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Planning and Our Capital Campaign

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

Growth is essential for any college or university, however, growth possesses greater impact and incorporates maximum benefits when strategically applied. It is this strategic approach that defines Roger Williams University's \$30 million capital campaign that was launched officially in October.

Our capital campaign is linked to the University's Strategic Plan. I initiated the planning process in the fall of 2001, involving more than 100 administrators, faculty, and staff from across the campus on seven task forces. Later, additional feedback was gathered from trustees, students, and external constituents. The final plan was published in the spring of 2002. Therefore, we have embraced strategic planning as an integral and necessary component in elevating Roger Williams as a leading liberal arts university in this region.

Interconnectedness permeates Roger Williams. Few decisions at the University can be made that do not have an effect from one area to another. When we attract and accept each entering class, we must consider residence hall space, financial aid, dining services, parking and a myriad of other issues. The capital campaign is a reflection of needs based on a strategic analysis and comprehensive understanding of what we are as a university and where it is we wish it to go.

But, it is also a reflection of "listening to the customer." Through regular meetings with students in my office, in forums, and by walking the campus, we have identified areas of need that will make us an even more student-centered campus. A new, state-of-the-art, 78,000 square-foot health and recreation center will provide on-campus activities for all of our students (as well as faculty and staff). An eight-lane swimming pool, new spaces for dance and aerobics, racquetball and squash courts, and a nearly 10,000 square-foot fitness center are all part of the plan, along with a new gymnasium with seating for 1,500.

Complementing this new addition will be renovations to the existing Paolino Center with expansion of our Student Union, also part of our planning. Improvements to the dining areas there have been accomplished already, offering a broader variety of healthy meals and snacks to the campus community.



...AN UNDERSTANDING
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IT IS WE WISH TO GO.

Other physical improvements to the campus include renovated residence halls, a simulated training room/high tech classroom in the Gabelli School of Business and new approaches to information technology.

Universities, however, are fundamentally about people. Our campaign is more than bricks and mortar. While technology and buildings matter, it is what takes place in the buildings that matters most. Our goal is to greatly increase the number of named and endowed professorships at Roger Williams. Already the campaign has netted us our second such professorship, named for the Ahlberg Family and now held by Professor Fred Gould in Construction Management. These funds enable us to attract and retain

high quality faculty. In addition, the campaign hopes to raise dollars necessary to provide scholarship support to deserving students, enabling us to attract a diverse mosaic of learners. We also will look to increase our annual fund so that we can strengthen the library, athletic programs, laboratories, career planning and placement, service learning, and other essential parts of the University.

On page 16 of this issue of *The Bridge*, you will see photographs and more details regarding the kickoff event and the eventual opportunities that will be realized when the capital campaign is complete and your dedicated support converges with our vision for the university's future.

The "silent" phase of the campaign has been underway, and I am gratified to announce that already we have raised \$15 million—exactly half—of our ultimate goal. Special thanks go to Chairman Ralph R. Papitto, whose lead gift of \$5 million generously accelerated the University's campaign forward.

Last August, I completed my first year here as president. It was a banner year in many respects, but it's never time to rest on our laurels. I have been impressed from the day I arrived with the sense of family that the Roger Williams University community exudes. Alumni, parents, students, trustees, faculty, staff, friends, and supporters have a commonality—the desire for this university to succeed. Please participate in the certain success of the capital campaign. In this way, I urge you to join me in writing the next chapter—the best chapter—in the history of Roger Williams University.

Ray Bradbury to Visit Via Satellite

Noted science fiction author Ray Bradbury, a quintessential futuristic man who is not only an American novelist and short story writer but also an essayist, playwright, screenwriter and poet, will be the guest speaker at the Roger Williams Third Annual Professor John Howard Birss, Jr., Memorial



Lecture on Wednesday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences.

The lecture series is sponsored by Birss Lecture founder Robert D. Blais, Class of '70. Bradbury will appear by satellite from his home in Los Angeles.

Bradbury will respond and provide commentary on a presentation delivered by a keynote lecturer, Bradbury expert commentator Dr. William F. Touponce. A professor of English at Indiana University at Indianapolis, he has written a multitude of books and articles on science fiction and, in particular, Bradbury.

The professor will discuss what many consider to be Bradbury's masterpiece, "Fahrenheit 451," a scathing indictment of censorship set in a future world where the written word is forbidden. In an attempt to salvage their history and culture, a group of rebels memorize entire works of literature and philosophy as their books are burned by the totalitarian state.

Bradbury began to write at the age of 12 and published his first story when he was 20. Since then, he has published more than 500 short stories, novels, essays, poems, screenplays, stage plays, and radio plays.

His reputation as a writer of courage and vision was established with the

publication of "The Martian Chronicles" in 1950, which describes the first attempts of Earth people to conquer and colonize Mars, and the unintended consequences. Next came "The Illustrated Man" and then, in 1953, "Fahrenheit 451." Other works include: "The October Country," "Dandelion Wine," "A Medicine for Melancholy," "Something Wicked This Way Comes," "I Sing the Body Electric," "Quicker Than the Eye," and "Driving Blind."

More recently "Fahrenheit 451" was produced on the stage in Germany and will appear off-Broadway this February. Motion pictures are being planned for "The Illustrated Man," "The Martian Chronicles," "Fahrenheit 451," "A Sound of Thunder," and "Frost and Fire."

Bradbury's latest novel, "From the Dust Returned," was published last October, and a new book of short stories, "One More for the Road," will be published this spring.

For the second year, in conjunction with the Birss Lecture, the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a liberal arts competition for students.

If you're interested in sponsoring a lecture series, please contact Shawn Buckless, executive director of development and alumni relations, at (401) 254-3202.



Master of Architecture Program Receives Accreditation

The Master of Architecture program has received full accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board, retroactive to January 1, 2002. The program is being phased in as the school's professional degree program in architecture. The Master of Architecture provides increased depth and breadth of study and is complemented by the SAAHP's new Career Development Continuum. The continuum includes graduate assistantships for advanced level students within the school and with regional architectural firms to begin their required internship toward licensure and post-graduate fellowship opportunities with international architecture firms. Our first postgraduate fellowship is sponsored by Mani Chowfla Architects in New Delhi, one of India's leading firms.



Third Grade Students Experience College Life

Sophomore Michael Hughes organized "Byfield at RWU Day" as part of his service learning as a volunteer at Byfield Elementary School in Bristol. Twenty-five third-graders came to Roger Williams on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and participated in various events and tours designed to let them see what college is like.

The idea for the event evolved when Hughes noted that the third-graders often asked him what being a college student was like. Many viewed the University as a place to work but couldn't imagine attending as a student.

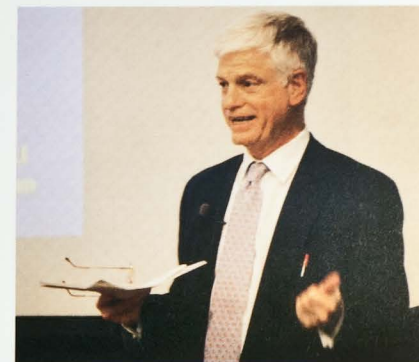
"I thought that by inviting them to campus, I could share my school with them as they had shared theirs with me, as well as encourage them to think about going to college," Hughes explained.

Through the efforts of the Feinstein Service Learning Office and with the help of many students, activities were scheduled throughout the day. After a welcome by President Nirschel, the children and their parents toured the campus, exercised in the Byfield Olympics, had brunch in the Dining Hall, and enjoyed a carnival of fun and educational games on the Common.

Distinguished Leader Lecture Series Begins

Prominent Wall Street investor Mario J. Gabelli, benefactor of the Gabelli School of Business, spoke at the University on Friday, October 18, to kick off Alumni and Family Weekend. As the inaugural speaker of the business school's Distinguished Leader Lecture Series, Gabelli addressed "How To Earn a Double-Digit Return in a World of Extreme Volatility and High Valuations."

Gabelli is the chairman, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of Gabelli Asset Management, Inc., a widely recognized provider of investment advice and brokerage services to mutual funds, institutional, and high net worth investors. A member of the Board of Trustees at Roger Williams since 1990, Gabelli was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Business



Lecture series inaugural speaker Mario J. Gabelli

degree and became the business school's benefactor in 1992.

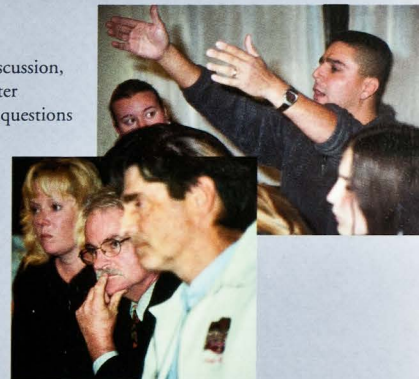
The Gabelli School of Business is planning future lectures for the spring. For more information, call Vinci Bertolino at (401) 254-3046.

MINDS MEET AND DEBATE AT THE NEW SOCRATES CAFÉ

Socrates Café, a forum for uninhibited discussion, opened its symbolic doors this past semester to address the first of many philosophical questions that will be explored in this new venue. Discussions are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Other Place, located on the first floor of the newly renovated Student Union. Being open to the public, as well as the entire campus community—from faculty to freshman—a diverse range of opinions is guaranteed at each session.

The inaugural discussion was held on September 18, starting with a lecture by Christopher Phillips: author, philosopher, and the founder of the original Socrates Café. Phillips stimulated a dialogue about the nature, cost, and advantage of censorship entitled "On Liberty and Censorship: Do We Live in a Free Society if the Occasions We Censor Outnumber the Occasions We Don't?"

Consecutive discussions addressed the justification of violence led by Psychology Professor Dr. Joseph Neuschatz; the distinction between war and terrorism led by Dr. Robert Engvall, associate professor of criminal justice; and social consciousness and moral responsibility led by Dr. Kathleen Micken, associate professor of marketing.





"I, Roger Williams" author Mary Lee Settle

Roger, Edgar and H.P.

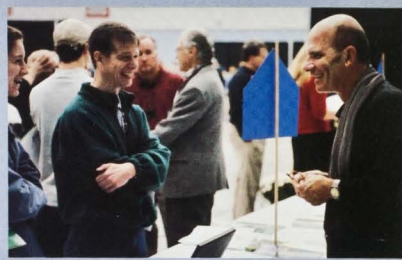
The Friends of The Library sponsored two events during October that were hosted by President and Mrs. Nirschel. The first was a public reading by Mary Lee Settle, author of "I, Roger Williams," which was part of the Alumni and Family Weekend festivities on October 18. (See page 22 for full story.) The second, in keeping with the season, was entitled "Horror and Mystery in Rhode Island: The Literary Connection of Poe and Lovecraft" and was held on Friday, October 25.

