's plays which tap into current intellectual and emotional needs of young people. This season's play was "Stevie's Prime-time TV Trip," a children's version of the development of theatre.

## Options for the 80's

**A** most successful Career Fair was launched this year by Fran Katzanek, Director of Career Planning and Placement. Sponsored by the Placement Office, the Business Club and the Cultural Affairs Committee, "Options for the 80's" began with an all-day fair in which 45 companies and agencies recruited from booths set up in the Snack Bar. Late in the afternoon the sponsors hosted a wine-and-cheese mixer for employers, administrators, faculty and seniors.

In the evening Jayne Lybrand, a communication specialist and well-known speaker, presented "Body Language Plus." As a former Director of Student Activities at a college in Texas, Jayne turned the study of non-verbal language into a dimension that was personal, sensible and useful to college students.

"Spring Essence," a fashion show and dance put on by the RWC United Minority Coalition, concluded the career fair week on Friday night. Act I featured clothing to wear on an interview, coats, and evening attire. Act II displayed western garb, sports and casual wear, and clothes for that first job. The outfits were provided by local merchants. Good food, music and door prizes rounded out the evening.



## Open House

**D**espite a chill wind, the sixth annual Open House was a huge success. Over 2,500 visitors came from as far as Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and all the New England States. Most left with good feelings about the College, its offerings, and the warmth and enthusiasm of the administrators, faculty, staff and students.

This year's Open House was almost double in size. Many were accepted students and their parents who came for a campus tour, viewed academic exhibits, attended theatre and dance performances, and shared refreshments with college representatives.

Panel discussions covered:

- Housing - "Options and Opportunities"
- Dean of Students Office - "Being a Student at RWC"
- Career Services - "Choosing the Right Career for You"

William H. Wadbrook '73 (far left) recruited for Abbott Management Group

## Workshops

**D**avid Howard, former Director of Public Relations and, hence, former editor of *The Bridge* alumni magazine, returned to campus recently. He conducted two newspaper workshops for students. The first covered editorial philosophy, editing copy, editorial writing, and journalism layout. Two weeks later he gave a layout and design workshop.

Presently David is the publisher/editor of *The East Providence Post* and *The Seekonk Star*. He credits experience on a college newspaper for inspiring his successful journalism career. The College appreciates his continued support.

## Students in Who's Who

**F**ive Roger Williams College students were selected for the 1982 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Their nominations as outstanding campus leaders were based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential. They join a small group of students chosen from more than 1,300 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Darlene Mikula is well-known to *The Bridge* readers for her articles on faculty and students which have appeared in previous alumni bulletins. A creative writing major, she is editor of the *Aldebaran*, the RWC literary magazine. She has contributed to the student newspaper; she is a member of the honor society. A native of upstate New York, she will graduate in May, after having accelerated in three years.

Ray Perry, President of the Student Senate, was featured in the fall issue of *The Bridge*. Ray has also worked on the student newspaper as well as the campus radio station. He is Chairman of the College Disciplinary Board and a member of the College Appeal Board. He will graduate in May with a major in psychology and a minor in business administration. Ray lives in Coventry, Rhode Island.

The President of Alpha Chi, RWC's Honor Society, Gretchen Ebel, was the student covered in the winter issue of *The Bridge*. A marine biology major, she has participated in numerous activities including the RWC Energy Committee, the RWC Mail Committee and

the Student Senate. She hails from Chester, Massachusetts.

An Accounting major, Ann Roberts, was also named to *Who's Who*. She is a member of Alpha Chi, a programming assistant in the RWC Computer Center, and a resident of Middletown, Rhode Island.

Akram Tamimi, an international student, is highlighted elsewhere in this issue. Akram, too, was included in *Who's Who*.

## Creative Writing Series

**T**homas Williams, winner of the National Book Award in 1975, spoke at the College early in April. His talk initiated the spring semester series on creative writing. Among his works of fiction are: *Ceremony of Love*, *Town Burning*, *The Night of Trees*, *A High New House*, *The Hair of Harold Roux*, and — most recently — *The Followed Man*.

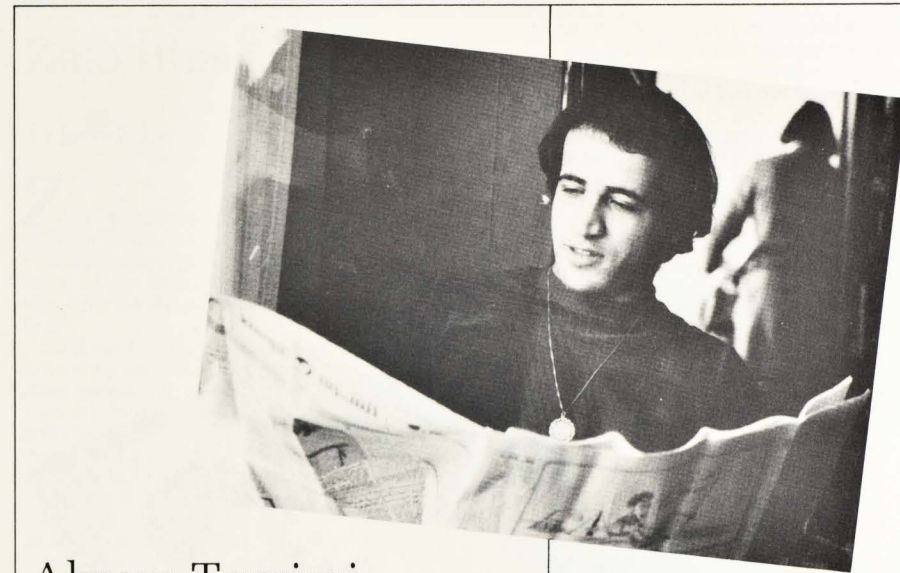
Late in April Richard Meade, a Chicago poet, presented the second reading in the series. His poetry has appeared in *College English*, *Worcester Review*, and elsewhere. His first book, *Swimming the Channel*, was published in 1981.

