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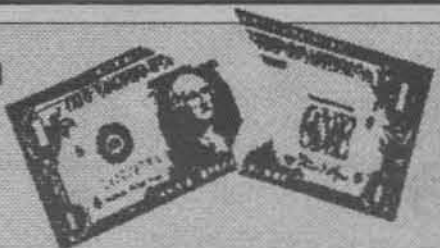
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RWC to become a smoke-free campus

By Kary Andrews
Managing Editor

RWC is going officially smoke-free as of January 29, 1991, according to Dean of Students, Karen Haskell.

According to this new policy, handed down from the College Smoking Committee, consisting of representatives from faculty, staff and students, smoking on campus will be permitted only in a section of the upper level of the Dining Hall and in the northeast corner of the Snack Bar. Smoking will be permitted in private rooms in the residence halls, but all other common areas will be smoke-free. Offices, lounges and other public areas will also be designated smoke-free.

As of July 1, 1990, smoking will be permitted in individual student rooms and outdoors only. The smoking areas in the Snack Bar and the Dining Hall will be eliminated.

According to Haskell, approximately 30 percent of the student body are smokers.

Haskell said that the faculty

supports the policy, with the exception of wanting an additional small out-of-the-way place to be used as a smoking lounge, however, at this point the lounge is not part of the policy.

The rationale behind this policy is to emphasize a clean, healthy environment for the college community, hence the slogan, Roger Williams College: A "Breath Taking" Environment.

Enforcement of the policy will be the responsibility of the deans and administrative officers. A manager will be appointed for each building to supervise policy enforcement.

On November 15 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. President Sicuro will formally announce the policy at a celebration in front of the old library. Faculty will be asked to delay the start of class in order for all students to have a chance to attend.

The policy statement refers

to the rationale behind the decision as: "The change in policy represents a more equitable, positive approach to promoting the health and well-



being of all members of this community, while preserving the beautiful physical environment."

Many smoking cessation clinics will be offered, according to Haskell, to help students and faculty kick the habit. The clinics are free for

students, and cost \$50 for staff and faculty members, \$25 of which they will be reimbursed if they quit.

President Sicuro said, "I was very pleased to support the recommendations of the smoking committee. I am convinced that it is a consensus. The smoking committee has worked hard on this and has been in touch with its constituencies. The emphasis on making it a wellness program and a health issue is the way to go."

When asked if RWC was a front-runner in this policy, Haskell said, that at this point we aren't sure, but someone is researching that possibility.

Students and faculty members, smokers and non-smokers alike, had something to say on the matter.

Charles Trimbach, professor in the School of Social Sciences, a smoker:

"They can make any rules that they want to make, but it

doesn't make me happy. It seems authoritarian to me. I try to be respectful of non-smokers, but I think I should be able to smoke in my office, but will follow the directives of someone else. I guess I'll just go outside."

Catherine Hawkes, professor in the music area, a nonsmoker:

"I would not object to having small areas of the student center and the dining hall as smoking areas. But, I agree with no smoking in offices and classrooms, group offices especially. Although I'm a non-smoker and I don't care to have people smoke in my space, I do think there should be other areas other than student's rooms, if for no other reason than to avoid faculty disputes over the banning of smoking in faculty offices."

Loretta Shelton, professor in the School of Humanities, a smoker:

"I wonder whether or not it will discourage students from coming to this school. I won-

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Congressman Machtley makes a stop at RWC while on campaign trail

By Heather Gould
Staff Writer

Congressman Ron Machtley took a break from the campaign trail to speak to about 100 students and faculty about the future of this nation's defense budget.

Machtley explained why major cuts in the defense budget are ill-advised at this point in time.

"We expect a lot of low intensity conflicts. At the end of this decade, over 30 countries will have nuclear capabilities. We have to be prepared for that," Machtley said.

The crisis in the Persian Gulf is a result of the end of the Cold War, according to Machtley.

"Before, the United States and the Soviet Union were able

to hold trouble down," he said.

He also said that major cuts in the budget would result in high unemployment at a time when the country, especially the New England area, is in a period of recession. This could cause far greater problems in the long run.

"Over half of the defense budget is personnel, housing and training," Machtley said.

As part of the Armed Services Committee, Machtley finds it a challenge to take care of a \$300 billion budget and make it work. He hopes the committee will be able to make cuts in the budget over the next five years that will cut the deficit, yet still keep us strong in the face of possible conflicts.

The School of Business sponsored the forum which took place on October 31.

DiPrete visits RWC

By Heather Gould
Staff Writer

Governor Edward DiPrete visited RWC on October 25, in the hopes of strengthening his chances on election day. DiPrete told the assembly of approximately 60 people about his history of reforming Rhode Island.

Environmental issues, public education, AIDS awareness and historic preservation are the essential priorities of the DiPrete administration.

The governor said, "The DiPrete administration is a leading force in Rhode Island."

DiPrete said that his administration has done more for the environment than his five predecessors. The successes of his administration include the preservation of open spaces, stricter fines on polluters and the state-wide recycling program.

When questioned about the controversial early retirement



Photo courtesy of Public Relations
Governor Edward DiPrete

News

Intercession may be cancelled unless students actively enroll

By Pamela Gershowitz
Staff Writer

Recently, Dr. Malcolm Forbes, vice president for academic affairs, and other members of the administration met to discuss the issue of whether or not January and June intercession courses should be cancelled.

Forbes said, "The main question is, is it worthwhile to offer courses to everyone when only a few students take advantage of them?"

While there is no financial problem, Forbes said that the combination of having intercession courses with a low enrollment, could very well lead to a financial problem.

The January intercession courses, which are three weeks long, generally have a higher enrollment than the June intercession courses which are four weeks long. In January of 1990 there were 329 students who enrolled, compared to only 147 who enrolled in the summer. Forty-three other students enrolled in the London programs.

In most intercession classes, both in January and in June there is a small number of students in classes, usually

about 10 or more, but sometimes less than 10. According to Forbes, this is where many problems can start.

For instance, color slide photo, a class offered last year had to be cancelled. The

while psychology majors were offered a trip to London.

Forbes says that he realizes students find these classes beneficial, but the demand for them clearly isn't in the same demand as classes during the semester. He added that if the intercession courses were cancelled the dorms would also be closed down. Parts of Almeida, however, will remain open.

"Even now," Forbes said, "it is very difficult to open the dorms for just a few students. It is very unsafe to be living in a dorm all by yourself or with even just a few other people."

According to Forbes the alternative for students who want to take intercession courses - but couldn't because of their cancellation would have to take them during the regular semester. If a student is interested in a travel program, which is cancelled, then he or she should look into traveling during the semester or when it's offered in May.

For now, though, Forbes said that the choice is up to the students. If we really want to keep intercession courses we must do our jobs as students and enroll actively in them and spread the word to others.

"The main question is, is it worthwhile to offer courses to everyone when only a few students take advantage of them?"

Malcolm Forbes

professor rarely showed up, the class was very small and had little structure and the whole course just went to pieces.

Some of the other courses offered in January which had a good enrollment included introduction to computers, transportation engineering, logic, practical elementary education and psychology of men.

There is a great opportunity to travel over January intercession. Management majors were given the opportunity to travel throughout the New England area and go to New York. Marketing majors, marine biology majors and biology majors were given the opportunity travel to Jamaica

smoker:
"It's not fair, we should have rights as much as non-smokers. People will do it anyway. They'll probably smoke in the bathrooms or something with the possibility of starting a fire."

Judy Plummer, senior, non-smoker:
"Being a non-smoker I would like it, but I think it will be a hard policy to enforce. I think students will raise a big uproar, thinking that after all the other privileges have been taken away, now this."

Wes Hoffman, senior, smoker
"I think it is outrageous that the school has hopped on the band-wagon of the self-righteous anti-smoking movement. Non-smokers should learn to cope. Certain areas should be designated. This is a college, a liberal place and I think it (the new policy) is more political than it is out of any concern for the students. People will continue to smoke anyway. We are adults and

should be able to work these things out for ourselves."

Ian Gilligan, junior, non-smoker:
"I think it's ridiculous. When you start putting restrictions on people it's wrong. Maybe it's trivial, but it's just one more step to all of us wearing suits and ties and happy cow smiles."

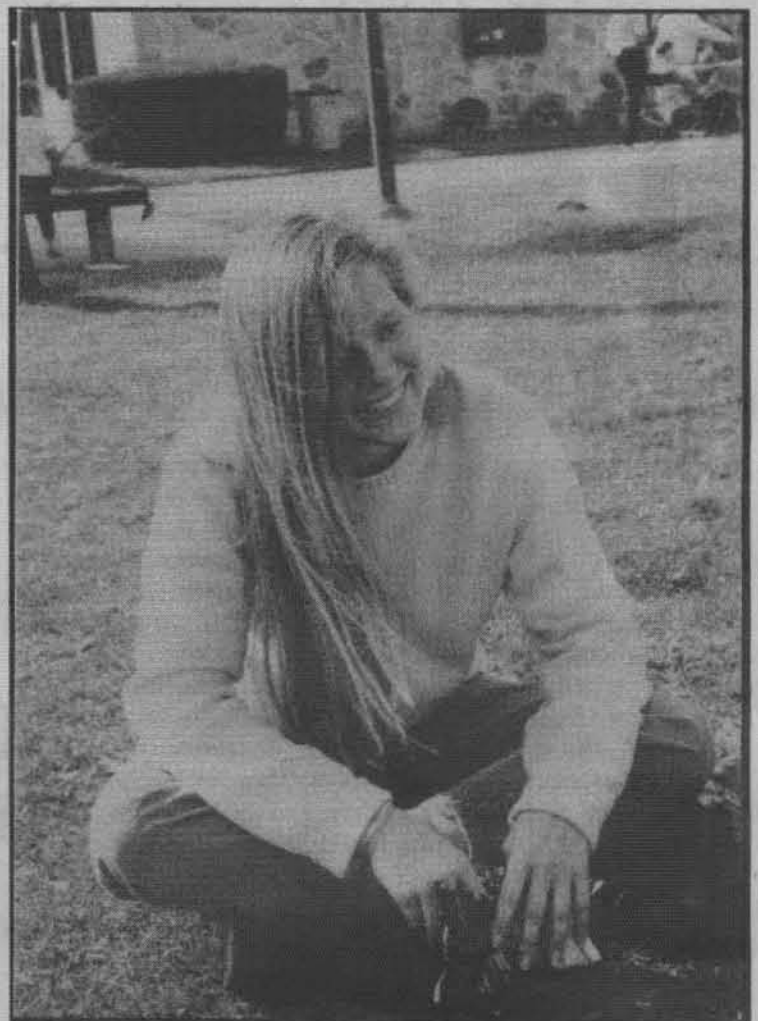


Photo by Erica Lariviere

Sarah Jackson enjoys the freedom of a comfortable sweater on one of the last warm days of Indian Summer.

The proof is in the writing: letters to soldiers help

By Susan E. Cicchino
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, I told you about the yellow ribbon writers, a group of people writing to the American soldiers in the Middle East. Last week, one of the writers, Liz Molleur, was the first to receive a response from a young soldier named Vince. Vince, who is from Hawaii, wrote Moelleur to thank her for the letter.

"I really appreciate the time you took to write us Marines here." He went on to describe the "miserable" con-

ditions there. He also described his home island and went on to say, "I love to write letters. I hope I don't bore you."

Before closing he said, "This is no Paradise."

I hope this soldier's letter can persuade some of you to take a few minutes and write to these brave young men who are fighting for our country. I'm sure Vince speaks for most of the soldiers in the Middle East when he said, "I hope to hear from you again if you get the chance."

DiPrete, from Page 1

program in Rhode Island, DiPrete claims that it "is the most misunderstood program in the state." Opponents claim it is a way for DiPrete to help out his cronies at the taxpayers expense.

DiPrete said, "It will provide a way for people to get off the state payroll and save millions in the process."

DiPrete also explained the low SAT scores in the state. He said that his administration has been concentrating on early education rather than the higher level (such as high

schools).

"It may take a while, but already students in grades three through six have showed a 25 percent improvement in test scores," he said.

DiPrete took the opportunity to refute all the allegations that gubernatorial candidate Bruce Sundlun has made against him.

DiPrete said, "Mr. Sundlun is either trying to fool the public into believing he can cut the budget more; or he is not the state manager I would expect him to be."

Noteworthy

WQRI makes great impression at New England Radio Conference

By Rob Osborne
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 20, the managerial staff of WQRI radio kicked major college radio ass and didn't bother to take names. That day, at Dean Junior College, in Franklin, Mass., the student commons was taken over by small, rag-tag bands of college radio stations, all hoping to gain recognition at the Sixth Annual IBS (Intercollegiate Broadcasting System) New England College Radio Conference. However, the futile efforts of inferior radio stations were no match for our heroes at WQRI, who single-handedly destroyed the competition. Begged to join the conference for their superior talents and skills, the staff of WQRI became renegades in this hostile territory.

The conference's main goal was to promote a free exchange of ideas and opinions about radio was a farce. In many cases it was a shouting match between closed minded obstinates, who argued moot points about nonsense. Luckily, I was able to tag along with WQRI and observe the chaos of the day.

As we entered the student commons the WQRI staff began to sense what they were up against. Maybe it was the silence. Maybe it was the beaming eyes. Maybe it was the fact that they were the only ones in jackets and ties. Yes, professionalism dripped from every part of their bodies, right down to their dress. But it wasn't until the panel discussions that they truly realized what they were in for.

First up was Gordon Kent, WQRI General

Manager (overseer of all the departments, figurehead of the station), with his panel on college radio programming. This panel was to be a forum for the exchange of information and ideas concerning formatting (whether to, what to, how to), selections of music and people, and working with music directors. However, when Kent came out of the forum the first words from his mouth were, "I thought I was going to be attacked." The exchange had apparently turned into a heated discussion over whether to use straight, album oriented rock format (the kind which WQRI uses-pop rock and good old rock and roll), or block format (the kind which other college stations use-four hours of rock, four hours of jazz, four hours of polka). It was Kent against the masses, fighting for straight rock and roll. The other stations didn't seem to like the idea of playing continuous rock. The fools obviously don't like their listeners.

Next up was Michael Hummel, WQRI Music Director (arranges interviews, ticket give-aways and music service by keeping close contact with record companies). Fortunately, I was able to sit in on this panel on music director's needs and concerns, which covered play-lists, programming, and record company relations.

The panel began with the first couple of panelists rambling on about the types of music they play and why. Basically they play every type of music imaginable, in a block format. They do this because they want to educate their listeners to all types of music.

When Hummel spoke, he told the audience that he played straight album oriented rock, concentrating on the listeners' wants. Suddenly he was bombarded from every direction with the question of "Why?" Hummel basically replied that he was trying to bring in a large audience, and bring in sponsors so that he could make profits.

Suddenly someone said, "That's not your job. As a college radio station you should be educating your listeners." Hummel replied, "We do not represent ourselves as a college radio station. We rarely affiliate ourselves with the college as that it may result in a loss of listeners. We are professionals, who are in competition with commercial radio stations like WHJY. And we think that it's more important to educate our staff in real radio, so that they can get jobs later."

Another voice rang out, "You shouldn't be competing with commercial radio. You're not big enough for that." Hummel said, "We have to in order to bring in sponsors to make money."

Suddenly, someone said, "The music is more important than the money," a great philosophy for college radio stations like U-Conn's, whose station is part of a communications department and receives a budget of \$180,000 a year (compared to WQRI's \$23,185-most of which goes to fees, equipment and engineering). Hummel quickly retorted, "We're in this business to make money, and we're damn good at it!"