Presented by literary critic and lecturer Felicity Hoffeecker, the program explored the haunting lives and stories of Edgar Allan Poe and H. P. Lovecraft. The two authors shared a Rhode Island connection in that Lovecraft was a native of Providence and Poe frequented the city as a visitor. The closer connection, as Hoffeecker explained, was the influence on Lovecraft of Poe's phantasmagoric outpourings in poetry and prose. She traced the various connections between the two authors from 1809 to 1937, the dates marking the birth of Poe and the death of Lovecraft.

The Friends of The Library are in the midst of planning future programs for the winter and spring with events tentatively scheduled for February, March, and April. For more information on the Friends of The Library or future events, call (401) 254-3031.

OPEN HOUSE IS FULL HOUSE

Fall brought a record 2,000 people to an open house held on campus. The Office of Undergraduate Admission and campus representatives spoke to students from all around the country about why they should choose Roger Williams. After learning of the many programs, activities and amenities here, we'll hope to see some of them again next fall for registration.



Empowering Young Women

The Women's Center co-sponsored a conference entitled, "Empowering the Young Women of Rhode Island," on Wednesday, September 25, at the Residence and Conference Center. Also sponsored by the Silent Witnesses of Rhode Island and the YWCA of Northern Rhode Island, the one-day workshop featured a keynote presentation by Rosalind Wiseman, co-founder of the nonprofit group Empower, based in Washington, D.C., that works to empower youth and end violence.

An advisor to Liz Claiborne's Women's Work Program, Wiseman has been featured in *The New York Times*, *People Magazine*, and *USA Today* and on television programs such as "Dateline," "Good Morning

America," and "Oprah." Her groundbreaking work with middle and high school girls brings to light cliques, gossip, backbiting, and other gender-related issues that shape young women's lives.

Also, Dr. Maureen Macera, deputy superintendent of the Woonsocket School Department, discussed "How Do We Become Mentors for Today's Young Women?" A panel discussion entitled, "How Communities Get Involved," with representatives from the Women's Resource Center of South County, Child and Family Services, Woonsocket School Department, and the Women's Resources Center of Newport and Bristol Counties rounded out the day.

ECO-ACTION 2002 SPRINGS FORWARD

Admiring the plaque on a rustic furniture bench built by members of the Philips Academy (Andover, Mass.) Class of 1964 during Eco-Action 2002, a community service project held at Roger Williams University in August are: (l to r) Roger Williams Assistant Professor of Marine Biology Andrew Tate, Project Coordinator Dewolf Fulton, and Roger Williams Executive Director of Public Affairs Rick Goff. The weekend project identified and tagged over 20 trees along a nature walk and planted 50 native saplings in scenic waterfront spots. Also working on the project were the Bristol Tree Society, Save The Bay, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association.



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS



Melissa McLaughlin was recently hired to serve as the admissions marketing and communications coordinator for the University. In her new roll, McLaughlin is responsible for

coordinating communication among University staff and external consultants, overseeing the purchasing and placement of advertisements, managing the production of internal and external admission publications, analyzing results of advertising efforts, and making recommendations for future strategies.

McLaughlin served as the marketing manager at The Jan Companies in Cranston, R.I., before joining Roger Williams. While there, she was responsible for advertising budgets and overseeing communication with consultants and internal audiences. With seven years of professional marketing experience, she began her career in the promotions departments of several Providence radio stations.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, McLaughlin received her bachelor's degree in communications studies.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT



Geri Manning was recently promoted to director of alumni relations & annual giving. Since 1999, Manning has held the position of director of annual giving & constituent relations,

working closely with Alumni.

Most recently, Manning has worked with parents to establish the Roger Williams University Family Association. This group will assist the University community in many areas such as Career Services, Admissions and Development.

Prior to joining Roger Williams University, she worked as director of annual giving and constituent relations for Western University of Health Sciences, handling special events, volunteer scholarship committees, and the Annual Fund. Manning is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University.



Roger Williams has named Michele Allaux a grant officer in the Office of Development. Allaux will work with the faculty and administration in developing grant proposals for institu-

tional and academic program needs and will help coordinate foundation, corporate, federal, and state fundraising efforts.

Allaux comes to Roger Williams from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I., where she held the position of development research specialist. At Salve, she was responsible for individual, corporate, and foundation research and worked with the campus community to develop grant proposals. She also has worked as the assistant director of the Dia Art Foundation-Harrison Street in New York and owned a textile design company in Manhattan where she worked with over 300 design houses.

With a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in art and art history from the State University of New York, Oswego, Allaux holds a master's degree in fine art from the San Francisco Art Institute.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES



The Advisory Board for the University Colleges presented the Thomas J. Carroll Outstanding Teacher Award to Dr. Bruce Thompson, professor of social and health services in the Open College.

During his 25 years at Roger Williams, Dr. Thompson fostered growth and

development of the social and health services program, which currently offers a baccalaureate degree and several certificate programs. Outside of his work at the University, he co-authored a book on social work entitled "HIV and Social Work: A Practitioner's Guide," which is being used in social work graduate programs across the nation.

Dr. Thompson also has contributed to several publications, given numerous presentations at professional conferences and meetings, and maintained a number of professional affiliations and clinical social work licenses. He has been a visiting professor at the Smith College School for Social Work and at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and was an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Community Health at the Brown University Medical School. Dr. Thompson maintains a psychotherapy practice in Providence, providing short- and long-term treatment for individuals, couples, and families, focusing on issues related to the HIV virus.

John Stout, dean of the Open College, noted that the award is named in honor of Thomas Carroll, a long-time member of the University Colleges' faculty, who was the first recipient of the Advisory Board's teaching award. He further stated that the award "recognizes the significant contributions Dr. Thompson made to Roger Williams University through demonstrated teaching effectiveness to adult students, as well as his contributions to his profession."

Thompson holds a B.A. from Boston College, an M.S.W. from Syracuse University, an S.M. from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from Smith College. In addition, he completed advanced study at the University of Southern California, Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and most recently at Harvard Medical School.

Peter B. Wilbur, vice president of finance and administration, has been elected to the Exeter Town Council, and Ray Cordeiro, associate athletic director, has been re-elected to the Bristol Town Council.

**FEINSTEIN COLLEGE
OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Associate Professors of Political Science Dr. June Speakman and Dr. Ernest Greco ran for political office in their local communities. Speakman won a spot on the Barrington Town Council, while Greco was defeated in the primary.

English Professor Dr. Deborah Robinson and Visiting Assistant Professor Dr. Glenna Andrade presented papers at the Jungian Literary Conference.

Dr. Bruce Burdick, professor of mathematics, presented a paper at the Workshop on Topology in Computer Science.

Associate Professor of Biology Marcie Marston, and recent graduates Jennifer Salle of Lunenburg, Mass., and Pam Brannock of Glenmont, N.Y., presented their research at the Ninth National Conference of the Council for Undergraduate Research.

Also presenting research was Dr. Kerri Warren, assistant professor of biology, and student Leigh Smith '04 of Tallmadge, Ohio.

Marston and Dr. Martine Villard-Bohnsack, professor of biology, have published an article in the *Journal of Phycology*.

Associate Professor of Writing Studies Dr. Nancy Nester had an article included in a new anthology, "New Readings in American Drama: Something's Happening Here."

Dr. Rosalie Franks, an adjunct member of the Department of Writing Studies, was one of 15 college professors elected from throughout the country to be a Fellow of the Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization at Northwestern University.

GABELLI SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Assistant Economics Professor Dr. Priniti Panday published articles in two economics publications, *International Advances in Economics Research* and *Applied Economics*.

Dr. Richard Bernardi, professor of accounting, has been ranked in the top one percent of authors by the *Journal of Business Ethics*. The article, "A Ranking of the Most Productive Business Ethics

Scholars: A Five-Year Study," included statistics for 2,371 national and international business ethics scholars. Dr. Bernardi also recently had an article published in *The Journal of Private Enterprise*.

Also, Dr. Bernardi served as the 2002 symposium chair of the Seventh Annual Professionalism and Ethics Symposium and presented a paper.

Management Professor Robert Scott had an article selected as a feature in the *Journal of Accountancy* and one in the August 2002 issue of the *National Public Accountant*.

Business management Assistant Professor Susan Bosco and Professor Diane Harvey had a research article accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *College Student Journal*.

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, ART
AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dean Stephen White participated in the AIA/Rhode Island Young Architects Forum in October 2002 discussing new relationships between architectural education and practice.

Professor Hasan-Uddin Khan published an article in the book, "Back from Utopia: The Challenge of the Modern Movement."

Assistant Professor Nermin Kura participated in the November-December 2002 show, "Tastefully Tawdry," at the Wexler Gallery in Philadelphia, Pa.

Associate Professor Philip Marshall presented a paper at the International Conference for the Rehabilitation and Reuse of Historic Buildings and Districts.

Assistant Professor Michael Rich's work appeared in Artlink@Sotheby's, "International Young Art: Selected Finalists 1998-2002" and also at the Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery, Tel Aviv University.

Adjunct Professor Myron Stachiw was a speaker in the Third Mashantucket Pequot History Conference and was named to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Board.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Rachel L. McCormack, assistant professor of education, taught a course on Action Research Methods to a group of

18 teachers on the island of Nantucket, Mass., this past summer and fall. Because of the isolated nature of Nantucket's school district, these teachers were unable to pursue professional development or continue their education. Since the teachers could not come to the School of Education, McCormack brought the school to them. The course began in June and culminated on November 16 at the first Nantucket Teacher as Researcher Conference.

SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES

Robert Engvall, associate professor of criminal justice, had two articles appear in *Education and Urban Society* and in the *Contemporary Justice Review*.

Lisa Newcity, assistant professor of legal studies, made a presentation at the National Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Standards Heidi Hartzell was part of a conference committee for the Eighth Annual Association for Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA) Circuit 1 Drive-in Conference.

Tripp Hutchinson and LaVerne Singleton, coordinators of residence education, presented a program at the conference. Emily Walsh '03 of Mont Vernon, N.H., the student chair of the Women's Center, and Jen Stanley, director of residence life and the Women's Center, were selected to present a session at the annual National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference.

Stanley also co-presented another session sponsored by the NASPA New Professional and Grad Student Knowledge Community, for which she is the regional chair.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Professor of Public Administration Steven M. Esons was elected as president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

NEW APPOINTMENTS**Law School
Director of
Admissions**

Michael W. Boylen is the new director of admissions.

Boylen, of Quincy, Mass., was most

recently the associate director of admissions at Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Mass. He has spent the last seven years working in higher education in both admissions and career services. He also participated in the execution of the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors 2000 Conference and the Council on Legal Education Opportunity Summer Institute 2000.

