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Summertime
by Thomas V. Falciglia
Executive Director for Development

What is so rare as a day in June . . . at Roger Williams College in Bristol? Well, for thousands of people from all over the country, there is no time nor place more desirable for their summer conferences than our beautiful campus on the shores of Mount Hope Bay. Each year, immediately after commencement, people ranging in age from kids to senior citizens invade the magnificent facilities which the College offers and conduct conferences lasting from a couple of days to weeks. This year over forty different groups made reservations on campus, and each year the number desiring to attend grows.

The person most responsible for the success of the summer programming is Rita Spero, a Portsmouth resident, who joined the administrative staff four years ago expressly for the purpose of "selling" people on the idea of coming to RWC with their camps and conferences. Well, Rita has done a fantastic job, and now there are lists of associations "sold" and waiting for an opening in the schedule.

The most exciting part of it all for Rita is that a great number of people, especially prospective students, get an opportunity to see the campus who otherwise might not even know it existed. Also, it's pleasing to see how many people prefer this location over other places.

One conference, for example, is for student Resident Advisors (Dormitory Leaders) from Bentley College who come to Roger Williams College each year for their training program rather than conducting it on their own campus.

One event which was outstanding this year was a basketball camp which brought in over 1,000 participants from every corner of the country and lasted for four weeks. Another was a program for retired people of all ages from the Bristol Community which is named Camp Stone Tower.

An organization which has been meeting annually on campus for several years is the Rhode Island Creative Arts Center, a group of writers, music composers, and artists, who stay on campus from June through August because, they say, the "peaceful environment is conducive to artistic creativity."

There also was a convention for Submarine Veterans, numbering over 300 who conducted, as part of their programming, a ceremony to honor their dead, on the shores of the Bay. The Newport Young People, a group of over 350 people who have recovered, or are in the process of recovering from alcoholism, also held their convention here.

I could go on, but the list is long, and it would consume more space than we have in this column. However, there are two other groups I think are worth mentioning before closing.

One is the Girls' State Conference, a group of scholastic high achievers who gather to study state politics in every aspect from the Governor's Office to the legislature. And the other is RWC Athletic Director Hector Massa's day camp for youngsters from 6 to 14 years of age. They're beautiful kids, who, among many others things, march in procession every morning to the beat of the drummer, and raise and salute the American flag. Hector has been conducting his camp for years and the kids enjoy it immensely.

So, our hats are off to Rita Spero and her staff for bringing these groups to RWC and for helping to provide an income to the College at a time of the year when most colleges are relatively inactive.

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RWC Highlights

**Data General**

Much excitement has been generated on campus by the news that the College has purchased the new 32-bit Data General MV/10080 Eclipse computer. Shown at a trade show in March, the "state-of-the-art" computer was just begun to be shipped to purchasers in July.

Roger Williams College will be the first educational institution in the country to have this powerful system capable of supporting 250 simultaneous users. It can be expanded to support 1280 users. The College's Computer Center is open 86 hours per week with trained staff to assist students. There are 35 terminals at the Center and 15 in satellite locations. Moreover, a microcomputer lab with six Apple II-E computers, remote terminals, and printers will be installed in the Science Business Building shortly.

**Accreditation**

Word has been received that the College's Mechanical Engineering Technology program has been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). During the past academic year RWC opened separate labs for the MET program in an Engineering Technology building on the North Campus. Several major pieces of equipment were also added.

**Retirement**

Rebecca E. Tildesley, Director of the Library at the College, retired as of May 30. She had held the position since 1975 and had been with the Library since 1969. When Becky arrived at RWC, the collection consisted of 7,000 volumes and 150 periodical titles. Under her leadership the book collection has grown to 87,000 volumes with 800 periodical titles.

A graduate of Cornell College, Becky received her M.L.S. from U.R.I. Twenty-eight years ago she moved to Bristol when her husband, Rev. Delbert W. Tildesley, became the pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Both retired this spring to their summer home in Tounisset, where Becky plans to garden when not traveling. She looks forward to an opportunity to read many more books in her retirement than she ever had time for during her busy years at Roger Williams College. She will be missed by her many devoted colleagues.

**Westlaw**

This summer RWC became the first undergraduate college in New England to install WESTLAW, a computerized legal research service. Paralegal Studies students will be offered instantaneous access to data on thousands of cases, statutes, legal and tax materials. Although designed primarily for law and business majors, WESTLAW will be available to the entire College community.

