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The
Bridge



Commencement
Summer 1982

View from the Bridge

Willner House

by Thomas V. Falciglia
Executive Director for Development

June 12th wasn't the best spring night Rhode Island has ever had. The temperature was about 40 degrees, but it was the date of one of the warmest and liveliest events conducted by the Roger Williams College Corporation in a long time.

The location was Willner House, President and Mrs. Rizzini's new residence in the Highlands section of Bristol. The occasion was the "Wall-of-Fame Celebration" for members of the RWC Corporation and other friends of the College who participated in the "Wall-of-Fame" fund-raising program. Willner House was named by the Board of Trustees in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willner, long-time residents and community leaders in Bristol. The Willners donated their property to the College in 1981. The Board decided that it was such a beautiful home it should be used as a president's house for Roger Williams College from now on.

It is a charming rambling Cape Cod on a quiet cul-de-sac on Cherry Lane between Route 114 and the Bay. The dining room is over 100 years old, with a pegged oak floor, wainscoting, mouldings, and 19th century horizontal pine paneling. There is also a fireplace faced with marble and garden-type French doors leading to a screened-in patio.

The living room was added to the house in 1938, duplicated to 19th century craftsmanship. It is a one step-up room with wrought iron and brass gates. Again the room has horizontal pine paneling, a wide-board pegged oak floor and a large fireplace faced with stone.

In addition, the downstairs portion of the house contains a modernized 18th century kitchen, laundry room, den, and an indoor heated swimming pool with cathedral ceiling and recessed lighting. The second floor is just as charming with four large bedrooms, a den, and several bathrooms.

The 1½ acre grounds on which the house sits are beautifully landscaped with a two-car garage and a log cabin with a fieldstone fireplace. By all standards, it is a showplace and truly fit for college presidents and their families.

The planning committee chaired by Mrs. Harry Crump for the "Wall-of-Fame Celebration" erected a tent in the yard. There the party began. Festivities were scheduled to move into the living and dining rooms after dinner; but with the weather as cold as it was on that date, the guests migrated indoors early. Des-



sert, music and dancing helped to warm them. Mrs. Harry Crump and Mrs. Guido Salvatore were co-chairpersons for the event. It was a delightful party. The mood was a happy one, and in the spacious living room some guests could even be seen "discoing" — or was it jitterbugging — until after midnight.

The Rizzinis, of course, are delighted to live in Bristol at last, close to the College. Moreover, they are glad the College now has a facility where they can host College special events and can entertain official visitors.

The "Wall-of-Fame Celebration" was the first Corporation function at the house, but there will be more. The Rizzinis also plan to entertain other constituencies of the College including students, parents, and alumni, so it promises to be a busy existence for them in their "new" 19th century house.

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Conference Center

When most of the College community slows — just a pace — after the students leave for the summer, Rita Spero steps gingerly into a speeded-up time frame. As Director of the Conference Center, she coordinates several different groups coming and going from the campus. Although the users have an educational purpose, whether seminars, work-shops, speakers, or such, occasionally the Conference Center handles a Bristol Little League picnic or a Fourth of July Parade group.

Rita's job is a hectic yet happy one. As hostess she greets visitors personally and helps to ensure a comfortable stay. Offhandedly she recalls one particular group of women who were dissatisfied during a heat wave with the lack of air-conditioning in their dormitories. Late at night, she rushed to the nearest discount store, purchased thirty-nine fans, charged them to her own family MasterCard, and carted them from room to room.

It's that very personal care which has made the Conference Center successful. "The staff are all very, very accommodating," says Rita. "They go overboard trying to please. Once a custodian helped someone with a heavy package to mail. He went and found a dolly in a different building. He brought it back and delivered the box to the Mail Room. The guest tried to offer him a tip, but he steadfastly refused it. That's the spirit of cooperation I mean."

This summer the artists' colony, the Rhode Island Creative Arts Center, will utilize the campus for the third season. Writers, painters, and composers work on projects away from the distractions of city and family life. They are admitted



Rita Spero
Director of the Conference Center

on the basis of professional merit for a month or the entire summer.

RICAC has space for twenty fellows or residents at one time. Artists are housed in a separate unit of the residence halls. The rooms are air-conditioned; generous benefactors protected the serious workers' progress!

The artists are not the only inhabitants of the Conference Center this summer. Camp Seascap, the first such camp for overweight girls, is moving after twenty-two years on the Cape to the College. Approximately 130 girls are expected to take non-credit classes in nutrition and exercise, while enjoying numerous other activities. Dr. Spargo, Director of Camp Seascap, notified the College that a television program about the camp, showing

the College environs, will be broadcast nationally sometime later this year.

The International CAN/AM Hockey School moves in for the month of August. Over 170 youngsters from age 8 through 18 will attend lectures here at the College but skate at the Portsmouth Abbey rink. They come from Canada, Europe, Japan, the United States and many other countries. Camp Winadu, a youth group, will visit twice while touring historic sites in the area. Camp Stone Tower for the Bristol County Chapter of Retarded Citizens will spend ten days here.

The New England Jazz Society will hold an institute here late in August. Non-credit courses will be held mornings and early afternoons by the Society. Then the participants will attend the Newport Jazz Festival concerts in the evenings. Over one hundred professional jazz musicians are expected.

Overnight groups are enlarged by several one-day meetings. For example, the Rhode Island Bar Association held its workshop here this June. There were 275 attorneys in attendance, 70 of whom were judges. Administrators from colleges, such as Bentley and Rhode Island College, often hold a two-day, overnight planning session at the Conference Center.

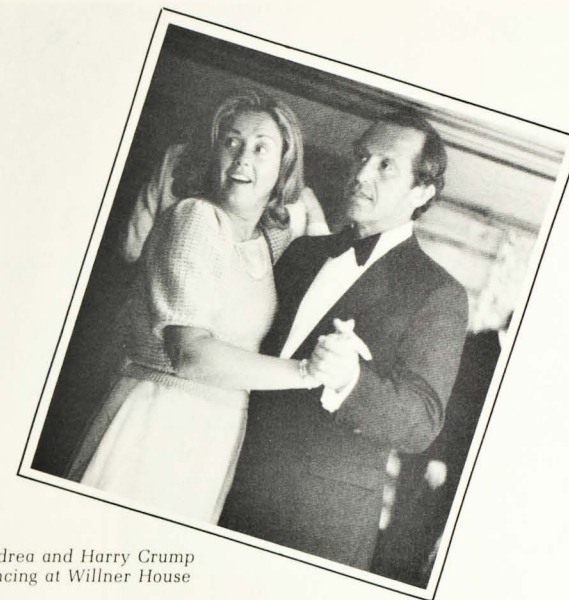
She mentions how important it is for people, particularly high school students, to come on campus. It's also an invaluable community resource.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Rita majored in Speech and English. "I took lots of communication courses, and I always loved being with people." After marrying and raising a family, Rita worked briefly as a realtor. But now she's organizing people, greeting people, hosting people, and seeking out new people in her career as Director of the RWC Conference Center.

RWC Day Camp

Swimming, tennis, soccer, basketball, games, arts and crafts form the daily routine for approximately 75 boys and girls, ages 6 through 14, at the RWC Day Camp. Directed by Hector Massa, the campers have weekly bonuses of field trips to museums, amusement sites, and so forth. Once each week a special menu is prepared: hamburgers on the grill one week, chicken barbecue another.

