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# THE BRIDGE

WINTER 1992

## Plan for 90s Update *(special insert)*

Law School News  
Campaign Report  
Advisory Boards  
Homecoming

*(inside)*

## Designing Our Future Preserving Our Past

*Focus on the School of Architecture  
including the Historic Preservation Program*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"If the desire for more learning is the mark of the educated person, the School [of Architecture] is doing its job well in turning out persons who understand themselves, their degree of educational attainment, and their continuing need for growth and maturity." — excerpt from National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Report, August 1992*

We in Rhode Island and Southeastern New England benefit from a built environment including a rich and diversified architectural heritage and keen awareness of the importance of preservation.

Students in our School of Architecture enjoy the many advantages of a campus located within one hour's drive of the cultural and historic treasures of Providence, Newport and Greater Boston.

Our Architecture and Historic Preservation Programs share the distinction of being one of the few undergraduate programs of their kind in the entire United States offered within a private university such as Roger Williams.

Re-accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in August 1992, the Architecture Program was cited for its excellence in teaching, curriculum and high caliber of its students. Creation of a Center for Historic Preservation in 1990 under the auspices of the School of Architecture has strengthened the natural link between these two disciplines.

The 45,000-square-foot School of Architecture building, completed in 1987, is one of the most distinctive on the Bristol Campus. Its modern design studio, accommodating 300 student architects and their work stations, is the scene of constant activity, with projects in various stages of completion. The Center for Historic Preservation recently moved into renovated quarters in the Science and Mathematics Building.

In addition to complementing the traditional liberal arts curriculum, graduate programs including

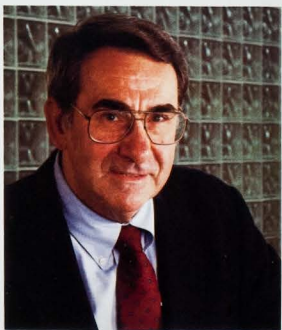
architecture and historic preservation provide a valuable community resource through such programs and facilities as the Architecture Library; School of Architecture exhibits and lectures bringing world-acclaimed architects including Cesar Pelli and E. Fay Jones to the Bristol Campus ( see page 9); and student-faculty renovation of historic properties such as Linden Place, Blithewold mansion and Coggeshall Farm in Bristol.

Advisory boards for both the Architecture and Historic Preservation programs (see page 16) form another link with their respective professions. Roger Williams University has benefited from the strong leadership of Raymond DeCesare (Architecture) and Antoinette Downing (Historic Preservation). Alumni serving on both boards are testimony to the professional success that our graduates are achieving in the private and public sectors.

Unique professional programs such as Architecture and Historic Preservation have unquestionably strengthened Roger Williams University by complementing its traditional liberal arts base. Perhaps more importantly, the unqualified success of the School of Architecture has set a standard and precedent for our other fine professional and post-graduate programs including the Roger Williams University School of Law, our newest, as well as Engineering and Business.

Cordially,

Dr. Natale A. Sicuro



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ABOUT THE COVER: Pictured are tools of the architecture profession, along with concept sketches and a model of a studio project designed by junior Heather Anne Seigars of Southington, Conn., of a performing arts center addition to an elementary school located in Dover, Mass. Heather earned an "A" for the project.

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## Law School Update

**Faculty** — The first three faculty members have been appointed (see page 5). All viable candidates have teaching experience at ABA-approved law schools and all seek the opportunity to establish a law school in Rhode Island. Several have strong ties to Rhode Island — either they were born here, have family here, have worked here, or

two years of the full-time program, and the first three years of the part-time program. One innovation will be a strong program of skills training to include four courses in writing and research, client counseling, appellate advocacy and trial advocacy, all leading to a clinical experience.

• **Library** — The collection is being assembled. Several thousand volumes have already been received, toward the 100,000-volume goal. The bulk of the collection will be

## University News

### University Receives High Honor from State Council on the Arts

Roger Williams University was the only educational institution in the state honored by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts in its annual awards presentation during summer 1992. As part of the Council's 25th Anniversary Celebration at the State House, the program honored institutions or individuals from 39 different cities and towns in Rhode Island for their contribution to the arts. The University was the Town of Bristol's Award Recipient.

### University Offers Language Courses in Italian, Portuguese, Russian

A political science professor from Moscow, the head of the Romance Language Department at Bridgewater State College and the chair of the Department of Foreign Languages at Bristol High School taught courses in Russian, Portuguese and Italian, respectively, during the Fall '92 Semester.

Dr. Alexander Sagomonyan of Moscow Linguistic University taught Russian on campus as a participant in the permanent faculty exchange agreement between Moscow Linguistic University and Roger Williams University. Dr. Robert Arruda, chair of the Department of Romance Languages at Bridgewater State College, Mass., taught Portuguese. Margaret Vendituoli, chair of the Foreign Language Department at Bristol High School, taught Italian.

These language course are offered through the School of Continuing Education. **For more information on current and upcoming language course offerings, call (401) 254-3701.**

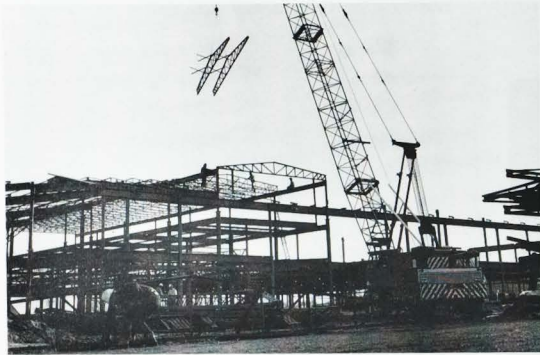
### School of Science and Mathematics Receives Grants

Students in the School of Science and Mathematics soon will benefit from recent gifts to fund specific program projects within the School.

• **The Perkin-Elmer Corp.** donated a gift of equipment valued at nearly \$22,000. The gift - an FT/IR spectrometer — is useful in determining molecular structure. It will be used to enhance the research and educational area of the University's Chemistry Program, according to Dr. Mark Gould, dean, School of Science and Mathematics. The program is coordinated by Dr. Daniel D. Von Riesen.

• **The George I. Alden Trust** of Worcester, Mass., awarded a \$100,000 grant to equip four new research

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As of January 1993, construction of the School of Law Building's steel structural frame was in progress.

attended school here. The goal of hiring approximately 10 faculty and administrators with experience will be met.

• **Building** — Construction is underway on the 120,000-square-foot building, with site preparation and foundation completed, and the steel infrastructure is being erected. The School building will be self-contained, with its own cafeteria, bookstore, computer, photo copy center, mailroom, library, classrooms, faculty and administrative offices.

• **Curriculum** — Programs of study have been established (subject to final review by new faculty) with traditional required courses in the first

delivered in July, when the building is complete.

• **Student Recruitment** — Admissions activities include the production and distribution of 5,000 copies of an informational poster to undergraduates across the country; production of the School of Law Catalog; more than 90 personal visits to four-year undergraduate institutions; and several speaking engagements and panel discussions included in the fall itinerary by the School of Law Office of Admissions.

*This information was contributed by Anthony J. Santoro, dean, School of Law, and Christel Ertel, assistant dean for admissions and career services, School of Law.*

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laboratories in the School for Environmental Engineering Science students. This is the third award to the University from the Alden Trust in the past two years.

• In June 1992, the University realized \$237,000, one of the largest gifts in its history, from the sale of a **donated property in Newport, R.I.**, and these proceeds will also help to underwrite the construction and equipping of the new laboratories.

### Portuguese Ship Captain Visits Campus; Navigators' Exhibit Displayed

When the Portuguese Tall Ship "Sagres" arrived in Bristol, R.I., during Summer 1992, Captain Jose Manuel Malhao Pereira paid a visit to campus, where



Among those present for a visit by Tall Ship "Sagres" Captain Jose Manuel Malhao Pereira to Roger Williams University during Summer 1992 were, from left, Fred Pacheco, Community Advisory Board member; Dr. Malcolm Forbes, vice president for academic affairs; Maria Cristina M.P. Malhao Pereira, wife of the ship's captain; Captain Pereira; Portuguese Consul Dr. Joao Laranjeira de Abreu; Dr. Manuel DaSilva, Community Advisory Board member; and Mrs. Silveia DaSilva.

he was greeted by University officials and community leaders. He was accompanied by three cadets from the Portuguese Naval Academy.

A highlight of the stop was a tour of the Main Library, where an extensive 30-panel Portuguese navigators' exhibit has been placed on display for public viewing during August 1992. The display featured historic data and drawings outlining the history of Portuguese navigators' discoveries.

The exhibit was on loan from the Knights of Corte Reais Cultural Association, a Portuguese cultural organization serving Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. Fred Pacheco of Bristol and Dr. Manuel DaSilva were instrumental in arranging for the exhibit. Both are members of the University's Community and Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies advisory boards.

In conjunction with the "Sagres" visit to Bristol, Captain Pereira presented a collection of Portuguese books to the University Library. These volumes are available to the public.



President and Mrs. Linda Sicuro (left) were honored to participate in a cruise on the "Sagres," accompanied by Deodette and Fred Pacheco, Community Advisory Board member.

### Public/Business Administration Program Offered to National Guard

The University, in cooperation with the Rhode Island National Guard, now offers a Public and Business Administration Program to members of the National Guard. The Program began during Fall '92 Semester, and enables students to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration with an optional minor in Business Administration.

The Program prepares students for government service on the federal, state or local levels, for employment in non-profit organizations and in international administration. Courses will be offered at the National Guard Armory as well as on the Bristol and Providence campuses.

**For more information, call John Stout, dean, School of Continuing Education, (401) 254-3062.**

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The Hon. John F. Reed, U. S. House of Representatives,

of Warwick, R.I., who serves on the House Educational Subcommittee, was keynote speaker at a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance held on campus August 27 and 28. The meeting provided an update on new legislation concerning Title IV programs, which provides for greater middle income student financial assistance eligibility. Nearly 80 participants from throughout the United States attended the event, organized on campus by Lynn Fawthrop, director, Student Financial Aid.

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### Career Summer Camps Offered for High School Students

The University offers two academic camps this summer for high school students to experience and explore fields in which they may want to pursue careers or majors in college. The two camps offered examine opportunities in Marine Biology and Journalism/Communications. Both camps combine field trips, classroom and individual instruction, hands-on projects, and contact with professionals working in the field for the student participants.

The Marine Biology Summer Camp offers two sessions this year, July 25 - 31, or August 1 - 7. The Journalism Communications Summer Camp is offered August 22 - 28.

For more information about the camps, call Bill O'Connell, director, Auxiliary and Student Services, (401) 254-3454.

### Musical Revue Benefits Paolino Scholarship

A benefit Theatre Program performance with a pre-curtain reception raised \$7,800 in support of the Judge Thomas J. Paolino Scholarship Fund. Nearly 130 people participated in the event Oct. 30, 1992, at which the musical revue, "Jukebox Saturday Night," was presented.

The scholarship is awarded each year to fine or performing arts students whose work has been reviewed and selected on the basis of "talent and a display of disciplined work ethic." The scholarship was established in honor of Judge Paolino's 25 years of service to the University. The late Judge Paolino served as Board chairman from 1971 until his death in 1987.

Members of the committee who organized the event include Mrs. Thomas J. Paolino, Jr., chair; Richard Bready; Vincent Capuano; Joan Henderson; Mary Laurelli; Rose Mastrati; Ada Mogayzel; The Hon. Florence Murray; Mrs. Thomas J. Paolino; Dr. Thomas J. Paolino, Jr.; Dena Paolino; Lincoln Pratt; and Cheryl Roberts.

University President Natale A. Sicuro congratulates Barbara and Thomas Paolino, Jr. on the success of the fundraiser for the scholarship in honor of the late Judge Thomas J. Paolino.



The University AIDS Committee presents a check of funds raised to the Sunrise House, a community facility that cares for persons diagnosed with AIDS. From left are Donna Darnochy, health educator; Jeffrey Austin, executive director, Sunrise House; Margaret Smith, faculty, School of Social Sciences; Edward Film '92 of New Milford, Conn.; and Dr. Bruce Thompson, coordinator, Social and Health Services Program. With representation from faculty, students and staff, the committee includes 14 members who develop programs to educate regarding the prevention of AIDS through brochures, posters, videos, presentations and workshops. The committee published the campus AIDS policy, based on guidelines of the American College Health Association to balance public health with private rights. One of the committee's biggest successes is its annual commemoration of World AIDS Day. Activities are planned to increase awareness, as well as raise funds for Sunrise House through a candle sale and candlelight ceremony. For more information, call (401) 254-3413.

### University TV Show Honored; Available in State's Libraries

"Visions for the 90s," the University's cable TV show, again was nominated for the Public Utilities Commission Excellence Awards. Programs cited were "The Pond," a marine biology class, narrated by Dr. Mark Gould, dean, School of Science and Mathematics; "Turn Up the Music, I'm Studying," Marilyn Mair, faculty, School of Fine and Performing Arts; and "The Real World," three alumni, Deborah Clemons '90, Heather Holloway '90 and Michael Robinson '91, discuss first jobs with Fran Katzanek, director, Career Services.

Recent show topics have included the School of Law, the environment, affordable housing, and plans for a campus Spiritual Center. Upcoming

show topics include career directions for women; an AIDS update; the international student experience; and a mandolin-guitar performance.

The University, in cooperation with the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, recently provided public libraries with copies of "Visions for the 90s" episodes. More than 150 different tapes were ordered by the 21 libraries.

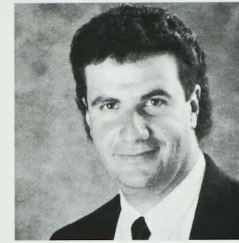
"Visions for the 90s" airs over Full Channel Cable TV Channel 13 Mondays at 12:35 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:05 p.m. for Warren, Bristol, and Barrington viewers. The program also airs statewide Tuesdays at 8 p.m. over Rhode Island Cable TV Interconnect Channel A, as well as selected times on Rhode Island PBS Channel 36.

### Campaign for the 90s Report July 1, 1989 - December 31, 1992

Library Building Fund	\$ 2,961,732
Scholarships	167,801
School of Business Renovation	232,123
Equipment	203,777
Endowed Chairs & Lecture Series	30,350
Departmental Programs	980,713
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,576,496</b>

## CURRENTS

### New Trustees Join Board



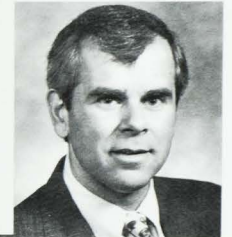
**Richard J. Amato '77**, of Cranston, president, Olympus Group Management, Providence, "Alumni Trustee," serves as a liaison between the Trustees and the Alumni Board, of which he is also a member. He also serves on the School of Engineering Advisory Board. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture and urban planning.



**Virginia McBride '82**, of Harwich, Mass., owner, McBride's Accounting Service, the largest accounting service on Cape Cod also serves as "Alumni Trustee." She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business. She also serves on the Alumni Board and the University Corporation.