And they have to be. Since RWC does not have a communications department, WQRI is treated as an activity, and is given a small budget to work with. The WQRI staff must pool its resources in order to pull in monies, which now amount to about "\$3,700 per semester," according to Hummel.

Later in the discussion, Hummel spoke about obtaining music, tickets and give-aways. When he said that in order to get these things, one must "kiss up" and make record companies believe that they have control, some moral midget asked him if he felt manipulated. Hummel replied with a quick, "No!"

In the midst of all the action, one intellectual

Photo by Kary Andrews



Gordon Kent, station manager of WQRI, presents President Sicuro with a plaque of appreciation for RWC's support of WQRI.

giant had the brains to ask Hummel to stop using so many technical terms, and asked what he meant by a "sweeper" (a short promotion for the radio station). In reality, Hummel was using terms that any radio personnel should know. Terms that even I, a radio virgin, could understand (So much for education!)

The argument went on about how WQRI could compete with commercial radio and in the end, nothing was accomplished. The free exchange had been turned into an ethical screaming match between Hummel and a group of closed-minded people who could not accept Hummel's reasoning and knew nothing of running a real radio station.

Finally there was Lorrie Silvia, WQRI Promotions Director

(responsible for formulating long-term and short-term promotional campaigns to bring the identity of WQRI to more people).

I must say that her panel on fund raising strategies and promotions went well. Basically the panel discussed creative contests, giveaways, imaging, special events, and fund raising strategies. There was no heated debate this time. The panelists basically spoke about their promotions ideas and answered questions from the audience, who seemed to have learned a great deal. This was what the conference was about.

Among other topics discussed were local news and public affairs,

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WQRI's executive board pose with Sicuro on his recent visit to the station.

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College News

New members inducted into Alpha Chi

Compiled by Kary Andrews
Managing Editor

Initiates of Alpha Chi, the National Honor Society, were inducted into the society on October 21, 1990. The Messenger would like to congratulate all the new members, and the new officers which include:

Richard Ferriera II,
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Vice President
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CARE Honor Roll

The RWC CARE PLAN committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following faculty and professional staff members who participated in the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, October 15-19th. A letter was sent to the faculty members asking them to pledge five minutes of their class time to discuss an alcohol related topic during NCAAW. The following people have been added to the CARE PLAN's "Honor Roll" for their support:

Rom Woodruff-Freshman Seminar
Brian G.-Freshman Seminar
Jim Azar-Freshman Seminar
Kate Hennigan-Freshman Seminar
Dave Melchar-Government and Business
Fran Katzanek-Freshman Seminar
Louise Perl-Western Economics I and II
Marilyn Mair-Art of Rock and Roll
Eleftherios Pavlides-Social Aspects of Architecture
Lana Brackett-Principles of Marketing
Paul Langello-Economics
Jane Forsberg-Freshman Seminar
Terry Ward-Freshman Seminar
Martha Christina-Literary-CW200

Our Condolences

The staff of The Messenger would like to express our condolences to the wife, family and friends of Mr. Manuel Moitoso, a utility person in Dining Services, who passed away on October 30. Mr. Moitoso, who has worked at RWC since 1986, will be missed.

RWCFA Scholarships

Each year, the Roger Williams College Faculty Association awards scholarships based on academic excellence, financial need, and college and community service. Five scholarships of \$750 each were awarded for academic year 1990-91 to : Steven J. Mullen, Thomas Parker, Leslie Redmond, Tracy DaCosta, and Keith Musinski. A letter of commendation was presented to Robert J. LaRoche, Jr.

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Sports

Where are the fans?

By Neil Nachbar
Sports Editor

The home team bursts through the defense. The mascot parades around the field. The fans do the wave. Electricity fills the capacity crowd as they anticipate a score. The shot is taken... it's good! The crowd erupts into a frenzy. The band plays, cheerleaders dance about the field, and confetti fills the air as the goal is celebrated.

The previous paragraph describes the behavior at many college sporting events, but not at RWC.

Granted, this is not a Division I school such as UCLA, Syracuse, or Notre Dame. We don't have 30,000 students; we have less than 3,000. We don't have television contracts, offer athletic scholarships or have professional scouts lurking about. This article doesn't intend to compare RWC to a Division I school.

However, even for a Division III school, RWC has had low attendances at sporting events. This

article hopes to offer some insight to this trend.

In a recent random survey conducted by The Messenger, less than half of the 77 students surveyed said they have attended an RWC sporting event. Most of those who said they have attended, have gone to three or less games.

More than half the students who said they have attended play another sport. That statistic is significant for these reasons: athletes have more access to sports information--so they know what's taking place when and many athletes know players on other teams. If you discount the athletes in the survey who answered yes, only 32% said they have gone to a game.

Fans and wins go together

Fan support and team success go hand in hand. It's been proven that teams play better in front of big home crowds. "Home field advantage" includes not only playing in familiar surroundings, but having the support of fellow stu-

dents. "It motivates you," said sophomore volleyball player Terri Welch. "You want to play well for a crowd." On the flip side, people are more likely to support a winning team.

The three reasons most people gave for not attending games are: not knowing when the games are, not caring, and lack of time.

Last year students may have had some valid arguments for not attending games. With the exception of maybe the equestrian team, all the other teams had mediocre to poor records. The women's volleyball team was 8-20, women's tennis 4-5, and soccer 6-16. This year the volleyball team was 15-14, women's tennis 5-4, and soccer 10-11-1. Many of the soccer games were played in the freezing rain. This year's games were played in exceptional weather. Although the men's volleyball team had a losing record last year, they have made it to the NCAA playoffs the last two seasons.

Games played off cam-

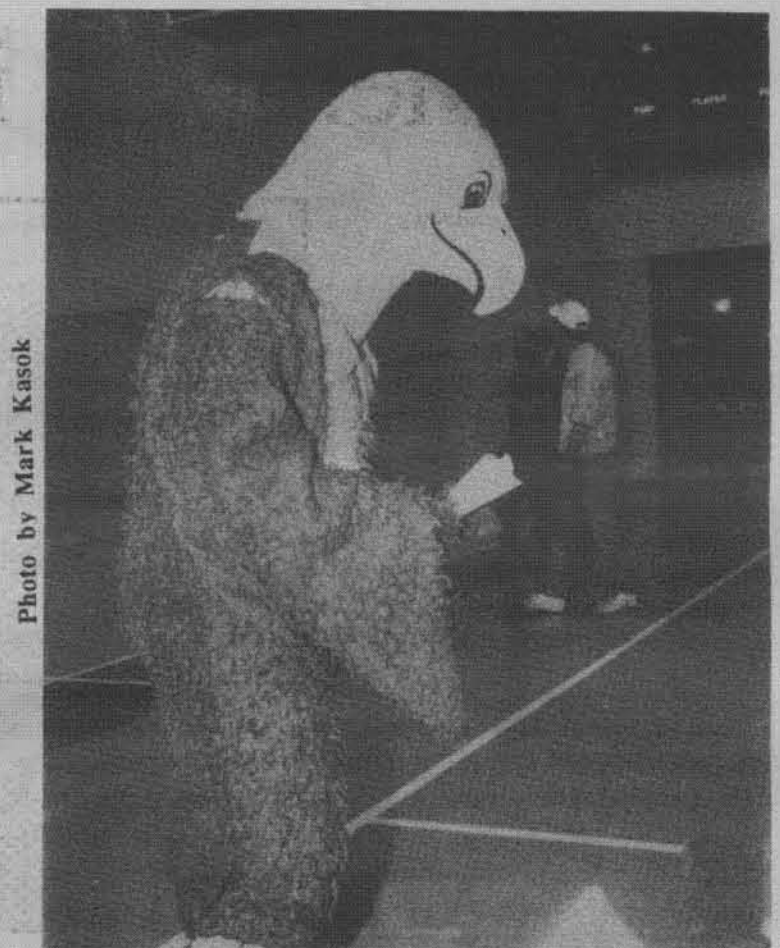


Photo by Mark Kasok

RWC "Hawk" tries to stimulate a less than capacity crowd at a recent women's volleyball game.

pus may have also contributed to lack of support. In the past, baseball games were played at Bristol High School and softball games at Colt State Park. With the new athletic field, attendance at ball games may pick up this spring.

Hockey games are played at Portsmouth Abbey. Many don't know where the rink is located (directions are in The Hawk's Eye section) and those who do,

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Photo by Mark Kasok

Crew members require dedication and determination

By Cristina Major
Staff Writer

"Discipline, dedication and determination," said Hayley Richard, of the RWC Crew Club when asked what it takes to make it on the crew club.

The club competed in its first competition on Oct. 28 at the Quinsigamond Snake Regatta. The men's team placed third out of 11 boats, and the women's team placed ninth out of 11 boats. "Both boats did excellent," said Pat Creedon, head coach of crew. "They pulled together as a team. Coaches from other teams commented on how well we raced."

The men will finish their season on Nov. 17 at the Tail of the Charles, a duplicate of the Head of the Charles, but for novices.

Because the sport is still new to RWC, many people don't realize the work that goes into being a member of the team. It is a unique sport with as much training on the water as off. "All eight people in a boat are components of one machine. Most people do not realize every one must be synchronized and how difficult it is to do that," said Michael

Battersby, vice president of the club.

This requires as many as twenty hours of practice a week. A typical day for a crew member means waking at 5:00 a.m. to make to practice by 5:30. They spend the morning running sprints and rowing two or three miles. The team finishes at 7:45 to allow time for them to make it to their first classes. After classes, at 5:00 p.m., they attend another practice to condition. This practice consists of running, lifting weights and rowing on the rowing machines. "The dedication needed to put into the sport affects all aspects of the students lives," said Creedon. "Students learn how to budget their time for studies and set priorities. They also learn how to take on responsibilities and not give up."

Club expects to grow

The crew club was started three years ago by three RWC students by taking rowing lessons. The membership has grown since then, from 10 members to 45, and is officially competing now, something that was not done before.

Battersby attributes the

team's success to Creedon, "Without Patrick, we would not have been able to get it off the ground. He is really enthusiastic."

Creedon is familiar with the work needed to get a crew club organized, being an experienced rower himself. Creedon has rowed for eight years, four at St. John High School in Shrewsbury, MA, and four years at Marietta College in Ohio.

Creedon believes the club will be a positive add-



While other students are still fast asleep crew club members battle the cold and early morning lethargy to attend practices.

ition to the college, attracting more incoming students. He also believes that it will grow with the college, "At first the administration

was a little skeptical, but Billy O'Connell has backed us the whole way," stated Creedon.

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Sports

Profile: Raymond Cordeiro

By Colin Hynes
Sports Writer

In the realm of college athletics, many seemingly minor tasks are taken for granted, such as correctly lined fields, clean and organized uniforms, and properly inflated balls. However, without these, RWC athletics, or any sports program, would not run as smoothly. RWC is fortunate enough to have, in equipment manager Raymond Cordeiro, someone who makes sure that all these tasks are taken care of each game so no complications arise.

What separates Cordeiro from any ordinary equipment manager is his genuine personal concern for each athlete. Come rain, wind, or freezing cold he is always there as a constant source of encouragement.

All those associated with the RWC athletic program in some facet are aware of the great impact Cordeiro

has had in his 12 year involvement. "Ray is the glue that keeps everything together," said Athletic Director Dwight Datcher. To those fortunate enough to know him on a personal level, Cordeiro is much more than just a tireless worker. "Ray really makes a point to know all the athletes personally," said soccer co-captain Matt Carroll. "He's like the big brother a lot of guys never had."

To merely quote the many who praise Cordeiro would do his personality injustice. One can simply talk to him at any RWC sporting event to understand the reason he has had such a close influence on many athletes over the years. Cordeiro attributes it to his nature. "It's just the way I've always been. Being easy and relaxed with the kids just comes naturally."

Cordeiro has lived in Bristol all of his 51 years,

but his affiliation with the school didn't occur until 1976 when he was hired as the head baseball coach. The job was a logical one for Cordeiro, having played professional baseball for 19 years, most notably with the Houston Astros, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Chicago White Sox.

However, after seven years of coaching, Cordeiro became the equipment manager and has remained so ever since. Last year's appointment of Datcher to athletic director helped broaden Cordeiro's role. "It made my job a lot easier by giving me more responsibility within the department and allowed me to do a lot more."

Cordeiro has no aspirations of any dramatic change in job descriptions, though he does express an interest in coaching again. "I would like to coach baseball again, but either way I would be just as content with being equipment manager

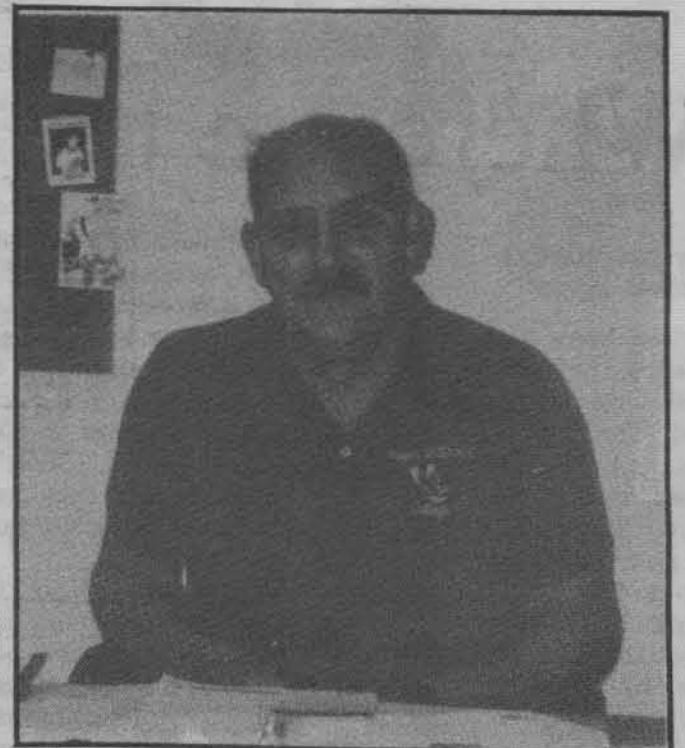


Photo by Erica Lariviere

RWC Equipment Manager Raymond Cordeiro has served as a source of encouragement to many athletes over the years.

(at RWC) until I retire." This is good news for all those just beginning their college athletic careers at RWC or plan to in the future. All those who will get to meet the man students and athletes alike refer to as "Ray" will be treated to a very exceptional man.

Altruism is defined as giving to others without anticipating anything in return. As a selfless giver to the athletic program, Cordeiro truly is altruism personified.

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don't want to stand in an unheated rink for a couple of hours. "Last year we made the playoffs and nobody knew," said junior Bob Wiechers of the hockey team. "One girl didn't know we were the Hawks, she just knew we were some bird."

Games should be social

Going to games should be much more than merely going to games, especially in college. Games should be a social activity, a place where people can meet their friends. The only sport that comes remotely close to that atmosphere is rugby. "The rugby team is associated with parties," said junior

Ally Borges who is responsible for making the signs for the team.

While it's true that the big, colorful rugby signs that Borges makes catch people's attention as they enter the student union, the team's connection to alcohol also seems to play a role. Before the alcohol policy was made so strict, attendance at games was higher. "It's a sad commentary," said Datcher of the trend. "A lot of people think that if you can't drink you can't have fun," said senior Eileen Tobin.

So who should be responsible for increasing support at sporting events? This is where there are conflicting views.

