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**ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE** 

# THE ABRIDGED

ALUMNI BULLETIN MARCH 1988



# Gary M. Keighley Appointed



"I think our alumni are our best asset, so that's where I'm placing my priorities right now." When President Rizzini appointed Gary M. Keighley acting director of institutional advancement last October, the college welcomed him enthusiastically. Faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and students looked forward to helping him achieve his goals in development and alumni relations.

Because of his professionalism and engaging personality, Gary has established confidence in the Office of Institutional Advancement, while winning many friends both on campus and in the wider community.

Recently, the editor of *The Abridged* alumni bulletin spoke with the new director about his responsibilities and plans. Excerpts from that conversation follow.

# What are your goals for Institutional Advancement?

The ultimate goal of Institutional Advancement is to help the College remain financially sound by increasing, in the long run, voluntary support. I look at Institutional Advancement as the service arm of the College, servicing faculty and administrators in grant writing and research. The top priority I have, though, is service to our alumniforming a strong alumni association with the board, working with alumni in various cities, forming and reactivating regional clubs. I think our alumni are our best asset, so that's where I'm placing my priorities right now.

Institutional Advancement staff (left to right) Joyce Whetstone-Pellegrini, development information systems coordinator: Margaret M. Norton. researcher/writer: Marilun Koback assistant to the director; and (seated) Nancy L. Medeiros, administrative assistant.

"What surprised me the most, I guess, was when I came here and found what an incredibly wonderful story that Roger Williams College had to tell - what a great institution it is."

The Abridged Alumni Bulletin Roger Williams College February 1988 Editor Director of Public Relations and Publications Nondas Hurst Voll

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Describe your staff and their various functions.

To go along with the top priority of service to our alumni, we have hired the College's first director of alumni relations and annual giving. I think she's going to do a fine job. She's hit the floor running already. She's a very capable person, and she looks forward to working with the alumni association, the board, the various alumni chapters, and working on reunion.

The second position that was created was a development information systems coordinator who is responsible for record keeping, receipting of voluntary support, and working with me on developing an accurate alumni data base.

The third position, which was a temporary part-time one, was turned into a full-time position. That's the position of researcher and grant writer. This is the individual who works with faculty and staff on their grant proposals, does research, and finds the proper foundations and corporations for our major funding.

#### What is your professional and educational background?

Well, my educational background is Bryant College, Class of '68, Bachelor of Science in business administration with a major in management. And in 1979 I went back to Bryant full time for my M.B.A. and received that in 1980. My professional background, since the time I began working until I changed career fields, was as a commercial airline pilot. After that, when I retired, I went to work at Bryant College, after I received my master's degree, as the director of annual giving, and in my fifth year there, I was the acting director of development responsible for all the voluntary support that flowed to the college. After that, I moved on to the Rhode Island Historical Society and for three years ran a successful \$2.1 million campaign to repair and endow the John Brown House. I came on board here at Roger Williams College in mid-October as the acting director of institutional advancement.

#### What about your personal background, family, children?

I've lived in Rhode Island all my life. I'm 42 years old, have one child, and my wife is a school teacher in the North Providence School System. I live about an hour away from the campus in a small village called Harmony which is located in the town of Glocester in western Rhode Island, I've lived there for about 17 years.

#### As a newcomer to the College, what has most surprised you?

As I said, I've lived in Rhode Island all my life and had never been on the campus of Roger Williams College. What surprised me the most, I guess, was when I came here and found what an incredibly wonderful story that Roger Williams College had to tell-what a great institution it is. The interesting thing about Roger Williams College is that it never has undertaken any major capital fund-raising for development efforts. I think we're going to be successful in satisfying the needs of the College.

#### What would you like the alumni to know about Institutional Advancement?

As we move through this year of 1988, I hope to be out on the road and visit with as many alumni as I can. I've met quite a few already, and I think they're just a wonderful, ambitious group of people. The president has also assured me that he's going to be traveling and meeting as many alumni as possible. I look forward to meeting the many alumni who come back to visit their alma mater this spring, and I really look forward to having a good reunion this year in June.

