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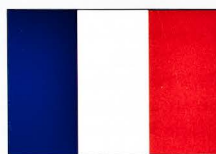
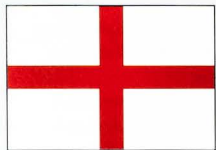
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The Bridge

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY • SPRING 2000



**Study Abroad Programs
Provide New Learning
Experiences**

**A Conversation with
Chancellor Santoro and
President Hagan**

Sailing Team Comes Home

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Academic, cultural, and athletic excursions off-campus, and even off-continent, are becoming an increasingly important and prevalent part of today's Roger Williams University experience. This reflects our recognition that an outstanding faculty and modern teaching and research facilities are necessary, but not sufficient, to prepare young people for the opportunities and challenges they will face after graduation.

The centerpiece articles of this issue describe a new semester-abroad program in Italy ("Go to Grow," p. 12) and a variety of other international educational opportunities ("Not your average learning experience," p. 14). University President Joseph Hagan and Vice President for Academic Affairs Loretta Shelton deserve commendation for establishing the Italy program, located at John Cabot University. President Hagan is Chairman of this institution. Please read the comments of several students who have taken advantage of this program to gain a "complete education."

"Not your average learning experience" describes our London Theater, Cuernavaca/Mexico, European Study, Jamaica, and Architecture Art & Historic Preservation Programs. All are excellent, but one is especially meaningful to everyone in the University community. The Jamaica Program in marine biology was founded by the late Mark Gould, professor of marine biology and director of the Center for Economic and Environmental Development, who died suddenly last year. Mark started the program 15 years ago, and it is part of his multi-faceted legacy, along with a scholarship and faculty chair endowed in his name.

University programs are not the only option for expanding horizons internationally. Recently, an alumna visited Egypt under the People to People Ambassador program, established by President Eisenhower (p. 26).

Professional internships have become an important component of virtually every undergraduate's preparation for the world of work. Although most internships are conducted within 250 miles of campus, and many no farther away than Providence, they complement the classroom and laboratory with their own enlightening perspectives.

The Ralph R. Papitto School of Law conducts a program in London that focuses on the roots of the U.S. Constitution and legal system in English common law. Not to be left out of this trend toward international outreach, the Athletic Department has sponsored matches by the varsity wrestling team in Scandinavia. This spring, Professors Berman and Knight of the Psychology Department led a contingent of undergraduates to a professional symposium in Baltimore (p. 6), where they presented two papers.

Whether the travel is to Europe or Asia, or a manufacturing company in Rhode Island, the students who embark on it not only educate themselves, but bring back to campus ideas and experiences that enrich us all.

Anthony J. Santoro
Anthony J. Santoro
Chancellor

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The value of leavening the undergraduate experience by inviting to campus scholars and experts from diverse fields is one recurrent message of this issue. Another is the necessity of financial aid to make a Roger Williams education broadly available.

At Commencement 2000, one of our nation's most distinguished peacemakers and diplomats, the Honorable Richard

Holbrooke, will address the undergraduates (p. 2), unless President Clinton dispatches him at the last minute to the Balkans, Taiwan, or another hot spot. A distinguished federal judge, the Honorable Rya W. Zobel, will speak to the law school graduates.

The first Mark D. Gould Memorial Lecture was delivered this year by a local ornithologist, and the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences held the Spring 2000 Science/Math and Forensic Science Seminars. (p. 3) These seminars involved scholars from U.R.I. and Harvard School of Public Health, and forensic experts from the U.S. Secret Service.

The School of Architecture, Art, and Historic Preservation hosted artist-sculptor Mary Miss, who combines art, architecture, and design in her outdoors construction. Scholar in Residence David T. Yeomans, Ph.D. and Visiting Professor William Morgan, Ph.D., also spoke under the School's aegis. (p. 5)

Such activity, as well as the basics of a Roger Williams undergraduate education, would be of limited value, however, if only a privileged few could benefit from them. This is why programs such as those described in "Scholarships - The True Gift of Education," by Vice President for University Advancement Christel Ertel, J.D. are vital (p. 11). We all share Vice President Ertel's pride in the 29 percent increase in scholarship funds over the last five years and her determination to continue to build on this record.

Alan Shawn Feinstein, the local philanthropist who has been remarkably generous with this University and others in Rhode Island, has established a matching scholarship in his father's name (p. 3). Starting next fall, the University and a fund established by Mr. Feinstein will each award \$2,000 per year to undergraduate students who have worked to better the lives of others. Feinstein Scholars will receive not only the combined \$4,000 per year, but another \$4,000 upon graduation.

There is much to be proud of in these areas and others in recent years. But that progress is not a reason to relax. Far from it. We remain driven to constant improvement in all areas.

Joseph H. Hagan
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Commencement 2000

Ambassador Holbrooke, Judge Zobel to Speak

The Honorable Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and the Honorable Rya W. Zobel, U.S. District Judge for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will be Commencement speakers for the undergraduate schools and the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law, respectively, on May 20, 2000.

The undergraduate Commencement will take place at 10:00 a.m. and the law school's ceremonies at 3 p.m.

Ambassador Holbrooke led the U.S. negotiation team in the 1994 peace talks in Dayton, Ohio, that achieved a truce in the Balkan civil war and laid the foundation for the Bosnian Muslim-Croat federation. His efforts earned him a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. President Clinton has repeatedly turned to Ambassador Holbrooke for sensitive diplomatic assignments with the Serbs, Bosnians, Chinese, and others. He will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Kati Marton, an international affairs journalist and author of *The Polk Conspiracy: Murder and Cover-Up in the Case of CBS Correspondent George Polk*, will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree. She is married to Ambassador Holbrooke. Three others will receive honorary degrees: The Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Dio-

cese of Providence, honorary doctor of humane letters degree; Ed Cohen, '78, Senior Vice President of Event Bookings and Operations, World Wrestling Federation, honorary doctor of humanitarian service degree; and Sal Alfiero, founder, Chairman, and CEO of Mark IV Industries, honorary doctor of business administration degree.

Bishop Mulvee began his vocation 42 years ago, studying for the priesthood at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Conn. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Manchester, N.H. in 1957. Twenty years later, he became that diocese's First Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop Mulvee left Manchester in 1985 to become the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington. In 1995, he learned he would call the Ocean State his home after Pope John Paul II appointed him Coadjutor Bishop of Providence. In 1997, he became the seventh Bishop of Providence.

Ed Cohen returns to his alma mater 22 years after graduating with a B.S. in business management. As Senior Vice President of Event Bookings and Operations for the World Wrestling Federation, he oversees the scheduling and marketing of all WWF live events around the globe.

Approximately 30 years ago, Sal Alfiero named his fledgling mobile home building business after a cigar. Today that company, Mark IV Industries, based in Amherst, N.Y., is a \$2 billion corporation that produces components for the automotive, transportation and general industrial manufacturing industries.

The Roger Williams University class of 2000 comprises approximately 325 graduates,

with the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences accounting for the single-largest share among full-time students. This will be the first class of the reconstituted School of Architecture, Art, & Historic Preservation, and the graduates will be joined by those from the Gabelli School of Business, School of Justice Studies, School of Engineering, and the University College for Continuing Education.

Chancellor Anthony J. Santoro and President Joseph H. Hagan will officiate for the first time in their new roles, following the creation of the Chancellor's position in January of this year.

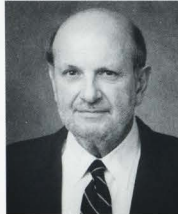
School of Law

Judge Zobel will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at the afternoon exercises, which will confer *juris doctor* degrees on approximately 117 graduates. She earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College and a law degree from Harvard University. After more than 20 years in private practice, she was appointed to her current position by President Carter in 1979.

Most recently, Judge Zobel was the director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. As director, she oversaw the educational program for the entire federal judiciary.

Judge Zobel has served as chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Automation and Technology and was a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on the Operation of the Jury System and the Committee of Judicial Improvements. For two years, she chaired the American Bar Association's National Conference of Federal Judges, and served on Harvard's Board of Overseers.

Harvey Rishikof will preside over the law school Commencement for the first time as Dean, with Chancellor Santoro, who is also President of the law school.



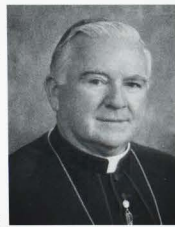
Sal Alfiero



The Honorable Richard Holbrooke



Kati Marton



The Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee



Ed Cohen '78



The Honorable Rya W. Zobel

Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences

Several guest speakers participated in the Spring 2000 Science/Math and Forensic Science seminars, held in the Center for Economic and Environmental Development. Featured speakers and their topics included:

Marilyn Harlin, the University of Rhode Island, "Galapagos Adventures"; **Jim Shine**, Harvard School of Public Health, "Heavy Metals of New Bedford Harbor"; **Marcie Marston and Martine Villalard-Bohnsack**, RWU biology professors, "Much Ado About Algae"; **Robert Nawojchik**, Mystic Marine Life Aquarium, "Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles of Southern New England"; **Kim Opperman-Pacheco**, Erskine College, "Biosensors for Use in Marine Environments: A Glimpse into the Fu-

ture of Environmental Monitoring"; **Maria Medeiros**, Naval Underwater Systems Center, "A Magnesium-Solution Phase Semi-Fuel Cell for Undersea Vehicles"; **Steven Quartino**, IRS agent, "Undercover Operations"; **Steven Woods**, U.S. Secret Service Agent, "Counterfeiting Detection and Other Operations"; **Robin Mackey-Smith**, Forensic Biology Laboratory, "Forensic DNA Analysis"; and **John Enright**, Chief of U.S. Secret Service, "Forensic Facial Reconstruction and Ink Analysis."

• The Center for Economic and Environmental Development (CEED) hosted its first **Mark D. Gould Memorial Lecture Series** in April, honoring the memory of the late professor of biology and director of the CEED. Speaking was **Steven Reinert**, freelance ornithologist, who delivered "Nesting Amid the Tides: Songbird Survival in Southern New England Salt Marshes."



The RWU Feinstein Service Learning Program and the Bristol-Warren School District's "Read for Success" tutoring program co-sponsored the "READING Festival 2000" on April 8. The theme of the festival was "Reading for Exploration and Discovery," and featured local authors, artists and performers. Young students and their families heard storytellers, created their own art, and viewed the latest elementary-age reading materials.



Among those attending the "READING Festival 2000" were, from left, Assistant Dean Marie DiBisio, Senator Jack Reed, and Dean Ron Ambrosetti.



Sixty regional employers interviewed seniors at the annual RWU Career Fair.

Office of Advancement

The University has announced the creation of the Feinstein Matching Scholarship, effective for the Fall 2000 semester. This scholarship is being established to recognize Feinstein scholars who have worked to better the lives of others.

The University will match the Feinstein Scholarship of \$2,000 per year for four years, plus \$2,000 upon graduation. Feinstein Scholars enrolled at RWU will receive a total of \$4,000 per year plus \$4,000 upon graduation.

This scholarship will be extended to both new and currently enrolled students, beginning with the 2000-01 school year.

"This scholarship gives Roger Williams University the opportunity to recognize students with a commitment to making the world a better place," Chancellor **Anthony J. Santoro** stated.

Alan Shawn Feinstein said "I am deeply appreciative of Roger Williams University and Chancellor Santoro for matching the scholarship named in honor of my father. I believe this is the first time any university has given money to students during their college years and after their graduation."

• Two new memorial funds have been established at the University by **Robert Blais**, class of 1970. The memorial funds will honor Professor **John Howard Birss, Jr.**, a former professor at Rutgers University and New York University. Professor Birss was one of the original founders of the Melville Society and was best known for his writings on Herman Melville and Walt Whitman.

The Professor John Howard Birss, Jr., Memorial Book Fund and the Professor John Howard Birss, Jr., Memorial Lecture Fund were established by Mr. Blais as a lasting memorial to Birss, who served as his mentor for many years.

A dedication will take place September 8 at 4:30 p.m. on the University quadrangle, at which time a memorial bench will be dedicated. In February 2001, the 150th anniversary of the writing of *Moby Dick*, the first annual lecture on a topic relating to *Moby Dick* will take place, and books will be added to the University Library collection.

It Is A Small World, After All ... As High School Students Exchange Cultural Experiences

The exchange program for 60 students in three Rhode Island high schools and high schools in the Azores and Cape Verde that took place this spring had as its goal to give students a clearer picture of what life is like in another culture.

According to several participating students the goal was achieved.

Roger Williams University administered the Azores/Cape Verde School Partnership program, having received a \$100,000 federal grant from the U. S. Department of State. Lou Melim, assistant to the vice president of finance, Roger Williams University, and Margaret Church, director of foundation and corporate relations, coordinated the program.

From Azores and Cape Verde

Soccer player Hugo Melo of San Miguel, Azores, is planning to study sports medicine at the University of Lisbon after graduation from high school.