Many students feel the athletic administration

doesn't do enough to promote upcoming games. "Many times I've found myself walking by (soccer) games that I didn't know about," said Alex Dardinski, a third year architecture major. Dardinski, like many architecture students, doesn't have time to stop and watch a game on the way to studio, but feels that he could plan accordingly, if made aware of when the games are in advance. When the athletic department does put out notices of upcoming games, they apparently are overlooked. "There are so many papers (around campus) people tend not to notice," said senior Traci Ridder.

Datcher disagrees with students who point the blame at the administration. "I

don't think you can find a good excuse," said Datcher. "If I cared about basketball, where would I go to find out?" To those who are not familiar with the recreation center, Datcher offers one of his favorite lines, "Take a tour." In addition to newsletters posted around campus, Datcher claimed schedules are placed in everyone's mailbox and the "Hawk" (the school mascot) walks through campus prior to games. "How can you not know?" asked Datcher. "There's probably a lot of other things they're missing."

A third opinion puts much of the responsibility on the athlete. "The best form of publicity is word of mouth," said David Kemmy, RWC's sports information director. "The athletes must serve as salespeople for the games." In fairness to Kemmy, who has only been at the position for two months and is still organizing data, he has made some noticeable changes from last year. Kemmy has supplied *The Messenger* with information and puts out a weekly newsletter.

However, some athletes would be quick to disagree with Kemmy's philosophy. "When players do promote the games, people only show up once," said Wiechers. "The players get discouraged and say why bother."

This feeling of frustration is common with the cheerleaders also. "It gets very frustrating," said

senior Kathy Drzata. "Some of the girls have quit because they've been so aggravated."

What's the answer?

There appears to be no solution around the corner. If it's true that the students just don't care then all the promotion money can buy won't help. However, it may be that students would show more interest if given proper direction. For example, many students turn out for the movies in "That Place". A movie takes just as long as a game and the admission is the same (free).

Some things that might help increase attendance include: rivalries, more give-aways at games, pep rallies or home coming games.

Athletics is one thing that has the power to unite a school. Whether we see this power put to use is yet to be seen.

Stop Horsing Around

The semifinal beach volleyball game between the Slammers and the Piranahs on Oct. 29 was halted when three horses decided to drop by to check out the action. The match had already been hindered by the cold, wind and darkness when the four-legged animals visited. The horses apparently got away from equestrian team members. Before they left the scene they made sure to deposit some solid bodily waste on the court. Rumors have it that the horses will make a guest appearance at next week's whiffleball game.



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The Hawk's Eye

Hockey

Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Win/Loss
11/3	Scranton	8-3	W
11/4	Quinnipiac	4-2	W
11/7	Stonehill	5-2	W

Leaders

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Mike Gambardelli	3	6	9
William Haesche	4	4	8
Craig Maddalena	5	1	6

Upcoming Home Games

Date	Opponent	Time
11/13	Bentley College	7:00 PM
11/16	Iona College	7:00 PM
11/18	St. John's University	5:00 PM
12/1	Skidmore College	5:00 PM

Soccer Leaders

(final stats)

Player	Games	G	Assts	Pts	Shots
Matt Carroll	22	9	10	28	62
Colin Hynes	22	6	11	23	39
Damon Braider	20	5	4	14	40
Craig Rogers	17	4	1	9	29

Goalkeeper	Games	G.	All G.A.A.	Svs	Sv%
Mike Street	18	22	1.30	121	.846
Tom Arcari	7	11	1.86	25	.694

Directions to Portsmouth Abbey Ice Rink

From South, West and North:
Cross the Mt. Hope Bridge and follow Rt. 114 South. At the first traffic light, take a right and continue to follow Rt. 114. Portsmouth Abbey School sign will indicate where to turn right.

From East:
Follow Rt. 195 West to Fall River, then Rt. 24, then Rt. 114 South. Follow Rt. 114 South, at first traffic light, take a right. Continue to follow Rt. 114. Portsmouth Abbey School sign will indicate where to turn right.

Intramural Final Results

Beach Volleyball

Team	Wins	Losses
"No Sweat"	12	0
Slammers	6	3
The Piranahs	5	5
Nike Alumni	3	7
The Wrecking Crew	3	9
International	1	9
The Beach Bums	0	11

Flag Football

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
Slackers	8	0	0
Stangers	7	1	0
Hitmen	5	2	1
Reepo Chickens	5	3	0
Kidney Wipes	3	5	0
Redskins	2	5	1
Wolfpack	1	7	0
Raiders	1	7	0
Those Guys	1	7	0

Congratulations

Male Athlete of the Week (Oct. 23): Junior co-captain Matt Carroll (Fall River, MA), had four goals and an assist in leading the soccer team to victories over Wentworth Inst. and Mass Maritime.

Female Athlete of the Week (Oct. 23): Senior sailing team member Sarah Jackson (Princeton, NJ), served as crew for the "B" division boat that finished only one point behind Division one Brown Univ. at the Southern Series III meet held Oct. 13.

Male Athlete of the Week (Oct. 30): Freshman Peter Coward (Doylestown, PA), turned in some fine performances for the sailing team, including a first place finish in the RWC Invitational at the Bristol Yacht Club.

Female Athlete of the Week (Oct. 30): Sophomore Stephanie Dardanello (West Caldwell, NJ), the number two player on the tennis team, finished second in the CCC Tourney, leading the Hawks to a second place team finish.

Male Athlete of the Week (Nov. 5): Junior Mike Gambardelli (Cranston, RI), the top scorer on the 1989-90 hockey squad, picked up where he left off last season. In the Hawks' two victories to open the year he had three goals and five assists.

Female Athlete of the Week (Nov. 5): Senior co-captain Sue Jackson (Ramsey, NJ), had a great game against CCRI on Oct. 31 to close out the season. She was honored for her outstanding play this season by being selected to the New England Women's Volleyball Coaches Assoc. Senior Classic All-Star game on Nov. 11.

Intramural Champions:

Congratulations to the **Slammers** for winning the beach volleyball championship. On Oct. 30 the Slammers defeated "No Sweat" 15-11, 6-15, 15-13. Team members include: Rob DiFabio, Josh Gorton, Neil Nachbar, Todd Connell, Paul Rosedale, Todd George, Jeff Loura, Steve Agranov, Audra Cook, Michelle Connelly, Amy Drukman, and Jessie Barnum.

Congratulations to the **Slackers** for winning the flag football championship. On Nov. 6 the Slackers defeated the Stangers 7-0. The Slackers didn't allow a point in their three playoff games. On Nov. 17 RWC will host the state flag football championships. The Slackers will represent RWC. Team members include: Rich Bermsconi, Ray Reamer, Chris Zarcone, Rick Alderman, Terry Kelly, Andy Goldberg, Tobin Brown, Joe Alves, Wick Haylon, Paul Gagliardi, Tommy Burgyone, Mark Hoey, Steve Gryzlo, Marc Milreid, Glenn McKinnod, Bob Pattison, and Mike Gazzetto.

Golf season is shortened by unfavorable weather

By Paul Galiardi
Sports Writer

The RWC golf team concluded their fall season on Oct. 27 at the SMU Invitational Tourney in Dartmouth, MA. The Hawks tied with SMU for seventh place in the tournament. Junior Joe Dantuono, of Warwick, RI, shot an 85 to lead the Hawks to a team score of 350.

The Hawks' season was shortened by a couple of rain-outs, including their only home match on Oct. 26. However, the team did compete in the New England Intercollegiate Golf Championships (NEIGC) and the first R.I. Intercollegiate Championships.

At the NEIGC the Hawks finished in the middle of a field of 44 schools. Senior captain Gary Kay, of Tolland, CT, led the team with an 89. The Hawks were without junior Matt Carroll, their top player (medalist) from last season. Carroll is unable to play during the team's fall season because he captains the soccer team. However, Dantuono and senior Rick Krug of Old Bethage, NY, added support.

"We had a tough season and the weather didn't cooperate, but I look forward to a successful spring season," said head coach Tony Pinhero. Kay blamed the team's lack of home matches for the poor fall season results. "If you play a course everyday, over and

over again, your scores are going to improve." Kay looked to some great practice rounds as a source of optimism and claimed that three tournaments are not a fair evaluation of the team. "With the experience we have on the team, along with the many talented young players we have, there's no reason we shouldn't have a winning season," said Pinhero.

The team practices and competes at Wanumetonomy Golf and Country Club in Middletown, RI. Located along the Narragansett Bay, the course is par 70. "As long as you keep the ball straight off the tee you should have no problem with the course," said senior John Miller, of Ansonia, CT. Pinhero is a member of the country club and was responsible for having the team's home course moved to Middletown from Swansea four years ago.

Pinhero, 73, plays 18 holes of golf daily and plays with the R.I. Amateur Seniors. "Tony is more than a coach to us, he is a friend," said Kay.

Kay feels the spring season could be the best in a while for the Hawks because there is talent, a more serious attitude on the course, and a desire to win. This determination showed in the improvement of the team's top players.

After shooting in the high 70's a year ago, Kay worked on his game over the summer and is now a mid 70's player. Carroll, a low

70's player from last year hopes to improve on his game and the team's success. Many of the players work at and are around golf courses over the summer, which helps improve their understanding of golf as well as skills.

"Golf is a unique sport because you don't rely on teammates and you get out of it what you put into it," said Kay. Although it's fair to say golf is an individual sport, the team's success relies on the strength of the team as a whole.

Pinhero was happy with the numbers who came out for the fall team considering the time of the year. "Hopefully we'll get even more players to come out for the team in the spring."

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Editorial

A sad reflection

Risking overkill is sometimes necessary when something makes you so angry, sad, disgusted and appalled that you feel you need to be redundant to really express yourself. The Messenger, and probably the whole student body, embraced the creativity and efforts of the Moonlit Sculptors with open arms and minds when the group created their first thought provoking piece of art. Unfortunately, however, we never got to see their second.

The Messenger wasn't even able to run a photo of the sculpture because the sculptors worked well into the night and by the time they took a picture it was really too dark to come out. So, it is as if the sculpture never existed at all. But, it did.

RWC's most competitive program is architecture. We also have a school of art, but what do you see around campus that indicates this? Nothing. The Moonlit Sculptors wanted to show RWC's prospective students that they do have creative minds, that they are not so apathetic that they aren't willing to spend long, tiring hours expressing that fact. The Moonlit Sculptors sacrificed a few hours towards homework that would improve their G.P.A. and thus only their needs, to show what they have really learned from their education and that sometimes education shouldn't have a thing to do with the grades you bring home to mom and dad. It has everything to do with making something out of raw materials and having it mean something. It may not get you membership into Alpha Chi, but some things will bring you more satisfaction and self respect than a pin symbolizing scholastic achievement under bureaucratic terms.

It is probably impossible to really know who gave the original orders to make the campus spotless for open house. And if spotless means barren then I suppose whoever gave the orders feels like the day was a success. To those of us who are looking to get more from our education than the stark sterile feel of a campus run by the establishment, we will remain saddened from this loss, and wait impatiently for the next attempts of the Moonlit Sculptors.

The Messenger prints all letters to the editor as they appear when we receive them, therefore, any existing proofreading errors will remain.

A hypocritical coalition?

To the editor:

It has recently been brought to my attention, by two homosexual friends of mine, that a "Coalition Against Discrimination on Campus" group is being formed. My initial reaction to the news was "What are they going to do, discriminate against the discriminators?" While this may at first seem to be a base remark, I think it sums up the whole idea of an anti-discriminatory league quite well, consisting of a group of self-righteous students suffering from an identity crisis who feel they have to champion everybody else's cause, whether it needs "championing" or

not, while at the same time discriminating against those who have more conservative and therefore opposing views.

What strikes me the most is the inherent hypocrisy in a group of people who in the name of free speech belittle anyone who has a conflicting view and might oppose gay rights or abortion rights or whatever the cause may be. The issue of whether there are homosexuals or pro-choicers (or any other group that holds any conviction whatsoever) is immaterial in this case. It is, rather, the fact that in the true anti-discriminatory frame of mind people should be able to voice their disapproval

whether they are gay or anti-gay and not be repressed as discriminators in the latter case. I, therefore, have to voice my disapproval against what I see as a truly ludicrous, self-righteous organization which got caught in the delusion of being able to save the world. Or, as my roommate would so eloquently put it "They're all full of shit."

Jose Figueirinhas
4th year architecture student

A student expresses support for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the Gay/Lesbian article written in the early October issue of The Messenger. The alliance for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people has obviously brought about a lot of controversy, controversy that results from very closed minded people. RWC is made up of students, that for the most part, all come from similar backgrounds--upper white middle class families living in suburban areas. This is the most typical portion of our culture. We conform and have values that are often cold, judgmental, greedy, and selfish. Most people that are a part of this typical or ideal "American" portrayal are very shut off to those who choose to be different. Being different is wonderful. A person is able to stand back and say "this is me, the real me".

Conformity does not allow that, it does not enable people to be true individuals.

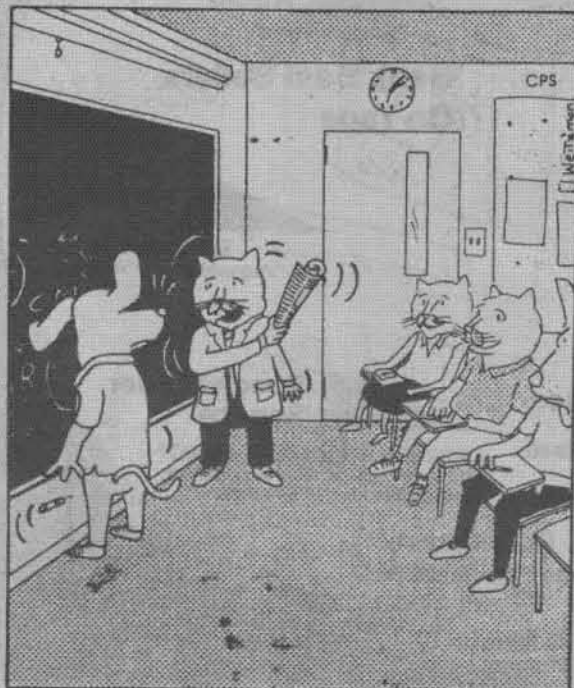
I hope that the Gay/Lesbian club will be given the opportunity to succeed. As for the people who sit in the common waiting to see who attends the club meetings they are ignorant and not worth anyone being intimidated by. After all, we as individuals, as well as a society, seek friends that will accept us for who we are. If people are not going to accept someone because they are gay, then a gay person does not need them as a friend or even as an acquaintance. There are people who support the Gay/Lesbian club, and they don't necessarily need to be gay to be supportive. They are people who have had the opportunity to mature and open themselves to other ways of life. They are out here, they do exist.

For the people who do support this club, if you see someone ripping down a sign, approach them. If you hear someone condemning gay people stop them or at least acknowledge that you don't appreciate it. Help enable others the opportunity to be the individuals that they truly are.

To the people who are homophobic, you don't need to agree with the sexual preferences of gay people, but they don't need to agree with yours either. You need to remember that gay people are respectful of heterosexuals. Therefore, why should you be disrespectful of them? You can be respectful and still disagree. So don't rip down the signs or sit in the common to see who attends the meetings. I'm sure you have better things to do with your time.

Lucinda McKenzie

ZOO U. by Mark Weitzman



"No! No! No! Bad dog! No!"

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Editorial

The mystery of the smell explained

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the last issue where you were "still wondering" about the "rancid matter" coming from the beach a couple weeks ago.

I believe your notion of the 'rancid matter' having ties with the moon is not much better than the Queen Mum calling me to the Palace for tea. However, I think I may have some ideas on the smell.

The root of the 'rancid matter' is two fold.

First.