Becky arrived at RWC, the college community. Controller Richard S. Soron and faculty member George A. Ficorilli bid farewell at Becky's retirement party.

**and Notes**

In June Dean Schiavo announced the appointment of longtime RWC faculty member and administrator, Dr. Kenneth Cedergren, assistant to the Dean of the College and Director of Institutional Research. In addition, Ken will administer the Newport/NETC program for Continuing Education. Both Ken Cedergren and Dr. Lorraine Dennis have been named to Who's Who in the East. Harold Payson was among 800 Rhodes Scholars who gathered for a reunion in England this summer. Nancy Harlow and some of her students toured Greece for seven weeks during June and July.

A paper published by Social Science faculty members, Dr. Joseph S. Neuschatz and Charles Trimbach, and RWC graduates, Lynne S. Baldwin and Stephanie Schumacher, appeared in the professional journal Psychological Reports, 1983. It was entitled "Effects of Alcohol on Involvement in a Structured Social Situation." Reprints are available from either of the Psychology faculty members mentioned.

**Bachelors of Architecture**

Paul Adison of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, became the first graduate of the College to receive the fifth-year Bachelor of Architecture degree. In addition to graduating magna cum laude, he was awarded one of the College's two highest architecture prizes. It was for Excellence in Design and was presented at a ceremony sponsored by the American Institute of Architects/Rhode Island Chapter.

Adison received his B.S. in Engineering Technology from RWC in May 1981. The following year he was a freelance commercial artist for a design/architectural studio in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, became the first graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the College. In total, six students graduated with the new degree; fourteen more are expected to graduate in 1984.

Adison received his degree cum laude. He also won an architecture award, Excellence in Performance, presented by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Formerly he had earned a B.S. in Engineering Technology from the College. His hobby is photography.

This summer he will visit the Azores for the sixth time while working as a sound engineer for a cinematographer's documentary on whaling, scheduled to be shown on television. A performer with the Mount Laurel Center for the Performing Arts where he plays trombone, Adison has several other avocations, including sailing, skiing, and classical music.

F. Paul Frederick of Norwood, Massachusetts, was the second to graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the College. In total, six students graduated with the new degree; fourteen more are expected to graduate in 1984.

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Bristol Parade

Bristol held its 198th patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July with its traditional parade, speeches, floats, bands, crowds and heat. This year, as last, Roger Williams College joined in the festivities with a float designed by the Historic Preservation students. In 1982 they won "2nd Most Patriotic"; in 1983, "2nd Most Original". Williams College joined in the festivities with a float designed by the Historic Preservation students. In 1982 they won "2nd Most Patriotic"; in 1983, "2nd Most Original".

“I think that the most important legacy which the signers of the Declaration left for us was the lesson that a nation is measured not by its power, but by its hopes. We are put into motion by our hopes; we can make changes; we are not locked in. We get a sense of direction from our hopes and every time we exercise our rights, we are healed by our hopes,” as author Norman Cousins tells us.

"From our fringes, we have to continuously return to the principle of hope. While not minimizing the complexities and difficulties involved in tackling these problems, we should not underestimate our ability to resolve them.

"Let us keep our hopes high. Hundreds of millions of people throughout the world are watching us. Bristol and our nation have survived and prospered well. Let us carry on with a firm resolve. Congratulations, Bristol, you have shown us the way!"

Faculty Focus

Rocco Colagiovanni

"My first preference is Continuing Ed," were the first words uttered by Rocco Colagiovanni before sitting down to an interview in the Public Relations Office. It was a warm summer day. "Mr. C." as he's known to his students, had rushed to sandwich the time between courses in Statistics and Calculus. But talking about the College he cares so much about brought an air of relaxation and many smiles to his face.

"Initially I became involved in Continuing Ed in the Fall of 1980 when asked to substitute for an Engineering Technology advisor who was out sick. Subsequently I was asked to take the counseling position on a regular basis. Since I had done a great deal of counseling prior to my coming to RWC, accepting the position was not difficult.

"I find tremendous satisfaction in counseling students. I get a great response from them. It's almost like being a doctor. He gets that feedback from his patients, and he feels rewarded when the patients get better. In a sense I feel the same way. I get gratification from knowing I'm doing some service which helps them to better themselves.

"My philosophy on higher education is that all colleges today have to serve the entire community. And Continuing Ed is one of the aspects we must be concerned with and address ourselves to.

