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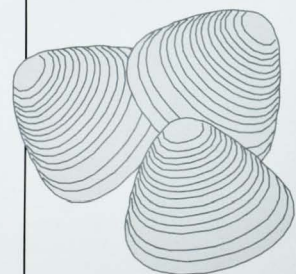
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BY ROY J. NIRSCHEL, Ph.D., PRESIDENT



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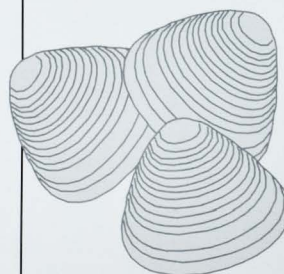
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## A Global Perspective

BY ROY J. NIRSCHEL, Ph.D., PRESIDENT

Can anyone doubt today that the world has become a smaller place? More and more of us are feeling a global interconnection as computer and technological advances occur daily and telecommunications provide information nearly instantaneously to mass audiences around the world. Therefore, it's wise, if not imperative, that Roger Williams University and other institutions of higher learning embrace a global perspective with renewed energy. By doing so, we can make a difference individually and collectively. Conversely, we will be enriched.

The cover story of this issue of *The Bridge* is a clear example of the need to expand our university's horizons beyond the campus, town, state, and nation to faraway places such as Afghanistan. While perhaps a modest initiative on the surface, our offer to give a scholarship to an Afghan female, when coupled with similar offers from other colleges at our urging, has the potential to bring much benefit to a restructuring Afghanistan. Further, all those who meet this student here will be broadened by a new acquaintance and a sharing of refreshing cultural and intellectual ideas. It is my goal to double the campus population of international students in the next five years.

Also, Roger Williams will become increasingly diverse during my tenure through endeavors such as the English Language Institute (ELI). The ELI assists the non-native's English skills in speaking, reading, writing, grammar and composition so that he or she can study more successfully at the college level. This summer, Japanese students from the Japan American Study Abroad Program will join others to participate in the institute's instruction. Their experience will greatly improve their language skills, and they will enjoy activities to help them explore life in the United States.

Having just completed its third year, the exchange program we oversee with schools in the Azores and Cape Verde is well entrenched. More than 100 high school students and their teachers traveled to America and spent three weeks living and learning. Recently, the program's American students from seven high schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts traveled overseas in exchange. Funding for the pro-



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## O. Ahlborg & Sons Commits Major Gift to Roger Williams University



Roger Williams University announced in December that O. Ahlborg & Sons, Inc., a construction firm located in Cranston, R.I., has committed a significant donation to the institution's capital campaign.

The charitable donation will be utilized primarily for two purposes – new construction and renovations to the University's Paolino Recreation Center and establishment of an interdisciplinary professorship in construction management and architecture.

"The University is very appreciative of the commitment made today by the Ahlborgs through their company. Their generous gift, which is among the four largest commitments in Roger Williams history, will address programmatic needs as well as bricks and mortar while strengthening our position as a premier liberal arts university," Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., said.

Funds earmarked for the recreation center will create the O. Ahlborg & Sons Family Lobby. The area will house the campus radio station, student organizations' offices, and a new dining facility. The lobby will serve as a welcoming gateway, leading students and visitors into an 88,000-square-foot addition, which will include an eight-lane swimming pool and a fully equipped gymnasium.

The Ahlborg Interdisciplinary Professorship in Construction Management will

promote the development and growth of integrated curricular and scholarly activities chiefly between the University's construction management and architecture disciplines. The Ahlborg Professorship will reside in the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management.

The selected professor will receive a course-load reduction and a stipend for development of interdisciplinary activities, which will also extend to historic preservation and business endeavors.

"It's a privilege for the Ahlborg family to support Roger Williams in this manner," said Glenn R. Ahlborg, the company's president and chief operating officer. "The University has taken substantial strides in recent years. We hope that this gift will help facilitate and continue that momentum through our support of the campus-wide, strategic planning initiated by President Nirschel. Finding well-educated and properly trained graduates is a big challenge in our industry. Roger Williams University is a key resource for us, and we attribute our growth and success to our highly skilled staff of professionals including construction managers and engineers."

O. Ahlborg & Sons, Inc., traces its local roots back four generations to 1926. Celebrating its 76th year, the construction company is an industry leader building on its reputation everyday. Notable projects include the new University Residence and Stonewall Terrace dorms at Roger Williams as well as the new McCoy Stadium, Fleet Skating Center and the Providence Public Safety Facility. *Providence Business News* has cited the company as one of the fastest growing in the state.

## Institute For Teaching and Learning Funded

A federal appropriation of \$850,000, realized through the efforts of U. S. Senator Jack Reed, will create the Institute for Teaching and Learning, a collaborative between Roger Williams University and the Bristol/Warren Regional School District.

"The Institute for Teaching and Learning will significantly elevate educational opportunities for local teachers and students. The concept and process mark a renewed partnership between the University and the school district," said Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., President of Roger Williams University. "We are excited about the prospect of the institute's formation, which will be based at the University and will meet the requirements of local teachers and serve as a pilot project for the schools. Senator Reed's support has helped pave the way toward immediate results in the qualitative improvement of teacher development and student education."

The institute is being organized by the University's School of Education under the leadership of Dean Marie DiBasio. Bristol/Warren Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Helen Barboza, with feedback from system administrators and teachers, is supplying significant input.

The institute will provide several initiatives. Courses, workshops and seminars will be held to meet professional development needs for Bristol and Warren teachers and help maintain teacher certification and currency in educational trends and techniques. The University will offer credit-based, graduate courses such as literacy, science, history, social studies, special education, instructional strategies, technological applications, assessment and curriculum design.

Also discussed by University and district representatives is a role for the University to be a conduit for developing consultation and facilitation services, enhancing district teachers' expertise. Additionally, establishment of a speaker's bureau will attract regional and national educational leaders whose knowledge and experience will address key elements of the district's professional development plan. The institute will advance the core relation-

ship between the University and the district through student practica, student teaching and student aides in elementary and secondary schools. Considered, too, will be the joint pursuit of grants to foster mutually beneficial programs.

The University also plans to encourage research through the institute that could involve professors, students and their district colleagues to further all levels of teaching. Also planned are increased scholarships to Bristol/Warren School District graduates who continue their academics at Roger Williams.

"We welcome the dedicated interest of Roger Williams University and the Institute for Teaching and Learning regarding an ongoing partnership with the Bristol/Warren School District. By encouraging our input and feedback, the University's proposed institute possesses marvelous potential to assist us in delivering better educational programs," stated District Superintendent Dr. Helen Barboza.

The University and school district will continue to confer, finalizing the plans for the Institute of Teaching and Learning. Initiatives will begin in fall of 2002. DiBasio indicated that the successes of the institute's pilot program in Bristol and Warren could possibly be carried to other East Bay communities in the future.

## Roger Williams Students Hosted "R.I. Hope for the Bay" Conference

Students at Roger Williams University organized a conference called "Rhode Island Hope for the Bay," held at the Center for Economic and Environmental Development at the Bristol Campus on December 5th as part of a public administration class lead by Professor June Speakman, Ph.D. The conference addressed Narragansett Bay's environmental issues and Rhode Island's related public policy.

Speakers included Jon Stevens, aide to Senator Lincoln Chafee; John Tork, baykeeper for Save the Bay; Erich Koehler, U.S. Coast Guard; Lisa Lundy, Brayton Point Power Station; and Dr. Tim Scott of Roger Williams University.



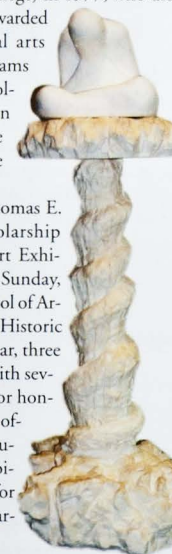
Roger Williams University junior, Greg Scherzo (center) displays the T-shirt he designed and sold to raise money in honor of New York City firefighters. Scherzo donated the \$1,400 to the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department. With him are school and town officials who assisted with the project. From left to right, are Raymond Conditore, associate athletic director and Bristol Town Council member; Allison Chase Padula, associate dean of student affairs; Richard Stegman, dean of student affairs; Donna Lynn Darmody, director of health education and the alcohol and drug program; and David Sylvaria, chief of the Bristol Fire and Rescue.

## Fitzgerald Scholarship Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Thomas E. Fitzgerald, Jr. '77 Scholarship celebrates its tenth anniversary. This scholarship honors Thomas E. Fitzgerald, a summa cum laude graduate of Roger Williams University (College) in 1977, who died suddenly in 1992. Awarded annually to a visual arts major at Roger Williams University, this scholarship is dedicated in memory of his life and his love of the visual arts.

The Annual Thomas E. Fitzgerald, Jr. Scholarship Competition and Art Exhibition was held on Sunday, April 7th, in the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation. This year, three cash awards, along with several gift certificates for honorable mention, were offered to visual art students. The art exhibition is a fund-raiser for the Fitzgerald Scholarship Fund.

The winner of the Fitzgerald Scholarship was Kellie Sanborn, a freshman majoring in Visual Arts Studies.



## "Navigating Life's Peaks And Valleys"

That was the subject of a workshop and lecture by keynote speaker Scott Chesney, (shown below with President Nirschel) a worldwide inspirational and motivational speaker, held for students in January at Roger Williams University. Chesney, who happens to be wheelchair bound because he is paralyzed from his waist down due to a sudden, rare spinal stroke suffered in 1985, is President & Founder of Devotion to Motion, LLC. The company provides keynote and workshop presentations, life enhancement coaching, and consultation services. He also serves as vice president



for A Vision in Motion, LLC, a unique motivational speakers bureau and writes a monthly column for *Yes! Magazine*.

With his inspirational and motivational words of wisdom, Chesney's purpose is "making a positive difference in the life of at least one person every day..." The majority of people Chesney speaks to are not challenged like him by a disability, but are able-bodied persons, he explains.

During his first solo tour around the world, Scott met with some of the world's respected healers and masters who taught him how to address his past, reinterpret it, and release it, forever!

"The Devotion to Motion World Tour" visited 26 countries in one year, touching the hearts and souls of over 509 million people worldwide.



## Growing Global Awareness Focus Spurs Unprecedented Number of Events During Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, Roger Williams University celebrated diversity and Black History Month. With an unprecedented number of events, the entire University community had the chance to get involved.

Nicole Valdez-Woodruff, the director of multicultural affairs, explained the increased participation and interest as part of the University's growing global awareness. What she was most pleased about was not the quantity of events, but the quality and number of different departments that organized them across campus. "Not all the events originated from my department, which is a good thing," she said. The Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, University Libraries, Intercultural Center, Multicultural Student Union, Office of International Students, Campus Entertainment Network and Department of Campus Programs all hosted events.

In addition to the Annual Professor John Howard Birss, Jr. Memorial Lecture that featured Pulitzer prize-winning author Dr. Joan Hedrick discussing "Harriet Beecher Stowe and The Making of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences (FCAS) sponsored three other lectures, a liberal arts competition for students and a showing of the movie *Amistad*.

Early in the month Dr. Granville Ganter, an assistant professor of literature at St. John's University in Long Island, New York, spoke on campus. In his lecture, "He Made Us Laugh Some: Frederick Douglass's Humor," Ganter discussed Frederick Douglass's early oratorical career, focusing on his largely forgotten reputation for using humor and satire in his antislavery speeches.

Dr. James Tackach, a Roger Williams professor of English, also gave a lecture for Black History Month. It was titled, "Slavery and Abolition in America, 1619-1865."

The last lecture was by Randall L. Kennedy, author of *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word* and professor at Harvard Law School in Boston, Mass. Using

major points of his research, both legal and sociological, Kennedy addressed the profound history of this "troublesome" word in an attempt to further understand the racial underpinnings that define American society.

The FCAS also sponsored an Arts and Sciences Competition, held in conjunction with the Birss Lecture. Open to all undergraduate students at Roger Williams University, the competition permitted entries that employed any arts and sciences medium that served to address some feature of one of two



questions – namely, "What is the nature of prejudice?" and "What does it take to be a person?" A total of 28 students submitted 25 projects to the competition.

The last of the FCAS events was The Penny Arcade showing of *Amistad*. The Penny Arcade regularly shows films selected by the faculty of the FCAS to correspond with the core curriculum. The faculty chose *Amistad*, Steven Spielberg's historic epic that took place in New England, as the February film.

Also in conjunction with the Birss Lecture, the University Libraries hosted a book discussion on *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and had on display three editions of the abolitionist newspaper, *The National Era*, from 1851 where the classic novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was originally published in serial form. The three valuable and delicate newspapers were on loan to Roger Williams from the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Ar-

chives at Bowdoin College Library in Brunswick, Maine.

The Multicultural Student Union and the Intercultural Center hosted two workshops on African dancing and drumming and a performance where those who participated in the workshops could perform. The two, two-hour workshops and performance were lead by the Bamidelle African Dancers and Drummers.

To celebrate African-American Heritage Month, the Office of International Students offered a special edition of their "An Afternoon with..." program that featured Barkisu Cole from the Gambia, Ebony Tucker from Philadelphia, Penn., and Charlene Allwright from South Africa. The three University students from diverse global origins discussed life in the Gambia vs. Philadelphia vs. South Africa. The students spiced up the discussion with traditional food and treats from their home.

The student body even organized an event through the Campus Entertainment Network (C.E.N.), the entertainment committee of the Student Senate. The special event, entitled "Echo's of the Past," featured Maxine Maxwell performing vignettes of the lives of historic women of color on February 16th.

Lastly, the Department of Campus Programs offered a free field trip, with transportation included, to the Rhode Island School of Design's Museum in Providence so that students could view the Black History Month Exhibit on display.

Woodruff sees this wealth of participation as a step in the right direction, "It is clear that there is a stronger commitment than in previous years." She believes the University, as a whole, will continue to celebrate Black History Month and thinks that this year will set a standard for the future. She is hopeful that the University community also will begin to celebrate many other cultures' months throughout the year.

## Pulitzer Prize Winning Author Brings Harriet Beecher Stowe to Life in Birss Lecture

*Feinstein College Liberal Arts Competition Poses Weighty Question 'What Does it Take to Be a Person?'*

Pulitzer Prize winning author Dr. Joan D. Hedrick, the featured keynote speaker at the Roger Williams Annual Professor John Howard Birss, Jr. Memorial Lecture held on February 21st, made you feel as if you were sitting with Harriet Beecher Stowe in an intimate family circle gathered in her kitchen at an after-dinner discussion in the time of slavery and Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Contrary to this well-dramatized illusion, the event was held in the year 2002 on the Roger Williams University campus in Bristol, R.I., not in 1852 at Harriet's house.