The camp runs through Friday, August 20, with children signing up for a week or longer. The cost is \$37 per week or \$32 if more than one member of the family attends. Children bring a bathing suit, towel and lunch. Beverage is provided. On rainy days, the children move indoors for organized activities. For further information about the camp, phone the College at 255-1000 weekdays between 8am and 4pm.



Andrea and Harry Crump
dancing at Willner House



Tony and Barbara Agostinelli
at "Wall-of-Fame" Celebration

Mini-course

Mark Brickley of the Business Division volunteered his time and talents this summer to teach a mini-course for Bristolians. An *Introduction to Computers* was a "hands-on" approach to computer programming for those with no programming experience. Students wrote programs on the College's DEC PDP-11 system using BASIC as the language.

Fourteen residents of Bristol enrolled immediately when the course was announced in the local newspaper. The non-credit course was \$10 for six two-hour evening sessions. Mark is to be commended for offering a service to the community. He highlighted the College's commitment to computer courses as an integral part of learning in today's technical society.

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RWC Highlights

Calliope

Students enrolled in the Literary Magazine course published the tenth issue of *Calliope*. In this edition are well-established and emerging writers from across the country. Included are New England poets George E. Murphy, Jr., editor of *Tendrill*, and Craig Weeden, former creative writing instructor at RWC. Also featured are three poems by Larry Moffi, author of the chapbook, *Homing In*. His second book, *A Small Progression*, will be published in July by RWC's Amersand Press.

Taught by Martha Christina, the students functioned as staff, not as contributors. They were responsible for all stages of preparation and publication. *Calliope* is published twice each year. A single issue is \$1; a year's subscription is \$1.50. To purchase a copy, please send a check for \$1 made out to *Calliope*, along with your name and address to: Martha Christina, *Calliope*, Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI 02809.

Registrar

Vice President for Administrative and Student Affairs Robert F. McKenna, Chairman of the Search Committee, announced the appointment of Joy Parker as Registrar at the College. Ms. Parker has been Registrar at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, California for the last seven years. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the same institution. She will assume responsibilities as Registrar the first week of August.



Robert Nemec, Dean of Admissions, congratulates Keith Metcalf while Harold Payson looks on

Payson Scholar

Keith Metcalf of Bristol has been awarded the full four-year Harold Payson Scholarship from the College. A senior at Bristol High School, Keith is a member of the Student Council Executive Board, a member DECA — he placed 2nd in the State of RI, a member of the school newspaper staff, and a member of the RI honor society.

The Harold Payson Scholarship is awarded annually to a resident of Bristol on the basis of academic promise, community service, and financial need. The scholarship is named in honor of Harold Payson, a native Bristolian, who has served the College as a faculty member, Ombudsman, and Academic Dean.

Keith is the son of Frank R. and Mary L. Metcalf of 28 Cooke Street, Bristol. He was born and raised in the town.

Dean Schiavo

Dr. Bartholomew P. Schiavo, a member of the faculty and administration for nearly 13 years, was appointed Dean of the College in July. In making the announcement to the College community, President Rizzini cited Dr. Schiavo's "substantive experience" and "allegiance to the institution."

Bart, as he is known by faculty and students alike, made the following statement upon hearing of the appointment. "Roger Williams College is in my blood after almost 13 years of service. It's a great place to work and to learn. I have seen it grow, and I hope I have grown with it. I gladly accept the challenge of keeping Roger Williams College in an excellent academic position during the 1980's — sound, vital, humane and responsive to the needs of its diverse students and those who serve them."

The 39-year-old Dean came to Roger Williams College in 1969 as an Instructor in American Studies. Three years later he was elected Vice-president of the Roger Williams College Faculty Association. The following year he assumed the responsibilities of Division Coordinator for Social Sciences. In 1976 he was appointed Assistant to the Dean of the College. Then in 1977 he became Registrar yet continued as Assistant to the Dean.

When Dr. Aldrich resigned in February, Bart became Acting Dean of the College. Over 50 candidates applied for the position. Dr. William F. Flanagan, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Higher Education Association and a member of the College's Board of Trustees, headed the Search Committee.

A native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School, Dean Schiavo received his B.A. in History from Hunter College in 1965. His M.A. in English History from Harvard University was awarded in 1966; his Ph. D. in American Civilization from Brandeis University, 1976. At Brandeis he was a Teaching Assistant under two nationally reputed scholars, Ray Ginger and Jerold Auerbach, in American History.

Along with his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Schiavo has continued to teach one semester of American Studies each semester. At present he is Research Director for a grant funded by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities in the area of 20th Century Providence Jewish history. He is Vice-president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, past Vice-president of the Providence Hebrew Day School, past Board member of the Jewish Community Center, and Chairman of Adult Education at Temple Beth Shalom.

Bart lives in Providence with his wife, Deborah, and



"Roger Williams College is in my blood"

their two children, Laura (age 12) and Nathaniel (age 7).

The President's announcement of the appointment closed with these words: "I know that our community will join with me in helping Bart to be successful in this most important role." The College community echoes its support.

Historic American Buildings

Dr. Kevin Jordan of the Historic Preservation program received a letter from Robert J. Kapsch of the U.S. Department of Interior. The writer gratefully acknowledged the receipt of documentation for four Russell Warren designed houses in Bristol. The letter concluded with: "The work produced by you and your students is a significant achievement . . . No other school in the country has undertaken comprehensive HABS (Historic American Building Survey) before, combining the necessary skills in historic and architectural research, architectural delineation, and large format photography."



Susan Cline gives walking tour of Providence architecture



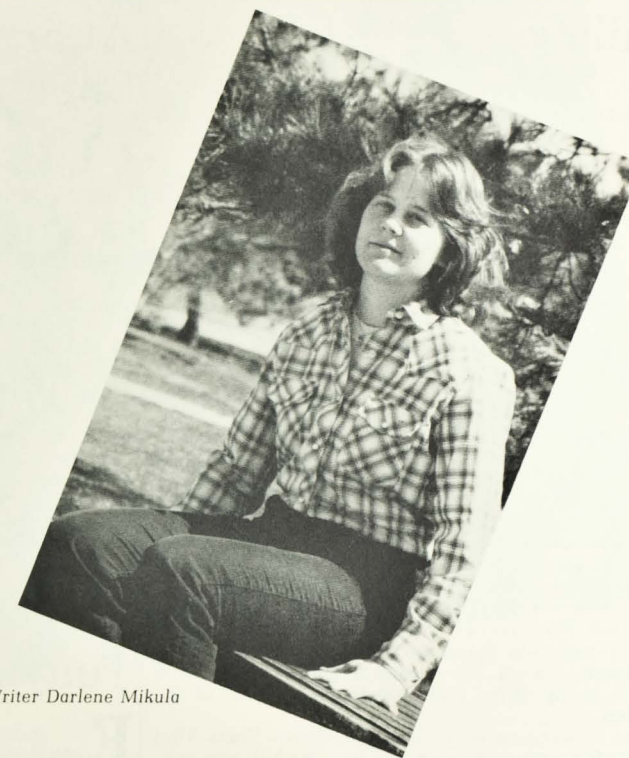
Who's Who in American Colleges?
Ray Perry, Ann Roberts, Gretchen Ebel, Akram Tamimi, Darlene Mikula

Alumni on Board

Two alumni have been elected by the members of the Alumni Association to the Roger Williams College Board of Trustees. They are Geno LaBonte and Ann K. Carey, both members of the Class of 1975. They will serve for three-year terms.