#### **Board of Trustees**

#### 39th Commencement

Ralph R. Papitto, prominent Rhode Island businessman, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for Roger Williams College last May. Papitto is the founder, chairman, chief executive officer, and a director of Nortek, Inc., a diversified company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.



management courses at the University of Rhode Island. He has received honorary degrees from Roger Williams College, Bryant College, Suffolk University, and New England Institute of Technology.

Papitto was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1969; he was appointed vice-chairman in 1976. In April 1986, a benefit performance in his honor, opening the College's new performing arts center, raised approximately \$100,000 to establish the Ralph R. Papitto Scholarship Fund.

Elected to the Roger Williams College Board of Trustees at the December 5 meeting were: Joseph M. Cerilli '70, president, Providence Land Company; Donald E. Creamer, partner, Creamer Trowbridge Co.; Harry M. Crump, president and chief executive officer, American Flexible Conduit; Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. '78, mayor of Providence; and M. Anne Szostak, executive vice president, Fleet National Bank. The trustees were elected to three-year terms.

#### The College held its 39th Commencement May 23 on the Fulton Campus green. Approximately 700 degrees were awarded. The Commencement speaker was Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, author, associate professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and senior associate professor of psychiatry, The Children's Hospital/Judge Baker Guidance Center, Boston. He spoke on "Improving the Quality of Life: A Personal Reflection."

Five honorary degrees were awarded. The recipients were: Dr. Joseph E. Cannon, former director of health, R.I. Department of Health, honorary doctor of public health; Donald E. Creamer, chairman of WCRS/North America, honorary doctor of community service; Robert E. Eder, chairman and chief executive officer of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, honorary doctor of business administration; and Dr. Poussaint, honorary doctor of humanities.

## In Brief

Director of Admissions William F. Dunfey reported that 2,900 students applied for admission to the College in the fall. This was the largest number of applicants in the College's history. The fall enrollment figures were: 1,921 full-time day students; 607 adult Open Division students; 1,097 parttime evening students; for a total of 3,625.

President Rizzini has been appointed by Governor Edward D. DiPrete to the State of Rhode Island Ethics Commission.

As part of a faculty exchange program begun in 1986, Zhongwhen He, associate professor at Nanjing University in China, is teaching Chinese culture and language at Roger Williams College this year. In August, Dr. Richard H. Potter will begin a yearlong residency at Nanjing University.

President Rizzini announced the extension of professional accreditation of the Bachelor of Architecture program for a five-year term. The program was originally accredited for a two-year period in July 1985. Last spring a team from the National Architectural Accrediting Board visited the Bristol campus to review the Architecture Program. The accreditation was extended when the program was adjudged to be in compliance with the NSAAB's conditions of accreditation.

# Lianne C. Oberg Named Director

Lianne C. Oberg has joined the Institutional Advancement staff as director of alumni relations and annual giving. She is responsible for organizing and directing alumni and parent activities, including reunion weekend, as well as raising unrestricted dollars for the Annual Fund.



served as director of financial development at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

She was the director of development research at Brown University from 1979-81, and held the same position at Bryant College from 1981-84.

Oberg is president-elect of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Rhode Island Chapter, and a board member and chairman of the development committee of the Traveler's Aid Society of Rhode Island.

"I am very happy to be back in higher education, especially at Roger Williams College," Oberg said. "I am looking forward to working with the alumni, students, and parents of the College, and feel that together we can build a strong and active alumni association."

# Career Directions for Women

Approximately 50 adults enrolled in a pilot program, "Career Directions for Women," sponsored by Career Services last semester. The program was designed to assist and support women, between the ages of 30 and 55, who have been at home and are now ready to explore other options.

U.S. Representative Claudine Schneider kicked off the innovative project with a keynote address, followed by a luncheon in the performing arts center. On six subsequent Wednesday mornings, the participants attended workshops on topics ranging from "Creating Your Dream Job" to "Employment Issues in 2000."