## You Judge

**T**here was a full media blitz felt on the campus with the two-part Reaganomics' debates held during March. WPRI-TV highlighted the speakers one evening; WEAN-AM aired interviews with three of the debaters; many of the newspapers carried articles both before and after the events.

What warranted such coverage? Four nationally recognized experts on Reagan's policies debated the pros and cons of his military and domestic programs. On March 16 Gordon Adams, Senior Research Associate for the Council on Economic Priorities, spoke on "Reagan's Military Program: Prescription for National Disaster." Then Brigadier General Robert Richardson (U.S. Air Force, retired) countered with "A Blueprint for National Security." At the following debate on March 22, Howard Phillips, National Executive Director of the Conservative Caucus, addressed "Reagan's Domestic Program: Help for the Truly Needy." Frank Ackerman, editor of *Dollars and Sense*, an economics journal, countered with "Help for the Truly Greedy."

Faculty coordinators were Kevin Jordan, representing the "liberal" viewpoint, and Frank Mancini, providing the "conservative" view. Both are members of the College's Social Science Division.



Akram Tamimi

Akram Tamimi, international student from Jerusalem

by Joyce Davis

**R**ows of green rolling countryside. Patches of farm and fields. The smell of salt from the sea. An occasional snow in winter and cool trade winds in summer. Sound like Bristol, Rhode Island? It could be, but it's not.

It's a description of Hebron, a city in the West Bank which rests about 15 miles south of Jerusalem. It's climate is very similar to that of Bristol. There are schools and stores and farms there. But the substance of any city depends upon the people, culture and life-style, and that is where the similarity ends.

Akram Tamimi, a junior civil engineering major at RWC, was born in Hebron. In the U.S. for little more than a year and a half, Akram has had to adapt himself to a new way of life. "In Hebron, in the West Bank, everything is done with the family which is usually very large. When families stick so closely together, one gets a very narrow view of society, and the family is your 'community'."

"Here families seem much smaller and there is far more of a social life. The 'community' is the entire society around you and there is constant interaction. I like the social life here. Many of the foreign students fear they will be rejected or maybe just don't try to 'mix-in'

with other members of the college community. They stick together so some never really get the chance to experience the different culture and meet new people. I've learned so much by being involved and opening my mind to new surroundings and the people around me."

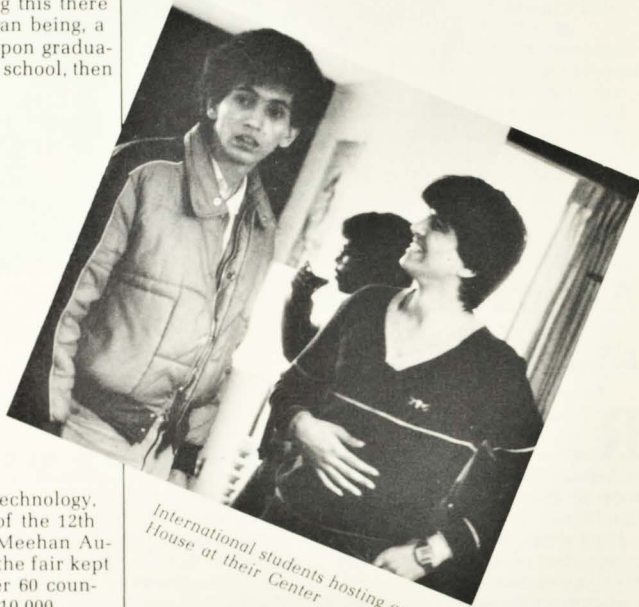
Akram came to the U.S. for an education, and for the international student there are many added facets to a college education. "Language was a big problem at the beginning. I could not communicate very well in English so my first few months here were lonely and hard. I wanted to get everything I could from my situation. I wanted to experience life in America, but first I had to be an observer. I watched and listened and adjusted to the new life-style. The people here are friendly; they accepted me as I accepted them."

One of the first foreign students to be chosen as a Resident Assistant, a member of the Alpha of Rhode Island Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society, and most recently nominated as one of five RWC students to be included in the 1982 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, Akram has been recognized as an outstanding member of the College community. While immersed in a culture very different from his own, he has retained his native background

as well. "Now I have two languages. I have experienced a different way of life and learned about different people. I can take the good things from my own culture and the good from this way of life and have the best of both worlds."

"Being thousands of miles away from home, I cannot afford to go there on vacations and weekends and intermissions. I eat here, sleep here, and work here, so I feel as though this is my home, and this," he says, and proudly surveys his room, "this is my house, I live here."

Akram believes that an important part of an education is, "learning how to open your mind to different people and their values and cultures. By doing this there will be a better understanding of the human being, a better chance for a peaceful existence." Upon graduation in 1983, Akram plans to attend graduate school, then return to his homeland.



*International students hosting an Open House at their Center*

## Mustapha Gharee

An undergraduate in civil engineering technology, Mustapha Gharee, was chosen Chairman of the 12th annual International House Fair. Held at Meehan Auditorium in Providence on April 24 and 25, the fair kept more than 500 volunteers representing over 60 countries sufficiently busy. Between 5,000 and 10,000 people attend this special event each year to raise funds for International House.

