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Publication Honors Degree Recipients

They range from attorneys (23) to actors (3), from chief executive officers (16) to correspondents (3), and from college presidents (7) to a president's secretary. And they are listed with their degrees, positions, credentials, and photographs in a new college publication. They are the 91 recipients of honorary degrees from Roger Williams College.

The brochure has been published by the Office of Public Relations and Publications at the request of Ralph R. Papitto, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In an introductory message, Papitto wrote that the book “is in tribute to the stature” of the honorary degree recipients and that the College “has been honored to have each and every one of these recipients accept an honorary membership in our College Family.”

Among those honored in the past 14 years are:

- pioneers in kidney and heart transplants (Drs. J. Hartwell Harrison, Joseph Murray, and Michael DeBakey)
- the judge in the Watergate hearings (John J. Sirica)
- the first black woman elected to a court of record in the United States (Juanita Kidd Stout)
- a former CIA director (Stansfield Turner)
- author and illustrator of children's books (Maurice Sendak)
- founders of The Opera Company of Boston (Sarah Caldwell) and Trinity Repertory Company (Adrian Hall)
- and NBC news correspondent (Irving R. Levine)

The 1988 recipients were: Paul J. Choquette, Jr., president, Gilbane Building Company, and chairman of the board, Gilbane Properties, Honorary Doctor of Business Administration; Beverly F. Dolan, chairman, president, chief executive officer, and director of Textron Inc., Honorary Doctor of Business Administration; Dr. Carl Franzblau, professor and chairman, Department of Biochemistry, Boston University School of Medicine, Honorary Doctor of Science; John McLaughlin (see 40th Commencement article), Honorary Doctor of Political Studies; William T. O'Hara, president, Bryant College, Honorary Doctor of Business Administration; and James R. Winoker, president, B. B. Greenberg Co., Honorary Doctor of Public Service.

(N.H.V.)
Weather Vane Claim Funds Scholarship

The establishment of a $100,000 scholarship fund for minority students was announced by President Rizzini on April 26. The money was received from an insurance claim resulting from the theft of the 19th-century copper weather vane stolen in December 1986.

The weather vane became the center of controversy on the campus when a few faculty members termed it a racist stereotype of Native Americans. In the wake of media publicity which ensued, the weather vane was stolen from atop the cupola of the Performing Arts Center during the night of December 28.

The weather vane had been installed on the college's Performing Arts Center, a Victorian barn restored in part by students majoring in historic preservation, in April of 1985. It was meant to honor 17th-century Wampanoag Indian Chief Massasoit. The 15-pound weather vane had been donated to the college by the Bristol County Water Company.

In May of 1987, President Rizzini wrote to the college community, stating: "At the time that I accepted the artifact from the donor, the sole purpose was to recognize, celebrate and honor Native Americans...As a positive result from the debate, I am directing that the College establish a scholarship fund for minority students and that once the insurance case about the theft is settled, the money be applied to this fund. The first scholarship should be awarded in 1988."

The President announced the scholarship at the inauguration of the President's Annual Forum, "Experiencing Cultural Differences."

Activist, attorney, and author Florence Kennedy was the keynote speaker at the forum. The 72-year-old Kennedy, leader of civil rights marches and author of books on discrimination, grows more outspoken with age and continues to evoke strong reactions from the students, faculty, and staff.

The forum had been established to discuss issues of concern to the college community, such as stereotyping and differences between races. The event was coordinated and presented by the Minority Affairs Committee of students, faculty, and staff. The committee seeks to improve the quality of life for minority students and to encourage an increase in the number of minorities at the college.

Friends of Library Meet

"Shipshape and Bristol Fashion - The Herreshoff Tradition" was the title of a lecture sponsored by the Friends of the Library on April 7.

Carlton J. Pinheiro, curator of the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, gave a slide presentation on the history of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, which was located not far from campus. The company was founded in 1863 by John Brown Herreshoff, who took his younger brother, Nathanael, into partnership in 1878. By 1900, the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company employed nearly 200 workers, and was capable of turning out fully equipped sailing and power yachts up to 160 feet in length.