Mr. LaBonte is a past-President of the RWC Alumni Association. He is an account executive with Office Concepts, Inc. of Providence, RI. A resident of 883 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI, he is Head Class Agent for the RWC Class of 1975 as well as a member of the RWC Honorary Degree and "Wall-of-Fame" committees and several social and civic organizations.

Ms. Carey is a psychotherapist focusing upon marital and family counseling with Counseling Associates of Seekonk, MA. A resident of 40 Eleanor Drive, Seekonk, she was previously associated with Helpmate, a community mental health agency, where she continues as a consultant. She has been a guest lecturer at many colleges and civic groups on topics such as "The Single Parent" and "The Changing Role of Women." In addition, she is a member of the RWC Alumni Association Executive Committee, a member of the Class Agents Society, and a member of the RWC "Wall-of-Fame" Committee. The latter helps to raise funds for the new Recreational Building presently under construction.



Writer Darlene Mikula

Departed from the Public Relations office
After two years as a student writer.
Responsible, serious, witty
Leader among students and friends
Endless studies and numerous jobs
Needed for that B.F.A. in Creative Writing
Earned summa cum laude in only three years.
Made features in The Bridge appealing
Intelligently edited literary Aldebaran
Kept weekly calendar, Events, updated
Undertook challenges beyond her years.
Left all with appreciation and
Admiration. The graduate? Darlene Mikula

Sailing

By Dave Eggleton '84 and
Steve Braese '84

Roger Williams College won its first New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Championship and took possession of the prestigious Bliss Trophy on May 2. RWC defeated Norwich University in a two division series on Bristol Harbor waters.

RWC won all five races in each division. The Hawks team was Steve Braese, skipper, and Dave Eggleton, crew, in A division and Peter Frankfort, skipper, and Bob Kraekel, crew, in B division.

The lack of wind delayed the start of the race until afternoon, but the wind later built to a 12-15 knot south westerly, providing excellent racing conditions.

The Hawks sailing team has been progressively improving its rankings in NEISA under the leadership of Dave Eggleton and Steve Braese. The former sails out of Annapolis, Maryland in J24's; the latter from Wakefield, Massachusetts in 420's.

The Hawks hold the Bliss Trophy until next spring when they must defend it against the top contender. Next fall, RWC has 12 regattas to attend against many of the top sailers in the country. The Hawks have some outstanding talent. The Hawk's freshmen team placed fourth in the NEISA Freshman Invitational out of 12 entries.

The Hawks practice on Designer Choice Boats. They are 14-foot long with main and jib. The hull was specially built for the Narragansett Bay chop which gets devastating on some days. The team practices Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm at the Blithewold Gardens Pier.

The Hawks plan to fund raise next fall to upgrade their equipment and to buy team-owned life jackets. Captain Dave Eggleton feels that "the life jackets are our first expenditure because the safety of team personnel on the water is a must."

Any support you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Donations to the sailing team must be noted specifically on checks made out to **Roger Williams College** and mailed to the Development Office. Thank you!

Attorney John F. Sheehan

On April 19 John F. Sheehan, defense attorney for Claus VonBulow, spoke to a gathering of students, faculty and administrators at the College. In his witty style, Mr. Sheehan responded to a student inquiry, "What would you do differently if you could do the VonBulow trial over again?" with a one-word quip: "Win!"

For over an hour he discussed various aspects of the famous Newport trial evidencing his continued belief in his client's innocence. He touched upon the options available to the defense attorneys, the media coverage and how it affected the trial, VonBulow's agreement not to testify in his own behalf, the former soap-opera starlet, the VonBulow children, as well as many other topics. One of the most interesting aspects of his excellent presentation was the feedback the defense attorneys obtained by interviewing the former jurors. Some of those comments have yet to appear in the press.

Tony on WGBH

Faculty member Tony Agostinelli joined Ron Della Chiesa, host of "Music America," on WGBH for two special jazz programs. The first was a special birthday tribute to Woody Herman, the famous big-band jazz musician who spent over 45 years leading a big band. It was aired on Friday, May 14.

The second show was a tribute to Don Ellis, a well-known big-band jazz musician. Ellis, who died in 1978, experimented with innovations with the jazz genre. This program was on Monday, July 26. WGBH-FM is the public broadcasting radio station in Boston.

Commencement



Judge Paolino, President Rizzini,
Cardinal Medeiros and Judge Sirica

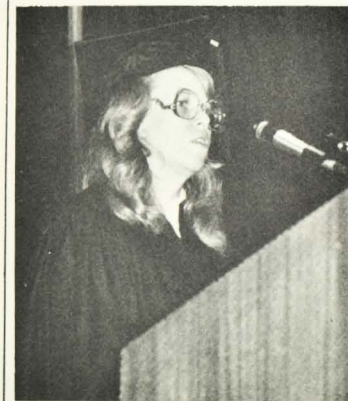
The phone rang at 4:40am. Vice-president Bob McKenna spoke: "It's raining like crazy out there. We're moving inside." Twenty-five regional radio and television stations were called for public service announcements: "Due to inclement weather, commencement exercises for Roger Williams College will be moved indoors to the Newport Naval Base. The time has been postponed until 11am."

Will Nott, Director of Physical Plant, and Lou White, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds,

mobilized their crew of fourteen. Using two trucks, they transported over 4,000 chairs, the podium, and other equipment down to Newport. Valerie Mahoney, Manager of Food Services, re-routed pastries and set up tables of coffee for the rain-drenched guests.

Later, lines of cars streamed through the Navy Gate; black academic robes could be seen hanging over backseat windows. Parents, donning newspapers or plastic bags over their heads, ran into the building. The faculty splashed through the puddles; they adjusted their seldom-worn motorboards and colorful hoods. One by one the honorary degree candidates and other dignitaries

arrived backstage. A calm President Rizzini greeted all. Photographers began snapping. Channel 10's Tim Carr interviewed Cardinal Medeiros on videotape.



Lillian Blanchette
President of the RWC Alumni Association

The color bearers stepped out. The Rhode Island Philharmonic Brass Band struck up "America." The academic procession was underway, led by Grand Marshal Dr. James Russo and Faculty Marshall Mary Finger. But all eyes were on the marching students in their now damp academic attire. For it was *their* day! As the parents and guests sat listening to the various speakers, the students reminisced silently looking over at a favorite faculty advisor, smiling to a friend, or wondering what the future holds. Class President Karen Coombs offered appreciation to all who had made their Roger Williams College years so full and rewarding. Then came the Commencement Address by Dr. Rudolph Winston, Jr. Associate Professor of Marketing at Babson College. He exhorted the graduates to believe in themselves and to choose work they really like.