Mustapha came to the United States after graduating from high school in Teheran, Iran, in 1975. After attending other colleges, he came to Roger Williams College. His German-born wife, Jutta, was a student at Rhode Island School of Design when they met. Since he is unable to return home nor are his parents able to visit him here, Mustapha extends himself to provide hospitality to other students away from home.

Roger Williams College is honored to have this generous young man who devotes himself to caring for other newcomers to Rhode Island numbered among its undergraduates.

## Zaki Binsadic

by Joyce Davis

Zaki Binsadic is a junior civil engineering student at Roger Williams College. He is here on a Saudi Arabia Education Mission scholarship. When Zaki graduates from college he will step into a civil engineering position with the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education.

"It is hard in the U.S. because when you graduate you have to go out and sell yourself and compete with many other people for one job. I am very lucky that I have a secure future in Saudi Arabia. But America is very good in other ways," says the tall cosmopolitan gentleman, smiling beneath a tan wool cap. "There is so much one can do here, and everyone does his own thing."

What is Zaki's 'own thing'?

Zaki chooses a pair of leather boots and places them on the checkout counter. He fills out a check and hands it to the sales clerk.

"Do you have a credit card?" the clerk asks mechanically fulfilling standard operating procedure.

"Yes," Zaki replies confidently. "I have one hundred and fifty of them," he says and pulls out a select few.

No, Zaki isn't an oil sheik; nor is he joking with the sales clerk. He collects credit cards. His collection includes such major cards as Visa, MasterCard, and Diners Club, as well as a number of clothing, banking and industrial credit cards.

He pulls a glossy Lane Bryant card from his file. "This is a unique one for me to have, I suppose." Zaki returns the women's "plus-sizes" store charge card to his collection. "I don't use most of them though; it's a hobby. When I came to the U.S. everyone asked if I had a credit card. I wanted to rent a car. 'Do you have a credit card, sir?' I wanted to cash a check at a store. 'Do you have a credit card?'" Zaki leans forward and grins. "It was kind of a challenge. I have a lot of hobbies."

Zaki is an international traveler, has a purple belt in Tai Kwan Do — a Korean style of karate — and has a collection of over 7,000 matches, match books and boxes from all over the world. But presently, and most importantly, he is a student.

"I attended Montgomery College and George Washington College, both in the Washington area, a big city. They are fine schools, but there were too many attractions, or distractions, there for me.

"I came to Roger Williams because it felt like a more academic atmosphere. It is small, quiet. There is also



*Zaki Binsadic, student from Saudi Arabia*

a very fine international student service here."

Zaki is from Mecca, the holy city in Saudi Arabia where Muslims from all over the world make their pilgrimage.

"There are many different people in Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, but most of the foreigners there have come only to work or come for a short time on the Hajj, the pilgrimage. The U.S. is made up of people from everywhere. It has a definite international flavor which I love — people, cultures, foods, languages."

Zaki pauses then readjusts his cap. "I like classy, fine, nice things. And I like variety. That's why I am here."