Yachts of N.C. Herreshoff's design, built at the family yard, defended the America's Cup six times from 1893 to 1920. The Herreshoff Manufacturing Company also built the Cup Defenders of 1930 and 1934.

Pinheiro's lecture was enthusiastically received by more than 30 supporters and friends of the Library.

40th Commencement

John McLaughlin, television broadcaster and Washington editor of the National Review, and his wife, Ann Dore McLaughlin, U.S. Secretary of Labor, were in Rhode Island Memorial Day weekend to give commencement speeches. Mr. McLaughlin spoke at Roger Williams College on Saturday, May 28. Mrs. McLaughlin delivered the address at the University of Rhode Island the next day.

McLaughlin is the creator, producer, and host of the award-winning McLaughlin Group, a weekly public affairs program which began airing in 1981. He is also the host of John McLaughlin's One on One, a weekly interview program.

"What Do the Nation and the World Expect From the College Graduate of 1988?" was the title of McLaughlin's speech. Approximately 700 degrees were awarded.

(N.H.F.)
Alumni Cruise

Sail aboard the fan ship Mardi Gras for an entertaining four day cruise to Nassau. Discover Fort Charlotte, Blackbeard’s Tower, the Straw Market, and many other Bahamian sites.

A welcoming reception just for Roger Williams College participants will join old friends with many new ones. Then, enjoy good food, saunas, a swimming pool, health spa, movies, and even a gambling casino.

The Alumni Association invites you to... (N.H.V.)

Alumni Pursuit Weekend '88

Roger Williams College “Alumni Pursuit” Reunion Weekend '88, June 10-12, is fast approaching. If you haven’t yet made reservations, there is still time.

Check-in and registration begins at 4pm on Friday, June 10. Alumni and guests will enjoy a “Barbecue by the Bay” at 6pm, while listening to the Dixie All-Stars. Later on in the evening, Ted Morgan '88, president of the students’ radio station WQRI, will spin your favorite discs as you reminisce about your years at College.

On Saturday, the Alumni Association will meet at 9am. From 10 until noon, a variety of enrichment forums will be offered, including “Health, Fitness, and Diet in the 80’s,” “A Glimpse at RWC’s London Study Programs,” and “How to Finance Your Child’s Education.” In addition, there will be two sequential sessions: “Why Do I Like Some People and Not Others?” utilizing the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, followed by “Using Your Skills to Shift Gears and Change Careers.”

After enjoying a gourmet box lunch and entertainment by Pendragon, a local folk music group, alumni can select afternoon activities from such offerings as a tour of Bristol’s museums, golf, tennis, and a faculty/alumni softball game.

Beginning at 6pm, cocktail receptions hosted by college majors and divisions will provide a chance to renew friendships with faculty members and classmates. Following a sumptuous buffet dinner and awards program, alumni will adjourn to the Performing Arts Center for an evening of New England music and humor by Houlihan and Campbell.

Reservations can be made for the entire weekend, or for separate events. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 401 253-1040 ext. 2005, or call toll-free (outside RI) 1-800 458-7144. It’s a weekend you won’t want to miss!

(N.H.V.)

Carr Wins Faculty Award

After 19 years of teaching marketing and management courses at the College, Benjamin Carr has won the coveted Faculty of the Year Award. The honor is sponsored by Alpha Chi, the college’s chapter of the National Honor Society.

Known as a dedicated and spirited teacher, Ben expressed surprise when notified that he had been chosen. In past years, he had been assistant to the dean for institutional research, area coordinator of marketing, yearbook advisor, and advisor to the former United Minority Coalition. His B.A. in economics was earned at Iowa Wesleyan College and his M.B.A. at Bryant College. In the mid-seventies, he completed 45 hours of course work toward a Ph.D. in marketing at the University of Massachusetts. (N.H.V.)

Whereabouts Unknown

Finding a former classmate used to be just like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack. But not anymore. Soon a directory of alumni will be available to help you locate old friends.

The new Roger Williams College Alumni Directory scheduled for release in May or June 1989, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on more than 6,000 Roger Williams alumni ever compiled. The comprehensive volume will include: current name, address, phone number, academic data, and business information, if applicable. It will be bound in a classic, library-quality edition.