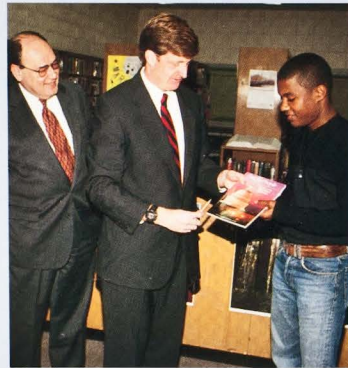
A guest of Michael and MaryKae Wright of Bristol, Hugo attended Mt. Hope High School for



Lou Melim, left, and President Hagan welcome the visitors

the three-week exchange in March as one of 30 Azorean and Cape Verdean high school students. (Professor Wright teaches philosophy at Roger Williams University.)

"I like it here. The schedule is different. Students here have the



U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy presents gifts to the students as Chancellor Santoro looks on.

afternoon free. Back home, we have a two-hour lunch, and we can go home, but we don't have the afternoons off," 17-year old Hugo said. "Our school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. That limits our time to do homework and other activities."

From the start the delegation from the Azores had a true

"learning experience," when their incoming flight was rerouted to Canada due to inclement weather in Boston. The delay of 15 hours without food was offset by the memorable experience of seeing snow for the first time.

In addition to attending classes at Mt. Hope, Portsmouth, and East Providence high schools, the visitors traveled



Sailors art on a wharf in Ponta Delgado, San Miguel, Azores.

to Boston's Museum of Science, New York City, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and Providence Place Mall.

Delegation From Rhode Island

The three weeks ended with tearful promises to "see you soon." And so it was that on March 28 the students and teachers from East Providence High School departed for their three-week stay in Cape Verde and on April 5 the students from Portsmouth and Mt. Hope high schools traveled to the Azores or Cape Verde.



Getting ready to depart. Hugo Mello is in the top row, second from right.

The Wright's son Jay, 11th grader, who visited Hugo's family in San Miguel in April, reported back enthusiastically.

"This place is so beautiful — orange and lemon trees in the yard. You've got to come here. I'm definitely coming back."

Jay's host owns a tourism business. Jay and his friends enjoyed tours of the island conducted by Hugo's dad, eating octopus, and the friendliness of the people.

Lauren Iasiello, a 12th grader at Mt. Hope High School, also went to San Miguel.

"We are free to come and go here. It's a more relaxed atmosphere than at home. The school buildings appear more like a university. And the scenery is absolutely beautiful," she told her mother, Jo-Ann Iasiello, secretary to the RWU Dean of Engineering.

Sarah Chirnside, an 11th grader at Mt. Hope, was particularly impressed with the food in the Azores.

"I'm not homesick like I thought I would be. I loved touring the islands, especially Faial. I'm eating so much. I think I have gained 5 kilos. I hope I can still fit into my prom dress!" she e-mailed her aunt, Donna Flannery, secretary in the RWU Public Relations Department.

While in the Azores and Cape Verde, in addition to attending classes, the American students toured the islands, enjoyed water sports, met with government officials, and visited historic landmarks. (DHD)



Lauren Iasiello and friend on the avenue in Ponta Delgado.

Public Relations and Publications

The Department of Public Relations and Publications recently received high honors in the *Admissions Marketing Report's* 15th Annual Admission Advertising Awards Competition.

The Department earned a gold award for a 1999 commemorative issue of *The Bridge*, the University's alumni magazine. The University's 1998 *President's Annual Report* received a silver award. Merit awards were earned for the School of Justice Studies master's program catalog and the University's news bulletin, *EVENTS*.

Producing the winning entries were: Dorothea Hesse Doar, APR, director of Public Relations and Publications; Peter Broomhead, art director/designer; and John Klitzner, associate editor.

School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation

Several guest lecturers and artists recently visited the School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation. They included:

• Artist/sculptor Mary Miss, who delivered a "Gallery Talk" on March 9. The School also presented the exhibit "Mary Miss: An Artist Working in the Public Domain," which ran through the month of March in the School of Architecture's Main Gallery.

A native of New York, Miss is best known for her outdoor constructions, which are imbued with a strong sense of the architectural. Over the past 30 years, she has presented projects that call into question commonly accepted notions of spatial relationships, constructed forms, and the meaning of location.

Her work has been exhibited at Harvard's Fogg Museum, the Institute for Contemporary Art in London, and Battery

Park City's South Cove. Among her numerous honors are the Guggenheim Fellowship in 1986, the American Institute of Architects Medal of Honor in 1990, and several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.



• A lecture and book signing by William Morgan, Ph.D., visiting professor of architecture, held April

Dr. Morgan's lecture was on the work of Mikko Heikkinen and Markku Komonen.

Helsinki architects who direct the leading modernist firm in Finland. Monacelli Press recently published *Heikkinen+Komonen*, edited by Dr. Morgan. The book is part of Monacelli's "Works in Progress" series on leading contemporary designers.

Heikkinen and Komonen are well known in Europe for such commissions as the European Film College in Ebeltoft, Denmark, and the Finnish Fire and Rescue Training School in Kuopio. Their only American work, the Embassy of Finland in Washington, D.C., was named by *Architectural Record* as the "best new building in Washington in 50 years."

Dr. Morgan, who has taught at Princeton and the University of Louisville, has written extensively on the art and architecture of Finland.

• Professor David T. Yeomans, Ph.D., Scholar-in-Residence in the School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation, delivered "A Cultural History of Structure" on April 12. A distinguished scholar, historian, engineer and historic preservationist, Dr. Yeomans (of Manchester, England) is currently Senior Research Fellow at the University of Liverpool, where he supervises doctoral students. Since 1996, he has served as the British Representative on the ICOMOS International Committee for Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage.

During his stay as Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Yeomans participated in a panel on timber framing at the 15th annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. He also visited and participated in historic preservation classes at the University in April.



University College

Roger Williams University has announced that University College will now house two distinct entities — the Open College and the Metropolitan College.

"We can now frame a clearer mission and a more strategic set of objectives for both programs that will further strengthen our commitment toward non-traditional students, lifelong learning, and expanded, innovative educational programming," said Vice President of Academic Affairs **Loretta Shelton**.

The Open College will be headed by **Dean John Stout**. Dean Stout previously served as dean of the University College. He earned a B.A. degree from Dickinson College, an M.A. degree from Northeastern University, and an M.P.A. degree from Nova University.

The Metropolitan College will be headed by **Dean David Gingerella**. Dean Gingerella previously served as dean of Student Finance and Records. He earned a B.S. degree from Roger Williams University and

an M.B.A. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

• The Advisory Boards of the University Colleges for Continuing Education granted the 2000 Mary E. Finger "Adult Learner Award" to Ms. **Linda M. Rogers**, a recent Metropolitan College student who graduates summa cum laude in May with a B.S. degree in accounting.

The award is given annually to a student with a record of strong academic performance, as well as life and career experiences which reflect a concern for and sensitivity to the improvement of the human condition.

Ms. Rogers is employed full time as a payroll manager at St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Mass., and works part-time as a financial advisor. She plans to pursue her interests in genealogy and is considering graduate school following Commencement.

Her accomplishments required "a lot of prioritizing, and education has to be among the highest priorities if one is going to achieve the goal of acquiring a degree," Ms. Rogers noted.



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Conferences

Philip Smith, director of Conferences, recently participated as a speaker and panel member at the Religious Conference Manager Association's 28th meeting in Dallas, Texas. The presentation provided professional conference planners with information regarding the advantages of utilizing a college campus for meetings, retreats and camps.

Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences

• **Timothy Scott**, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology and director of the Center for Economic and Environmental Development (CEED), has been appointed Forest C. Lattner Professor. This three-year appointment is effective July 1.

In making the announcement, President Joseph H. Hagan commended Dr. Scott for ensuring the goals of CEED, as well as his deep commitment to both student and personal research, his effectiveness as an undergraduate teacher and mentor, and his concern that the highest quality of education in the sciences be available to all students.

These elements of Dr. Scott amply "reflect the values of Forrest Comer Lattner, who during his life and later through the foundation that bears his name, worked to benefit society through education," President Hagan said.

Dr. Scott earned an A.A.S. degree from Suffolk Community College, and B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from State University of New York, Stony Brook.

• **June Speakman**, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, recently authored a chapter for the book *We Get What We Vote For... Or Do We?: The Impact of Elections on Governing*, edited by Paul Scheele and published by Praeger.

Her chapter, titled "A Different Voice?: Gender and Political Advertising," detailed Dr. Speakman's research of the portrayals of women in political advertisements — as candidates, voices and actors. Her research included viewing more than 1,000 ads from various political campaigns.

"One rarely hears a women's voice over an advertisement. Political consultants and ad people believe that a male voice conveys more authority when selling political candidates," said Dr. Speakman. "Also, female candidates are portrayed in predictable ways. They hardly ever appear with their spouses, and their ads often portray an image of toughness and familiarity with men's issues, such as defense and the budget."

Dr. Speakman earned a B.A. degree from the University of Massachusetts, an M.A. degree from the New School for Social Research, and a Ph.D. degree from the City University of New York.

• Two professors and several students from the Department of Psychology recently presented two papers at papers at a meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, held in Baltimore, Md.

The paper "Does Content Really Matter in Victim Impact Statements? Effects of Relevant and Irrelevant Information on Mock-Jury Sentencing Recommendations in Capital Cases," was co-authored by: **Garrett L. Berman**, Ph.D., professor of psychology; **Kim Knight**, Ph.D., professor of psychology; and undergraduate psychology majors **Karen Kazarosian**, senior, Newton, Mass., and **Tesia Galarneau**, junior, Durham, Maine.

The paper "Relationship of the Connected and Separate Epistemologies to Social Awareness" was presented by Dr. Knight and co-authored by Dr. Berman and undergraduate psychology major **Amanda Allard**, senior, Newport, Vt.

Also, Dr. Knight presented a paper titled "Relationship of Connected and Separate Knowing to Identity Style" at the meeting. The paper was co-authored by Ms. Galarneau and **Rachael Whitworth**, junior, Newport, R.I.

• The Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by the University's Creative Writing Program, welcomed three guest speakers to campus in the Spring 2000 semester.

Dennis Must, an accomplished writer whose plays have been performed Off-Broadway, spoke on April 27. His work has been published in *Rosebud*, Red Hen Press' *Blue Cathedral*, *Short Fiction for the New Millennium* anthology and *Writer's Forum*, in addition to many other print and on-line

journals. He was awarded First Place in *The Alsop Review's* 1999, *Taproot Literary Journal's* 1998, and *The Oval's* 1996 fiction contests.

There was also a special Alumnae Reading held on May 3, featuring RWU graduates **Liz Trimbach**, class of 1995, and **Cynthia Elder**, class of 1986.

Ms. Trimbach first attended Roger Williams College in 1982. After leaving school to start a family, she returned years later to graduate in 1995 with a B.F.A. in creative writing. Since then, Liz has continued in her work as a full-time mother of four and poet. She also considers herself an amateur student of anthropology, and hopes to resume more formalized studies soon, either in pursuit of this interest or of an M.F.A. degree in writing.

Ms. Elder works as a freelance writer for non-profit organizations and continues to pursue her "lifelong love of poetry between diapers and dishes." Her poems have appeared in *Calliope*, *Plainswoman*, *The Dog River Review*, *The Allegheny Review*, and other publications. She received a B.A. degree with a double major in creative writing and career writing from Roger Williams College in 1986.

• The Alive! Arts Series welcomed the dance company "nicholasleichterdance" during the Spring 2000 semester. **Nicholas Leichter**, artistic director of the group, has taught dance throughout the United States and in Belgium, and has been artist-in-residence at several U.S. colleges and universities. Leichter currently serves as a faculty member at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He earned a B.A. degree in dance from Connecticut College.

Library

Elizabeth Peck Learned was appointed Interim Dean of Academic Services at Roger Williams University. Dean Learned is responsible for the day-to-day operations of all undergraduate libraries and services at the University. Dean Learned previously served as professor of library/ librarian in the School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation. She earned B.A. and M.L.S. degrees from Indiana University.

Office of Bursar

The Office of the Bursar recently announced two promotions within the department.

Deborah Sylvia has been appointed bursar. She previously served as assistant to the dean of Student Finance and Records.

Kimberly Almeida has been appointed assistant bursar. She previously served as student loan and collection coordinator.

School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation

Ulker B. Copur, Ph.D., has been named Interim Assistant Dean for the School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation. She previously served as professor of architecture. Dean Copur earned a B.Arch. degree from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, an M.Arch. degree from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University.

University College

David A. Gingerella, dean, Metropolitan College, recently spoke at the 14th National Conference for College & University Bursars, Cashiers & Treasury Managers, held in Palm Springs, Calif. The conference is the premier event in higher education for bursars, cashiers and treasury managers. More than 200 private, public and proprietary colleges, universities, trade and technical schools from throughout the U.S. participated.