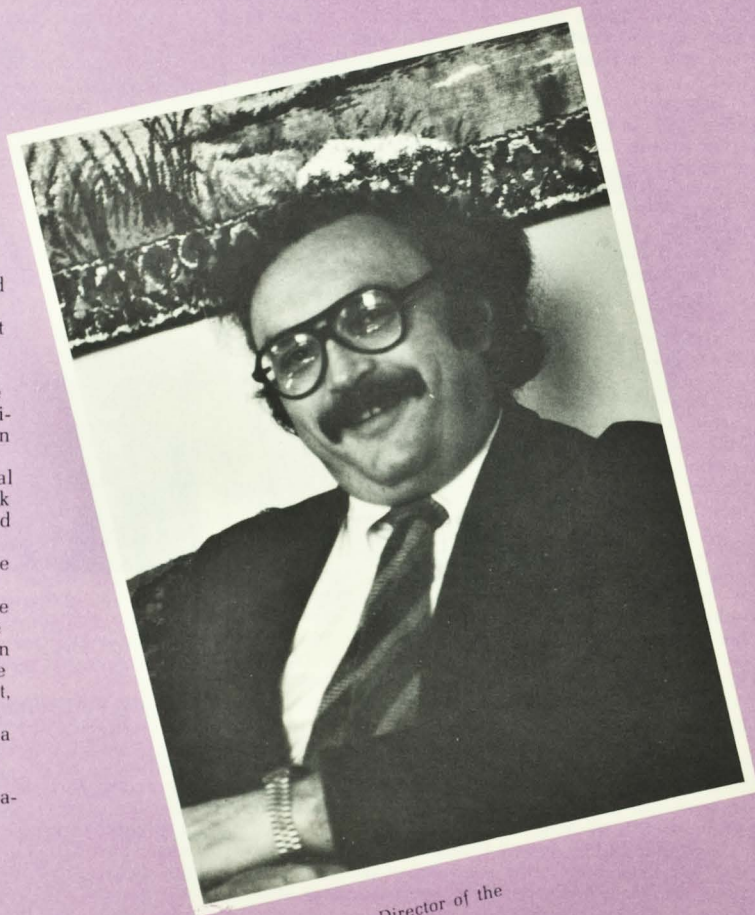
# The International Center

by Joyce Davis

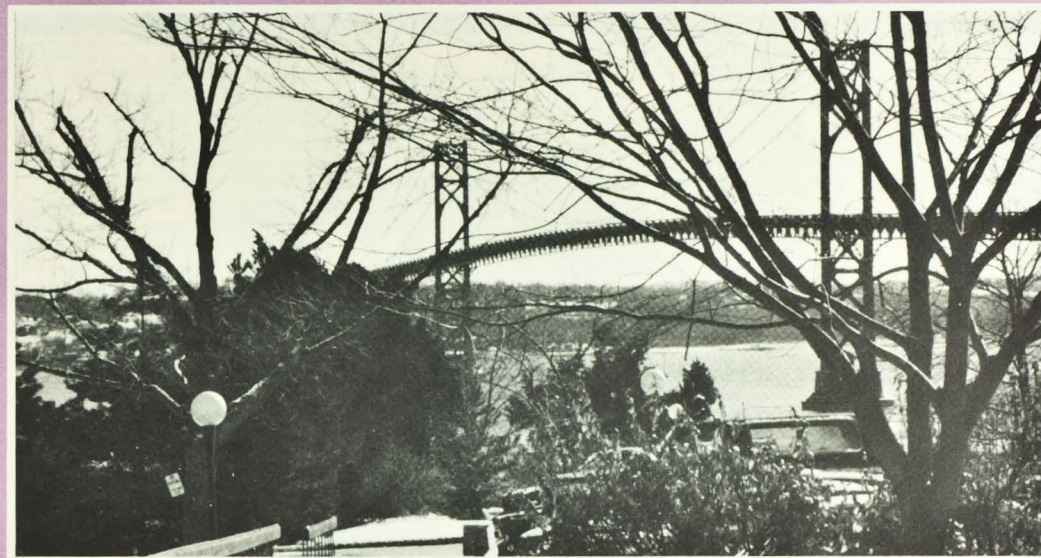
Approximately one hundred and seventy international students at Roger Williams College represent more than thirty nations. They contribute a variety of cultures, life-styles and experiences to the College and surrounding communities. In addition to participating in Homecoming and Open House activities, many of the international students are often invited to speak before local schools and social and professional groups.

Located at the side of Residence Hall I, the International Center serves as a nucleus or home base for international activities on the RWC campus. At the Center, foreign students receive English language testing and instruction, placement, documentation and academic advising. The Center also serves as a drop-in area, providing a comfortable atmosphere for formal and informal gatherings of international students and their friends.

Dr. John Christina is Director of the International Center and foreign student advisor. As an administrator, instructor and ad-



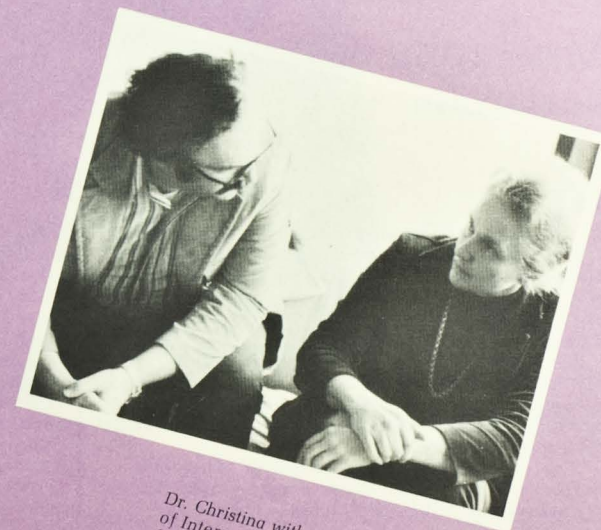
Dr. John Christina, Director of the RWC International Center



A bridge between students and nations

visor, he is involved in the many aspects of the international students' college careers. Together with flexible programs to meet the needs of students with different levels of proficiency in the English language, Dr. Christina provides them with academic, immigration and cultural information. Moreover, he offers support helpful in making the vital transition to American college life.

"We also provide foreign, national and federal governments and agencies with information concerning the status, availability and aptitude of our students. We often act as a liaison for the international students and the College community," says Dr. Christina.



Dr. Christina with Esther Segal, Director of International House of Rhode Island, Inc.



# Faculty Focus



## Mustapha K. Baksh

by Darlene Mikula

“**H**aving international students and professors at a learning institution accentuates a college,” says Mustapha Baksh, a Trinidad-born economics instructor at Roger Williams College. “It gives a different dimension, especially at a small school where you are readily accessible to people.”

Baksh, who has taught at RWC since 1970, is one of five international instructors at the College. Highly involved in business and economic affairs around the world, he is able to combine theory as well as experience in the classroom.

“I’ve traveled all around the world,” comments Baksh. “I’ve been to all states, except maybe five or six, many times to different places — Eastern and

Western Europe, Africa, the Far East, South America, and all over the Caribbean.”

Baksh adds: “Right now I’m teaching *International Marketing* and I also teach *Government and Business*. I’m able to provide a lot of cases — domestic and international — in which I use numerous illustrations from my own experience. I show applied approach as well as theoretical.”

Paul Langello, Business Division Coordinator, remarks on Baksh’s qualities as a person and an instructor: “He’s respected by the students and his fellow faculty members. He’s knowledgeable about his field and he’s always up on current matters relating to business. He’s also very well-traveled, friendly, and an effective

Mustapha K. Baksh, faculty member in the Business Division

teacher.”

A member of several professional economic associations, societies, and committees, Baksh has also chaired and participated in several economic and business conferences in the United States and abroad, including the May 1979 Atlantic Economic Conference in Austria with economists from Portugal, the Netherlands, Greece, Finland, Canada, and the U.S.