Fran Katzanek, director of career services, plans to repeat the successful series next fall. If you are interested in learning more about the project, contact Fran at 401 253-1400.

# Creative Writers Visit Campus

Last summer, the Creative Writing Program established a successful Writers' Conference. The week-long residential workshop was led by Susan Dodd, author of *No Earthly Notion* and *Old Wives Tales*, and Paul Zimmer, director of the University of Iowa Press and author of eight books of poetry. Happily, they have agreed to return for the second Writers' Conference, scheduled for July 25 through 29.

Poet Mark Cox and fiction writer Nancy Potter will be the visiting creative writers this spring. Cox will read on March 10; Potter, April 14. Both readings will be held in the Bay Room of the Student Center at 8 p.m. They are free and open to the public.

Ampersand Press has published *Pilgrims: A Chapbook of Poems* by Peter Makuck. It is available for \$3.50, plus \$1 for handling and postage. By the end of February, Ampersand Press expects its next chapbook, R.V. Cassill's collection of short stories, *Patrimonies*, to be available. The cost is \$10, plus \$1.

The winter issue of *Calliope*, the program's literary magazine, is also available. For further information about the publications or the Creative Writing program, contact Robert McRoberts at 401 253-1040 ext. 2217.

# **Studies Abroad**

Since 1971, the London Theatre program has provided hundreds of college students an opportunity to study the finest theatre in the world. Students in fall 1987 attended more than 60 events, studying plays at the Old Vic, Barbican, National, Haymarket, Drury Lane, Paladium, Aldwych, and Young Vic; dance at Sadlers Wells and Covent Garden; concerts at Festival Hall and Royal Albert Hall; and opera at the Coliseum.

During the January intersession, psychology faculty members Dr. Joseph Neuschatz, Dr. Lorraine Dennis, and Donald Whitworth '75, took 30 students on the Psychology Studies in England Program. The students took two courses, *Crosscultural Influences on Psychology* and *Institutions of England*.

Also during January, Dr. Kevin Jordan led the Architecture and Historic Preservation in England Program for working preservationists. From January 8 through 24, the participants visited numerous historic and restored sites and heard well-known preservationists. Attorney Thomas E. Wright will conduct the fifth annual Law in London Program from May 30 to June 13. College and university students and adults interested in studying law may apply. The courses offered during the intensive two-week session will be *Comparative Legal Systems, Special Problems in Corrections, British Theatre,* and *Cultural Institutions of England.* 

During July, Roger Williams College will sponsor the Architectural Conservation Summer School at West Dean College, Chichester, England, for a week. Contact Drs. Jordan and Swanson at 401 253-1040 ext. 2396 for details, if interested.



#### London Theatre Program, Fall 1987

#### Natural Science Lectures

The Natural Science Division has announced its spring lecture series. On March 2, Dr. Linda Huffnagel will lecture on "Protozoan Fertility": Dr. Ed Wakem will discuss "Veterinary Epidemiology" on March 9. "Lobster Hatchery in Massachusetts" (March 16), "Underwater Photography" (March 30), "Mammals of East Africa' (April 13), and "Studies on Lichen Symbiosis" (April 20) are other topics.

The Natural Science lectures are held on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in Science Business 124. They are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Dr Martine Villalard-Bohnsack at 401 253-1040 ext. 2243.

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### Architecture Building Dedicated

The new architecture building was dedicated on October 15. The design for the building had been won by Kite Palmer Architects, Inc., of Providence, in a national design competition sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and Roger Williams College. The competition had drawn 152 entries from 41 states.

The nearly 46,000 gross-square-foot structure houses architectural design studios, review/seminar rooms, an architectural library, photography studios, model shop, and exhibition gallery.