Director Boylen received a masters of science in political science with a concentration in professional politics from Suffolk University, Boston, and a bachelor of arts degree in government from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

Assistant Director of Admissions

Renee E. Alten, Esq., has been named assistant director of admissions. Alten, of Cumberland, R.I., served as legal recruitment coordinator in the career services office at New

England School of Law.

Alten also has clerked for the Law Office of Edward Greer, Esq., Brookline, Mass., and has been a legal department intern for Unity Mutual Life Insurance Company, Syracuse, N.Y. Alten also gained experience as a legislative intern for the Office of State Senator Arthur Dorman, Annapolis, Md.

She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 2001 and is a member of the American Bar Association.

**Associate Director of Feinstein
Institute for Legal Service**

Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, Esq., has become the associate director of the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service.

Tyler earned a juris doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in

1998, a master of arts degree in English in 1992 and a bachelor of arts degree with honors in the humanities in 1986 from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Most recently, Tyler directed the Lead Paint Legal Project, a collaboration among Rhode Island Children's Friend and Service, the HELP Lead Safe Center, and Roger Williams University School of Law.

From 1998-2000, Tyler was a policy analyst for the non-profit organization Rhode Island KIDS COUNT in Providence. In addition, she is a visiting lecturer at the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University where she teaches Family Law & Policy.

While at Northeastern University School of Law, Tyler interned at the Boston Medical Center's Family Advocacy Program and the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. She also worked as a court advocate for domestic violence victims in the Massachusetts Dorchester District Court.

Professor Bogus Granted Tenure

Professor Carl T. Bogus was granted tenure and promoted to full professor. Professor Bogus published this year, "Why Lawsuits Are Good For America." He edited *The Second Amendment in Law*

and History: Historians and Constitutional Scholars on the Right to Bear Arms. Other scholars and judges have cited his work more than 200 times. He has established a national reputation in the two primary

areas of his research: second amendment gun control law and product liability. (See his commentary on the lawsuit system on The Last Page.)

**Orientation Takes
on a New Dimension**

The Roger Williams University School of Law Feinstein Institute for Legal Service coordinated community service projects throughout Bristol, Warren, and Middletown, R.I., to conclude orientation week for incoming law students.

Over 70 faculty, staff, and students participated in the community service event held on August 17, 2002. This was the first time the School of Law organized projects as part of the orientation program. The afternoon was designed to introduce law students at the beginning of their legal careers to the concept of serving those in need.

Project sites included the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, the Potter League for Animals, the Coggeshall Farm Museum, East Bay Head Start, Lucy's Hearth, the Metacom Manor Health Center, the Rhode Island Veterans Home, the Bristol Animal Shelter, and the Women's Resource Center. Project leaders included professors, student group leaders, administrators, and staff. Volunteers spent their hours escorting veterans to a baseball game, cleaning a playground, sorting clothing donations, painting buildings, moving furniture, playing bingo with the elderly, and walking abandoned dogs.

In addition to this voluntarism, students at the School of Law are required to engage in law-related public service in order to graduate. Roger Williams is one of only 15 law schools in the country with such a pro bono requirement. Throughout the five-day orientation, law students participated in simulation exercises, study skills sessions, simulated depositions, group writing assignments, and fundamental law classes.



The Science of Seahorse Sexuality

By Rick Goff

Sarah Jones knows something you don't know. Unless, of course, you've been studying the reproductive behavior of seahorses in your spare time and understand how long the male's gestation period is. That's right. The male.

Jones, a Roger Williams sophomore majoring in marine biology, is the principal student investigator on a research project exploring the potential development of a marine aquaculture research center in Rhode Island to breed and supply ornamental fish for sale commercially.

Annual worldwide trade of marine ornamental species is estimated at more than \$7 billion. Believe it or not, the Ocean State ranks last in the nation for value of aquaculture product with shellfish comprising nearly all the state's production. Jones and her faculty colleague, Skip Pomeroy, professor of marine sciences, and Brad Bourque, manager of the CEED (Center for Economic and Environmental Development) wet lab, hope to change that by helping to establish an economically viable ornamental fish industry locally. In addition to the seahorses that Jones studies, clownfish and peppermint shrimp are also being observed.

"This project is a very exciting step for me. I'm able to see how what I learn in the classroom applies through research outside the classroom," Jones explained.



The three-year, \$125,000 project is a collaboration of Roger Williams University, the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Ill., and Something Fishy, Inc., an aquarium systems design and management company in Charlestown, R.I. The funding was awarded through the Rhode Island Aquaculture Initiative, a collaborative effort of institutions and agencies that has been supported by U.S. Senator Jack Reed.

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Jones, a former intern at the Shedd, spends a lot of hours doing her research among the tanks and aquariums in CEED's wet lab, overlooking the rolling lawn that spills down to the shores of Mt. Hope Bay. She is studying several environmental conditions and their effect on seahorses.

"They're fascinating," Jones observed when speaking of her aquatic charges. "Seahorses have the head of a horse, the pouch of a kangaroo, and the prehensile tail of a monkey. And they have distinct personalities too. Some are shy and others are very outgoing."

Seahorse populations in the world's oceans are declining mostly due to human factors. The creatures are caught and used for traditional medicines, aquariums, and curios.

They are harvested accidentally when other sought-after marine species are captured. Additionally, the diminutive seahorses—about five to six inches as adults—typically inhabit some of the world's most endangered ecosystems such as sea grass beds, coral reefs, and mangroves. The market demand, along with stressful environments, is outstripping the seahorses' ability to reproduce and sustain healthy numbers.

The key element that Jones investigates is water temperature and its influence on the seahorses' gestation length, brood size, infant survival and growth. She charts readings and observations at regular intervals while monitoring six pair of captive seahorses to determine the best water temperature to stimulate courtship and breeding. The 12 adults are separated as mated pairs in six tanks since nature has its consistencies. Seahorse males—much like their human counterparts—grow competitive over the attentions of the female.

All in the name of science, Jones is, on occasion, an interested intruder during the seahorses' unusual mating ritual. The seahorse mates greet each other at dawn for several days. They interlock tails. They swim together. The male possesses a pouch, which he swishes out during courtship to prepare for receiving the eggs from the female. On the day of conception, the pair rises to the top of the tank and, with their tails once again intertwined, the female deposits her eggs into the male's pouch for fertilization. The eggs embed themselves in the pouch lining—a placenta-like structure—which creates an osmotic environment, preparing the young for life outside the pouch. In open waters, the average gestation period is 20 to 28 days. The brood size ranges widely from 20 to 1,200. Previous research has shown broods over 1,300, gestation as brief as 14 days, and a year-round breeding season in elevated temperatures.

However, the shorter gestation span and constant male pregnancy might have an adverse effect on survival and growth of seahorse young.

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Professor Pomeroy indicated that the University is interested in the possible development of a marine research and commercial facility to help jumpstart the state's aquaculture efforts.

"This project, and others under the auspices of the Aquaculture Initiative, has its definite place in moving toward a commercial endeavor that could have a significant economic impact in the near future," he said.

For Sarah Jones, those considerations are not the top priority just yet, although expanded career opportunities would suit her just fine. Right now, it's about her college days at Roger Williams...about academics...about social life...and about her research. So, if you want to know about seahorses and how they can help shape an academic career—just ask Sarah Jones. She knows.





STEEL *and* *Light*

Architects Attempt to Alter the Universe

By Lori Kershner

Ever since the beginning of time, man has attempted to alter the universe, especially his environmental landscape. Spectacular monuments of grandeur, opulent palaces, and other rich architectural wonders have risen over the ages. Yet, with all our knowledge, mysteries like the Neolithic monuments at Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids still escape our understanding.

Some say it is man's attempt to defy death and gain immortality. Others, that it is man's search for beauty here on earth and his need to create it.

In this century, we take no exception to the rule. Our human drive for visual perfection is alive and well.

In 2002, a group of modern architects set about to alter our urban landscape. The group, composed of University alumni, and led by Roger Williams architecture professor Barbara Macaulay, combined to make something out of *'nothing'*—creating an artistic architectural statement called “Steel and Light.” The exhibit was on display during the Convergence 2002 International Arts Festival held in Providence, R.I., the only annual statewide arts festival in the nation. Created by the Providence Parks Department Office of Cultural Affairs, last year the festival was named to the Chicago Tribune's 100 top world events for the year.

Chosen as the masterwork for the festival, “Steel and Light” used sound, light and projected images to celebrate the industrial structures of the lower Providence River. The project converted the steel shells and pylons of the Providence Hurricane Barrier to an extraordinary sculptural element in the city nightscape. The visual creation celebrated the city, its industrial heritage, and its iconography. During the event weekend, brilliantly colored light, changing images, and sound transformed the gateway to Narragansett Bay.

“Steel and Light” intended to create a surreal atmosphere of posed questions: “What are our dreams, our desires?” Expressed with fluid, saturated, drenched colors, and punctuated by staccato black and white elements: enigmatic, enormous images of ourselves (an eye, a hand, a torso) captured in the web of steel trusses. Images were reflected spectrally in the water below, while a nearby electrical tower vibrated with magenta and electric blue light to become a punctuation point in the darkness.

The project was produced and directed by Macaulay, principal in the firm of Hogan/Macaulay Architects. She collaborated with her partner, architect Robert Hogan, a Roger Williams architecture adjunct professor, and designer Jeremy Broderick, an alumnus. The digital design team, Ultraviolette, composed of alumni Ken Marold, Ed DeMille, and Kris Lawson, choreographed the imagery.

Macaulay describes the project as one of the highlights of her career as an architect, “Illuminating the Providence hurricane barrier had been a dream of mine for years... I've always been fascinated with the industrial character of the lower Providence River, and the hurricane barrier itself, with its powerful web of steel trusses and arching steel shells, an improbable gateway to the city from Narragansett Bay. By day, it seems gray, implacable, uncompromising, but at night, nearly erased by darkness, it becomes mysterious... full of possibilities.”

According to Macaulay, working on the project was a fantastic design experience: creating storyboards for the digital movie (a technique borrowed from film directors), projecting images on ten-foot models, and summer meetings on the decks of the Hot Club overlooking the hurricane barrier.

"All the work and planning culminated in a fleeting event, leaving, we hope, a visual impression burned into the retina—of gorgeously transformed industrial structures on the Providence River."

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Staats, a fervent Red Sox fan as well as founder and president of Friends of Cardines Field, enlisted his students to restore, or remove and replace, the deteriorating bleachers that were constructed in 1944.

Like our national pastime's "boys of summer," the students enjoyed more than a few moments in the sun. The project not only included the group's classroom design for the bleachers, but the on-site, physical labor too. The combination of brains and brawn created a unique learning experience. According to Staats, it was a way to develop the students' appreciation of the hands-on work that follows the design phase of an architectural project. Swinging hammers rather than baseball bats, the students also utilized saws, scrapers, nails and paint to get the job done.