Dr. Hedrick, the Charles A. Dana Professor of History at Trinity College in Hartford Conn., discussed "Harriet Beecher Stowe and The Making of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," marking the book's 150th anniversary. The lecture, sponsored by Robert D. Blais '70, was held in conjunction with the University's Black History Month celebrations (See Black History Month article on page 4 for more information on the University Library exhibit that displayed the original newspapers that first serialized Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*).

Hedrick's book, *Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Life*, was published in 1994 and was the first full-length biography of Stowe in over 50 years. Hedrick won a Christopher Award and the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for this work.

Hedrick graduated from Vassar College in 1966 and received her Ph.D. in American Civilization from Brown University in 1974. She taught at Wesleyan University in English and American Studies from 1972 until 1980 when she moved to Trinity College. In addition to being the Charles A. Dana Professor of History



Dr. Joan D. Hedrick at the Roger Williams Annual Professor John Howard Birss Jr. Memorial Lecture held in conjunction with the University's Black History Month celebrations.

at Trinity, Hedrick also founded, and for 15 years directed, the Women's Studies Program.

In conjunction with the Birss Lecture and Black History Month, the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences conducted a liberal arts competition for students. The winners were announced at the Birss Lecture, and awarded monetary prizes as well as their own

copy of Dr. Hedrick's book. Later the author spoke individually to the aspiring authors and artists and made time to autograph each of their books as a memento of the occasion.

A total of 28 students submitted 25 projects to the competition. Open to all undergraduate students at Roger Williams University, the competition permitted entries that employed any arts and sciences medium that served to address some feature of one of two questions, namely, 'What is the nature of prejudice?' and 'What does it take to be a person?' Students were asked to submit an entry to the competition of either (1) an essay of critical prose, a creative essay or a poem of 1,000 words or less, (2) a creative visual product no greater than 3' x 3' x 3' in size, or (3) an audible and/or a visible, motile creative product (including but not limited to dance performance) that was reproduced on a cassette, CD or videotape and that was no longer than five minutes in length.

The 1st prize of \$300 was awarded to Thomas Wallace Bentley, III, of Dublin, Ohio, for a series of poems that addressed the nature of prejudice. Anna Hulst of Montpelier, Vt., won the 2nd prize of \$200 for her essay "Spare Me Your Indifference" and a 3rd prize of \$100 was awarded to Jason Pedicone of Glenrock, N.J., for his prose entitled "What it takes to be a Person: Humanity in Perspective in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*." Honorable mentions were also awarded to Steve Martinez of Providence, R.I., for his essay "Where Do You Draw the Line?" and to Marisa Moreira of Cranston, R.I., for her untitled work that compared Plato's *Allegory of the Cave* to Alex Hailey's *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*.



The author (right) autograph her book for Dr. Ruth Koelle, dean of the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, as Mrs. Robert D. Blais (center), the wife of the Birss Lecture sponsor, looks on.



## First Meeting of President's Advisory Council Convened

On March 15, President Nirschel convened the first meeting of the newly formed President's Advisory Council. The mission of the council is to provide advice and counsel to the president and senior administration on issues of strategic importance to the University. Members include Roger Williams's alumni, parents, and corporate leaders. The Council (shown in the photos on this page) attended a meeting at the University Library and toured the campus and its facilities.

Members of the President's Advisory Council are: Glenn R. Ahlborg, president and COO of O. Ahlborg & Sons Inc., Cranston, R.I.; Bruce August of Westport, Conn.; Richard P. Awn, first vice president of Salomon Smith Barney, New York, N.Y.; Robert W. Basile, Brookline, Mass.; Nicholas Battista, vice president, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Trust Company, New York, N.Y.; Gerry Bedrick, consultant, Financial Concepts, Pawtucket, R.I.; Gary M. Beer, chief executive officer, Smithsonian Business Ventures, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Robert D. Blais, founder of the Roger Williams John Howard Birss, Jr., Memorial Lecture Series, Seekonk, Mass.; Charles W. Boos, A.I.A., chairman and chief executive officer, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., New Britain, Conn.; William J. Bray, Jr., vice president corporate banking, Chevy Chase Bank, Bethesda, Md.; Stephen A. Cardi, II, executive vice president, Cardi Construction Co., Warwick, R.I.; James D. Carey, president/CEO, Slade's Ferry Bank, Somerset, Mass.; Lisa Churchill, president & general manager, NBC-10, Cranston, R.I.; Edward S. Cohen, senior vice president event bookings & operations, World Wrestling Federation, Stamford, Conn.; Fred Cohen, Mamaroneck, N.Y.; John L. DeAlmo, vice president replenishment/inventory management, CVS Corp., Woonsocket, R.I.; DeWolf Fulton, owner, DeWolf Associates, Bristol, R.I.; John T. Duffey, Attorney at Law, Providence, R.I.; Thomas F. Hudson, president & CEO, Hudson Companies, Providence, R.I.; Lorraine Newton Lalli, Esq., Brown Rudnick Freed & Gesner, Boston, Mass.; William R. Leader, vice president, G.E. Capital Services, Structures Finance Group Inc., Niskayuna, N.Y.; Deborah S. Mallon, interim CFO, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashantucket, Conn.; Virginia B. McBride, financial advisor, First Union Securities, Katy, Texas; Sherry A. Giarrusso-Mulhearn, executive director, Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, Johnston, R.I.; Dr. Raymond Pennotti, vice president-UMT Services, Lucent Technologies, Nuernberg, Germany; Albert T. Primo, president/CEO, Eyewitness Newservice, Inc., Old Greenwich, Conn.; Dominic L. Ragosta, president, Mitkem Technologies, Cranston, R.I.; Pasquale L. Rinaldi, vice president of finance & information technology, Kodak Polychrome, Norwalk, Conn.; Robert Stebenne, president, new business development, Hasbro Inc., Pawtucket, R.I.; Tony Tavares, Villa Park, Cal.; Michael P. Turner, vice president, public affairs, The MWW Group, East Rutherford, N.J.; Jorge E. Unanue, director of operations, Goya de Puerto Rico, Inc., Bayamon, Puerto Rico; Marvin L. Wilson, vice president, strategic planning, UBM, Inc.; and Timothy B. Yeaton, COO, AVAKI Corporation, Cambridge, Mass.



## FEINSTEIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



Roger Williams University recently hosted a concert to mark the release of a new CD of Brazilian music by Marilyn Mair, internationally-renowned mandolinist and professor of music at the University.

Sponsored by the music department and the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, the concert was held on Sunday, February 10, featuring Mair with special guests Enigmatica, D'Accord and Robert Paul Sullivan.

"Nadando em Luz - Swimming in Light," is Mair's newest CD, and it presents an overview of a century of Brazil's beloved "choro" music. Choro is the earliest variety of Brazilian popular music, dating from the late 1800's. Often called "Brazilian ragtime," choro has a sound that is classical yet contemporary, and an infectious enthusiastic spirit. It is the music that gave rise to samba, bossa nova, and fundamentally shaped the whole of Brazil's musical legacy.

Mair is a classical mandolinist best known for her performances and recordings of the chamber music of Europe and the Americas. She has appeared in concert throughout Europe, North America, and the Far East for the past 20 years, has released eight highly-acclaimed recordings and appeared on numerous compilations. In addition to performing, she is a Professor of Music at Roger Williams University, and co-founded and directs the American Mandolin & Guitar Summer School, now in its 17th year. She has performed and researched Brazilian music throughout her career, and her articles on the history and music of Brazilian choro have been published in Mandolin Quarterly and elsewhere. This recording was her first all-choro release.

## OFFICE OF FINANCE



The University has announced the appointment of James C. Noonan as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Noonan assumed responsibility for the financial operations of the Uni-

versity and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law on January 14.

With nearly three decades of corporate expertise in Rhode Island, most recently with Colibri Group, Noonan comes to Roger Williams University with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of financial management. Prior to his corporate career, Noonan held the position of audit manager for Ernst & Young, where he also was responsible for the company's college recruitment program. His expertise includes financial forecasting, budget preparation and analysis, insurance, legal and banking relationships, software and operating systems.

Noonan holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Rhode Island and is a United States Marine Corps veteran.

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Roger Williams University has named Jeffrey Gillooly to serve as Executive Assistant to President Roy J. Nirschel. He will assist the University in the implementation of its strategic plan and other initiatives to

advance Roger Williams's programs, policies and events.

Gillooly comes to Roger Williams with a strong background in higher education, most recently with Newbury College in Brookline, Mass., where he began as the director of campus programs in 1999. Two years later, Gillooly was promoted to the position of associate dean of student affairs and became responsible for all aspects of the school's

residence life, campus activities, counseling and health education. Prior to Newbury, he served for two years as the assistant director of student affairs at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt.

"I worked closely with Jeff Gillooly at Newbury, and I know he has the skills and knowledge that we need here at Roger Williams. He will be a great addition to the University's team, and I'm pleased to have him here to help us achieve our goals," President Nirschel said.

Gillooly holds a bachelor's degree in English from Dartmouth College and received his master's degree in higher education from Vanderbilt University. He, his wife and two children currently reside in Norwood, Mass., but soon hope to make a new home in Bristol. "President Nirschel is inspiring and motivating. He has an energetic vision for Roger Williams University, and I'm glad to have a role in it," Gillooly said.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Public Affairs has hired two graphic design assistants, Bill Young of Newport, R.I., and Ray Talamo of Providence, R.I. They will work on a variety of University publications and advertisements. Before coming to the University, Young worked as a graphic designer for AFC Cable Systems. Talamo comes to Rhode Island from Rochester, N.Y., where he worked as a graphic designer and art director on various local, national, and international projects.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Allison Chase Padula, Associate Dean of Students, has been named director of orientation and will be responsible for the University's new student orientation program, including parent orientation and new student convocation.

As director of orientation, Padula will facilitate the design and implementation of the overall program, coordinate the selection and training of all orientation staff, and direct efforts for specialized orientation programs for transfer, international, multicultural, and commuter students.



Padula brings to this role several years of experience in coordinating orientation and other first-year programs at other schools. Her first step in her new role will be the creation of a campus-wide committee to assist in the development of the program.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

The Advisory Board for the University Colleges, which includes the Metropolitan and Open Colleges, has granted its 2001 "Thomas J. Carroll Outstanding Teacher Award" to Ferd Schroth, and Evelyn Bain. The award is named in honor of Thomas Carroll, a long-time member of the faculty and the first recipient of the teaching award.

The award "recognized the significant contributions both Ferd Schroth and Evelyn Bain made to Roger Williams University through demonstrated teaching effectiveness to adult students, as well as their contributions to their profession," said John Stout, Dean of the Open College.

Students make all nominations for this award. According to the Advisory Board,

students listed their – enthusiasm, love of teaching, willingness to assist students with all aspects of the learning process, and commitment to their subject matter – as the reasons Schroth and Bain deserved the award.

Schroth is a professor of computer information systems in the Gabelli School of Business where he developed and taught the first computer courses ever offered at the University. He established the Academic Computing Lab and served as its director. Schroth also created the bachelor degree program in Computer Information Systems (CIS) and was a department chairperson. He teaches introductory and upper level CIS courses. Prior to coming to the University, he worked in the field as a computer professional and consultant. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a master's degree in computer science from the University of Rhode Island, and a C.A.G.S. in the humanization of technological man from Salve Regina University.

Bain is an adjunct faculty member in the certificate program in occupational and

environmental safety and health. She serves as a member of the advisory boards for Roger Williams's Open College and Social and Health Services Program, and is the chairperson of the Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health Program Advisory Board. She also is a past recipient of a Roger Williams Outstanding Alumni Award. An associate director and the occupational and environmental specialist for the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Bain is responsible for coordinating occupational safety and health education and advocacy programs for the 18,000 members. She is also the director of Health and Safety Educators, a nurse entrepreneurial business that provides occupational and health safety education and consulting services. Bain is an R.N., having graduated from the Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing. She holds a bachelor's degree from Roger Williams University in social and health services, and a master's degree in education with a concentration in health from Rhode Island College.

## FACULTY news

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

On Saturday, February 9, the winners of the 2002 University of Rhode Island alumni awards were honored. Marie DiBiasio, Ed.D., dean of the School of Education, was the recipient of the Alumni Award for Education. Dean DiBiasio has been working to improve education in Rhode Island over the last 40 years. A \$1,000 scholarship in DiBiasio's name will be awarded to a student on the basis of merit and need.

Assistant Professor Margaret Thombs made a presentation at the "Success with Languages through Technology" conference that was sponsored by the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT). The conference took place in Sandy Hook, Conn., on February 2.

The topic of Thombs's presentation was "Bridges Across the Atlantic: Using Technology to Share Culture."

### FEINSTEIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Arts and Humanities

Dr. Nancy L. Nester, associate professor of writing studies, recently attended the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Utopian Studies, an international, interdisciplinary association, which met in Buffalo, N.Y., from October 4–7, 2001. While at the conference, Nester was a member of a panel discussion entitled Contemporary Philosophy Confronts Utopia and presented a paper titled

"The Family, the Philosopher, and the Good Society: A Study of Martha Nussbaum's Capabilities Approach."

On October 24, Nester, along with adjunct faculty member Kim Baker and their students in WTNG 102.04, WTNG 202.06, and AMST 100.21 conducted a forum entitled "Work, Housing and Employment." Guest speakers included Paul DaPonte, director of education and employment at the Traveler's Aid Society, and Noreen Shawcross, executive director of the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless. Shawcross also shared highlights of the documentary entitled *Gimme Shelter*. The event was co-sponsored by the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences.

## FACULTY news

### Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Dr. Stephen O'Shea has been awarded a Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) grant for \$37,640. This grant program is designed to provide funding for research capacity building in states that have not participated fully in the research programs of the National Institute of Health (NIH). The purpose of the grant is to develop biomedical science research in Rhode Island. This will be achieved by building the research capacities of undergraduate institutions (such as Roger Williams University) so that faculty may become involved in collaborative projects with established investigators. Dr. O'Shea will work as part of a team from the University of Rhode Island. The proposed Rhode Island network of scientists consists of a total of 37 investigators. He will be part of an Environmental Toxicology Group.

Dr. Martine Villalard-Bohnsack, professor of biology, recently had a paper, "Seasonal dynamics and recruitment strategies of the invasive seaweed *Grateloupia doryphora* (Halymeniaceae, Rhodophyta) in Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound, Rhode Island, USA," published in the biology journal *Phycologia*.

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Paul Webb was a co-author of a paper presented at the 14th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals held in Vancouver last December. The paper was titled, "Reproductive Energetics of Adult Male Northern Elephant Seals."

Numerous faculty and students from the chemistry department recently participated in the American Chemical Society's national conference in San Diego, Calif. The professors and students together presented papers on many different topics.

Pamela Luey '01, with Assistant Professor Andrew Tate and Dr. Stephen O'Shea presented "Quantifying Isoflavone Levels In Dietary Supplements By HPLC."