In reviewing the finished building, Robert Campbell, architecture critic for The Boston Globe, wrote: "The new architecture building at Roger Williams College here, is a good piece of architecture. It shows that a

simple, stripped-down, economical building can still be filled with light and grace and a sense of aspiration...Roger Williams manages to be plain enough not to intimidate, yet inventive enough to be exhilarating." (September 15,1987)

In reviewing the design of the architecture building for The Providence Journal, Bill Van Siclen wrote: "The Roger Williams College architecture building has already established itself as one of the country's best mixed-use university





being grim or clunky. It's a worthy addition to the state's small but growing list of top-flight contemporary college and university buildings." (Dec. 7, 1987)

In December, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects presented an honor award for the design of the architecture building to Kite Palmer Architects. The jury praised the work for its "simple mix of materials" and as "very clearly organized and very clearly expressed."

Architectural Record published the renderings from the design competition. Paul Goldberger, architectural critic for The New York Times, has written the essay for the dedication book, which will be produced by the College shortly.



# **Exhibition Gallery Inaugurated**

As part of the dedication events, the College inaugurated the architectural exhibition gallery with a centenary exhibition by major French architect Le Corbusier. The College was the first site on a national tour of the exhibit. "A Process of Design: Drawings and Sketches by Le Corbusier to Guillaume Jullian de la Fuente." It focused on the evolution of Le Corbusier's creative process from original concept through final drawings and buildings. De la Fuente, visiting professor of architecture at Cornell University and chief architect in Le Corbusier's atelier from 1959 until 1965, lectured at the College the evening preceding the dedication. More than 4,000 visitors came to the campus to view the exhibition.

From February 10 to March 25, the College will host the exhibit, "The Golden Age of Ottoman Architecture: Sinan, Sultan Suleyman's Court Architect."

Aptullah Kuran, professor of architecture, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey will open the exhibit with a lecture on Febuary 10 at 6:30 p.m.

March 30 through May 13, a retrospective exhibition of drawings, models, and photographs marking 50 years of architectural practice by Hugh A. Stubbins, Jr., will be featured in the exhibit, "Hugh Stubbins: The First Fifty Years." Stubbins is best known for the design of the Citicorp Center in New York City and the Federal Reserve Bank building in Boston. He will lecture at the College on the evening of March 30.

Paul Goldberger, architecture critic for The New York Times will speak on "The Skyscraper: Triumphant Symbol or Unwelcome Intruder" (February 24). Thomas Amsler, principal, Hagenah, Amsler, McLean Architects, Boston, will discuss his firm's designs (March 9). The spring lecture series will conclude with Alan Chimacoff, director of design, The Hillier Group, Princeton, N.J. (April 13).

"... a contemporary building that is imaginative without being flashy and functional without being grim or clunky."

## Theatre Party

The Social and Health Services Alumni Advisory Board is sponsoring a Theatre Party on March 12, featuring "A Pack of Lies" by Hugh Whitemore. Directed and designed by RWC faculty and performed by students and members of the College community, "A Pack of Lies" is a tragic spy-drama about a family reluctantly drawn into an espionage adventure.

The 8:00 p.m. performance in the performing arts center will be preceded at 6:30 by a buffet dinner in the Bay Room of the Student Center. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person; proceeds benefit the Social and Health Services Scholarship Fund. For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 401 253-1040 ext. 2005. L.C.O.

#### Broken Rainbow Committee Formed

Several administrators and faculty have formed the Broken Rainbow Committee. Its purpose is to raise consciousness about important social issues relating to groups that have been kept from the mainstream of society.

In November, the committee brought to campus Dick Gregory. human rights activist, social satirist, author, lecturer, recording artist, actor, philosopher, and political activist. More than 400 students, faculty, administrators and guests crowded into the student center to hear Gregory repeat "You Can Make a Difference!" His address dealt with a wide range of topics including the Persian Gulf, Rev. Jesse Jackson's candidacy, drug use by Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg, and the source of the AIDS virus.

Angela Davis, human rights and political activist, author, professor, and lecturer, was a guest of the Broken Rainbow Committee on February 11. A professor at San Francisco State University, Davis focuses on issues such as racism, unemployment, prison and judicial reform, and women's equality. She is the author of *Women, Race and Class,* and the best seller, *Angela Davis: An Autobiography.* 



# Contemporary Forums Raise Issues

Released hostage David Jacobsen spoke about his experiences in the Middle East and the hostage-forarms controversy at the Student Center on November 9. His talk was sponsored by the Contemporary Forums Committee.