**Marshall Rauci, Jr.**, of East Greenwich, R.I., serves as executive vice president for institutional sales with Fleet Investment Services. He has served as dean of admissions and financial aid at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., and in similar posts with Regis College, Weston, Mass., and Daemen College, Buffalo, N.Y. He holds a Master's degree from State University of New York, Buffalo; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



### Faculty Accomplishments

• **Anthony J. Agostinelli**, faculty, Schools of Continuing Education and Social Sciences, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Achievement in Jazz subcommittee of the Jazz Advisory Council of the New England Foundation for the Arts. He is writing a 20-year retrospective on the Legal Social Work Practice for the National Association of Social Workers, Washington, D.C. He participated as a panelist for "Rendezvous in Britain," in Daventry, England, November 1992.

• **Louis Procaccini**, faculty, Administration of Justice Program, was one of 17 instructors in the nation invited to participate in the government sponsored National Youth Leadership Forum, a two-week program designed to introduce high school students to federal jobs, August 1992 in Washington, D.C. He has also developed relationships with police academies in the region in an effort to make the University Program an extension of the academy.

• **Richard Heavers'**, coordinator, Physics Program, article, "Submerged Horizontal Jets in Water," appeared in *The Physics Teacher*, October 1992 issue.

• **Betsy Argo**, adjunct faculty, School of Humanities, was appointed artist-in-residence for the College of Continuing Education, University of Rhode Island. As part of her residency, she has organized a drama club, coordinates dramatic skills workshops, presents lectures, and will direct a full-length spring production.

• **Dr. Richard Spivack**, adjunct faculty, School of Business, has two articles accepted for publication in 1993. "The Feminization of Black Poverty," in the *Journal of Economic Democracy* and "The Health Care System Collapse in the U.S. Capitalist Market Failure" in *De Economist*, a Dutch journal.

• **Alexander A. Sagomonyan** of Moscow, Russia, taught courses in the School of Social Sciences during Fall Semester 1992 through a permanent exchange agreement between that institution and the University. He is an assistant professor in the Political Science Department at Moscow Linguistic University, a Candidate of Sciences (History) from the Academy of Sciences and holds a Bachelor's degree in contemporary history, Moscow State University.

• **Dr. Joshua B. Stein**, faculty, School of Humanities, recently published a book, *Our Great Solicitor: Josiah C. Wedgwood and the Jews*, Susquehanna University Press, which examines efforts of Baron Josiah C. Wedgwood to help the Jewish population in Europe by encouraging the British to intervene for them in Germany and Poland.

• **Dr. Bruce Thompson**, coordinator, Social and Health Services Program, presented the paper, "Home to Die: Therapy with people with HIV outside the urban epicenters," at an international social workers' conference in Washington, D.C., July 1992.

• **Richard Whitten**, adjunct faculty, School of Fine and Performing Arts, has participated in several exhibits recently at the University of Rhode Island Museum, Kingston; Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, R.I.; Levinson-Kane Gallery, Boston, Mass.; Newport Art Museum (R.I.); and John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, Calif. He recently received a \$2,000

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## New Full-Time Faculty Hired



**Edgar G. Adams, R.A.**, School of Architecture, of Cambridge, Mass., holds a Master of Architecture degree in urban design from Cornell University, where he also earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

**Dr. Paul Edward Gibson**, School of Engineering, of Portsmouth, R.I., holds a Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island, where he also earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned a Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Kate Mele**, School of Humanities, of Cranston, earned a Master of Arts degree in creative writing/ poetry from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Providence College. She was formerly a member of the adjunct faculty at Roger Williams University.



at North Adams State College, Mass.

- **Raymond Cordeiro** has been promoted to associate athletic director. He has served as intramural and recreation director, recreation building manager, equipment manager, and athletics purchasing agent. As a professional baseball player, he played 17 seasons for the Kansas City A's, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Chicago White Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates. He was elected to the Bristol (R.I.) Town Council in the November 1992 elections.

Republican Party and was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention where he served as Rhode Island's representative on the Rules Committee.

- **Gary M. Keighley**, vice president for development, and Margaret Norton, director of grants and development research, recently earned certification from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.
- **The Rev. Alfred V. Ricci**, has been named University chaplain. He was formerly Catholic chaplain at the University of Rhode Island. He holds a Master of Divinity from St. Bernard's and a Bachelor of Arts from Lady of Providence Seminary College. He serves as the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministries for Rhode Island.

- **Rolland Everitt '85** has been named director of Academic Computing. He has worked in the department since 1981.
- **David Gingerella**, bursar, recently served as a spokesman for the state

## Faculty Accomplishments

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Artist Projects Grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

- **David Wilkes**, adjunct faculty, School of Humanities, recently had his paper, "Looking Beastly: The Other Images of David Copperfield," accepted for publication in *The Explicator*.

## Staff Appointments/Achievements

**Patricia Bedard**, assistant athletic director, has been named acting athletic director since Dwight Datcher's resignation October 1992.

- **Liz Boland** is the new manager of the University Bookstore. She previously worked for Barnes & Noble

## School of Architecture Faculty Achievements

**Zane Anderson AIA** and **Dr. Ulker Copur's** article, "The Spiritual in Architecture," will be published in the spring issue of *Faith and Form*. The article focuses on the theme of spirituality on relevant design education.

- **Andrew Cohen AIA** is on sabbatical this year, traveling in Czechoslovakia and France to research and document the complex interrelationship of industry and architecture.
- In March 1992 **Dr. Richard Chafee** lectured on "The Strasbourg and Paris of E.J. Eckel," at the University of Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph.
- **Paul J. Donnelly AIA, PE**, delivered the paper, "The Necessity of Structural Precedent Research in the Teaching of Structural Principles and Contemporary Architectural Design," at the ACSA/European Schools Conference at Technical University, Delft, Holland. His architectural firm recently won a national design competition sponsored by the Boston Redevelopment Authority for the design of the Community Services Facility in Boston's Chinatown.
- **Dr. Gail Fenske's** book, *The Woolworth Building: An American Cathedral*, will be published by Princeton Architectural Press. Her article, "Corporate Identity and the New York Office Building, 1895-1915," appears in the book, *The Landscape of Modernity*. Her review of the book, *The History of History in American Schools of Architecture*, appears in the winter 1991 issue of *Winterthur Portfolio*.
- **Karen Jessup** has been named director of the University Center for Historic Preservation, and coordinator of the Historic Preservation Program. A faculty member since 1985, she served as a member of the Advisory Board for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Critical Issues Fund study of Neighborhood Conservation Zones in Philadelphia. She is the former chair of the Providence Historic District Commission and past president of the Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund.
- **Americo Mallozzi AIA** and **William McQueen AIA** were awarded full fellowships to attend the sixth annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Construction Technology and Materials Summer Institute at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

They also participated in the AIAS Faculty Lecture Series, along with faculty members **Grattan Gill** and **Andrew Cohen AIA**.

- **Philip Marshall**, Historic Preservation faculty, served as project director and architectural conservator for the Hopi Foundation and worked on the restoration of the Snow Clan House in Shungopavi Village, Hopi Nation in Arizona.
- **Dr. Eleftherios Pavlides** organized a workshop at the 1992 Environmental Design Research Association at which his students presented research projects completed in the Social Aspects of Architecture class. He presented the paper, "Seasonal Metamorphosis, Spatial and Social: A Case Study of Eressos, Greece," at the International Association for People Environment Studies conference, and another paper, "Postmodern Reactions and the Search for Local Identity," at the International Symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association.
- The work of adjunct faculty member **David Pollak** and his Boston firm, Abacus, was featured on the cover of the August 1992 issue of *Progressive Architecture*. The design for a low-cost house was chosen first place winner in a national design competition. The prototype is featured in *Automate Builder, Decorating Remodeling* and an upcoming issue of the German journal *Details*.
- **Dean Raj Saksena AIA** spoke on "Architectural Education and the Profession" at the 1992 BUILD Boston convention. He serves on the National Architects in Education Committee of the American Institute of Architects. He is also a member of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Steering Committee, which administers the Art in Public Places Program. Current projects include the Providence Convention Center and the new terminal at Green Airport.
- **Jeffrey L. Staats** received a \$3000 scholarship to attend the 1992 Illumination Engineering Society Advanced Summer Workshop for teachers in lighting.
- **Dr. Michael Swanson**, faculty, Historic Preservation, published an article, "An International Context For Preservation Education" in the *Preservation Education* supplement to *Historic Preservation News*, October 1992.

## School of Law Hires Faculty



**Gary L. Bahr** has been hired as associate dean and professor of law. He currently serves as professor of law at the Bridgeport School of Law at Quinnipiac College. He was associate dean, academic affairs, University of Bridgeport School of Law from 1978 - 1980, managing the American Bar Association process. He holds a Master of Laws degree from New York University School of Law; and Juris Doctor and Bachelor's degrees in business administration from the University of South Dakota.

**Richard G. Huber** has been appointed professor of law to teach property law and to coordinate the School's efforts to establish an institute for the study of ethics and law. He was previously dean and faculty member for the Boston College Law School. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he earned a Master of Laws degree from Harvard University School of Law and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.



**Gail I. Winson** has been hired as director of the Law Library and associate professor of law. She served as associate law librarian and acting law librarian at the University of California, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco. She will establish and manage the Law Library and teach advanced legal research. A graduate of Moravian College, Bethlehem, Penn., she earned her library degree from Drexel University, Philadelphia, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville.



## Volunteer Leader News

**Trustee Thomas Hudson '76**, CEO, the Hudson Cos., was a guest speaker for the Student Business Organization in October 1992. He discussed the changing business climate and the application of education in business.

- **Anthony Iasiello**, and **Roswell S. Bosworth Jr.**, members, Community Advisory Board, and **George Yanyar**, member, School of Business Advisory Board, were honored as Paul Harris Fellows by the Bristol (R.I.) Rotary Club.
- **Trustee William Watkins, Jr.**, has been promoted to executive vice president and director of economic development at Narragansett Electric Co.



- **Fred Pacheco**, president, Bristol County Travel Inc.; member, Community Advisory Board, has been appointed one of 16 delegates to the United States Advisory Council to Portugal, established by Portugal in 1990 to study the needs of the U.S. Portuguese community.
- **Trustee Lincoln W. N. Pratt**, corporate community relations director, Providence Journal Co., has been appointed chair of the

School of Fine and Performing Arts Advisory Board.

## In Memorium

**Mark Alokonos**, a senior business major from North Canton, Conn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Alokonos, died at home Oct. 28, 1992.

"Currents" was compiled and written by Suzanne Costello '88, Dorothea Hesse Doar and Eric Brommer. See page 22 for Advisory Board News. Items submitted for publication are run as space permits, in either The Bridge, Events, weekly bulletin, or Tide-ings, faculty-staff newsletter. Materials received after deadline will appear in the May issue.

## Renowned Lawyer Enhances University Leadership

Trustee Michael Silverstein, Esq.

By Eric Brommer



From the 15th floor of the Fleet Center building in the northwest corner office, the city skyline forms a dramatic backdrop for a conversation with a man of distinction, Trustee Michael Silverstein, Esq., recent managing partner of Rhode Island's second largest law firm, Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, with offices in Providence and Boston.

As he discusses his career and involvement with Roger Williams University, the large American flag of Kennedy Plaza billows in the wind, changing shades as the setting winter sun transfers the buildings of downtown Providence to silhouette.

Mr. Silverstein's career began in Woonsocket, R.I., in 1959. As the three-person firm, Higgins & Silverstein, grew, it opened a branch office in Providence in 1970. Eventually, the firm merged with the Providence firm Hinckley Allen in 1984, and with the Boston firm Snyder, Tepper & Comen in 1987.

Throughout the expansions and mergers, Mr. Silverstein has maintained a solid practice and following. His reputation speaks for itself. Thirty-three years after entering the profession, he continues to service clients from his first practice.

"I was on the phone just a short while ago with the first client I ever served," Mr. Silverstein commented.

After serving as the firm's managing partner from 1989-1992 (succeeding and being succeeded by Trustee Stephen Carlotti in the position), Mr. Silverstein is happy to be a "full-time lawyer" again.

"It was an honor to serve as managing partner, but I enjoy actual practice more than administrative and management duties. Nearly 75 percent of my time was devoted to those aspects rather than law practice. I wanted to be a lawyer; now I'm devoting 100 percent of my time to that," he explained.

This renowned attorney has often been listed in the annually published volumes of *The Best Lawyers in America*, again to appear in the 1993 edition, chosen by peers in the field including fellow lawyers and judges. This honor, he noted, is one he shares with the country's new First Lady.

"We'll be seeing lots of changes under this new administration," he said, not offering a point of view whether he thought this would be positive or negative. He laughed as he explained that out of curiosity he had checked the Arkansas section of *Best Lawyers*, and sure enough, Hillary Clinton is listed.

Mr. Silverstein is generous in sharing his skills with the community. As a past president of Rhode Island Saving Energy, he has contributed to the conservation cause. As a director and former chairman of the Woonsocket Industrial Development Corp., he was instrumental in reviving industry in that city. As a corporator, he is active at Rhode Island Hospital.

Roger Williams University has been fortunate to benefit from his expertise since 1980, when the late Thomas J. Paolino, then chairman, recruited him to join the Board of Trustees. He has served on committees including Academic Affairs, By-Laws, and both committees of the School of Law. He continues to serve on the School of Law Advisory Board as well.

The University has seen tremendous growth since his initial involvement. He cited the additions of the School of Architecture, Performing Arts Center, Thomas J. Paolino Recreation Center and Main Library buildings on the Bristol Campus.

Mr. Silverstein applauds the strong leadership of Board Chairman Ralph R. Papitto and President Natale A. Sicuro.

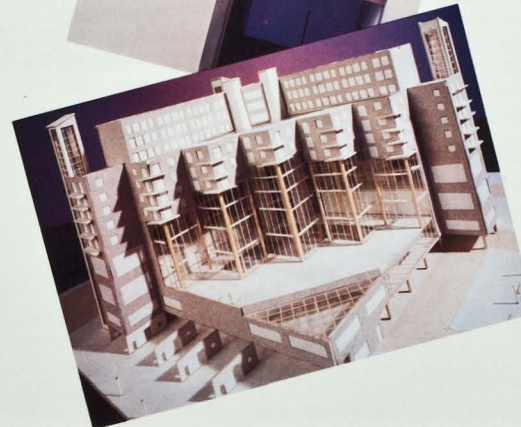
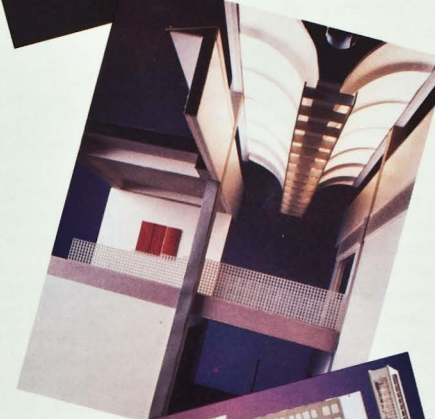
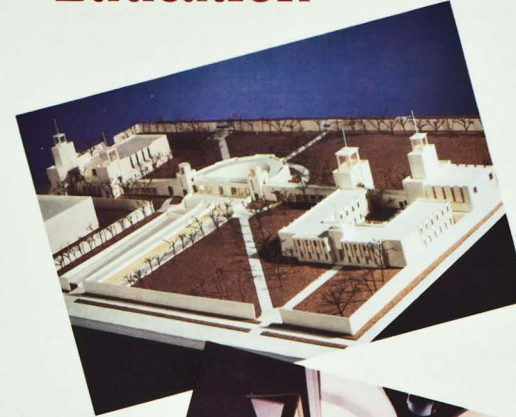
"Their leadership has brought tremendous stability to the University and enhanced its reputation in the community greatly," he remarked.