Senior, Sarah Towne and Professor of Chemistry Dr. Daniel Von Reisen presented "Synthesis and Reactivity of Water Soluble Dienes in Diels Alder Reactions."

Seniors, Amanda Kuber, Hannah Nandor, Randy Petrichko and junior, Steven Hira presented two papers, "In-situ Generation Of Trans-[RU(Pyridine)4(L)(Solvent)]2+ Obtained By CL-Abstraction From Trans-[RU(Pyridine)4(L)(CL)]+," and "Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Logand-Bridged Ruthenium Complexes" with Professor Dr. Daniel Von Reisen and Assistant Professor Dr. Cliff Timpson.

Junior Micheal Lombardi and Assistant Professor Dr. Stephen O'Shea presented, "Fish, Water, and Sediment Analysis of Woonsquatucket River, R.I."

### Social Sciences

Associate Professor of Political Science, Dr. Ernest Greco, published a book review in the October issue of the *Journal of Democracy*. Entitled "The Chihuahua Strategy," the article reviews *Mexico's Political Awakening* by Vikram Chand and published by the University of Notre Dame Press. The book analyzed the role of the Catholic Church and other civic associations in promoting Mexico's transition to democracy.

Professor of History Dr. Joshua Stein, recently presented the paper, "Niccolo Machiavelli on the U.S. Constitution, A Speculation," at the Northeastern States 18th Century Society in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He also recently conducted a class at "An Evening of Jewish Renaissance," on the topic "The Old Testament on the U.S. Constitution, A Speculation." Stein has also met with the CPA firm Rooney, Plotkin & Willey at their retreat to make a presentation on "The Current Crises in Afghanistan." Lastly, he was the inaugural speaker in the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences Social Science Speakers Series. The topic was, "The Middle Eastern Situation: A Historian's View."

### GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Richard Bernardi, professor of accounting recently had his article, "The Association Between European Materiality Estimates and Client Integrity, National Culture, and litigation," published in *The International Journal of Accounting*.

Marketing Professor Ben Carr and Associate Professor Lana Bracket co-authored a paper, "Cyberspace Advertising vs. Other Media: Consumer vs. Mature Student Attitudes," which recently appeared in the *Journal of Advertising Research*.

Accounting faculty member Kathryn Jervis has had her paper, "An Integrated Non-Profit Management Course Track: Business Concepts & Skills Needed for Careers in Non-Profit Organizations," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*. Jervis' article, "The Effects of Not-For-Profit Hospital Reported Profits and Charitable Care on Perceptions of Tax-Exempt Status," was published in the *Journal of the American Taxation Association*.

Assistant Professor, Computer Information Systems Dr. W. Brett McKenzie had a chapter he authored, entitled "Rhythms of Communication: Orchestrated or Improvisational Collaboration," included in the publication *Creativity and Leadership in the 21st Century Firm, Research in Urban Economics (Volume 13)* published by Elsevier Science. Dr. McKenzie also had an earlier essay "We Only Come Out At Night" published in *Ghosts In The Classroom*, a collection of essays concerning adjunct faculty.

Assistant Professor of Marketing Dr. Amy Tomas' article "Teaching Portfolios: Development and Application" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Marketing Education*, a top-tier marketing education journal. Also, during the past semester, Dr. Tomas was asked to serve on the Editorial Review Boards for two marketing education journals: *Marketing Education Review* and *Journal for Advancing Marketing Education*.

These accomplishments come on top of Dr. Tomas' two earlier publications, "Technology and the Sales Force: Increasing the Acceptance of Sales Force Automation" and "Attracting, Enhancing and Retaining Client Relationships Using the Web" which were published this past summer in the *Industrial Marketing Management Journal* and in *National Public Accountant*.



## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, ART AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dr. Rebecca Leuchak, assistant professor of art and architectural history, delivered a public lecture entitled *Art in a Time of Crisis*, at the Hera Gallery in Wakefield, R.I., on Thursday, December 6. The lecture was in conjunction with the exhibition *9.11.01 A Response to Current Events*, on view at the gallery from November 17 to December 15, 2001. A reception followed the talk.

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Dr. Ram Gupta, professor of engineering, has been selected as a 2002-2003 Rotary Foundation Scholar University Teacher. He will be teaching and directing research at Kathmandu University in Nepal June through August 2002. He also will arrange seminars for university faculty and government officials and will help in the environment program.

## SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES

Associate Professor Dr. Robert P. Engvall, presented a paper entitled, "Judicial Decision-Making: Is the Divorce Between Politics and Judicial Decision-Making Purely Rhetorical?" at the American Society of Criminology 2001 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 8, 2001. Engvall discussed the role of the United States Supreme Court in the resolution of the Bush v. Gore case and whether the decision was soundly based in legal reasoning or was the result of achieving a desired political result.

Assistant Professor Dr. Stephanie Manzi, made a presentation at a seminar entitled "Women in Law Enforcement" sponsored by the Justice System Training Institute on September 26, 2001. The program was attended by over 80 law enforcement officials from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including a number of police chiefs. Manzi's presentation reported her research in R.I. and Mass. on the recruitment, retention and promotion of female police officers.

Assistant Professor Dr. Lisa Newcity, had an article published in the Rhode Island Bar Journal (Sept/Oct 2001 ed.). The article entitled "Has the Time Come for Paralegal Regulation in Rhode Island?" discussed current R.I. law regarding paralegals, the recent debate in the legal profession related to regulation and/or licensing, and specific issues in Rhode Island related to regulation.

Newcity has also been appointed to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) Ethics Board for a term that expires in June 2004. The Ethics Board is responsible for interpreting the NFPA Model Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility, and the NFPA Model Disciplinary Rules. They also respond to inquiries from members, paralegal non-members, and other individuals and entities.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dean of Student Affairs Richard Stegman, presented his paper, "Rising to the Challenge of Alcohol Abuse in Higher Education," at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) annual convention in March 2002. The paper and presentation addressed substance-free housing and parental notification.

## 2002 Faculty Grant Recipients Announced

The Roger Williams University Research Foundation Committee recently announced the 2002 faculty grants recipients. The following are abstracts of all of the fund-based research grant awards for 2002.

## FEINSTEIN COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Marilynn Mair, Professor

**Abstract:** Document through study of live performances, contemporary CD recording, historical recordings, period and contemporary articles and books, and discussion with scholars and composers, the evolution of *choro* performance practice from its roots in the mid-19th century to the present day. Instrumentation, arrangements (written and improvised), and venue will also be investigated. Research will result in publication of an article and presentation at a conference in Fall 2002.

### Dr. Marcie Marston, Associate Professor

**Abstract:** Ongoing research continues to monitor seasonal as well as spatial changes in the composition of cyanophage populations in Mt. Hope and Narragansett Bays. Genetic composition of the host *Synechococcus* population will be examined and the mechanisms of host resistance to viral isolates will be evaluated. This will result in completion of a manuscript on the research for publication in *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*. In addition, two abstracts will be submitted at the end of November to the General Meeting of the American Microbiology Society in May 2002.

### Dr. June Speakman, Associate Professor

**Abstract:** Continued research in preparation for a book to be completed Fall 2003 titled *From First Lady to Junior Senator: Hillary Rodham Clinton*. Senator Clinton's first two years in office will be assessed. The analysis will be guided by the literature on first-term senators, former first ladies and women in the Senate. Publication of this work will be submitted to Prentice Hall for the *Real Politics in America* series. A proposal to present preliminary drafts for critical review will also be submitted to the New England Political Science Association program committee for its conference in May 2002 and to the Northeast Political Science Association program committee for its conference in November 2002.

### Kerri Warren, Assistant Professor

**Abstract:** This is an ongoing study of the development of the function of the vertebrate cardiac conduction tissues that will continue the survey of zebrafish cardiac gene expression with the *in situ* hybridization techniques established to introduce immunohistochemical techniques to trace the ontogeny of specific protein expression. This project will contribute to knowledge of the functional patterning of the vertebrate heart and will set the stage for future investigation of inherited cardiac rhythm diseases. Results will be produced at regional and/or national development biology meetings and research will be submitted for peer-reviewed publication.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### Dr. Susan Pasquarelli, Associate Professor and Dr. Jessica Skolnikoff, Assistant Professor Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences

**Abstract:** Research of the effects of a professional development middle school writing program, teachers' subsequent change in writing instruction including the socio-cultural environment surrounding writing instruction, and the change in students' writing abilities. An article resulting from this research will be written and disseminated to the following refereed journals: *Journal of Teacher Education*, *Reading Research Quarterly*, and *Journal of Literacy Research*.

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

### Matthew Stein, Assistant Professor

**Abstract:** This grant will be used to develop an experimental platform for basic research in Hybrid Systems for Telepresence with the additional goal of supporting groundbreaking research in online robotics. Research will result in publication of conference and journal papers discussing both aspects of the experimental testbed.

## SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES

### Dr. Robert Engvall, Associate Professor

**Abstract:** Research to complete a book for Hampton Press concerning academic identity as part of a publishing contract to be included in Hampton's *Understanding Education and Policy* series. The series is found in most University libraries nationwide, as well as for use largely by academics in a variety of fields.

### Dr. Anthony LaRose, Assistant Professor and Dr. Jeffrey Jenkins, Assistant Professor

**Abstract:** Ongoing cross-cultural comparative analysis of the values held by police officers and the effects of their values on their functioning as officers. The study seeks to examine the values of police officers within London's Metropolitan Police Force and gauge the effect of such values on their views of security and their role as guardians of public safety. Data gathered will offer important insights into the similarities and differences in values between U.S. and British law enforcement personnel and help aid our understanding of influences on the public safety policing function. An article and conference presentation will result from this grant.



**Roger Williams Law School  
Professor to Attend Global  
Tech Summit**

Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law recognizes the accomplishments of Professor of Law David A. Rice, who was selected to be a member of a prestigious roundtable

panel at the Global Tech Summit 2001, "New Ideas to Advance the Networked Economy" organized by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) in Washington, D.C. The BSA is the voice of the world's leading software, hardware, and Internet industries before governments and with consumers in the international marketplace.

Professor Rice was asked to participate in the Dialogue II roundtable panel which is principally concerned with intellectual property law, especially copyright, protection of computer program, and other digital information products as well as licensing of their use. Professor Rice is teaching contracts this semester, and also teaches intellectual property law and information technology law.

Among distinguished guests, were the world's key technologists, entrepreneurs, academics, policy makers, financiers, and journalists visiting from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Some of the BSA member companies participating in the event included the CEO's of Adobe Systems, Autodesk, Bentley Systems, Macromedia, and Microsoft.

**Roger Williams University  
School of Law Announces  
New Dean of Students**

Bruce I. Kogan, interim dean of the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law, appointed Dennis J. Tonsing, dean of students & director of academic support.

Tonsing, of Braintree, Vt., most recently was the director of the academic support program at the Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vt. In this position, Tonsing developed and implemented academic support curriculum, and taught and mentored public speaking, lawyering skills, and professional writing. Tonsing also was previously a faculty member at Kennedy-Western University, and Northern Arizona University, where he taught business, law, and communication courses. He also taught public speaking and the law in the Junior Statesman summer program at Yale University.

Tonsing earned his doctorate in applied languages at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz., and his Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, Calif. He also studied at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz., earning a Master of Arts with a distinction in English and concentrations in writing, rhetoric, and pedagogy. A graduate of St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif., Tonsing earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Liberal Arts.

**Justinian Law Society Awards  
Scholarship to Law Student**

The Justinian Law Society of Rhode Island Scholarship was awarded to Todd Romano, a Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto second year law student. Each year, the Justinian Society awards two scholarships for law related studies.

The Justinian Society is engaged in activities directed toward fostering a spirit of good fellowship, maintaining honor and dignity of the legal profession, performing civic duties, administering justice, and promoting the study of law. The Society has implemented several committees to better serve Italian-American jurists, barristers, and the community at large.

**Law Professor Published in  
Georgetown Law Review  
and Co-Authors Forensic  
Entomology Book**

Associate Professor of Law John Kunich recently had his piece, "Fiddling Around While the Hotspots Burn Out", published by the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*. His was the lead article

in the winter 2001 issue.

Professor Kunich's article concentrates on legal protection for the centers of biodiversity worldwide. The hotspots are the 25 or so terrestrial regions that, combined, total only 1.44% of the earth's land surface, but are home to 44% of all plant species and 35% of all non-fish vertebrates. These

extraordinary concentrations of life are severely threatened and in desperate need of greater legal protection. This article is the follow-up to his groundbreaking article in *Hastings Law Journal* last summer.

Kunich also has co-authored a book, *Entomology and the Law: Flies as Forensic Indicators*, with Professor Bernard Greenberg, University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill. This book will be published by Cambridge University Press, one of the most prestigious publishing houses in the world. The Kunich-Greenberg book will be the first definitive volume anywhere on the subject of forensic entomology, which has often been featured on the popular television show, *CSI, Crime Scene Investigation*.

Insect-related evidence is one of the most powerful, but least understood examples of modern forensic science. *Entomology and the Law* provides details from the crime scene to the courtroom for expert witnesses, entomologists, law enforcement personnel, and lawyers preparing for trial. Part I focuses on carrion flies as forensic indicators, exploring relevant biology illustrated by real-life cases. Part II provides an in-depth examination of the law of scientific evidence worldwide, complete with caselaw, applicable code provisions, and legal issues relevant to the admissibility and use of forensic entomology in litigation.

Professor Kunich is teaching torts II, property I, and national security law this semester. He also teaches courses in environmental law, scientific evidence, trial advocacy and natural resources law. Kunich earned a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., and an LL.M., summa cum laude, in environmental law from George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C. He also received a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, and a Master of Science in biological sciences from the University of Illinois, Chicago, Ill. It was there he studied entomology under his eventual co-author, Professor Greenberg, the pioneer of the science of forensic entomology.

**Law Professor Awarded Soros  
Justice Senior Fellowship**

Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law professor David Zlotnick, was awarded a Soros Justice Senior Fellowship by the Open Society Institute.

The Open Society Institute (OSI) is a private operating and grant making foundation that promotes the development of an open society around the world.

Although a majority of federal district court judges oppose mandatory minimum sentencing, there has been no systematic exploration of the personal stories behind this one-line headline. This fellowship project seeks to gather these stories to provide the context and in-depth data that explains the opposition to mandatory minimums by this important and often ignored constituency. The body of Professor Zlotnick's final report will pair a profile of a federal judge with a profile of a defendant upon whom each judge unwillingly imposed a lengthy mandatory minimum term. The goal of this project is to reorient policy makers and the public to

listen more carefully to the voices of the federal bench on this issue. Fellows devote up to one year to research, write, or initiate projects that will promote the OSI's commitment to one or more suggested topic areas.