The salvageable portions of the bleachers, about 80 percent, were restored while other sections were removed and replaced with modern material. The group tackled one six-foot bay at a time and used durable plastic to bolster existing structure or create new seating.

Staats estimates that the value of the university's involvement totaled \$90,000 in time and labor, which supplemented grant funding from other sources, although the project's true value might well be the educational opportunity gained by the students. The Newport community and its baseball fans benefited as well. Using a line—with some refurbishment—from the baseball movie classic, "Field of Dreams," Staats refers to the Cardines Field effort by stating simply, "Restore it, and they will come."



Architecture Students Hit a Home Run

When executed properly, baseball requires both physical ability and a smart approach. As thirteen Roger Williams's students learned, sometimes so does architecture.

Under the supervision—and coaching—of Architecture Professor Jeffrey Staats, the advanced design studio team spent nine weeks last summer restoring and refurbishing the third base bleachers at Cardines Field in Newport, one of the most venerable and historic baseball parks in the country and home of the Newport Gulls and other local teams.

Lights...Camera...Action

A life's lesson learned in college carried this alum through a successful 30-year directing career

Ron Tippe '72, as a film director and producer in Hollywood, has worked with a long list of film and movie star legends such as the late Chris Farley, "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer, "Lord of the Rings" Elijah Wood, and megastars, Jim Carrey and basketball great Michael Jordan.

Tippe has directed and produced many popular motion pictures, films and digital animations including "Close Call," the Academy Award-nominated film "Runaway Brain," "Space Jam" starring Michael Jordan, "Shrek," "The Incredible Mr. Limpet," starring Jim Carrey, and Universal Studio's "Frankenstein and the Wolf Man," co-produced by George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic.

Tippe now runs his own company, WOOF! Entertainment Inc., a children's entertainment company, where he serves as co-chief executive officer and president. He is presently overseeing pre-production on a series of direct-to-videos entitled, "Blue Jean Teddy," and is in active development on a CGI animated feature, "Cheque Mates."

Driving his success in life and career for many years in an industry that is challenging, has been the words of his former theater professor and mentor, James Roose-Evans. Apparently, Professor Roose-Evans left a profound mark on Tippe as a young, impressionable college student enrolled in the Roger Williams Theatre in London Program during his senior year in 1972, the first year the program was offered.

He recalls the professor's words to this day as if it were then:

"James said to me, 'Every twenty years or so a professor comes across a student who is exceptional. You are that student for me...you have an exceptional way of looking at the art form of theater that is different and unique. Use your talent wisely—what I expect from you is great things!'"

"Wow! This was an amazingly empowering thing to say to a student like myself,



Ron Tippe '72
 Director & Producer in Hollywood
 Co-CEO/President of
 WOOF! Entertainment, Inc.
 (A children's entertainment company)
 Member, President's Advisory Council

The Bridge caught up with Ron Tippe while he was visiting the Roger Williams campus during Alumni and Family Weekend in October. He graciously agreed to an interview and to conduct a series of workshops for students and the university community on "Creativity from A to Z." He discussed how his professional experience as a director and producer in Hollywood and his undergraduate education at Roger Williams prepared him for an exciting and fulfilling career in the entertainment field.

who had the utmost respect for the man as a professor and theater professional," explained the producer. "His words have driven me through the good and the bad times, some of these the darkest, deepest moments in my career."

Why?

"Because it was the first time somebody showed professional confidence in me. I'd had great support and faith instilled in me from my two professors at the time, Bill Grandgeorge and Richard Matthews, but these words were different. I was close to

graduation, about to step out on my own and enter the real world. James, in his glowing accolades, compared me to the great Harold Prince. I was blown away and it was an awesome responsibility to live up to his expectations.

"It inspired and instilled in me a desire to be different, and to think that I could offer something special to the world of theater. It's been such a wonderful thing to carry me through life. It had a profound effect on me then and still carries me through a tough profession even today..."

The student and his mentor still correspond 30 years later...even during a difficult career decision when Tippe thought he was ready to make a change from theater to film.

Although the director still loved what he did, he was growing increasingly frustrated because he just wasn't making enough money to survive. After devoting himself to theater, realizing a life's dream of directing stage plays in London, Boston, Rhode Island, New York, and Chicago—he still had to work odd jobs to support himself, including work as a cook and waiter.

So, the director did what he always did and wrote to his mentor asking for guidance and dramatizing his plight. At the time, Professor James Roose-Evans said something that stuck with him while he considered changing careers, "You're finding out that what you wanted at 19 is not necessarily what you may want or need at 30, 40, or 50. Change is good. Take the chance. Always take the risk." It was then that Tippe came upon the Rhode Island adage that he had heard frequently when growing up: "I was making a living, not living." So he set about to live. And live he did!

He took what he had learned on the road in theater productions to his ongoing successful career in film. Eventually, through a couple of twists and turns and trials as a screenwriter, he landed his first film producing job working for Walt Disney Feature Animation where he managed the Paris, France, feature animation studio and produced his first film. The rest is now the history of Ron Tippe's life.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

More than 130 friends of Roger Williams University were guests of the Trustees and President and Mrs. Roy J. Nirschel at an October 19 reception and dinner, kicking off a \$30-million capital campaign. The event was held in the lobby of the CEED building, which was decorated and lighted in autumnal accents. Attendees not only had a chance to meet and socialize, but also were entertained by the premier of "Bridge to the Future," a 10-minute video chronicling the University's past, celebrating its present, and building anticipation for future plans. President Nirschel addressed the group. He described the strategic vision for Roger Williams regarding expansion of the campus through construction as well as enhancement of scholarly and academic opportunities for students and faculty. The capital campaign, scheduled to be completed in 2005, is the first such comprehensive initiative for the University. To date, the campaign has reached the halfway point of the University's goal due to generous leadership gifts and grant support.



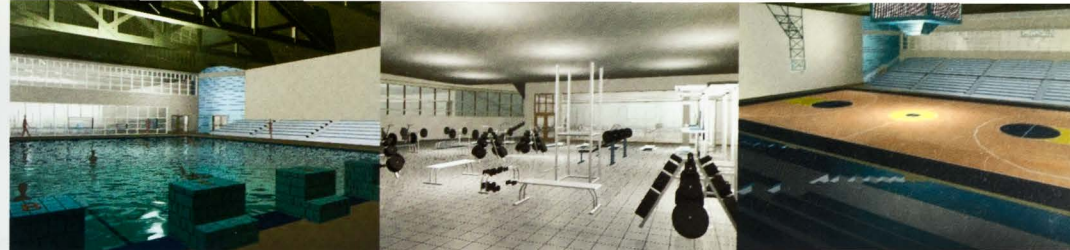
Board Chairman Ralph R. Papitto and President Nirschel.



President and Mrs. Roy J. Nirschel enjoy a moment with Mrs. Eileen Slocum.



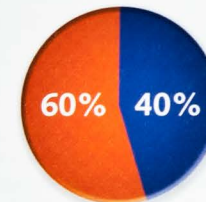
Left to right: Tom Schumpert, Robert Stoico, CEO of FirstFed and newly elected trustee of RWU, Jim Carey, retired CEO of Slades Ferry Bank, Bob Fisher of Celsius Films.



Renderings of the recreation center's future pool, health and fitness center, and basketball court designed by Ganteaume & McMullen, Architects and Engineers, Boston.

The centerpiece of the capital campaign's scholarly endeavors represents support for student scholarships and faculty support through endowed chairs, technology and other assets. These learning and teaching areas of emphasis will receive approximately 40 percent of the campaign funding when adding a moderate amount to bolster the University's annual fund. Approximately the remaining 60 percent of the campaign's \$30 million total will be applied to present and future improvements to the physical campus. New construction and renovation to the Paolino Recreation Center started in spring of 2002. The nearly 80,000 square-foot facility will house an eight-lane swimming pool, a modern health and

fitness center, a new basketball court, student offices, a commuter lounge and other amenities. Along with renovations and improved food selections in the Student Union's dining areas, the building is scheduled for major expansion. Preliminary plans are under consideration to refurbish or construct upgraded performing arts space. The campus master plan includes an attractive, more welcoming main entrance to the campus.



- Present and future improvements
- New construction and renovation to the Paolino Recreation Center
- Major expansion to the Student Union
- New main entrance to campus
- Student scholarships
- Faculty support
- Endowed chairs
- Technology
- Other assets



Improvements will continue to the Student Union.

Students Call Over 12,000 Alumni and Parents

The 2002/03 Roger Williams University Annual Fund Fall Phonathon is underway. Students are reconnecting with our alumni and asking for their support for the Annual Fund. In addition to talking with alumni, students are calling parents and asking for their support of the Parents Fund. The goal for this Fall is \$55,000!

Under the leadership of seniors Jessica Latimer '03, Jacki Silvan '03, Jason Ojeda '03, Katrina Bittinger '03, and junior Katie Vassill '04, student callers will place over 12,000 calls over the next several months to reach the goal. Students are grateful for the conversation and the financial support no matter the size of the gift.

The Class of 2003 student callers include: Melissa Arroyo '04, Kimberly Belanger '05, Tracy Bisaillon '03, Jason Booras '03, Jennifer Brookes '04, Jennifer Callan '04, Jana Cherwinski '05, Meredith Clifford '05, Sara Coleman '03, Guadalupe Cuellar '05, Jessica Downing '05, Barbara Dubuske '03, Christina Favre '04, Lauren Gage '05, Christopher Hyde '04,

John A. Maintanis, Jr. '06, Melissa Manship '05, Gretchen Mayr '05, Greg Nowak '04, Ashley Newcomb '04, Elizabeth Ptaszynski '04, Joanna Sabella '04, Heather Soss '03,



2002/03 Annual Fund Fall Student Callers.

Jillian Vieira '05, Tricia Wagner '04, and Scott Woodbury '03.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Annual Fund or the Parents Fund, please contact Geri Manning, director of alumni relations & annual giving at (401) 254-3216 or by email at gmanning@rwu.edu.

Employee Annual Fund Campaign Kicks Off

The 2002/03 Roger Williams University Employee Annual Fund Campaign has just kicked-off. Over the past year, the University has developed new programs, student enrollment has increased and there are many physical plant changes such as the renovation of the Paolino Recreation Center and the Student Union. This growth is only possible through the support of the entire University family.

Last year, employee participation in the Annual Fund soared to 42 percent up from 35 percent the previous year. This year, each of the chairs has set their sights on increasing the overall participation to 50 percent.