Mr. Silverstein is excited about the School of Law and stresses the importance of working to ensure that it develops as a top quality, selective school from the start.

The University is fortunate to have Michael Silverstein, with his experience and reputation, among its volunteer leadership to offer his expertise and advise.

*Michael Silverstein resides in Lincoln, R.I., with his wife Phyllis, a former concert pianist. Their son, Marc, is an assistant professor of English Literature at Auburn University. Mr. Silverstein earned his A.B. degree in Political Science in 1956 from Brown University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law in 1959. He concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency law.*

## The Current Debate on Undergraduate Architectural Education



Few life forms on our ever-shrinking globe are unaffected by the forces of architecture. We live, work and recreate everyday within its boundaries, yet most of us take architecture for granted.

Through the ages architecture has reflected the nature of the culture and time in which it was created — from the majestic ancient ruins of Greek temples to the contemporary skyscrapers of modern business.

Architecture combines technology of the day with a millennium of art forms, that has and still does yield a powerful presence and profound effect on humanity.

As the prevailing business climate tends to focus more on "professions," the field of Architecture struggles to define itself within the "professional" world. In the following article, School of Architecture Dean Raj Saksena, AIA, discusses the professionalism of the field and the current debate regarding undergraduate architectural education.

The question arises: "Should we be concerned with the study of the discipline of architecture, or with preparation for entry into the profession?" The answer is obviously both.

Dean Saksena's examination of this issue is insightful and thought-provoking. Related articles adjoin this main feature, exploring how the Roger Williams University School of Architecture upholds the ideals of architectural education.

# Undergraduate Architecture Education: The Current Debate

*Should we be concerned with teaching the discipline of architecture or with preparing students for entry into the profession?*



by Raj Saksena, AIA, Dean,  
School of Architecture

During the last two years, questions have been raised by architectural organizations concerning the adequacy of current architectural education to properly prepare someone to enter the profession. Before discussing these concerns, it is useful to understand current requirements for licensure, the various paths to obtaining a professional degree and the various architectural organizations governing the profession.

## Current Requirements for Licensure

Today, in order to be licensed to practice architecture, one must have successfully completed a first professional degree in architecture that is accredited by NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board) and a three-year apprenticeship under a registered architect to be eligible to take the licensing examination.

## Paths to Obtaining a Professional Degree

Currently there are three paths to obtaining a professional degree: 1. obtaining the five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree; 2. obtaining a four-year pre-professional degree (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of

Science degree in Architecture), plus a two-year professional Master of Architecture degree. The Master of Architecture degree represents a first professional degree. The program is commonly referred to as the "4 + 2" program; 3. obtaining a four-year non-professional degree (in any discipline) followed by a three-to-four year program for a Master of Architecture degree. This is also a first professional degree.

## What are the Architectural Organizations Governing the Profession?

In other major professions like law and medicine, a single organization (American Bar Association in the case of law, American Medical Association in the case of medicine) deals with practice, education, registration and accreditation. Regarding architecture, these are dealt with by four separate organizations:

1. American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional (practice) arm of the profession;
2. Association of Collegiate School of Architecture (ACSA) represents the architecture schools;
3. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is the registration arm of the profession;
4. National Architectural Accrediting Board (with one-third membership from each of the above three organizations) is the accrediting arm of the profession.

In addition, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) represents the architecture students. One member of AIAS (generally a recent graduate) serves on the accrediting board.

## Mission of Architecture Schools

Serious questions are being raised as to what is or should be the mission of architecture schools. Should we be concerned with the study of the discipline of architecture, or with preparation for entry into the profession? There are people in the academic community whose primary

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allegiance is to the discipline. People in the professional community do not understand the difference between the discipline and the profession. According to Joseph Billelo, "for them, the practice of architecture is the discipline."

Both of the above positions offer an incomplete view. Among major professions architecture is the only one that is both an art and a profession. Therefore, architectural education has to be committed to both scholarship and the profession. For a school to maintain the dual orientation of being both discipline-oriented and practice-oriented is by no means easy.

According to Henry Cobb, "A university-based professional school is charged with two seemingly irreconcilable missions. On the one hand, the school is required to serve its profession by training young people for practice — an activity that presumes allegiance to established professional standards and procedures. On the other hand, the school is expected to shape its profession by advancing knowledge in the field — an activity that is inevitably critical of practice and often subversive

of prevailing belief systems in the profession. To promote both of these missions — to resolve this paradox without excluding either of its terms — is the central task confronting the faculty of a professional school."

In recent years some architecture schools have drawn away from the profession.

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Architecture should deal with solving human problems and not just be a decorative art. The meaning of architecture should go beyond formal issues. Schools have an obligation to influence the profession. In order to do so they need to develop and maintain strong ties to the profession.

The charge for the schools is both education and training for what Donald A. Schon calls the "complex, unstable, uncertain and conflictual world of practice."

Cecil Steward is on the mark when he says, "Without the strength and support of the profession there will be no discipline, without the scholarship of the discipline there will be no profession."

## Concerns That Need to be Addressed

In advocating a lengthening of the five-year degree (in fact he advocates lengthening all existing degree programs), Douglas Kelbaugh outlines three major areas "which need to be addressed by professional education if architecture is to

maintain its critical presence in our society." These include information overload, civic leadership and architecture's standing within the university.

Douglas Kelbaugh reasons that architects have to deal with the increase in information, particularly technical information, and with areas of knowledge (like urban design, interior design and preservation) not traditionally part of a five-year degree program. A five-year degree also does not allow for an adequate background in liberal arts and sciences "which will allow architects to assume a larger and more effective role in the community."

The Bachelor of Architecture education has to be thought of as a basis for lifelong learning. New learning can take place through internships and continuing education (mandatory for AIA membership starting in 1996). Areas like urban design can be adequately covered through the existing studio sequence.

The case for increasing the liberal arts component is compelling. Most Bachelor of Architecture programs include nine to 10 courses in liberal arts. More can be done within the five-year format. At Roger Williams University, we have developed a 13-course integrated core curriculum in liberal arts. I believe that this number can be increased to 15 without jeopardizing the professional component of the program.

Some educators believe that an advanced degree will give architecture greater status and greater share of resources in a university setting. This is a questionable proposition.

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## Exhibitions and Lectures Bring the Profession to Campus

An important part of any professional education experience is the examination of exemplary work in the field.

The 1992 NAAB accrediting team called the School of Architecture's exhibition program "exceptional."

The Architecture Gallery has mounted 20 exhibitions since it was inaugurated in October 1987. Five nationally traveling shows have been developed from the Roger Williams exhibits.

For at least one exhibit each year, the School selects an architectural firm which has produced distinguished work but has not had an exhibition. The series has been instrumental in increasing recognition of and exposure for firms, which helped launched their national visibility, Dean Saksena explained.

In addition to the exhibits each year, the School of Architecture sponsors a lecture series introducing students to the work and ideas of celebrated professionals. According to Dean Saksena, this helps set a standard of excellence for the students to follow.

## Exhibitions and Lectures Since 1987 (in order of appearance)

EXHIBITS — A Process of Design: Drawings and Sketches by Le Corbusier To Guillaume Jullian de la Fuente • The Golden Age of Ottoman Empire: Sinan, Sultan Suleyman's Court Architect • European Townscapes • Hugh Stubbins and His Associates: The First Fifty Years • Kallman McKimell and Wood • 1988 Seoul Olympic Athletes' Village Woo & Williams, Architects • Emerging European Architects • Steven Rosenthal: Architectural Photographs • Yeman: A Culture of Builders • R.M. Kilment & Frances Halsband Architects: Five Campus Buildings • Luis Barragan: Architecture of Light, Color and Form • Women in Architecture • Regionalism in Contemporary New England Architecture • Spanish Architecture • Cesar Pelli • Liu Tan Wei "Lifeline" - Calligraphy Exhibit • Paul Rudolph - Drawings Toward Architecture • Schwartz/Silver Architects • Competitions x 3 • Fay Jones Architect • Centerbrook Architects (Spring 1993) • Elizabeth Murray - Paintings (Spring 1993)

LECTURES — Paul Rudolph • Cesar Pelli • Fay Jones • Hugh Stubbins • Michael McKinnell • Peter Chermeyeff • Steve Rosenthal • Andres Duany • Michael Dennis • Robert Klimant • Thomas Amsler • Paul Goldberger • Aptullah Kuran • Frances Halsband • Warren Schwartz • William Curtis • Mark Simon • William Rawn • Eugene Kohn • Niels Diffrient • William Le Messurier • Peter Forbes • Thomas Fisher



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According to Donald A. Schon, "Architecture is an established profession charged with important social functions, but it is also a fine art; and the arts tend to sit uneasily in the contemporary research university....The relative status of the various professions is largely correlated with the extent to which they are able to present themselves as

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rigorous practitioners of a science-based professional knowledge."

Unlike the sciences, Architecture is not a research discipline; attempts to turn it into one are likely to raise expectations that cannot be met.

### Some Proposed Remedies

In addition to lengthening the undergraduate degree by one year, another remedy that seems to be gaining some currency is a seven-year Doctor of Architecture degree. This is not a research degree. The underlying logic goes something like this.

As architects we can improve our professional standing by calling ourselves doctors. The lawyers, who call themselves doctors, have status and command high fees (the law degree is J.D. - Doctor of Jurisprudence). We could expect to be similarly rewarded by our clients if we had a Doctor of Architecture degree.

It is interesting to note that until 1969, the three-year law degree was called Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.). In

1969 the designation was changed to Doctor of Jurisprudence, without any change in the duration of study. It is not an example we need to emulate. The causes for a lack of appropriate status are far more complex and unlikely to be addressed by a D.Arch. (Doctor of Architecture).

### The Profession's New Initiative

In June 1991, the presidents and presidents-elect of the five collateral organizations signed a joint declaration (in Paris) requiring that "by January, 2001, there should be only one designation for the professional degree in architecture offered by all schools of architecture in North America," allowing "adequate time for the schools to study their programs and explore various models within their institutional settings."

The intent of five presidents was "to establish a single Coordinating Task Force, composed of the presidents and presidents-elect from each organization. It will be the charge of this task force to continue the examination of the relevant issues pertinent to a single designation of the professional degree in architecture."

This declaration was not discussed and approved by the board of directors of the various organizations. Since the issuance of the declaration, only the ACSA board has discussed the declaration, and refused to approve it in its entirety. None of the practitioners I have talked to,

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Faculty member Edgar Adams (center) works with freshmen Yan Schober of Germany, and Rachel Burns of Callicoon, N.Y., on a floor-plan project.

### School of Architecture On Fast Track After "Glowing" Re-Accreditation Report

Since the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) re-accredited the Bachelor of Architecture degree program last fall, the School of Architecture has been busy implementing NAAB recommendations to further enhance the already highly rated program.

The Architecture Program complied with all 71 NAAB achievement-oriented performance criteria.

The report noted: "The curriculum is well thought-out and organized....The faculty is able, resourceful, hardworking and dedicated....The School is headed by a dean who accepts responsibility, works hard, pays attention to detail and is completely dedicated to his work....If the desire for more learning is the mark of the educated person, the School is doing its job well in turning out persons who understand themselves, their degree of educational attainment and their continuing need for growth and maturity."

In response to requirements in the accreditation report, the University has committed to: creating two new positions, an assistant dean and a chairman, School of Architecture Curriculum Committee (interim appointments for 1992-93 are current faculty members Zane Anderson and Paul Donnelly); and a \$50,000 annual Architecture Library budget for book acquisitions and a new professional librarian position.

The report also requires additional space and computer integration in the design studio. A committee has been created to examine the School of Architecture space needs and draft a report for approval by School faculty and University President Natale A. Sicuro before being submitted to the accrediting board in spring 1993. Outside funding will be sought for a computer-based design studio.

The five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree program began in 1982, was initially accredited in 1985, and re-accredited in 1987 and 1992. To date, there are 225 graduates from the School.

### Majors Study Ancient and Modern Architecture in Greece and Turkey

by Ulker Copur, Ph.D., Faculty, School of Architecture

The Architecture Study Abroad Program in Greece and Turkey offers students the opportunity to examine first-hand how cultural conditions influence architecture.

The first trip was held May 24 - July 7, 1990 conducted by faculty members Drs. Eleftherios Pavlides (Greece) and Ulker Copur (Turkey) with 17 students participating.

Students explored some of the world's greatest architectural landmarks (Parthenon, Delphi) in ancient and modern cities (Athens, Istanbul) and villages (Patmos, Meteora), while seminars and lectures provided academic background. Students also met professional architects and faculty who have made significant contributions to the field.

These experiences will enrich students' perceptions and work throughout their college and professional careers.

*EDIT. NOTE: Dr. Pavlides is currently planning the next Study Abroad Program in Greece during June intersession. Turkey will not be included because of political unrest and potential danger currently in the area. For more information about dates and registration, call (401) 254-3638. Research assistance for this article was provided by Michele Maher '93 while completing an internship in the Department of Public Relations and Publications.*

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including those active in the AIA, have heard of the declaration.

Last year, the 1991 ACSA president observed that the declaration represented the opinion of the individuals rather than the organization's. The 1990 president said that "it was not our intention to undermine the five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree."

It is not unreasonable to think that the schools presently offering a Master of Architecture degree would not like their degree to be called a B.Arch. (in the late '60s, they changed the designation from Bachelor of Architecture to Master of Architecture). It follows that the likely expectation is for all degrees to be designated at least a Master of Architecture. The present five-year degree would no longer exist.

Demand for lengthening degree programs is nothing new and surfaces periodically. Many years ago, Dean Joseph Hudnut of Harvard University compiled a list of all the courses that a student should complete in order to be well-trained as an architect. It added up to 16 years of schooling!

So the argument is not whether an addition of another year to architectural education will be better. It will be. Six years of education will be better than five; seven and one-half years of education will be better than six.

There are other issues to consider: the cost to the student, and the resulting reduction in number of qualified applicants, access to the profession by minorities and additional cost to the

schools. The change involves a majority of the schools. Of the 100 accredited schools, 64 offer Bachelor of Architecture programs. Currently, 18,394 (of a total of 22,557) students are enrolled in Bachelor of Architecture programs. Likewise, 3,008 (of a total of 4,435) graduates in 1992 received undergraduate degrees. For many schools it could be a life-or-death issue.