The Soros Justice Senior Fellowships Program enables leading experts in the criminal justice, public health and legal fields to raise the level of national discussion and scholarship and prompt policy debate on issues at the heart of the OSI's work. The senior fellowship program seeks to identify and nurture leaders and advocates for change at the national and regional level.

Professor Zlotnick spearheaded the creation of a new litigation office for Families Against Mandatory Minimums ("FAMM") and was the primary author of the amicus brief in *Glover vs. United States* which resulted in a rare 9-0 victory in the U.S. Supreme Court for FAMM and their clients. Zlotnick was formerly a federal drug prosecutor in Washington D.C. He received his Juris Doctor, cum laude from Harvard Law School. Zlotnick is teaching Trial Advocacy, Criminal Procedure, and a seminar on Wrongful Convictions this semester.





Pictured from left to right are President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., Mrs. Paula Nirschel, Fatima Gailani, and her husband Anwar Ahady.

# Afghanistan: University Acts Globally

*a reason for optimism*

*President and Paula Nirschel  
Initiate Afghan Scholarship*

How many degrees of separation exist between Roger Williams University and the rebuilding of Afghanistan? The answer follows shortly.

"Degrees of separation" is a newly embraced phrase in today's popular lexicon. Actually stemming from a Harvard professor's 1967 experiment in worldwide proximity, the separation in question is between two people or entities. The number of degrees equal the contacts required to connect them. Six degrees of separation is the average.

So how many degrees of separation likely would exist from the president of Roger Williams, a liberal arts university nestled along the shore of America's smallest state, to an Afghan native helping reestablish education for women in war-torn Afghanistan more than 6,600 miles away? Seven? Six? Five? Surprisingly, the answer is only one.

President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., and his wife, Paula, are well acquainted with Fatima Gailani who, until recently, had been in exile from her native Afghanistan since 1978.

The Nirschels struck up their friendship with Ms. Gailani and her Afghan husband, Anwar Ahady, last fall when Mrs. Nirschel became intrigued while reading an in-depth article on Fatima's life-in-exile and her activist endeavors. Soon the two women were in contact, meeting over lunch, forging a friendship and sharing perspectives on various topics.

Mrs. Nirschel was particularly impressed by Ms. Gailani's efforts to create educational opportunities for Afghan women who, as a gender, had been victims of oppression during the Taliban rule. Worsening their plight, Afghan women were denied education.

The Nirschels immediately recognized that a visit to Roger Williams and a presentation by Fatima would be an enriching and enlightening experience for a campus audience. Moreover, they began to consider ways through which the University could take a proactive role in helping shape the future of Afghanistan by assisting the plight of the nation's underserved women.

What resulted was a public commitment from the Nirschels that Roger Williams University would assist in the rebuilding of Afghanistan by initiating a full academic scholarship for an Afghan female student.

President Nirschel made the announcement at a standing-room-only, public forum in the Performing Arts Center featuring Fatima Gailani and moderated by Mrs. Nirschel in January. "Afghanistan – A Reason For Optimism" was the event's title.

Fatima Gailani has been widely interviewed and publicized in the American and British media and often discusses issues relating to Afghan women's rights and present and future considerations for the rebuilding of her country. She also is a spokesperson for the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan and the daughter of one of that nation's most prominent spiritual leaders. During the spirited dialogue at the campus event, she expressed her appreciation for the University's scholastic commitment.

"Education is essential in the restructuring of an enlightened and democratic Afghanistan. It is particularly true regarding Afghan women, who have suffered years of severe prejudice and oppression in their own country. I am most appreciative of President Nirschel and Paula's efforts. This scholarship is a wonderful beginning," said Ms. Gailani.

The Roger Williams University scholarship will be presented to an Afghan female who will matriculate in fall 2002. President and Mrs. Nirschel decided to lead the charge even further. Via a letter to the editor, sent to every daily newspaper in the nation, they challenged other American universities and colleges to follow the lead of Roger Williams University. Additionally, President Nirschel sent a letter directly to his peers at the country's institutions of higher education reinforcing that call to action. To date, approximately 20 colleges have communicated their intent to follow suit.

"By offering this scholarship to an Afghan woman, we feel that our University is taking a small step that can make a notable difference in the rebuilding of Afghanistan. I have heartily encouraged other universities and colleges to do the same. It is gratifying to see many step forward and be counted in this important way," stated President Nirschel. "We understand from Fatima that the scholarship offer has been widely discussed and warmly recognized in Afghanistan by new government leaders, embassy personnel – even the King."

Under the guidance of Mrs. Nirschel and Ms. Gailani, a clearinghouse is being structured to connect interested institutions with the proper contacts in order to identify deserving female scholars from Afghanistan.

According to Mrs. Nirschel, "This scholarship is an idea that blossomed from Fatima's and my friendship. We are both proactive by nature, and we agree that this is a constructive initiative to improve the status and level of opportunity for Afghan women." The Nirschels hope to travel to Afghanistan to meet the University's first female scholarship recipient selected, escorting her to America and to campus.



"This initiative has taken on a life of its own in some regards. People are talking about it in various corners of the world. The media has taken notice, which helps to broaden the effort. Essentially, it comes down to doing the right thing," concluded President Nirschel.

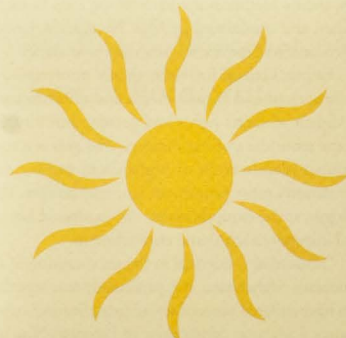
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# BUILDING BRICK BY BRICK

By Rick Goff

*Rick Goff, the Executive Director of the Roger Williams University Department of Public Affairs, wrote the following article about his experience participating in "an alternative vacation" in January.*



**I**t was more a mission than a vacation. The blistering sun was something to escape and protect against, not for tanning.

The water was not for swimming, nor for drinking. The birds looping overhead weren't exotically plumed. They were vultures.

I traveled to Honduras in January with more than a dozen people from St. Martin's Church in Providence, R.I. Our group was another in a litany of work details organized by an Episcopal Relief and Development effort to construct housing for Hondurans swept from their homes in 1998 by Hurricane Mitch's catastrophic indifference.

Once at the rural work site, a 30-minute bus ride from our guesthouse in the city of San Pedro Sula, I was assigned to the detail at the brick factory. The heat relentlessly baked us as thoroughly as it hardened the new bricks for the houses it was our job to build. More than 250 homes, a church, a community center and a health clinic already were built. Our group was one of the last to visit before the project's completion.

Despite my attempts at preparation for hard labor in the tropics, Monday was a cruel first workday. The weather was an oppressive swelter, clinging and motionless. The labor was laughably more physical than my usual regimen of writing press releases at my desk. By Tuesday, I was questioning why I had signed on for the trip while wondering if I would actually survive it. I fantasized how a pina coloda on the Lido deck of some cruise ship would have been a wonderful alternative to a week of sweat, dirt and pain. However, by Wednesday, I began to adjust. Only half my muscles ached. Being filthy was part of life. Drinking welcome quarts of water drowned dehydration. Gradually, I developed an easy sense that the bricks were useful objects to be created pleasantly. I decided cursing them frequently was useless.

Now the recipe for making concrete bricks is as simple a process as it is arduously repetitive. You shovel dirt into an overflowing wheelbarrow four times and successively dump each into a rising mound. Add one heaping wheelbarrow of sand. Flatten the pile, then pile it up again. Then, tear it down once more. Add two 60-pound bags of concrete mix, and shovel all of it back into a mound. Knock it down again and add two large buckets of water. Build it up. Tear it down. Heap it one final time. That's what you do when you're a human cement mixer.

The concrete, once thoroughly mixed by hand, is then shoveled into a hydraulic machine that simultaneously presses three 35-pound bricks onto a palette. These are carried away and left in the sun to dry. And so it went. Each day for a week we fabricated more than 1,000 bricks. The work's sultry rhythm was interrupted only by the arrival of the dilapidated pick-up truck that hauled readied bricks a quarter-mile up the road to the houses under construction. Some afternoons, I helped the crews that worked on the houses. Essentially, labor there consisted of more shoveling and carrying bricks. We were all exhausted.

Beyond the work, it would be so easy to describe the pockets of abject poverty in an underdeveloped country such as Honduras. The general lack of material goods is obvious, juxtaposed against the comparative cornucopia that is American reality. It's tempting, too, to portray in saddening detail the residents of

ramshackle huts by the river, who searched daily through strewn garbage looking for usable items...some wood, plastic, a piece of scrap metal. It would be revolting to describe the dead, roan horse by the roadside, which became a roiling mound of rending, squabbling vultures in hours.

Yet, amidst these startling and sobering third-world images, there was light. It gleamed in the smiles of our Honduran co-workers, the neighboring children who visited the brick factory, and our native hosts.

Yes, we are different in some ways – Hondurans and New Englanders. We live in disparate climates. A limpare and a dollar are not equal. We vary in skin tone. We speak distinct languages. Our dreams are not mirror images. And yet, we just didn't seem so very different after all. Through fractured phrases and fumbling hand signals we were simply people who made each other laugh. And then shoulder-to-shoulder we sweated and strained as we made those bricks together.

Those damn, sturdy bricks.

## Biology Students Trade in the Wintry New England Classroom for The Warmth and Living Laboratory of Belize To Study Tropical Ecology

Each January for the last 15 years, Roger Williams students have been fleeing the New England winter and heading to the warmer surroundings of Jamaica as part of the biology department's tropical ecology course. The destination was changed in 2002, and last January, 18 University students traveled to Belize for the ten-day course, accompanied by biology faculty members Dr. Skip Pomeroy and Dr. Paul Webb.

The first five days were spent in Belize's tropical rainforests, in places like Chaa Creek and the Cockscomb Basin Jaguar Reserve. These locations provided the opportunity for lots of hiking under the forest canopy and examining the diversity of life that makes the forest their home. The students also learned a great deal about the ancient Mayan culture in Belize, by visiting the ruins at Xunantunich, El Pilar, and Cahal Pech, and explored the possible uses of the various medicinal plants and natural remedies used by the Mayans at Ixchel Farm.

To finish off the trip, the group took a short boat ride out to the island at South Water Cay for five days of snorkeling, diving, and sunshine while exploring the coral reefs. But all good things must come to an end, and after one final night (and finally some hot showers) in Dangriga on the mainland, the class headed back to the cold of Bristol just in time for the spring semester. Overall the trip was a great success, and Belize looks set to supplant Jamaica as the destination of choice for future excursions.



## President Nirschel Announces Roger Williams University Library Selected For Champlin Foundations Grant

*University Library Changes to Meet Challenge of a Digital Era*

"I am proud to announce that Roger Williams University's Library has been selected for a prestigious Champlin Foundations \$100,000 grant," said Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.

"This Champlin Foundations grant is a significant investment in the future of our University, especially at this critical point in our organization's history as we begin to move forward with new strategic planning initiatives," explained President Nirschel.

The Champlin Foundations, a R.I. based foundation located in Warwick, specializes in funding capital projects such as facilities or equipment almost exclusively in R.I. Champlin seeks to support projects that have a broad based impact, reaching out to the community as much as possible.

The funds will be used towards technological improvements in the services of the University Library, benefiting not only the University's students, faculty and staff, but also the East Bay community, according to President Nirschel. The main library, is located on the Bristol, Rhode Island campus, and is open to the public.

Specifically, in addition to upgrading and expanding the technology facilities for use by library users, the grant will enable the Roger Williams University staff to reconfigure the public service spaces of the main library and architecture library to better deliver reference and instructional services to individuals and groups, elaborated the Roger Williams Dean of University Library Services Peter V. Deekle.

"The open floor plans of both libraries and the close proximity of the library semi-

nar-style classroom to both reference centers affords a unique opportunity to transform service and our user instruction program into a high quality, integrated information literacy program," said Dean Deekle. He went on to describe how approximately 38 computer workstations will be arranged in the public spaces of the library, adjacent to the reference service desks.

"This grant recognizes the academic library's changing role in the instruction of users and their strategic use of information technology," Dean Deekle commented.

"Roger Williams is seeking to change the traditional library service model."

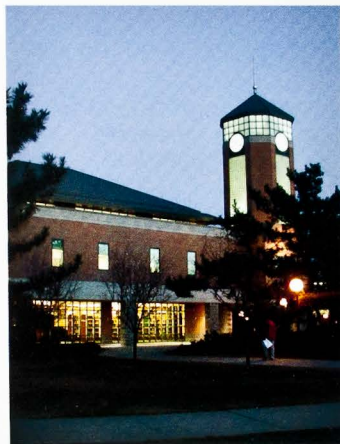
The need for state-of-the-art information technology has grown over the years. Since the University Library opened the present facilities more than a decade ago, the proliferation of information resources via web technologies has dramatically transformed reference and instruction services.

This grant will enable librarians to

help students become effective users of online resources.

"By capitalizing on that 'teachable moment' that frequently occurs at today's reference desks, be those desks actual or virtual," said Deekle, "librarians have taken on a new role as active participants in the teaching and learning process. Service is now more focused on teaching our academic community how to search, locate, evaluate and use the wide array of resources available to them.

"To meet these new challenges, librarians find that it is vital for our libraries to maintain technologically up-to-date facilities and responsive services."



## University Alumni, Employees and Parents Finish a Memorable Walk of Fame

"Thanks to the support of our generous alumni, employees and parents, *The 'Walk of Fame' Brick Campaign* is complete!" announced Geri L. Manning director of annual giving and constituent relations. The remaining 160 Bricks have been sold, she explained.

More memorable naming opportunities will be available soon, especially with all of the construction pending on campus, (e.g., with a new recreation center underway and other plans in the works).

"Even though the brick spaces are sold out, there are a limited number of paver spaces available. The granite pavers are \$1,000 each," stated Geri.

If you have any questions about the bricks campaign or are interested in reserving paver space or future opportunities, please contact Geri at 401-254-3216 or e-mail her at gmanning@rwu.edu.

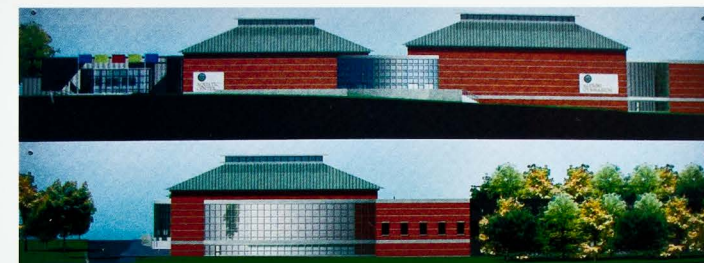
### Hemond Brothers Engineering Endowed Fund

George '72 and Albert Hemond '70 established the Hemond Brothers Engineering Endowed Fund for the purpose of assisting students enrolled in the University's School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management. Awards will be made to incoming full-time freshman students enrolled in an engineering major, who are Rhode Island residents. The Fund's focus is assisting the average student from a middle income family. Students considered will be those who do not qualify for need based financial assistance or academic scholarships. This scholarship is renewable for three subsequent years provided the student recipient continues as a full-time day student enrolled in the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management. The first award will be given in the Fall of 2002.