Mother nature blessed Mt. Hope Bay two years ago. She provided the bay with optimum growing conditions for the mussel. (Commonly enjoyed in Italian restaurants as 'Mussels Marinara') Beds of this organism blanketed the floor of the bay.

Second.

What happened?
The stubborn fall arrival

and persistent warm weather encouraged mussels to be very active in nutrient depleted waters. The unseasonable high demand for nutrients and oxygen by the mussels could not be met. Mussels rely on other factors to survive, such as the sun.

In the fall months the sun is lower in the sky decreasing the amount of time phytoplankton (plant life that drifts with currents) can photosynthesize (produce

food by absorbing sun's energy). Zooplankton (animal life that drifts with currents) will not survive without phytoplankton to eat. Finally, the mussels have nothing to feed on regardless of the water temperature.

In conclusion the mussels ate their host out of house and home. The sea fouls feasted, the students complained and mother nature remains ruler over all. Amen!

Dave Gaeta

SAC member angered over Jason article

To the editor:

In response to the "Of all people why Jason?" article in the October 23, 1990, The Messenger. We feel this was a poor attempt at journalism. Authur (sic), Samuel R. Gilliland, obviously looked at a Kane Hodder poster and let his mind go crazy. His un factual letter was a poor representation of a SAC event and should have been published as an editorial, not an article. It was quite obvious that the authur (sic) did not even attend the presentation.

So, what were those SAC people thinking? Due to the limited, but evident amount

of diversity on the Roger Williams College campus, it is very hard for us to program events that everyone will find entertaining. Sure, no one would seek (sic) interest in seeing murder and violence, which is what Mr. Gilliland thought our entertainment was.

Kane Hodder, a professional stunt man, and his associate Allen Markus, were not promoting campus violence or murder. They showed how stunt men go about doing their work in a safe manner to prevent injury.

We would gladly invite anyone to come to the SAC office, in the lower level of

the Student Center, and speak with us about our events. We feel it was very unfair of The Messenger to print an article such as the one printed on October 23, 1990.

We are trying to have events on campus which will appeal to everyone. Those who attended the Kane Hodder presentation enjoyed themselves and found it to be very interesting.

--An anonymous student

Student advises peers about safety

To the Editor,

The national statistics say that one in four women on campuses are victims of rape or attempted rape. Think about it. That is a powerful statement. Let's not let our campus go along with that statistic. Protect yourself and your fellow students.

After the incident at North Campus there have been many issues raised concerning the safety of students at RWC. We, as students, must realize there are precautions we can take to protect ourselves.

Many students don't feel that the school is doing enough to protect us. If you think about it, anyone can get on this campus. It's not difficult. Just smile at the guard on duty, and drive right by. That is scary that anyone has access to our campus and our "homes". As for the escort service, it definitely needs work. We must give our support to the proposed improvements for this service. But what do we

do in the mean time, sit around and wait? No.

Protect yourselves. First, walk in well-lighted areas. Never walk alone at night, and stay in groups. Trust your instincts; if you see someone suspicious don't hesitate to call the guard shack. It can't hurt to question. Keep all doors locked. Even if you're just going down the hall, lock your door and take your keys. And, finally, don't keep your dorm doors propped open. Beer/soda cans, frisbees and rocks are always jammed in the doors to make it easier to get in. This allows anyone to get in, not just you.

No one wants to think about it. The general attitude seems to be, "It won't happen to me." Be realistic. It can happen to you! Do something about it.

Colleen Griswold

A letter from the Sports Editor

This year the sports section of The Messenger has undergone several changes. In addition to the game summaries of varsity sports and profiles of athletes that have been present in recent years, this year's edition hopes to offer a more complete sports section.

Club sports will be given proper recognition and varsity sports will be covered as extensively as space allows. Stories that should be of some interest to the majority of athletes and students alike, such as the article pertaining to campus support at sporting events, will continue to appear in future issues.

The new The Hawk's Eye section will include stats, upcoming games, results, intramural news and other bits of information that will help liven

up the sports section. A "congratulations" box will also appear in every issue, acknowledging athletes for notable accomplishments.

I welcome any general comments, criticism, or compliments that any readers might have. If anyone is interested in writing sports or contributing anything to the section, it would be much appreciated. The Messenger's extension is 2229, and the office is located below the student union, next to WQRI.

In keeping with The Messenger's policy to run a student oriented newspaper, it is my intent to take into consideration as many athletes and students as possible.

Neil Nachbar
Sports Editor



Editorial

Senior expresses opinion of Messenger article

To the editor:

I have been a student at Roger Williams College since 1986. In the four years that I have been reading The Messenger, it has been made painfully obvious to me that any similarities the school "newspaper" shares with a true newspaper and the principles of journalism are purely coincidental. Until now I was content to simply laugh to myself, in disgust, at the constant stream of grammatical errors, poor sentence structure, biased, shallow "articles", insipid "commentaries", and bad attempts at humor that have flowed from its pages.

However, the "commentary" written by Aimee Godbout which appears in the October 23 issue of The Messenger infuriated me to such a point that I could not merely dismiss it as the typical "fluff" that I have come to expect from this publication and toss it in

the garbage as I have done in the past. Ms. Godbout's (sic) "commentary" was so offending that it demanded a response.

My feelings concerning cats are not the principle reason for my rage and I refuse to let this become a matter of whether one is a "cat lover" or a "cat hater." Ms. Godbout's (sic) "commentary" is merely one individual's (sic) self-indulgent ravings about their rather ill-informed opinions on a subject. What are Ms. Godbout's (sic) credentials regarding her knowledge of the domestic house cat? I do not recall her mentioning any sources from which she based her tasteless, irresponsible comments and conclusions. Does Ms. Godbout feel that her rather limited exposure amongst her "anonymous" friends qualifies her to dish-out advice regarding a subject, in this case whether or not a house cat makes a good pet? I should hope not.

I hope Ms. Godbout will

not claim that this incredibly irresponsible and offending "piece" was simply a misunderstood attempt at humor. I doubt that many intelligent readers would accept that argument. It is even more disturbing when one realizes that Ms. Godbout is not merely a staff writer but is in fact the copy editor.

I sincerely hope that in the future The Messenger will strive to attain at least a small degree of journalistic integrity in its articles. Perhaps a few courses in journalism would serve the staff well! As Ms. Godbout "jumped for joy" at the horrible maiming of a cat, so will I on the day The Messenger transforms from an outlet for the immature, self-indulgent and inept thoughts of an unprofessional collection of "fresh-from-high-school" students, to a publication in which mature adults present well-informed, insightful and meaningful articles.

Richard Ventrone, Jr.

Re-examine the fundamental aspects of life

It's funny, lately I seem to wonder more and more what my purpose is here on earth. Doing poorly on an exam or not reaching a goal can really make me think. I have doubts about my choices and about the validity of my dreams, and sometimes I can get caught in a cycle of questions:

- 1.) Why are we here?
- 2.) Why is there so much unhappiness?
- 3.) Why do people compete so much?
- 4.) Aren't we just visitors on this planet?

Think about it, humans are supposed to find a mate, and reproduce to continue our species. Just like any other animal, right? Then, if this is true, why have humans become so "advanced"? What's the point of technology and schooling, and going to college to get a good job, when there's really nothing to prove ourselves to, except each other. Does that mean that the people we try to prove ourselves to are better than us, or are we just led to believe that?

In the long run, who cares how much "stuff" you think you know? Who has the power to decide what knowledge is important to be taught? It would seem that we're studying and working hard just to prove to some ideal that we can make more money and be more successful than everyone else. Are we doing this all in vain?

Who decides the standards? Are we doing this for God? I don't know about you, but I never hear Him cry down to earth and tell us to destroy the planet with an overabundance of competition. Why, then, are we doing just that?

Is there any valid reason for feeling such competition between each other? Supposedly none of us is better than the other, right? Isn't that what the Civil War, the human rights movement and other movements are supposed to tell us? I don't see any of these "movements" making much of an impact on most of the people I see. I haven't seen anybody telling people in politics that they're no better than us. I don't see anybody telling the rich snobs where they can stick their money. So, basically, we're all a bunch of hypocrites, right?

Most of you reading this are thinking, "I don't have to take this if it's only going to make me feel terrible!" I think that part of the solution is to make people see what it feels like to be talked down to.

Angers you, doesn't it?

Then why do we let people do it everyday? Politicians, priests, our bosses, teachers, parents, friends do it to us, and we even do it to ourselves.

Why, then, can't we just live? Why is there this invisible deadline driving us towards some great, unknown reward? How many possessions does one need to keep their self-esteem high enough to make them feel better than everyone else? Is that what happiness is, feeling superior?

In this world, someone will always have more than you. It may be because of greater motivation, or greater insecurities, or even jealousy. So, no one can ever win, right? Now what's the solution? How can we be happy, feel equal to each other, and keep our individuality all at the same time? I don't have the answers. I don't think anyone does.

Humans can't even begin to understand how long the earth has had to survive through our destruction and so-called growth. We claim land and treat the contract as if God himself personally came down and signed it. How can we claim something so massive and powerful? How vain we are. We think that nothing is more powerful than humans.

Who, out of zillions of creatures on this earth, has the right to play God? The answer is nobody. It would seem that his never-ending circle of questions with no answers will only confuse us more, and make us feel even more insecure. But, just think. Think about why you are here, and the reasons for all of your work. When you are stressed out over an exam or a paper, remember this; you have worth, you are alive on a beautiful planet, free to experience pleasures beyond any technological advances--love for yourself and others. Think about it.

S.M. LaFleche



Student asks that smokers switch brands

To the editor:

The Bill of Rights is on a nationwide tour, most recently appearing in Rhode Island. The Bill of Rights tour is sponsored by the Phillip Morris Companies, the people who bring you Marlboro cigarettes. Phillip Morris Companies support Jesse Helms, the Republican senator from North Carolina. Jesse Helms is in favour of censoring art that some people may find offensive, a clear violation of freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech is protected under the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

How can the Phillip Morris Companies support the Bill of Rights and the leading opponent to it at the same time? And we're not just talking about "yeah, we think he's a good senator" here. We're talking about major contributions to the Jesse Helms re-election fund.

It may be difficult to do, but I am asking anybody who smokes cigarettes by

Philip Morris Companies to switch to another brand. I know it may be difficult, since Marlboro is probably the most popular cigarette in the country. However, the long term benefits of keeping someone trying to be Big Brother out of office is far greater than what brand of cigarette you smoke. Besides, I'm not asking you to quit smoking altogether.

It's a simple, but possibly effective, request.

An anonymous student

Commentary

Thanksgiving's meaning has altered over the years

By Don Hannan
Staff Writer

The leaves change color and the year moves into the end of autumn. Thanksgiving is suddenly here again and Christmas is coming like the messy certainty of dirty Thanksgiving dishes.

Everyone knows about the history of Thanksgiving and how it got started in Plymouth, Mass., in 1621. The Pilgrims survived the winter and had a great feast to celebrate their first year in the new land.

What does Thanksgiving really mean to this country? Is it just the starting gun for the mad Christmas shopping race? Is the festive season only a time to devour a bird whose only purpose to life is to be plucked, cooked and carved for all of the dieting Americans?

Thanksgiving is the time of high school football games that are only a boring tradition. Also, it is when families get together so arguments and pointless discussions dominate the day. Did the Pilgrims know what Thanksgiving was about or did they just want to chow with their Indian friends?

Carolyn Travers, head of research at the Pilgrim Plantation in Plymouth, said, "Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends. It is a chance to see relatives and relax."

Travers, who has been working as the head of research for about 10 years, said that Thanksgiving is probably one of the most travelled holidays of the year.

"I imagine we all know people who would rather get shot in the foot than not go home for Thanksgiving," said Travers. The holiday menu, which consists of creamed onions, cranberry muffins, celery, mashed potatoes, squash, gravy and turkey is nothing to be shot over.

It seems to me, being a resident of Plymouth for almost 17 years, that the holiday starts the festive season of hypocrisy. It seems that charity becomes fashionable right around Thanksgiving. There are many who contribute thankless hours and money to help the poor and homeless, but why do Americans give more between Thanksgiving and Christmas?

Does a calendar tell us when it is time to be pleasant

Does a calendar tell us when it's time to be pleasant and charitable?

and charitable? Would anyone argue that Thanksgiving starts a quick turn around in attitude of the American public? The United States of America is a special country. Freedom of speech and religion rule the land, but the hypocrites are in the driver's seat.

The finger-pointers in office share as much of the blame as the average John and Jane do. They quickly blame each other for something they could have prevented themselves. Admitting a mistake is the first step to correcting it, and this country loves to blame anyone other than itself when things go wrong.

People say the deficit, drugs and greed are tearing this country apart at the seams, but what the real problem is, is a lack of caring. The "I didn't do anything so let someone else handle the problem," way of thinking has grown at a cancerous pace and rules the way most people think.

The country that the Pilgrims founded has changed drastically over the span of three centuries, and so have its people. The impersonal deterioration can't be blamed on greedy politicians or overburdened schools; it is a universal fault shared by all. The Pilgrims were united in the goal of religious freedom, while today people unite at express counters and fax machines. The amount of caring shown to those who are less fortunate only occurs around the holidays because it is feared that God or Santa Claus is watching. Why can't the helping of others happen more than once a year?

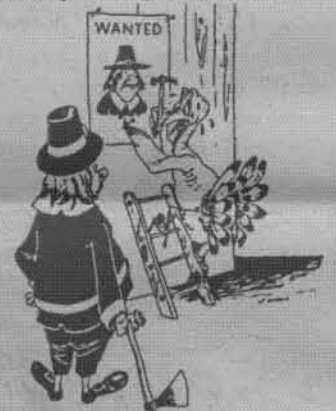
The Pilgrims had Thanksgiving together as a community and left no one out of the festival. Today the community is constantly moving to find a better place, while trying to leave the problems behind. The problems have to be addressed— not ignored and left for the other person.

The holiday season comes and there is a sudden urgency to help the less fortunate, but it is the same every year. How much changes over this festive season? The poor and

homeless will get one hot meal and then sink back out of sight until next year, while millions of others will fall asleep on the couch watching football. Complaints and leftovers begin just at the same time as department store lines reach a boiling point, and the holiday's true meaning is lost.

The holiday season is a time to care instead of filling the shoes of a part-time human being. People should put themselves in someone else's shoes as they are sitting down with their family at Thanksgiving, and just think. The other person to whom all of the bad things happen to is human too. They need a little understanding and assistance, not a calendar hand-out.

Try giving some of your time to help; it won't hurt. Imagine the feeling of being in their place for a day, a year, or a lifetime. Thanks and giving have a whole new meaning besides the turkey and pumpkin pie.



Is violence at RWC on the rise?

By Kevin Christian
Contributing Writer

Halloween night, I walked back to my dorm after listening to comedian Vinnie Favorito at That Place. I was thirsty so I decided to get a Coke on the second floor. I was stopped at the door by two guys who told me to get a drink somewhere else. Behind them, about 20 people had gathered, and were standing around the lounge. The reason: two guys were having a face-off, and everyone was waiting for the first punch to be thrown.

The night before that, a violent fist-fight broke out on the first floor of Dorm II as dozens of people stood perched on the steps above and listened to it carry on and get totally out of hand.

You're not even safe in the confines of your own room. One of my roommates has been expelled from school because he stole my other roommate's bank card and withdrew \$280 from his

account. Then he sliced his abdomen with a razor to make it look like he wasn't the guilty party.

What is wrong with these pictures?

When mom and dad gave me that final hug and kiss good-bye before I left for school, they gave me some practical advice: "Don't lose your keys, don't forget your wallet and keep up the grades." They never mentioned: watch your ass in the hallways, if you see a fight go other way, and if you do get into a fight, hope he doesn't know karate. See you at Thanksgiving, dear.