The following individuals have stepped up to lead the 2002/03 Roger Williams University Employee Annual Fund campaign. Each have sent letters to their peers asking for their support. RWU – Administration

Chairs are Dean Marie DiBisio and Dean Peter Deekle; Staff Chairs are: Deborah Sylvia, Bursar; Richard Dias, Facilities; Diana Kelly and Mary Dionisopoulos, Clerical Technicals; Steven Melo, Dining Services; Faculty Chairs are: Robert Blackburn, Charles Trimbach and Cliff Timpson, Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences; Susan Bosco, Gabelli School of Business; Rachel McCormack, School of Education; Roseann Evans, School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation; Fred Gould, School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management; Lisa Newcity, School of Justice Studies; Bruce Thompson, University College; and representing the School of Law are: Administration, Linda Vieira; Faculty, B. Mitchell Simpson, III; and Staff, Debi Curry.

A Report from Development on Recent Grants

Foundation Gifts

\$125,000

Clownfish, Seahorses and Shrimp to dot the Marine Landscape - Roger Williams Marine Ornamental Aquaculture Research Center Funded

As a continuum of the R.I. Aquaculture Initiative, reported on in the last edition of *The Bridge*, which was largely made possible through the efforts of Senator Jack Reed, the Roger Williams Development Office announces that the proposed Marine Ornamental Aquaculture Research Center received a \$125,000 gift to implement breeding and production procedures and standards for false percula clownfish, spotted seahorses, and peppermint shrimp to determine if they can be adapted to Rhode Island for market production. The project is headed by Professor Skip (Harold) F. Pomeroy. (See related story on page 8.)

\$79,750

RI Sea Grant College Program Awards University Grant for Grateloupia doryphora – Just Another Name for Species of Seaweed

The Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program has awarded Roger Williams with a \$79,750 grant to fund a study of a bioinvasive seaweed, called Grateloupia doryphora, and its impact on native algae in Rhode Island waters. The project will be headed by Professor Marcia Marston.

\$32,500

The Bridge To Success Program Succeeds in Attracting Major Donors

The Bridge to Success Program has received funding from the following foundations:

- Prince Charitable Trusts - \$10,000
- Bank of Newport - \$10,000
- The Herbert E. & Daisy A. Stride Memorial Foundation - \$7,500
- The TJX Foundation, Inc. - \$5,000

The Program is a collaboration between Roger Williams University and Rogers High School that uses undergraduate mentors to encourage and improve minority student access and retention at institutions of higher learning. The first students to graduate from the Bridge To Success Program arrived on campus this year to become Roger Williams' students.

\$150,000

Department of Justice Partners with University Justice Institute for R.I. U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods

The Department of Justice has awarded the Justice System Training and Research Institute at Roger Williams University a \$150,000 grant to serve as a research partner and crime analyst for Project Safe Neighborhoods for the R.I. U.S. Attorney's Office.

Ways of Giving to Roger Williams University

Roger Williams University encourages alumni, parents and friends to include the University in their annual charitable giving plans. Annual contributions are vital to the University because the funds raised may be put to immediate use for scholarships, academic needs and student services, thus enhancing the educational experience for our students.

There are many ways to give to the University.

Cash gifts (checks, money orders or credit cards) are an easy way to contribute to the University. Cash gifts of any size make an immediate impact on the campus.

New this year is on-line giving. You may visit our website at www.rwu.edu, click on giving to RWU and follow the steps to making your gift on-line.

Each year the Annual Fund program conducts a phonathon during which current students contact alumni and parents to ask for their support by making a pledge to the Annual Fund. Although these are considered annual pledges, a donor may make a multi-year pledge enabling the donor to consider a more significant gift.

Securities or stocks may be made as an outright gift or as payment on a pledge. Stock certificates may be reassigned directly to Roger Williams University or may be transferred through an agent. The mean market value on the date of the transfer will determine the value of the gift for tax purposes.

Matching Gifts

Today many companies encourage their employees, retirees and spouses to contribute back to the community by offering the donor the opportunity to have their gift matched. By participating in this employer supported program, you may double or triple your gift's impact on the University. Check with your employer's Human Resource/Benefit Office.

Planned Giving: Gifts of Real Estate - Insurance - Bequests - Life Income Plans

Each of these types of giving options is unique to the individual. The University would be happy to explore with you the many different vehicles by which these gifts may be made to Roger Williams University.

Gifts-in-Kind such as artwork, scientific equipment and library materials are greatly appreciated by the University. Value is determined by the donor.

Donors may elect to designate their annual gift to a specific scholarship fund, program or school. Support for the University's scholarship program enables the University to ensure that the doors of higher education remain open to bright and deserving students regardless of their financial circumstances. Many of our named scholarship funds have been established in memory of an individual who may have had a special relationship with the University.

Roger Williams University is committed to achieving new standards of academic excellence. Your leadership gift will help us make this commitment a reality.

Our 2001-2002 Giving Clubs were:

Inner Circle	\$10,000 or more
Chairman's Forum	\$5,000 - \$9,999
President's Council	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Circle of Friends	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Associates Club	\$500 - \$999
Founders Club	\$250 - \$499
Century Club	\$100 - \$249

For more information about making a gift to the University or to make a gift, please call the Office of Development at (401) 254-3204 or 1-800-458-7144 toll-free. You may mail your contribution to the Development Office, Roger Williams University, One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809-2921. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Initiative To Educate Afghan Women

Paula Nirschel, Founder

Contributions are received through our website at www.rwu.edu. Click on *Afghan Women's Scholarship Fund*.

Requests for scholarship information should be addressed to Paula Nirschel at the following e-mail: pnirschel@rwu.edu.

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Runners, Tennis Team, win record three titles in one day!

Saturday, November 2, was the finest day in the long history of Roger Williams University athletics as three teams won Commonwealth Coast Conference championships, marking the first time in school history that multiple teams have won conference championships on the same day.

The cross country teams started the day off by blitzing the opposition. The women's team won their third straight title by placing five runners in the top 10 and ten team members in the top 17. They outdistanced the second place squad by 51 points. Allison Belanger won the conference race and was named CCC "Runner of the Year." Diane Leith, Lynda Wilson, Mary Beth McGlaughlin and Katie Parise all earned All-Conference recognition.

The men won their second straight title by placing seven runners in the top eight, outpacing the second place team by 34 points. Freshman Ryan Corbett won the conference title and was named the "Runner of the Year," and the "Rookie Runner of the Year." Jon Buell, Eric Van Tassel, James Pingree, David Strumski, Nick Haas and JJ Pruner all earned All-Conference honors.



In the lead, Allison Belanger '04, Two-Time Conference MVP Cross Country

The women's tennis team won their first conference championship in the 19-year history of the sport when they defeated

Endicott College 5-4 in the championship match. In that match the teams split the six singles matches and Endicott won at number three doubles to take a 4-3 lead. Krista Fisk and Sara Coleman won at number one singles to even the match. Jen Asselin and Caitlin Marshall paired at number two doubles and were tied 2-2 when they rolled off six straight wins to claim an 8-2 victory. Coleman was named the conference "Co-Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year." Fisk and Coleman were both named to the All-Conference First Team in singles and doubles, and Asselin and Marshall were named to the Honorable Mention Team in singles and doubles. The team finished 16-1, the best record for any team, men or women, in the history of athletics at the University.

The success did not end there, however, as the golf team recorded the finest season in the 20-year history of the program with a 9-2 record, setting school records for most victories and best winning percentage (.818). Junior Mike Jedrzejczyk had the lowest score in school history, 70, and won medalist honors again, upping his school-record total of medalist awards to a



2002 Commonwealth Coast Conference Champion Women's Cross Country Team.



2002 Commonwealth Coast Conference Champion Men's Cross Country Team.



2002 Commonwealth Coast Conference Champion Women's Tennis Team.

dozen. Alex Stimpson shot the second best round in school annals when he fired a 71, and Justin Scanlon, Keith Boyle and Ed Strauss all contributed to the team's success.

The women's soccer team finished with a 7-12-0 record and lost in the conference quarterfinals 1-0 to Endicott. Emily Seelig was named All-Conference Second Team, and Carolyn Smith was named Honorable Mention.

On the court, the women's volleyball team finished 14-17 overall and also lost in the conference quarterfinal playoff round. Tessa O'Keefe was named to the All-Conference Honorable Mention Team, and senior Megan Mahoney was named the "Senior Scholar-Athlete Award" recipient.



Hawks capture first-ever ECAC crown

Although the men's three-year reign as Commonwealth Coast Conference soccer champions came to an end, they focused their attention on another goal—the 2002 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) New England Division III Championship.

The Hawks finished with an overall record of 17-4-2 (.782), the best season percentage-wise in school history! They were 10-0-1 in the conference regular season and were the top seed in the conference tournament. Unfortunately, they ran into a determined Colby-Sawyer College team, losing 3-1 in a semifinal game played on Bayside Field.

While their goal of an NCAA post-season berth was dashed, they hoped they would receive a bid to the ECAC Championship Tournament. A few days later, the ECAC pairings came out with RWU earning the number one seed in the tournament.

In the quarterfinal round, they used a goal by Josh Rosen to take a 1-0 victory over eighth-seeded Brandeis University.

The sailing team has experienced success on the water this fall and has been hovering around a top ten ranking in the region for much of the season. The team's top performers have been Cary Siegler, Robert Koar, Katie Frank, Jean McCoid, Ann LaFleur and Tom Bentley.

At the stables the equestrian team has also had a consistently solid season. They recently finished second in the Wesleyan University Show and have had several riders perform very well. In the top division, the open division, Melinda Lawrence, Lisa Pektor, Krystal Watkins and Natalie Williams all have performed well. In the intermediate division Sara Clark, Jillian Cohen, Liz Garrett and Megan Wilkison have all ridden very well.