Earlier this year Baksh also attended an International Business and Economic Conference in Jamaica where he was invited to a Caribbean Economic Dialogue and luncheon with Prime Minister Edward Seaga.

Baksh studied at the University of New Mexico where he graduated with a B.S. in biology in 1964 and an M.A. in economics in 1966.

“I was in premed school but in those days if you wanted to be a physician, you had to specialize in something,” explains Baksh, “So I changed my studies to economics.”

From 1966 through 1970 Baksh taught at Belknap College in New Hampshire and was Chairman of the Economics Department there before coming to RWC. Although Baksh is happy and enjoys teaching at the College, there are still a few things he feels are needed. For instance, states Baksh, “There should be some mechanism to have greater dialogue between interna-

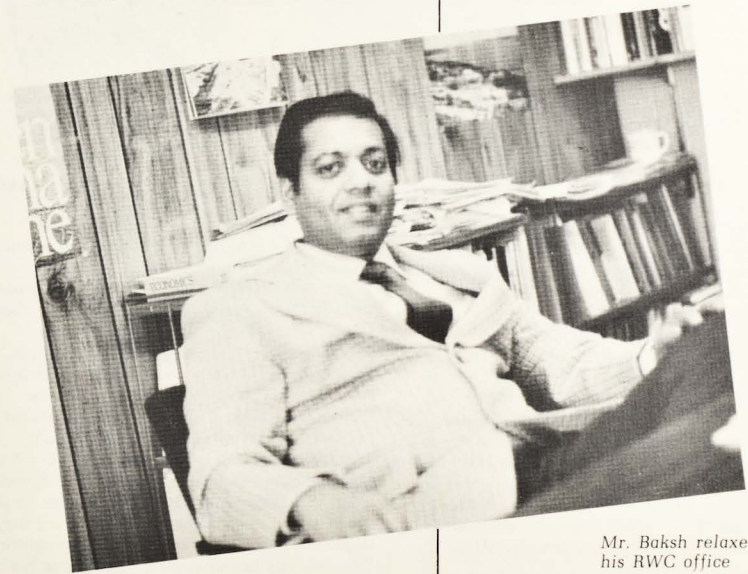
tional students and students on campus. Students need a mix — academic as well as non-academic programs — facilities we’re providing now, such as the gym going up, are essential.”

Baksh also suggests that all external programs, including intercession trips to other cities and countries and featured guest speakers to individual classes and divisions, be housed under one central body so that they’ll have a coordinated element.

Says Baksh: “It’s not a cohesive thing now. It’s done individually and there’s not enough exposure or publicity. Important people come and you don’t have the audience.”

There are also many positive aspects that Baksh has observed and feels should continue, such as “life experience programs and workshops that deal with real problems students have to face in college” and the “Honor Society and similar programs which will be good — students who excel will have an incentive.”

Since becoming a part of the RWC community in 1970, Baksh has initiated The National Observer Award for Outstanding Students in Economics and has served on many faculty committees. In addition, he is a faculty representative to the Honorary Degree Committee.



Mr. Baksh relaxes between classes in his RWC office



## Island Cruise

Dr. Mark Gould, Coordinator of the Natural Science Division, took a group of nineteen students on a one-week cruise in the Bahamas during the January Inter-session. The marine biology majors explored coral reefs, sandy shores, mangrove swamps and freshwater habitats. In-depth investigations of some special areas of student interest were arranged.

The youngsters, Dr. Gould and a professional crew of three boarded a 65' ketch, "Sundancer," at the Miami Marina. They sailed to Bimini, Nassau, Chub Cay and other islands. From deep-sea diving to cliff-diving, from encounters with sharks to volleyball games on the beach, the entire RWC contingent enjoyed the learning experiences, the camaraderie, and the sailing life-style.

Let four of the students — Wayne Tripp, Mike Capozzi, Bill Pepin and Eric Smith — relate their adventures. The following was given at a slide-show presentation

*Marine biology students sailing in the Caribbean sea*

shortly after their return to cold weather and warm welcomes back on the campus:

A project, as mentioned, we all had to do,  
I'll not list them all, but I'll mention a few,  
Eric did fish guts, to see what they ate,  
Others did collections, the algae were great.  
Truman did bivalves, Doug worked the shore,  
He gathered gastropods, samples galore.  
Bob worked on inverts, four did transects,  
Working together the wrack they did check.  
Ed worked with corals, diving the reefs,  
Where Paul looked at fishes, their pictures to take.  
Marina did parasites, found within fish;  
Ray looked at fish types, now who have I missed?  
Marj gathered polychaetes, a jar full found she;  
Chris did a survey of the effect of man in the Cays.  
The two girls named Campbell, poriferans they caught;  
While one poor lad, salinities and temperatures sought.  
Our fearless proud leader, "Dad" was his name,  
Helped us with everything, but birds were his game.  
And so there you have it, our projects described,  
A varied assortment, the source of our pride.

## Yacht Design Symposium

**S**andwich Structures for the Marine Industry was the topic of a small craft symposium held on the campus Saturday, April 3. Discussion and papers on the following were presented:

Balsa Cores - Cliff Deakyne, Dupont Textile Fibres

Design and Construction of Un-stayed Graphite Spars - Everett Pearson, Tillotson-Pearson, Inc.