"I think one really needs one semester in working with adults to get an exact feeling for what their needs are. Your approach to adults is naturally a lot different than your approach to traditional college students. The teaching methods, the philosophy in the classroom, changes somewhat because you're with students who are differently motivated and who are practically the same age or even older than you. You become more sympathetic.

"Today we're getting more women coming back to college than we are men. I think this is becoming more evident in a lot of fields - non-science, non-engineering. For instance, at our former Quonset Point Center we had more women in the business area than we did men. The men were more interested in our law enforcement, engineering technology, math, or computer areas. Now we're getting more women whose companies want them to have some background in computers.

"One thing about Continuing Ed is that some students are very frightened. They do not know where to go exactly. They lack direction, even if that means what course to take first, what to follow next. These questions were never answered when they left high school. They don't know the college language; they don't know what courses mean, grade averages, electives, and so forth.

"Regarding how Roger Williams College has changed in the years since I've been here, I have seen it go from a junior college to a senior college. I've seen academic programs go from mediocre to above average. It's been amazing. I've seen it go from an 'open door policy' to admitting only better prepared students. I personally welcome back the mathematics major. At one time we'd had one, but it dropped from our degree offerings. Now with the stress on engineering technology and computers everywhere, it's in vogue.

"Morally, too, I have seen RWC grow. There seem to be more people who are more concerned with their students, their financial needs, their academic needs. Academic integrity has improved tremendously. I've seen more ethical values practiced. I've seen more faculty getting involved in the College's direction, therefore, having a stronger voice in curriculum."

"Rocco lives in Smithfield with his wife, Elizabeth, and their five-year-old daughter of the same name. He built his own home in 1975 and enjoys gardening. His avocations are opera and theater. He concluded the interview with:

"'I've been at RWC since 1966. I've taught many, many students. Sometimes I teach four or five courses per semester. Right now I must be involved with over 380 students giving guidance at the Providence Center. Students come back to see me. It's most rewarding when they say: 'Gee, thanks, Rocky, for all your help!' I've got to be good at what I do or not do it at all. I try to reflect this in my classroom and in my counseling. I'm content in doing what I am right now.'"
Director of Architecture Program

In July President Rizzini announced the appointment of Raj Saksena, AIA, to the newly created position of Director of the Architecture Program at the College. Dr. Bartholomew P. Schiaivo, Dean of the College, was Chairman of the Search Committee.

Saksena's degrees include a Bachelor of Architecture from India Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India, and a Master of Architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology. Since 1967 he had been on the faculty of the Boston Architectural Center. He is a Registered Architect, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Listed in Who's Who in America, he has since been implementing a completely new city, named King Khalid City, in Saudi Arabia, with a population of 65,000. The city includes 25 million square feet of space and 50 building types, including housing units, schools, offices, theaters, civic and industrial buildings. Two-thirds of the city has been or is being constructed.

In 1972 the government of India appointed Saksena a member of a three-architect team responsible for the New Delhi City Center Redevelopment Plan, which has since been implemented. He has over 20 years of experience with various architectural firms.

The new Director of the Architecture Program is a member of the American Institute of Architects, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, Boston Society of Architects, Massachusetts Association of Registered Architects, and the Boston Architectural Center. He is a Registered Architect, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Listed in Who's Who in the East, Saksena co-authored An Approach to Design of Primary Health Centers and Architectural Education in India. In addition, he has produced two television programs on planning for New Delhi TV.

Saksena has moved to a new home in Barrington, where he resides with his wife, Cynthia, and their son, Vinaya, age 5.

In making the appointment, President Rizzini said: "This announcement is another major step in the College's progress toward academic excellence. Mr. Saksena brings to Roger Williams College a wealth of experience and a background of accomplishment."

Many pronounced the 35th Commencement Exercises "the best graduation over held for Roger Williams College." While this year's 640 degree candidates basked in the assurance that they had a brand new gymnasium on campus in case of rain, the weather favored them with a sunny, mild day.

All week long the seniors had held various farwell picnics and balls. The evening before Commencement, the five honorary degree candidates were feted with welcoming toasts and a special dinner.

On Saturday, May 28, at 10:30 am, the formal academic procession began from the front of the Administration Building. Perhaps as many as 3,280 parents and guests stood while the trumpets blared and Dr. James Russo, Grand Marshal, started the march. He was followed by the division coordinators, trustees, representatives of academic institutions, and noted dignitaries. Then came the administrators and faculty resplendent in their colorful hoods. And, finally the triumphant seniors adjusting their unfamiliar motorboards and tassels.