I realize that I'm just a freshman, and not yet used to what life is like on campus, but so far the consensus is that it is pretty hostile.

I actually got a chance to talk with one of the combatants about the fight that almost happened, and the one question that burned in my mind was, "Why? Why were you ready to fight?" The answer was simple. The other kid had been talking about him

behind his back. He said he really wasn't thinking about the fact that he was becoming a side show to about 20 people who wanted to see a fight, he just wanted to straighten the other guy out.

Ed Shaw, director of

security, feels violence on campus has decreased ever since they stopped selling alcoholic beverages on campus, and Bristol police activity at RWC has been minimal. He admitted he couldn't comment on dorm life and the fights that go on

there.

I talked to an R.A. who has attended this school for four years, and he mentioned the fighting this year is considerably higher. Like almost

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Commentary

Can they really be as nasty as they wanna be?

By Rob Osborne
Staff Writer

On June 6, U.S. District Court Judge Jose Gonzalez Jr. ruled that the 2 Live Crew album "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" was obscene, making it the first musical recording to be judged obscene in America.

Since then, the rap group has met with nothing but trouble. On June 8, a record store owner was arrested for selling the album. He was released on a \$100 bond, and faces a year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

On June 9, at 3:00 a.m. two members of the group were arrested in a limo for performing songs off of "As

Nasty", and the other two had warrants out for their arrests. The second two offenses are criminal. In order to make them stick, the prosecution must prove that the record has no serious artistic, scientific or political value.

The band has been arguing that the gross language in songs like "Me So Horny" and "If You Believe In Having Sex" is part of a tradition of black cultural tradition of profanity, exaggeration and humor that has fed into rap, according to a June 25 issue of "Time."

The question then is whether "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" is art, or simply a twisted display of

obscurity. Indeed, it is difficult to discern which category words like "Get your face outta my asshole, bitch," fall into. I mean, do these words seem offensive to your modesty or decency, or are they the production or expression of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance? To some, these words may not be offensive, however, they definitely do not fall into the later description. So what is it?

If the album is judged obscene, then can one not say that the nudes of Michaelangelo are also obscene? They too can offend modesty or decency, can they not? And what of

recordings like those of Andrew Dice Clay, or Eddie Murphy? The language in such recordings is no different than that used in "As Nasty." However, no one has declared these to be obscene. Is this just because they make us laugh, giving them some intrinsic value? I think not. To some, the "As Nasty" album is funny. To others, it is great dance music. Thus, it has some sort of intrinsic value, doesn't it? If so, then what is the reason for one to judge the album obscene?

Despite some belief, including that of 2 Live Crew's members, I don't feel that the judgement was brought on by racism. Although this may seem like the case, I don't believe that the banning of one black rap group constitutes racism. However, I do believe that it constitutes censorship. Although a civil ruling like

Gonzalez's means that 2 Live Crew are not criminals, the effects are scary. With record stores facing jail every time they sell a copy of "As Nasty" and major record chains throughout the South refusing to sell it out of fear, the basic result is censorship.

Now we must ask ourselves if we can allow this to happen? Will the judgement against "As Nasty," create a precedent of censorship for other albums? If so, then where will it end? This is a pertinent issue, and it is time we give some serious consideration to what we deem acceptable. It seems to me that "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" is considered fairly acceptable by quite a few people, considering it has sold 1.7 million copies, and more than that since the scandal. Just a little food for thought.



Student considers Kennedy's death

By Jonathan Bassuk
Contributing Writer

Twenty-eight years ago this month, one of America's most horrible crimes was committed. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Almost anyone who was alive in 1963 has the date of November 22nd etched in their memory forever, and even those who were born after the tragedy are familiar with the murder. The killing of the president and the days that followed were four days of sorrow and pain for all Americans and for people around the world.

However, the stories we have been told about these four days may only be half-truths. Almost as soon as the president was killed, talk of conspiracy began to circulate. Vice-President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as president the evening of Kennedy's death, and his first executive order was to organize a commission to investigate the assassination of the president. The conclusions of the commission, headed by then Chief Justice, Earl Warren, stated that Kennedy was shot twice--once in the back of the neck, and once in the head. The shot that struck the president in the neck exited through the front of his throat and wounded Governor John Connally, who was seated in front of

the president. It was also concluded in the commission's report that all of the shots were fired by one man--Lee Harvey Oswald, from the sixth floor corner window of the Texas School Book Depository. Oswald was captured by police later in the day. Two days later, when Oswald was being transferred to a maximum security facility, he was shot and killed by a man named Jack Ruby.

These statements may in essence be correct. However, there were many witnesses to the assassination who claimed that there was a second or even a third gunman. These mystery witnesses offered to give sworn testimony to what they thought they had seen, but interestingly enough, all of the witnesses were confronted by people claiming to be Secret Service agents, and were told to keep their mouths shut. Those witnesses who defied the "agents", and gave statements to the presidential commission or other authorities turned up dead. Why would the very people who are sworn to protect the president want to cover up his murder?

There are several books and articles available to the public that offer various explanations as to what

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Entertainment

Meredith Monk: a voice of freedom

By Samuel R. Gilliland
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 23, RWC was given the rare opportunity to be exposed to a rare art form. The free voice of Ms. Meredith Monk was heard by a spell-bound audience at the Barn.

Ms. Monk's truly original form and style of music was able to capture the imagination and travel with it to unexplored territories.

It's hard to believe that Ms. Monk is not widely known: her awards and achievements display as large a spectrum as her works.

She is not only an abstract artist in the realm of music, but also in such diverse disciplines as film direction, film making, dance and choreography. She was the founder of the House, a school/company which practices the interdisciplinarity of art.

Ms. Monk's performance consisted of two "acts." The first was Songs from the Hill, a collection of 12 pieces written in Placitas, N.M., (the reference to the Spanish "placid" says quite a bit about the music composed there). This music captured the spirit of the desert. The similarity to Native American chants and songs was especially striking. She seemed to distill the essence of life in a desert paradise.

As the performance lengthened, I was drawn more and more deeply into the arid world of the songs. Sounds of serenity made pieces like "Descending" and "Prairie Ghost" seem to float through the space of the auditorium as if a breeze from the valley swept up to cool us from the blazing sun.

Genuinely humorous pieces like "Insect" brought the audience to laughter. Ms. Monk seemed to be acting instead of singing as she retold some conversation among bugs that she must have overheard.

Part two of the performance was composed for voice and piano. These songs seemed to focus on the interaction of the two instruments. She used the piano as an element of familiarity. This familiarity seemed to make this music much more accessible.

Yet, in contrast to this arrangement, Ms. Monk used her voice as a free form element that moved in, out and around the repetition.

The standout piece in this portion of the performance was "Madwoman's Vision," a piece

from Education of the Girlchild, a stage musical about the past and future. This selection depicted a villager in the Middle Ages who was able to see into our present. I was able to understand the sort of strange picture that would be created for me if I were one of the villagers. Machinery, technology, science: the powerful and the frightening.

In all, Ms. Monk's performance was impressive, to say the least. Throughout the show, her vocal ability was manifested time and again. Some of the music was difficult to discern. But I think that the performance was as much about free interpretation as it is about the free voice. All who heard the performance were challenged, hopefully, to think in a new way.



Top Ten Play List for the week of November 8

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| 1 Tattoo | Trouble Tribe |
| 2 After the Rain | Nelson |
| 3 Tease Me, Please Me | Scorpions |
| 4 Wicked Sensation | Lynch Mob |
| 5 Lovething | ZZ Top |
| 6 Moneytalk | AC/DC |
| 7 Give It To Me Good | Trixter |
| 8 Get the Funk Out | Extreme |
| 9 Pride | Living Colour |
| 10 Shame Shame Shame | Ratt |

Music Review: Charlatans U.K.

By Scott Noble
Music Reviewer

The college music scene has begun to follow a certain trend in the last year towards a type of music known to many as "60s revivalism." First there was The Stone Roses then The Soupdragons and now The Charlatans (booked in the U.S. as The Charlatans UK).

On their debut album, "Some Friendly," The Charlatans have taken the revivalist recipe, which consists mainly of heavy use of the Hammond organ, tambourine and bass, to its maximum potential

adding little, if any, vibration.

The first single from the album, "The only one I know," is an extremely catchy song that is backed up by a guitar riff that is impossible to get out of your head and makes this song the best bet for a first single, but does not qualify it as the best song on the album.

"Sproston Green", the last and best song on the eleven-song set, is a great party tune with an organ riff in the beginning not unlike the Who's classic, "Won't get fooled again". The song builds into an amazing frenzy of jamming

that is rarely heard by many of today's bands and leaves you feeling like you've just been to Woodstock and back. No party is complete without this song.

Other very listenable tracks on the album include "Opportunity", a slow trippy tune with a very catchy organ line, "White Shirt" and "Flower".

On the whole, however the album does little more than re-hash music that bands like The Stone Roses have already introduced to our ears. This is not to say that they lack talent, only freshness. But even if

The Charlatans aren't very fresh they sure know how to create very good, catchy party music and isn't that all that really matters when you're in college anyway?





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Noteworthy

Sculptor's creativity destroyed over-night

By Samuel R. Gilliland
Staff Writer

Sunday, November 4, was RWC's annual Open House, a time when prospective students were able to come view the campus and get some idea of what college life is like here. So, for the occasion the Moonlit Sculptors converged once again to create a thought-provoking installation.

Four separate entities comprised this latest work. A serpentine wall was created of cloth and wood. A large cardboard person led a small army of cardboard figures that marched into the architecture building, where many prospective students enjoy visiting. An "easel" with only one post touching the ground held the trademark signature of the group. Hours of effort were put into the project. To make sure the art-work was complete, work continued late into the night of Saturday, November 3. Upon completion of the work, each member left the

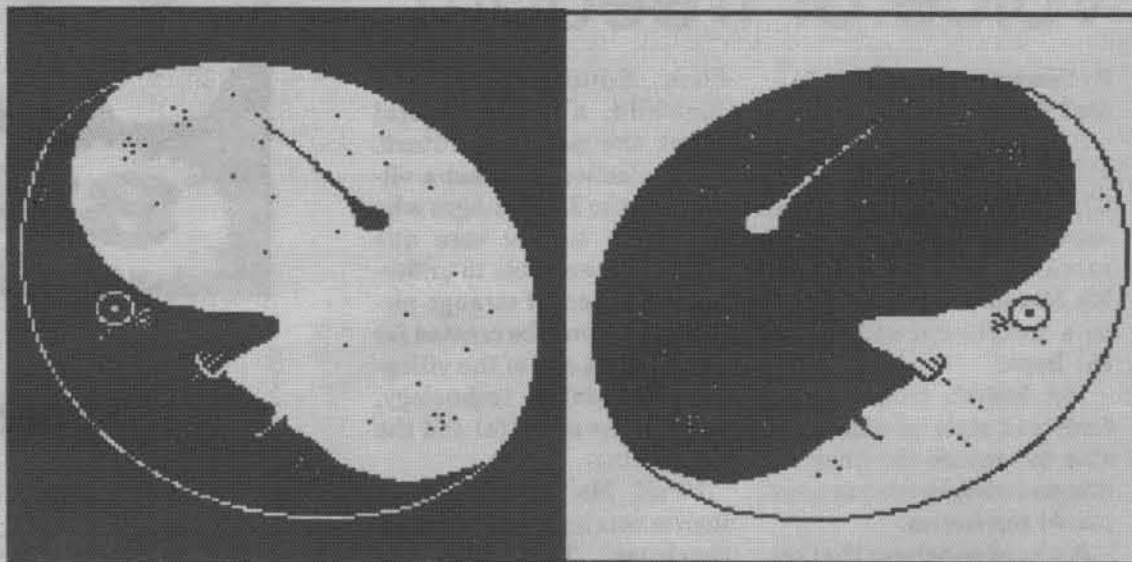
site with the satisfaction of a job well done.

But, to be sure, you didn't get the opportunity to see this installation. No one did. When students returned the next morning they found a void where their creation had been. It had been removed by the administration.

I spoke with members of the group. They were devastated. Each felt defeat, frustration and anger because here was something they did for the school, to improve its image. Here is a group of students who want to make a lasting impression on incoming students (and parents). Here is a group of students who desperately want to make their school a better place. Here is a group of students who care.

Members of the group rushed to the administration building to find out what had happened. Those they spoke with said that it was a matter of misunderstanding.

Groundskeepers were told that morning to make the



The Messenger was unable to get a picture of the Moonlit Sculptors' latest attempts because they didn't finish until dark, and it was destroyed early the next morning.

campus spotless. And apparently, these instructions were followed without exception. Students inquired about having the work returned to them. Administration officials' response was that upon dismantling the sculptures, the groundskeepers discarded, i.e. threw away the parts in various dumpsters in the area. By the time the students got to camp out Sunday morning, some

dumpsters had already been emptied. Administration assured the students that had their sculpture appeared on any other day, there would have been no problem. Someone is missing the point.

So to those involved in Moonlit Sculptors, I offer my heart-felt condolences. You were right in attempting to show incoming students that RWC can be (or could be) the

most creative group of students in the state, in New England, even the world. If only the incoming students had seen it...

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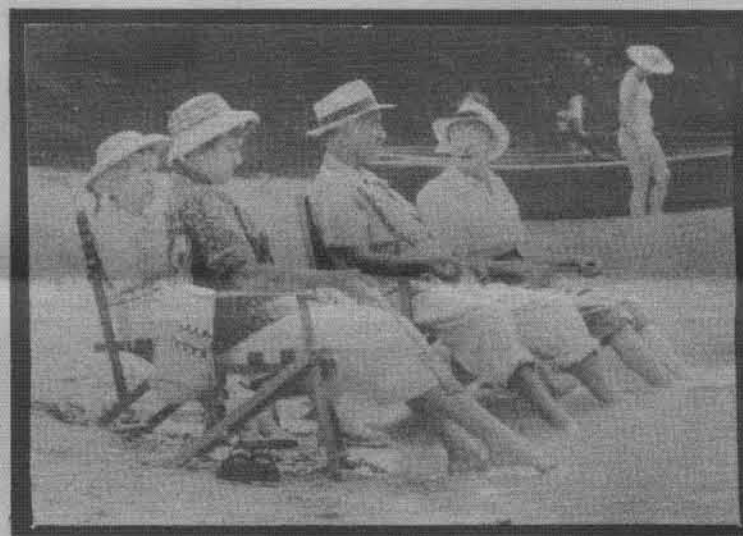


Pacific Heights

(R)- From director John Schlesinger, a slick psychological thriller of Hitchcockian dimensions about a fiendish tenant (Michael Keaton) who drives his landlords to utter desperation. Melanie Griffith and Matthew Modine are the young couple who owns a San Francisco Victorian house. Suspense and horror mount as the mysterious occupant downstairs invents outrageous schemes of harassment. The climax is somewhat contrived, yet the outcome offers sweet satisfaction.

Avalon

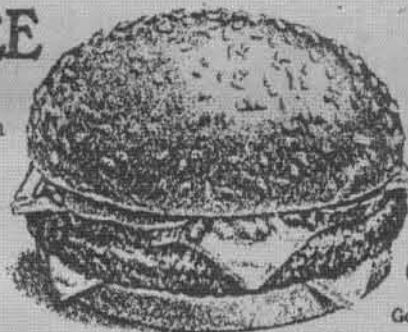
(PG)- Director Barry Levinson is in Baltimore again for this pleasing, nostalgic autobiographical account of a Jewish-American family spanning four generations. Intimate details, some of them mundane, are all-important as the clannish group experiences survival, progress and finally disintegration as migration to suburbia and even television take their toll. The film often lacks drama, but its sweet demeanor works magic. With Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright and Aidan Quinn.



