The new grading system + or ?

Michael Sioso

In a December 31, 1986, memo to RWC students, Dean Bart Schlayo added the system cumulative points for all the grades will now be different. For example, a B+ which is presently a 3.3 will be reduced to a 3.6. An A+ will be a 4.0, an A will be a 3.9, a B+ will be a 3.6.

All of the faculty members spoke to seem to support the addition of minus grades into the system. "I'm in favor," said faculty member Mike Wright. It gives a little more range of choices in terms of grades. Now for instance when a teacher has to choose between a grade bordering between a C+ or a B-, the C+ is available I like having that choice."

Senior member Josh Stien claims, "They didn't go far enough! I would have supported the addition of the minus grades to the system. will more accurately reflect what the student's work is."

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All of the students will benefit. When caught in a borderline decision a teacher will have to give the student the lower grade. The new system will more accurately reflect what the student's work is."

Creative Writing teacher Martha Christina said, "It gives teachers more flexibility."

The students of RWC, seem to be torn on weather they like it. or not. "I think it's great," said one student, "All they need to do now is have an NC knock down the 'CUM' a few points and it will be perfect.""

"That sucks!" said an anonymous girl, looking at the interviewer. "I'm from the Gates Hall, and I said I don't think it's going to work, when the system is changed to a 'CUM' system you need an A- just to be perfect."

"What's the 'CUM' system?" asked the taller girl, looking at the interviewer. "I'm here parking that one" and then mentioned something out wanting to see the underground tunnels."

"I'm doing a story on Nike. Yes, even Andy Rooney. Surely, you've heard of it."

The girls said nothing, and then mentioned something about wanting to see the underground tunnels."

From my dorm window I asked the question, "What's your opinion of Nike?"

"Nike: The bastard of RWC housing"

Senior John Gammon, who has been there only once, was hardly bashful. "They should rip it down and put up a new dorm closer to campus."

"What's the Miner's List?"

"Look between the minus grades and the 'CUM' grades."

"Can you tell me how to get on the Miner's List?"

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"I'm from the Messenger. You know, I'm doing a story on Nike. Ever been there before?"

"The shortener girl looked confused. "The Messenger?"

"What's the Messenger?"

"Ah, a freshman - or a freshman or that matter."

"The Messenger. Our student newspaper. Do you know we do great in depth interviews with all the big names. Eddie Murphy, Kathleen Turner, yes, even Andy Rooney. Sure, you've heard of it."

"The girls said nothing, and headed quickly toward the Union."

"Later that day I asked a few more students (this time the interviews were conducted formally, and in the library) their thoughts about Nike."

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Anyone who has taken a photography class at this college has experienced the frustration of not being able to use the darkroom facilities when they need to. The present system for allowing student access to their work area is obsolete. A solution fit for the times is needed.

As it is now, a student wishing to work in the darkroom must acquire the key from Security at the front gate in exchange for their student I.D. The key-bearer then proceeds to Biology class and takes a long lunch while the other 49 would-be photographers wait in the hall. There is only one key to be had. Until now, apologies were the only consolation.

But an ounce of forethought can eliminate a pound frustration.

The college has decided to issue I.D. cards to all students, not just those on the validine plan. If a card-key lock were installed on the photo lab door the time and aggravation saved by students and Security would more than make up for the initial cost. The modern age is waiting for us to catch up.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Messenger exists to serve you and the school community and we welcome any suggestions or comments. Drop them off at the Messenger office, CL 126, or phone us at 253-1040, ext. 2138, Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

You need not be a writing major to become involved with any phase of newspaper production. You can learn here. Reporters, photographers, cartoonists, editors, and advertising and layout people are always welcome.

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All signed material which appears is the position of the author and does not necessarily reflect the opinion or position of the Messenger.
In the event the vane is returned, the college will once again have the opportunity to ponder the question of its racist potential.

Anyone with information regarding the theft of the college's historic vane should contact the Bristol Police Station, Almeida said.

Task force to start drafting

The Alcohol Task Force was formed by President Rizzini to recommend a policy for the campus with regard to alcohol consumption and to propose an educational accompaniment and a monitoring process. To assure representation from the community the Task Force is made up of concerned students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

The entire Fall semester was devoted to studying the legal implications of any alcohol policy, surveying policies of comparable institutions, and interviewing different members of the college community to learn about practices and programs already in place and their views and suggestions. It should be noted that the Task Force has not, to date, made any policy recommendations to the President.