Dean Gingerella, a member of the conference's Advisory Group, spoke on "The Strategic Management Process," which detailed the opportunities within daily functions that can benefit from the use of strategic management and planning using a standardized SWOT Analysis format.

A Conversation with Chancellor Santoro and President Hagan

On April 14, 2000,
Christel L. Ertel, Vice President for University Advancement
began the discussion by asking both Chancellor Anthony J. Santoro and
President Joseph H. Hagan ...

"After some 50 years of existence, Roger Williams University has for the first time
utilized this Chancellor/President governance model dictated by
the increasing complexities which were created by the recent dynamic growth of the University.
How have the first three months gone?"

Chancellor Santoro: I believe it has gone rather well. We are still in a transition period, but, don't forget—Joe was working closely with me as Senior Vice President for about 10 months before the decision was made to go to this new administrative structure. The concept is based on the fact that we each bring unique strengths to the University. A university is an interesting and complex entity to lead and manage. Its processes are very fluid. All areas of the University must work together because each segment affects other segments. For example, an academic decision will have a financial impact, a personnel impact, a space impact and a fundraising impact. Virtually all major decisions have interlocking implications among the various University departments.

President Hagan: My first year here gave me the opportunity to learn the administrative details of Roger Williams University and provided me the opportunity to observe and learn Tony's vision and style of management. As a practical matter, we are joined in this venture because we complement each other. We rely on each other and communicate



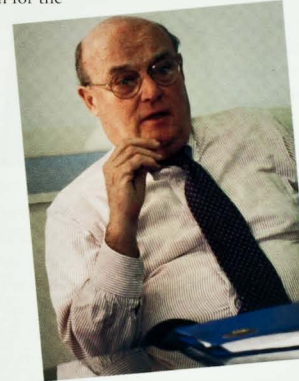
Chancellor Anthony J. Santoro



President Joseph H. Hagan

regularly with each other. There is no bright line that differentiates our positions. Rather it depends on the issue and the level of expertise that we each possess on that issue.

Leadership and management in higher education today is more complex than it has ever been. This dilutes the time that a university leader has to devote to any one matter. Given the recent exciting changes at the University, I find the more focussed description for the



President's role entirely appropriate so that the University does not lose its momentum. Under this new governance model, I, as President, will be able to concentrate almost exclusively on day-to-day internal operations of the University. I will have more time, under this new model, to concentrate on detailed issues, more opportunity to review internal procedures and to respond to key issues. Certainly there will be even more time to see students on campus and more opportunity for a presidential presence at official University functions. Also, in an effort to both facilitate communication and ensure that I am in touch with all that is occurring on campus, I have established weekly meetings with all senior administrative staff, which has proven quite successful. Since I have only held the new position for three months, the actual job responsibilities are still evolving.

Chancellor Santoro: Joe is right. Communication is the key to our success with this new model. Yet, the bottom line is that Joe is ultimately responsible for day-to-day operations of the University—internal management—if you will. I am primarily charged with external aspects of the University, such as admissions, strategic growth and fundraising. But as a practical matter, Joe and I lead the Uni-

versity together under this Chancellor/President model—we operate as a team but are accountable for separate areas.

VP Ertel: Chancellor Santoro, as was announced in the last issue of *The Bridge*, Roger Williams University has accomplished so much in the last decade. What do you prize as perhaps the most significant accomplishments?

I believe the true success of Roger Williams University has been the increase in quality across the board. In the last decade, the University has enhanced the quality of its faculty, of its students, of its research and curricular offerings and of its physical plant. That means, of course, that the quality of the academic programs generally has improved dramatically as well. Additionally, our current roster of friends and donors of the University is more impressive than ever.

VP Ertel: Chancellor Santoro, how was all of this accomplished?

Well, through a variety of ways. By establishing the University Core Curriculum, by raising admissions standards and creating special programs such as the Honors Program, by raising minimum credential standards for new faculty hires, by adding bricks and mortar to campus, by creating projects and incentives geared to increase the interest in faculty-driven research, by improving student retention rates, and most certainly, by benefitting from the hard work of a very dedicated faculty and staff here at Roger Williams.

VP Ertel: President Hagan, you spent 20 years as President of Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. before joining the Roger Williams University family. What do you see as the greatest assets at Roger Williams University currently, and what areas have you targeted for strengthening under your watch as President?

From the moment I stepped on campus last year, I was struck by the energy that emanated from faculty, staff and students. These are dynamic, exciting times at Roger Williams, and it is palpable. This is very impressive because this type of environment is conducive for a University to reach even greater heights. Folks had shared with me the fact that during my absence from Rhode Island, Roger Williams had become a rising star; "a University on the move" is the

phrase people used both within the University family and in the community-at-large. All this translates into great assets such as: talented leadership, creative and involved faculty, a bright and caring student body and a place that has the ability to implement significant initiatives quickly. Other great assets that Roger Williams enjoys includes its terrific location on the shores of the beautiful Narragansett Bay, its small size and its strong reputation.

I don't really see anything major that would qualify as a weakness at the University. However, I do believe that, given its recent dynamic growth, it is critical to have excellent lines of communication both between administration and faculty and students and administration. Also, I plan to encourage greater coordination between departments through a more elaborate planning process. Newly instituted standing meetings and forums have met with early success in strengthening this area.

VP Ertel: Chancellor Santoro, the University has experienced tremendous growth recently, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Do you see this continuing in the next decade?

While I do not foresee the same degree of quantitative growth for Roger Williams University in the next decade as we had in the 1990s, I do have expectations for continued qualitative growth. For example, our



rate of physical growth (i.e. new/renovated buildings) will slow, and I also expect that we will always be a small liberal arts school supporting an array of professional programs. We will, of course, continue to maintain high admissions standards and strive to attract top-notch faculty. Most

certainly, we will concentrate on achieving national accreditation for as many academic programs as possible. We will look closely at every program to determine how it answers the needs of contemporary society.

As we address the need to educate today's youth in a shrinking global environment, we will continue to enhance our off-campus learning experience, including study abroad. Ideally, I would like to see every junior spend a semester or two off campus in an educational endeavor.



VP Ertel: As Chancellor, the primary thrust of your appointment is to allow you to focus on the future of Roger Williams University—what is the short-term strategic plan for Roger Williams University?

The short-term strategic plan is a very ambitious one. Primarily, we want to build on the recent momentum that we have created. All our effort will be directed toward the near-term goal of expanding the University's reputation, both regionally and nationally. With Joe minding the store on campus, I will now have the opportunity to spend even more time interacting with prominent leaders both in our community and on the national front. And I intend to focus on fundraising efforts to address the needs of the University. Specifically, in the short-term, the University will continue to work toward gaining national accreditation in specific disciplines such as: School of Business (AACSB), School of Engineering (ABET & ACCE), Chemistry (ACS) and Elementary and Secondary Education (NASDTEC). As I mentioned earlier, we are currently in the process of evaluating most of our academic programs with the goals of further strengthening those disciplines and identifying expansion opportunities for graduate programs. I am very interested in finding

new and better ways to attract nationally known academics to Roger Williams University, as well. Of course, further integrating technology in both the delivery of our educational package and in our administrative infrastructure is vital to the future growth of the University. Finally, efforts are underway to study space needs on the Fulton Campus in Bristol.

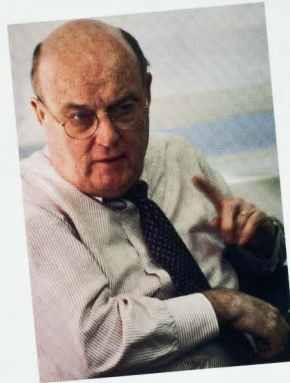
VP Ertel: Although many academicians find little or no correlation between the true quality of a college education and its ranking in *U.S. News & World Report*, few argue that the reliance upon this publication by parents and students when making college selections is very strong. With that in mind, Roger Williams University has advanced in those rankings each of the last four years, with Roger Williams University named for two consecutive years to the top tier. What do each of you believe to be the primary reasons for the top tier rankings in *U.S. News & World Report*?

Chancellor Santoro: Whatever you may think of *U.S. News & World Report*, the reality is that it represents an objective, unbiased, disinterested review of an institution in context with other similar educational institutions. I also think the fact that Roger Williams University has been consistently bumped up in the rankings is a very significant achievement.

President Hagan: It certainly is quite an accomplishment. I know of no other school that can boast such a meteoric rise in such a short period of time.

Chancellor Santoro: You asked about the key reasons for the top tier ranking, and I would like to speak to that. *U.S. News & World Report* has a variety of factors that they consider in determining ranking such as: freshmen retention rate; faculty/student ratios; SAT percentile and alumni giving rate. We have excelled in these areas in recent years. For example, our median SAT score rose from 860 to 1064 in a recent three year period and the percentage of alumni giving to Roger Williams University increased 57 percent in a recent three year period. We are very proud of these accomplishments, especially because statistics such as these exceeded short-term goals that we set for ourselves in the early 1990s. The *U.S. News & World Report* ranking results were an added bonus to our overall efforts here at Roger Williams University.

President Hagan: The overall increase in the reputation of the University, that I referred to earlier, also contributed to the top



tier rankings. You are correct that parents and students have taken notice. Of course, they don't make their final decision to attend Roger Williams University because of this fact, but they are taking a closer look at us, and we are very pleased about that, both because we know what a fine school we are and how pleased our students are with the education that they experience here.

VP Ertel: Chancellor Santoro, one unfortunate fact about higher education in the last decade or so has been the escalating cost of tuition, especially at private colleges such as Roger Williams University. What resources do you believe are critical to acquire and to deliver a top quality education at Roger Williams University in the 21st century and what alternatives are you exploring other than raising tuition to meet those needs?

I have, on numerous occasions, expressed the concern that costs for a college education are escalating beyond the capacity to pay for most Americans. This, compared with inadequate federal assistance, adversely affects access to higher education for many deserving Americans. And, it comes at a time when success—financial, at least—is inextricably entwined with a college degree. That said, we must do a better job in raising money other than tuition for grants, scholarships and loans from the Roger Williams University family, especially those who have benefitted from financial assistance in the past. The cost of education must be borne by society as a whole if we are to maintain our way of life. It benefits no one if higher education is available only to the worthy few. ♦

Scholarships – The True Gift of Education

By Christel L. Ertel
Vice President for University Advancement

As we approach the close of the 1999-2000 academic year at Roger Williams University, we look toward commencing the Class of 2000. This is an especially exciting time on campus because we—the faculty, staff and administration—have witnessed the growth and development of these talented students both personally and intellectually. They will soon join or re-enter the workforce equipped with the necessary tools to work as competent, productive members of society or go on to elite graduate schools.

As the University is about to graduate these highly talented students, I reflect upon the progress of scholarship opportunities that have become available to benefit our students. The number of available scholarship funds at Roger Williams University has increased 29 percent over the past five years as a result of our Scholarship Initiative. Even so, Roger Williams has fewer scholarship funds than comparable universities.

We are well aware that the award of scholarships to deserving students may reward and inspire them to reach greater academic heights and may provide some the opportunity to obtain a high quality education that would not be possible without the financial assistance that a scholarship provides. Additionally, scholarships play an important role in attracting worthy students to Roger Williams University.

We are proud of our tradition of providing scholarships to worthy students and are truly thankful and most appreciative to the generous benefactors who have made our existing scholarship programs possible. Recently, the University was pleased to establish the *Lincoln W.N. Pratt Memorial Scholarship*. The fund was established by his wife, *Mary Pratt*, in memory of *Lincoln W.N. Pratt*, who served on the University Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1998. Beginning in fall 2000, the scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in good academic standing who has a keen interest in music.

Some scholarship funds have been established to honor the memory of those who were part of the University family.



Attending a luncheon for the 1999-2000 Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Inc. scholarship recipients at Roger Williams University are (from left) Christel Ertel, Vice President for University Advancement; Richard Crafton, student scholarship recipient; Glen Hoyle, Regional Manager, Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Inc.; Liz Boland (seated), Manager, Roger Williams University Bookstore; and Amanda Hartford, student scholarship recipient. Other Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Inc. scholarship recipients not pictured are Tara Spilman and Amanda Allard. We thank Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Inc. for their annual scholarship support.

Some have been in existence for many years and any interested individual can add to the funds. As a result, the principal increases resulting in proportionately larger awards to students in the future. One such scholarship, the *Diane Drake Memorial Scholarship*, was established in 1980 in memory of Roger Williams University student, *Diane Drake*, who was an administration of justice major. Another scholarship, the *Michele Cron Yeaton '80 Memorial Scholarship*, was established in 1998 by *Tim Yeaton '80* to honor the memory of his wife, *Michele*. Due to the generosity of Mr. Yeaton, this endowed scholarship is awarded annually to a student majoring in business. These scholarships continue to benefit deserving Roger Williams University students.

Additionally, an annual gift of less than \$10,000 may be used to establish a *gift-supported* scholarship that the donor can name. Some of our generous corporate partners that provide annual gift-supported scholarships for deserving Roger Williams University

students are Citizens Bank, The Providence Journal Company and Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Inc., to name a few.