Graphite Fibres - Ben Rasmussen, Celanese Plastics and Specialties Company

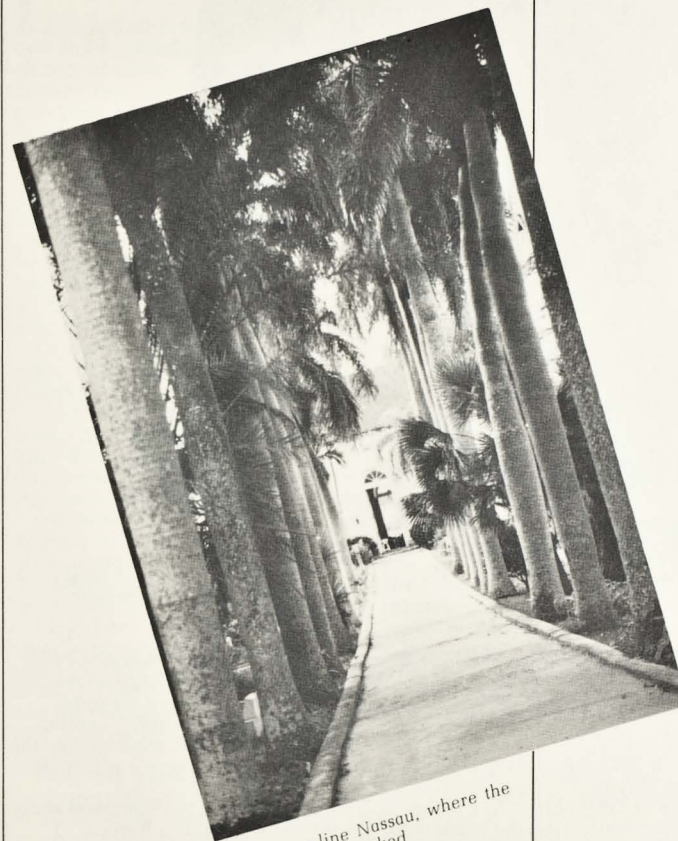
Klegecell Cores - Chris Hart, American Klegecell Corporation

Airex Applications in Large Power Craft - Tom Johansenn, Torin, Inc.

Applications of Sandwich Materials - Craig Riley, Orcon Corporation

Coordinator of the RWC small craft design courses is Roger Marshall, an English-born yacht designer. He is a regular contributing writer to *Sail* magazine, as well as the author of two books: *Designed to Win* and *Race to Win* (both published by W.W. Norton). He has published over seventy-five magazine articles in the United States, England, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Denmark and Japan.

Dr. William H. Knight, III, engineering technology faculty member in the Open Division, plans another small craft design symposium early in November. For further information, contact him at 255-2109.



*Palm trees line Nassau, where the students disembarked*



*Pope John Paul II holds frisbee given him by alumnus, James Long*

## James Long In Europe

**I**n May 1981 James Long received his B.S. in civil engineering technology from RWC. He spent the following summer and fall painting houses and playing frisbee with his friends, the "Flying Aces of Fairfield County," in New Canaan, Connecticut. Incidentally, Jim had founded RWC's frisbee team during his freshman year. He considered the sport uniquely non-competitive and opportune for socializing with young people on many campuses.

Then on October 14, 1981 Jim started out for Europe. He deliberately traveled solo in order to meet more people from cultures other than his own. He hitchhiked through Ireland, Scotland and England; he rode the Eurorail through Italy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Everywhere he stopped, he met friendly residents. Usually he slept in youth hostels, though frequently he became a guest of gracious Europeans.

The highlight of his trip was being photographed at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II. Jim had just reached out and handed the Pope a mini-frisbee stamped with the "Flying Aces of Fairfield County" imprint. The Pope played with it for a moment, running it up the length of his arm. A picture was snapped which later appeared in Jim's hometown paper.

In a recent interview on campus, Jim remarked about the reasons for his three-month trip to Europe. "I wanted to see places I'd read about and meet the people from other countries before I have to settle down to a career. The experience has permanently affected my view of this country's freedoms and spaciousness. Yet I also learned values from other countries. In Europe they don't waste because space is so confined; they have little gardens and little refrigerators. Also, Europeans have more traditions; there's a reason for doing everything. They're very formal and polite, too."

May Jim's future career reflect his openness to learn about others and his courage to embark alone on life's adventures. Good luck to an interesting young alumnus.

## Jack Kayrouz

**L**ike any other foreign student, my thirst for education and knowledge was beyond any limits. My choice, of course, was to further my education in a country that represents for me a symbol of freedom, greatness, knowledge and opportunity. My choice was very well-deserved and up to now I have no regrets. I came to the College from Lebanon.

The new world for me was indeed a world of greatness. I never cease to admire the Constitution and the beautiful people whose ancestors helped to write it. I was lucky to have chosen Rhode Island and, in particular, Roger Williams College. I found hospitality, attention, and guidance which I needed in order to overcome all the difficulties of adjustment, especially since I was the first foreign student to enroll.

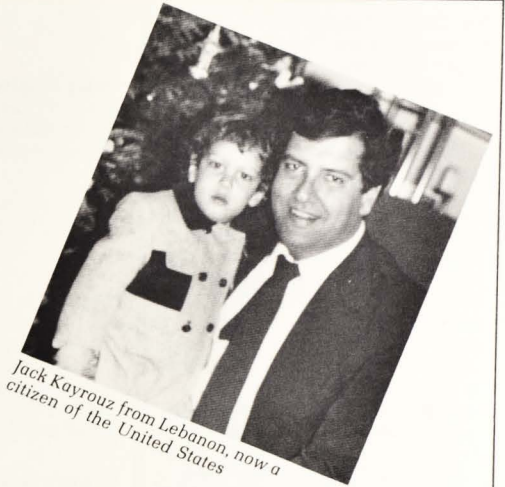
I remember asking myself, "How can I ever live to repay these beautiful people back?" The State and the College were beautiful experiences of my past.