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### Summation

These issues require serious, informed and thoughtful discourse. Today the average cost of five-year education is close to \$100,000 while starting salaries are a modest \$23,000 (thus the cost of education today is 4.3 times starting salary; in 1980 it was 2.5 times starting salary). In the last few years the cost of education has been rising by 6 to 7 percent per year while starting salaries have remained virtually stationary. A clear and compelling case has not yet been made that graduate architectural education is absolutely essential — not just desirable. The proposed architectural education study soon to be underway is the appropriate vehicle to define what changes in architectural education are really necessary and how these should be accomplished.

### Notes:

1. Donald A. Schon, "The Reflective Practitioner"
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3. Geddes and Spring, "Princeton Study on Architectural Education"
4. Douglas Kelbaugh, "Meeting New Demands on Professional Education"
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6. A. N. Whitehead, "The Aims of Education"

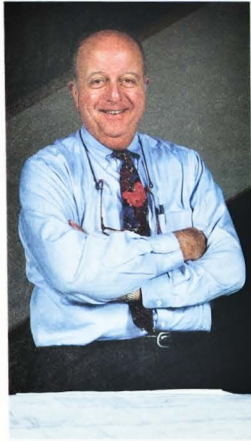
Freshman Melissa Baker of Conway, Mass., constructs an architectural model in the studio.



**SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE**

**Advisory Boards Link Professionals to Academia**

*by Betty M. van Iersel, APR*



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Among the former is attorney Sean O. Coffey, a partner at the Providence office of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder and co-chair of its Environmental Law Group.

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"The focus on preservation — fitting human activities in the built environment into the natural environment — is a relatively easy segue for an environmentalist," Mr. Coffey said.

"The combination of the two environments — natural and built — is what gives Rhode Island such a strong sense of place."

Mr. Coffey has worked with Roger Williams University interns as one of two Rhode Island advisers for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"The Program provides students with a firm grounding in historic preservation issues and others, such as community planning and environmental problems, impacting upon preservation," he noted.

Five alumni of the Architecture and Historic Preservation Programs serve on the two advisory boards.

Among these rising young professionals are Mark Saccoccio '83, partner, Salvatore Saccoccio & Associates, Cranston, R.I.; William C. Slack, Jr., '84, senior project architect, Rothe Johnson Associates, New York City; and Renee T. Theroux-Keech '87, project manager, Department of Public

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"I stay active to have input into the curriculum, to make sure that it remains well-balanced, and also to give something back."

Janet Shotwell '81, a Historic Preservation Program graduate remembers her work at Coggeshall Farm and Linden Place in Bristol while a student.

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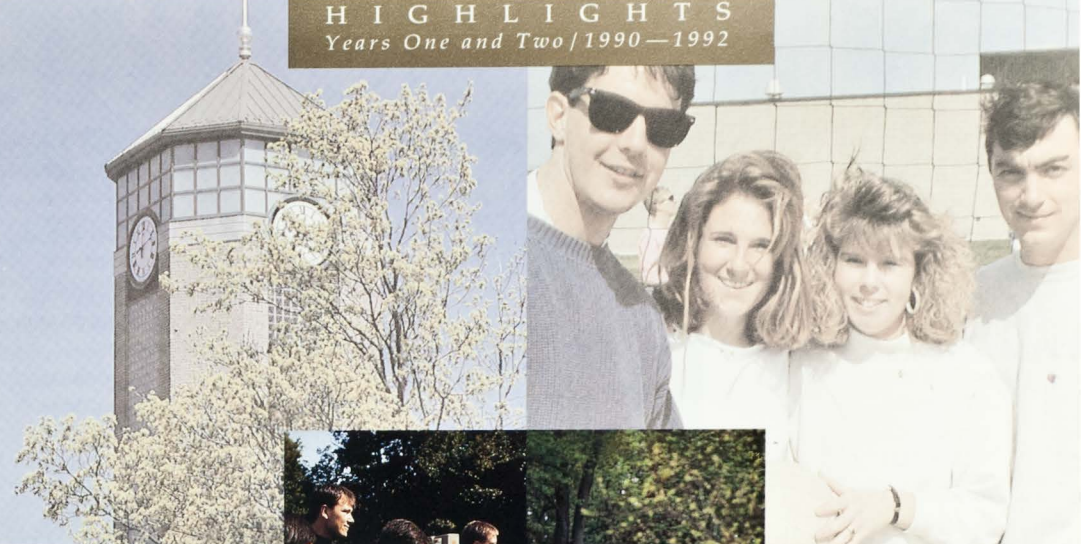
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*See page 22 for a complete list of both advisory boards.*



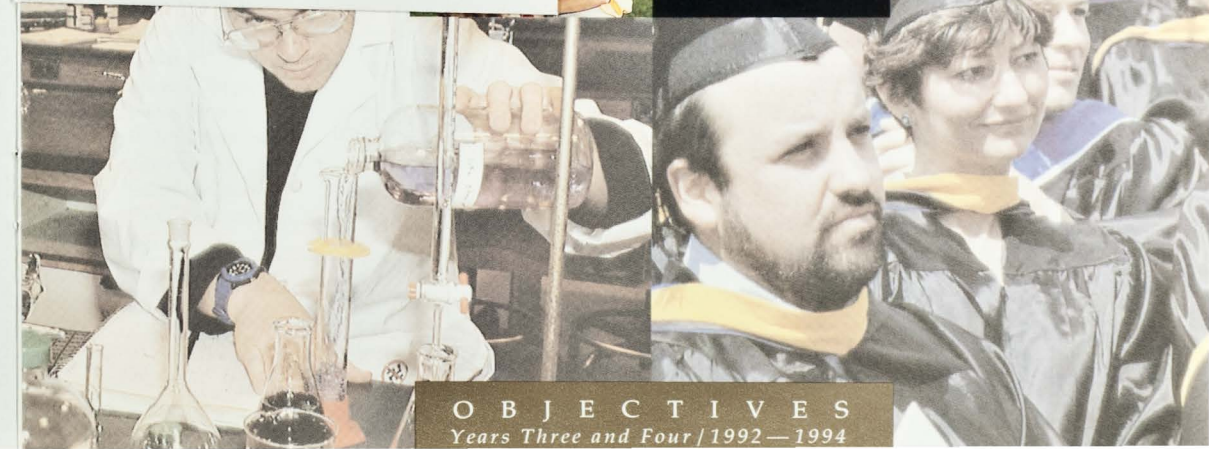
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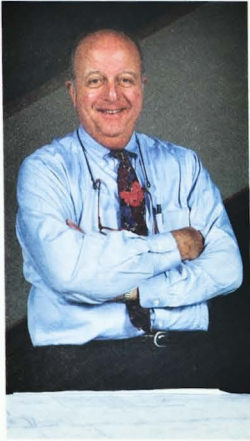


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The Campaign for the 90s — the development portion of the University Plan for the 90s — has exceeded its goal of raising \$4 million for capital and non-facilities needs during fiscal years 1990 and 1991. The Campaign establishes a \$20 million goal by the end of the decade. Thanks to your ongoing participation, the Campaign raised \$4,033,961 from July 1, 1989 — June 30, 1992.

Strengthened by this firm foundation of support from all constituencies, Roger Williams University is poised to begin Years Three and Four of the Campaign with a strong track record of voluntary giving.

Your Gift will help us to achieve continued success.

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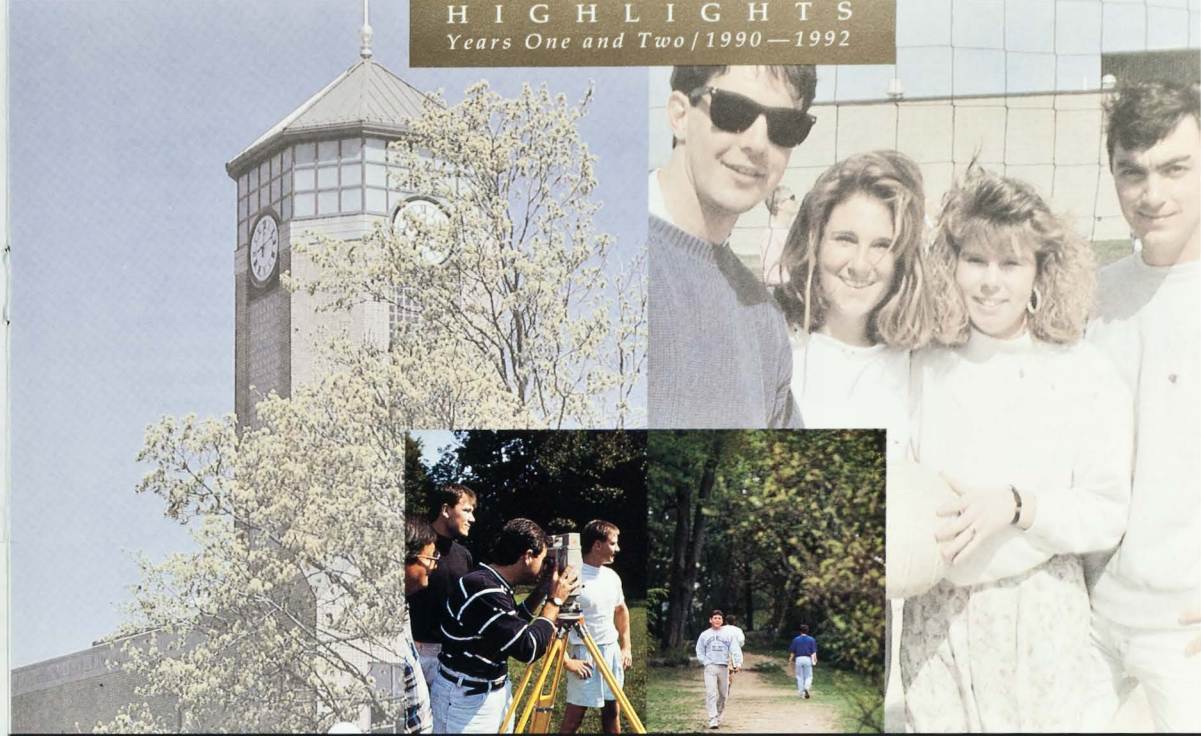
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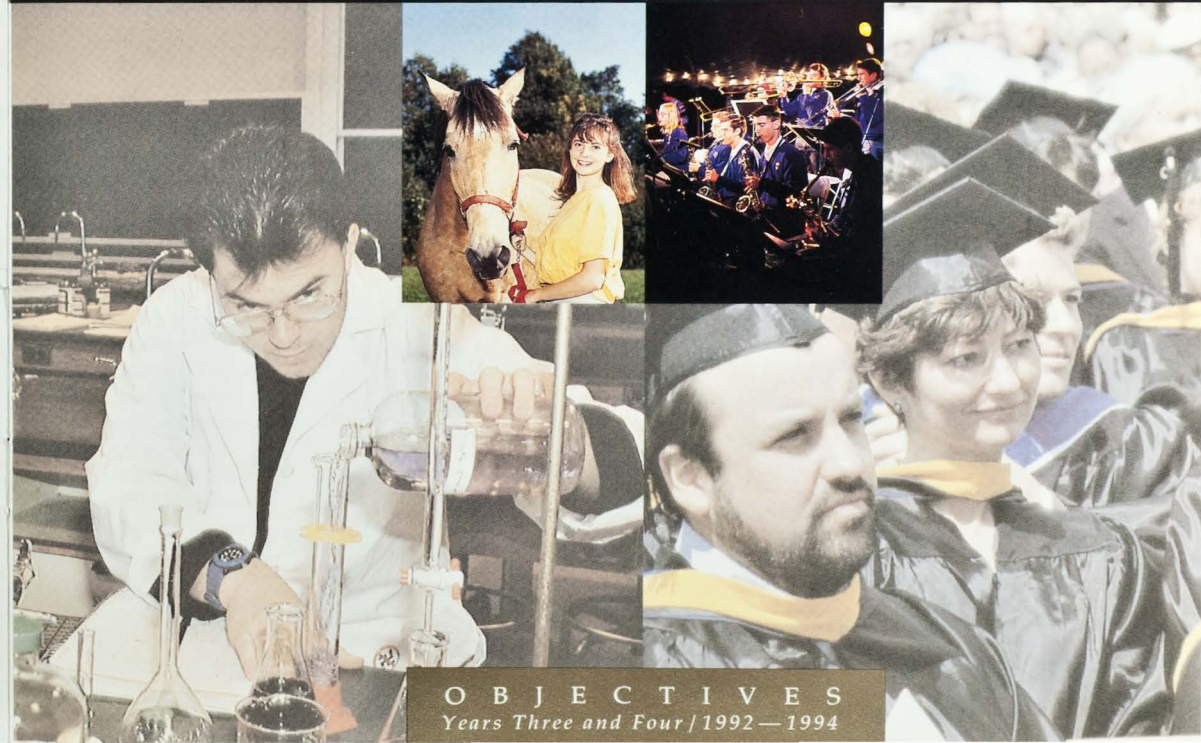
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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
Years One and Two / 1990 — 1992



**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY**  *Plan for the 90s*



**OBJECTIVES**  
Years Three and Four / 1992 — 1994

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Especially noteworthy are the following achievements:

- ¶ Seventy-five percent of objectives enumerated in the 1990-92 Plan have been accomplished;
- ¶ For the first time in the University's history, more than \$1 million in voluntary support was received in both 1990-91 and 1991-92;
- ¶ Roger Williams University demonstrated a leadership role in establishing a School of Law — the State of Rhode Island's first, with the first class entering in Fall 1993 on the Bristol Campus.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Like any other working document, the University Plan is flexible, allowing us to update the Plan every two years to respond to opportunities as they arise.

While we recognize that not every goal will be achieved within the ten-year time frame of the Plan, experience has convinced us that institutions like Roger Williams University with a clear mission and focused vision will achieve more than those without such a plan.

Following are highlights of

- ¶ Objectives achieved in 1990-92 (years one and two);
- ¶ New objectives for 1992-94 (years three and four).