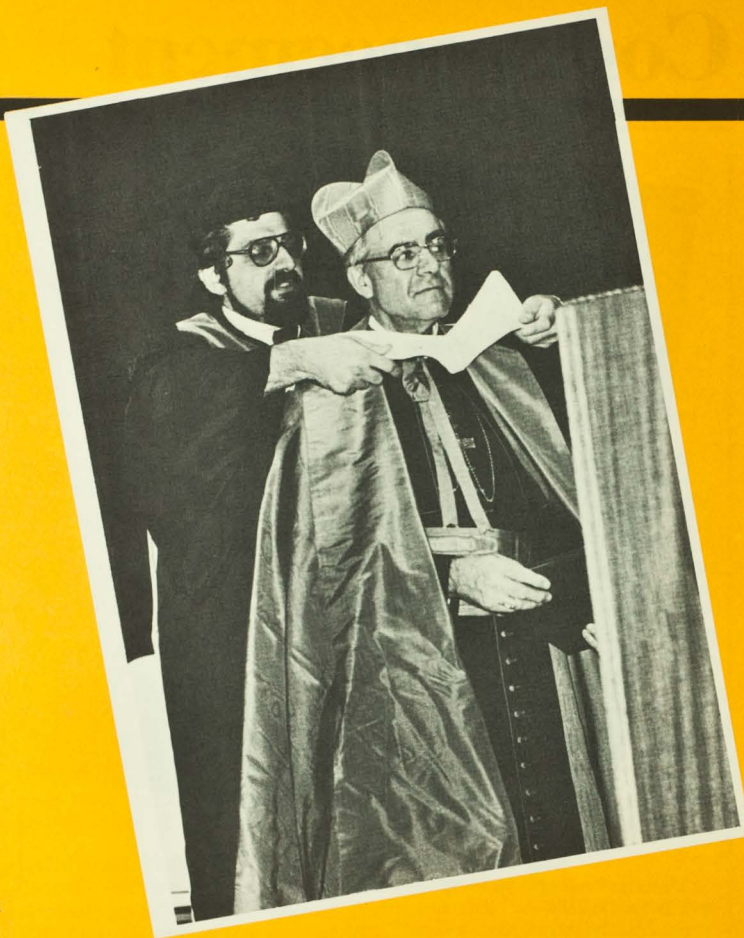
Next Judge Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the honorary degree candidates. Adrian Hall, Artistic Director of Trinity Square Repertory Company, went first to the stage to receive an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts. Adrian founded Trinity in 1964. The company received a TONY in 1981 as America's best repertory company.

His Eminence, Humberto Cardinal Medeiros rose to receive his degree, Honorary Doctor of Humanities. Born in 1915 in the Portuguese Azores, the Cardinal attended high school in Fall River and Catholic University. He distinguished himself in earlier years by adapting his life-style to that of the migrant workers whom he served as Bishop in Texas. More recently he has furthered ecumenism, helped Hispanics in the United States and Latin America, and advocated nuclear disarmament in his 1982 Easter message.

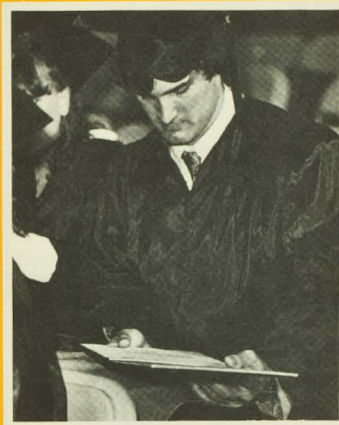
A popular figure in Bristol, Alice DeWolf Pardee, founder of the College's summer Creative Arts

Center, stood to graciously accept her Honorary Doctor of Literature degree. A graduate of Wheeler School, Mrs. Pardee started the first Girl Scout troop in Bristol in 1920. She published her first book, *Grandma Wears Blue Jeans*, in 1959; her second, *Anyone Can Have a Green Thumb*, in 1968; and her third, a history of Blithewold, in 1978.

The Presiding Justice at the Watergate trials, Judge John J. Sirica, came forward briskly for his Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. A graduate of Georgetown University, he was named *Time* magazine "Man of the Year" in 1973. Two years later the Association of Trial Lawyers of America named him the Outstanding Trial Judge.



Dr. Bartholomew P. Schiavo
with Cardinal Medeiros



The Graduate
examines his diploma

The final recipient was John C. A. Watkins, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Providence Journal Company. Acting Dean of the College, Dr. Bartholomew P. Schiavo, placed the hood over Mr. Watkins' shoulders as the President read the citation for his Honorary Doctor of Journalism degree.

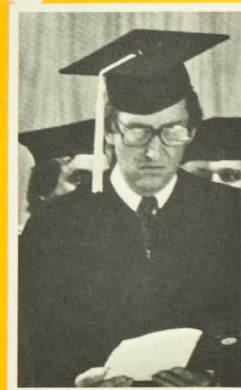
The graduates stood for the formal Conferring of degrees by the President. Then each division coordinator, Paul Langelo, John O'Connell, Geoff Clark, Bob Blackburn, Mark Gould, John Stout, and Anne Barry, came to the podium to read the individual names. The members of the Class of 1982 filed towards the stage for that long-awaited moment. From Austin Adebisi Adeoso through Louis Thomas Zambarano, they climbed the stairs, walked proudly across the stage, and clasped the cherished diploma presented by the beaming President. Cameras flashed and families cheered. Four years of hard work, personal growth, enduring friendships, and family support locked into a single kaleidoscopic moment. Commencement, it's only a beginning!