WINTER SPORTS 2002-2003 SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL				
Nov. 23-24	New York Univ. Tip-Off Tournament	A		3:00PM 1PM/3PM
Dec. 3	Connecticut College	A		7:00PM
Dec. 5	Rhode Island College	A		7:30PM
Dec. 7	New England College	A		3:00PM
Dec. 9	Babson College	A		7:00PM
Dec. 12	Wheaton College	A		7:00PM
Dec. 14	JOHNSON & WALES	H		3:00PM
Jan. 11	ENDICOTT COLLEGE*	H		1:00PM
Jan. 14	ANNA MARIA COLLEGE*	H		8:00PM
Jan. 16	CURRY COLLEGE	H		8:00PM
Jan. 18	Anna Maria College*	A		8:00PM
Jan. 23	NICHOLS COLLEGE*	H		6:00PM
Jan. 25	GORDON COLLEGE*	H		1:00PM
Jan. 28	Eastern Nazarene*	A		8:00PM
Jan. 30	SALVE REGINA UNIV.*	H		8:00PM
Feb. 1	FRAMINGHAM STATE	H		1:00PM
Feb. 4	EASTERN NAZARENE*	H		8:00PM
Feb. 8	Univ. of New England*	A		3:00PM
Feb. 11	U.S. Coast Guard Acad.	A		8:00PM
Feb. 13	Nichols College*	A		8:00PM
Feb. 15	COLBY-SAWYER COL.*	H		1:00PM
Feb. 18	Wentworth Inst. Tech.*	A		6:00PM
Feb. 20	Salve Regina Univ.*	A		8:00PM
Feb. 22	Curry College*	A		3:00PM
Feb. 25	Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals	TBA#	TBA	
Feb. 27	CCC Semifinals	TBA#	TBA	
Mar. 1	CCC Championship Game	TBA#	TBA	

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
Nov. 22-23	Colby College Tip-Off Tournament	A		6:00PM 1PM/3PM
Dec. 5	Rhode Island College	A		5:30PM
Dec. 7	New England College	A		1:00PM
Dec. 12	Keene State College	A		6:00PM
Dec. 14	JOHNSON & WALES	H		1:00PM
Jan. 11	ENDICOTT COLLEGE*	H		3:00PM
Jan. 14	ANNA MARIA COLLEGE*	H		6:00PM
Jan. 16	CURRY COLLEGE	H		1:00PM
Jan. 18	Anna Maria College*	A		8:00PM
Jan. 21	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	H		7:00PM
Jan. 23	NICHOLS COLLEGE*	H		8:00PM
Jan. 25	GORDON COLLEGE*	H		1:00PM
Jan. 28	Eastern Nazarene Col.*	A		6:00PM
Jan. 30	SALVE REGINA UNIV.*	H		6:00PM
Feb. 1	Regis College*	A		2:00PM
Feb. 4	EASTERN NAZARENE*	H		6:00PM
Feb. 6	REGIS COLLEGE*	H		1:00PM
Feb. 8	Univ. of New England*	A		6:00PM
Feb. 11	Nichols College*	A		6:00PM
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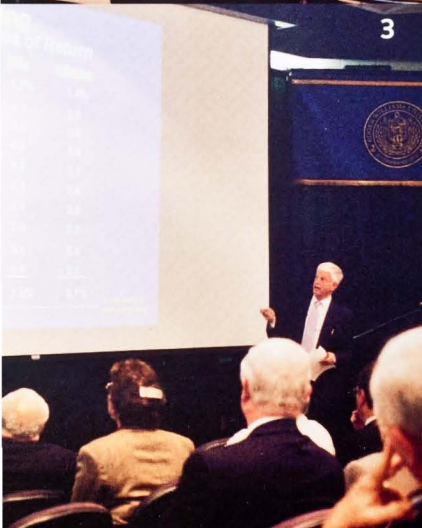
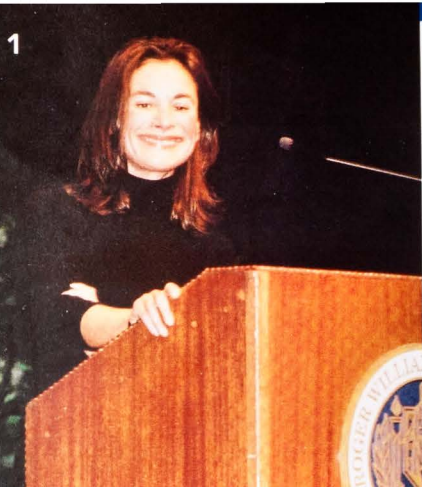
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WRESTLING				
Nov. 8-9	Ithaca College Inv. Tour.	A		10:00AM
Nov. 16	RWU INVIT. TOUR.	H		10:00AM
Nov. 20	M.I.T. *with BRYANT COL.	H		6:00PM
Nov. 23	Doug Parker Invitational	A		10:00AM
Dec. 6	NYU Dual Meet Classic	A		10:30AM
Dec. 11	U.S. Coast Guard Acad.*	A		7:00PM
Dec. 14	Univ. of Southern Maine w/Plymouth State	A		12:00PM
JAN. 12	RWU MID-WINTER CLASSIC	H		10:00AM
JAN. 15	JOHNSON & WALES UNIV.*	H		7:00PM
JAN. 18	Ursinus College Invitational	A		9:00AM
JAN. 22	WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	H		7:00PM
JAN. 25	New England Div. Dual Meet Championship	A		11:00AM
Feb. 1	N.E.-Metro Conferences Challenge Duals	A		12:00PM
Feb. 5	Bridgewater State* w/New Prep	A		6:00PM
Feb. 7	R.I.C. *w/Southern Maine	A		5:00PM
Feb. 12	W.P.I. *w/Bryant College	A		6:00PM
Feb. 22	N.E. Div. III Championships	H		10:30AM
Feb. 23	N.E. Div. III Championships	H		9:30AM

*Pilgrim Wrestling League matches

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL				
Jan. 24-25	Vassar Col. Tournament	A		6PM/10AM
Feb. 2	Queens College*	A		12:00PM
Feb. 4	Mass. Inst. of Tech.*	A		7:00PM
Feb. 7	SUNY-NEW PALTZ*	H		7:00PM
Feb. 8	RWU INVITATIONAL	H		9:00AM
Feb. 15	Southampton Col. of LI.U.*	A		2:00PM
Feb. 16	SUNY-New Paltz*	A		1:00PM
Feb. 19	WENTWORTH INST. OF TECH.	H		7:00PM
Feb. 22	University of New Haven*	A		1:00PM
Feb. 26	MASS. INST. OF TECH.*	H		7:00PM
Mar. 6	Emanuel College	H		7:00PM
Mar. 7-8	Endicott College Invitational	A		TBA
Mar. 13	Endicott College	A		7:00PM
Mar. 14	EAST STROUDSBURG UNIV.	H		5:00PM
Mar. 25	UNIV. OF NEW HAVEN*	H		7:00PM
Mar. 27	River College*	A		7:00PM
MAR. 29	SOUTHAMPTON COL. OF LI.U.*	H		4:00PM
Apr. 1	Johnson & Wales Univ.	A		7:00PM
Apr. 3	EIVA Div. III Championships	TBA#	TBA	10:00AM
Apr. 6	EIVA Div. III Championships	TBA#	TBA	10:00AM
Apr. 8	SACRED HEART UNIV.	H		7:00PM

*Odyssey Division Matches #At highest seed



ALUMNI & FAMILY WEEKEND

Alumni and friends turned out in full force for the first ever Alumni & Family Weekend. Alumni from a range of class years enjoyed athletic events, special theater presentations, academic receptions at each of the schools, a reception overlooking the excitement of midnight madness, and much more! The highlight of the weekend was the alumni clam boil down on Bristol Harbor at the new Bristol Harbor Inn. Guests enjoyed the lobsters and extensive menu, along with live music and giveaways. Highlighted were the Classes of 1977, 1992 and 1997, who were celebrating their 25th, 10th and 5th reunions respectively.

1. Keynote speaker Linda Kadis Platzner
2. Filmmaker Ron Tippe, '72
3. Trustee and noted financial investor Mario J. Gabelli
4. Mary Lee Settle autographs her book, "I, Roger Williams"
5. Alumni and families sail Mt. Hope Bay
6. President Nirschel and the Platzner family
7. The Family Association raffles RWU prizes
8. Getting ready to cheer Hawks basketball
9. Tour of the renovated Student Union
10. Alumni Soccer Team
11. John Franklin Fort III enjoying brunch with his daughter, a University student, and members of the Nirschel family



**Avon Old Farms Inn
Hartford/Springfield Event
October 30, 2002**

Alumni and guests from the Hartford/Springfield Chapter gathered at the Avon Old Farms Inn on October 30 for an alumni reception. The special guest was President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., who premiered a video, "Bridge to the Future." The presentation was met with rave reviews, and the group spent well over three hours reminiscing about old times as classmates at RWU. Shawn Buckless, executive director of development and alumni relations, and Robin Erickson, assistant director of alumni relations, were in attendance as well. (Photos of the event are at right and below.)



Networking Event

Over 40 alumni and local business leaders gathered at the RWU Metro Campus on September 19 for an evening of networking. They also had the chance to meet Tom Schumpert, former head of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, now serving as executive director of the Metro Center and community outreach. President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., was in attendance as well. He and Schumpert shared their vision for the future of Roger Williams University in the Providence area.



From left: Marty Kelly, development officer, Dr. and Mrs. Mark Funt, Seth Funt '02, and President Roy J. Nirschel pose for a photo at the Funts' home during a recent visit.

**Alumni
Calendar of Events**

For more details on these events, visit
www.rwu.edu/alumni or call 1-800-458-7144.

Los Angeles/Anaheim

Catal Restaurant and Uva Bar
Downtown Disney
January 11, 2003

Ft. Meyers, Florida

Location TBD
March 16, 2003

Alumni Ski Weekend

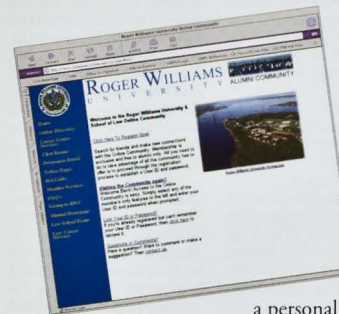
Mount Snow, VT
January 31-February 2, 2003

Tampa, Florida

Location TBD
March 17, 2003

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- **CHAT ROOMS** – where you can meet all your friends and catch up on old times.

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Name _____ Year of Graduation/Major _____

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Is this a new address? ☐ yes ☐ no Home phone _____ Work phone _____

E-mail address _____

Present job title and company name _____

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Here's my news for "Class Notes": _____

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One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809-2921.



'76 **Paul Lavallee**, B.S., accounting, started his first software company in R.I. while finishing his degree work. After this first business, Paul went on to participate in several very successful software companies and IPO's in the software industry and is now CEO of VentureFuel.com, his software advisory board firm. Paul also has his M.B.A. from Providence College.

'81 **Jeffrey P. Luce**, B.S., business administration, has recently become a member of the Cape Cod Community College Board of Trustees. Jeffrey joins the board as an Alumni Representative for the college. He currently works as a community relations and economic development specialist for NSTAR Electric.

Bob Centracchio, B.S., business administration, and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 16, 2002. Bob is currently employed by Hasbro Children's Hospital.

'82 **Paulette M. Masse**, B.S., social and health services, has been appointed the homestead unit program director for the Grand Islander Health Care Center in Middletown, where she will manage the 36-bed Alzheimer's Unit. As an Alzheimer's specialist, Paulette has facilitated caregiver support groups for more than 20 years. Paulette also holds a M.S. in health services administration.

John Murphy, B.S., engineering technology, has been teaching computer-aided design and drafting with the State of Connecticut for 16 years and is currently the Drafting & Design Technology Department Chair. John is also a member of the Connecticut statewide drafting steering committee. John has three children: Courtney, age 18; Matthew, age 16; and Brittany, age 14.