Upon my graduation I worked for a few years in my field. I helped in the construction of the Newport-Jamestown Bridge and in many other city projects. Then I decided to go on my own and to form a corporation that dealt with real estate.

For three years I was president of two Chevrolet dealerships, until my appointment last year as Executive Vice-president of Econo-Car International. It is headquartered in Boston. I helped develop the California market and the international overseas market.

I feel I owe everything good that I possess to the wonderful people who guided me through my first years in this great nation. One of the greatest moments of my life came when I was chosen by the Federal Court and the Immigration Office to represent all immigrants and to speak on their behalf in their naturalization process.

I am very grateful to Mr. Nemec. My dreams are for Roger Williams College to continue with its policies of encouraging foreign students to pursue a road of selectiveness and achievement. I am also proud to have attracted to Roger Williams College dozens of foreign students and to have belonged to their first organization of international students.



*Jack Kayrouz from Lebanon, now a citizen of the United States*

## Farrokh Mazdeyasna

**M**y name is Farrokh Mazdeyasna and I am a RWC graduate. I transferred to the College in 1979 from Iran, majoring in civil engineering. Coming to Rhode Island and RWC was my first experience of facing an American society and life-style. Since my first day of attendance, everyone was so kind that I felt I was at home among my loved ones.

I cannot forget the efforts of two wonderful people, Dr. John Christina and Mary Jo Nemec. Both they and RWC are great memories in my life. Any time I have a vacation, I still go back to Rhode Island and Roger Williams College. The place is like my second home.

I graduated in August 1980. To continue my studies toward a master's degree, I enrolled in a graduate program at Clarkson College, located in Potsdam, New York. I have worked as a research assistant for two years while at Clarkson and will receive my M.S. in May 1982.

Being an international student helps me to get more attention from people, fellow students and teachers. Because of this, in my case, it has made me work harder to challenge others and to answer their attention.

I am still single. All my family, except my twin sister, are living back home in Iran. This is the only reason that makes me think about going back home. Otherwise, I would stay and work in the U.S. That is a big decision I have to make very soon.

This is all I can write about myself. I hope it gives you enough information about me.

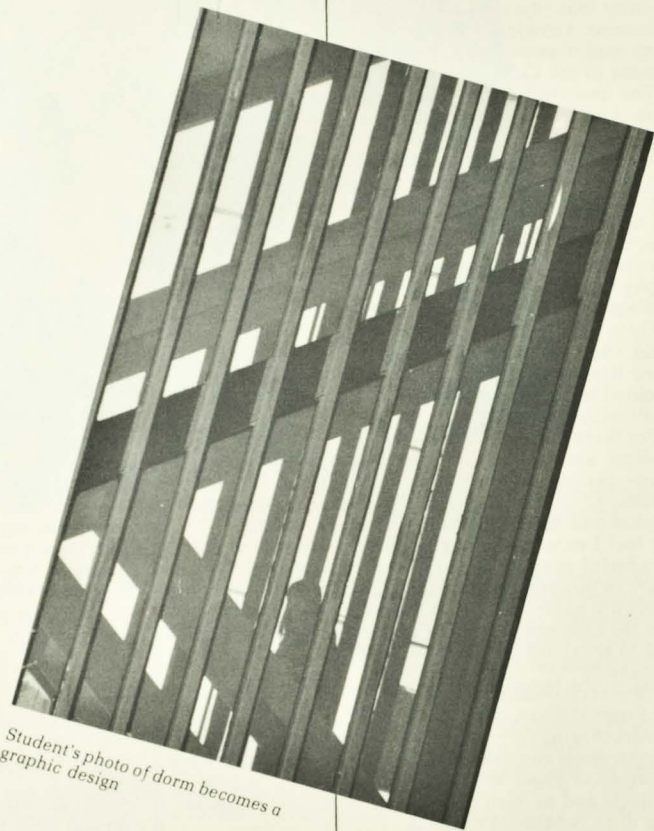
Mr. Charles Jungwirth  
Natural Science Department  
Roger Williams College  
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Mr. Jungwirth:

Thank you so much for your recent support of my graduate school applications. The results have been fantastic: of the six schools applied to, I received four acceptances. I have decided to attend the University of Sydney and will depart for Australia in a few weeks. My main reason for this choice was to experience living in a different culture and to have the opportunity to travel in an area I would be unlikely to get to otherwise.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to get back to Rhode Island before I leave, and thus cannot thank you personally. I am very excited about going, however, since I anticipate quite an adventure! At the worst, I can return after a year with my master's degree; at best, I will like it so much I'll stay permanently. Again, thank you for your part in enabling me to go. Warmest regards to everyone.

Christine Leger '75



Student's photo of dorm becomes a graphic design

## 1964

**David E. Nash** is Executive Director of the Warwick Chamber of Commerce.

**Charles K. Rogers** is the new President of Hall Institute. A co-founder of the drafting and interior design technical school, he is Vice-president of the R.I. Association of Trade and Technical Schools and founder of the Tri-State Chapter of the American Institute for Design and Drafting.

## 1970

**Henry F. Malkowski** was named Assistant Vice-president and Regional Branch Supervisor of Pawtucket Savings and Trust Retail Bank Division. He oversees consumer banking functions, such as branch administration, marketing, training, electronic funds transfers, security and properties management. He joined the bank in 1972.

## 1972

**Vincent A. Forte, Jr.** of 5 Sun Valley Drive, Cumberland, recently received a master's degree in biology from R.I. College. He is married to the former Suzanne Barrie; they have two daughters.