Last year, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation funded the *William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund for African American and Latino Undergraduate Students* at the University. This scholarship will be awarded annually to African American and Latino undergraduate students at the University with a preference toward students enrolled in the *Bridge to Success* program. Another recently established scholarship, the *Idalia Whitcomb Scholarship for Freshmen Students*, is awarded annually to incoming freshman students majoring in fine and performing arts. This scholarship was established by the *Idalia Whitcomb Charitable Trust*.

We congratulate the Class of 2000 and especially those students who are recipients of a scholarship from a generous donor. We applaud those special people and prestigious organizations that know when we give financial support to scholars, we participate in their education and are truly the better for doing so. Thank you for making a difference. ♦

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING SCHOLARSHIPS AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

To set up an everlasting scholarship fund, a minimum gift of \$10,000 (payable in installments) is required to establish an *endowed* scholarship, whereby the principal is invested and only a portion of the interest is awarded annually, thereby ensuring that the scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity. The scholarship name and awarding criteria are left to the discretion of the donor.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship at the University, please contact: Christel L. Ertel, Vice President for University Advancement, Roger Williams University, Office of Development, One Old Ferry Road Bristol, RI 02809-2921, Telephone (401) 254-3204.

"Go to Grow"

Semester Abroad Studies in Italy Program Provides New Growth and Learning Opportunities for RWU Students

By Dorothea Hesse Doar, APR

With the establishment of a Roger Williams University campus in Rome during the 1999-2000 academic year, a unique global experience is now among our academic offerings. The objective is to provide a more "complete education" to all Roger Williams University students, against the background of today's greater global awareness and growing worldwide economy.

"We hope that sometime during every undergraduate's four years here that he or she will spend a semester abroad," says **Loretta Shelton**, vice president for academic affairs. "Ideally, that would take place during the junior year."

Taking advantage of the new Study Abroad in Italy Program this initial year were 100 of our students, with approximately 50 students participating in each of the fall and spring semesters.

"Nothing in the undergraduate experience equals study abroad. Students mature and gain confidence. They return broadened, stimulated and enriched. They become citizens of the world, and they know it. They are more interested and more interesting. And they are more serious, more capable students. It is truly a transformative, extraordinary experience," says Vice President Shelton. "Is any 21st century education complete without study in a foreign country?" she asks.

The Program is offered at John Cabot University (JCU), an American English-speaking university, located in the heart of Rome. RWU faculty and staff are on site and are complemented by JCU's faculty and resources which include a library, design studio and computer lab.

Coordinators of the Program are **Gina Lopardo**, assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and **Dena Castricone**, assistant to the Chancellor.

"The Program prepares the student for the international realities of the 21st century," Ms. Lopardo says. "It affords the participant the familiarity of RWU friends and



Raphael Ayeinea is "in touch with Rome."

programs, and at the same time it offers adventure and the experience of a lifetime that living and studying a different culture brings. We tell students, 'go to grow!'"

"Imagine going to college within sight of the Vatican and in close proximity to the famed art and architecture the entire world reveres," she adds.

Roger Williams University professors and the Program Director teach and oversee the program. In addition, students have access to John Cabot's faculty and staff, all of whom speak English and are credentialed in their respective fields.

Studies include accounting, architecture, art history, business management, computer information systems, economics, English, finance, humanities, Italian, marketing, philosophy, political science, psychology, studio art and theatre. All classes are in English, with the obvious exception of foreign languages.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday, except for Cultures in Contact: *Italia*, which involves travel and instruction on Fri-

day. During this course, students travel extensively throughout Italy to Assisi, Bologna, Naples, Pisa, Pompeii, Ravenna, Siena, Venice and other cities.

Classroom studies are augmented by faculty contact during informal meals, advisement, and field trips throughout Italy to galleries, churches, museum, antiquities, gardens, forums, and piazzas.

According to Vice President Shelton, the program provides an opportunity for the student to complete the Core Concentration requirement. Eligibility for the program is based on four basic criteria:

- (1) The student must have satisfactorily completed required skills and interdisciplinary Core Courses.
- (2) The student must have completed sufficient number of major requirements to ensure timely graduation.
- (3) The student must have attained at least a 2.0 GPA.
- (4) The student must have obtained financial clearance from the Office of the Bursar.

Students and faculty bear witness to the fact that the University has changed the

concept of a complete education into a reality. Program Director **Peter Alfieri** believes every student comes away with greater self-confidence and sophistication as citizens of the world.

"The changes we professors see in the students are very gradual, because we are with them over several months. One of the more obvious changes is their initial shyness to venture out into the city. By the time they leave they are excellent navigators in a sea of buses, cars, and mopeds whizzing about. In no time at all they become acclimated into the culture."

His colleague, Professor **Rico Mallozzi**, speaks further about the students' newfound freedom.

"I have noticed that the students develop a strong initiative for independent travel and exploration. They demonstrate a preference for greater freedom in traveling throughout Italy and Europe. Students find the various cultural experiences highly rewarding. As a result of this semester I have a better understanding of the interests the students have formed, in the context of their educational experience. I have had many opportunities to interact with the students in culturally enriching settings."

Raphael Ayeinea, fifth year architecture major from Guatemala, had been to Italy in the summer of 1998. He returned in fall 1999.

"I was overwhelmed by Rome when I was there before. This time I was more in touch with the city and its people. Also I became better acclimated to public transportation because we commuted to campus. I especially enjoyed conversing with the people," he says.

David Neal, a junior majoring in computer information systems, from Harwich, Massachusetts, also was among the first contingent in Rome during the fall semester.

"Coming out of the subway and seeing the Colosseum was an amazing experience. Everywhere I looked there was a building I had only previously seen in books. Probably the highlight of the trip was the travel, through Italy, France, Germany and Austria. I was pleased to be able to get myself around these places. The experience was the best four months of my life!"

Sharing David's excitement about the historic buildings is fourth year architecture major **Bryan Lamansky**, from Providence, R.I. Bryan's reaction to travel is similar to David's.

"The opportunity to travel all over Europe for a week over spring break was something I don't think I'll ever forget. Five cultures in 10 days. It was absolutely amazing. Having studied famous landmarks and great works of art, and then be able to turn the corner and boom, there's the Pantheon, that's an unforgettable experience," Bryan notes.

"What have I gained from the program? Friends — 55 of them, whom I otherwise might never have known ... many experiences ... and memories for a lifetime. The opportunity to study here was the chance of a lifetime. It's one of the best decisions I've ever made. They say there's no place like home. But also, there's no place like Rome" he adds.

Paige Telfer, a junior majoring in marine biology, from Binghamton, N.Y., spent her fall semester in Rome and wants to go back, this time to Milan and Venice. She was impressed with the Italian people.

"I really like the way we were treated. The people were very helpful, in spite of the difference in the language. As it turns out, the young people are not much different from us. They like the same movies and music. They also enjoy McDonalds and Burger King, although the food is not as fast, and it tastes better."

Food is an important ingredient in the Italian way of life, according to students.

"Don't be surprised if, when you sit down in a restaurant, it takes two hours to eat lunch. They don't rush. Except when they drive," says Bryan.

Sara da Silva, a junior majoring in marine biology, from New Bedford, Mass. was impressed with the academic aspects of the program.

"Professors have high expectations and assign lots of papers and readings. Student-teacher relations are much more formal than in the U.S. For example, students call professors by their formal title. And professors tend to refer to their students by their last name."

"My experience has allowed me to gain insight into a culture I might otherwise not have thought about. By studying a subject that is atypical of my major (marine biology) I am able to look at science from a different perspective. I can perceive how closely intertwined science, religion and philosophy actually are."

"There is a laid back approach to life, even in the city. Italians believe in siestas. Every day the stores and banks close at noon and do not reopen until 3 p.m. or so. Business people are relaxed. It is not uncommon to see a salesperson or a bank teller take a

break, even while there is a line of people waiting to be served."

"Italians believe in taking the time to enjoy the more precious things in life: family, nature, religion, food and sanity. That has caused me to think about my values."

"I spoke with an old man who was born, raised and still lived in a house that overlooked the most gorgeous view of rolling hills, valleys and farmlands that I have ever seen. He lives a simple life in the small village of Montepulciano, Tuscany. This wise man is fortunate to be able to spend his life in this serene landscape, without the worries of morning rush hour traffic. This man looks genuinely content to be alive. As I sat there speaking to him in the broken Italian I acquired over the past few months, I felt the tranquility that his life offered. I reflected on how fortunate I was to be able to remove myself from the hustle-bustle of American life and experience a culture that beats with a much different rhythm."

"As I prepare to establish my adult place in this world, as I choose a career, contemplate where to live, and consider how much of an income I need to support myself, I keep coming back to the notion that as long as I can appreciate the little treasures, the job and paycheck will be secondary to the people and the landscapes, that will measure who I am and determine my own personal happiness," Sara says.

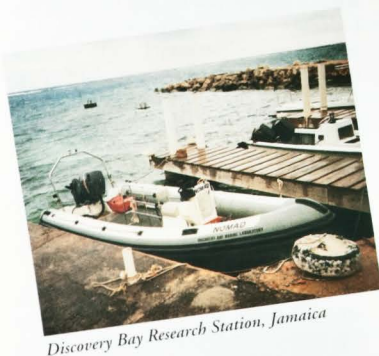
Joshua Nase, fourth year architecture major from Arlington, Vermont, shares Sara's appreciation for a different culture.

"I have been able to submerge myself into a culture vastly different from that of the American way of life. This has given me a chance to see our culture in an entirely new light. The contrast allows me to view both of our cultures with a more educated eye. I have gained a greater understanding of the world around me. In the United States we are more isolated, geographically. Europe is not like that. Perhaps through programs such as this one we can broaden our understanding," Joshua observes.

Before the last half of the 20th century, no education was considered complete unless it involved travel to Europe. In those days only a privileged few enjoyed such an experience. Today, in a internationalized world, study abroad is indispensable. Roger Williams, in providing these programs and making them affordable, embraces the idea that all students should travel abroad as part of their complete, contemporary and competitive undergraduate education. ♦

Not your average learning experience

By John Klitzner



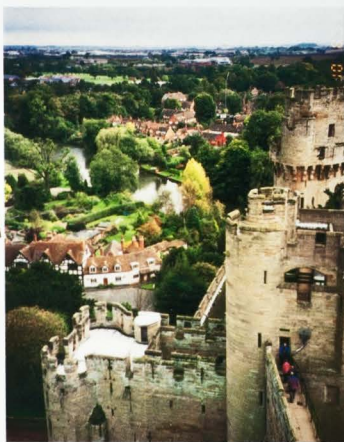
Discovery Bay Research Station, Jamaica

Imagine, as part of your undergraduate studies, touring the ancient ruins of the Parthenon in Greece? Or visiting Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon, followed by an evening performance of the Bard's works at the Globe Theatre?

How about enhancing your business acumen by touring the world headquarters of Mercedes-Benz in Stuttgart, Germany? Perhaps a boat tour down Paris's Seine River followed by a tour of the Louvre Museum?

Maybe you are interested in studying marine biology firsthand by sampling the pristine tropical reefs of Jamaica? Or learning about Mexican hero Emiliano Zapata over dinner with your host family in Cuernavaca, Mexico?

All of these incredible journeys are possible through Roger Williams University's expansive Study Abroad programs. RWU undergraduate students can choose from a wide variety of off-campus programs that offer the chance to experience a culture and people firsthand, not just in the classroom.

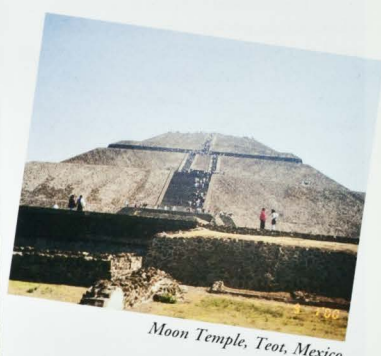


Warwick Castle, Warwick, England

"We claim to be a multi-cultural and diverse society, and therefore, it's vital that our students get out and explore all these possibilities," said Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences Dean **Ronald Ambrosetti**. "As a student, I was able to experience study abroad firsthand by painting and fixing houses in the Appalachian region, and later through my travels in the service. I would hope all our students are able to take advantage of study abroad opportunities."

London Theater Program

One of the most popular Study Abroad programs — and the first off-campus program ever offered at RWU — is the London Theater Program. Founded in 1971 by theater professor **William Grandgeorge**, the London Theater Program has taken hundreds of RWU students through a whirlwind three months of



Moon Temple, Teot, Mexico

English theater, historical sites, cultural experiences and unforgettable memories.

Every two years for a full fall semester, a contingent of about 30 students (mostly theater and dance majors) travels to London for three months of English theater, culture and life. Often interspersed with weekend trips to nearby Scotland and Europe, the London Theater Program has literally changed the lives of numerous RWU students.