'84 **Adam Finkelstein**, B.S., business administration, recently received his master's degree in cosmetics/fragrance marketing and management from The Fashion Institute of Technology. He currently lives in New York City with his wife, Patti Rothstein.

'85 **Linda Keyes** (Medeiros), B.S., business administration, has run her own electrolysis office in Fall River, Mass., for the last seven years. After 10 years working as an accountant with local business, Linda had a career change of heart and decided she would like to be self-employed. Linda is married to Thomas Keyes and has two young children.

'87 **Michael Terrano**, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted to the rank of captain for the Newport Police Department. Michael has worked as a detective in the vice and narcotics unit and as a task force agent for the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. He has earned numerous awards and 31 department commendations in his 17 years on the police force.

'88 **Captain Michael J. Sullivan**, B.S., administration of justice, has been named Rotary Club Officer of the Year in North Kingstown, R.I. Michael's work on the Brandon Arnold case in 1999 led to his recognition for the award. He is currently in charge of the support services division.

'89 **Hillary Cook**, B.S., social and health services, has recently been awarded honorable mention for the National Nurse of the Year by the Interim Healthcare, Inc. corporate office. The award is given to those who exemplify the core values of Interim Healthcare. Hilary has been with Interim since 1998 where she is an R.N. case manager overseeing the majority of Interim's skilled care cases. Hilary also has her master's from Salve Regina University.

'90 **Brian Olsen**, B.A., theatre, starred in the Granite Theatre's performance of "Run for Your Wife" this past summer. Brian portrayed Stanley Gardner in the production. This is the fourth time Brian was seen on stage at the Granite Theatre. He also holds his M.S. in Fine Arts from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Pamela C. Icart, B.S., administration of justice, has been appointed to the rank of lieutenant for the Rhode Island State Police Department. Pamela is a 17-year veteran and the first woman promoted to a commis-

sioned officer's post in the history of the department. Pamela was most recently assigned as assistant patrol commander of the Wickford barracks. Her new assignment is patrol commander of the Chepachet barracks. Pamela also has her master's in criminal justice from Anna Maria College.

David Dooks, B.A., theatre, has recently been appointed to lead the Customer Service Department of Duxbury Systems, Inc., the leading Braille translation software company worldwide. David and his wife, Julie, are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year and are the proud parents of Caitlin Anna (born June 1999) and Zachary David (born May 2001).

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'93 **Jeffrey Quinn**, B.S., marine biology, has recently been accepted to the University of Rhode Island's Ph.D. program in biology. He will be continuing his research in cancer biology, which helped him to earn his master's degree in 2000. Jeffrey was promoted to research project development assistant in the Department of Clinical Pharmacology at Rhode Island Hospital. His research interests have brought him to a lab that is studying cutting edge ideas on breast cancer. Their work is currently on tour in Japan at an international conference of steroid biochemistry and cell biology. Jeffrey was also the recipient of the Roger Williams University Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2000.

'95 **Edward Hull**, B.A., art, is a freelance 3-D artist/ animator who has recently been accepted to the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, Calif., to pursue a master's of fine arts degree in 3-D modeling and animation. Some of the instructors who teach at this institution also work for Disney/Pixar and Industrial Light and Magic (Star Wars). He is married to '95 Melissa Hull (Baker), B.Arch., architecture, who currently works for Ruhlparr and Associates, P.S., as an

architectural designer. They are in the process of designing one of the largest casino projects in the Northwest. They will be moving to Seattle in January of 2003.

'96 **Elizabeth G. Smith**, B.S., business management, has recently joined the staff at the Brown University Alumni Magazine as an office manager. She recently worked at Colibri in Cranston, R.I.

Andrew White, B.A., history, is currently assigned to Operation Noble Eagle II in White Sand Missile Range in New Mexico. Andrew and his wife, Ashleigh, are expecting their first child this fall.

'97 **Patricia Coppolino**, B.S., environmental chemistry, has recently joined Ross Environmental Associates, Inc. in Stowe, Vt. She will be responsible for managing environmental site assessments, remediation projects, and OSHA training programs. Patricia is a certified OSHA trainer.

Matthew P. Johnson, B.A., English, was promoted to lieutenant in the Fall River Fire Department on October 4, 2002.

'99 **David Streat**, B.S., industrial technology, will retire from the Air Force after 20 years of service. He will reside in Belleville, Ill., with his wife, Brenda.

Marriages

'92 **Erica C. Levis**, B.A., arts, to John M. Thorpe on June 15, 2002. Erica is employed by Smash, Inc. in Boston, Mass. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple resides in Brookline, Mass.

'93 **Jeffrey Quinn**, B.S., marine biology, to Stephanie Leuenroth on October 19, 2002. Jeffrey is employed by Rhode Island Hospital Division of Clinical Pharmacology as a research project development assistant. The couple resides in Hope Valley, R.I.

'96 **Todd C. Chase**, B.A., communications, to Joanna C. Procaccini on July 6, 2002. Todd operates Chase Restorations. After a honeymoon in Italy, the couple resides in Killingworth, Conn.

'97 **Heidi Otto**, B.S., marine biology, to Howard Senft on October 5, 2002. Heidi is employed by Environmental Resource Associates. Four Roger Williams alumni were in attendance: **Jodie York**, '96, B.S., marine biology; **Kristen Deckert**, '96, B.S., marine biology; **Kelly (Callahan) O'Neill**, '96, B.S., marine biology; and **Stacey (Foley) Kerere**, '96, B.S., marine biology. The couple resides in Arvada, Colo.

'98 **Daniel A. Ferry**, B.S., mechanical engineering technology, to Margaret A. Byrnes on May 18, 2002. Daniel is employed by Cole-Hersee, Inc. After a honeymoon in Bermuda, the couple resides in Cumberland, R.I.

Silvia Lahrssen, B.S., environmental engineering, to **Paul Burt**, '99, B.S., marine biology, on October 5, 2002, in a civil ceremony at Sakonnet Vineyards in Little Compton, R.I. Silvia is finishing her master of landscape architecture at North Carolina State University. Paul is working on his Ph.D. in oceanography at The College of William & Mary. The couple resides in Gloucester Point, Virginia.

'99 **Michele L. Paris**, teaching certificate, to Matthew T. O'Brien on June 23, 2002. Michele is a teacher for the Providence School Department. They visited Sedona, Ariz., and San Antonio, Texas, on their honeymoon, and reside in Warwick, R.I.

'00 **Bruce A. Tavares**, B.S., criminal justice, to Chassity Leduc on April 13, 2002. Bruce is employed by the city of Fall River. Following a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple resides in Somerset, Mass.

'01 **Nicole Nazario**, B.S., environmental engineering, to **Mark Zuena**, '02, B.S., engineering, on May 25, 2002. Nicole is a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and Mark is employed as an engineer. After a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple resides in Maryland.

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Births

'83 **Cy and Pascal Ring** Peterson, on July 30, 2002, to **Elizabeth Ring**, B.A., liberal arts, and husband, Erik. The twins are the couple's first children.

'87 **Sawyer Matthew Busny**, on October 8, 2002, to **Marc Busny**, B.S., business administration, and his wife.

'89 **Kevin James Tucker**, on February 28, 2002, to **Karen Marie (Fardy) Tucker**, B.S., marketing, and her husband, Douglas. Kevin is the couple's first child. The family resides in Northboro, Mass.

'90 **Sean Thomas Ryan**, on September 16, 2002, to Peter D. Ryan, B.S., electrical engineering, and his wife, Lynda. Sean is the couple's second child.

Alyssa Nicole, on July 23, 2002, to **Stephen Drab**, B.S., accounting, and his wife, Lori. Alyssa is the couple's second child.

Lilly Emma, on April 18, 2002, to **Jodi (Taubman) Heller**, B.S., marketing and her husband, Allan. Lilly is the couple's first child.

'91 **Kelly Littler**, on April 27, 2002, to **Monica M. (Maurizi) Littler**, B.S., business administration, and her husband, Stuart. Kelly is welcomed by her older brother, Charlie.

Joshua Paul Allan, on May 12, 2002, to **Meg (Ryan) Allan**, B.A., business administration, and her husband, Paul. Joshua joins older sister, Hannah.

Anna Reese, on January 21, 2002, to **Andrew Wilkinson**, B.S., architecture, and his wife, Jill. Anna is the couple's first child.

Lucas Barnes, on October 12, 2002, to **Lynda Barnes**, B.S., business administration, and her husband, Mark. Lucas is the couple's first child.

Illiana Jacqueline Eufemia Britto on June 25, 2002, to **Danielle (Lataille) Britto**, '91, B.S., paralegal studies, and J.D., **Ralph R. Papitto** School of Law, and her husband, Robert. Illiana was welcomed by her older sister, Isabel, 4, and her brother, Isiah, 1 1/2.

Courtney and Riley Delehanty on July 2002 to **Sarah (Adams) Delehanty**, B.A., communications, and her husband, **Patrick Delehanty**, B.Arch., architecture. They join big sisters Annie, age 5, and Lilly, age 3.

'92 **Wyatt Huggins**, on August 28, 2002, to **Marshall Huggins**, B.S., business administration, and his wife, Martha. Wyatt joins his older brother, Liam.

'93 **John Alexander**, on July 3, 2002, to **Wendy (Jentoft) Peregoles**, B.S., psychology, and her husband, John. His older sister, Jordan, 2, welcomed John.

Logan James, on September 26, 2002, to **Craig Rogers**, B.S., business administration, and his wife, Karen. Logan is the couple's first child.

James William LePage, on December 27, 2001, to **Mark R. LePage**, AIA, B.A., architecture, and his wife, Annmarie. James is the couple's first child.

'94 **Sydney Elaine Horn**, on June 16, 2002, to **Heather (Kain) Horn**, B.S., business administration, and her husband, Jim. Sydney is the couple's first child.

Liam Wade Cooney on August 10, 2002, to **Patrick Cooney**, B.S., history and his wife, **Tabitha (Grinold) Cooney**, '96, B.S., marketing. Liam is the couple's first child.

'95 **John David Manocchio**, on April 8, 2002, to **Alicia (Calarese) Manocchio**, B.A., communications, and her husband, **David Manocchio**, B.Arch., architecture. John is the couple's first child.

Elijah Robin Leighton, on June 5, 2002, to **Amie (Bourassa) Leighton**, B.Arch., architecture, and her husband, **Eric Leighton**, B.Arch., architecture. Elijah is the couple's first child.

Jackson Thomas, on July 27, 2002, to **Kristy (Mondo) Swinarski**, B.S., administration of justice, and her husband, Mark. Jackson is the couple's first child.

M. Owen Murray on August 9, 2002, to **Matthew Murray**, B.S., business administration, and his wife, **Kelly (Rooney) Murray**

'96, B.S., marketing. M. Owen is the couple's first child.