Cordially,

Natale A. Sicuro  
President

Uniqueness/Academic Excellence

President Natale Sicuro worked closely with the College and University Planning Councils to develop and implement the College/University Plan for a comprehensive master plan for the decade encompassing these five areas:

- ¶ Uniqueness/Academic Excellence
- ¶ Community Partnerships
- ¶ Global Awareness
- ¶ Physical Presence
- ¶ Financial Viability

Under his leadership, the Board of Trustees made a commitment to continued progress as exemplified by a change in the name of Roger Williams College to "Roger Williams University," effective May 5, 1992;



Planning

- ¶ Developed comprehensive University Plan for the 90s;
- ¶ Appointed a Law School Committee and subsequently, a Law School Advisory Board chaired by Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Joseph R. Weisberger,

to explore the feasibility of establishing a School of Law at the University;

- ¶ In December 1991, Board of Trustees unanimously approved the establishment of the State of Rhode Island's first School of Law on the Bristol Campus, to open in August 1993;
- ¶ Anthony J. Santoro, a distinguished legal scholar instrumental in the establishment of four other U.S. law schools, named vice president and dean of the Roger Williams University School of Law in February 1992;

- ¶ Established nine Schools, each with its own dean and advisory board;
- ¶ Executed two three-year faculty contracts; reestablished and clarified management and faculty roles;
- ¶ Revitalized Professional Development program for faculty as part of University Campaign for the 90s;
- ¶ Initiated 25 School and program advisory boards charged with student recruitment and retention, community relations, fund and program development
- ¶ New academic majors instituted, including full-time day majors in environmental engineering science (School of Engineering); public administration and social science (School of Social Sciences);
- ¶ School of Architecture re-accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) as the only Architecture Program in a liberal arts setting in the Northeast;
- ¶ New domestic study program — Psychology and Cultural Studies in Santa Fe, New Mexico — established through School of Social Sciences;
- ¶ Academic Resources Center developed and housed in School of Business Building to provide students with support services;
- ¶ Roger Williams University Main and Architecture libraries joined HELIN (Higher Education Library Information Network), providing access to more than 750,000 titles statewide;
- ¶ Roger Williams University committed to joining INTERNET, worldwide computer network for exchanging information;
- ¶ Small Business Institute established through School of Business;
- ¶ Center for Historic Preservation created under auspices of School of Architecture;
- ¶ Sigma Tau Delta, international English honor society, established in School of Humanities;



▲ Margie Lambert '96, is enrolled in the new Environmental Engineering Science major.

◀ (Left) Dance majors perform before community audiences several times each year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS — YEARS ONE AND TWO

	NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES	OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED	OBJECTIVES NOT ACCOMPLISHED
Academic Programs	89	63	26
Academic Support	36	28	8
Student Services	45	32	13
Student Environment	33	26	7
Administration	17	12	5
External Relations	23	20	3
Physical Resources	3	2	1
Financial Resources	21	15	6
TOTAL	267	198	69
PERCENTAGE	100%	74%	26%



▲ Architecture major Yan Schuber of Germany works in the design studio.

▶ (Right) The University Main Library houses 150 years of Bristol history in bound volumes of the Bristol Phoenix, on loan from the Bosworth family, publishers. Carol DiPrete, dean of academic services and director, University libraries, is pictured center.

† Student Business Organization and Phi Beta Lambda (Business Honor Society) revitalized;

#### Admissions/Enrollment

† Record enrollment of over 3,600 maintained in three successive years; inquiries have doubled and campus visits have tripled since 1989;

† Student Ambassadors created to assist with campus tours and serve as hosts at campus events;

#### Student Services

† Established honors dorm program;

† Founded student leadership group, meeting monthly with President to exchange information;

† Established annual Community Spirit Weekend to enhance residential life;

† Established campus Volunteer Center, matching student volunteer interests with campus and community needs — more than 700 hours donated in two years;

† Student Activities Advisory Board established to evaluate current programs and suggest new activities;

† Student bookstore expanded and modernized; and snackbar renovated;

#### Career Planning and Placement

† Office of Career Services initiated “Capstone” course for seniors, preparing students for success after graduation;

† “Shadowing” program, matching students with alumni employed in diverse professions.

#### Internal Communications, Staff Development, Employee Benefits

† Organized University Assembly, meeting four times yearly;

† Initiated internal governance structure;

† Upgraded *Events*, weekly faculty/ staff newsletter;

† Expanded major medical coverage;

† Streamlined and tightened personnel search and appointment procedures;

† Began comprehensive University policy book;

† Instituted *Tide-Ings*, quarterly employee newsletter;

† Established comprehensive University calendar and scheduling office to coordinate all events;

† Upgraded University faculty-staff phone directory.

#### Community Partnerships

† Established Community Advisory Board to enhance relations between Town and University;

† Established a University Zone Committee and North Campus Completion Committee;

† Advisory Board for Cultural and Ethnic Studies formed; hosted two major Portuguese map exhibits;

† University Main Library Archives and Permanent Collections selected to permanently house 150 years of Bristol history in bound volumes of the Bristol Phoenix;

† University sponsored winning entrants in



annual Bristol Fourth of July Drum and Bugle Corps competition;

† Jazz Band established to perform at community and campus special events;

† Met regularly with campus neighbors regarding the University Plan for the 90s and proposed School of Law impact;

† Established President’s Concert in April featuring Rhode Island Philharmonic as annual “University gift to the community”;

† Disseminated Economic Impact Study revealing a conservative \$50 million impact (1989) on State of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts;

† Journalism Workshop for high school juniors and seniors held for first time in August 1992;

† Invested \$65,000 to improve aesthetic beauty and safety of University neighborhood by landscaping along east side of Metacom Avenue;

† Assumed legal fees associated with the closing of Columban Drive;

† Completed Community Relations Survey as part of comprehensive Public Relations Audit;

#### Volunteer Leadership

† Expanded participation of Board of Trustees; organized annual campus tour and reception;

† Appointed first Emeritus Board of Trustees;

† Established Corporation Development Committee;

† Enlisted more than 500 civic and professional leaders as members of 25 program and School advisory boards

† Advisory board members added to Corporation;

† Revised and clarified by-laws of the Board of Trustees;

#### Alumni and Parent Relations

† Established 13 alumni and parent chapters nationwide;

† Created Parents’ Advisory Board, meeting semi-annually on campus to exchange information;

† Developed Roger Williams University “Ambassadors”, utilizing alumni and parents to assist Admissions staff in recruiting students;

#### Public Relations and Publications

† Expanded news coverage and dissemination and media cultivation;

† Formed Task Force to coordinate change from “College” to “University” status;

† Revitalized Speakers Bureau including liaison with civic clubs in Rhode Island and Southeastern New England;

† Developed new video for University admissions;

† Established Media and Publications advisory boards, meeting quarterly;

† Redesigned and upgraded *The Bridge* as the University magazine;

† Redesigned comprehensive admissions and academic publications;

† Standardized use of University typography and logo

† Developed a comprehensive advertising message and campaign

† Published new Media Guide;

† Updated University visitors’ map and guide and “facts and figures” publications;



▲ Business majors Tomoko Ujike '94 of Japan (standing) and Martha Liao '94 of Taiwan, are among 120 international students from 45 nations.

▶ The University Jazz Band performs at the School of Law Groundbreaking and other community events.

#### Global Awareness

† Permanent faculty exchange program established with Moscow Linguistic University;

† Expanded English as a Second Language Program for international students;

† International Living Unit in student residences established;

† Political Studies students participated in Model United Nations Program at Harvard University;

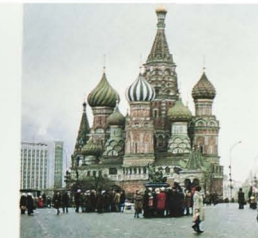
† Russian reformer Alexander Dron visited the Bristol Campus three times to meet with students and faculty;

† Overseas programs in London expanded;

† Minority Affairs mentor program established;

† Began teaching Russian, Italian and Portuguese on trial basis;

† Established Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies;



▲ Diverse international study programs include “Law in Russia.”



### Physical Presence

- † New \$8 million state-of-the-art Main Library, offering 49,000 square feet, seating for 450 and capacity for 152,000 volumes, dedicated in April 1991;
- † Renovated former main Library for use as School of Business Building in May 1992;
- † Groundbreaking held May 12, 1992, for School of Law Building, scheduled for completion in July 1993;
- † School of Science and Mathematics Building renovated;
- † Campus Beautification Committee formed;
- † Landscaping completed between the Main Library and School of Architecture, and on the North Campus;
- † Entire University campus enhanced aesthetically;
- † Completed athletic playing fields construction;

- † Administration Building lobby, as well as Offices of Admissions and Student Financial aid renovated;
- † Exterior campus signage erected;
- † Performing Arts Center air-conditioned;
- † Facilities Management Center completed;
- † Fulton House renovated to become Alumni House, accommodating offices of Alumni and Parent Relations, Development, Public Relations and Publications and Special Events;
- † Renovation of student residences at Almeida Complex completed;
- † University Mailroom enlarged and relocated;
- † Environmental measures including recycling of paper and aluminum; water and energy-saving programs including use of natural gas heating and use of energy-efficient fluorescent lighting; use of biodegradable cleaning supplies and elimination of styrofoam in University cafeteria and snack bar.



▲ The recently-dedicated Main Library is the focal point for the Bristol Campus.

▶ (Right) The \$8 million School of Law Building will house its own classrooms, law library, faculty and administrative offices, bookstore and cafeteria upon completion in July 1993.

▼ Board Chairman Ralph R. Papitto addresses the University Community.



▼ Trustee Suzanne Magaziner addresses local civic leaders at the School of Business dedication at the former University main library.



▼ Dean Anthony J. Santoro of the Roger Williams University School of Law responds to civic leaders' questions at a meeting of the Bristol County Chamber of Commerce on campus.



### Financial Viability

- † Ten year, \$20 million Campaign for the 90s announced as the Development portion of the University Plan for the 90s, including \$15 million for completion of the \$4 million Library Building Fund (incorporated into Campaign for the 90s) and four other facilities needs; and for non-facilities needs including equipment, scholarships, lectureship series, and professional development;
- † Voluntary support continued strong and on schedule, with a total of \$4,033,961 raised in cash and pledges from July 1, 1989-June 30, 1992;
- † Voluntary support exceeded \$1 million per year for the first time in the history of the University;
- † \$43 million bond issue completed to fund School of Law construction and refinance existing debt;
- † President's Medallion Clubs established to recognize participation in voluntary support;
- † Three new scholarships created — Paul Arris Memorial Scholarship, Steven Ficorilli Memorial Scholarship, and Idalia Whitcomb scholarship;
- † University realized \$237,000 — one of the largest gifts in its history — from the sale of donated property in Newport, Rhode Island, with proceeds to build and equip four new laboratories for the School of Science and Mathematics;
- † University received \$50,000 \$2-for-\$1 challenge from Alden Trust of Worcester, Mass., for engineering collection in Main Library;
- † Additional \$100,000 award from Alden Trust earmarked for Environmental

### Engineering Science Program research laboratories;

- † Champlin Foundation awarded \$200,000 — \$150,000 for purchase of microcomputers and networking software for the University Academic Computing Department, and \$50,000 toward engineering/construction science collection in University Main Library;
- † School of Architecture announced \$120,000 gift of computer software program and training from Jung/Brannen Research and Development Corporation, Boston, Mass.;
- † School of Engineering honored Texas Instruments, Inc., with membership in the University Medallion Club for its support of more than \$67,000 in cash and gifts-in-kind;
- † Fiorindo A. Simeone Scholarship Fund created; two benefit golf tournaments raised more than \$30,000;
- † Prominent Rhode Island attorney and historian Patrick T. Conley of Bristol donated history and constitutional law library to the University valued by donor at \$150,000
- † Annual President's Ball at Newport Mansions established as fund-raiser for the University;
- † School of Science and Mathematics received \$30,000 grant from Grass Foundation to expand opportunities for students of the biological sciences.



▲ (From left) Dr. Mark Gould, dean, School of Science and Mathematics is shown with Dr. Robert and Mrs. Diane Gordon of Warwick, R.I. The University realized \$237,000 from the sale of property in Newport, R.I., donated by the Gordons; proceeds will help to equip new science laboratories.

▼ (Below, from left) Joseph Beretta, chair, School of Engineering Advisory Board; Trustee William Watkins, Jr.; University President Natale A. Sicuro; and Dr. Clifford Smith, president, General Electric Foundation are pictured after a Contemporary Forums lecture on campus at which Dr. Smith spoke.



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- Locate a permanent site in London for current study programs in business, dance, historic preservation and theatre.
- Consider affiliating with other institutions for selected study abroad programs.

### Physical Presence

- Raise \$4,000,000 to build a new School of Engineering Building to help secure accreditation of the Engineering Program.
- Expand "The Barn" to provide additional space for the performing arts.
- Raise funds for construction of a \$5,000,000 Performing Arts Auditorium to serve the campus and East Bay area.
- Complete expansion of current School of Science and Mathematics Building to incorporate four new laboratories and accommodate increased enrollment.
- Construct new \$2 million dedicated research facility for Marine Biology on the shores of Mt. Hope Bay for student and community use.
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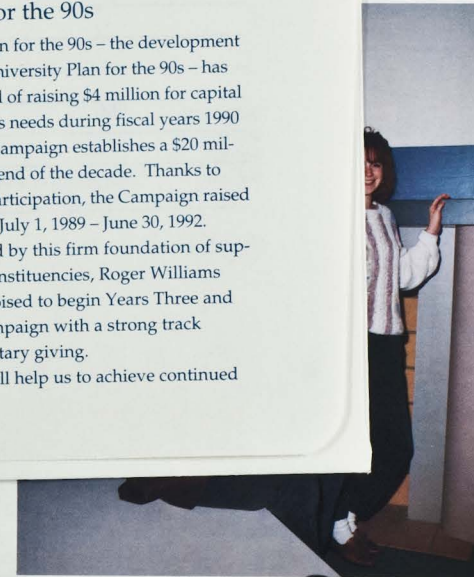
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With 180 members, the AIAS chapter is the largest club at the University. The chapter organizes educational trips to examine architecture in cities such as Boston, New Haven, and New York. Most recently, members traveled to Philadelphia to see Frank Lloyd Wright's "Falling Water House."

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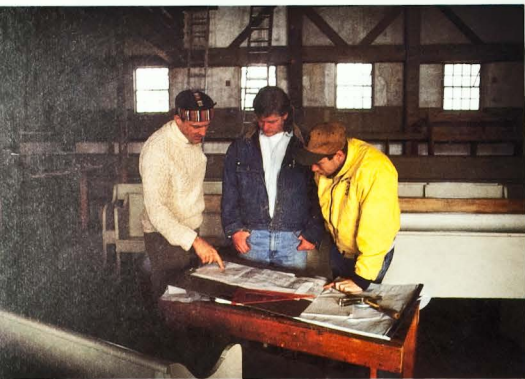
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*Historic preservation majors obtain hands-on experience working on projects such as the Quaker Meeting House in Newport. Faculty member Philip Marshall (left) discusses blueprints with (then) students Craig Wright '92 and Richard Wrightson '92.*

## Program Offers Unique Niche

*by Suzanne Costello '88*

So boasted Dr. Kevin E. Jordan, faculty member, Historic Preservation.

From the mere six majors in the original class (1975), current enrollment has grown to 90, with 105 graduates of the program to date.

Studies in Historic Preservation at Roger Williams University sprang out of interest in the field from faculty in the American Studies and Architecture academic areas. They spent two years meeting with the Boston Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Rhode Island State Preservation Commission, and other field professionals, to plan courses.

"At first, Historic Preservation was offered as an interdisciplinary major through American Studies and Architecture," Dr. Jordan explained. "In 1977, it was offered solely through American Studies; in 1988 through Social Sciences; then finally became its own major."

Historic Preservation was structured as a program within the School of Architecture in 1990, when academic areas were reorganized into the (then) eight Schools of the University. At that time, the Center for Historic Preservation was created.

The Center was established to further develop the program's outreach work to enable students and faculty to undertake in-depth research, preservation projects, and other cooperative activities with not-for-profit organizations in the region.

A key aspect of the program's success, according to Dr. Jordan, is the heavy emphasis on work in the field as part of its curriculum. This work is now formally coordinated through the Center, he explained.