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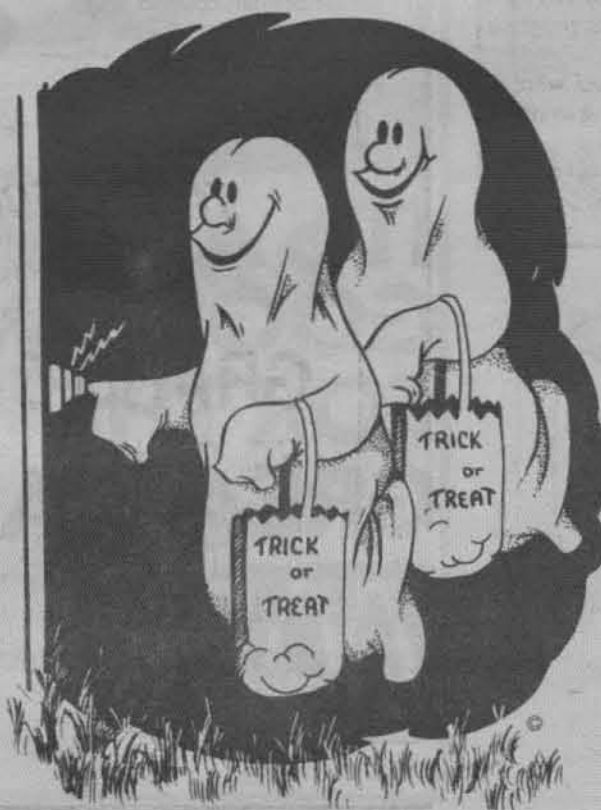
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The Halloween Ball at Linden Place



All things considered, it looks as if the Senior Class Halloween Ball was a big success. The men dressed like women, some women went as vegetables (pumpkins to be precise), and the Ninja pictured above stole the show. The only complaint that could be heard about campus was that it just didn't seem to last long enough, proving that a masquerade brings out the schizophrenia in all of us.

Photos by Erica Lariviere
Photo Editor



College News

Dr. Boyer discusses the objectives necessary to create free-thinking individuals

By Samuel R. Gilliland
Staff Writer

This past Wednesday's Contemporary Forums hosted Dr. Ernest Boyer, a distinguished figure in education.

Dr. Boyer is president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He has served as national commissioner on education under three presidents. He has written two books, *High School*, and *College: The Undergraduate Experience*.

Both focus on problems in educational institutions in the United States today. He visits college campuses regularly in order to assess the quality of the nation's undergraduate education.

Boyer's lecture emphasized four objectives that colleges would do well to adopt in order to produce self-sufficient, free-thinking individuals. Each of these objectives becomes an imperative as our society inevitably changes.

Objective 1 -- Language: Boyer emphasized the power of the written and the spoken word. If one is ever to advance in critical thinking skills, one must have proficiency in language. Clear writing produces clear thinking. Boyer also placed great emphasis on the arts, those languages which enable humans to express feelings that have no words. Boyer argued that art is a system of symbols similar to written language. Proficiency in the arts, therefore, is also an

exercise in critical thinking. In order to achieve goals, the student must be "linguistically empowered."

Objective 2 -- Core Studies: The development and strengthening of a curriculum which exposes the student to a variety of studies creates a well-rounded view of life. General education programs across the country tend to be a "grab bag of isolated courses." The college that integrates general education courses into the overall educational experience will produce students with an "integrated view of life."

Boyer stressed the connectedness among disciplines in learning. The psychological divisions between major courses of study and general education classes must be removed. Much too often, students are encouraged to get general education courses "out of the way." Boyer's hopes are that a strong core curriculum of studies will help students make ethical choices: thus, they attain wisdom.

Objective 3 -- Teaching: The instructor who is able to bring his/her class to life is the instructor who is most successful in imparting knowledge. Passivity is found much too often in classrooms across the country today. Boyer proposes that instructors be given incentives in hopes that the classroom will become a lively forum for debate.

Objective 4 -- Campus Life: Modern American

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campuses are deteriorating. The breakdown in social structure is caused by a breakdown in communication. This breakdown is vertical, i.e. the students find a communication gap between them and their superiors. Anthropologist Margaret Mead observed that the healthiest cultures are those in which at least three generations interact. Programs must be implemented to rebuild these broken communication links. The campus is a "staging ground for action," Boyer declared. "Creativity should be encouraged and applauded. All too often, when communication breaks down and creativity is not encouraged, the "staging ground" will contain no action at all."

Boyer concluded by expressing his optimism about the future. Schools are more influential to students than perhaps any other time in history. American schools, Boyer said, are the envy of the world. Yet we must not think that we have achieved all that is attainable. Indeed, there is much more to be accomplished.

CPS

Compiled by Aimee Godbout, Copy Editor

Mankato State Claims World Record For Most Kissing Couples

(CPS)-- It's almost official: Mankato State University students have laid claim to the world record for having the most couples kissing at one time, apparently stealing the title from Syracuse University at an Oct. 24 Kiss Off! MSU Pucker Breaker '90.

Five-hundred sixty-six participants gathered on the university's rugby field for a mass pucker up.

To win official recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records, couples had to kiss on the lips, and stay lip locked for 10 seconds. Sponsored by Mankato's student paper, The Reporter, contestants easily outdid Syracuse's relatively chaste mark of 400 kissers set last summer.

Television camera crews and Pucker Breaker officials roamed through the crowd, making sure 288 couples' lips, some meeting for the first time, stayed pressed together for the requisite 10 seconds.

"Tongues were flyin' everywhere," said participant John "Woody" Westrum. "Finally we did something festive for Homecoming. Whoever thought it up was pretty ingenious."

But the event was not without controversy. Women's rugby club members protested the event because it took place on the rugby field, and some claimed vehicles left "ankle-deep" impressions in the field.

Nevertheless, Pucker Breaker organizers say they will still compile all their registration documentation, have it verified by local officials, and they'll send it to the Guinness Book of Records, where the facts and figures will be double-checked.

Sidebar: Some Other Things Wrong With Today's Young People

(CPS)-- A study released Oct. 12 by the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics claims that people 18 to 30 years old are morally inferior to all previous generations.

In recent years, however, various studies have regularly heaped criticism on young people for everything from a lack of geography knowledge to a desire to earn money.

Some other charges:

*A 1987 survey of 5,000 college professors found they think their students have only "fair to poor" academic abilities.

*A 1989 Gallup Poll of 696 college seniors found they don't know certain basic facts about history and literature, such as when Christopher Columbus discovered America.

*In 1989, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced that three-fourths of the 5,000 professors it had queried the spring before thought their students were "seriously underprepared in the basic skills."

*Last winter, three separate reports accused college students of expecting too much from their first jobs and being grossly unprepared to succeed at them.

Harvard Student Groups Told To Pay To Be Called Harvard Student Groups

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CPS)-- Harvard University officials say they will now charge student groups a 7.5 percent royalty fee for using the Harvard name or logo on T-shirts or other items.

Groups must also have any fundraising items bearing the school's registered trademarks officially okayed by the centralized Harvard Student Agencies, Sylvia J. Struss of the school's trademark program said.

"I have no way of telling what is a real student group and what is not," said Struss, who added that only student groups hoping to profit from the items would have to pay the royalty.

In September, Harvard dining and dorm officials themselves quietly agreed to stop using trademarked Bart Simpson and McDonald's Corporation images in their marketing.



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Entertainment

10,000 MANIACS



By Samuel R. Gilliland
Staff Writer

This week SAC's major events committee did it right. 10,000 Maniacs to perform at RWC on November 12. Thanks to those involved in planning a successful and tasteful event. The combination of lyrics and music of 10,000 Maniacs has been a musical alternative for many, the college student in particular. Their discography to date includes *The Wishing Chair*, *In My Tribe*, *Blind Man's Zoo*, and the newly released *Hope Chest*, a compilation of music recorded in 1982 and 83.

The nature of 10,000 Maniacs' lyrics seems somewhat surprising in comparison with its accompaniment. In contrast to the often upbeat rhythm, melody, and harmony, there is a world of melancholy.

Social awareness is a mainstay of 10,000 Maniacs' message. This message, though, is delivered with a control. Natalie Merchant doesn't preach. The band have realized the subtlety of story telling. These songs, in the narrative, seem to paint images of characters in difficult situations. Subjects include child abuse ("What's the Matter Here?"), pollution in our backyards ("Poison in the Well"), and the aftermath of Vietnam ("The Longest Parade"), to name a few.

But the most interesting aspect of 10,000 Maniacs' music is the interaction between the instrumental accompaniment and the lyric. At certain times, both vocals and instruments seem to be one; then, they separate to form their own routes. Ms. Merchant's voice is at once integrated into the music and free to roam about the musical scale.

10,000 Maniacs' masterpiece is "Verdi Cries," found on their 1987 album *In My Tribe*. Performing "Verdi Cries" live, Natalie Merchant traditionally sings without instrumentation:

"The man in 119 takes his tea all alone. Mornings we all rise to wireless Verdi cries. I'm hearing opera through the door. The souls of men and women, impassioned all. Their voices climb and fall; battle trumpets call. I fill the bath and climb inside, singing. He will not touch their pastry but every day they bring him more. Gold from the breakfast tray, I steal them all away and then go eat them on the shore. I draw a jackal headed woman in the sand, sing of a lover's fate sealed by jealous hate then wash my hand in the sea. With just three days more I'd have just about learned the entire score to Aida. Holidays must end as you know. All is memory taken home with me: the opera, the stolen tea, the sand drawing, the verging sea, all years ago."

Goodbye to Mr. Me/Alliterations

By Samuel R. Gilliland
Staff Writer

This article is a eulogy. Tuesday, October 30, was the last gig ever to be played by The Alliterations, performing under the pseudonym Mr. Me. The band took it lightly though. No tears. Just fun.

Singer Alfred opened by strumming (and crackling) a few mellow tunes. Then the other members took the stage to make light of what they've been as a band: slightly conservative. They pulled out all the stops and showed those attending that the Alliterations were a good band.

Accomplished guitarist Tom said that the heavier, faster, souped-up, revved-down version of Mr. Me is a sign of things to come from some of the band members. For them, funk is where it's at. Rumor also has it that Alfred's going solo. Who knows for sure?

The show included some of their stand by covers such as "Pretty in Pink" and "Violent Femmes: Blister...", a tune the Alliterations always managed to sizzle. The original pieces tended to be more socially oriented. Past shows included tunes about homelessness, etc... This show was different.

Genuinely fun tunes like "Peter Keating, he had Dreams," set to a blues beat, helped to mark the end of the Alliterations as a fun time. (You know, in some "primitive" tribes around the world, death is a cause for feasting).



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Commentary

Events in Review: Budget crisis in the Capitol

By William B. Darby
Staff Writer

A new week has begun in Washington, bearing little conflict as last when the elected representatives of the people, in their eternal wisdom, decided to tax us further on a multitude of levels.

Perhaps the most disturbing provision of this new budget agreement was the agreement between Congress and the President (and hats off to Mr. "Read my lips, no new taxes" for backing down to a free-spending Congress) to raise income tax rates on the wealthiest Americans. The top income tax rate is now 31 percent. This is an outrage! The fact that we have allowed our out-of-control federal government to take such a percentage of our incomes raises an important question: do we regard the money we earn as property?

In this country we have a strong belief in the sovereign right of the individual to retain and control what is his, upon which the state shall have no infringement. But when it comes to our income, we simply think of it as, and

lament over it as, what is left over after the federal, state, and local governments take their share. And that share is always increasing, predictably, year after year.

It is interesting to note that we are now taxed, with representation, at a higher rate than we were under King George. And this is not the least of signs that something is wrong.

Every year the federal government demands a tyrannical amount of our income and we must hand it over. It is the grandest of all grand theft.

Additionally, it is extremely destructive of the economy. Government takes money out of it to fund massive unnecessary programs which increase government's control over all areas of life (Social Security, farm price supports, the National Endowment for the Arts, to name a few, all of which cost a lot of money and raise important constitutional issues as well.)

Through income taxes, we are being forced to fund the diminution of our own freedom. Additionally, there is no provision under present law that would

"Through income taxes, we are being forced to fund the diminution of our own freedom."

prevent the federal government from taxing our incomes one hundred percent if it so chose, instantly creating a condition of absolute slavery to the government.

The other significant, and equally disturbing problem with the new tax rates is that they take away the basic driving force behind capitalism: incentive to achieve. If harder work, additional education, and the like will enable one to improve his standard of living, he will have the incentive to achieve and improve himself and his abilities. But if one has no opportunity to improve his standard of living through hard work, his incentive and motivation to work, improve, whatever, is gone. It is getting to a point where there is no reason for an individual to make more money because he will lose it anyway when income tax time rolls around. Some of these higher income earners will now pay thousands more in taxes per

year. The new taxes on luxury items have a similar effect that is disastrous to the economy.

It is getting to a point where people will turn away from buying such things as large automobiles, etc. because the taxes on them will make such purchases economically unfeasible. This will not only have the effect of depriving Americans of things that they have come to be used to as rewards for hard work, and eliminate some of the incentive for hard work, but it will, through significant decreases in consumption, devastate if not destroy entire major industries.

It is obvious that these new taxes destroy the genius behind the American Economic system. These have been, throughout the ages, the problems with out of control progressive taxation, that is, tax rates that increase as your income does. I understand that the government has unlimited authority to tax under the social contract

(Constitution) but its excesses only prove that giving it that power was a bad idea. I think we are too quick to forget our origins; that our republic was founded over a dispute on taxation; and we forget, having prospered for so long, that taxes are by nature tyrannical and have been since they were invented.

I believe fully that by eliminating needless government this country could live without the income tax. We did once, and everyone had more economic power because they were allowed to keep all of their income, an idea unheard of in the present day world. If we chose the path of less taxation, we would enjoy a prosperity many times what we have now.

It is time to amend the social contract to take away the power of government to tax our incomes. Doing so may be our last chance to control runaway government before it controls us.

A.P. WIRE Courtesy of WQRI News Team

(Washington) -- Colleges and universities will have to make public their graduation rates, campus security procedures and campus crime rates.

The disclosures required by legislation President Bush has signed into law. It applies to schools that participate in federal student aid programs.

The new law requires college and universities to certify to the Education Department they have campus security policies. The institutions also will have to distribute to students, prospective students and employees an annual report of crime statistics.

In addition, the bill requires colleges to provide students and prospective students with graduation rates.

The institutions will have to report to the education secretary on the numbers and graduation rates of students who receive athletic-related student aid. That information will have to be broken down by race, sex and sport.

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Mike Robinson
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Senior
"The founder of Rhode Island."



Blayne Norton
Andover, MA
Sophomore
"Some creep who died and wanted a college named after him. Don't we all?"



Tim Smith
Brookfield, CT.
Freshman
"Isn't he a bartender Wednesday night at the Kinsmen?"



Karin Capiga
Madison, CT
Freshman
"I have no idea!"



Rick Oliver
Waterville, ME
Senior
"He was kicked out of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and was the founder of R.I."



Nicole Bressler
Brooklyn, NY
Sophomore
"He ran a day care center."



Amanda Hubbard
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Sophomore
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Who knows who Roger is?

By Susan E. Cicchino
Staff Writer

When you tell people, "I go to Roger Williams College," do they ever ask, "Roger Williams, who's he?" Do you find yourself scrambling for an answer? Well, it's about time we all knew a little bit about the namesake of our college.