After reaching the platform on the steps of the Library all heard the National Anthem. Then greetings were given by President Rizzini, Judge Thomas J. Paulino (Chairman of the Board of Trustees), the Honorable Thomas Bynoe (Administrator of the Town of Bristol), Lt. Gov. Thomas DiLuglio, and Lillian Blanchette (President of the Alumni Association). Senior Class President Christine Gultinas gave the Valedictorian address.

The five national and state dignitaries who received honorary degrees were:

Harry Kizirian, Manager Sectional Center - Postmaster for Rhode Island and Bristol County, MA, U.S. Post Office - Honorary Doctor of Humanities.

J. Terrence Murray, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer, Fleet Financial Group, Inc. and Fleet National Bank - Honorary Doctor of Business.


Maurice Sendak, author and illustrator of children's literature (Where the Wild Things Are) - Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Paul Charles Zamecnik, M.D., Principal Investigator, Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, Shrewsbury, MA and former Chairman, Executive Committee of the Departments of Medicine, Harvard Medical School - Honorary Doctor of Science.

After the students received their well-earned baccalaureate and associate degrees, congresswoman Claudine Schneider, U.S. House of Representatives, gave the Commencement speech. In her typically warm yet witty fashion, "Claudine" - as she prefers to be called by all - said: "America is at a turning point in its history. I'm very excited. We're emerging into a new third wave which will demand more education and even higher skills."

She predicted growing career fields in data processing, paralegal, computers, midwifery, hazardous waste technology, geriatrics, bio-medicine, personnel, and day-care.

Chuckling, she warned the graduates that just as they'd thought their studying days were over, "a strong emphasis on Continuing Education" is just beginning. The
qualities “to take us through all this” will be determination and flexibility. These were the two characteristics she repeated throughout her address.

She gently admonished the parents not to expect too much, too soon from their grown children. She related how she’d received her B.A. in Languages only to find a position in Washington, DC, as a telephone receptionist for a photographer. But through creative ideas and voluntary help with an energy-conservation group she was able to grow and to succeed.

As the first woman to hold a major political office in Rhode Island and as a national leader in education, energy, environment, economy, and the elderly, Claudine knew whereof she spoke when she closed her remarks with:

“There are three kinds of people — those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder‘what happened’.” To the parting graduates she called, firmly: “Be the kind who MAKE it happen!”

Dedication of the Thomas J. Paolino Recreation Center
May 15, 1983

“He loves people more than honors,” said Judge Beretta.
"Even his adversaries treat him with respect. He's never lost 'the human touch,'" was his son, Tom's, accolade. "He's devoted to church, to education, to his friends, and to his family."

Said nephew, Joe: "Tom, your father's a saint. He never let power, prestige, or money change his priorities."
One of the big and most important factors in the success of the Roger Williams College athletic program is the cheering leading team which in recent years has grown rapidly in stature. The squad currently cheers at all Hawk football, soccer and basketball games, and consists of 10 girls (6 upper classmen and 4 freshmen).

Last year was a banner season for the girls in Royal Blue and Gold. The Hawk women were rated among the most enthusiastic collegiate cheerleaders in the state, and the future promises to be even better.

Anne Gabbianelli Callahan '79

As a popular radio reporter in the Rhode Island broadcast area, her voice has long been familiar. But now working in cable television, Anne Gabbianelli's face is readily recognizable, too. She prefers WJAR-TV in Providence. While at the latter station, she rotated between assignments as a news anchor, in-house reporter, and evening editor. She began her master's degree program in Instructional Media at Bridgewater State College. Currently, she is at Inland Bay Cable TV in Attleboro.

Anne is also doing feature reports for a magazine-type show. She enjoys taking a national issue out onto the streets or into the supermarkets to find "the local angle." That's where cable television excels. It stresses content, not entertainment. It's thought provoking.

Anne grew up in Connecticut as the youngest of four children. After graduating from Ridgefield High School, she moved to Roger Williams College and then to Bristol, where she still lives. She is married to Steve Callahan, a radio engineer and faculty member in Communication Arts at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Massachusetts.

In describing her education at RWC, Anne says: "I'm one who believes in very practical experience over theoretical concepts. Theory is great for learning the basics, but it's on-the-job training that's going to teach you everything you want to know."