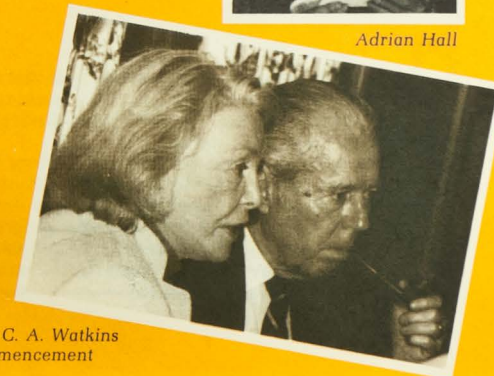
Mrs. Alice DeWolf Pardee



A new alumna
with her proud family



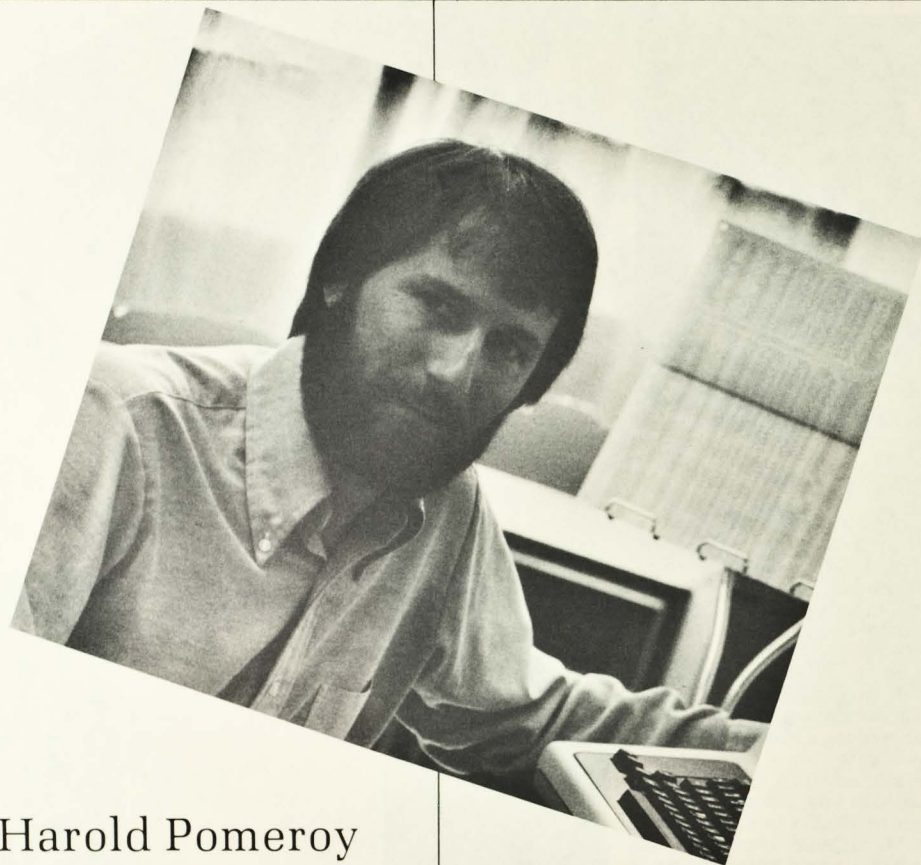
Adrian Hall



Mr. and Mrs. John C. A. Watkins
relaxing after Commencement

Faculty Focus

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Dr. Harold Pomeroy

by Darlene Mikula '82

The unique thing about Skip Pomeroy is that all of his degrees are in zoology, yet he's working as the System Manager of the Roger Williams College Academic Computer Center.

Pomeroy explains that his Ph.D. in Zoology from U.R.I. "was really a combination of both Zoology and Computer Science." He has also worked for the past six years as a system analyst and scientific programmer.

Joining the Open Division faculty as an instructor in June 1980, Pomeroy soon assumed the duties of setting

Skip Pomeroy and computer

up and running the Academic Computer Center. The DEC system was instituted about a year ago when the College decided it was time to purchase its own computer and to expand the curriculum including studies in computer-related areas.

According to Pomeroy, the response to the Center has been "phenomenal. The lab has grown a lot faster than anybody thought it would. The Center is doing very well, keeping us very busy."

Pomeroy says that approximately 600 people are using

the computer system at RWC. Most of the demand comes from faculty and students in the Business and Engineering Technology Divisions. However, Pomeroy stresses that the Computer Center is beginning to be used extensively by individuals in many non-computer related areas.

"This great demand on computer resources is resulting in the placement of terminals in offices, laboratories, and classrooms in other buildings besides the Computer Center" states Pomeroy. "Natural Science, Business, and Engineering Technology presently have terminals which 'talk' to the PDP11 computer over campus phone lines."

Soon the Writing Center will be connected via data lines to the computer. This is being done so that students will have access to computer-aided instruction in the areas of grammar and writing skills, as well as use of computerized text editing packages.

"We have a very nice system," says Pomeroy. "It can get as technical as anyone here wants it to be, but it can also be easily used by all individuals on campus."

Pomeroy notes that the DEC system was "specifically designed to be used by people who are not necessarily computer experts. It is a particularly 'friendly' operating system. Besides being easy to use, the computer is equipped with the ability to teach one how to use various types of computer applications found on our system. Such CAI (Computer Aided Instruction) packages now exist for BASIC Programming and Computer Graphics."

The high resolution, color graphics system, GIGI, at RWC is being developed for use by students and faculty. "The Engineering and Architecture programs, as well as laboratories in Chemistry, Physics, and Natural Science, will make the most of the graphics capabilities at RWC" states Pomeroy, "but the system can also be useful to individuals with little or no computer expertise through the use of a special Graphics Editor and Slide package. This package allows instructors to produce animated color slide sequences which can be linked electronically into the College Audio Visual network. The slide sequences can then be shown in classrooms for demonstration purposes during lectures or conferences." The bulk of the expense for the GIGI graphics system at the College came from a grant Pomeroy received from Digital Equipment Corporation.

Despite his interest in computers, Pomeroy is aware of criticism against a computerized society. He notes that the two major concerns of the public are the potential for invasion of privacy and the replacement of jobs.

"The former situation really stems from the fact that progress in computer technology has occurred much faster than legal aspects of computerized information storage and distribution of data," states Pomeroy. "The latter case is resulting from a switching in the types of jobs for which there is a demand. This switch in

emphasis is favoring individuals trained in high-technology areas."

Roger Williams College will offer three majors in computers starting in the fall semester. These include: Computer Information Systems, Computer Science/Mathematics, and Computer Engineering. The latter is concerned with computer hardware and combines studies in computer science and electrical engineering. Students in this area of study will learn all aspects of designing and building the actual components of the machine. The other two majors are software oriented, providing students with the skills to design and to program computers for scientific research and business applications.

Pomeroy notes that the number of terminals and the capabilities of the PDP11/44 computer system at RWC will double due to planned expansion of the Academic Computer Center this summer. The expanded computer facilities will be complemented by a staff of trained student Programming Assistants who will provide on-site help to individuals using the system. "All in all, the Center's ability to provide services to all members of the College community is good and improving," states Pomeroy. The Center and its staff of students is less than one year old.

"We have had a lot of help from many people at the College," notes Pomeroy, "which has allowed the Center to grow at the incredible rate that it has and to effectively service almost one third of the students at Roger Williams."

A pilot, a sailor, and an acoustic guitar player in his spare time, Pomeroy is responsible for managing the computer system, for its day-to-day operation, and also for its technical programming.

"I'm really an ornithologist, a birdwatcher," Pomeroy remarks lightly. Pomeroy is currently working on a system generation of an upgraded operating system for the computer, as well as preparing mini-courses in BASIC Programming, Computer Graphics, Statistical Programming, and Text Editing for students and faculty during the fall semester.

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Interview

with Pawtucket Mayor Henry S. Kinch
B.S. in Public Administration, 1977

How did you become involved in politics?

Well, actually my involvement in politics is a very interesting one. When I tell most people, they don't believe it. About thirteen years ago, a friend by the name of Vincent Duffy and I were interested in government in general. We never really thought about becoming involved in the actual political process, but we were really interested.

My first inkling of politics is that his brother-in-law, Mr. David R. Carlin, Jr. ran for state senator. So Dave had asked me just to help with his campaign. I became involved, and I helped David. He ran for state senate and lost. So that was my first touch of the political process. The following year I decided, because I did get a taste of it and liked it so much, to run for City Council.

Now, how I ran. This friend of mine, Vincent Duffy, and I actually flipped a coin to see who was going to run for City Council. And I won, or I think I won, depending on how you want to look at it. I ran and was fortunate enough to win. I worked 1,000 hours a week and knocked on every single door in my district. And that's how I became launched in the political process. My friend Vin and I always kid about it.

How did you happen to attend RWC?

Well, it's also very interesting. I attended many colleges. I got married quite young, when I was out of high school. I started to go to college but had to get part-time jobs to raise a large family. I have six children. So I was in and out of colleges, but I was always going for a number of years. I attended URI, Bryant College, and was transferring my credits. Then when Roger Williams College introduced me to the Open Division program, it really kind of fit in with what I really needed at that time. It allowed me to work, work at home. It allowed me to attend courses on campus; it gave me a lot of flexibility.

Did you have a particular faculty advisor?