'97 **Liam Eric McCabe**, on June 7, 2002, to **Veronica (Robles) McCabe**, B.S., paralegal studies, and her husband, Eric. Liam is the couple's first child.

Madeline Mae Johnson, on July 17, 2002, to **Matthew P. Johnson**, B.A., English, and his wife, Melissa. Madeline is the couple's first child.

Deaths

'73 **Gregory J. Roch**, B.S., died June 22, 2002. He was the husband of Elaine M. (Menna) Roch. Mr. Roch was an appraiser for 11 years with his brothers for Roch Appraisal Co. He also coached soccer for 20 years with both the Coventry Soccer Association and also the Coventry High School girl's soccer team. Mr. Roch was the founder and past president of the West Warwick Volleyball league, which was established in 1970. He was the leagues' longest-playing participant. His wife, his father, Marcel J. Roch; three sons, Gregory J. Roch II, Matthew J., and Andrew J.P. Roch; two daughters, Ellen-Ann T. and Sara V. Roch; two brothers, Gerald M. and James R. Roch; and two sisters, Karen A. Richardson and Barbara L. Roch, survive him.

Robert Emerich Seltzer, B.S., architecture/civil engineering, died June 30, 2002, at home. He was the son the late Robert Light and Violet (Ruhl) Seltzer. Mr. Seltzer was an electrical engineer for GE and Electric Boat for most of his life. He served on the Coventry Town Council in 1976. He was an airborne radar operator in the Navy from 1952-1956. A daughter, Ivy Marie Senerchia; two sons, Robert Emerich and John George Seltzer; two sisters, Ellen Nora King and Sara Ann Daubert; a brother, James Edward Seltzer; and six grandchildren survive him. He was the brother of the late Evelyn May and George Henry Seltzer.

Valerie (Kamph) Taylor, B.A., philosophy, died August 15, 2001. She was the wife of William Taylor and the daughter of Beatrice and Frederick Kamph. Mrs. Taylor was a Professor at Palomar College and a member

of the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, and the Rancho Bernardo New England Club. In addition to her husband and parents, two sons, Stephen, and Bruce Taylor; two daughters, Stacey Taylor and Kristen Linn; a brother, Kurt Kamph; and four grandchildren survive her.

'75 **John H. Stewardson**, Jr., B.A., Interdivision, died on June 4, 2002. He was the husband of Ruth Shirley (Gill) Stewardson. Mr. Stewardson was a World War II Navy veteran of the Pacific. He joined the New Bedford Fire Department after his Navy service in the 1970s. He was among the first city firefighters to complete requirements for an associate's degree in fire science. For a time, he taught fire science at Bristol Community College and Sunday school at Wesley United Methodist Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Sharon Hennessy; a son, John Stewardson; three grandchildren, Barry and Gary Garcia and Christopher Hennessy; four step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Donald and Kenneth Stewardson.

'76 **Timothy F. Tucker**, B.S., accounting, died on August 13, 2002. He was the husband of Gloria (Fox) Tucker and the son of Donald O. Tucker. Mr. Tucker worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 16 years. He had also been a claims adjuster for Amica and Metropolitan Life Insurance Companies. He was a veteran of the Naval Reserve and a longtime parishioner of St. James Church, North Providence, R.I. Besides his wife and father, he is survived by a son, Brett Tucker.

'79 **Steven G. Bornstein**, A.A., liberal arts, died June 1, 2002. He was the husband of Janet Marie (Souza) Bornstein and the son of Alan and Ruth (Bloom) Bornstein. Mr. Bornstein was a technical service specialist at Creative Materials in Tyngsboro, Mass. Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a son and daughter, Mikhalah and Jeremy Bornstein; two brothers, Jay and Eric Bornstein; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

'80 **Ralph Hudak**, B.S., electrical engineering technology, died June 12, 2002. Mr. Hudak was a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the Seabees. He had been employed by the Massachusetts Electric Company of Attleboro, Mass., in the overhead line department before retiring. Two sons, Matthew and Andrew Hudak; a sister, Catherine Phelps; two brothers, Ronald and Michael Hudak; and nieces and nephews survive him.

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For many years, big business and its allies have conducted a propaganda campaign designed to persuade America that its civil justice system is out of control. Their successful strategy has been to paint a portrait of a Mad Hatter world of avaricious lawyers, fluff-headed jurors, and wacky judges.

Yet this portrayal is untrue, and it's having disturbing consequences.

It is telling, for example, that on Sept. 12—the day after the terrorist's attacks—the airline industry was already lobbying Congress to immunize it from potential lawsuits. The airlines had reason to worry, since they controlled security at the airports used by the hijackers—Logan, Newark, and Dulles—and had selected and supervised the private companies that performed passenger screening there.

Some airline officials knew that one of the companies had recently pleaded guilty to staffing security checkpoints with untrained employees, some of whom had criminal records, and that federal regulators testing airport systems had been able to breach security 117 times within four months, succeeding on 68 percent of their attempts.

Whether lax security made the hijackings possible or, if it did, whether the airlines should be held liable, are questions no one could have attempted to answer responsibly on Sept. 12. Why then did the airlines think—correctly as it turned out—that they could lobby for immunization from lawsuits? Why didn't they expect that their actions—while families did not know whether their loved ones were alive or dead and a stunned nation was still trying to determine what had happened and why—would be viewed as premature and selfish?

The airlines calculated that they could lobby widely and effectively because they knew that the propaganda campaign—through organizations such as the American Tort Reform Association, which large corporations have established and funded for this purpose—had been getting results.

Americans no longer believed that the courts could be trusted to act responsibly. And if that were true, then it would seem sensible for the airlines to have acted before lawyers could begin shifting

responsibility from terrorists to airlines. Once lawsuits were filed, the airlines would be at the mercy of a system wildly out of control.

This portrait has been skillfully painted by stories of courts reaching inane results. The most infamous tort case involves a woman who won a \$2.9 million jury verdict against McDonald's after burning herself with a cup of hot coffee. She had purchased coffee at the restaurant's drive-thru window, put the cup between her legs to remove the cover, and spilled it.

But let's look carefully at this case. The trial evidence showed that McDonald's served its coffee between 180 and 190 degrees Fahrenheit while coffee made at home is between 130 and 140 degrees, and that over the past 10 years the company had received 700 reports of patrons severely burning themselves with its coffee. The 79-year-old woman suffered third degree burns and spent eight days in the hospital undergoing skin grafts. It took her two years to recover, and 16 percent of her body was permanently scarred.

Before trial, the woman offered to settle for \$10,000, but McDonald's refused. So she proceeded to trial asking for compensatory damages—based on the difference between the injuries she would have suffered if she had spilled 140-degree coffee and injuries caused by McDonald's coffee—and punitive damages. The jury awarded \$200,000 in compensatory damages; the rest was punitive damages to punish McDonald's for selling super-heated coffee. The judge found that McDonald's was guilty of wanton and callous conduct, but nevertheless reduced the punitive award to \$480,000. And because the jury found the plaintiff 20 percent responsible for her injuries, her compensatory award was reduced by 20 percent to \$160,000. McDonald's appealed, but settled the case before the appellate court reviewed it.

The trade publication *Tea & Coffee Journal* stated, "Regardless of your views on the legal system... the incidents of people spilling hot coffee on themselves raise issues that the coffee industry needs to be aware of and take very seriously." Wendy's reevaluated its hot chocolate, sold mostly to children at a scalding 180 degrees, and decided to suspend selling that product until it could lower the temperature.

As research for a book I wrote recently about the civil justice system, I sent letters to a number of national fast-food chains inquiring about the temperature of their hot beverages and whether they made changes after the McDonald's case. None answered my question.

So I dispatched my research assistant to eight local McDonald's, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts, and Wendy's restaurants armed with a thermometer and instructions to purchase coffee and hot chocolate and immediately take their temperature. He found no beverage hotter than 157 degrees. Moreover, the hot chocolate at two of the chains was 7 to 9 degrees cooler than their coffee, which suggests they may have made changes that will save people from serious burns.

Rather than being an example of a cockamamie system, therefore, the McDonald's case illustrates how litigation brings to light unreasonably dangerous corporate practices and gives businesses an incentive to correct them. The case is merely the best known of many litigation horror stories. But I have yet to run into one that holds up on careful examination.

The reality is that juries are not as soft-hearted as many people believe. Studies show that jurors approach cases with a moderate antiplaintiff bias. According to one survey, 80 percent of jurors said they believed there are too many frivolous lawsuits, and only one-third believed that most people who file lawsuits have legitimate grievances.

Plaintiffs are currently winning about 30 percent of medical malpractice cases and 40 percent of product liability cases.

There has been significant growth in very large jury verdicts in recent years. About 8 percent of them now exceed \$1 million, and there have been a couple of billion-dollar verdicts. Large verdicts make headlines, but a jury verdict is not the end of a case. Verdicts are subject to review by both the trial judge and appellate courts, and three-quarters of all jury verdicts in excess of \$1 million are reduced or eliminated.

The litigation system is fundamentally sound and needed more than ever. The growth of money in politics has meant a growth in business's ability to work its will in the political branches of government and in the regulatory agencies. It may be no surprise that the Federal Aviation Administration did not ban knives after a Japanese airliner was hijacked at knife-point in 1999 when doing so would have increased security costs and slowed passenger screening. And it is no surprise that Congress welcomed airline lobbyists with open arms on the day after the September 11 attacks when one considers the industry contributed \$12 million to politicians over the past three years.

It was litigation, not regulatory agencies, that drove asbestos from the market. And it was litigation that exposed the hazards of countless products, from exploding Ford Pintos and General Motors pick-up trucks with side-saddle gas tanks to overturning Ford Explorers with Firestone tires. The goal of the propaganda campaign is to make it possible to shield business from lawsuits. Having successfully laid the groundwork, big business is persuading state legislatures and Congress to protect it from having to be held accountable in the courts.

The airlines were only the latest to win special protection. Big business has been lobbying for years at both the state and federal levels to erect or preserve obstacles to citizen lawsuits. One strange example is HMOs. Should someone who has been improperly denied critical medical treatment by an HMO be able to seek redress in the courts? The insurance industry persuaded the Supreme Court that federal legislation designed to protect employee retirement accounts barred lawsuits against HMOs (an interpretation many considered implausible). In large measure, the fight over a Patients' Bill of Rights has been about overturning this interpretation.

Through an inexorable march fueled with large political contributions, big business is steadily pushing back the ability of citizens to bring them to court. Nearly every state has enacted some form of so-called "tort-reform" legislation that is designed to protect business from citizens. Pharmaceutical companies are now on Capitol Hill asking Congress to grant them immunity should there be problems with the vaccines they are selling to the government to help combat bioterrorism.

But granting industry special protection is dangerous. For it is in the courts, and perhaps there alone, that citizens can require business to account for its conduct.

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