Roger Williams was born in London in 1603. Williams was a brilliant young intellect who graduated from Cambridge University and was a strong believer in the Puritan faith. He and his family arrived in Boston in 1631.

Williams believed that the government had no right to enforce religious laws. He was also a defender of the

Indians, whom he felt had the rights to the land given to Massachusetts and Plymouth. Because of his beliefs, Williams was expelled from the colony and then fled to the Indians on Narragansett Bay. He bought the land at the head of the bay, and established the first settlement in Rhode Island, which he called Providence.

After 40 years, Williams established a government with complete religious freedom. He was governor of the colony from 1654 to 1657. Williams continued to work with the Indians, with whom he became loyal friends. He learned their language and wrote several books about his experiences, religious freedom, and

Puritanism. Williams died in March of 1683.

There you have it. Now, who is Roger Williams? Right, he's the founder of Rhode Island, among many other remarkable achievements.



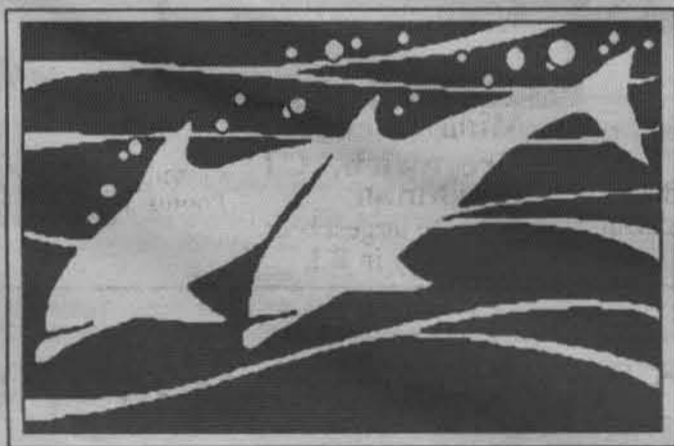
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College News

School of Humanities holds symposium

By Aimee Godbout
Copy Editor

The School of Humanities held their symposium on Wednesday, October 24. The symposium, which was one in a series given by each school, featured Dr. James Tackach, an RWC humanities professor, Susan Bierden, a URI graduate currently working in the public relations field, Ann Pace, an RWC graduate currently working as an elementary school teacher, and Michael Cunningham, an RWC graduate currently working as a manager in RWC Dining Services. The symposium, sponsored by Career Services, began with a brief introduction of the panel by Michael Robinson, an RWC senior assisting in the symposium series. Dr. Tackach was the first of the speakers and explained to the small audience what the School of Humanities teaches people.

"What we do in humanities is to teach passion," said Tackach, adding, "When was the last time somebody got passionate over Principles of Accounting?" Tackach went on to explain that there are four majors in the School of Humanities, each with no more than 10 to 12 requirements to give students a chance to get a broader perspective, perhaps having a double major or a minor or two. "Humanities courses are tools to use in the job world," Tackach said, and proceeded to list several famous people who graduated with degrees in humanities and went on to

do things great things, such as former Cabinet member Elizabeth Dole, who graduated with a degree in English, and Baseball Commissioner Faye Vincent, who graduated with a degree in the classics.

The remainder of the symposium focused on the recent graduates.

Susan Bierden, who graduated with an English degree from URI and now works as the public relations manager at the E.F. Foundation, a non-profit company whose business is an international high school student exchange program, offered a lot of advice to the students.

"What we do in Humanities is to teach passion."

--Dr. James Tackach

"Try to distinguish yourself from others when applying for a job, and be persistent."

--Susan Bierden

"Get experience before graduation. Write and have a portfolio," said Bierden. About obtaining a job after graduation, she added, "Try to distinguish yourself from others when applying for a job, and be persistent."

Ann Pace, who graduated from RWC in 1988 with a major in career writing and a minor in elementary education, now works as a fourth grade teacher, but said although she hasn't done anything directly in the journalism field, her career writing major has helped her a lot in the education field.

"I put a lot of writing into my classes," said Pace, explaining that she often

uses newspapers in her classes and has created a yearbook in her C.C.D. class.

Michael Cunningham, who graduated from RWC in 1989 with a history degree, now works as one of three managers in RWC's Dining Services. Cunningham told the audience it is important to have a broad scope of classes in college and the critical thinking skills which he said are "offered to you with a degree in humanities."

Gregg Perry, a reporter for WPRO-FM, was also scheduled to speak at the symposium, but was called out on assignment at the last minute and couldn't attend.

Information on final exam schedule and spring registration

Roger Williams College

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

FALL 1990

DAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TIME	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
	Class Periods				
8:00-10:00	WTNG 101-102 ESSAY	21	1	7	9
10:00-12:00	2	3	23	WTNG 101-102 OBJECTIVE	10
12:00-2:00	22	24	Multi-Section Group	8	Multi-Section Group
2:00-4:00	5	Multi-Section Group	4	26	
4:00-6:00	Multi-Section Group	6	25	27	
EVENING CLASSES 6:45-9:00	12	13	14	15	

1. FINAL EXAMS ARE NOT TO BE SCHEDULED DURING THE LAST WEEK OF CLASS,
2. Except for multi-section/group exams, all classes must meet for the final in the same room assigned for the semester.
3. If you have a conflict during a group exam period, please consult instructor(s) involved.

PRE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 1) Go to your school/area office for your course and registration material.
- 2) Make an appointment to see your advisor. Review your curriculum and general education requirements with your advisor and identify courses to be completed.
- 3) Enter your course selections on the registration card.
- 4) Report to the Bursar's office for validation of your registration card and posting of Fall charges any time before your registration day between November 13 and December 7.
- 5) Submit your signed and validated card according to the pre-registration timetable at a PORT (Point of Registration Terminal) located on Court 3 of the Recreation Center.

REGISTRATION DATES

Advisement	Nov. 13-Dec. 7
Pre-registration	Nov. 27-Dec. 7
Pre-registration changes	Dec. 10-Dec. 14
Mail registration	Dec. 15-Jan. 4
In-person registration	Jan. 28 (10:00-3:00)
Late registration/add/drop	Jan. 29-Feb. 13

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PRE-REGISTRATION TIMETABLE

(WEEK #1)

CLASS	CREDITS EARNED (as of Aug. 90)	DAY/DATE	LOTTERY NUMBER
Seniors	(84 to 120)	Mon. Nov. 26	9:00-12:30 1:00-4:30 1-200 201-430
Juniors	(54 to 83)	Tue. Nov. 27	1-225 226-480
Sophomores	(24 to 53)	Thu. Nov. 29	1-125 126-250
Sophomores		Fri. Nov. 30	251-375 376-530

(WEEK #2)

CLASS	CREDITS EARNED	DAY/DATE	LOTTERY NUMBER
Freshmen	(0 to 23)	Mon. Dec. 3	9:00-12:30 1:00-4:30 1-115 116-230
Freshmen		Wed. Dec. 5	231-345 346-460
Freshmen		Fri. Dec. 7	461-575 576-700

College News

Examining the pros and cons of OTB

By Rob Ruttensburg
Contributing Writer

Let's talk gambling. Many of us like to gamble and some don't, but what you might not realize is that it can affect us in various ways.

Although the election is over, and all the negative campaigning is done with, we still have to look at a few of the decisions that we, as voters, cast our ballots for.

As college students, most of us had the opportunity to vote for what or who we

thought was in our best interest. We took into account all the positives and negatives of the candidates and the referendums. Now that all decisions are in, we have to deal with the winners, like it or not.

RWC is home to many New Englanders as well as many students from New York and New Jersey. Of these students, several are from the Rhode Island area. The Rhode Island students (who voted) had to make several important voting decisions that in some way

or another affects most of us. Excluding the commuter students who live outside of the state, the rest of us still live in Rhode Island, at least during the nine-month school year.

One of the big issues that took place in Rhode Island this election was the possible passing of referendum #3, Off Track Betting (OTB). This issue was widely turned down in every town in Rhode Island except for Pawtucket. Interestingly enough, Pawtucket was where the OTB establish-

ment would have been located if passed.

For those not familiar with OTB, let me explain. OTB is an establishment where you can go to place wagers on horses. It is not a race track at all, but simply a betting place away from the track.

As to any issue, there are the good and the bad points. Lincoln Greyhound Park, in Lincoln, R.I., was OTB's biggest opponent.

The down side of OTB was that, for the most part, the state would not get as much

money as they wanted, due to it being run by private enterprisers. The state would lose an estimated \$4.5 million in tax revenue from them, but would still bring in something to the state. Even though RWC is a private institution, our fellow universities of the state could have very well been affected.

"I voted against the OTB issue because it wouldn't bring in as much money as stated," said Mel Topf, a professor at RWC and member of the Rhode Island Ethics Committee. "I also feel that there would be a high potential for organized crime," Topf said.

OTB also causes some possible problems that are not as noticeable unless you, or someone you know, is affected by it. This is the potential problem of becoming a gambling addict.

Students can be susceptible to gambling for the fact that a quick dollar is easy to make with something like this.

"Gambling starts off very low key and begins to build," said Ray, 47, of Bristol and a 29-year member of Gamblers Anonymous (GA). "First you start with the horses, then you move up to the dogs and then you go on to sports betting."

Ray has gone through a lot with betting. He almost lost his wife and kids to compulsive gambling, and he doesn't want to see that happen to anyone else especially students. He also said that GA is the reason he hasn't placed a bet in a long time.

"Regarding OTB, I look at it by saying if it's not there then there's no temptation," said Ray.

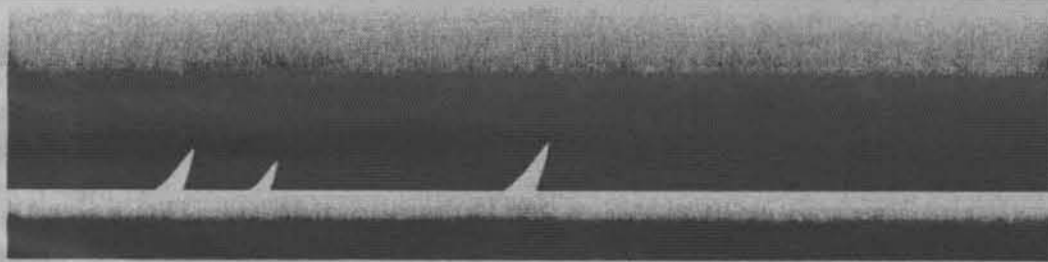
The up side to OTB, which seems to be more prevalent than the down side, is that OTB would have made over 1,000 new jobs as well as create a higher tourist rate for racing fans from the surrounding states.

New York and Connecticut presently have OTB and have for a long time.

"OTB is a good thing," said Michael Turner, 20, a junior from Livingston, N.J. "I don't understand the opposition to it, especially if it brings in some kind of revenue to the state."

"The way I look at it is that students, as well as anyone, should make their own decisions and should use their own moral judgments," said Turner.

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THE HEALTH PAGE

The Health Page is a new feature in The Messenger sponsored by Health Service and the March of Dimes. Prepared by the Health Service and Health Advocates, this section will provide health information for you. The Health Advocates are Ally Borges, a junior art major, and Sandy Hepburn, a senior historic preservation major. They are being trained by the RWC Health Educator to provide health education services to students. Ally and Sandy welcome your suggestions for the Health Page and health programs. Drop off suggestions to Sally Linowski's office in Dorm I near the Dean of Students.

Ask anyone who's sexually active for a reason to practice safe sex and most will say AIDS. But there are at least twenty-five other sexually transmitted diseases (STD'S) which strike millions of young adults each year. Except for the common cold and flu, STD's are the most common infectious diseases in the U.S. And certain ones like chlamydia and genital warts are epidemic on college campuses. Here's what you should know about some of the diseases threatening students at RWC:

CHLAMYDIA: Thought to be the most common curable STD, Chlamydia strikes about 4 million people each year. Highest rates of infection are among teenaged girls 15-19 and it is one of the most common STD's at RWC also. Often having no overt symptoms, some women may experience abdominal pain, nausea and low fever while men notice painful urination, or a discharge. The disease is chronic if untreated, causing sterility, pelvic inflammatory disease and birth defects. All sexually active individuals should be screened for chlamydia during annual health examinations.. Treatment is with antibiotics.

GENITAL WARTS: These tiny growths, which appear around the genitals, in the mouth or throat, are caused by the human papilloma virus. Spread by sexual or intimate bodily contact, the warts are highly contagious. They may appear individually or in clusters. The warts are usually painless, flat, soft growths which might itch and increase in size. Men can usually see the warts on their genitals, but women often are unaware of the disease as they grow inside the vagina or on the cervix. There is no permanent cure, but warts may be removed chemically or by surgery. Genital warts are very common among students also.

***GENITAL HERPES;** You don't hear much about herpes, yet rates of infection are increasing in the U.S. About 30 million people are infected with the disease, which is caused by direct contact with an active herpes sore or virus-containing genital secretions. Herpes virus type one usually causes cold sores on the mouth; type two produces genital outbreaks. Oral sex and other sexual behaviors have allowed either virus to infect both areas. The tell-tale sign is painful blisters on the mouth or genitals, which go away and may reoccur. No cure is available, but treatment eases symptoms. Pregnant women should inform their physician of herpes history.

To learn more about STD's, visit Health Services on campus. Diagnosis and treatment are available there to all students.

PREVENTING STD'S

Tips from the Centers for Disease Control:

1. Abstinence, or not engaging in sexual activity, is the one sure-fire way to prevent disease.
2. Limit your number of sexual partners. A long-term monogamous relationship reduces risk, as long as both partners are committed to not having sexual activity with others.
3. Always use a latex condom with nonoxynol-9 and a spermicide, regardless of the need for contraception. REMEMBER, birth control pills offer no protections against STD's.
4. Be responsible. Drinking alcohol might lead you to have sexual relations which put you at risk since your decision-making skills are affected. Mixing booze, drugs and sex is a risky business.
5. Be informed. Know your body, symptoms of STD's, and seek treatment immediately if you think you may be infected.

GEE WHIZ HEALTH QUIZ

1. There have been cases of HIV infection/AIDS traced to exposure to saliva.
2. There are over the counter spermicides that people can buy at the drug store that may reduce the risk of contracting the AIDS virus.
3. Petroleum jelly, Vaseline Intensive Care, baby oil and Nivea are not good lubricants to use with a condom or diaphragm.
4. A woman or teenage girl can get pregnant during her menstrual flow (period).
5. A woman or teenage girl can get pregnant even if the man withdraws his penis before he ejaculates.

ANSWERS

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True

THE UNHEALTHY FACTS OF LIFE

*By March 1990 the Centers of Disease Control had counted 1,429 cases of AIDS among teenagers.

*Although teenage AIDS cases account for only one percent of the nation's total, the number of cases doubles every 14 months.

*More teenagers get the AIDS virus heterosexually than do adults.

*National statistics on chlamydia are not available, though experts in various locales report that between seven percent and 40 percent of female teens have been infected.

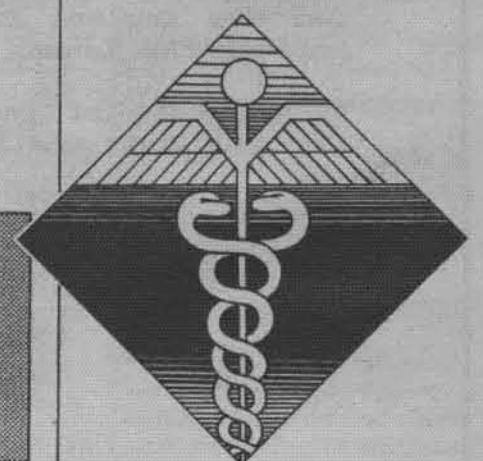
*The syphilis rate for teens age 15-19 has jumped 67 percent since 1985.