"My senior year in college, I realized I wanted to work, to get out of college. I wanted to work in a newsroom. I was the first RWC intern at WJAR-TV. But it was hectic! I was up at 3 am and went in again on weekends to learn how to go out and do stories, how to edit them."

Anne's enthusiasm and keen intelligence are apparent in her role as a member of the College's Cable Television Committee. She plans to assist the committee members as they try to cooperate with the East Bay's newly emerging Full Channel Cable TV Company. She is not alone in foreseeing areas the College might present via cable — sports events, theater productions, guest lectures, career services, and courses.

Like many on the campus during these beginning days of the cable TV industry, Anne would like to see the emphasis on Career Writing expanded to include print, broadcast and cable communications. She and others hope to see radio station WROG joined by a fully equipped television production studio for student and faculty use. With her exuberance and leadership, this alumna is still very much a part of Roger Williams College's growth and of Bristol's growth in the cable TV era.
Alumni at Willner House

On a lovely summer evening in June President Rizzini and his wife, Lois, hosted the RWC Alumni Officers, Trustees and Counselors-at-large along with the proposed candidates for the 1983-84 Alumni Council. As outgoing President of the group, Lillian Blanchette told her fellow alumni that the College needs active graduates. "You help to keep the College in the news with your professional activities. You help to run events; you help to raise funds, not necessarily give yourself. And you help others find jobs through the alumni directory and network."

Ann K. Carey, an alumni representative on the RWC Board of Trustees, spoke of the ability of alumni Trustees to sit in and vote on the Development Committee and the Nomination Committee. "Sometimes I attend as many as three events per week. But the Trustees are warm and delightful people. They want to share the College's progress..." Citing the many openings on the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Council for RWC alumni, Paul Levesque, the President-elect, said: "The more input from the alumni association, the better it's going to be. Although you're asked to come to meetings and give all parts of yourself, you'll reap the benefit of many social events like this dinner at Willner House and Homecoming next Fall."

Later Paul, a 33-year-old native of Jamestown, said he sees the purpose of an active alumni association as twofold: to sponsor social activities and to raise funds. He plans to boost the amount in the alumni treasury which stands at $800.

Homecoming

On Friday evening, September 30, the annual alumni/parent/students HOMECOMING will kick-off with Class Reunions for the Classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963. The reunion alumni will gather in the Student Center. Saturday will be the big day of HOMECOMING. The football game against Worcester State will begin the festivities, which will be followed by the traditional "Big Top" events. Lunch will be American and International foods, band jazz group and a country-and-western band on the featured. A soccer game will be raging out there. There'll be pony rides for the children, balloon rides, weather permitting, of course, and arts and crafts. You can't miss a family outing before the afternoon activities. Only seven tickets at $25 each will be sold in Scholarship. Proceeds will benefit the RWC Development Office at the College immediately. A check made out to the Hope's future Fund must accompany your request. - The HOMECOMING for those attending will be a round of round trips, and a visit to Steamboat Park projects. Reserve the date on your calendar. This is a sale for a limited number of tickets, but you can enjoy a dinner at home and some form of entertainment. We hope to see you there."

Nominees for RWC Alumni Association Officers 1983-84

Paul Levesque '71, Revenue Agent, U.S. Department of the Treasury for eleven years; M.B.A. candidate at U.R.I. Treasurer of RWC Alumni Association 1981-83; past President of Jamestown Rotary

Mike DeCesare '71, President of DeCesare Building Company; Vic president of RWC Alumni Association 1981-83 and Counselor-at-large 1981-82; member of United Commercial Traveler's Association; U.C.T. Brotherhood; Knights of Columbus Brotherhood; President of Hartford Avenue Businessmen's Association

Dennis McWeeny 74, R.I. Port Authority and Economic Development Corporation since 1973; Secretary of RWC Alumni Association 1981-82; Charter member in American Century Club

Member of R.W.C Fund: Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 7 in Cranston and member of National Eagle Scout Association

John Burgess 71, Assistant to Mayor Henry S. Kinch of Pawtucket. 15 years experience in field of city planning; oversaw construction of Pawtucket's Downtown Plaza and Narragansett Park projects

Deborah Robinson '79, Teaching Assistant in Literature at Clark University

Jill Bradfute '81, Campaign Associate/EDP Coordinator for United Way of Southeastern New England; former Executive Director of Newport County Women's Resource Center; Chairwoman of R.I. Chapter of National Women's Political Caucus