Historic Preservation majors have participated in preservation work at the Blithewold mansion, Bristol; the Quaker Meeting House, Newport; the Rose Island Lighthouse; and Linden Place, Bristol, where student preservationists "re-did the whole ballroom," he added.

Through the practice of historic preservation, Dr. Jordan said that professionals in the field genuinely contribute to the community. "An important aspect that we all [faculty] have emphasized is that students feel a social responsibility; that they give back to the community."

*Dr. Jordan has taught historic preservation at Roger Williams University since 1976. He has served as program coordinator and center director since each was officially created at the University, until summer 1992 when leadership was passed to faculty member Karen Jessup to assume those duties. See related article on page 7. For more information about the Historic Preservation Program, call (401) 254-3580.*

## Program Expands

*by Karen Jessup, Director, Center for Historic Preservation and Coordinator, Historic Preservation Program*

To address changing employment opportunities and new challenges in the profession, and to best prepare our graduates to meet them, the Historic Preservation Program has reorganized its curriculum into two specialized concentrations within the major — Preservation Planning and Architectural Conservation.

Faculty member and materials conservator Philip Marshall was hired in 1990 to assess academic and professional needs of the historic preservation field nationally. In 1991, he developed the curriculum for the Architectural Conservation Concentration.

Many previously existing courses, developed by Kevin Jordan, faculty member, and Karen Jessup, program coordinator, have been augmented with new courses and structured into the Preservation Planning Concentration.

As more communities integrate preservation concerns into their comprehensive plans, the need has increased for trained preservationists to staff planning departments and historic district commissions. The Preservation Planning Concentration was developed to prepare graduates to meet this need or to pursue graduate studies in the field.

Course instruction, site visits, field work, and detailed analysis of current planning projects are designed to intro-

duce students to employment opportunities, skills, technical and professional resources, and graduate educational opportunities available to the preservation planner. Students take courses in urban, landscape, and small town conservation, in historic property law and development economics, in research methods, and in conservation philosophy.

Increasing specialization and professional demands of the field have underscored the critical role of the architectural conservator. The Architectural Conservation Concentration equips its majors with the academic qualifications, technical training, and field experience necessary to work directly on the conservation of historic structures and sites.

Students participate in laboratory/studio courses in materials conservation, and actual work in conservation through group projects, internships, specialized research and outreach services undertaken by the Center for Historic Preservation (see adjoining article).

All students graduating from the Historic Preservation Program receive a Bachelor of Science degree through the School of Architecture.

## First Undergraduate Architectural Conservation Program in Nation

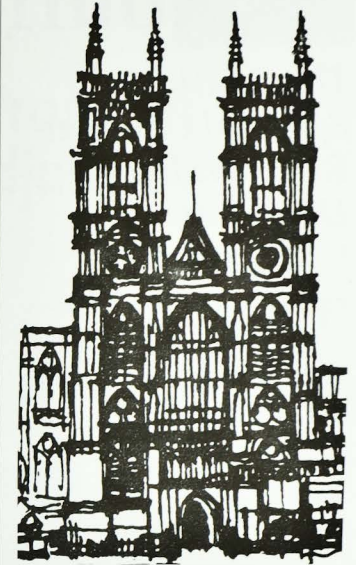
*by Philip Marshall, Faculty, Historic Preservation Program*

The Historic Preservation Program at Roger Williams University is the first undergraduate degree program in the nation to offer a concentration in architectural conservation.

While a few graduate schools offer some courses in conservation, and fewer still offer specialized programs in the field, Roger Williams University alone offers an Architectural Conservation Concentration in the context of a four-year undergraduate degree.

The 1992-1993 academic year marks the first year the concentration has been formally integrated into the University catalog.

The Architectural Conservation Concentration trains students to: test, monitor, analyze and document the existing



## England Offers Prime Preservation Examples

*by Michael Swanson, Ph.D., Faculty, Historic Preservation Program*

Nearly 150 students have participated in the Architecture and Preservation in England Program since its inception in the January Intersession of 1981.

Within the program students work directly with English preservationists and architects of international reputation. They also get the opportunity to examine first-hand historic structures — such as Westminster Abbey, the Napoleonic Era Fort Nelson, and a medieval monastery — and study the methods of their preservation.

The Historic Preservation Program has recognized the value of this unique program by raising it from an option to a requirement for all students within the major. The University Plan for the 90s includes among its objectives the replacement of the four-week Intersession program (its current form) with a full Spring Semester program, commencing in 1994.

*For information about Historic Preservation study abroad, call (401) 254-3230.*

# Journey of a Dream

## The Creation of a Spiritual Center at Roger Williams University

by Karen R. Haskell, Dean of Students; Chair, Spiritual Committee

The dream began inauspiciously two years ago in the fall of 1990 — a casual conversation among faculty, students, administrators and local clergy over a glass of punch at a reception welcoming new students.

The group shared a common observation that many more students were becoming involved in formal on-campus worship services, Hillel and the Christian Fellowship. The group conceived of a facility to increase support for the spiritual life of our students, a facility to welcome and celebrate all expressions of spirituality formally, and to offer a quiet sanctuary for private reflection.

They formed the Spiritual Committee, and this is their story.

"We coined 'Spiritual Life Center' as a name that expresses the diversity and inclusivity of our vision for a house of God for all faiths. We envisioned a consecrated religious space blessed according to the practice of each faith within its walls — Catholic, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Moslem; a facility that includes a kitchen, common space for meals, rooms for counseling, meetings, office space, meditation, reconciliation and other sacramental actions," said Canon Clifton Daniel, rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

At its most basic level, what is the essence and spirit of this building?

"It is about life, in its physical sense, spiritual sense, mortal sense, and its emotional sense. The Center will be a place to be alone to think, to be with friends, to worship, and to grow to something higher," commented Scott Boren '91, committee member.

Committee members knew what they wanted in the building and its functions. But who should design it?

Karen R. Haskell, dean of students, hoped for a building designed by an architecture student to showcase student talent. Architecture faculty members Zane Anderson and Ulker Copur shared the same dream. The concept emerged for

a Spiritual Center design competition to be held for students.

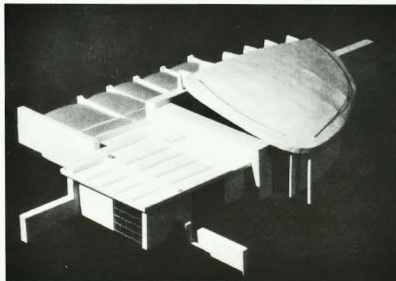
"We incorporated the design competition into the architectural design studio course, working with the theme: Architecture and Spirituality," Zane Anderson explained.

"The assignments encouraged students to explore their own religious truth, to appreciate the validity of other differing truths and to try to identify universal symbols and values, such as shape, color or space that is appropriate for all faiths," Ulker Copur added.

The Committee recruited Architecture faculty members Americo Mallozzi and William McQueen to sit on their jury to judge the 24 building designs submitted by students. The Committee selected the design that captured its vision of the Spiritual Building, that best merged individual thought and group purpose.

"I don't know when the improbable began to look like it might happen. Perhaps it was the models — they were so concrete, all those little buildings, potential campus spiritual centers," remarked Lois Westerlund, Humanities faculty and Committee member.

"We studied cultural and spiritual buildings with a series of projects designed to expose us to the needs of the individual as well as the congregation. I felt the design concept of this Spiritual Center needed to strengthen the sense of community as well as that of the individual. This is accomplished through putting the users in a heightened sense of alertness with their spatial and tactile senses," said Robert Mencarini, fifth-year architecture major and design competition winner.



Robert Mencarini '93 created this model of the Spiritual Center, which won the design competition and has been selected for the actual building.

The Committee decided to invite all on campus to participate in physically building the Center, and raise all funds for construction, upkeep and endowment for an independent center operating budget, outside of the regular University budget, as a celebration of community. The process, a united campus effort, is itself a metaphor for the rationale of the building.

All will be invited to contribute their talents — Engineering and Construction Science students for surveying and building aspects; Fine and Performing Arts students and faculty for lighting design, original music and art; Business and Humanities students for marketing, writing and business areas.

"We are acting as if our dream is becoming reality — it's called faith. I believe we'll keep on until the vision is a reality," remarked Lois Westerlund.

"A multi-denominational spiritual center reinforces the diversity of thought and belief so critical for a thriving educational community," said President Natale A. Sicuro.

The journey toward realizing the dream is underway. On Sept. 25, 1992, members of the campus community gathered for a celebration of the efforts toward creating this facility. To date, nearly 100 people have become involved in the project.

Our Spiritual Center will recognize diversity, apply the individual talents of all and enable us to feel a part of something greater than ourselves — a community.

### Spiritual Committee Members

Karen R. Haskell, Dean of Students, Committee Chair  
 Randi Abrams, Hillel Adviser  
 Zane Anderson, Faculty, Architecture  
 Ulker Copur, Faculty, Architecture  
 Canon Clifton Daniel, St. Michael's Church  
 William Grandgeorge, Faculty, Theatre  
 Fran Katzanek, Director, Career Services  
 Skip Learned, Associate Director, Facilities Management  
 Lori Loughlin '93  
 Robert Mencarini '93  
 Louise Perl, Faculty, Business  
 Scott Price '94  
 Lou Proccacini, Faculty, Open Program  
 Mike Redding '93  
 The Rev. Alfred Ricci, University Chaplain  
 Betty van Iersel, Director, Public Relations and Publications  
 Lois Westerlund, Faculty, Humanities  
 Ben Zalvan '94

See page 22 for a list of the Spiritual Advisory Board.



## Architecture Mentor Program Helps Freshmen Adjust

by Suzanne Costello '88

University life for freshmen offers new responsibilities and demands. These students quickly realize the difference from their high school days.

According to School of Architecture Dean Raj Saksena, making that transition is difficult enough, but even more so for these students entering a professional school where the workload is heavy and demands are high.

These architects-in-training arrive needing to know everything from the types of supplies to buy to what they can expect from courses. Both the School of Architecture and the campus chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) are meeting these needs through the Architecture Mentor Program.

The purpose is not academic advisement, but is instead to help new students make the tough transition from high school to University life. Through the program, each new freshman is paired with an upperclassman mentor who would be available at any time.

Now in its third year, the program is very successful, in Dean Saksena's estimation. This special support network serves as an example of a family atmosphere.

The novices are introduced to their mentors on the first day of studio class. Mentors not only help the newcomers in class, but also ease the social and student life aspects of their University experience.

Amie Bourassa, a third-year architecture major, remembered her freshman year.

"I'm from Mechanic Falls, Maine, and my mentor was from Portland, which is about half an hour away." That common thread helped Amie to feel right at home at the University.

Scott Mitchell, a second-year student from Windsor, Conn., echoed her attitude. He believed it "was very comforting to know at least one person" when he started his classes.

Initial communication actually begins earlier than studio class, explained Joe Baruffaldi, fifth-year student from Agawan, Mass., and AIAS president.

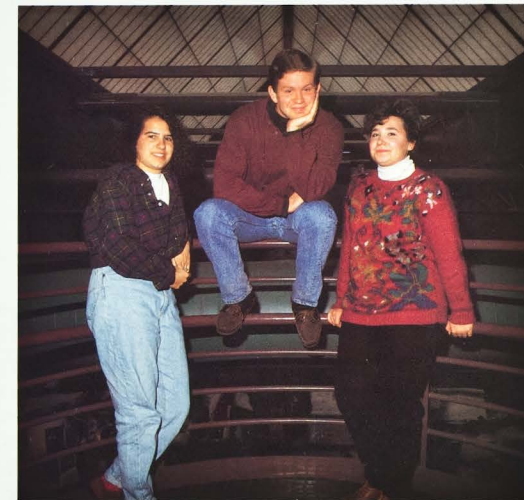
"Usually mentors volunteer to participate in the program by May before they leave for summer vacation. We take the names of incoming freshmen, and during summer we write to welcome them, give them helpful information and let them know what to expect," he noted.

Laurie Grandmaison, fourth-year student from Lewiston, Maine, and AIAS vice president, said she would have found the program useful as a freshman. She coordinates activities of the mentors this year.

"It's nice to see the freshmen come down and talk to the fifth-year students. It makes the building seem more like a community," she remarked.

It was the student leaders who approached and worked with Dean Saksena to develop and implement the volunteer program. After discussing how they could help freshmen make their adjustment, the dean emphasized the time and commitment that would be involved. The students obviously made the program a priority. Dean Saksena confirmed an enrollment of 55 upperclassmen volunteering for the Mentor Program this year.

The Mentor Program is one of the best student projects to come out of the School of Architecture," Dean Saksena said. "It is something they do out of the goodness of their hearts."



From left: Amie Bourassa, Scott Mitchell and Laurie Grandmaison serve as mentors offering guidance to freshmen in the Architecture Program.



"Roger Williams University is second only to Yale University in terms of numbers of graduates working here," said Cesar Pelli (center), world renowned architect, pictured here with Dean Ober '87; Russell Holcomb '88; David Strong '89; and Jane Lareau Twombly '89.

# University Producing Top-Flight Pros in Architecture and Historic Preservation

by Dorothea Hesse Dour, APR

Four young architects in an internationally renowned, award-winning Connecticut architectural design firm, a consulting architect for a state-of-the-art electronics company, and an historic preservationist making national headlines — all are products of the Roger Williams University School of Architecture.

- Among the 70 practicing architects affiliated with Cesar Pelli & Associates Architects, New Haven, Conn.: Russell Holcomb '88; Dean Ober '87; David Strong '89; and Jane Lareau Twombly '89.
- School of Architecture graduate Alan Paradis '90 has found his niche with Advanced Photovoltaic Systems, Princeton, N.J. The firm designs and installs residential and commercial structural components which generate electricity.
- A 1990 graduate of the Historic Preservation Program, Jennifer Tucker, is credited with Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn., being named to the National Register of Historic Places.

## Pelli Praises Roger Williams University Graduates

What does Cesar Pelli, founder and president of the architecture firm which bears his name, think of Roger Williams University graduates?

"We know Roger Williams University is a great school, with a fine program in the School of Architecture. Whenever we have met with faculty and students we have been impressed. We employ four terrific alumni — Jane, Russell, David, and Dean. We have had others in the past who have been equally impressive.

"While they approach their projects independently, what they have in common is a tremendous enthusiasm. They come well prepared. They do their work well and thoroughly.

"Roger Williams University is second only to Yale University in terms of numbers of graduates working here," Mr. Pelli observed.

Jane, who builds models, creates pen and ink drawings, and works with CAD (computer aided design), recalls drawing floor plans when she was a child. She studied drafting in high school, and was determined to fulfill her dream of becoming an architect in spite of a stereotypical remark by a high school teacher, who said, "girls don't become architects."

On the contrary. Although landing a permanent job in her chosen field didn't happen overnight, she's been with Pelli for a year. She will take the AIA exam in another year.