For more information please contact Roger Williams University's Student Financial Aid & Financial Planning Office at (401) 254-3100.

## Naming Opportunities for New University Recreation Center Announced

The new addition to the recreation center will create an all encompassing athletic, fitness and student activities center. The addition is approximately 70,000 square feet and will house an eight-lane swimming pool; a sauna and whirlpool; a wood floor basketball court with seating for 1200; an 8,000 square foot fitness/wellness center with state of the art equipment.



The facility will also include two racquetball courts, a squash court, and a dance and aerobics studio. Approximately 5,000 square feet of existing space will be renovated for student activities. These include the Campus Entertainment Network, student government offices, the school newspaper and yearbook offices, the campus radio station and a commuter lounge. The existing snack bar will be expanded and renovated.

There are also planned provisions for a lounge that will overlook the major functions of the building. Naming opportunities for the building and various rooms are available. Contact Cheryl Comai, executive director of development, at (401) 254-3204 for more information.

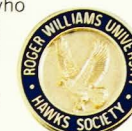
## President Initiates Parent's Fund During Family Weekend

President Roy J. Nirschel announced the establishment of a "Parents Fund." This fund offers Roger Williams University parents the choice of directing their Annual Fund support toward specific areas that provide direct benefits to all students. Serving as Parents Fund Co-Chairs are Rene Pincince '75 and Aurora Pincince, parents of Ryan, a business management major. As an alum, Rene (Class of 1975) knows the value of a Roger Williams education. As parents, Rene and Aurora are excited about what Ryan is learning and what his future holds for him. The 2001/02 Parents Fund kicked off in September during festivities at Family Weekend. Charged with the challenge of asking fellow parents to join them in supporting Roger Williams University, Rene and Aurora have sent letters and made phone calls to fellow parents.

The funds raised this year will be used to address various technology and library initiatives. The rapid evolution of technology requires constant reinvestment in this area, while the University also faces an explosion in academic publishing and other demands on the library system. Rene Pincince stated, "As parents, we support our children in many ways as they pursue their education. Today, we are asking for your support which may come in all sizes." Recently, a grandparent made a gift of stock valued over \$200,000. Daily gifts of \$5, \$10, and \$100 are received in support of the University and our students.

For more information on the Parents Fund and to make a contribution, please contact Geri Manning, director of annual giving and constituent relations, at (401) 254-3216.

## Attention Hawks Society Members



Alumni Donors who have contributed for 5 consecutive years and have made your 2001/02 Annual Fund contribution — watch your mail — you will be receiving your pin soon. If you have not made your contribution yet, don't be left out!

## Annual Fund On Its Way To Goal

*Spring Phonathon Breaks Last Year's Record & University Employees Annual Fund Campaign Reaches 37% Participation*

Under the capable and successful steering leadership of George Hemond '72 and Susan Pratt Osborn '79, the Alumni Annual Fund is well on its way to meeting its goal of 17% participation.

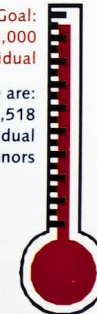
The Parents Fund, also chaired by Rene '75 and Aurora Pincince is experiencing success. Student callers just completed the Spring Phonathon breaking previous spring totals by 24%.

The Roger Williams University Employee Annual Fund is currently at 37% participation.

Parents, alumni, and employees wishing to make a gift may contact Geri Manning, director of annual giving and constituent relations, at (401) 254-3216.

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3,000  
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Executive Vice President

Of all the prestigious, profitable and successful projects that O. Ahlborg & Sons, Inc., has to be proud of over its 75-year history of being in business, the newest collaboration with Roger Williams University is by far one of the most meaningful ones, according to brothers Eric Ahlborg, executive vice president and Glenn Ahlborg, president and chief operating officer. It is a significant milestone in a construction company founded by their great grandfather four generations ago.

Their newest project is the venture partnership established this past year with Roger Williams University: the Ahlborg Interdisciplinary Professorship in Construction Management and Architecture.

"Our business plays a huge role in the construction industry in this state," explained Glenn Ahlborg, "We have had the benefit of good fortune in business. This endowed professorship is an important way for us to give back something to the state, the community, the University and an industry that has been good to us."

Founded 75 years ago by Olof Ahlborg, O. Ahlborg & Sons, Inc. has evolved from a specialized, residential construction firm to an industry leader bringing sales exceeding \$100 million dollars and serving a broad range of markets – health care, educational, commercial, municipal, hospitality, industrial, retail, and multi-residential. Based in Cranston, Rhode Island, the firm has plans for continued expansion throughout the United States.

Providence Business News has cited the company as one of the fastest growing in the state. This year, they experienced a record sales year of over \$100 million. Notable projects include the new University Residence and Stonewall Terrace dormitory at Roger Williams, as well as R.I. projects such as the new McCoy Stadium, Fleet Skating Center and the Providence Public Safety Facility. This winter they received a coveted construction industry award from their peers – the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Award for Excellence in Construction citing the company's latest project, the office facility for the Narragansett Bay Commission.

One hundred percent family owned and operated, the firm provides hands-on personal involvement from its principals. Old and new customers receive an added sense of how important reputation is to the company when they learn that a member of the Ahlborg family is assigned to every job. They have a big pool from which to draw. Richard Ahlborg, the founder's grandson, is chairman and chief executive officer. Joining president and COO Glenn Ahlborg is his brother Eric Ahlborg (executive vice president), brother Craig W. Ahlborg (vice president of Corporate Resources), and sister Nancy Ahlborg-Greim (vice president for Administration/Marketing).

In December of last year, the Ahlborg family established this new endowed professorship and committed a significant donation to the institution's capital campaign.

The charitable donation will be utilized primarily for two purposes – new construction and renovations to the University's Paolino Recreation Center. Funds earmarked for the recreation center will create the O. Ahlborg & Sons Family Lobby. (Editor's note: For more details on the renovations and additions planned to the recreation center and the Ahlborg donation, see the article entitled, "O. Ahlborg & Sons Commits Major Gift to Roger Williams University" in the University News Section.) In a recent interview, the two Ahlborg brothers reflected upon why they chose Roger Williams University for this honor of bestowing their name on a Professorship.

**"In particular, I was struck by the mock projects that the students constructed for the National Construction Competition. The professors really teach them well!"**

"Roger Williams University is the first university in Rhode Island to make a real commitment to the construction management field. It is a real honor for our family name to be on this endowed professorship. The Ahlborg Professorship will continue to strengthen the bonds between us. This partnership works for both our business and the University. The University needs to establish ties with the corporate community and the business community needs to educate and train its workforce. This provides a forum for constant feedback to benefit both, especially the students, the up and coming workers and the future in the industry."

A number of Roger Williams University graduates work at the Ahlborg Company. Eric Ahlborg pointed out. Some start as early as interns while they pursue their degrees at the University.

"It's amazing and fun to see how the students get better and technology improves. We hire many Roger Williams graduates. Their Roger Williams education in construction management has enabled them to excel in their trade. It's surprising that they're so capable and highly skilled even when they're not many years out of college."

"It was one of our employees, a Roger Williams's graduate, who got us first involved with the University...project manager Scott D. Illingsworth." He was the one responsible for first introducing Eric and Glenn to Professor Gould, who now holds the Interdisciplinary Professorship in Construction Management (CM) and Architecture, and the Dean of the Engineering, Computing and Construction Management School (SECCM) Robert Potter.

They struck up a conversation and established a good rapport with Professor Gould and Dean Potter from the first time Eric and Glenn toured the SECCM School and campus. It was at this time that Eric mentioned that he was really impressed by the CM curriculum at the school.

"In particular, I was struck by the mock projects that the students constructed for the National Construction Competition. The professors really teach them well! As a construction professional, I enjoy working with Roger Williams's students more. The education they receive is very thorough, taking students through all the various phases of a real construction project, from pre-construction to the cost estimate, and from value engineering to project pre-planning and construction."

The Ahlborg company has enjoyed a long term relationship with Roger Williams University, having worked on several key projects as construction manager in the past, including the extensive renovations to the Maple Hall Dormitory and the additions and renovations to the Student Union Building.

Many of these projects had tight construction schedules, but great expectations for quality – what the company is best known for tackling, according to the Ahlborgs. The most challenging one they can recall on campus was the most recent, the construction of the Stonewall Terrace Dormitory. The Ahlborgs described it as quite an accomplishment to have met the deadline given the problems that arose amidst the very beginning of the construction process.

A critical issue was the completion date – it had to be finished in time for the new incoming freshman (Class of 2005) to move in by the beginning of the 2001 fall semester. When they first started, Ahlborg knew that it was an ambitious project to begin with, a tight schedule on a limited budget. Working with Ganteaume & McMullen,





The University Residence



Stonewall Terrace Dormitory



Maple Hall Dormitory

Inc., a Boston, Mass. architectural firm, and Matt White, the executive director of operations at the University, they put forth a tremendous team effort. Construction began in January 2001.

What they didn't know could have hurt them...they would uncover so much unexpected, and almost insurmountable ledge work. In explaining the magnitude of the ledge work they faced, Eric described digging out a volume about equal to 300-500 truckloads of ledge from the site, about 5,000 cubic yards — the size of a little mountain.

The pre-site construction took longer than anticipated, due to the extensive ledge work. They had hoped to start pouring the concrete foundation in late March, but began late in April of 2001, putting them at a clear disadvantage. Despite the odds against them from the very beginning, Ahlborg completed the project in record time.

This is no surprise to Glenn or Eric Ahlborg, who have been in business for years. They attribute much of the company's success to this 'can do' attitude that has been passed down four generations in their family business.

Eric can remember this as the cornerstone of the business that his great-grandfather taught his grandfather, who in turn taught his father, who taught his three sons and daughter who are now running the company 76 years later. They have focused on the big picture — doing a quality job on time.

"We've never failed to get a job done on time," said Glenn. The company's reputation has been staked on its ability to be flexible, pro-active and cooperative with its many clients who keep coming back for repeat business — the real test of a business.

"We take a 'can do' approach to any business project. We tell our clients, 'we can make that work for you!' This is often the same client who has been told repeatedly by other construction firms that they can't make the very same project work!

"We've become known for doing the really tough jobs, but I might add that we can do the easy ones, too."

You may know of their work with McCoy Stadium, one of the more difficult projects in the Ahlborg's memory. They ran into endless problems with the site. Deterioration had taken over the stadium, and the land was a virtual swamp, making it difficult to get any foundation into the ground. Adding to the difficulties, they couldn't start construction until the baseball season stopped. They had to have it ready in time for the season opener in the spring. Regardless of the challenges, the Ahlborgs came through for those depending on them.

"Our reputation and pride is most important to us — we make sure we get a project entrusted to us done!" said Eric.

"The state — all the way from the Governor of Rhode Island, to the Pawtucket Red Sox and the fans — were relying on us. We couldn't let them down. Although it was not the most profitable job, we proved to a lot of people what we're all about!"

Their growth over the years has been very steady and planned. Most of their projects are in the State of Rhode Island and southern New England. They are extremely proud of the fact that over 50% of their business is repeat business. Now they're actually building a facility for their own business, a new headquarters in a prime location overlooking Route 10 that happens to be directly across from their existing site in Cranston.

Their business philosophy has been passed down generation to generation starting with their great-grandfather, Olof. Glenn remembers him as a man who prided himself on good quality workmanship, and building long-lasting relationships with his clients based on trust and the guarantee of producing a good value for the money spent.

He also instilled in his son and his grandchildren that it was important not to take on too much work so as not to risk not being able to service your clients. This lesson left an impression on those who followed...that less was more, producing the best service, quality workmanship and on-time delivery.

Eric can remember this business philosophy as the cornerstone of the business. His great grandfather taught each generation, "Keep the big picture in mind, do a quality job on time."

"We're more proud of the long-lasting relationships we've built with our clients, than we are proud of the buildings that we've built," said both Glenn and Eric.

Thanks to the Ahlborg family's generous gift, their great-grandfather's and family legacy will live on in the Roger Williams Endowed Professorship at the University. The students will benefit from an education standard immersed in tradition, integrity and quality, yet change to adapt to the latest advances in technology.

Perhaps the fifth generation of the Ahlborg family will follow in their great-grandfather's and father's footsteps and pursue a construction management career. Both fathers say it's a possibility, as both their sons have expressed an interest in the business. Perhaps they will attend Roger Williams University.

## Congressman Kennedy and Roger Williams University President Nirschel Announce \$1 Million Appropriation for Justice System Research & Training Institute



U.S. Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy and Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., jointly announced that a \$1 million federal appropriation has been awarded to the University's Justice System Research and Training Institute.

"There is a tremendous need for this type of institute, dedicated to justice studies in the United States, because of the growing complexity of our justice system," said Congressman Kennedy, a member of the appropriation source, the Congressional

Sub-committee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary. "The goal of the Federal Edward Byrne Program is to fund comprehensive projects such as this, not only to improve the criminal justice system, but to help reduce the nation's drug abuse and violent crime."

The Roger Williams University's Justice System Research and Training Institute will serve as a regional center for Rhode Island and New England, providing training seminars and workshops to individuals involved in the justice system. It also will provide empirical research data about criminal justice issues in order to develop effective methodologies and programs.

"Survey research will be the cornerstone of the additional programs at the Justice System Research and Training Institute. The institute will utilize experts from Roger

Williams University's Schools of Justice Studies, Law, Business, and Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences. We will take an interdisciplinary approach, which is essential for those who will formulate and manage future justice system policies," said Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. "The University extends its appreciation to Congressman Kennedy for his efforts as a champion of this project," Nirschel added.

The institute will serve as a regional model for partnerships between other colleges and universities and local and state law enforcement agencies. It will provide accurate information to social policy makers, utilizing various types of research methodology, including survey research, experimental research, longitudinal research, focus group research, program evaluation and policy analysis.

According to Anthony Pesare, dean of the Roger Williams School of Justice Studies, the institute will build on the success of the training programs offered over the past two years at the University. The new funding will significantly expand seminars and programs offered to professionals in the justice system field.

Since 2000, nearly 2,500 justice system personnel have received in-service training through the University's School of Justice

Studies in collaboration with organizations such as: the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Trainers Organization; the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association; the Rhode Island Municipal Academy; the Rhode Island State Police; the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office; the Providence Police Department; the U.S. Attorney's Office; and the New England State Police Information Network.