Chris Brooks '79, Technical Development Engineer for Information Products Unit of Dixon Corporation in Bristol; member Society of Plastics Engineers

Susan Cline '81, Executive Director of Swinburne School in Newport and owner of Newport Art Associates, an art gallery featuring Newport area artists; M.S. University of Kansas; author of three architectural walking tour booklets; previously Preservation Planner for Providence Preservation Society and Editor of PPPS News; former Board Member of S.W.A.P. (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) and the Elmwood Foundation

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Domenic Liberatore 77, Manager of Shops and Engineering Support within the Equipment Development Laboratories at Raytheon, faculty at Northeastern University in Business Administration; member of American Mensa, Ltd. and associate member of Electronics Industries of America; M.B.A. Providence College

Darlene M. Meyers '82, owner of The Write Word, a business and technical writing firm in Middletown which specializes in software documentation. A Career Writing graduate, she is a degree candidate in Computer Science

David Nash '64, Executive Director of Warwick Chamber of Commerce; board member of Kent County Mental Health, VOWS (Volunteers of Warwick Schools), Elizabeth Buffum Chace House, Mayor's Committee on the Handicapped, Mayor's Committee on Energy, Business Development Leader

Robert Pompei '73, Vice-president of EDA Machine & Controls, Foxboro, MA; member of St. Joan's Family Life Commission, Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional Adult Fund-raising team (Craft); certified engineering technician by National Society of Professional Engineers; member Society of Mechanical Engineers; holder of numerous awards and certificates in Fluid Power Engineering

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Terms of office are one year. Vote for each office listed.

 espaçoes are provided for write-in candidates. All votes will be held in confidence. This ballot must be signed and returned to: Development Office, Roger Williams College, Bristol, RI 02809 by Tuesday, September 6.

1959

Rene Santini has been appointed Retirement Manager of Nuclear Metals, Inc., Framingham, MA. He is responsible for all company recruitment and employment activities. Previously, he had worked at Data General's engineering and manufacturing complex in Southborough, MA, as Supervisor of Personnel and Employment.

1970

William Brady of Lincoln, RI, has been a teacher for 11 years at Shea High School in Pawtucket. He has also served as class advisor, coach for the indoor and outdoor track teams, and school store advisor. He is a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Eastern Business Educators Association, and Delta Pi Epsilon - the National Honor Society. Brady is married to the former Joyce C. Dean.

1971

Robert Coleman has been named Fire District Chief for Greenville, RI, after serving with the department since 1973. Besides earning fire-fighting certifications in twelve different areas, he serves as Program Director for the Cumberland Firefighters’ Association Smoke Detector Program. He is a charter member and Vice-president of Local 2722 International Association of Firefighters and holds membership in the Fire Safety Association of RI. He and his wife, the former Cheryl Anderson, live in Cumberland with their two children.

1974

John K. Najarian, Jr., founder and director of the Najarian Funeral Home in Providence, received his certification as an instructor in mortuary science from the Department of Mortuary Arts and Sciences, New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in Boston. He is a member of the Johnston Lions Club, Town of Johnston Zoning Board of Review, and the National Funeral Directors Association.

William Okolowitz was promoted Rescue Lieutenant for the Providence Fire Department. He became a firefighter in 1973 and has been commended for meritorious service in his new position. He is married to Linda, and they have two sons, Justin and Steven.

Robert A. Cassidy has been appointed to the position of accounting officer for the Rhode Island Treasury Department. He was formerly a partner in the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand. Cassidy is a graduate of Providence College and the University of Connecticut.

Commander Ronald W. Atkins of Portsmouth received his master's degree in International Relations from Salve Regina/The New College. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Brenda McElreavy of Plainville, Connecticut, has been appointed Director of Volunteer Service at the Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital. She was formerly Director of Volunteer Service at St. Mary's Hospital in Providence.

David A. Gingerella of Westerly, Rhode Island, has been promoted to the position of Director of the U.S. Gasket & Shim Company. He is a graduate of Brown University.

David Dean of Killingly, Connecticut, has been appointed Director of the Youth Development Council of the Greater Fall River Area. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut.

Douglas Pyron of Middletown, Rhode Island, has been appointed Director of the Homeless Services Program. He is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

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IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Edward Smith '70, assistant pastor of St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC, since September 1981, died on May 5. Born in Central Falls, he graduated from Norton High School, Dean Junior College, St. John's Seminary, Brighton, and Sacred Heart School of Theology in Wisconsin. Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister.