Russell Holcomb made a name for himself as a student earning the coveted AIA Henry Adams Medal for academic achievement, the Bernard Spring Award (judged the best thesis project in 1988), and the 1988 Alpha Rho Chi Award for the leadership in architecture and allied disciplines. Since graduation he was employed in construction one summer, and then to Pelli, where he has worked on a number of projects, among them a pair of office towers in Malaysia. He successfully completed the AIA licensing exam.

"I'm very happy with my work and feel great about being with a world-renowned firm such as Pelli," Russell said.

At the moment Dean Ober is helping design a 13-story office tower for a Dutch client in Washington, D.C. Other projects to his credit include a hotel in Japan and assisting in a collaborative proposal design involving the reconstruction of the former site of the Berlin Wall.

"A German firm was awarded the job, but it was wonderful experience working with a dozen designers doing the models and renderings," Dean said.

David Strong says the studio atmosphere at the University prepared him for the environment of the architectural office.

"It's a fun office, but we rarely are idle," he said. David just finished working on corporate offices for a bank in Winston Salem, N.C. His previous projects included an office building in San Francisco and a performing arts center in North Carolina.

"As far back as I can remember I've wanted to be an architect," David said. He noted that his mother was an artist; that could have influenced his career interest.

## Alumnus Advises in Emerging Technology

In January 1992 Advanced Photovoltaic Systems Inc. asked Alan Paradis to establish the architectural division of the firm, which specializes in electronic products. Alan provides the technical assistance involving structural and design issues

related to the products, used in skylights, solariums, and curtain walls featuring solar electric cells designed to generate electricity. He previously served architectural internships with Barun Basu Associates in New London, Conn., and J. Whitney Huber, Ivoryton, Conn.

"I like being involved in an emerging technology. The industry has great potential," said Alan, who was making preparations to deliver a paper on photovoltaic systems to the 11th Annual European Photovoltaics Conference later this year in Switzerland.

He explained that some present applications include rural electrification, satellites, and other forms of telecommunications.

Alan has a strong background in organizational management, having served on a national level as chief administrative officer of American Institute of Architecture Students in 1990-91. AIAS is a 10,000-member student organization with offices in Washington, D.C. He graduated first in his class, receiving the AIA Henry Adams Medal and the Alpha Rho Chi Award.

In 1991-92 he served on an accreditation team appointed by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, a body which evaluates schools of architecture throughout the United States.

## HP Graduate Responsible for Graceland Becoming National Historic Site

When she was a senior working toward her Bachelor of Science degree in historic preservation, Jennifer Tucker toured Graceland, 52-year-old former home of Elvis Presley in Memphis, Tenn.

"As I walked through the mansion I was surprised not to find an historic register plaque on the premises," said 22-year-old Jennifer, whose hometown is Memphis.

For her senior project, she petitioned the Elvis Presley Enterprises to prepare the Graceland nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

"I was ecstatic when I learned that Graceland had been accepted," Jennifer said. She added that Graceland is the first site on the national register to honor anyone in the Rock-and-Roll genre, of more than 1,100 sites identified with prominent people, such as George Washington's Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

The new designation and its author even earned a mention by *The Washington Post*, CNN and National Public Radio, as well as several trade publications.

"Graceland is a tangible representation of America's 20th-Century musical heritage. In our popular culture it is a symbol for Elvis Presley and the birth of Rock-and-Roll. I am very pleased that its new status will give it more historical recognition and appreciation," Jennifer said.

Jennifer, who graduated from Roger Williams University in 1990, is in her second year of a two-year Master of Arts degree program in historic preservation at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. As a graduate assistant with the Michigan Historic Society, she is researching one-room schoolhouses in preparation for a statewide conference in May.

Upon graduation she will pursue a career in heritage interpretation, planning educational programs for an historic museum such as Mystic Seaport, Sturbridge Village, or Plimouth Plantations.

*The School of Architecture offers a five-year program leading to the Bachelor of Architecture, a professional degree, and a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in historic preservation, one of fewer than a dozen undergraduate programs in the nation in that discipline*

## Advisory Board Appointments

### Spiritual Board Formed

The Rev. David J. Olsen, pastor, Baptist Church of Warren; and the Rev. Henry P. Zinno, Jr., assistant pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bristol, have been appointed co-chairs of the newly formed Spiritual Advisory Board, which advises regarding support of the spiritual lives of students. Other members include the Rev. Dr. Judith Davis, assistant, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Bristol; Rabbi Alan Flam, Rapaport Hillel House, Brown University; Karen Haskell, dean of students; the Rev. John McNulty, pastor, St. Mary's Church, Bristol; the Rev. Bertrand L. Theroux, pastor, St. Mary of the Bay, Warren; and the Rev. William C. Thomas, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Warren.

### New Chairs of Parents Board

Anthony and Eleanor Molinaro of Danbury, Conn., are the new co-chairs of the Parents Advisory Board, which provides support in the areas of program and fund development, student recruiting and community relations. Other members of the Board are: George and Kathleen Barris, East Bridgewater, Mass.; Enrico and Mary Bianchi, Schenectady, N.Y.; Richard and Vicki Brown, Fairfield, Conn.; Joseph and Carol-Ann Busa, Belmont, Mass.; Dotti Damon-Brown, Forestdale, Mass.; Larry and Sharon Cheetham, Bristol, R.I.; Howard and Carole Dimmick, Stoneham, Mass.; Merrill and Judith Fay, Gilford, N.H.; John and Kathleen James, Haver-town, Penn.; Jack and Bunny Jones, Wilbraham, Mass.; Michael and Joan Kagan, New Rochelle, N.Y.; Joseph and Cheryl Kennedy, West Bridgewater, Mass.; Nathan and Cynthia Kingsley, Chevy Chase, Md.; Daniel and Patricia Maloney, Ridgewood, N.J.; William and Gloria

Maxwell, Alpharetta, Ga.; Joan McMaster, Bristol, R.I.; Norman and Patricia Michaud, Monroe, Conn.; Joel and Marina Miller, Millburn, N.J.; Nelly Newman, Boca Raton, Fla.; Nicholas and Florence Proto, Bardonia, N.Y.; Al and Maribeth Smith, Brookfield, Conn; and John and Roberta Sullivan, Portsmouth, R.I.

### New Members Named to School and Program Advisory Boards

Many University Schools and Programs have named new members to Advisory Boards. They include: *School of Business* - Charles Coates, managing partner, Price Waterhouse, Providence; *School of Engineering* - Ronald M. Ash, president of Ronald M. Ash & Associates, Pawtucket; Merlin A. DeConti, Jr., P.E., director of the Department of Inspection & Standards, Providence; John Hartley, affiliated with GZA, Providence; Blake Henderson '75, president, Northeast Engineers, Inc., Middletown; Michael Leone '77, affiliated with Raytheon Co., Portsmouth; and David R. Sheldon '87, environmental engineer, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. *Professional Education Program* - Dr. Esther L. Campbell; superintendent of schools, Tiverton. *School of Science and Mathematics* - Charles A. Vaslet, Ph.D., Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Brown University, Providence; *Social and Health Services Program* - Wendy Merriman '89; and Katherine Mandolfi '83, senior health facility surveyor, Rhode Island Department of Health Facilities. *School of Social Sciences* - Leo Bandieri; and David M. Driscoll '84, lieutenant, Rhode Island State Police

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## SPORTS

### Fall Semester Sports Post Many University Firsts

by Dave Kemmy,  
Sports Information Director

**Men's Soccer:** The booters finished with an 11-8 record, posting the most wins in a single season since 1985. The squad won six of seven final contests. It finished third in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championships, winning 2-0 over Eastern Nazarene College in the third place game. Three players were named to the All-Conference team: Senior Scott Rivoira for the third straight season; and sophomores Tom Roach and Lolo Gutierrez for the first time. Graduating seniors posted a 31-26-4 record in their final three seasons, all three under head coach Jim Cook. Seniors Tom Arcari, Chris Griffin, Todd Forti, Craig Rogers, Ron Beauregard and Rivoira all contributed greatly to the program.

**Women's Soccer:** The Hawks finished their first full season of varsity play with an 8-13-1 record and finished fourth in the Conference Tournament. Four players were named to the All-Conference Team: senior fullback Candi Casucci; juniors Melissa Iacovelli and Samantha Donahue; and freshman Nicole Fitzgerald. Senior Sandra Venice was one of the team's most improved players, and senior sweeperback Tracey Wilchusky played the entire season with a tendonitis injury in her knee. Classmate Lauren Servais also had a strong senior campaign.

Besides Fitzgerald, freshmen April Bartnick, Jodie Higby and Christine Keating all performed very well.

**Women's Tennis:** The netwomen finished their most successful season yet by placing second in the CCC Tournament, finishing just two points behind champion Salve Regina University. They posted a 9-2 dual meet record, a new mark for most victories in a season. The team was led by senior captain Stephanie Dardanella, the best player in the history of the program. She posted a 9-1 record in both singles and doubles, and captured the CCC second singles flight title. She has a career singles record of 22-7 (.758), the best mark by any player in Roger Williams University annals. She also boasts the top career doubles record with a spectacular 25-4 (.862) slate. Senior Laurie Ottoson also finished a brilliant career. She captured the

CCC first singles flight title. A three-year partner of Dardanella's in doubles play, she wound up number two all-time with a 19-5 (.791) career record. As the team's number one singles player for three seasons she posted a 19-10 (.655) career mark, placing her third on the all-time list. Other seniors who will be missed are Katherine James and Maureen Kerin. Freshman Melany Crandall also had a good season.

**Women's Volleyball:** The spikers posted a solid 23-13 record this season, the best since 1985. Senior Terri Welch earned District One Academic All-America Honors and was chosen to play in the NEWVA Senior Classic All-Star Game. Junior co-captain Jessie Barnum led the team in kills (159), kills per game (1.77), blocks (42), block assists (51) and block average (1.03). Sophomore Sandra Still also played a strong season, coming on late

in the year. Freshman outside hitter Melissa Duby earned All-Tournament Team Honors at the Roger Williams Invite, and classmate Stephanie King did a tremendous job as the team's setter.

**Co-Ed Cross Country:** The runners competed as a varsity sport under NCAA guidelines for the first time. Coach Ken Castro did a fine job with a small group of athletes. Runners competed in four events, but didn't register a team score in any of them. Top individual performances were turned in by Greg D'Agostino, Kristina MacDonald and Stacy Resch.

**Co-Ed Equestrian:** The riders had another strong campaign with many participants turning in several outstanding individual performances. Junior Matt Walby was the top rider once again, finishing first in three different shows. Other top riders included Karen Jorgensen, Lynn Vesicchio, Kelly MacMillan and Amy Ramirez. The team finished third in the University of Connecticut Show and in the Teikyo Post University Show.

**Co-Ed Sailing:** The sailors battled inclement fall weather and were able to compete in only seven events. They finished third in the Roger Williams Regatta and in the Salve Regina Regatta. Top skippers included Nick Coulgaris, Dave Lambie, Selim Yazici and Mike Murphy. Solid crew performances were turned in by Doug Erickson, Cassie Chandler, Rachel Elman and Dana Melchar.



The Lady Hawks Soccer team played an admirable first full varsity season.

# Homecoming, Parents Day 1992

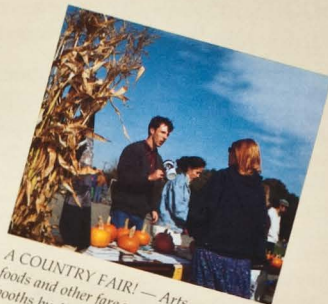
Saturday, October 17



**A CIRCUS OF DELIGHTS!** — The Freihoffer Mime Circus delighted spectators with juggling and other acts.



**LET'S DO LUNCH!** — Nearly 550 parents and family members joined students for lunch under the big top.



**A COUNTRY FAIR!** — Arts, crafts, international foods and other fare were on display at tables and booths by 45 student clubs.



**PARENTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETS** — William Galloway, dean of admissions, (right) discusses recruiting with board members Norman and Patricia Michaud of Monroe, Conn., parents of Robert '93.



**A JAZZY AFFAIR!** — The University Jazz Band entertains alumni and parents alike.



**PARTY ORGANIZERS!** — A class reunion was planned by Lisa Porkka Kondvar '82 (left) and Lynn Baldwin-Doucette '82 (right). Francesca Perreault-Rouff '82 joins them.



**REUNION FEVER!** — The Class of 1982 reunion party in the Rathskellar pauses for a group photograph. Thirty-two alumni and spouses joined in reunion events. Nearly 100 alumni participated in Homecoming 1992.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Annual



### Reunion & Brunch



**WASHINGTON, D.C., CHAPTER** — The parent chapter's first event occurred April 2, 1992. Pictured from left are: standing — James Marshall of Reston, Va., (father of Mary '95); Nathan Kingsley of Chery Chase, Md., (father of Alexandria '94), parent chapter co-president; University President Natale A. Sicuro; Charles O'Brien '89; Rod Rydlun of Potomac, Md., (father of Royce '90); sitting — Teri Lochner '85, alumni chapter president; Cynthia Kingsley, parent chapter co-president.

The Rhode Island Chapter once again sponsors a weekend of St. Patrick's Day festivities. Join in the tradition of seeing old friends and meeting new. The fun starts Friday, March 13, 9 p.m., at a reception at Gillary's, Bristol. The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade commences Saturday at 11 a.m. in Newport. The weekend concludes with a popular Sunday brunch at 11 a.m. at the Newport Doubletree (formerly the Sheraton Islander). The hotel is offering special rates for alumni and friends. **Call the Alumni Office today to make your reservations.**

### Washington, D.C., Chapter

Alumni, parents and friends from the Washington, D.C., area gathered Nov. 16, 1992 at the Old Ebbitt Grille. A special reception was held where those attending were able to get acquainted with one another and hear University news and developments firsthand. At press time, another event was held in the D.C. area Feb. 5, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. President Natale A. Sicuro attended. We'll update you on that in the next issue.

### Florida Chapter

At press time, the Florida Chapter held an event Jan. 8, at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort, Ft. Lauderdale. Read about it in the next issue.

### More Chapter Events

- Boston Chapter: March 24
- Cape Cod Chapter: March 25
- Fairfield County Chapter: March 31
- Hartford Chapter: March 22
- New York/New Jersey Chapter: March 30
- Northern New England Chapter: March 26
- Philadelphia Chapter: March 29
- Upstate New York Chapter: March 23

*Watch your mail for times and locations of these upcoming events, or call the Alumni Office for details.*

## Thank You, Phonathon Participants

To those of you who responded to our phonathon efforts, we extend our deepest appreciation. During November and December 1992, 20 student volunteers called alumni and parents to raise funds for scholarships and equipment for the eight undergraduate Schools of the University. The phonathons yielded approximately \$19,000 in pledges. Our thanks go to those of you who participated by pledging a gift to your School, and to those of you spent time phoning with us. For those whose pledge remains outstanding, please take a moment to mail in your gift today. Alumni and parents were pleased to receive updates on University plans, developments and activities, while students thoroughly enjoyed speaking with them.