The Alumni Office has contracted Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to produce the directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus/a. (Anyone who prefers not to be listed in the directory should contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new Roger Williams College Alumni Directory will make finding an alumnus/a as easy as opening a book. Watch for further details in future issues of alumni publications.

(N.H.V.)
Phonathons Raise Record $23,538

For nine evenings during April and May, Roger Williams College alumni and students manned the telephones to raise funds for the 1987-88 Annual Fund.

A record $23,538 was raised, all of which will go toward the Annual Fund goal of $100,000. The Annual Fund helps maintain the quality of Roger Williams College’s educational programs. In the past the fund has helped to support student financial programs, academic programs, faculty development, teaching and research equipment, and maintenance of buildings and grounds. The new pledges bring the total to $72,000 — or 72% of the Annual Fund goal.

Each night of the phonathons, the top three callers were awarded prizes donated by Bristol County businesses. Those top callers were invited back for “Superstar Night” on May 3, and competed for the grand prize — an all-expense-paid weekend for two at the Sheraton Plymouth.

Phonathon grand prize winner, Kathleen Coleman ‘88, is congratulated by Gary Kightley, director of institutional advancement.

Kathleen Coleman ‘88 was the grand prize winner, with a total of 43 specific dollar-amount pledges for the final night of calling. Kathleen, a psychology major, has worked in the Office of Institutional Advancement during her four years at Roger Williams College. Congratulations, Kathleen! (L.C.O.)

Students enjoy springtime by the Bay.

New York/New Jersey Regional Chapter

On Saturday, May 14, a group of alumni from the New York/New Jersey area met in Manalapan, N.J., at the home of Scott Dorsky ’78 to begin planning events for the upcoming year. Attending were Tim Gannon ’83 and his wife, Lynne (Hart) Gannon ’83; Steven Guzzon ’79 and his wife, Sue Ann (Madson) Guzzon ’81; Susan Dobkowski ’76; and Lin (Holmes) Howe ’77.

Two events are being planned for the fall of 1988. The first, a family picnic, has been scheduled for the weekend of September 17. The location will be announced. The Chapter is also planning a cocktail reception to be held on November 3.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the New York/New Jersey Chapter, please call Lianne Oberg in the Alumni Office at 401 253-1040 ext. 2005, or call toll-free (outside RI) at 1-800 458-7144.

New WATS Line

For convenience in telephoning the Alumni Office, the college has installed a toll-free WATS line. Note the new number which is 800 458-7144. Rhode Island callers do not have access to the WATS number. However, the states served by the new number are: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

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The college community anticipates a busy summer of events, including plays, athletic camps, workshops, conferences, and another Alive! Arts Series. It all begins on May 30 with the 16th annual Law in London Program, and comes to an end August 28 with a performance of "Frenchie the Barber," concert soloist Edward A. Chauvin.

During June, intensive day courses are offered in many areas. Beginning July 5, more than 65 evening classes will be held in Bristol and Providence.

Faculty member and attorney Thomas E. (Tucker) Wright will conduct the 16th annual Roger Williams College Law in London Program from May 30 to June 13. College and university students as well as adults may apply. Courses offered during the intensive two-week session will be: Comparative Legal Systems, Special Problems in Corrections, British Theatre, and Cultural Institutions of England. Six credits may be earned.

The Third Annual Mandolin and Guitar Summer School will be held at the college from June 20 through 26. The week-long study of classical mandolin and guitar will be presented by "Uncommon Strings." The principals are Hibbard Perry, a well-respected mandolin and guitar teacher, and the Mair-Davis Duo. They are Marilyn Mair and Mark Davis, teachers, performers, and recording artists.

The new Architecture gallery will be host to "Townscepes of Europe," an exhibition that traces the history and development of the town square from antiquity through the 20th century. The exhibit panels feature visuals and text, and give glimpses of the town square in Greek, Roman, and Medieval traditions; Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque periods; in neo-classicism and 19th century planning; and in 20th century urban design. The exhibit is funded in part by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

The College will offer an English as a Second Language Program for college-bound high school students, July 5 through August 23. Three non-credit courses will range from elementary to advanced levels.