"Roger Williams University is well positioned to further the work of the Justice System Research and Training Institute," said Nirschel. "The School of Justice Studies was established in 1997 and since that time, undergraduate enrollment has increased by 170%. In fall 1999, the master's degree program was initiated, and within two years it has become one of the largest justice studies programs in the region."







## Jorge Looking to Lead Spikers to Promised Land



They have come close to winning a championship the past few years, but the men's volleyball team has not been able to get over the top. With senior co-captain

Chris Jorge leading the way, the squad should be right in the thick of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association's (EIVA) Odeneal Division race once again. Jorge has had an excellent career so far and will surely be looking to lead the squad to their first Championship since the 1996 team won the Odeneal title. The squad has finished second three times and third twice in the five years since that crown.

Jorge led the Hawks last season to an 18-7 record and a final national ranking of tenth in the AVCA Division III Coaches Poll. He led the squad in kills (422), kills per game (4.80), service aces (61) service ace average (0.69), digs (275) and average digs (3.13). He led the nation in kill average, was fourth in dig average, sixth in hitting percentage (.429) and seventh in service ace average. His 61 aces set a new school single season record, as did his service ace average. He was named to the EIVA Division III All-Star Second Team, becoming just the sixth player in school history to be so honored. He was named "Most Valuable Player," of the Roger

Williams Invitational Tournament and was also chosen "Division III National Player of the Week," by the AVCA.

Jorge will get some help in the team's quest from fellow senior co-captain Jake Reynolds, who was named to the 2000-01 Verizon Academic All-District One Men's At-Large First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Other returning players who should make strong contributions include sophomore Tony Wetterau, junior Matt McDonald and sophomores Frank Holland, Jack Delehanty and Steve Terplak.

## McSweeney Named to Verizon Academic All-District Team

Senior stopper back Kara McSweeney has been selected to the 2001 Verizon District One All-Academic College Division Women's Soccer Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

McSweeney was named to the Second Team and is the fourth female athlete in Roger Williams history to receive this honor. This past season she started 18 of the teams 19 games and tied for second on the squad in assists (4). She was named to the All-Conference First Team and to the RWU Invite All-Tournament Team. She has been selected to the University's All-Academic Team the past three seasons and was named to the 2000-01 Commonwealth Coast Conference All-Academic Team.



## Rosen Named to Regional Soccer All-Academic Team

Junior back Joshua Rosen has been selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas Scholar



Athlete Regional Honorable Mention All-America Team for the 2001 season.

Rosen started 19 of the 20 games he played this season and was a key defensive performer. He has made the Dean's List all five semesters and has been selected to the University's All-Academic Team.

## Cook and Kemmy Grapple for All-Time Coaching Victories Lead

Veteran coaches Jim Cook and Dave Kemmy are in the midst of a battle that could last for several years.

In the fall, Coach Cook became the all-time winningest coach for a men's sport at the University when he passed former Hockey Coach Don Armstrong when he



Coach Jim Cook

lead until the winter season when Coach Kemmy's wrestlers gave him his 115th career win, moving him past Cook. Kemmy was up to 118 wins and the two coaches figure to go back and forth for quite some time. Several people have suggested that they get on the mat and have a one-on-one soccer game to decide the final victor, but Coach Kemmy is afraid that Coach Cook will hurt him. Hopefully the two will be around for quite some time to keep the battle going.

## Coach Kemmy Named to Wrestling Hall of Fame

Head Wrestling Coach Dave Kemmy, was inducted into the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame at a ceremony attended by 16 of his former wrestlers. He was

head coach for nine years at Bristol and Mt. Hope High Schools before coming to Roger Williams in 1994. Throughout his career, Kemmy has coached 18 All-Americans, seven Academic All-Americans, 33 All-New Englands, 22 All-Staters, 16 State Champions, and 42 Pilgrim League All-Stars. His last two teams have been nationally ranked for academics; this year's finished 14th in the nation for team GPA. Kemmy was named the NCAA Division III National and New England "Rookie Coach of the Year" in 1994-95.



recorded the 109th win of his RWU career. Cook led the Hawks to a 17-6 record and their third straight conference title and now has 114 career wins.

# Men's Basketball Players Learn the True Meaning of Team



Nelson Cardoso

There is more to being a team than just playing a sport together. The Roger Williams Men's Basketball Team learned this valuable lesson this past season. During the 2001-2002 season, the team has been doing more activities together off the court than ever before, but it is not what you would expect. The players weren't getting together to hang out or study, they were volunteering in their local community.

The Hawks, with both current and former players participating, walked for autism research in the inaugural New England Area 5K Walk, sponsored by the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR). They helped the Rhode Island Team, called "Hope Floats," raise over \$2,000 for this event.

But they didn't stop there. Members of the Men's Basketball Team, along with the Women's Softball Team and the Rotoract Club have volunteered their time at the Bristol Community Center. They

helped with a Halloween party, Thanksgiving party, and wrapped over 200 gifts for the Children's Christmas party. Some players even have been coaching a basketball pickup league at the Community Center.

However, the thing that gave these college students the greatest sense of unity came from their most unlikely teammate. Nelson Cardoso is a special needs resident of Bristol who loves to play basketball. On almost any day, Nelson can be found shooting hoops on the Town Common. With numerous Special Olympics medals to show for it, the 28-year-old is proud of his accomplishments.

When Walter Burke, Bristol's director of Parks and Recreation mentioned Nelson and his love of basketball to the athletic department, Nelson was immediately made a part of the team. When asked to join the team, Nelson said to Burke, "Walter, it's like a dream."

"He was so happy I thought he was going to faint," said Burke.

Since then, Nelson has attended practices, games, and tournaments. Throughout the winter, he has been encouraged to come to the University's gymnasium each day so he could continue to play despite the weather.

Although he was shy at first, the players quickly formed a strong bond with Nelson and consider him a friend. They all enjoy him being at practice and spend time with him off the court. Some have invited Nelson home for dinner, and the entire team has become involved with Special Olympics. They referee games, but also go just to cheer for Nelson when he plays.



## An Officer, A Gentleman, and A Soldier's Soldier



**Major General Reginald A. Centracchio '86**  
Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard  
*Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient, 2000*

The world has changed since September 11, 2001. Nobody knows this better than the men and women serving under the command of Major General Reginald A. Centracchio, Adjutant General & Commanding General of the R.I. National Guard and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

In speaking about his worldview and how it has changed since September 11th, especially how it has affected the nature of the R.I. National Guard and the Emergency Management Agency, the Major General explained, "The National Guard has changed everything from the way they deploy their troops to who they are and how they train."

"Since September 11th, the National Guard has gone from a state of readiness to an enhanced state of continuous alert. This has required an increased awareness of who comes and goes in the state and country and a constant vigilance that we as Americans are not used to...we are more like a 24-hour Guard now. It has become a matter of National security. Now it's not a question of 'if' we'll serve, but a question of 'when' we'll serve."

"As Americans, our whole way of life has changed...it used to be normal to walk into a business and not be afraid of terrorism."

"You didn't used to see armed guards at our airports."

"This has been normal in Europe and South America, but not in America. Now the American public realizes that security has a price. Never before have we as a people appreciated who we are and how we live free like we do today. Those days of taking our freedom for granted are gone forever."

"The first two weeks after September 11th, the R. I. Guard had more calls from men and women who wanted to enlist than in our history! Many of the calls were from those who were prior servicemen and women, and some were new."

Since 1978, the National Guard has assumed more and more of the active military mission, according to the General. The Guard is called upon to perform missions that it has never been required to do in the past. This has led to active participation in Desert Storm, Bosnia, Kosovo, and presently, in Afghanistan. Additionally, the Air National Guard has had numerous missions in support of the military throughout the world. Just recently the Guard returned from performing a mission of homeland security at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

In addition to a federal wartime mission, the R.I. National Guard and the Emergency Management Agency have a dual mission to render aid to the governor in time of any state emergency when the

public safety of its citizens is at stake (such as any natural disaster or man-made disaster like terrorism).

Prior to this call to supplement the United States military mission, the R.I. National Guard has been called upon to serve in times of crisis and natural disasters. Wearing his other hat as Director of the R.I. Emergency Management Agency, the general is responsible to the governor and the citizens of R.I. to render aid in time of any emergency. The general has seen many natural disasters such as blizzards, ice storms, hurricanes, and earthquakes (there have been some minor ones), but nothing like September 11th. Due to this terrorist attack, the Agency has added to their list of emergencies any man-made disaster such as an act of terrorism.

He says that the most vivid natural disaster he can recall during his tenure was the most devastating one — the Blizzard of 1978.

"It was a paralyzing storm that brought this state to its knees. But the storm of all storms was the 1938 hurricane. If we saw a storm of the proportions of 1938, we would be devastated because of the build up along the state beaches."

"People don't realize that an earthquake is very possible here in the New England region, especially, Boston, Massachusetts, Providence, R.I. and New York City, New York — there are inactive faults along this region. It is a real possibility...and we plan for it as if it could happen. Most of our building codes were not designed to withstand such forces because earthquakes were not known as a threat to structures at the time."

If General Reginald A. Centracchio had to name one thing that his education at Roger William University taught him that has aided him in succeeding in life, it is this...

"In order to be successful in life, in your career, you've got to be flexible."

"Everyone is absolutely different. If you understand this need to be flexible with everyone who works with you, or in this case, for you, then you will be successful. I'd have to say the secret to success is to identify each individual's need for flexibility and then find a way to satisfy it."

He should know, with 4,000 men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard under his command and a mix of full-time, part-time, and some federal civil and state employees (ranging from tradi-

tional guardsmen and women to firefighters, and security guards at Quonset Point, Davisville, R.I.).

Major General Reginald A. Centracchio assumed duties as The Adjutant General of Rhode Island, and Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard on August 1, 1995. As The Adjutant General, he directs the establishment of units of the Army and Air National Guard and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

Major General Centracchio was born and raised in West Warwick, R.I., graduating from Deering High School in 1958. He is the son of a contractor who owned his own business specializing in building family homes. He grew up working for his father, and learned the trade with his brother and uncle. He enlisted in the National Guard in September 1957, graduated from Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in July 1962. Throughout his career, he has held a variety of staff and command positions within the National Guard, including: platoon leader; battery commander; field artillery tactical intelligence staff officer and adjutant; director of personnel and administration; and director of plans, operations and training.

He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1975. In 1996, he received an honorary doctorate in military science from Constantinian University. Two years ago, in June 2000, he was awarded the Roger Williams Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He is a career soldier and officer who has achieved distinguished honors recognizing his outstanding contributions to his country, to his state, and to his alma mater. He has received numerous major awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. In 1996, he was appointed the director of the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, merging the National Guard and the Emergency Management Agency.

It is hard to imagine that a career military officer with a 44-year service record of dedication to his country, having held various positions of leadership positions and increasingly complex responsibility, would have the time to pursue a civilian academic degree. But this general did, even

in times when he was deployed, and called upon to defend his country here at home and in foreign lands. It was times like these that the general thought his academic career wouldn't recover from these constant but critical interruptions. But his mentor and professor of public administration, Dean John Stout of the Open College at the University Colleges for Continuing Education, taught him otherwise.

He credits Professor Stout with teaching him a valuable lesson in life that has made him resilient and flexible, and attributes much of his success for achieving his baccalaureate degree to him. The general earned his B.S. degree in public administration from Roger Williams College in 1986.

"John Stout was a good mentor. He had an understanding of what it took to be successful and how an adult student has to balance the responsibilities and demands of a job with the pursuit of educational demands."

"He believed in the importance of obtaining an education — he's a true believer in that!!! There couldn't be a better mentor and teacher than John as an adult education advisor."

As I've known him over the years, said Dean John Stout, reflecting upon the Commanding Officer's tenure as a general and as a student when he first started in the 1980's as a very busy colonel.

"He's doing a marvelous job representing our state and our country in this time of crisis. He is highly regarded and emulated by the men and women serving under his command. The general is looked upon as the kind of person that they would aspire to be...they see him as a role model...as a soldier's soldier."

Quickly approaching his 45<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary working for the R.I. National Guard, Major General Centracchio is considering retiring and looking forward to spending more time with his family, especially his seven grandchildren. When he retires, the general will join the ranks of five other distinguished Roger Williams University alumni who happen to have retired at the same rank: Assistant Adjutant Generals James Reed and Joe Labrie, who both served as his Chief of Staff in the R.I. National Guard; and Generals William Marshal and Jeffrey Pierson, who served in the New Jersey National Guard.



### Rhode Island Alumni Have Breakfast With The President

Providence area alumni had the opportunity to meet President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., at the various Alumni Association events that were organized for this winter. The Providence event was held Thursday morning, December 6, 2001, at *The Hope Club*. Almost 50 area alumni were on hand for the breakfast buffet and had the opportunity to discuss their Roger Williams experiences with the new President. After enjoying the buffet, President Nirschel shared his vision for the future of the University with the alumni.



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### NY/NJ, and Fairfield County Chapters Gather in Central Park

The beautiful *Tavern on the Green* in New York City's Central Park was the next stop on the President's Northeast region tour. Some 75 members of the New York, New Jersey and Fairfield County, Conn. Alumni Chapters attended the Wednesday, December 19, 2001, event. The alumni enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with their host Orin Wilf '96, his steering committee, and President Nirschel.

### Alumni Service Night at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Thanks to all of you who helped us sort over 24,000 pounds of food for the hungry in Rhode Island.

We are proud to announce that the Roger Williams University Alumni group has been awarded the "2001 Golden Pallet Award" for sorting the most pounds of food per person! Way to go team!

### Surprise Guest at Washington, D.C., Alumni Event

President Nirschel met with Washington, D.C., area alumni just steps from the White House and museums in downtown Washington at the *Old Ebbitt Grill* on Wednesday evening, February 6, 2002. About 30 alumni and friends were on hand to greet the President and enjoy the good food and conversation. Rhode Island's Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty was a surprise guest at the event. His chief of staff, Chris Albert, class of '94, accompanied him.

Special thanks to Paul Williams '89 for hosting this event and to his steering committee.



### An Intimate Evening at a Historic Philadelphia Tavern

A gathering of Philadelphia, Pa., area alumni had the chance to network and reminisce on Thursday, February 7, 2002, at the *City Tavern* in downtown Philadelphia. The historic tavern opened in 1773 and was built in the style of an authentic London tavern. Shawn Waldron '95 hosted the event with the help of McLarence (Larry) Dickerson, Jr., '77 and Darren Fava '92.

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### Along the same track...

If you were either undeclared as a freshmen at Roger Williams or changed your major, the Office of Academic Development would like to talk to you or have you e-mail them about your experience. In addition, they want to know what career path you pursued for a final occupation. The information will be used in workshops to help freshmen on "Declaring a Major." Please e-mail Lisa (Guarneri) Bauer '83, program coordinator, Office of Academic Development at [lbauer@rwu.edu](mailto:lbauer@rwu.edu) or call her at (401) 254-3736.