"Students see, on a professional level, things they would rarely see in an American classroom setting," said **Jeffrey Martin**, theater professor and faculty guide for the program. "In addition to seeing close to 50 plays and performances, students also visit backstage with cast members and directors, to participate in workshops, and to tour some of the world's most respected theaters."

The London Theater Program provides a full academic program (five courses, 15 credits), in addition to firsthand exposure to some of the world's greatest theater and performing arts. The productions that students view is a healthy mix of modern theater, European the-



Globe Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, England

ater and American theater. One night you may take in a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican Theatre, the next night could feature a performance of "Cats" at the New London Theatre.

This daily interaction with London's finest — from directors and actors to stagehands and designers — leaves a lasting impression on all who have participated. Students gain a better understanding of their own role in the theater, and what their future profession is like.

"Getting to meet London's professional actors and directors was the most valuable to me," said **Gina D'Accario '01**, a theater major from Linfield, Pa. "The program allowed me to see what it's like to be in a professional environment, inside and out. You really get to live it and do it."

Gina was one of four RWU theater students who were asked to come back to London this May, and participate in a production of Shakespeare's *Pericles* for the annual Ludlow Festival with renowned director **James Roose-Evans**. (This was the first time RWU students have been asked back for such an opportunity.)

Although the pace and schedule of the program is hectic, there are still some long weekends that students can use to travel throughout the U.K. and Europe. On her days off, Gina was able to visit Scotland, France and Wales.

"The Highlands in Scotland was something I'll never forget, and hope to visit again someday," said Gina, who also counts her visits to the Eiffel Tower and the English countryside of York as her most memorable.

Although a good deal of the focus is on theater, the London Theater Program offers students much more. As Professor Martin is quick to point out, students also experience European culture, political science, government structures, and the social interaction between different nationalities.

Taken together as a whole, the program allows students to grow in ways the classroom can't fulfill.

"Some 30 years ago I spent one year in London as an undergrad, and it changed my life. It's an experience you can't get anywhere else," said Professor Martin. "I see this program — and Study Abroad programs in general — as a basic part of a student's education, not as icing on the cake."

Cuernavaca, Mexico Program

The Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences also offers a Study Abroad program in Cuernavaca, Mexico, led by political science Professor **Ernest Greco**. This unique program took its first group of political science students to Mexico during the last Winter Intersession.

The program combines classroom work with practical field experience, as students are exposed to Mexican culture, history, art and architecture on a daily basis. As part of



Cuentepec, Mexico

their studies, students take two political science classes dealing with Mexican politics, government and culture. The courses are taught by Professor Greco at the Centro Universal de Lengua, a leading language institute in Mexico. The daily lectures, seminars and films are presented on the outdoor patio of the hillside campus.

Unlike most Study Abroad programs offered at RWU, where students share a living facility, the Mexico program places students with host families. Thus, they become immersed in Mexican culture from their very first day.

"Our students were very pleased with their host families, and have developed close relationships even after the program ended," said Professor Greco. "They were amazed how smooth the transition was."

Anna D'Amico '01, a junior political science major from Patterson, N.J., thought the language barrier of living with a host family would be insurmountable. It didn't take long for her fears to subside.

"The host family I stayed with was great. It seemed like a second home to me," she said. "Being a part of that family allowed me to experience their culture firsthand, and gave me insights I couldn't get anywhere else. A lot of what we studied in the classroom was coming to life."

Located about an hour-and-a-half south of Mexico City, the town of Cuernavaca is ideal for a study abroad program, said Professor Greco.

"Cuernavaca is extremely rich in Mexican history, as it has witnessed the Independence Movement of Spain, the war against the French in the 1860s, and the Mexican Revolution in 1910," said Professor Greco. "Students also get to experience the three major cultures that formed modern Mexico: the Indian, Mestizo and Spanish cultures."

In addition to their daily classroom studies, students also attend meetings and presentations with leaders of political, civic, religious, professional and labor groups in Cuernavaca and the surrounding communities.

There are also several field trips scheduled to various cultural and historical sites, including Morelos (home of Mexican revolutionary hero **Emiliano Zapata**), the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan, the colonial silver mining town of Taxco, the Hacienda of Cortes, and various museums, markets and neighborhoods.

"I'll never forget the town of Cuentepec, which was one of the last places we visited," said Anna. "The conditions of these people were so poor, it was amazing to see in the 20th century. It was a tremendous learning experience that provided a reality check into one's own culture."

It is these types of learning experiences that make Study Abroad programs an invaluable part of any student's college education. The uniqueness of the Cuernavaca Program is not lost on Professor Greco.

"As far as I know, this is the first and only program in Latin America that focuses on political science," said Professor Greco, who has participated in numerous college study abroad programs. "This program gives students a more global and international focus, and allows them to broaden their horizons outside the U.S."

Business European Study

The Gabelli School of Business also offers one of the University's longest-running study abroad programs, the Business European Study Abroad program.

"This program is an excellent opportunity for students to gain an understanding

of the world business culture," said Gabelli School of Business Dean **Frederick J. Kelly**. "So many things happen outside the borders of the United States. It's important that students have this experience, if at all possible."

The Europe Study Abroad program first began in 1987, according to **David Melchar**, professor of management, who went on that first trip and currently serves as one of two faculty for the current European trips (along with **Ferd Schroth**, professor of computer information systems).

"Our first trip consisted of visits to England, Belgium, and Germany," recalled Professor Melchar. "In 1989, we conducted a trip to the Soviet Union, which allowed us to view the country under Communist rule. It was a very tense situation, which made for a most memorable trip."

Today, the Business Europe Study Abroad program covers an intense three weeks as students travel to four different countries. Although the majority of students are business majors, undergraduates from other disciplines are also welcome.

Students take two academic courses for credit, with the focus on the culture and business environment within the European Union.

"We were really able to gain an understanding of the European Union, and its goals for the many countries that are members," said **Kurt Pelz '01**, a business student from New Salem, Mass. "Professors Melchar and Schroth did an excellent job preparing us. We were able to compare the Union practices to our own U.S. system."

Students are able to take what they learned in the classroom, and apply that knowledge to the many cultural and historical sites they visit throughout Europe.

Last semester, for example, students touched down in England and proceeded to tour the London financial district, Windsor and Warwick Castles, Stratford-upon-Avon, the British Houses of Parliament, the Bank of England, and ancient Roman Baths. From there, it was on to France and the Louvre Museum, the Eiffel Tower, the American Embassy (the world's largest), Notre Dame Cathedral and a winery visit to the Moët and Chandon facilities in Eperneau.

The next stop was Germany, and a visit to the business district of Stuttgart and a tour of the Porsche factory and museum, and a tour of the Mercedes-Benz factory, and a trip to Rothenburg am Tauber.

Because Professors Melchar and Schroth have been leading students on the Europe Study tour for several years, they

have been able to establish many positive relationships with their European counterparts. That relationship often translates into special accommodations and services not available to the average tourist.

"We were able to tour the Porsche factory as a group, which is not available to the public," said Professor Melchar. "We were also able to tour Parliament, which requires a Parliament member to sponsor us."



Asonia Palace Hotel, Paris

The final leg of this year's Europe Study program will include a visit to Greece, and a tour of historic Athens. Students will visit the Acropolis and Parthenon, the Greek business district, Oracle of Delphi and a tour of the Greek Islands.

"The fast-paced environment kept everything moving, but we were able to spend enough time at each site where we were able to take away meaning from each place. I had such a great time," said Kurt, who particularly loved his visit to the island of Lido off the coast of Venice, Italy.

According to Professor Melchar, the majority of students have never been out of the country before. To help document their experience, each student is required to keep a personal journal. Once they get back to the U.S., they will complete two papers as part of their studies.

"Because we visit so many countries in such a short span, I don't think the students really have a chance to think about what they're going through," said Professor Melchar. "It isn't

until we get back to the States that students will tell me 'This has been the most significant experience of my life.'"

The experience is so memorable that Professor Melchar still hears back from former students who took the trip more than 10 years ago.

"So many students tell me their trip to Europe not only changed the way they look at education, but also the way they look at life," said Professor Melchar. "For many of them, the trip had a remarkable impact."

Jamaica Program

The marine biology program offers two unique off-campus programs: the SEA Semester (see related article, *Bridge*, winter 1998 issue) and the Jamaica Program. Each has proven to be immensely popular with both science students and non-science majors looking for a unique challenge.

Originally founded by the late **Dr. Mark Gould** some 15 years ago, the Jamaica Program attracts approximately 20 students for a two-week journey during the Winter Inter-session. Led by biology professor **Harold "Skip" Pomeroy**, the Jamaica Program transports students to an easily accessible tropical reef ecosystem.

According to Professor Pomeroy, it's an experience that can't be duplicated from the campus of a small, New England town.

"We see things you normally only see in a textbook. The tropical reef ecology in Jamaica is a living textbook, and the mangrove swamps are a unique habitat," said Professor Pomeroy.

Over the years, Roger Williams University has built a cooperative learning agreement with the Hofstra University Marine Lab (HURL), which is a research station on the northern coast of Jamaica. The HURL campus has a full-time staff and provides research labs, a dock, and such amenities as dormitories and classrooms for RWU students to utilize.

"We visit a research station in the small town of Priory, which has numerous reefs and is a great place to do tropical ecology research," said Professor Pomeroy. "We also spend time at the Discovery Bay Research Station, which is world famous in the marine biology field."

Although research opportunities abound, it is also important for the students to absorb the cultural opportunities that await them in this foreign land. Charter bus trips are scheduled to many sites in Jamaica, including a coffee plantation in the Blue Mountains, as well as many open markets and small villages that litter the island.



Discovery Bay Research Station, Jamaica

"Science is a key component of this trip, but we also incorporate a lot of natural history from the area," said Professor Pomeroy. "It's a very different world down there, and we want to take students to some of the non-touristy spots. Because Mark (Gould) and I have been going to Jamaica for so many years, it seems that wherever we went, the locals knew us."

One unique experience the students have is getting to shop at an open market. Each student is given a list of foods to purchase. They then visit the market and purchase (or barter) for that night's dinner for the whole group.

Perhaps the "coolest" of all stops in Jamaica is the annual trip to the Bioluminescent Bay. The water in the bay is filled with dinoflagellates, small micro-organisms which, when disturbed, give off light.

"We took a boat ride to the middle of the bay at night, and then dove into water that was beaming with light" said **Heath Capello '01**, a marine biology major from Meadville, Pa. "It was incredible to lift your arm out of the water, and see trails of light dripping from your body. It was unforgettable."

Heath was impressed with the scope of the program, which incorporated textbook studies and hands-on lab work with the cultural experience of living and traveling in a foreign land.

"The trip was a perfect balance between science and culture. I really support study abroad programs, as you're able to put things you learned in the classroom into practice," he said. "I would never be able to study tropical ecology firsthand unless I had gone on this trip."

Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation Study Abroad Programs

The School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation also offers its undergraduate students the opportunity to view some of the world's most striking architecture through several study abroad programs.

The programs — in Rome, England or Prague/Brno/Vienna — are immensely popular with students. In fact, last year's trip to Rome attracted the entire class of fourth-year architecture students.

"There are two main benefits to study abroad programs. The first is the international exposure students are able to take away," said Dean **Stephen White**. "They also have an urban experience they can't get in this region. In an urban setting, the building is much more dense, and you have to take into account the building's location and historical context."

Dean White feels the choice of Study Abroad locations provides the perfect historical perspective for his students.

"London, Prague and Rome are fantastic centers of architecture," he said. "They've been at the forefront of design for the last thousand years."

The School's Summer Program in Prague, Brno and Vienna will be held for the fourth time in June and July, 2000. The program, which began in 1994 and runs during alternate summers, has been directed by **Andrew Cohen**, professor of architecture, and **Edgar Adams**, associate professor of architecture.

This year's program will be based at the Czech Technical University in Prague, and will include a four-day charrette on urban design and housing involving students from RWU and faculty from Czech Technical University. Students will also visit some of the more renowned architectural offices in Vienna, and view the unique structures and designs of that city.

As part of a reciprocal agreement, faculty and students from the Czech Technical Institute will visit the School of Architecture in summer 2001 to participate in the programs offered at Roger Williams University.

According to Professor Adams, students tour a variety of architectural sites, from 9th century foundations of the Prague Castle to

the pioneering work of Czech modernists. There are also visits to the more recent work of Czech, Austrian and German architects.

The School of Architecture's fourth-year class recently participated in the University's new Rome Program (see related story, page 12). Led by architecture Professors **Rico Mallozzi** and **Adams**, the students took classes at Rome's John Cabot University.

They were able to practice their craft in studio facilities that overlooked the Tiber River, and were just a short walk from St. Peter's Cathedral.

"We were also able to schedule a lecture series that we offered to the public that featured local architects," said Dean White. "These kinds of activities are important for the School, as it further establishes a Roger Williams presence at a major international location."