The College teams up with the Institute of Electrical Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Rhode Island Partnership for Science & Technology to host the Roger Williams College Digital Signal Processing Workshop July 11-13. A grant was received from the Rhode Island Partnership for Science & Technology to help fund the workshop, directed by Dr. Ralph Chosaing.

Poet Paul Zimmer and fiction writer Susan Dodd will direct the second annual Writers’ Conference at the College from July 25 through 29. The conference is designed for serious writers of fiction and poetry, as well as for those interested in small presses and publishing. It is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program. Acceptance to the conference requires submission of manuscripts, an application, and a $25 non-refundable deposit to Martha Christina, Creative Writing Program, Roger Williams College, Bristol, R.I.

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A newly formed Scholarship Committee of the Social and Health Services Alumni Advisory Board has developed a scholarship application which was mailed to all Social and Health Services students. The deadline for applying is July 15. Two scholarships will be awarded this fall to deserving students in the program.

Senior Karen Ann Bailey received honorable mention in a national student teaching competition sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA).

Sandra Massie has been appointed public relations assistant at the College. She earned a B.A. in career writing, cum laude, from Roger Williams in 1987.

For further information concerning any of the activities listed above, contact the Public Relations Office at 401-253-7777. (S.J.M.)
CLASS NOTES

1970
Garry J. Diorio, sales manager for American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Boston) for 18 years, died May 12 at home after a ten-month illness. Diorio was a member of the Roger Williams College Corporation, the U.S. Army Reserve (Bristol), Gloucester (R.I.) Country Club, and the Junior Achievement Program at AT&T. He was also a member of the Greenville Baptist Church. Besides his wife, Jeanne (Lincourt), he leaves two daughters, Kristen J. and Karen E., both at home, and a sister, Susan M. Berry of East Providence, R.I.

1971
Lee J. Juskalian, a senior broker with Kotes Properties, Inc., since 1984, has been named a member of the Capital Center Commission by Rhode Island Governor Edward D. DiPrete. The Center Commission reviews plans for construction and ensures that the construction companies conform to guidelines for the downtown Providence project. From 1980 to 1984, Juskalian was a president of the Shelter Group, Inc. Formerly he was senior planner for the city of Pawtucket (R.I.) Planning Department.

1972
Michael S. Festa of Hanover, Mass., has joined Keystone Investor Resource Center, Inc., in Boston as vice president. He is a member of the American Society for Training and Development. He had earned a M.A. in Counseling and Personnel Services at the University of Rhode Island.

1973
Joseph C. Cabral has joined the center for Alcohol and Drug Problems. He is responsible for overseeing administration of the center's in-patient drug unit during the evenings. A registered nurse, he is attending Boston University in pursuit of a master's degree in social work. He and his wife, Diane, live in New Bedford, Mass.

1974
Mark Jarvis has been named to Navistar International Transportation Corporation's "Triple Diamond Club" for achieving an impressive record in sales. A resident of Cumberland, R.I., Jarvis is Fleet Account Manager for Town & Country International, Inc.

1975
Walter K. Schroeder, a resident of Jamestown, R.I., spoke at the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society meeting in March on "Defenses of Narragansett Bay in World War II - Rhode Island's Own War Story." Schroeder, an employee of The U.S. Defense Department for 27 years, is fluent in German and is the author of several publications. He has completed graduate courses at the U.S. Naval War College in military planning, management, and national security.

1977
William O. Andersen, Jr., has been appointed Manager of Product Engineering at AFC in Somerset, Mass. He has been chairman of The Aluminum Association Electrical Technical Committee and has authored several papers on aluminum conductors in high voltage and building wire applications. Andersen, his wife Jackie, and their two sons reside in Somerset, Mass.