Former director of American University Hospital in Beirut, Jacobsen was kidnapped by terrorists on May 28, 1985. Released after 17 months of captivity as a hostage in Lebanon, the 55-year-old hospital administrator returned home to California as headlines about the Iran-Contra arms and money scandal rocked the nation.

M.L. Carr, former Boston Celtics basketball star, will speak on "Drug Testing in the Work Place" on March 10. His lecture is co-sponsored by the Contemporary Forums Committee and Career Services.

On March 23 Contemporary Forums will sponsor a lecture by author, philosopher, and activist Jeremy Rifkin. President of the Foundation on Economic Trends in Washington, D.C., Rifkin examines the environmental, social, political, economic and ethical realities in an age of genetic engineering, nuclear technology, computer culture, and biotech industry.

#### **Alive! Arts Series**

The new performing arts center is the site of the third annual Alive! Arts Series. Nine performances by visiting artists were scheduled for 1987-88. Last fall the renowned National Theatre of the Deaf performed "The Dybbuk," contemporary pianist Jim Chappel entertained, and "Nowell Sing We Clear," a family event featuring carols, a mummer's play, and jugglers, was the first Alive! Arts group invited to return again.

Schedules for the spring semester are:

#### February 7

Vinie Burrows in "Walk Together Children"

#### March 15

Freedman/Coleman Dance Company

March 24 Novelist Terry McMillan

April 22

Classical pianist Eugenie Russo

#### May 15

"Agatha Christie: A One-woman Mystery"

Reservations can be made by telephoning William O'Connell, Director of Student and Auxiliary Services, at 401 253-1040 ext. 2153, weekdays. Alumni Jacyln Cottrell '86, Priscilla Fennessy '74, Elizabeth Hallenbeck '73, and Philip Young '86 were among 30 participants in the first Alive! Arts Performing Arts Tour of London, from November 20 through 29. William Grandgeorge, founder of the London Theatre Program, coordinated the tour from London. Marilynn Mair, a member of the College's music faculty and the Mair-Davis Duo, accompanied the tour group.

**Performing Arts Tour** 

The adults joined with the students in the London Theatre Program to tour churches, museums, and historic sites and to attend theatre, dance, and musical performances. On Thanksgiving, the group enjoyed a matinee of the musical hit "Les Miserables" and a traditional turkey dinner at the Carvery. The tour ended with a farewell dinner at "The Players," a private club, followed by a performance in the typical Victorian music hall.

Dick Gregory

#### Gifts to Roger Williams College

July 1,1986 - June 30,1987

Trustees and Corporation	\$ 16,433.70
Administration, Faculty, Staff	5,062.00
Foundations	16,999.00
Grants for Special Projects	677,110.00
Alumni	29,597.50
Parents	2,665.00
Friends	17,615.00
Matching Gifts	2,820.00
In-kind Gifts	9,970.00
Miscellaneous	1,042.98
Grand Total	\$ 779,252.18
Total Value of Cash Gifts	\$ 420,916.18
Total Value of In-kind Gifts	\$358,336.00

#### **Athletic Activities**

Dwight Datcher '74 was named assistant director of athletics last summer. He replaced Joel Dearing who became director of athletics. A native of Millonocket, Maine, Dearing graduated from Springfield College and earned an M.S. in physical education from Bridgewater State College.

> Longtime head coach of the successful women's volleyball team, Dearing has started the College's varsity men's volleyball team. A member of the newly formed

New England Conference of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, the team competes against Harvard, MIT, Dartmouth, and Springfield College.

This year the College sponsors 14 intercollegiate and four intramural teams. Intramurals are basketball, floor hockey, touch football, and volleyball. Intercollegiate teams are:

*men* - baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and volleyball;

*women* - basketball, softball, tennis, and volleyball;

*coeducational* - equestrian and sailing. At present, the hockey team is ranked fifth in the ECAC/South Division.