The Historic Preservation program offers the oldest study abroad program within the School of Architecture, Art & Historic Preservation. Founded in 1976, the Historic Preservation England Program journeys to the U.K. every other year to study the unique structures of England and Scotland.

The program has been led by several historic preservation professors over the years, including **Michael Swanson**, **Karen Jessup**, **Kevin Jordan**, and adjunct faculty members **John Gleeson** and **Roger Wing**.

Historic Preservation students arrive in England, and are transported to their central living quarters: an English country house that was once the home to the English Prime Minister during the American Revolutionary War. Studies are broken up between historic preservation classes and general liberal arts studies.

One prime elements of the program, according to Professor Swanson, is the "preservation studio," where students are given a 'real time' simulation of an historic preservation problem.

"Students have to go out and examine their site, then spend a semester working on the project by recording data and documenting their results," said professor Swanson. "At the end of the semester, they have to come up with a proposal to solve the historic preservation problem."

On the last trip Swanson led, students were asked to examine Preedy's Farm, a 14th century Medieval farm.

Needless to say, experiences such as these cannot be duplicated in the United States. It is the uniqueness of RWU's Study Abroad programs that have made them so popular with students and faculty, alike. ❖



Austrian Alps

SPORTS

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY HAWKS



Sailing Team Comes Home

By Dave Kemmy, Assistant Athletic Director/
Administration and Sports Information

A "home" regatta will now be a real home regatta as the RWU sailing program has moved its operations to an on-campus facility for the first time in the program's history.

Since the sailing program began in the 1980s RWU sailors have had to practice and race in "home" events from the Bristol Yacht Club on Bristol harbor. In March the varsity sailing team and the club crew team began practicing and competing on the water east of campus.



Sailing Coach Richard Matton, Athletic Director Bill Baird and President Joseph Hagan officially opened the new site with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Home events were held from the yacht club as well and it was not quite like a real home event since the campus was a few miles away. The formation of the new home was made possible through the cooperative efforts of Athletic Director William Baird and Professors Timothy Scott, Skip Pomeroy and Andy Tate.

History was made on April 1 when the first regatta ever, the Southern Series I, was held on campus. It was a bright and sunny day, with winds 12-20 knots blowing from the south. The courses were windward/leeward with the start and finish in the middle, modified Olympic and modified triangle. President Joseph Hagan, Athletic Director Bill Baird and coach Richard Matton officially opened the new site with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Hawks finished fifth in the eight-team event with 67 points, but skipper Cary Siegler and his crew Jared Gianatasio earned two "bullets" (first-place finishes) in the eight races that were contested.

On Sunday, April 2, the team hosted the Southern New England Invitational, marking the first time that the team has ever hosted back-to-back regattas to start the season. The Hawks finished in sixth place in this event, with solid performances from skippers Kris Davis and Dan Biggs and crew Melody White, Michael Reuter and Julie Queliza.

The racing was competitive, and the visiting schools thoroughly enjoyed the new facilities. The view of the racing from shore is unobstructed and the shore facilities are comfortable for all participants and spectators. It was a memorable weekend for all involved with RWU sailing.



Getting ready for practice on board the floating dock.

The sailing team has had some success in the past and are currently under the direction of second-year head coach Rick Matton. They traditionally compete in 16 regattas during both the fall and spring seasons and have a roster that typically numbers 20-25 female and male sailors. Last fall they entered the 30th Anniversary "Intercollegiate Regatta" held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York. This event was quite an undertaking for the squad because they were competing in 40-foot boats, as opposed to the two-person Flying J's they normally race in.

The boat assigned to the Hawks was a 40 foot yacht named "Quintessence," and the squad raced her three times, winning two out of the three races. They defeated the Naval



Cruising past Willow Dorns.



Heading for home under the Mt. Hope Bridge.

Academy, Tufts University and Norwich University in their races and were awarded the "Foster Tallman Memorial Trophy" as the best boat of the regatta. In addition they received the "James C. Jacobson Memorial Trophy" for winning their division. Sailors who raced included Siegler, Gianatasio, Davis, Queliza, Surima Quinones, Dave Doucett, Daniel Woyke, Becky Rand, Austin Godfrey, Matt Cohen and Biggs.

With a heightened enthusiasm, thanks to their new home the program is off and running this spring, and they are scheduled to host a total of five regattas. They will be hosting a number of regattas in the fall as well and loving every minute of it as they enjoy the opportunity to race from their own campus site. ♦

Join us for Roger Williams Alumni Association's 2nd Annual Family Night at the PawSox



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Monday, July 31, 2000 Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Columbus Clippers

5 p.m. Private pre-game all-you-can-eat Barbecue under the party tent in right field

7 p.m. Enjoy the game at the new McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, R.I.

\$10 per person (includes game ticket, barbecue and RWU giveaways)

\$3 children 12 and under (Kids, meet "Paws," the PawSox mascot)

Free Parking in the stadium lots.

Response requested by July 17, 2000

For more information about this event, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-458-7144, Ext. 3597 or (401) 254-3597.

Reservations

☐ I/we will attend the PawSox game on July 31st (Please Print)

Name _____ Year of Graduation 19 _____

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Tickets

of tickets _____ @ \$10 (adult) = _____
(maximum 6 adults per alum)

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12 and under) = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail payment by July 17, 2000 to:

Office of Alumni Relations
Roger Williams University
One Old Ferry Road
Bristol, RI 02809-2921

ST. PATRICK'S DAY REUNION

Record turnout in Newport
Raised \$3,600 for Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

St. Patrick's Day
Friday, March 10

Once again, a record crowd gathered for the annual Roger Williams University St. Patrick's Day Reunion. More than 380 alumni and their guests enjoyed a splendid evening upstairs at Christie's on the Waterfront in downtown Newport, R.I. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, live Irish music and refreshments helped make this memorable night for all in attendance. As is tradition, the following morning saw faithful RWU alums and their families gather for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade through the streets of historic Newport. Thanks to all who attended this hugely popular event, and special thanks to the alumni and guests attending for donating \$3,600 to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. On hand this year were:

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Stephen J. Grant 1974
Ernest J. DeSarno 1975
Paul A. Marcoux 1977
Stephen Merrill 1977
Thomas R. Christensen 1978
David A. Gingerella 1978
Teresa Merrill 1978
Seth Abbott 1979
Bernard P. Alpert 1980
Armand Teixeira 1980
Kevin Dolan 1981
Gregory Forrest 1981
Robert Wolf 1981
Lisa J. Bauer 1983
Lisa M. Carroll 1984
Scott S. Monninghoff 1984
Robert M. Cerchione 1985
Katherine M. Kelley 1985
Brenda J. Ring 1985
Filippo A. Mennella 1986
Dennis Ring 1986
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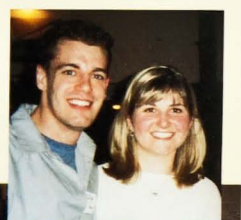
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Peter L. Amara 1995
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Paula S. Baxter 1995
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Theresa M. Donahue 1995
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Gillian V. Flynn 1995
Brian T. Gallant 1995
George C. Gardener 1995
Douglas R. Guilfoyle 1995
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Timothy P. Lawler 1995
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Mary E. Marshall 1995
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Kurt A. Oswald 1995
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Angela M. Brunelle 1998
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Gemma M. Celda 1998
Will M. Cronin 1998
Brett R. Cusick 1998
Stephen M. DeBlock 1998
Joel M. Dickinson 1998
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Kelly A. Scafariello 1999
Shevaun E. Smythe 1999
Justin S. Therault 1999
Jacqueline A. Toelt 1999



alumni news



From Providence to San Diego, Boca Raton to Boston, Alums enjoyed the parties and catching up with old friends.



As the 1999-2000 academic year winds to a close on June 30, I am pleased to report another banner year for the RWU Alumni Association. Fourteen alumni events have been held this year, with over 1,000 alumni and guests attending, not including the upcoming Alumni Weekend. A few of the most successful events for the year include a large turnout for the Providence Waterfire, held the night of August 28, 1999 at the Boathouse in Waterplace Park; the New York/New Jersey Alumni Reception, held October 1, 1999 at the Tavern on the Green in the heart of New York City's Central Park; a San Diego Alumni Reception and dinner held at the LaValencia; the traditional holiday parties at the Aldrich Mansion in Warwick, R.I., as well as the Boston Chapter holiday reception.

The year 2000 saw a record turnout at the annual St. Patrick's Day Reunion, held at Christies in Newport, R.I. The next day, a faithful gathering of alumni also attended the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The two Florida Chapter alumni events were also very successful.

Semi-annual newsletters from the Deans of the schools and colleges here at the University were instituted to keep alumni informed of specific accomplishments in their field of study. Also, the first edition of a rugby newsletter was circulated to former players.

It is gratifying to see alumni support the increased number of Alumni Association sponsored events, as well as their increased financial support to the University. At this time, Alumni Weekend (June 2-4) promises to be another huge success. Please continue to check on our Web site, www.rwu.edu, for upcoming alumni and development events. You might want to bookmark our site, and check it out from time to time for the latest updates.

Special thanks go out to **Dennis Revens '72**, Alumni Association president, and the entire Alumni Association Board for their continued support and enthusiasm to further involve all alumni in the University's life. See you at Alumni Weekend 2000.

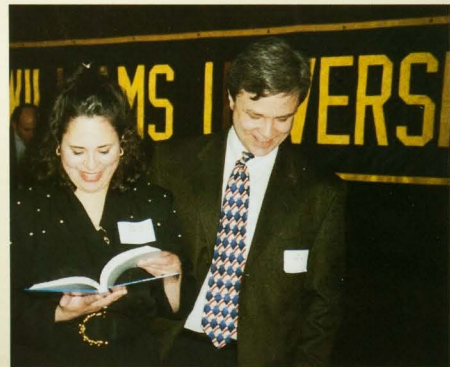
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Director of Alumni Relations

Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter Bittersweet Farm Westport, Mass. March 3

The inaugural event for the newly created Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter was held at Bittersweet Farm, which provided an elegant country atmosphere for those in attendance. Nearly 25 alumni and guests enjoyed the reception and dinner. On hand to greet guests were **Chancellor and Mrs. Anthony J. Santoro**, along with **Tom Walker**, director of Alumni Relations. Attending were:

Bernard P. Alpert 1980
William L. Blais 1989
Robert C. Bromley 1982
Elmer C. Couse 1981
Laura L. Ferreira 1999
James R. Fikiet 1986
Rebecca J. Fikiet 1989
Gary J. Moniz 1988
Joel D. Padova 1997
Richard M. Pool 1993
Claudine J. St. Laurent-Moniz 1992



Florida West Coast Chapter Registry Resort, Naples, Fla. March 24

One of the world's premiere resorts hosted the annual meeting of the Florida West Coast Alumni Chapter. The Registry Resort provided alums and guests with spectacular views of the unspoiled shoreline bordering the Gulf of Mexico. **Chancellor and Mrs. Anthony J. Santoro**, and **Christel Ertel**, Vice President for University Advancement and her husband **Gary Stewart** greeted guests and updated alums on the latest developments at Roger Williams University. Enjoying this unforgettable night were:

Kathy L. Bufo 1985
Chad R. Koces 1998
Joseph M. McHarris 1992
Eric R. Rafalik 1994
Claire S. Reilly 1979
Michael C. Richard 1972
Michael S. Roseman 1992



Florida Chapter Boca Raton Resort & Club "Top of the Tower," Boca Raton, Fla. March 25

The Florida Chapter held its annual get-together at the luxurious Boca Raton Resort & Club on Florida's famed "Gold Coast." Rising 27 stories above the Intracoastal Waterway, the Boca Raton Resort & Club provided alums and guests with panoramic views of Florida's magnificent coast. Greeting guests were **Chancellor and Mrs. Anthony J. Santoro** as cocktails and a delicious dinner were enjoyed by all. On hand were:

Myron L. Coken 1958
Doris Dennis 1987
Sharon L. Drew 1995
Jose A. Gomes 1996
Jason S. Gorham 1993
Marjorie E. Kane 1979
Sheldon Kulik 1972
Catherine E. Poli 1977
Shahan Quraeshi 1990
Ricardo D. Resende 1990
Jessica A. Sasseville 1998
Eric D. Weidenfeld 1990



We're missing a few pieces to the puzzle. Can you help us?