1978
Karen E., both at home, and a sister, Susan M. Berry of East Providence, R.I.

1981
Susan L. Cline accepted a position as executive director of the Historic Kansas City Foundation on March 1, 1988, in Kansas City, Mo. Before leaving her position as executive director of the Rott-Jones-Duff House and Garden in New Bedford, Cline developed a volunteer force of more than 300 people. She also developed a capital campaign in 1986-87 and increased museum memberships. Ms. Cline and Alan E. Cordorion plan to be married on June 25, and reside in Kansas City.

1983
Paul Pabis, engineering supervisor for WJAR-TV, and his wife, television anchorwoman Patrice Wood, recently bought radio station WKID in Wickford, R.I. The station broadcasts news and contemporary adult music. The couple have been living in Swansea since they were married in 1983.

1985
Deborah A. Dupont, a Tiverton, R.I., resident, has been the new postmaster at the U.S. Post Office in Assonet, Mass., since December. She had been superintendent of postal operations in Tiverton, R.I., before accepting her new position.

Janet Godke of Somerset, Mass., has been hired by RIGHA as a Service Representative. Godke will be the primary RIGHA liaison for companies in parts of northern Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts, offering RIGHA coverage to employees.

1986
Jonathan Halle has been named project manager by Meehan Architects in Manchester, N.H. He is currently involved with the Daniel Webster Plaza project in Nashua, N.H.

Arthur Stefanopoulos is employed as a member of the technical staff at the Los Angeles-based Hughes Aircraft Company. He has been accepted into the M.B.A. program at Boston University's Graduate School where he will pursue his M.B.A. on a part-time basis.

1987
Kathy Ann Grubbs will work with the poor in Calcutta, India, June 4 through 30, as part of a Mother Theresa Mission. Grubbs is currently employed with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Elaine Simard has been employed as Central Connecticut State University's Carroll Hall dorm director. She is responsible for 45 foreign students and 165 Americans. Americans and international students are being housed under a new "eros cultural" program so they can get to know and appreciate each others cultures. Simard lives in New Britain, CT.

Susan L. Sartini has been named medicare manager of the Ocean State's new Physician's Health Plan for Seniors. Sbardella is also a member of the Roger Williams College Corporation's "Triple Diamond Club" for achieving an impressive record in sales. A resident of Cumberland, R.I., Jarvis is Fleet Account Manager for Town & Country International, Inc.
Since March of this year, the Roger Williams College Alumni Council has been meeting monthly to complete the bylaws of the Alumni Association. The Council has identified six standing committees that need to be staffed as soon as possible in order that the Council and Association can function during the important months to come. These committees are: Programs and Social Events, Fund Raising, Budget and Finance, Nominating and Elections, Membership, and Publications.

The immediate goal is to organize the Programs and Social Events Committee, and the Nominating and Elections Committee. These two committees are critical for several reasons.

The 20th anniversary of the opening of the Bristol campus will occur in 1989. In order for the Council to plan appropriate events, including Reunion '89, the Programs and Social Events Committee needs to start meeting by fall 1988 — this September, which is only a few short months away.

The purpose of this committee is to provide ongoing educational programs, such as seminars, workshops and lectures, for alumni and students. The committee would plan, coordinate, organize, promote and execute alumni weekend, as well as plan and promote other special events on and off campus.

Currently, the Alumni Council consists of the following individuals: Richard Dieffenbach '74, President; Dennis McWeeney '74, President-elect; Priscilla Fennessy '74, Secretary-Treasurer; Armand Teixeira '80; Dr. Ralph Carlini '73; Christopher Zepp '85; Norman G. Arcand '71; and Liz Hallenbeck '73. The next election of officers and members of the Alumni Council will be in the spring of 1989. In order for this to occur in an orderly fashion, the Nominating and Elections Committee also needs to be in place by the fall of 1988. The primary purpose of this committee is to present to the executive board a slate of officers, members-at-large, and nominees to the Board of Trustees.

If you are interested in serving on the Alumni Council as a member-at-large, or on any of the six standing committees, please take a moment and fill in the form at right.

The Roger Williams College Alumni Association is planning a big celebration for the 20th anniversary. To bring these plans to fruition, your participation, either on the Council or on a committee is crucial. Have an idea or desire concerning this momentous event? Let us know; we need you!

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