## Alumni and Parents Wanted for Ambassadors Program

This past fall Roger Williams University began an admissions ambassadors program involving alumni and parents throughout the United States. During the last few years, the University has enjoyed considerable success in attracting highly qualified applicants. Why? We like to think it's because of the hard work we put into every student's education, the quality of both our academic offerings and campus. We are inviting alumni and parents to join

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## DEVELOPING RELATIONS

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us in this effort. Your assistance can help Roger Williams University maintain and enhance its competitive edge.

Personal contact with both high school guidance counselors, teachers and their students is an essential component of the college recruitment process. With that in mind, we invite you to form a partnership with a secondary school in your area.

Each year we receive applications from more than 1,000 secondary schools nationally and internationally. Since the admissions staff cannot physically visit every one of these schools, we are calling on your support of the Admissions Ambassadors Program.

Once established, partnerships form important links with the schools. They are delicate relationships that require attention and sensitivity. Your participation as a Roger Williams Admissions Ambassador WILL make a difference. If your time permits and your interest is strong, please write to: Jennifer Samolyk, Office of Admissions, Roger Williams University, One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, R.I., 02809-2921, or call 1-800-458-7144.

Call today to get more information about chapter events in your area, or to see how you can get involved. Alumni, ask for Candace Maguire, assistant director, Alumni Relations. Parents, ask for Tom Walker, director, Alumni and Parent Relations. We're looking forward to hearing from you! Call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, (401) 254-3216, or toll-free out-of-state 1-800-458-7144.



## Building Scholarships at Roger Williams University

by J. Richard Ely, Director of Major Gifts

Scholarships have long been a part of people's thinking here at the University because of the important benefits they provide to students and to the University. A major initiative of the University's Plan for the 90s is to increase scholarships. Here is some important information about how scholarships work.

There are two kinds of scholarships: annual and endowed. Contributions and awards for annual scholarships are made from year to year, and there is no minimum award. Endowed scholarships are based on the income generated by the principal of specific, named funds, assuring that awards will be made in perpetuity. The minimum amount required to endow a scholarship is \$10,000.

Motivation to establish scholarships varies from donor to donor. Many wish to honor or memorialize a professional colleague or family member. Others want to assist students studying a particular discipline. Helping minority students is another motivation.

Criteria for scholarships can be established by donors and can be extremely flexible. Some examples include: size of the award; class year of recipient; for a particu-

lar School or major; one year or renewable; based on financial need or merit; for students of a particular ethnic background or national heritage, organizational affiliations; or other criteria. The Office of Student Financial Aid helps donors establish criteria that are flexible and that fit with existing Federal and state laws.

Donors can be as involved as they want to be with their scholarships. Some donors actually make the awards; others work to raise additional funds for their scholarship.

Scholarships are promoted in both the University's catalog and scholarship brochure. Donors may be eligible for membership in the President's Medallion Club and with their approval, frequently are featured in University publications and outside print and broadcast media.

Flexibility is the hallmark of the scholarship program at Roger Williams University — flexibility in helping donors achieve their personal objectives and awarding scholarships to as many deserving students as possible. More than \$500,000 has been raised for endowed scholarships at the University, but the need always outstrips available resources.

For more information on how to develop a customized scholarship program of your own, contact Richard Ely in the Development Office at (401) 254-3455.

## CLASS NOTES

### Alumni Appointed to University Staff

David Howe '88, has been hired as an admissions counselor. He was previously an insurance adjuster in Boston.



David Howe '88



Melissa Peo '86

Melissa Peo '86, was hired as an admissions counselor for transfer students. She previously worked in the Department

of Public Relations and Publications for two years.

Tom Perkins '91, has been named user services coordinator for Academic Computing.



Tom Perkins '91

He worked for the department for four years while a student here, then moved on to become a psychometrist at Butler Hospital, Providence, before accepting the new post.



Lee Rush '90

Lee Rush '90 was hired as assistant manager of the University Bookstore.

Jennifer Samolyk '92, was hired as hostess and events programmer, Office of Admissions. She also serves as liaison to



Jennifer Samolyk '92

the Department of Alumni and Parent Relations, helping to establish a network of alumni to support the recruitment effort.

'66 Richard Ferland of Cumberland, R.I., was recently named Rhode Island Realtor of the Year. He is senior vice-president of Ferland Corp. in Pawtucket, and past president of the Pawtucket/Blackstone Valley Board of Realtors. He serves as treasurer of Landmark Health Systems, commissioner of the Rhode Island Commission of Human Rights, and on the Diocese of Providence Real Estate Advisory Committee.

'71 Steven C. Harvey is director of facility services and plant engineer at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, N.H.

'72 Joseph Longo, Jr. of Providence, R.I., is an executive vice president at Moneta Capital.

'73 Dr. Brian Dennis was invited to present a paper entitled "Testing and Accounting for Density Dependents in Extinction Risk Analysis" to an international gathering of scientists. He is an associate professor at the University of Idaho in the College of Forestry, Department of Fish and Wild Life Resources.

'75 Holly Delohery of Greenwich, Conn., is active with Greenwich Hospital Junior Committee and Greenwich Jaycees. She is also a member of the Greenwich, Conn., Alumni Chapter.

Walter Schroeder recently authored the book *Stars and Swastikas*, which recalls his youth when his family returned to Germany when the Great Depression struck America.

'76 Michael Campbell and his wife, Regina, were recently honored with Outstanding Service awards from the Bristol (R.I.) Jaycees for their volunteer work in the community.

'77 Cyril Rourke, Jr. is a Providence police detective. He recently earned a Master of Science degree in administration of justice from Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I.

'80 Joseph G. Celico of Punta Gorda, Fla., is owner of Celico Custom Builders, specializing in custom homes.

'81 Anne Baltz of Crownsville, Md., is a massage therapist.

Dolores Kielau completed a program in computer programming at Chubb Institute, and is now working for AT&T as a computer specialist.

Linda (Kelley) Kuszniarz is a telemarketing sales supervisor for Intertec Publishing in Overland, Kan. She and her husband, Gregory, reside in Olathe, and are parents of a daughter, Kelley Ann.

'82 Michael Heston of Moretown, Vt., was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Governor's Security Detail. He and his wife are parents of Kelsey Jean, born Sept. 27, 1992.

Stephanie Schumacher of Lowell, Mass., is a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. She is also a Harley Davidson mechanic and has completely rebuilt her own Harley Sportster.

'83 Jane (Babin) Darrah of Waterbury, Conn., was recently appointed general manager of Michaels Jewelers in Southbury. She has earned certificates in the study of dia-

monds, diamond grading and colored stones from the Gemological Institute of America.

Lisa Hammond has been appointed president and CEO of First Trust California, Los Angeles. She previously served as a vice president in the corporate finance group and corporate trust operations, St. Paul, Minn.

Walter Ramos was recently elected vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Kennedy-Donovan Center in Foxboro, Mass., a non-profit human service agency serving 159 communities throughout the commonwealth.

Michael La Scala, general manager of Electronic Supply Co., Norwalk, Conn., was recently appointed to the company's board of directors.

Jeff & Cheryl Germaine are living in Branford, Conn., with their son, Douglas John. Jeff is a design engineer for HFP Corp., and Cheryl is a manager at Genre Corp.

'85 Maureen McCarthy recently married Alan Schinderman '86 at the Astor's Beechwood in Newport, R.I. Maureen is a project manager at the Knoll Group, and Alan is a vice president for Arrow Building Services. They reside in Westfield, N.J.

Michelle McPherson of North Plainfield, N.J., works as a safety engineer at AT&T Corp.

Philip "Chuck" Sears is a sales representative for Revere Copper Products, Inc. He is married to Linda G. St. Hilaire '83 and they have two sons. Linda is a legal assistant with the law offices of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, Providence.

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FRESHMEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL A SUCCESS — Nearly 150 students took a break from their studies Sept. 7, 1992, for the annual ice cream social for the freshman class, sponsored by the Roger Williams University Alumni Association. These 11 members of the Alumni Association Board enjoyed this tasty addition to their monthly meetings. From left are: Norm Arcand '71, Dennis Reeves '72, Doris Brown '87, Silvio Mancini '72, Virginia McBride '82, Dave Monson '83, Maureen Curran '91, Richard Aitchison '89, Mark Rosenberg '70, Ralph Carlini '73, Armand Teixeira '80.



SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVE — This advisory board was the first at the University to organize fund-raising efforts and develop scholarships specific to a particular program. The board also advises Dr. Bruce Thompson, coordinator of the program, regarding curriculum and trends in the health and social services fields. Pictured from left are: standing — Rose Marnack '77, Evelyn Bain '84, Dorothy Donnelly '85, board chair, Jacqueline Goyette '80, Nancy Poutny '87; sitting — Wendy Merriman '89, Katherine Mandolff '83, Lois Bertini '81, Sheila Andrews '88, Carole Calise '84.

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'86 **Kelly J. Burgess** of Danielson, Conn., was recently married and is a marketing consultant for the *Norwich Bulletin*.

• **Lisa Whittier Waldron** is a conference operations manager at BIS Strategic Decisions, Norwell, Mass., and **Frank Waldron** is an electrical engineer at Raytheon, Sudbury, Mass. They reside in Bellingham with their daughter, Brittany.

'87 **Kim Brown Fazio** is working as a marketing consultant for the First National Marketing Group, Boston, Mass.

• **Yvonne (Sequirea) Wallace** recently graduated from Simmons College School of Library and Information Science with a Master of Science degree.

'88 **Suzanne Costello** is a nominee for the Benjamin Fine Awards for Outstanding Education Journalism. The winners will be chosen in February '93, among

journalists in the United States and Canada.

Suzanne, a correspondent for *The Times*, in Pawtucket, R.I., appeared on Cable Television of East Providence in October. She was one of three journalists on a panel who questioned candidates for City Council during the live debate.

In December the Rotary Club of East Providence installed Suzanne as a member.

• **Edward DaCosta, Jr.** is a process engineer in research and development at Quadrox, Inc., Portsmouth, R.I.

• **Steven Lisowski** is president of his recently formed business, Advanced Coring and Cutting, Tinton Falls, N.J.

• **Keith Mills** is a senior alternate funding analyst for Aetna Life and Casualty, Walnut Creek, Calif.

• **Peter Muttel** was recently appointed lieutenant junior grade in the United States Navy while serving with the Patrol Squadron-10 Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine.

• **Laura Steinberg** of Babylon, N.Y., is working as a paralegal.

'89 **Gregory Torcoletti** of Sandwich, Mass., recently graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Mich.

'90 **Sarah Blanchard Child** is an admissions counselor at Champlain College, Vermont.

• **Kristine Mitchell** has been promoted to senior project director at Stratmar, Port Chester, N.Y., a leading supplier of in-store merchandising, sampling and demonstration services.

'92 **Justine Hoffmann** is volunteering at the Seattle Aquarium and is seeking employment in the field of Marine Biology. She welcomes anyone from Roger Williams who is in the Seattle area to give her a call while in town.

• **Kristy Megheblian** is working for Cosmopolos, a Boston advertising agency.

• **Nancy Roderigues** was featured in the summer issue "Alumni Profile." We regret the spelling error.

• **Michael Turner** is living in New Jersey and served as an assistant volunteer coordinator for the Bush/Quayle campaign.

### Obituaries

1969

**Walter E. Niederlitz, Jr.** of Warwick, R.I., died August 8, 1992. He worked for BIF Industries, East Greenwich, and was involved in many community organizations. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. He leaves his wife, four daughters and seven grandchildren.

1977

**Thomas Fitzgerald, Jr.** died June 4, 1992. He was a quality control technician for Tek-Nor-Apex, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a first prize winner of the Newport Art Association contest in 1977. He leaves his wife and son.

— Candace Maguire



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\_\_\_ Patch.....2.98  
\_\_\_ I.D. Holder.....2.99

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## PLAN AHEAD

### Academic Sessions

*Spring Semester* —  
February 2 - May 14  
*Summer Session I* —  
May 24 - July 1  
*Summer Session II* —  
July 12 - August 19

### Contemporary Forums Series

All speakers appear in the  
Student Union Dining Hall at  
8:30 p.m. (401) 254-3153

*Burt Rutan, "Innovation: Use It or  
Lose It"*

Wednesday, Feb. 10  
*Neil Sheehan, "Vietnam: How  
Could This War Have Happened?"*

Wednesday, March 10  
*Leslie Gelb, "What the Election  
Means in the New World Order"*  
Wednesday, April 7

### Alive! Arts Series

All productions are shown in the  
Performing Arts Center at 8:30  
p.m. (401) 254-3284 or 254-3088

*Laura Glenn Dance*  
Tuesday, March 16

*Elizabeth Murray Prints Exhibit*  
School of Architecture  
Gallery

April 4 - May 22  
*Yin Cheng-Zong, pianist*  
Monday, April 19

### Theatre Series

All productions are shown in  
the Performing Arts Center.  
(401) 254-3666 or 254-3620

#### Main Series

*Production #1*  
March 5 - 6 & 11 - 13, 8 p.m.  
March 7, 2:30 p.m.

*Production #2*  
April 30 - May 1 & 6-8,  
8 p.m.  
May 2, 2:30 p.m.

#### Studio Series

*Production #1*  
Feb. 26, 8 & 10 p.m.

*Production #2*  
April 7, 8 & 10 p.m.

*Production #3*  
April 23, 8 & 10 p.m.

#### Project Series

*Production #1*  
Feb. 19 - 20, 8 p.m.

*Production #2*  
April 2 - 3, 8 p.m.

*Production #3*  
May 14 - 15, 8 p.m.

#### Dance Series

*Dance Concert*  
April 15 - 17, 8 p.m.

### Architecture Lectures/ Exhibit Series

Speakers, locations and times to  
be announced. (401) 254-3605

### Business Forums Series

Speakers, locations and times to  
be announced. (401) 254-3025

### Humanities Forums Series

All speakers appear in Central  
Hall, Room 130. (401) 254-3035

*Renaissance Culture*  
March 2, 3:30 p.m.

*Ethics of Political Correctness*  
April 2, 3 p.m.

### Natural Science Seminars

All presentations occur in the  
Science and Mathematics Build-  
ing, Room 124 at 4:30 p.m. on  
Wednesdays when classes meet.  
(401) 254-3108

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*Rhode Island Chapter*

*St. Patrick's Day Brunch*  
March 14  
Doubletree Hotel, Newport

*Hartford Chapter*  
March 22

*Upstate New York Chapter*  
March 23

*Boston Chapter*  
March 24

*Cape Cod Chapter*  
March 25

*Northern New England Chapter*  
March 26

*Philadelphia Chapter*  
March 29

*New York/New Jersey Chapter*  
March 30

*Fairfield County Chapter*  
March 31

## MARCH

*Spring Break*  
March 22 - 26

## APRIL

*Admissions Open House*  
Sunday, April 4,  
noon - 4 p.m.

*President's Concert*  
Friday, April 23, 8 p.m.  
Thomas J. Paolino  
Recreation Center

*President's Ball*  
Saturday, April 24,  
7 p.m. - midnight  
Rosecliff Mansion,  
Newport

## MAY

*Commencement*  
Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.  
Bristol Campus

## JUNE

*Scholarship Golf Tournament*  
Monday, June 21, all day