1971

Richmond Cargill
John D. Coupe
Teresa D'Agostino
Donald G. Desrochers
Thomas R. Donovan
Peter Kilshaw
Donald J. Krikorian
Robert R. Matthieu
Patricia A. Messiah
John Paolino
David M. Stamp
Randolph M. Szwaja
Anthony F. Vetri
Sharon Zeff

1976

Steven P. Albert
Richard Boss
Barbara R. Colby
Michael J. Decicco
Thomas F. Dorsey
Henry W. Konerko
Coleen A. Paine
Joseph Riccitelli
June M. Scott
Dennis Stromberg
Jan E. Tarrant

1981

Farinaz Abdi
Ali Ahmadi-Moosavi
Helen Ainsworth
Carol A. Aisses
Jamal I. Almousa
Francisco Azevedo
Ronald A. Baker
Geoffrey A. Ballou
Donald Barkley
Daniel S. Barnes
Shirley J. Beckwith
Frederick Bergmann
Jesse Berman
Alan L. Bowker
Michael T. Brady
Bertram Brickman
Michael F. Brunelli
Douglas J. Buonnano
John Canavan
Margo Casavant
Mark A. Casper
Charles A. Cayer
Anne E. Cicale
Paul C. Ciccarelli
Janet L. Coutts
Deborah Crowley
John DeSano
Gary S. Deangelis
Frank W. Deluca
Nedal Dofash
S. L. Dunning
Cynthia M. Eich
A. Emamjomeh-Kashani
Antonio M. Escobar
Ezzatollah Farsi

Charles Flanagan
Robert L. Forcier
Lisa Francini
Smail Ganjineh
Vivian Gela
Oganess Gervorian
Mohammad Gharakhani
Bonnie J. Glass
Alisina Goharjou
David H. Gorton
Margene Grandgeorge
Andre L. Gregoire
M. E. Grigoropoulos
Stephen P. Howitz
Jeffrey W. Hudgins
Carol A. Jackson
David J. Johnson
Raymond W. Johnson
Paul Jubinville
Jennifer Kane
Stephen Kelley



Lloyd Kenyon

Kathryn A. Knight
Harry B. Knights
Ronald E. Kopeik
Philip Kramer
Norman E. Lafleur
Richard C. Langello
Kathryn A. Larose
Elizabeth Leone
Robert H. Lewis
Susan Leys
Lenard Lieberman
David M. Lillis
Daniel L. Linder
Catherine Lockett
Antonio L. Lontoe
Edward Lord
Antonio J. Lourenco
James A. MacMannis
Joseph Malaspina
Healy Martin
Robert P. Mattos
Diana Mattson
Trevi McCool
Terry C. Meece
Janal A. Melanaji
John A. Mello
Kim A. Mercier
Mirsolman Moghtader
Beigzadeh M. Mohammad

Yolanda G. Moorehead
Susan M. Morris
Keith S. Moses
Daniel L. Mott
Raouf J. Muszinski
Robert A. Neville
Ali Nikanik
Akims Olagbegi
Donna L. Oliver
John A. Oliver
Russell P. Olsen
James A. Perrier
Mary J. Perry-Nemec
Richard W. Petersen
Lynn A. Piczarka
Alison D. Playberg
Theresa A. Polek
Anthony P. Pontifice
Brad R. Randall
M. P. Raposa
Patricia Rebello

Ronney D. Walsh
Gordon Wark
Susan Webster
Michael A. Weslake
Robert A. Winter
Robert Wolf
Joseph S. Wong
Dana H. Worthley
Jamshid Zarringhalam

1986

Oyekunle A. Aderemi
Fadhel A. Ali
Mohammed Almeshrf
Abdulaziz A. Almossa
Abdulla M. Almozan
Ibraheem A. Alqumaizi
Hamad M. Alrokban
Mohammad H. Alsaman
Abdullah N. Alshagawi
Ibrahim M. Andas
Mohammad J. Awwad
Amy M. Beaulieu
Jo-Ellen Blake
Peter L. Button
John C. Campbell
Douglas J. Carlson
Nate Charanvas
Karen J. Christy
Douglas J. Crichton
Soheila Dadpour
Akbar Darouei
Edgar G. Ducharme
Richard S. Dudshyn
Sulaiman M. Eisa
Diane P. Faldut
Mohammed N. Fawwaz
George F. Fay
Roxana M. Fermin
Robert A. Fife
Dennis M. Fitzgerald
Amy B. Jodice
Reese Jones
Kathryn A. Kassab
Howard S. Kohlenberg
Chaiwat Kolsrichai
Jeffrey R. Kopping
Barbara C. Konioto
Anne I. Leona
Scott D. MacEachern
Nicholas M. Mancini
Brian M. McCadden
Kelly A. McHugh
Scott D. Meltzer
Karen C. Morano
Kimberlee A. Murphy
Kiomars N. Nasser
Sangchul Oh
Cynthia J. Osborne
Joseph D. Pace
Jose G. Perdomo
Bradley A. Perron
Piphat Phataraprasit
Kitti Piyauoi
Janis M. Pollack
Maryanne Raimondo

John R. Richards
Anne E. Sampson
Lisa R. Szazma
Stephen S. Shaw
Karin E. Thorndike
Gerald J. Tirocchi
Lynn M. Vedder

1991

Wazee A. Adeyemi
Ahmed A. Akhund
Lateef S. Animashau
Kevin A. Bequir
James P. Berard
Gary A. Bouchard
Susan J. Burns
Ann M. Costanzo
Joseph R. Cronin
Robert J. Crowley
Christine K. Erickson
James P. Fiore
Adam D. Gabriel
Monica P. Guzman
Jill S. Judd
Michael J. Kilmer
Tracy L. Kresser
Jessica A. Langlois
Tina D. Mah
Diana F. Mead
Eric D. Mills
Kendell L. Moore
Suriyont Mujalitrakool
Richard R. Oliver
Maria A. Resendiz
Margaret M. Ryan
Basem Y. Sinjab

1996

Lawrence Bacon
James Beattie
Michael R. Bouffard
Peter R. Cameron
Matthew E. Carlos
Jorge L. Charris
Frank D. Csongor
Scott S. Dickson
Eric Drucker
Barbara C. Dwyer
Dimitri C. Englert
Carrie R. Everett
Rock Girard
Betsy Gonzalez
Teresa M. Higgins
Anne M. Jagielski
Andrew J. Kelley
Dena M. Kist
Michele Kleipis
Stephane Lamoureux
Becky Lipton
Michael A. Lis
Alexander N. Lopez
Robert W. Marshall
Keri-Jean Meddaugh
Erik S. Merck



'71 Eugene Heilhecker, B.S., industrial technologies, is owner and president of East Bay Rubber Company in Bristol, R.I. Eugene and his wife, Nancy, reside in North Kingstown, R.I.

'72 Roosevelt Benton, B.A., social anthropology, B.F.A., creative writing, has been reappointed by Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. to the Providence, R.I., School Board. This marks the first time Mayor Cianci has appointed a member who was not on the list submitted to him by the Nominating Commission. Roosevelt resides in Northboro, Mass.

'73 Joseph J. Iacoi, B.S., marketing, is the vice president/branch manager of The Washington Trust Company in Westerly, R.I. Joseph is the chairman of the Westerly Democratic Town Committee, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Westerly Chamber of Commerce. Joseph and his wife, Angie, reside in Westerly, R.I.

'80 Craig Force Sr., B.S., administration of justice, is a police officer with the City of Pawtucket, R.I. Craig recently celebrated his twentieth year with the force. Craig and his wife, Jeanne, have five children. Jennifer, Craig Jr., Matthew, Alexandra and Kimberly. They reside in Attleboro, Mass.

'82 Stephanie (Schumacher) Cruwys, B.A., psychology, is a social worker at Todd Lynch-Stanley Family Reconstructions in Brunswick, Ga. Stephanie and her husband, Paul, reside in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Elizabeth Ann (Francis) Stevens, B.A., career writing, is the owner of Stevens Oriental Rugs of Rhode Island in East Greenwich, R.I., and Stevens Oriental Rugs Furnishings in Providence, R.I. Elizabeth and her husband, David, reside in Coventry, R.I.

'83 Paul Amadio, B.A., theater, is an educational consultant at Independent Thinking in Newton, Mass. Paul and his wife, Donita, reside in Waltham, Mass.

Leo Messier, B.S., social science, has been promoted to the rank of captain and designated as the Northern District Commander in South County, R.I. Leo resides in Narragansett, R.I.

James Walker, B.A., theater, is a support engineer/I.S. manager at Sofitex, Inc., in Westford, Mass. James and his wife, Holly, and two children, Alexander, 5, and Olivia, 2, reside in North Chelmsford, Mass.

'84 Reid McManis, B.S., engineering, has been promoted to associate at Tessier Associates, Inc., Architecture and Interior Design in West Springfield, Mass. Reid resides in Chicopee, Mass.

'86 Michael Surrence, B.A., psychology, is an assistant professor of psychology at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. Michael is teaching in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology master's program. Michael and his wife, Jodi Marie, and daughter Samantha Marie, 1, reside in East Longmeadow, Mass.

'88 Cathy E. Gorgens, B.S., early childhood education, is an Internet researcher at Cyber Patrol, a division of Mattel Interactive. Cathy researches and categorizes World Wide Web sites that are inappropriate for children. She resides in Framingham, Mass.

'89 Scott Sancomb, B.S., engineering, has been promoted to job captain at Gorman Richardson Architects in Hopkinton, Mass. Scott resides in Holliston, Mass.

'90 Lori-Ann Molloy, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Warwick Police Department, R.I. Lori-Ann resides in Warwick, R.I.

'91 Andrew Goddard, B.S., administration of justice, is a patrolman with the Chatham Police Department, Mass. He resides in Brewster, Mass.

Thomas Perkins, B.A., psychology, is the New England systems manager at Nixon Peabody LLP in Boston, Mass. Thomas resides in Norwood, Mass.

'92 Doreen DiSanti, B.S., paralegal studies, has been appointed to the 26-member Board of Directors of the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society in New Bedford, Mass. Doreen is a services coordinator at Havenwood Coatings in North Smithfield, R.I.

Rest Home in New Bedford, Mass., where she resides.

Joe Hart, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Uniform Division for the North Kingstown Police Department, R.I. Joe resides in Kingston, R.I.

Cori Sidman, B.S., business administration, works in alumni/development at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kingspoint, N.Y. Cori resides in Long Beach, N.Y.

Mark Sugalski, B.S., biology/environmental chemistry, is an assistant professor of biology at New England College in Henniker, N.H. Mark resides in Henniker, N.H.

Gerald Touchette, B.A., English, is a bank teller at Bangor Savings Bank in Bangor, Maine. Gerald and his wife, Kristi, reside in Bangor.

'93 Michael Redding, B.S., engineering, is a martial art instructor at the Martial Art Center in Nashua, N.H. He and his wife, Janis, reside in Nashua, N.H.

'94 Brendan P. Doherty, B.S., administration of justice, has been promoted to captain and commander of the detective bureau with the Cumberland Police Department, R.I. Brendan resides in Cumberland, R.I.

Steven R. Silvia, A.S., business administration, is a registered representative for the Wall Street investment firm of First Investors Corporation in their Warwick, R.I. office. Steven resides in Pawtucket, R.I.

Sharon Sousa, B.A., social science, is an administrative compliance officer at the Department of MHRH Division of Integrated Mental Health in Cranston, R.I. Sharon resides in Bristol.

'95 Sean McKenney, B.A., architecture, is an architect designer at Gertler & Wente Architects in New York, N.Y. Sean resides in Brookline, N.Y.

'96 James Bauckman, B.S., undeclared/arts, is a 7th- and 8th-grade science teacher at Seven Hills Charter School in Worcester, Mass. James resides in Worcester, Mass.

Gregg John, B.S., marine biology, is a polymer chemist with Enterprise Coatings in North Smithfield, R.I.

Gregg recently won third place in the home brewing "bitter category" at the Northeast Home Brewer's Competition held in Providence, R.I. Gregg resides in Woonsocket, R.I.

Allyson McCloskey, B.A., psychology, is a risk administrator at Gale Wentworth, LLC, in Florham Park, N.J. She resides in West Caldwell, N.J.

Melissa Miller, B.S., paralegal studies, is the franchise administration coordinator at Candant Corp. in Parsippany, N.J. Melissa resides in Lake Hopatcong, N.J.

Neil Aaron Wisot, B.A., psychology, is an independent artist. He has been on Fox's *Party of Five* for three years. Neil also has a dog and cat collar business. He resides in San Francisco, Calif.

'97 Chad Baird, B.S., engineering, is an associate engineer at Gorove/Slade Associates in Washington, D.C. Chad resides in Springfield, Va.

Eileen McTigue, B.S., business administration, is a teacher in the Worcester Public School System, Mass. She resides in Worcester, Mass.

'98 Bayard "Skeet" Bellinger, B.S., business administration/marketing, is a marketing assistant at Aspen Skiing Company in Aspen, Colo., where he resides.

Kara Benson, B.A., psychology, is a social worker at the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center. Kara resides in Charleston, S.C.

Jacqueline N. Binette, B.A., communications, is in the marketing department with the Bank of Newport, Newport, R.I. Jacqueline resides in Portsmouth, R.I.

Cory Jodoin, B.S., biology, is a research associate at Cereon Genomics in Cambridge, Mass. Cory resides in Lawrence, Mass.

Alisa Marx, B.A., communications, is a travel consultant at National Leisure Group in Woburn, Mass. Alisa resides in Andover, Mass.

'99 Rosaline Babcock, B.S., paralegal studies, is a paralegal at Kline, Gardner, O'Connor, P.C., in Gloucester, Mass., where she resides.