John Stout. I thought he did an excellent job with the program. I have recommended several other people to the school because of my association with John. I took courses in business administration and political science. He was very interested in political science also, so we had a lot in common. I enjoyed my association with the College.

Were you aware that Mayor Vivieros of Fall River graduated from the Open Division?

I think I was actually in one or two seminars or classes with him. Although I have a lot of contact with Rhode Island mayors, I really haven't had a chance to get out and do things like meeting with him. I'm sure we'll cross paths. I remember him in class though.

Do you agree that the College's encouragement of study for a profession is important?

The career orientation is so helpful, especially today. One thing I've learned is that it's so important in whatever you choose as your life vocation that you have to like what you are doing. I like what I'm doing. No matter how much work there is. If you like it, that's the important thing. You don't have to become trapped in something you don't want. It's all in what you like to do, and I think that's the most important thing. No matter how much money you make, you have to really enjoy your work. It's just too much of an important part of your whole life, your family's life. Some people learn that too late. You have to be willing to work, like any other position. There are a tremendous number of hours involved in this process.

I was a plant manager before becoming Mayor. It was very much a career choice. After 21 years with the same company, I had a chance to become Mayor. Of course, the company has been very, very good to me. It's Textron, Gorham Division. They gave me a two-year leave-of-absence. Textron's an excellent company; they're very supportive.

Is there one political figure who influenced you the most?

I think actually the person who influenced me the most is the person with whom I originally became involved in the system, David Carlin, who since has become a state senator from Newport. Just his ideals and what he tends to stand for — how he went about it — very liberal in nature. He is oriented much more towards the people who have problems than any others, like Ted Kennedyism and those types of things.

What about his methodology?

His methodology was very much again, people oriented — trying to reach out and contact people. I like to solve people's problems by one-on-one communication. I hold a lot of neighborhood meetings. Even when I was on the City Council, I used to hold what I call "gripe nights." I used to just listen to them, anything they had on their minds. I'm very much oriented to that type of political process. I try to carry it on as mayor, also. It's a lot more work.

Do you have any particular interests or hobbies?

The hours are just incredible. I'm here at 7:00-7:30 in the morning. I've always been an early riser. I just go on seven days and nights a week. But, I enjoy it. As crazy as it all is, I enjoy it very much. There are just tremendous challenges involved in this job. No other job presents as many challenges.

My interest has always been pretty much family oriented. My children are very involved with sports, and I used to be involved in little leagues, pony leagues. That's probably one of the biggest sacrifices. The children, since they're grown up, have been very cooperative with these types of problems. They range in age from 22 to 14. There are three boys and three girls. And three are in college.

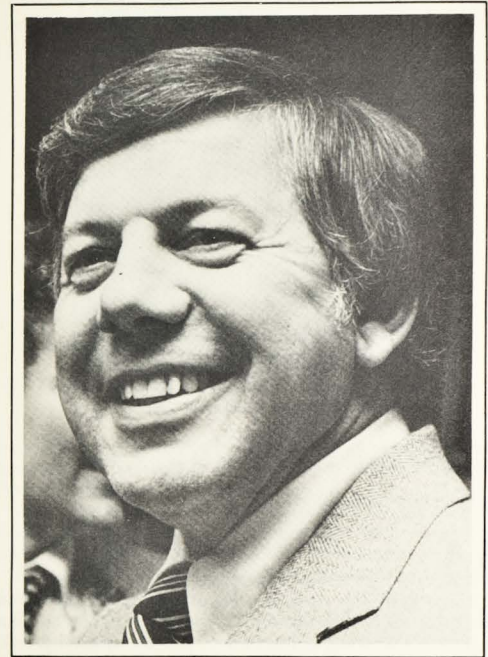
How do you feel about budget cuts in financial aid to students?

Education is the whole backbone of our society. When you start cutting educational benefits, how much lower do you go? That's the reason why we are where we are now because of things like educational loans. Reagan has really made the jobs of mayors extremely difficult. We're in a position to see. A lot of people are not in the position to see or relate to that part of the problem. They cannot relate to the Reagan decision as it goes to the guy on the third floor on Prospect Street in Pawtucket. There is this whole gap here that they don't relate to.

When you're mayor, you can see that because you have to stand here and cut the programs out. You have to go around to those people and say that the reason why you're not getting a hot lunch or a hot meal today is because of that. They don't always make that connection.

In this city all we have is the property tax. That's our only source of revenue. And everyone is chipping away at us right now: the federal, the state, even the state grants. There used to be lump sum grants like the school aid, for example: two large lump sum payments of 4 or 5 million dollars apiece. We would be able to take that and put it in a bank and earn interest on it. Now they have changed all that; you have to toss it out every month. It's really all cash flow. It really hurts. You end up losing money. You end up losing and using up property tax. It's a challenge.

It's a difficult time being mayor, particularly during bad financial times. You have to make a lot of very hard, difficult decisions. Five years ago it probably would have been much easier. We're making a lot of cuts and things like that. There are going to be a lot more.



Mayor Kinch of Pawtucket

Would you be willing to visit a political science class and talk to the students?

Sure, as a matter of fact, I go around and speak at high schools. And I enjoy going out and speaking to political science classes. I think it's very important for people to become politically involved. I try to encourage it wherever I go.

That's the good thing about a city like Pawtucket because it's small enough that it is manageable. And you can get out there and see the citizen participation work. I've seen it work so many times. No matter all the flaws in our whole system that people complain about, the bottom line is that the system works. It really does.



Poet Maria Flook

Maria Flook

by Darlene Mikula '82

Maria Flook, a 1974 creative writing graduate of Roger Williams College, recently won the Houghton-Mifflin New Poetry Series. Chosen from seven finalists in January, Flook's collection of poems, *Reckless Wedding*, is scheduled for publication in the Fall.

According to Bob McRoberts, creative writing instructor at RWC for thirteen years, Flook "has had more success publishing her poetry and fiction than any other student so far." He added: "The Writing Program teaches writing insofar as writing can be taught. But you can't teach someone to be a great poet. Maria was immensely talented before she even showed up at Roger Williams. Her work here made it easier for her to develop her writing and allowed her to develop more rapidly."

Flook was sixteen years old when she had seven poems accepted for publication in the Harper & Row anthology, *It is the Poem Singing into Your Eyes*, but never believed she was a writer until she attended RWC in 1971.

"Bob McRoberts was encouraging," said Flook in an interview with the editors of *Aldebaran*, the student literary magazine. "He was someone who said it's not absurd or silly or frivolous to spend your time writing. I think I started believing I was a writer when I was at RWC, and I started working at it and reading and sending my work out. So for about ten or eleven years now, since I first started at RWC, I've considered myself a working writer."

Flook has published her work in several journals and magazines including *The Antioch Review*, *The Agni Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *Ironwood*, *Playgirl*, and *Poetry*. She has also won The Black Warrior Literary Prize (1976) and The Academy of American Poets Award (1977). In addition, Flook graduated from the Iowa Writer's Workshop in 1979 with an M.F.A. in English with a creative thesis. During 1980-81 she was the recipient of a grant at The Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Although Flook works full-time at a bank during the day she still considers herself a working writer. "Just because you don't make any money writing poetry doesn't mean being a poet isn't justifiable," commented the 30-year-old Flook. "I've never had to justify it to anyone other than my creditors!"