**Ernest Mari, Jr.** has been appointed to the position of hydraulic systems manager for a Pawtucket facility. With 20 years experience in system engineering, he is responsible for the engineering and construction of hydraulic systems. Mari and his wife have three children and reside in Cranston.

## 1973

**William C. Abbatematteo**, a member of North Providence Police Department, recently graduated from the R.I. Municipal Police Academy's course.

## 1974

**Cynthia Jones**, a native of Newport, has been promoted from day care supervisor to program coordinator at the Martin Luther King Center, 20 West Broadway, Newport. She has been employed at the center for two and one half years.

**Sgt. James R. Potter**, a veteran of eleven years service with the Johnston Police Department, received a promotion from Mayor Ralph R. Russo during a recent ceremony. The newly elevated officer was rewarded for "outstanding excellence" in performing his duties. He has received six department commendations for outstanding performance and has completed several advanced police training courses. He is married to the former Barbara Camera and has two children.

## 1975

**Frank E. Howe, III** has been promoted to operations officer at Mechanics Bank. In December 1980 Howe joined the bank in the consumer loan department. Most recently he was operations supervisor. He also holds a law degree from Western New England College School of Law.

## 1976

**John A. DeMello**, Vice President of the Falmouth Co-operative Bank, has been appointed to the 1982 Marketing Committee of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank League. The league is an association representing the 120 co-operative banks in the Commonwealth of MA in legislative, planning, and marketing matters.

## 1977

**Pawtucket Mayor Henry S. Kinch** will head the Pawtucket American Heart Association Campaign for 1981-82. He is also a participating member of the Elks.

**Edward M. Travis** has been appointed assistant manufacturing manager for John I. Paulding Inc., New Bedford. He has been employed by the company since 1972 in various management capacities.

## 1978

**James W. Coyne, Jr.** has been employed by an insurance company as a claim supervisor in Westport, MA handling negotiations and litigation of claims. Married to the former Janet R. O'Donnell, they reside at 286 Gifford Road, Westport with their five children. He is an eight year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a member of an aeromedical evacuation team and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal. He is a member of the MA Army National Guard assigned to staff judge advocate at Camp Edwards and many other civic organizations.

**David B. Groeneveld** of Scituate was promoted to sergeant from the patrol division of the Cranston Police. He had served as a patrol officer and is also one of six members of the motorcycle division. Throughout his seven years on the force, Officer Groeneveld has received eight official departmental citations, an outstanding accomplishment for a seven year veteran.

## 1979

**Al R. Vedro**, Navy Senior Chief Operations Specialist, departed for an extensive deployment to the Indian Ocean. He is a member of the staff of the Commander, Carrier Group Four, based at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA. He is currently serving aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. John F. Kennedy and has been in the Navy since July 1961.

## 1980

**Marnee S. Black** has been named departmental officer in Old Stone Bank's Trust & Investment Group. She joined Old Stone in 1976 as a member of the Trust & Investment Group.

**David Kurt's** career was highlighted in a recent article in the *New Haven Register*. He is the skipper of the *J.N. Carter*, a floating ecology classroom for Connecticut high school students operated by a non-profit education and environmental group.

## MARRIAGES

**Vincent Lostocco** '80 to Lynne Chace, 2/21/82

**Leroy I. Card, Jr.** '77 to Sharon Marie Lucier, 1/5/82

**David James Kurt** '80 to Carla Marie Gordon, 12/19/81

**Jesse Neil Berman** '81 to Sheryl Joy Guttin, 1/11/82

## ENGAGEMENTS

**David L. Whelan**, '67 to Linda Robinson

**Robert A. DeCosta, III** '72 to Leanne Marandola, 6/13/82 wedding planned

**John J. Barker, Jr.** '76 to Gail Ann McKenna, 9/4/82 wedding planned

**Wendy A. Vail** '76 to Charles M. Shriner, Jr., 5/8/82 wedding planned

**John H. Rayner** '78 to Marianne Pardi

**Robin Ilene Friedman** '79 to Leonard David Schwartz, 11/13/82 wedding planned

**Barry Allen Parker** '79 to Pauline Jane Lemieux

**William Carey Creed, III** '80 to Cynthia Lorraine Gray, to wed May 1982.

**Ruth Frances Raczka** '80 to Eric William Schenck, '81, 2/10/82

**Bruce Ramon Wilde** '82 to Karen Ann Torrisi, to wed August 1982

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mrs. Emma Francis (Larrivee) Hodge** '76 of Mount Hope Avenue, Swansea, died February 13, 1982. She was attending Southeastern Massachusetts University and was employed as an auditor in the Boston office of the I.R.S.

# Alumni Trips

Two Weeks <b>BRUSSELS LONDON-PARIS AMSTERDAM</b> from \$699	One Week <b>LONDON</b> from \$439	One Week <b>PARIS</b> from \$499	Two Weeks <b>JAPAN HONG KONG TAIWAN</b> from \$1199
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One Week <b>FLORIDA</b> from \$199			Two Weeks <b>ITALY</b> from \$699
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# Events

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**Friday, May 7**

Class of 1982 Ball at Rosecliff

**Sunday, May 16**

RWC Chorale at Blithewold

**Saturday, May 29**

Commencement

**Sunday, May 30**

Bristol Heritage Day

**Tuesday, June 1**

Intersession begins

**Wednesday, June 2**

First of Orientation '82 Programs

**Monday, June 21**

RWC Summer Camp for Children opens

**Tuesday, July 6**

Summer Session begins