'72 **James Tavares**, B.A., art, an 11-year member of the Bristol 4th of July Committee has taken over as vice chairman and parade chairman. James is the owner of Anton's Florist in Cranston and has three children.

**Steven H. Jennings**, B.S., accounting, has joined the Brown Financial Group, an East Providence-based financial services firm. Steven will specialize in both estate and college planning. Both well-known and highly respected, Steven holds the professional designation of Certified Collegiate Advisor. He resides in Bristol, R.I.

'75 **Beth Ventrone**, B.A., psychology, has received her master's from Salve Regina University in counseling. Beth is the director of Veterans Affairs for Gateway to Independence, based in Providence, R.I. Beth is also the proud mother of two daughters.

**Rene Pincine**, B.S., architecture/civil engineering, was the guest speaker at the October 22, 2001, Town Club of Milton's meeting held at the Cunningham Community Center. Rene is the program director assigned to a project that Milton has retained Gilbane Building Company to complete. Rene has been with the Gilbane Company since 1981. Gilbane Building Company is one of the nation's oldest builders, started in Providence, R.I., in 1873.

**Normand J. Laliberte**, Jr., B.A., psychology, is running for reelection on the Woonsocket City Council. Holding a position on the council for the past 10 years, Normand currently holds the office of vice president.

'80 **Suzette (Teich) Donnelly**, A.A., liberal arts, has returned home to New Jersey to raise her two sons, John, 9, and Steven, 5.

**Craig Force, Sr.**, B.S., administration of justice, has retired from the Pawtucket Police Department after 22 years at the rank of sergeant. Currently, he is working as an airport police officer at T.F. Green Airport in R.I. He and his wife, Jeanne, are the parents of five children: Jennifer (sophomore at Bridgewater State), Craig (Bishop Feehan H.S.), and Matthew, Allie and Kim (Attleboro School System).

'82 **Stephanie (Schumacher) Cruwys**, B.A., psychology, is currently working on attaining her L.C.S.W. in the state of Georgia. After graduating in 2000 with a master's in social work, she is specializing in the treatment of victims of sexual abuse.

**Debra Viera Murphy**, B.S., administration of justice, is a member of the Massachusetts Bar, American Bar Association and District of Columbia Bar. Debra traveled to Washington, D.C., last year for the Congressional swearing in.

'85 **Francis (Ted) Lochner**, B.S., historic preservation, recently accepted a position with Architectural Kitchens. Ted's background in designing and selling kitchens with Home Depot for the last 8 years will certainly be of use in his new position.

**Brian Geller**, B.S., construction management, is principal owner of Arrow Restoration, Inc., Long Island, N.Y. He is living in Pound Ridge, N.Y., along with his wife, Debra, and two sons, Sage, 6; Reece, 3. Debra and Brian are expecting their third child in August.

**Norman Miranda**, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted from captain of the East Providence Police Department to deputy chief. Norman is an 18-year veteran on the force and will assume the rank of Major.

'87 **Lori Guillelte**, B.S., paralegal studies, is the owner of Captivation Photography Studio in Tiverton, R.I. Her emphasis is on wedding photography. Lori resides in Tiverton with her husband, Henry, and ten-year-old son, Zachary.

**Jeffrey Paige**, B.S., business administration, has been named vice president of TSP Medical.

'88 **Paul Brochu**, B.S., public administration, is now teaching science at Smithfield High School. He is a 25-year veteran of the Providence Fire Department. Paul received his master's in teaching at URI and completed his student teaching at Central Falls High School.

'90 **Paul Stafford**, B.Arch., architecture, has recently opened his own firm in Raleigh, N.C.,

with seven talented designers specializing in commercial interiors and office buildings.

**David Costa**, B.S., business administration, has accepted a position with Slade's Ferry Bank as assistant vice president of Commercial Lending in the New Bedford, Mass., market. David leaves behind a career as the account manager for C.I.T. and earlier in his career as a franchise-financing manager for TFC Texton.

'91 **Lisa Abany-McAleer**, B.A., individual, has been promoted to events manager for KMI Corporation in Providence, R.I.

**Natalia Shea**, B.A., theatre, has recently moved back to the New England area. Living in Great Barrington, Mass., with husband and two children, Miranda Hope and Fionna Eve, Natalia still tries to do as much free lance art and theatre as she can.

**Alan Zambardino**, B.S., historic preservation, and '90 Bridget (Langan) Zambardino, psychology, have moved to New Jersey with their son, Joseph. Alan accepted a position with River Drive Construction Company in Elmwood Park as project manager/estimator. Bridget works with Colonial Title in Morristown as title officer. They reside in Morris Plains.

**David Thatcher**, B.S., administration of justice, took his hobby of digging up artifacts with a metal detector to a career in law enforcement. It seemed like a natural match following his father's and grandfather's footsteps into police work. After many commendations from Rhode Island State Police and the FBI for assisting in investigations, David is teaching FBI agents and members of the Boston Emergency Response Team the intricacies and skills of metal detection in crime scene investigation.

'92 **Monika Herbie**, B.S., business administration, has joined the Kismissee-St. Cloud Convention & Visitors Bureau as a convention sales representative for the Corporate and Incentive Markets. Monika formerly worked at Walt Disney World for eight years. She is a resident of Orlando, Fla.

'93 **Sara (Brown) Toffoli**, B.A., communications, has recently taken a position with Bayer Corporation in Morristown, N.J. Her official title is senior administrative assistant, regional marketing,

**Edward Preusser**, B.A., communications, has joined his family's fourth generation real estate firm, which was originally established in 1914 by his grandfather, The Honorable John P. Donohoe.

'93 **Darrell Drake**, B.S., marine biology, recently received the title of director of professional development for Oracle Lens Manufacturing of Warwick, R.I.

**Todd George**, B.S., accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president for the Investment Division at Bank of R.I.

'94 **Christopher Albert**, B.A., communications, has accepted the position of chief of staff for the Office of Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty. Before accepting this position, Chris worked as an aide to Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, Jr.

**Jarrod Fischer**, B.A., communications, and his wife, Karen (Yaffe) Fischer, '92, B.A., psychology, will be expecting their first child in September. Karen is a registered nurse at North Shore University Hospital in Plainview, N.Y. Jarrod is working as a public adjuster.

**Lareto Guglietta**, B.S., administration of justice, was 1 of 263 law enforcement officers that graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. A 14-year member of the Burrillville Police Department, he serves as the Commander of Administrative Services. The program, held by the FBI, offers 10 weeks of advanced legal, investigative management and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their law enforcement agencies.

**Cynthia Brown**, B.S., biology, received "Teacher of the Year" for the 2001-2002 school year at Harrison Lane Elementary School in Hurst, Texas. Cynthia also placed third in the Ocean State Marathon in Rhode Island on October 8, 2001. She coaches an after school running program for 3rd-6th graders.

'95 **Sara (Brown) Toffoli**, B.A., communications, has recently taken a position with Bayer Corporation in Morristown, N.J. Her official title is senior administrative assistant, regional marketing,

**Charles "Lee" Stults**, B.Arch., architecture, recently received his license to practice architecture in N.J. Charles also serves on his local Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission.

'96 **Henry Czupryna**, B.S., business administration, has been appointed to the position of supervisor of Presales Marketing for Waters Corporation in Milford, Mass.

**Annette LeBarbara**, B.A., communications, has just celebrated 5 years at Global Crossing as lead implementation engineer.

'97 **Sarah Mullane**, B.A., psychology, is currently working at the Medical University of South Carolina conducting research on alcoholism.

**Jason Siniscalchi**, B.A., psychology, has been accepted to West Virginia University's doctorate program in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Resources for the fall of 2002. Jason and his wife, Lynn (Sullivan) '98, B.S., biology, will be moving to West Virginia this summer.

**Shannon Jette**, B.A., dance, is a member of the professional dance company A.C.M.E. (A Contemporary Music Ensemble) in Seattle, Wash. Shannon recently gave a performance in the Echo Theater in Seattle.

'98 **Jacqueline Esposito**, B.S., administration of justice, is a recent graduate of the New York Law School. She has accepted a position as an attorney at Sullivan & Cromwell, a Manhattan law firm.

**Dimitria Stefanopoulos**, B.S., biology, was recently promoted to associate scientist at AtheroGenics in Alpharetta, Ga. AtheroGenics is an emerging pharmaceutical company.

**Randy Noka**, B.S., administration of justice, currently serves as first councilman for the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Randy was named by Governor Almond to serve on the R.I. Select Commission on Race and Police-Commission Relations. Randy has been a police commissioner for the tribe as well as a councilman since 1996.

**Jeffrey Kaine**, B.S., business management, has received his master's in education from Suffolk University.

'99 **Matthew Steinberg**, B.S., historic preservation, received his master's in regional planning (MRP) from UMass-Amherst in September 2001. Matthew is employed by the Town of Greenwich, Conn., in the planning and zoning department.

**Fernando Goncalves**, B.S., engineering/mathematics, has earned a master's in mechanical engineering. Fernando is a Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech in the department of mechanical engineering.

**Beth Lebowitz**, B.A., communications, was named account executive for Harrison & Star, a major pharmaceutical/medical advertising agency in NYC. Beth is living in New Jersey.

'00 **Navy Ensign Amy E. Eichner**, B.Arch., architecture, recently completed Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

**Valerie Pasqual**, B.A., English, recently started her first year of teaching in the Bristol Warren Regional School District. Valerie handles five classes a day, covering three different class levels: accelerated, college prep and foundation.

**Christina Anderson**, B.S., marketing, is working with the local Girl Scout Council in the programming events department.

'01 **Leonard C. Johnson**, B.S., construction management, recently joined George B.H. Macomber Company as field engineer. Leonard will be working on a project for EMC in Hopkinton, Mass. George B.H. Macomber Company is a full-service builder and construction manager with a focus on New England institutions.

## Marriages

'90 **Lara Warburton**, B.A., psychology, to James Connors, M.D., on August 11, 2001. The wedding took place in Vermont, followed by a honeymoon to Nova Scotia. Jim and Lara are residing in St. Petersburg, Fla.

'91 **Lynda Sementelli**, B.S., business administration, to Mark Barnes on June 16, 2001. Lynda is a reading specialist with Benjamin Banneker Charter School, Cambridge, Mass. Their honeymoon consisted of a Windjammer Sail Cruise to the Caribbean. They make their home in Newtonville, Mass.

**Shari Skobel**, B.A., graphic design, to Alcide (Al) Salce. Shari is a client analyst with Goldman Sachs, and Al is a firefighter with the New York Fire Department. They reside in Long Island, N.Y.

**Albert Lavigne**, A.A., business administration, to Paula-Lynn Beaudreault on November 3, 2001. The reception was held at Bella Restaurant in Glendale. The couple will visit California. They have made their home in Glendale, R.I.

'92 **Lisa Toussaint**, B.S., business administration, to Tom Libretto in July of 2001. The wedding and honeymoon took place in Bermuda.

'93 **Diana Navarro**, B.S., paralegal studies, to Spiros Stratis on July 21, 2001. Diana is employed by Marasco & Nesselbush, LLP, Providence, R.I. The Honorable Dennis J. Robinson officiated, and The Reverend George Economou bestowed a marriage blessing. They visited Turks and Caicos Islands on their honeymoon.

**William Merrill Fay**, B.S., business administration, to Bethany Lee Bergeron on June 23, 2001. The bride's uncle performed the candlelit ceremony. William is the general manager of the Laconia Ice Arena and is owner of the Laconia Leafs Junior Hockey Team. The couple visited Alberta, Canada. They make their home in Varney Point, Gifford, Conn.

'94 **Jeffrey Caiola**, B.S., engineering, to Kathleen Morrissey '94, B.A., psychology, on May

18, 2001. Kathleen is working as a customer service associate for Amerifit Nutrition, and Jeffrey is a civil environmental engineer for the State of Connecticut. The couple lives in Glastonbury, Conn.

'95 **Robbin Silvia**, B.A., psychology, to Mark Cornell on August 4, 2001. Robbin has been promoted to Regional Operations Manager for Affinity Management Group in Chicago, and the couple has purchased a new home. Members of the wedding party included: **David Fontes '96**, **Jonathan Trahan '93**, **Christopher Rocha '94**, **Ely Almeida '96**, **Jennifer Genest '94**, **Jennifer Harriman '95**, **Amandah Campbell-Magnarelli '95**.

**Ian Stover**, B.A., communications, to Barbara Shore on July 3, 2001. Ian is employed by Cherry Street East Restaurant. The couple has made their home in Norwalk, Conn.

**Bryan McKenna**, B.S., marine biology, to Kristene Tolhus on October 7, 2000. After a trip to Disney World the couple now lives in Middletown, R.I. Both are employed by Mohegan Sun Casino, Conn.

**Cathleen Crocker**, B.A., theater, to Kristian Perry on October 5, 2001. Cathleen earned her master's from North Carolina School of the Arts. The couple makes their home in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Dawn Catherine Catelotti**, B.A., psychology, to **Sandino Verrilli '96**, B.S., marketing, on July 14, 2001. A 2 P.M. ceremony at St. Thomas of Aquinas Church in Adams, Conn., was followed by a reception at the Taconic Restaurant in Williamstown. Dawn is currently teaching fourth grade at St. Joseph School in Shelton, Conn., and Sandino is an internal wholesaler for American Skandia in Shelton. The couple has made their home in Seymour, Conn.

**Shannon Lee Elvin Dubois**, B.S., accounting, to **Patrick Michael Daniel '93**, B.S., business administration, on September 8, 2001. The couple took a wedding trip to the French Polynesian Islands and make their home in Boston. Patrick is

working as a software developer for Commonwealth Investments in Waltham, Mass., and Shannon is a certified public accountant and director of finance at Mentor Inc., Boston, Mass.

'96 **Sharon Thomas**, B.S., paralegal studies, to Eric Wilcox, Sr. on July 28, 2001. They reside in Cranston, R.I.

**Celeste Gauvin**, B.A., psychology, to **Sean Capizzo '95**, B.S., business administration, at Saints John and Paul Church in Coventry. The couple traveled to Hawaii and make their home in Coventry, R.I.

**Annika Johnson**, B.A., theater, to **Neal McKenna '96**, B.F.A., creative writing, on June 16, 2001. Annika is an assistant buyer for Talbot's Corporation, and Neal is an investment specialist for Sovereign Bank. The couple resides on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

'97 **Rena Piller**, B.A., history, to Jason Thurlston on September 8, 2001. Rena works as a development associate at the Preservation Society of Newport County in Newport, R.I.

**Sarah Moyer**, B.A., political science, to Nathaniel Bower, December 4, 2001. The couple married and honeymooned in Hawaii.

