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APPOINTMENTS      Roland F. Shappy, Superintendent of Schools in Portsmouth, R.I.  
ARE                    has been named Assistant to the President, effective August 1,  
ANNOUNCED          1971, Dr. Ralph E. Gauvey, President, has announced.

"Mr. Shappy will devote a major segment of his time to the development of the college's new downtown Providence campus so that we may effectively expand our professional studies area as well as our special programs serving the urban community," Dr. Gauvey said.

The college currently enrolls 1200 day and 800 evening division students on its Pine Street campus.

Mr. Shappy served as principal of Portsmouth High School, then was appointed superintendent of schools in Portsmouth in 1961. He was responsible for planning the second high school in Portsmouth and for the building of both the 18-room and the 16-room elementary schools in that community. He has also been responsible for planning the new \$5 million Middle School which has attracted national attention for its innovative design concept.

Preceding his 9 years as superintendent of schools, Mr. Shappy served as principal of Cranston West High School. He holds a B.A. degree from Clark University, an M.A. in Education from the University of Rhode Island and has pursued graduate studies at Harvard and Rhode Island College. He holds life certificates in three professional areas: the life superintendent's certificate, the principal's certificate and the guidance supervisor's certificate.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Gauvey stated that Mr. Shappy's outstanding record in education, his interest in innovative approaches and remarkable insight into educational problems makes him unusually qualified to assist in the growth of Roger Williams College in this decade.

John R. Vigneau, currently Assistant to the President, has been named to the post of Dean of Administration, Dr. Gauvey has also announced.

Mr. Vigneau will assume responsibility for the management of the college's business, admissions, registrar's, purchasing, computer services and financial aid operations. He will also continue to serve on the president's advisory council.

The President has also announced the election of three new members to the Board of Trustees and two new members to the Corporation. The new trustees include Judge Corinne P. Grande, associate justice of the R. I. District Court; Robert H. Eder, president of the Providence-Worcester Railroad; and Ronald S. LaStaiti, president of LaStaiti Associates in North Dartmouth, Mass. New to the College Corporation are Andrew Joseph Joslin, a lawyer with the firm of Tillinghast, Collins and Graham, and Dennis J. Roberts II, a lawyer with the firm of Roberts and McMahon in Providence.

NEW  
TUITION  
RATES

More significant news comes from Judge Thomas J. Paolino, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who made known last week that after two years of operation without an increase in tuition, the college will raise tuition for the 1971-72 academic year.

The increase will amount to \$100 per semester for students at the Providence campus and \$110 per semester for students at the Bristol campus. The cost of room and board will be increased by \$140 for the year.

Judge Paolino indicated that the increase was agreed upon only after prolonged and careful study of the budgets for both the college's campuses and after all possible economies were realized in the general expenses of the college. "The Board of Trustees feels it is imperative to take this step in order to maintain academic quality and services for students in the face of inflation," Judge Paolino said.

Roger Williams was the only college in the state which did not raise its tuition and fees for the 1970-71 academic year. Tuition at the Providence campus of the college actually has not gone up since 1967. (Tuition at the new Bristol facility, opened in 1969, was set slightly higher than that of the Providence campus.)

Tuition in Providence will be increased from \$1100 to \$1300; at Bristol, the cost will rise from \$1380 to \$1600.

GOOD NEWS  
IN  
ADMISSIONS

Broad smiles on the faces of the Roger Williams Admissions officers bear out some fascinating statistics revealed in the office's most recent report.

Applications for admission to the college have increased by a startling 38% in a year when other area private institutions report they are "holding the line" in applications, but not experiencing major increases. At Brown, for instance, the Admissions Office this year received eight applications for each spot open in its fall 1971 freshman class, but the total number of applications was down 360 from the previous year's total.

Roger Williams has received to date over 1400 applications, including a small percentage from transfer students from junior colleges and other four-year institutions.

Applicants for the Bristol campus liberal arts program have increased by -- are you ready? -- 49% since last year. Applicants in business administration have increased by 16% and those for engineering by 17%.

Malcolm J. MacKenzie, Dean of Admissions, attributes the increases to such factors as the liberal philosophy of the college, its flexible programs, its comparatively moderate cost in the private college market, and to the fact that Roger Williams students and alumni are talking about the college to more and more prospective students.

Further, the addition this year of a full-time admissions officer on the Providence campus, Frank R. Carbone, has made it possible for the admissions staff to make more recruiting efforts than have before been attempted at the College.

RIP VAN  
ALUMNUS  
WAKES

Friends, staff and faculty of the College will be interested to learn of the resurrection of our alumni constituency in a new and energetic organization called the Roger Williams College Alumni Council.

The Council, formed in recent weeks under the leadership of activist members of last year's charter graduating class with the assistance of Roy D. Welch, Jr., Director of Development, has plans to begin providing the College's nearly 1400 alumni and alumnae with information and a schedule of activities to draw them into the contemporary life of the institution.

Most alumni would agree that the problem of organizing is a more difficult one here than at older, more traditional colleges. Roger Williams has gone through such rapid changes and diversification that the maintenance of alumni records and contact has not until this year been a top priority item with the administration.

However, the new Alumni Council and the Development Office have joined forces to streamline alumni communications. Four alumni committees are meeting frequently to assist in this process. They include the Communications Committee (Donald Desrochers '71, Chairman, Robert Leaver '70, Meta Hauptert '70, Phil Eannarino '70, Anthony Parisi '59), the Development Committee (William Kyriakakis '70, Robert D'Uva '70, Earl Truesdell '59, Thomas Rose '70, Sam Roback '70, Marc Rosenberg '70), the Placement Committee (Wayne Stetson '70, Irwin Gross '70, Gary DiOrio '70, John Rozzero '70, and William Sefton '60), and the Recruitment Committee (Fred Imondi '70, Joseph Cerilli '70, Raymond Hurlbut '56, James Alexion '70, Richard Cook '68, Hugh Drumm '61).

Chairman of the Alumni Council is Ronald Martel '70. He will be glad to discuss the new council with any interested alumnus or alumna (phone 726-2103).

The second dormitory on the Bristol campus will be ready for occupancy in September of 1972, according to Edwin F. Hallenbeck, Vice President for Planning. The 310-bed unit, currently under construction on a site beside the first dorm overlooking the bay, will contain four floors of single and double rooms off central corridors, with three entryways and a central elevator. There will be a large lounge area on each floor; the top floor of the dorm, which commands a fine view over the water, has been designed with spacious study and recreation areas to be open to all students at the campus.

Architects on the project are Kent, Cruise and Partners, designers of the Bristol campus. A Rhode Island firm, Hope Construction Co., is the builder.

NEWS                      Nationally known humorist Art Buchwald has accepted the  
IN                          invitation of the senior class to speak at its commence-  
BRIEF                      ment ceremony Sunday, June 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Michaelangelo Antonioni's controversial film, "Zabriskie Point" will be shown April 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall #1 on the Bristol campus.

On May 5, 6, 7, and 8 the Theatre Department will present its final production of the year, Shakespeare's "King Lear." Curtain time is 8:30 p.m., the price of admission \$2. Location: Lecture Hall #1.

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