Flook gives a more in-depth discussion of her ideas and thoughts about writing poetry and fiction in the April 1982 issue of *Aldebaran* (Volume 12). To order send \$1 plus 75 cents for postage to: Mary-Lou Brockett, Editor, *Aldebaran*, Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI 02809.

Susan Cline

Downtown Providence: *Commerce in Architecture* is the most recently published book in a series of walking tours of the city published by the Providence Preservation Society. Susan Cline, an historic preservation graduate of RWC, wrote the book which describes 48 historic buildings. It gives clear directions for finding them, along with attractive illustrations of many.

On a drizzly Monday noontime in late June, Susan greeted two dozen architecture "fans" at Three for All gallery in the Arcade. After a brief introduction, she took them on a sample guided tour of a half dozen sites ending at City Hall.

Originally from Kansas, Susan had seen an advertisement for Roger Williams College's historic preservation program in an issue of a popular antique magazine. She wrote to learn more, enrolled, studied under Dr. Kevin Jordan, and graduated. She was hired by the Providence Preservation Society as editor of their newsletter. Now involved as PPS's planner, Susan is making a significant contribution to historical and architectural information for the Providence community.

To obtain a copy of *Downtown Providence: Commerce in Architecture*, send a check for \$1 to Providence Preservation Society, 24 Meeting Street, Providence, RI 02903 to cover cost, postage and handling. In addition, copies may be purchased for 50 cents each directly from PPS or Three for All gallery in the Arcade.

At 67, Gains Entry to R.I. Bar

by Bob Riel
Call Staff Writer

With his recent admittance to the Rhode Island Bar Association, J. Gaston Levitre has realized a longtime dream.

"I am excited and overjoyed," says Levitre, bubbling with emotion. "It feels like you're walking out of a room, and there's your whole life in front of you. You'll never be what you were before."

The words ring true for anyone who has graduated from law school and passed the bar examination. But, in this case, they mean even more.

That's because Levitre, of Brookside Drive, North Smithfield, is 67 years old.

Rather than settling down and enjoying retirement like most people his age, Levitre decided several years ago to embark on a new career.

"I'll never retire," he says emphatically. "My retirement is going to be the practice of law."

For the last five years, he has attended the University of Bridgeport Law School. Three nights a week, Levitre made the long trip to Connecticut for classes.

At times, he said, he was so tired he would stop the car and sleep at a rest area. A miniature alarm clock would awaken him after a few hours so he could continue the drive home.

"When I first started, people would say, 'You're crazy,' or 'You'll never make it,'" Levitre recalls. "But I didn't go because I wanted to prove them wrong. I went because I wanted to. If you want it badly enough, you've got to do it."

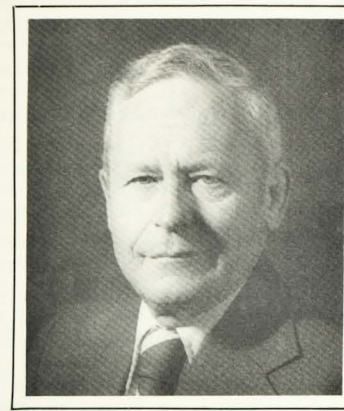
Remembering the miles he drove, the classes he attended, and the hours he spent at libraries, Levitre says he was just "too stubborn to give up."

"I hope that's the attitude I always have. I believe the only object that defeats everyone is their own mind. Impossibility has never been a companion of mine. If you have the right mental attitude, you can do it," he said.

The oldest of 10 children, Levitre began working in a mill when he was 14 years old, during the midst of the Great Depression. His mother died when he was four, and his stepmother passed away when he was 13, so he had to work to help support his family.

But Levitre said he "always yearned for additional learning and education."

So, while he worked 29 years with Ramshorn Mills, Inc. of Millbury, Mass., he obtained his high school



J. Gaston Levitre

equivalency from LaSalle University's extension program and an associate's degree from Roger Williams Junior College in Providence.

After spending five years, from 1963 to 1968, in Colorado as plant manager of the Rocky Ford Wool Company, Levitre returned to Rhode Island and went back to school. In 1970, he received a bachelor of arts degree from Roger Williams College.

He worked in real estate for several years before deciding to apply for admission to law school. While in school, he worked as a law clerk with the Soucy and Theriault firm of Woonsocket.

All the work culminated Saturday morning in Supreme Court, Providence, when Levitre was officially inducted into the bar association.

"I'm so excited over it. I'm just trying to unwind," he said.

Besides his constant schedule of classes during the past three decades, Levitre has found the time to work with the Dale Carnegie Institute, was a founding member of the North Smithfield Ambulance and Rescue Association, and served as president of the Rhode Island Beekeepers Association for five years.

He also organized the Eastern Apicultural Society, served on the Greater Woonsocket Board of Realtors, was past master of the Providence County Pomona and Primrose Granges, and was active in the Woonsocket Kiwanis Club.

He was also involved in politics for a time, running unsuccessfully for North Smithfield town administrator in 1979.

Through it all, Levitre says he has no regrets.

"If I had to do it over again, I'd do the same gosh darn thing. I enjoyed it that much," he said.

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Biographies

Nominees for RWC Alumni Association Officers:

Lillian Blanchette '77 was a member of the College's Evening Student Advisory Council for five years. In 1982 she served as President of the RWC Alumni Association, after having been the Vice President previously.

Michael DeCesare '71 is President of the DeCesare Building Company, Inc. and a resident of Providence.

Dennis McWeeney '74 is an assistant facilities Superintendent and Inventory Controller for the R.I. Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation at Davisville. He is an Eagle Scout active in the scouting program as a District Advancement Committee member and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 7 in Cranston.

Paul Levesque '72 is a Jamestown resident and has served as an officer-at-large for the RWC Alumni Association. He is an Internal Revenue Service agent with the U.S. Treasury Department and is a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club.

Jack Bergantini '75 has served as Secretary of the RWC Alumni Association. He was on the Student Senate for three years. He is a member of the Board of Tax Assessors in Exeter; he resides in West Kingston.

Charles K. Rogers '64 is Vice President of the Hall Institute in Greenville. A past member of the RWC Steering Committee on Alumni Affairs, he is on the Honorary Degree Search Committee at the College. He is Vice President and Director of the R.I. Association of Trade and Technical Schools, President of the Northeast Tri-state Council of American Institute for Design and Drafting, and a member of many other social and civic organizations.

BALLOT: RWC Alumni Association Officers

Terms of office are one year. Vote for each office listed. Spaces are provided for write-in candidates. All votes will be held in confidence.

PRESIDENT
☐ Lillian Blanchette

(write in) Name Class Address

VICE PRESIDENT
☐ Michael DeCesare

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SECRETARY
☐ Dennis McWeeney

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TREASURER
☐ Paul Levesque

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COUNSELORS AT LARGE (Vote For Four)
☐ Jack Bergantini
☐ Charles Rogers

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The ballot must be signed and returned to: Development Office, Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI 02809 by Tuesday, August 31, 1982.

Signature Class

Address

1971

Paul Morrissey of Raynham, MA, who joined the staff of the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle* in October 1978, was named advertising manager of that newspaper recently.

1973

Rudolph B. Rothenbuhler earned his master's degree in education from Rhode Island College. He is presently working on his master's in American history from Bridge-water State.