**John Hodge**, business management, to Kristyann Allen of Cleveland, Ohio, on December 6, 2001. The couple met at the Walt Disney World College Program Internship. John is currently working as a sales representative for Hershey Foods.

'98 **Timothy Sekelsky**, B.Arch., architecture, to Alison MacLeod on September 15, 2001. The couple will make their home in Newburyport, Mass., after returning from a honeymoon in Aruba.

**Patrick Usher, Jr.**, B.S., business administration, to **Diane Leite '98**, B.S., business administration, on October 6, 2001 in Bristol. Diane is working at Roger Williams University as a financial aid counselor, and Patrick is working at George Patton Associates in Bristol. They make their home in Bristol, R.I.

**Kevin Fuoco**, B.S., administration of justice, to Karen Fernandez. Kevin is employed as a police officer by the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. The couple makes their home in Attleboro, Mass.

**Angela Marie Brunelle**, B.S., paralegal studies, to **Christopher Rennard Wieland '98**, B.A., social science, on August 18, 2001. The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church in Branford, Conn., followed by a waterfront reception at The Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club. Angela and Christopher are building a home in Guilford, Conn.

'99 **Linda Galligan**, B.A., psychology, to Donald Keefe on May 20, 2001. The bride is employed at Community Care Services in Attleboro, Mass. They visited Conway, N.H., on their honeymoon and make their home in Attleboro.

**David Drezek**, B.S., administration of justice, to Valerie Coppa on August 12, 2001. The town of North Providence employs David. After a cruise to the Western Caribbean, they made their home in North Providence, R.I.

**Maria Palladino**, B.Arch., architecture, to **Trevor Baptista '99**, B.S., accounting, on June 30, 2001. Trevor is working at Robert Ercolini & Company Boston, Mass., as an Audit Accountant.

**Christopher Gifford**, B.A., communications, to Kristin Garrett on June 23, 2001. Chris is working as a web producer for Cox Interactive Media.

**Alissa Cucci**, B.S., biology, to **Greig Isdale '98**, B.A., political science, on May 27, 2001. Members of the wedding party included: **David Metzler '98**, **Alissa Cucci '99**, **Michael McKinnon '99**, **Alissa Cucci '99**, **Greig Isdale '98**, **Terra Beaudoin '99**. Alissa attended SUNY Syracuse and is a medical student at St. Matthew's University; Greig is employed with Landfall Navigation, Rye, N.Y.

**Nicole Nadeau**, B.S., business management, to Craig Morris, Sr., on September 30, 2001. The couple honeymooned in Hyannis, Mass., and are living



in Warren, R.I. Nicole is working for Jamiel Insurance Agency in Warren, R.I.

'00 Kelly Stupalski, B.A., psychology, to Christian Palombo on September 9, 2001 in Little Compton, R.I. After a cruise to Bermuda, they made their home in Warren, R.I.

Jay Martin, B.S., engineering, to Lori Biathlete on August 25, 2001. Jay is currently studying for his master's degree at Northeastern University. He is employed at Texas Instruments, Attleboro, Mass. They visited Walt Disney World for their honeymoon and make their home in Attleboro.

Kevin Edward Uniacke, B.Arch., architecture, to Patricia Marie Sciaraffa on July 14, 2001. Kevin is an associate at BKA Architects. They visited Hawaii for their honeymoon and make their home in Needham, Mass.

Amanda Allard, B.A., psychology, to Joshua Olney on August 11, 2001. The couple honeymooned on Nantucket and is now living in Waltham, Mass.

## Births

'82 Isabelle Mae, on March 31, 2000, to Elizabeth Ann (Francis) Stevens, B.A., career writing, and husband, David. Isabelle is the couple's first child.

'88 Jason Michael, on January 17, 2002, to Alyssa (Hafner) Seclen, B.S., computer information. Jason joins his brother, Kevin, 2.

'89 Lauren Elizabeth, on October 30, 2001, to Robert Theve, B.S., biology. Lauren is the couple's second child. She has an older brother, Andrew, age 3.

Cameron John, on September 28, 2001, to Laura (Buden) Curtis, B.S., business administration. Cameron joins his 3-year-old brother, Ryan.

'90 Caitlyn Christine Bourret, on January 3, 2002, to Charles Bourret, B.S., administration of justice, and his wife, Dawn. This is the couple's first child.

'91 Megan Amanda, on November 2, 2001, to Daniel Fisher, B.S., engineering, and wife, Karen, of Guilford, Conn. Megan will join her two brothers, Jamie, 13; Kevin, 9, and sister, Maggie, 9.

Colin Michael, on June 4, 2001, to Kristen (Chernovetz) Blake, B.A., psychology, and her husband, Michael. Colin is the couple's first child. Both Kristen and her husband are teaching close to home. Kristen is a kindergarten teacher for the 13th District, and Michael is a high school science teacher for the Wallingford Board of Education.

'92 Jacob David, on May 30, 2001, to Jennifer (Mautte), B.A., administration of justice, and husband, Todd Bidwell '88, B.A., humanities. The couple also has a 3-year-old son, Todd, who adores his new brother.

Thomas Michael and Nicholas Alexander, on January 2, 2002, to Beth (Gerber) Comella, B.S., business administration, and Thomas Comella, Jr., B.S., business management. Thomas weighed 5 lbs., 13oz.; Nicholas weighed 5 lbs., 8oz.; Thomas is a casino shift manager with Boyd Gaming Corporation, and Beth is a homemaker. The couple and their twins live in Michigan City, Ind.

'93 Cameron Alec Parrow, on September 30, 2001, to Kimberly (Charvat) Parrow, B.A., psychology, and husband, Craig. Cameron joins his big brother, Collin, 1 1/2.

Brennan Michael, on September 17, 2001, to Jill (Molinaro) Amalfitano, B.A., communications, and husband, Erik. They reside in Danbury, Conn.

Samantha Moysse, September 6, 2001, to Jacqueline (DiPlacido) Robinson, B.A., social science, and her husband, Jeff, both of Wrentham, Mass.

Caroline Louise, on May 14, 2001, to Erica (Proto) Keane,

B.A., English, and husband, Frank. They reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Joseph Michael, on January 13, 2001, to Jennifer (Hester), B.A., psychology, and Michael McGrath, B.A., English. Michael just celebrated his first birthday.

'95 Ryan Christopher on January 6, 2002, to Christine (Sullivan) Barretta, B.A., psychology, and her husband, Frank.

## Deaths

'70 Fred Imondi, Jr., B.S. industrial technology, died January 8, 2002, at home. Husband of Barbara (Andruchuk) Imondi, they were married 35 years. Mr. Imondi was a sales associate at Card's Furniture in Swansea for 10 years, retiring in September due to illness. Prior to his position at Card's, Mr. Imondi owned his own business, Imondi Evergreens, for 50 years.

'75 Franklyn R. Beattie, B.A., liberal arts, of Scituate, R.I., died in September 2001. He was a design engineer for Lesona Corporation in Warwick and retired in 1996. His wife, Jean; two daughters, Kim Beattie and Pam Beattie Wild; four grandchildren, Andrew, Daniel, Lucas and Alena Wild; one brother, William H. Beattie, survived him.

'78 James Philip Fagan Jr., B.A., psychology, cum laude, of Naples, Fla., died December 6, 2001. He was a counselor for both Newport Hospital and Edgehill Newport before retiring in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Sullivan); three sons, James, Paul and Michael; two daughters, Patricia O'Brien, Monica Condry; two brothers, Robert and Arthur, and nine grandchildren. He was the father of the late Barbara Fagan.

Armen Tamamian, B.S., business administration, of Pawtucket, died December 11, 2001. Born in Providence, he was the son of Lucia (Hoogasian) Tamamian and the late Harry Tamamian. He worked in the computer field for several area businesses. Armen was also a veteran of the Vietnam War.

'89 Alister C. McGregor, B.S., administration of justice, of Barrington, R.I., died December 27, 2001. He was a Captain on the East Providence Police Force. He leaves his wife, Brooke, and five sons. A member of the East Providence Swat Team, McGregor was accidentally shot and killed by another officer during a training exercise in what is said to be a tragedy not to be equaled to any other in the history of the East Providence Police Department.

# ALUMNI AWARDS 2002

We want to hear from YOU! Perhaps you know a fellow alum who fits the criteria for one of these four awards. Or perhaps you do! Well, tell us about it!

Many graduates of Roger Williams University have noteworthy accomplishments in their professional and personal lives, service to the public welfare, or service to the University. The Alumni Association will present these annual Alumni Awards at the expanded Alumni & Family Weekend, October 18-20, 2002.

Nominations for these awards should include a summary statement of pertinent reasons justifying your nominations of yourself or another alum.

All forms should be received in the Alumni Office by July 19, 2002.

## The Distinguished Alumnus/a of the Year Award

This award recognizes a graduate for significant long-term success in personal and professional achievements, who has made outstanding contributions to his or her profession and has rendered distinguished service to the public welfare, thus honoring Roger Williams University and the Alumni Association. To qualify for this award, an alumnus must have graduated from the University with appropriate certificates or degrees in course.

## The Alumni Service Award

This award recognizes a graduate for outstanding service to Roger Williams University. His or her voluntary contributions, either directly or through activity in the Alumni Association, shall have been over and beyond the normal call of duty. To qualify for this award, an alumnus must have graduated from the University with appropriate certificates or degrees in course.

## The Young Alumni Achievement Award

This award recognizes a recent graduate for significant short-term achievements, who has made outstanding contributions to his or her chosen profession and has rendered distinguished service to the public welfare, thus honoring Roger Williams University and the Alumni Association. To qualify for this award, an alumnus must have received an initial degree from RWU within the last 10 years.

## The Pioneer Award

This award recognizes significant long-term success of a graduate (prior to 1970) who has made outstanding contributions to his or her profession and has rendered distinguished service to the community, thus honoring Roger Williams University and the Alumni Association.

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## Public Benefit Aquaculture

BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TIMOTHY M. SCOTT, Ph.D.  
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It seems logical that if you grow clams (quahogs) in a hatchery, and then place them onto the bottom of the bay, the result will be a larger harvest of clams. This idea forms the basis of *public benefit aquaculture*, a common practice for shellfish replenishment throughout the United States. Many coastal states and local towns operate small, seasonal hatcheries to raise shellfish which are then planted in their waters. The public benefit is assumed to result when the clams are harvested by commercial fishermen several years later and brought to market. The increased profit (and its economic multiplier effect), means more money spent at local businesses which in turn increases tax revenue. These new funds can then be used to offset the cost of operating the hatchery. As an added bonus, shellfish clean the water by filtering food particles and, generally, the more shellfish you have, the better off you are. For the relatively low cost of running a hatchery, the economic, environmental and political benefits appear great.

We're not convinced. In most cases where shellfish planting takes place, it isn't clear whether the process really increases the shellfish harvest or simply provides food to mud crabs (one being preferable to the other). Studies often focus on biological questions (growth rates, survival, etc.) but rarely on the financial impact of the process. Since the idea *seems* so logical, it isn't often questioned, and reports on the economic impact are surprisingly hard to find. One exception is an elegant study conducted by researchers in North Carolina where restocking quahogs on public bottom was shown to both increase harvest and be economically desirable. These researchers went to great lengths to overcome predation by planting large (~2 cm) seed clams at a very low density (1 clam/m<sup>2</sup>), but in the end calculated an economic return of between \$1.40 and \$2.33 for every dollar invested. Not a bad return on investment, but this is one of the very few cases where the economic impact of the process has been investigated.

There has been a lot of interest among the State's Commercial Shellfishermen in starting some form of public benefit aquaculture in Narragansett Bay. As it stands now, natural recruitment (with all its inherent variability) is the only source for the clams they harvest and bring to market. In lean years, fishing long hours yields few clams and little income. In boom years, the market can become flooded resulting in reduced prices and, again, little income. The demand for clams is fairly steady, but economic stability for the fishermen will only come when there is some measure of control over the supply. That could be from public benefit aquaculture, but before committing to this it would be in everyone's best interest to ask whether it makes economic sense for Rhode Island.

We began asking this question at CEED last year and formed an *ad hoc* shellfish restoration working group to help provide answers. This group includes, well, everyone: Scientists at the University of Rhode Island (URI) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Regulators with the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and Commercial Fishermen from the Ocean State Fishermen's Association (OSFA) and the Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association (RISA). Supported by a \$30,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (Department of Commerce), we recently began a three-year study to examine the



growth, survival and economic impact of planting clam seed in Narragansett Bay. Two experimental aquaculture leases have been obtained for use in the study – the first, held jointly by Roger Williams University and OSFA is a 3000 sq. ft. parcel in Bristol Harbor; the second, held by Roger Williams and RIFA covers 3000 sq. ft. in Brushneck Cove (on the north side of Greenwich Bay). Last Fall, fishermen along with university staff and students dove on the sites and anchored experimental grids to mark out the bottom. Clam seed will be planted this

year and carefully monitored for growth and survival until they reach market size.

Our experimental design is relatively simple, and asks two questions: First, is survival related to size at the time of planting? Small seed clams are relatively inexpensive to grow, but larger seed clams seem to have a better chance at survival. We need a cost/benefit analysis to find the appropriate size at which to maximize the return on our investment. Second, is to examine the effect on clam survival provided by adding shell to the bottom. One element of the experiment from North Carolina that was intriguing was that altering the bottom habitat by adding a loose layer of shell dramatically increased the survival of planted clam seed. Adding shell would be an easy and cost effective way to enhance survival, and it warrants further investigation.

Prior to 1938, large tracts of Narragansett Bay bottom were privately leased for the cultivation of shellfish – primarily the eastern oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*). We've taken great care to assure the commercial fishermen that this project is not the thin wedge of aquaculture that will return the bay to that private lease condition. Instead, we are attempting to incorporate aquaculture into the current practices of commercial fishermen without threatening their way of life or requiring that bottom ground be set aside for the exclusive use of any one individual. This is the introduction of a sustainable form of culture into a wild fishery in order to compensate for over-harvesting of the natural resource and variability of natural recruitment. (Look for Part 2 of this commentary in the next issue of *The Bridge*.)



Professor Tim Scott (above) talks with the media as crews prepare to plot out an area to seed quahogs in Brush Neck Cove. Photos courtesy of The Warwick Beacon, John Howell photographer and publisher.



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Rodgers and Hammerstein's Classic Musical *Oklahoma!*



This was one of the most successful productions the Roger Williams University Theatre Department has ever presented. Performances were held during two weekends in March in front of sold out audiences in the Performing Arts Center. Pictured from left to right are Scott Kennedy, sophomore, East Moriches, N.Y.; Bethany Wilson, junior, Revere, Mass.; Timothy John White, senior, Bristol, R.I.; Sarah Bouton, senior, Short Hills, N.J.; Ian LaChance, junior, Wyanntskill, N.Y.; and Marjorie Lundberg, senior, Belmont, Mass.