If you're interested in attending any of the spring semester athletic events, call sports information director Marcus Janitto at 401 253-1040 ext. 2050. Marcus, who also coaches the sailing team, will mail you a schedule.

# Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars now for Alumni Weekend '88, which will be held on June 10-12. A reunion committee is now being organized, and plans are underway for a weekend filled with exciting programs and events. A detailed schedule of events will be released later.

Let's make this reunion Roger Williams' biggest and best ever.

For further information, contact Lianne C. Oberg at the Alumni Relations Office, 401 253-1040 ext. 2005.

#### **Open House**

On Sunday, March 27, from noon until 4 p.m. the College will host an Open House for prospective students and their parents. If you know of a high school junior or senior who may be interested in attending Roger Williams College, please telephone the Admissions Office at 401 253-1967 and an invitation will be mailed. *Thomas J. Paolino*, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams College and retired associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, died April 18, 1987. He was the husband of Florence Dolce Paolino and the father of Dr. Thomas Paolino Jr., Loreen Lapore, and Linda Paolino.

Deaths

Judge Paolino graduated from Brown University in 1928 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1931. Judge Paolino served the court for 21 years after having been active in Republican politics. His specialty was zoning law. He published two volumes about the history of the Rhode Island Supreme Court zoning decisions. Judge Paolino was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1968 and became chairman in 1970. For his commitment to the education of young people and for his many years of service to the College, the Board of Trustees and the president dedicated the new Thomas J. Paolino Recreation Center on May 15, 1983.

Harold Payson, Jr., retired Navy captain, faculty member, and dean, died on September 9, 1987. A graduate of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Captain Payson was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in modern history. Later, he was awarded another master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Roger Williams College awarded him an honorary degree in 1979.

Following a 30-year Naval career, Payson began teaching in the Natural Science Division in 1968. During later years, he was dean of the College and ombudsman. He endowed a four-year scholarship which is awarded annually to a resident of Bristol. Payson is survived by his wife, Anne Marie, and three sons: Dr. Harold Payson, III, Reverend Charles Payson, and Air Force Major Raymond P. Payson. Roxana Fermin '87 and Christopher Scipione '86 died in a hotel fire in Margarita, Venezuela, during their wedding reception on November 27, 1987. Nine other family members and guests also perished in the accident. Scipione, a native of Stamford, Ct., met his Venezuelan-born wife, Roxana, while both were students at the College Later he became a New York bank employee. They had planned to return to Stamford.

Earl L. Franklin, husband of *Barbara Franklin*, long-time executive secretary to the president and to the Board of Trustees, died suddenly on November 30, 1987. He had served as a certified public accountant with Amtel, Inc., and Peat Marwick Mitchell for 30 years before retiring in 1975.

Patricia Sevigny Hogan '85, assistant to the dean of the College, died on January 22, 1988, after a brief illness. For seventeen years she had served in various offices including the dean's, public relations, financial aid, development, and continuing education. Each year she coordinated the Grand Marshalls for commencement, and in 1985 she earned her A.S. in business administration, magna cum laude. She is survived by four daughters: Deborah Piedl; Maureen Donahue; Karen Primiano; and Patricia Hogan, the youngest who lived with her mother in Warren.

All graduates of Roger Williams College are members of the Alumni Association. Its purpose is to keep alumni informed of developments at the College, to provide educational programs for alumni, and to serve as a network of "ambassadors," who support the College in a variety of ways - as volunteers in planning alumni events such as Reunion Weekend, as mentors to our undergraduates, and even as fund-raisers!

The Alumni Association is currently undergoing a reorganization and revitalization process. We plan to accomplish this by way of communicating through publications such as *The Bridge* and *The Abridged*, through oncampus events and cultural and educational programs, and through our alumni regional clubs, which presently exist in Rhode Island, New York/New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

In order for us to succeed, we need your help.

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