Valerie Gebhardt, B.A., communications, is a marketing coordinator at

If you locate one of the missing alumni and provide us with a current telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address, the Alumni Association will send you an official RWU coffee mug. Please respond to: Robin Erickson, Alumni Relations manager, One Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809-2921. Telephone (401) 254-3597, toll free 1-800-458-7144, Fax (401) 254-3599, or e-mail: rle@alpha.rwu.edu

Antinozzi Associates in Stratford, Conn. Valerie resides in Derby, Conn.

Amy Kolbrenner, B.A., social science/elementary education, is a teacher at Westover Elementary School in Stamford, Conn., where she resides.

Jason Luzzi, B.S., business management, is a HRIS analyst at CBS in Manhattan, N.Y. Jason resides in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Marriages

'75 Deborah A. Plasse, B.A., humanities, to August R. Alves III. Deborah is an assistant manager at Stop & Shop, Inc. They reside in Bristol, R.I.

'83 Ruth E. Seymour, B.S., paralegal studies, to Clarence E. Stone, Jr. Ruth is a market research consultant. They reside in Upton, Mass.

'84 Jeffrey Force, B.S., philosophy, to Denise J. Smith. Jeffrey is a patrolman with the Neptune Police Department, N.J. They reside in Manasquan, N.J.

'87 Jeffrey Paige, B.S., business administration, to Janet Phillips. Jeffrey is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Schwarz Pharma in Milwaukee, Wisc. They reside in Ashland, Mass.

'89 Christine Lee Carlson, B.S., business administration, to Jeffrey Ferony. Christine is a manager for Gallo Wine Merchants. They reside in Glastonbury, Conn.

'91 Lisa Ellen Abany, B.A., individual, to Gary Edward McAleer. Lisa is employed at K.M.I. in Newport, R.I., where they also reside.

Kristen Chernovetz, B.A., psychology, to Michael Blake. Kristen is a kindergarten teacher for Regional District 13 in Durham, Conn. They reside in Wallingford, Conn.

Billy Goodwin, B.S., business administration, to Stacy Boccio, B.S., business administration. They reside in Melrose, Mass.

Kevin Shea, A.S., administration of justice, to Ann-Marie Arundale. Kevin is employed by the City of Pawtucket, R.I. They reside in North Attleboro, Mass.

Carim T. Tager, A.S., administration of justice, to Cathleen M. Kennedy. Carim is employed by the City of Central Falls, R.I. They reside in Cumberland, R.I.

'93 George N. Cucitrone Jr., B.A., architecture, to Megan Heinze. George is employed by Landy, Verderame, Arianna Architects in New York, N.Y. They reside in New York City.

Danielle Russo, B.S., business administration, to Paul Johnson. Danielle is an assistant manager at McMahan Securities in Stamford, Conn. They reside in Danbury, Conn.

Michael W. McGrath, B.A., English, to Jennifer L. Hester, B.A., psychology.

Michael is a manager at Manulife Financial in Boston, Mass. Jennifer is an assistant director of financial aid at Berkley College of Music in Boston, Mass. They reside in Braintree, Mass.

'94 Nicole Catherine Camera, B.S., marine biology, to Michael Eugene Seaver. Nicole is an environmental chemist at GZA-Geo Environmental, Inc., in Newton, Mass. They reside in Waltham, Mass.

Robert D. Pfanner, B.S., engineering, to Rachel E. Silverman. Robert is a civil engineer at J. Robert Pfanner in Niantic, Conn. They reside in Waterford, Conn.

'95 Matt Ferro, B.S., business administration, to Heather (Sheehy), B.S., marine biology. Matt is the vice president of JAFCO Foods, Inc. Heather is an associate environmental chemist at Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation in Boston, Mass. They reside in Tewksbury, Mass.

Patricia LaRosa, B.A., psychology, to James Mullen Jr. Patricia is a social worker in the Department of Children and Families, Stamford, Conn. They reside in Ridgefield, Conn.

Susan A. Pezzullo, B.A., social sciences, to Scott M. Castiglione. Susan is a K-1 teacher for the private elementary school Child Care Connection/Warren Country Day in Warren, R.I. They reside in Warren, R.I.

'96 Zita Pereira, B.A., business management, to William Nelson. Zita is a graphic designer at MIS Training Institute in Framingham, Mass. They reside in Upton, Mass.

'97 Brenda Burnham, B.S., biology, to Keith Lavimodiere. Brenda is employed at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, R.I. They reside in Cranston, R.I.

Chantelle Marie Giguere, B.S., biology, to Demian David Tebaldi. Chantelle is a technician at M.A.S.H. Animal Clinic in Hopkinton, Mass.

Sheila Pittsley, B.S., marketing, to Keith Bettencourt '98, B.S., architecture. Sheila is a convention services manager. Keith is an architect with B.K.A. Associates in Brockton, Mass. They reside in Bristol, R.I.

Shawn Michael Simmons, B.S., engineering, to Julie Ann Jones. Shawn is a mechanical engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. They reside in Newport, R.I.

Jessica Snow, B.S., historic preservation, to Thomas Craig. Jessica is employed at Hotchkiss School in Litchfield County, Conn. They reside in Torrington, Conn.

Births

'84 Natalie, July 19, 1999, to Deborah (Schilke) Susco, B.S., arts, and her husband, Joseph. Deborah is a consultant at The Hartford in Hartford, Conn. They reside with their daughter Jackie in Wethersfield, Conn.

'85 Sean Patrick, June 1, 1999, to Edward Carey, B.S., marketing, and his wife, Maureen. Edward is a national accounts manager for U.S. Foodservice. They reside in River Edge, N.J.

Katelyn Elizabeth, November 10, 1999, to Bette (Ritchie) Conaway, B.S., philosophy, and her husband Kevin. They reside in Lawrenceville, Ga.

'87 Heather Nohemi, August 12, 1998, to Christopher Flanner, B.S., business administration, and his wife, Nohemi. Christopher is an assistant vice president/administrative manager at Merrill Lynch in Bellevue, Wash. They reside in Marysville, Wash.

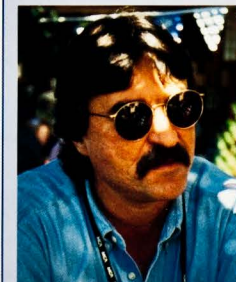
Olivia Frances, June 28, 1999, to Alison (Clasby) Kelley, B.S., civil engineering technology, and her husband, Chris. Alison is a project engineer at Bryant Associates, Inc., in Lincoln, R.I. They reside, with their son, Patrick, 4, in Barrington, R.I.

'92 Emily Rose and Clare Marie, November 2, 1999, to Ken Mahood, B.A., architecture, and his wife, Ginny. Ken is an architect at Ward & Blake Architects in Jackson, Wyo., where they reside.

Derek, August 24, 1999, to Kathy Marino, B.S., business administration, and her husband, Don. Kathy is an underwriter at R.E. Moulton, Inc. in Marblehead, Mass., where they reside.

'94 Bryen Patrick, October 16, 1999, to Stephanie (Grasso) Hilton, B.A., social science, and her husband, Gregory. They reside in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

FOCUS ON ALUMNI



James P. Discordia '78, B.S. architectural engineering, summa cum laude, has joined the firm of Cunningham Group Construction Services as project executive.

James, a native of Orlando, Fla., will be responsible for the operations of Cunningham Group's West Coast office located in Marina Del Ray, Calif. His territory also includes the cities of Phoenix

and Las Vegas, from which James commutes to and from.

Prior to joining the Cunningham Group, James directed all of the design, construction and "themed entertainment" aspects of Isla Nublar-Home of Jurassic Park at Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure Theme Park in Orlando, Fla. He has also been directly in charge of other theme park projects, including work at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center, Disney/MGM Studios, and Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Adventure Park.

James has also been responsible for several high profile and complex design/build projects located throughout Florida and Texas, including the first newly constructed Pents Hotel and Resort in the U.S., and several Class A office buildings for the firm of Cabot, Cabot and Forbes.

Deaths

'55 Ernest Picard, A.S., business administration, of West Warwick, R.I., died March 18, 2000. Ernest was a retired management technician. He was the husband of the late Carol (deTonnancour) Davis-Picard and the late Irene (Goss) Picard. He was the son of the late Adelard and Louisiana (Plante) Picard. He leaves a daughter, Emilie Davis-Jacobs, of North Kingstown; two sons, Samuel and Gregory Davis, both of West Warwick; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Yvonne Rousseau and Wilfred and William Picard.

'75 James F. Plennert, B.A., humanities, of Providence, R.I., died January 25, 2000. James was the son of Frank J. Plennert of Daytona Beach, Fla., and the late Marion (Koshli) Plennert.

'83 Joseph Bricault, B.S., administration of justice, of Glenville, N.Y., died February, 2000. Joseph was the owner of JEB Investigative Consultants in Schenectady, N.Y. He is survived by his parents, Pierre and Mildred Bricault; wife Beverly; son Michael; daughter Michelle; and brother Peter.

In addition to his architectural accomplishments, Jim has a wide variety of interests. In addition to golf, fishing, traveling and cooking Sicilian recipes, he has successfully become a Certified Sailor through the American Sailing Association.

He has been avidly sailing along the West Coast on the Pacific Ocean, and has also started to race competitively as well. He won his first race in Santa Monica Bay, Calif., as skipper, and plans to further develop his sailboat racing skills.

As for the future, Jim said that in later 2000 he will open an office for Cunningham Construction Services in the Southeast, and support the company's continued growth on a national and international level.

Jim is married to Machel Anne Cotnoir, and they have two children, Brianna Maria and Marissa Gabriella. (JK)

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Over the past few months, a Roger Williams University alumna participated in the People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower more than 40 years ago.

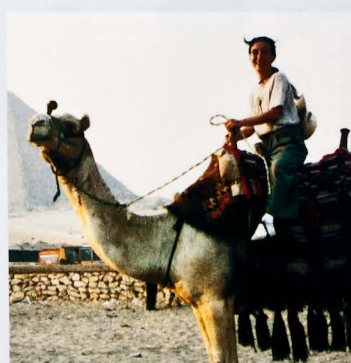
Dawn Ostiguy '98, B.S., travelled to Egypt with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. in October 1999. Dawn, a paralegal cum laude graduate, received the Lambda Epsilon Chi award her senior year.

Dawn describes her first impression of Egypt:

"Stepping off the plane in Cairo was like stepping through time and into a place where two worlds coincide. Standing on any street, I saw everything from women in full Egyptian dress (*galabaïas*) to women in business suits."

As part of a delegation of 10 Americans, Dawn learned that all laws in the Egyptian legal system, with the exception of divorce and inheritance, are based on the Napoleonic Code. The laws relating to divorce and inheritance are based on Islamic law (*sharia*).

The Egyptian Judicial System contains the First Instance Court, the Court of Casation, the Court of Appeals, and the High Court, the equivalent of



the United States Supreme Court.

Legal education in Egypt which entitles a person to be a lawyer occurs in undergraduate school, not in professional or post graduate law schools. A person can become a lawyer and begin accepting clients after four years of college. There is no bar exam. However, lawyers cannot practice before the courts until they complete several years as an apprentice in a law firm.

Some of the work done by paralegals in the United States, such as helping draft standard contracts, is done by secretaries, who are college graduates, in law firms. There are no paralegals as we know them.

In the Egyptian legal system there is a person known as an "ard haal-gy," which translates into "someone who explains the situation."

These people, while they do not have formal legal training, are masters of the Egyptian legal system, mainly due to their knowledge of the Koran. They charge a fee and due to their knowledge of the intricacies of the legal system, they can earn a large sum of money.

In addition to their professional meetings the members of the delegation were allowed to visit the tombs in Valleys of the Kings and Queens, enter the Tomb of Tutankhamen, walk in the sands of the great pyramids, tour the Sphinx via camel, and cruise the Nile River.

Women do have rights, Dawn tells us.

"Our notions of women in Egypt are ill-conceived. Women are admired and held in a very high regard. Egyptians say that men can never reach the level in this world that women can reach because 'women sit with their feet upon heaven.' They wear face and head coverings by their

choice, and they do not walk behind their men. They are becoming more powerful every day."

Dawn summed up the experience:

"We were allowed a glimpse into the past, a world virtually unchanged in centuries... a world where high-rise buildings stand next to mud houses, where bread and vegetables are delivered on bicycles and people still smoke water pipes in sidewalk cafes."

When President Eisenhower envisioned the People to People Ambassador Programs four decades ago, he had realized that world peace and international collaboration could not be accomplished by governments alone but by the "understanding and mutual respect between individuals."

Since Eisenhower, seven U.S. presidents have supported the People to People International organization by serving as its Honorary Chairman. Every year more than 14,000 student and adult delegates travel to more than 80 countries, exchanging information on more than 160 different areas of interest, including agriculture, the arts, education, science and technology, business, medicine, and sports. (DHD)

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