J.R. Schifino is a free lance writer with five novels and several short stories to his credit.

1975

Debra Louise Vierra was recently hired as a police trainee by unanimous vote of the Town Council in Tiverton. She is the first woman in the position. She had been employed as a capitol police officer in Providence, handling security for the courthouses, and as a special police officer.

1976

George E. Mattis received his M.L.S. from George Peabody College. He works as a librarian, humanities cataloger, at Virginia Tech.

1977

Dennis Paul Nalette received a Master of Art in human development with a specialization in management from Salve Regina, The Newport College. Nalette is a structural engineer with Alumiline in Lincoln.

Cyril F. Rourke, Jr. has recently been promoted to detective in the Juvenile Division of the Providence Police Department. He joined the force in 1974.

1979

Robert Schoen has been working in quality control at D. Graham Labs, Inc., a small manufacturing pharmaceutical firm located in Hobart, NY. He married Carol Sue Dewey in August 1981. Both are members of the Hobart United Methodist Church. He is on their nominating committee to make recommendations for filling positions on the Administrative Council.

Chief Daniel Skelly has received a Master of Arts degree in his field from Anna Maria College with a 4.0 average. He also earned a commendation from his local Board of Selectmen.

1980

Steven P. Fusco has been commissioned an ensign upon graduation from Officer Candidate School.

1981

Jill C. Bradfute is working for the United Way of Southeastern New England, Inc. as Campaign Associate for the Public Service sector. Formerly the Executive Director of Newport County Women's Resource Center, she received a certificate in Non-profit Agency Management from the R.I. Department of Community Affairs.

Kimberly Newton of Upton, MA received a Master of Science from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York City. She works as a reporter for *The Providence Journal* in their East Bay office, frequently covering stories about the College.

MARRIAGES

KEVIN MELLO '75 to Lorry Lynn Hatzfeld, March 1982

JANIS BROWN '76 to Edward S. Krasner, June 6, 1982

JOHN KINGSTON '76 to Susan M. Porter, June 6, 1982

DAVID RUGGIERI '76 to Barbara Ann May, May 23, 1982

WENDY A. VAIL '76 to Charles M. Shriner, Jr., May 8, 1982

ELLEN MARIE CANNY '77 to Raymond David Moore, May 20, 1982

SHEILA GARRIEPY '78 to John Wiken, III, May 23, 1982

TIMOTHY HAYDEN WHITE '78 to Anna Marie Craveiro, May 24, 1982

JAMES BERGE, Jr. '80 to Wendy Smith, March 1982

ENGAGEMENTS

ROBERT P. GEORGE '71 to Janice K. Hosey, October 1982 wedding planned

PETER E. MC GRATH '74 to Carol Myron, August 28, 1982 wedding planned

MARTIN L. THURSTON '79 to Patricia Zamoic, August 7, 1982 wedding planned

WILLIAM D. SMITH '80 to Debra L. Dunford, May 1983 wedding planned

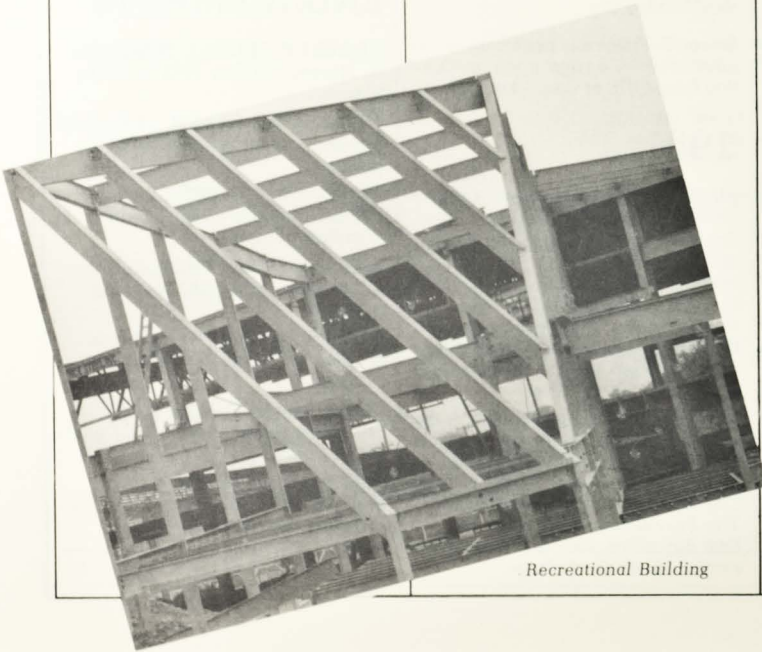
JOYCE L. WOLFE '80 to Robert B. Fishwick, June 1982 wedding planned

DOUGLAS ANTHONY HALEY '81 to Beverly Ann Lister, 1983 wedding planned

DOUGLAS M. SMITH '82 to Barbara M. Goldis, August 28, 1982 wedding planned.

Summer Reading

Jim Russo of the Engineering Technology faculty says if you haven't read the classic *Constraint and Variety in American Education* by David Riesman this may be the summer to do so. Tony Agostinelli of the Social Science Division suggests two books by Leo Buscaglia: *Love and Living*, *Loving and Learning*. The Bridge editor hopes to read the newly published *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Social Responsibilities of the Modern University* by Derek C. Bok, President of Harvard.



Recreational Building

IN MEMORIAM

James O. Cathers, Fine Arts Division faculty member since 1972, died at his home on March 19 after a long illness. He was a member of the R.I. State Council on the Arts, AnyArt Contemporary Art Center, the Newport Cultural Affairs Commission, and The New England Sculptors Association.

Mr. Cathers received his bachelor degree from the University of Louisville and his Master of Fine Arts degree from Rhode Island School of Design. In 1976 he won the second prize in the Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney Sculpture competition; he also received the Providence Art Club's Astrid B. Cianfarani Award. He was a past director, board member and instructor at the Art Association of Newport.

Mr. Cathers, who was 47 years of age, leaves his wife, Caroline (Armitage), and a son, Jacob A., both of Newport. A scholarship has been established at the College in his honor. Contributions may be made out to **Roger Williams College**, noting the Cathers Scholarship. Please mail them to: Development Office, RWC, Bristol, RI 02809.

REUNIONS

The Classes of 1972 and 1977 will celebrate their class reunions on Friday evening, **October 1**, at the Mt. Hope Marina in Portsmouth. Further details will be mailed to all class members, but mark the date on your calendar now.

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55-59	4.70
60-64	4.70
65-70	4.70

For further details about enrolling in the RWC Alumni Association Trust, contact the Development Office, Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI 02809 (401-255-2311).

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Entertainment at Student Center — 9pm

Saturday, October 2

Football - RWC vs. Providence College — am
"How to Get Your Next Job" Workshop — 11am
Movie for Children - "Bound for Freedom" — 11am
"Under the Big Top" — noon-5:30pm
foods, Dixieland music, arts & crafts
Las Vegas games, baked goods auction
Spaghetti/Steamship Round Roast Beef Supper — 4:30-7:30pm
Cabaret - RWC Theatre — 8pm

Sunday, October 3

Open House for Prospective Students — noon-2pm
Tours & Exhibits
Raw Bar under the Tent — 1pm
Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra Pops Concert — 2pm