William E. Babcock '73, owner and president of Newport Data Processing, died on April 22. A former employee of Burroughs Corp., Boston, Mr. Babcock was a member of the St. Joseph's Church Men's Club, Newport Lions Club, a sponsor of NOP Little League Team, and was cited by the city twice for rescues while a lifeguard at King Park. Besides his parents, he leaves a wife, a daughter, and a son at 15 Thurston Avenue in Newport, RI.

Cary F. Florio '78, Rhode Island territorial manager for Fort Howard Paper Co., based in Green Bay, WI, died on April 22. He served ten years in the Navy and was discharged as a lieutenant in 1963. He had been Executive Director of the Newport Navy YMCA and the Dunoon Armed Forces YMCA in Scotland. A member of the First Congregational Church in New Bedford, he had served as Chairman of its Religious Education Committee. He was a member of the Newport Lions Club. Besides his wife, Ruth "Bette" E. Nelson Johnson, he leaves four sons still living at home, Robert L. Jr., William, Mark, and Mallen.

Austin Wynock '79, a retired maintenance man for the last four years at Ferland Corporation, died on March 22. Survivors include his brother Richard of Charleston, WV.

Robert L. Johnson, Coordinator for Development of Adult Education Programs at the College, died at age 48 on July 8. He had recently completed work for his Doctorate in Education at Boston University. Bob was a 1966 graduate of Brown University, where he played football. He received a master's degree from U.R.I. He served ten years in the Navy and was discharged as a lieutenant in 1963. He had been Executive Director of the Newport Navy YMCA and the Dunoon Armed Forces YMCA in Scotland. A member of the First Congregational Church in New Bedford, he had served as Chairman of its Religious Education Committee. He was a member of the Newport Lions Club. Besides his wife, Ruth "Bette" E. Nelson Johnson, he leaves four sons still living at home, Robert L. Jr., William, Mark, and Matthew.

Many members of the RWC community attended the Memorial Service for this most respected friend. His pastor, Rev. Zaven Dohnanian, spoke these words:

"He was highly esteemed by his colleagues. He enabled people to work together. They came to him with their problems. He listened and shared himself."

"Though ending abruptly, Robert Johnson's life has been fulfilled. He was a good man. He was committed. He was a man of faith. He was friendly, concerned, and appreciative. He cared about others. He lived his life into his family. He was loved by his wife and his sons. This is his legacy. He will be missed. God bless his memory."

Scholars

The Diane Drake Scholarship has been awarded to senior Cheryl Ruggieri of Cranston. A Paralegal Studies major and a Business Administration minor, Cheryl will intern in a law-related office next Spring. Her hobbies are sailing, skiing, and horseback riding. Capt. and Mrs. John F. Drake of Portsmouth donate the scholarship annually in memory of their late daughter, Diane, a former student at RWC. This year the grant totaled $450.

Mary-Lou Brockett of Niantic, Connecticut, was presented the M. Theresa Donovan Award from the Bristol Rotary Club. The scholarship honors a longtime music teacher in the Bristol school system who is an aunt of Joan Roth, Director of the RWC Chorale. Mary-Lou graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in May.

Amy Marie Hayes has been awarded a full four-year scholarship from the College. Known as the Harold Payson Scholarship, it is granted annually to a resident of Bristol. It represents a gift of over $20,000 in tuition and fees. The winner ranked 19 in a class of 198 seniors who graduated from Bristol High School in June. Her activities included the National Honor Society, Class Secretary for four years, Athletic Club, Ski Club, Youth Council on Smoking, and Drama Club. In addition, she was Editor of the school newspaper. Amy plans to major in Business this fall.

Your gift to the RWC Scholarship Fund will help ANOTHER student!
Events

Monday, August 15 through Thursday, August 18
   Workshop on Architectural Technologies

Monday, August 22 through Friday, August 26
   Civil Engineering Technology Workshop on
   Finite Element Analysis

Wednesday, September 7
   Day and evening classes begin

Friday, September 30
   Cabaret Theatre Dinner for Reunion Classes of

Saturday, October 1
   HOMECOMING

Sunday, November 13
   "Cruise-on-land" Buffet at Biltmore Plaza

Saturday, November 19
   OPEN HOUSE for prospective students