*Condom use among teenagers doubled between 1979 and 1988.

(source: Centers of Disease Control)

Oh, by the Way

As another feature for the Health Page, Ally and Sandy would like to have a question and answer section that would be exclusively for RWC students and their questions. The questions can be anything health related, just ask and we will do our best to answer. All questions can be dropped off at Sally Linowski's office in Dorm I by Career Services. Thanks for you interest and questions.
-RWC Health Advocates



Noteworthy

Faculty Profile: Dr. Thomas Holstein

By Dolores Del Padre
Features Editor

Roger Williams would have never gained Thomas Holstein as a science professor if it wasn't for his high school English teacher.

Holstein had never been in Rhode Island until his senior year English teacher suggested he might be interested in meeting a friend of his at Providence College. The friend turned out to be the dean of freshmen who offered Holstein a scholarship to Providence College. "I've never been to Rhode Island in my life, it's like ships passing in the night," Holstein said.

Holstein graduated from PC in 1965 with his bachelor of science degree and received his doctorate in 1969 from Brown University. He also received his masters degree from Brown in 1967.

Holstein began teaching at RWC in September of 1969.

When asked what subject he enjoys teaching the most he replied, "I have the opportunity of teaching upper level courses every other year, it's always something new. I have to

admit I do enjoy the general biology courses, but I guess I don't have a definite favorite."

Holstein is also very involved with research at Brown University, where he is an adjunct associate professor in research.

Holstein and his colleague professor Walter Quevedo, have had articles published on their findings and discoveries on skin pigmentation.

Pigment Cell Research Journal." The article dealt with the compounds that cause depigmentation of the skin. Their findings have been a continuing process over the last few years.

"Research adds to my teaching at RWC," he said. "It's nice to relate some of your research to the course material." Research at Brown is only one of Holstein's interests. "I've become more of an activist

Conservancy is an organization dealing with preserving land from urban and industrial development to which Holstein belongs.

Holstein is a member of the RWC Research Foundation. This committee accepts and reviews applications from staff and faculty requesting money to aid them in a research project. "We grant up to a thousand dollars a year for research projects," he said.

works at Dow Chemical plant in Michigan.

Chris, 23, graduated from URI and is currently employed as an insurance agent in Cranston, R.I. For some reason that one English teacher changed Holstein's life by leading him towards R.I. If it was not for his suggestion to attend PC Holstein may have never met his wife, Carol, who was the daughter of his anatomy professor.

"It's interesting how one person can influence the rest of your life," he said.

RWC has allowed Holstein the openness and the freedom in teaching courses and this is what he enjoys most about teaching here.

"Working with my colleagues and the openness of the students also make it a pleasurable working experience. The environment is important, not only as a teacher, but as a student and this kind of environment that I'm describing makes my job a lot easier and more pleasurable. We're smart enough where we should have viable healthy interactions with most students in college," he said.

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--Dr. Thomas Holstein

Quevedo was his former mentor at Brown and his current research partner.

"Since I received my degree (Brown) I've been interacting with him in dealing with our research," he said. "We look at various problems dealing with hair and skin pigmentation and have done some work with skin cancer."

Several publications of their research are published in scientific journals. The most recent was published this summer in "The

in terms of environmental groups," he said.

He is a member of the Environmental Counsel of Rhode Island (ECRI). The counsel is a coalition of representatives from various groups such as Save the Bay and Clean Water. "I'm a member at large, I joined as an individual," he said. ECRI is an organization which focuses on the political scene as to the kind of legislation that relates to environmental issues. The Rhode Island chapter of Nature

The money they receive is used towards equipment and travel arrangements involving research. "It's from soup to nuts," he said.

Committees and memberships are not the only things he is involved with. Holstein is also an excellent fisherman. He admits, "Everything I catch I eat."

Holstein has two sons Tom Jr., 24, who graduated from URI and received his masters in chemical engineering from Clemson University. He presently



Jacquelyn Conever, Patty O'Connell, and Kerry Kelly ham it up for The Messenger's Photo Editor.

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Hayrides and face painting were just a few of the fun events at the Harvest Fest.



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Noteworthy

Students give opinions on "the silver thing"

By Dolores Del Padre
Features Editor

Everyone seems to be wondering what that "silver thing" is on top of the new library tower.

It has been called a cheap Christmas tree ornament, drink stirrer, gross, tacky, something from Star Wars, and a sacrifice to the gods.

Well, according to Dan Peloquin, project architect at Robinson, Greene and Beretta (RGB), the infamous "silver thing" is an "ornamental spike."

Well, that may satisfy your curiosity, but why and what is the thin rod protruding from the "silver thing?"

Peloquin said, "When an object is that high you do have to ground it so we put a lightning rod in the ornament."

There have been various reactions from students about the attractiveness of the "silver thing" and I thought they should be heard.

Jeff Puleo, fifth year

architect student, said, "It's grossly overscale. It's silver, the only piece of silver on the building and it's crooked. If that doesn't piss you off? It's just one of those architectural I wants."

Anonymous student, said, "The tower is too wide to have a spire. It's a tacky piece of ornamentation that the "KGB" (alias for RGB) decided to put there."

Terri Welch, sophomore, said, "It seemed original, I didn't quite know the purpose of it. I thought it was just put there for decoration."

Donna Lambert, third year architect student, said, "I think it looks like a drink stirrer. It doesn't match the building. So basically we need to get rid of it."

T.P. Arcari, third year architect student, said, "I like the purity of it. It has a crystalline essence that caps off the top of the building."

Dr. Phil Szenher, professor in the School of Humanities, said, "It's too

big for the building. The building should have a smaller ball on top. It tries to put a Gothic Church spire on a Romanesque type tower and mixes two architectural styles. I was disappointed with the spire."

An anonymous student, said, "I think it's a little too much for the building, it's just to elegant for an institutional building."

Sal Napolitano, fourth year architect student, said, "It's just so out of scale with the rest of the building. It looks ridiculous. It reminds me of a cheap Christmas tree ornament."

John Pike, junior said, "It looks kind of sharp, but I wonder how much did it raise my tuition?"

Brian Potter, second year architect student, said, "It's ugly because it doesn't go with the gestalt of the building. All of a sudden there is this vertical thing when everything is horizontal. It's just like BOOM!"

Laurie Grandmason, second year architect student, said,

Photo by Erica Lariviere



Focus your attention to the top of the tower where the "silver thing" is placed. What do you think?

"Although it has a purpose of defining the central point of campus it doesn't blend in with the building."

Thesis: 1991 student, who will remain nameless, suggests how it should be done, "On an ideal vertical expression by all means

conclude with a lightning rod on a short, stout clock tower; cap it! And leave it alone! Any architects who have to apply any type of ornamentation to their work has failed to say whatever they wanted to say with their architecture!"

Freedom From Smoking clinic

RWC Health Service is conducting a Freedom From Smoking Clinic for students again this year. This six session program developed by the Lung Association and led by the Health Educator on campus is designed to help individuals develop a quitting strategy based on their own reasons for smoking. Many smokers who have tried to quit before have found that the peer support has made the difference. Weight control, stress management, coping with the urge and other important issues will be discussed throughout the program.

The fee is only \$30, a special savings of \$45 for the same clinic led at other sites in Rhode Island. Successful quitters will be reimbursed in full three months after the clinic.

The schedule for the six sessions is:

Nov. 7,	Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	The Meeting Place
Nov. 14,	Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	The Meeting Place
Nov. 19,	Monday	6-7 p.m.	The Bay Room
Nov. 28,	Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	The Meeting Place
Dec. 5,	Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	The Meeting Place
Dec. 12,	Wednesday	6-7 p.m.	The Meeting Place

You must attend all sessions to be successful. Enrollment is limited to 20 students.

Sign up in person at Health Service, or come to the meeting on Wednesday, November 14. No sign-ups will be accepted after this date.

What we need more of

- *People who are motivated without needing incentive to be
- *Cold winter nights lazing around a fireplace with someone special (i.e. your puppy, your mate, a teddy bear, etc.)
- *People who don't feel that make-up makes the woman
- *Ice-cream carts on a meltingly hot summer day
- *Waitresses who put the whipped cream on your hot chocolate without you having to ask for it.
- *Professors who don't assign homework over long weekends.
- *Phrases like "Stressed Out", "Freaked Out", "Out of Hand", or just plain "Get Out"



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On the way to class
This student doesn't seem to be dreading the start of her academic day.

- *People who hold the door open for you just to be courteous
- *Weekends that are spent doing something other than getting drunk
- *Respect for others
- *People who act on common sense and emotion and ignore their egos
- *People who won't read the line about cold winter nights and say, "Oh, how corny."
- *Places like Colt State Park and the Cliff Walk
- *People who love unconditionally
- *Winning lottery tickets

Oh, by the way

In case any of you out there are still in the dark concerning the murder of Laura Palmer, her father did it, keeping it all in the family.

News

Rec. Center hours

ideas and opinions was truly realized.

The only thing that was truly realized was that WQRI is a professional radio station, that cares about its listeners and their wants as well as those of their staff. This sets them apart from other college radio stations, and makes them tough competition for commercial radio stations like WHJY, who has recently launched a campaign against WQRI, who has been taking their listeners. WQRI is definitely the best station in the Northeastern collegiate world.

The Paolino Recreation Center will now have extended hours on a trial basis.

The facilities that can be used are: the multi-purpose courts, free-weight room, universal/aerobic room, and men's and women's locker rooms. The building will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, Sunday, November 11, Sunday, November 18, and Sunday, December 9. In order for this change to be effective and long-lasting students must make use of the building or the change is apt to fail.

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engineering and technical operations, and careers in radio. There were also discussions with radio personalities such as John Bina from WPRO, Geoff Charles from WHJY, and Ali Knight, also from WPRO.

All in all the conference was a lot of fun and educational for one who knows nothing about radio, and I would recommend anyone interested in radio to attend. However, as far as the goals of the conference, I don't believe that the free exchange of

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Play Cancun Passport Bingo

As part of promotion for local businesses, RWC students can win a free trip to Cancun, Mexico, including air fare and a five-day, four-night stay at a luxury beach-front hotel.

Second prize is a 21-speed, red Confetti Fuji Tahoe mountain bike and third prize is dinner for two at the Lobster Pot restaurant in Bristol with limousine service provided.

To play Cancun Passport Bingo, students simply have to bring their passport cards to participating businesses in Bristol County and have them stamped. No purchase is necessary.

Once the passport is filled, students can drop it off in the bookstore in the Student Union. Only one entry is allowed.

According to Anne Bates, executive vice president of the Bristol County Chamber of Commerce, it's a good way for students to familiarize themselves with the Bristol County business community.

The trip includes a round-trip charter flight for two in June of 1991 from Boston

and superb beachfront hotel accommodations on the Mexican Caribbean.

Students have from now until Dec. 11 to have the 36 participating businesses stamp their card.

While they don't have to buy anything, they can take advantage of the special student discounts the businesses are offering throughout the promotion.

The drawing will be held at half-time on Dec 11 during the basketball game between the Hawks and the Coast Guard Academy at the Rec. Center. Students must be present to win.

The bright green passports along with Bristol County street maps were recently distributed on campus by the RA's. Passports are available at the display in the bookstore or by calling 253-6335.



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Hugs Anyone?

Jeff Neuschatz gives Tammy D'Aquila a tackle-from-behind hug on the way to class,

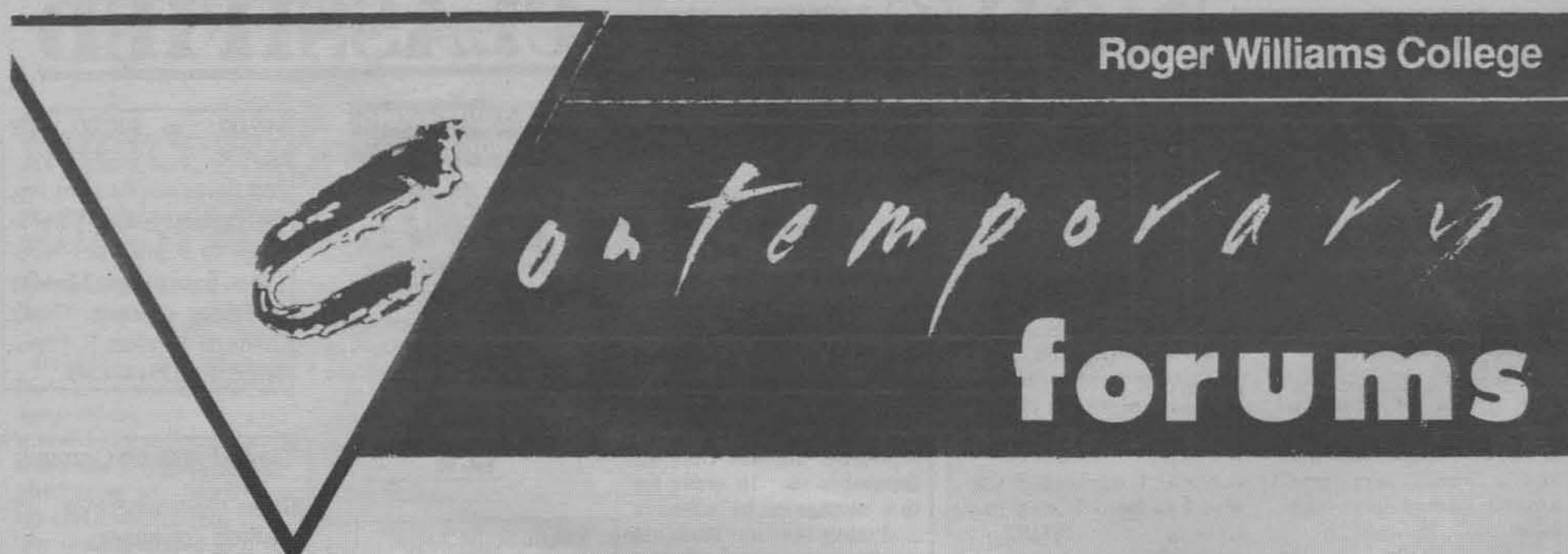
Violence, from page 11

everyone else, he really couldn't put a finger on what was the cause of it, or what the solution to the problem was, either.

Is it because of the pressure? Living alone with all the homework, papers and tests is a very hard thing to adapt to. A lot of people can't deal with the stress. Is it because you're cooped up with a roommate who you just can't get along with? Possibly. I had two roommates who were constantly yelling and arguing. It made living with them very uncomfortable. Is it because the college is lowering its standards of the type of people they are accepting to the school? Whatever it is, someone should have a seminar on it rather than, "How to survive with your parents when you move back home," because the violence that exists on campus is a much more serious problem than going back home with your parents.

Kennedy, from page 12

really happened in Dallas on November 22nd, 1963. Some are better than others, but most of them agree that there was more than one gunman. If these suppositions are true, then there are people who might still be alive today who know the real truth about the killing of the president, and these people must be brought to justice. It has been 28 years since this horrible event, and it seems that our own government is still holding the truth from us. What can they be afraid of? Certainly if the American people can deal with such a devastating scandal as the Watergate incident, then we must be strong enough to know the untold mysteries surrounding the murder of our president.



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Tuesday, November 13

Student Center

Begins at 8:30

Direct any questions to Bill O'Connell, Director of Auxiliary Services and Student Activities 253-1040, ext. 2153