The Task Force is now ready to begin drafting its recommendations for the President. We hope that these will reflect our regard for the best interests of the students, our concern for the quality of education on this campus, and will bring about the implementation of legal liability to develop a responsible campus-wide drug/alcohol policy.

We would like to invite the contributions of the community. If you are interested and would like to share in this endeavor, please come to the Task Force meeting Wednesday, February 25 in the "Meeting Place," Dorm I, at 2pm.

Lunch better than dinner

by A. Pace

RWC has recently started providing its students with a third meal to the attention of the Student Senate and the director of Dining Services, Maloney. The committee performed a survey on campus questioning students as to how they would react to a third meal, and what they would like to serve if the idea came through. The survey proved positive and the third meal was finally added this semester.

Contrary to what most people assumed, the added meal is a wholesome variety of three choice foods to choose from. In the beginning of this school year when the lunch plan idea was being surveyed, students thought they would be eating leftovers and simple cut-up-leave-it sandwiches. Yet on Feb. 2, when the plan started, students were pleased to find a choice of a hot and cold meal, a salad bar, soup and fruit.

One student commented, "The selection for lunch is better than the line for dinner." Another student said, "I'd rather eat the lunch than the dinner...it's that much better."

In 1973, The United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) developed a policy now followed by most museums, whereby the seller must provide proof of legal ownership before a museum can purchase a foreign artifact.

In our country, "we have no real law for this," said Hale. "And, generally, there hasn't been much theft of Native American artifacts."

Almeida said he would be contacting the National Museum for a list of museums that were potential buyers of the vane, which is being photographed in the vane as a warning. "If people want to get involved in combating the racism towards Indians," said Almeida, "we probably have to begin to the first paintings of them by early Englishmen. They've got some of our best or Indians in the history books."
**.38 Special and New Man rock**

by L. Clement

C. Hover

400 watts of power for the light show and 200 watts of power for the sound made .38 Special one of the louder and more powerful concerts in RWC history, and one of the most well received.

.38 Special came to RWC, Saturday Feb. 7, while on their Strength in Numbers tour. The opening band was the Boston-based band New Man.

1,380 tickets were sold, before and during the show. 83 complimentary tickets were also given away.

"They had a great light show," said an RWC student.

Beechwood Holds Auditions

The Beechwood Theatre Company will hold auditions for the 1987 summer season on February 17, 28, March 1, 6, 7, and 8. Actors must be prepared to present a monologue from the victorian period, and two songs - a ballad and an upbeat. Minimum audition time is five minutes. Please bring resume and headshot to the audition.

Auditions may be scheduled by calling 401-846-3772.

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Q clearance — power

by Steve Martovich

Q CLEARANCE by Peter Benchley. Random House, 349 pages, $16.95

In the midst of the present political chaos where no one appears capable of wielding the power which they so eagerly pursued, it may be of some relief to find a man who knows his limitations. But is it truly a comfortable feeling to realize how scary a thing power is to those who have it?

As part of a routine pay raise, he is given Q Clearance to classified information dealing with atomic energy. A flawed speech brings him to the Oval Office where he inexplicably becomes the right hand man of the President. At the same time his broken marriage and nervous condition make him easy pickings for communist spies.

In addition to playing football and lacrosse, McKenna has also been the acting student intramural coordinator at RWC.

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A 1984 graduate of Huntington High School, he attributes his success with college football to his high school coach Joe Lucy and his coaching staff.

In the deep end of the White House's west wing, Timothy Burnham struggles to tread water as an unknown presidential speechwriter. Allergic to himself and to the preservatives in his food, he is a walking nervous-reaction. Burnham enjoys his anonymity within the government. All news from the President is bad news, so he avoids contact with the boss whenever possible. Fortunately, his easy life in the basement has come to an end.

Burnham's insecurities remarkably vanish as the President takes more interest in his opinions. His newfound confidence stays with him when he discovers the espionage centered in his office and he is able to coerce the authorities into allowing him to disappear.

While Benchley is satiric of the political spectrum and the delegation of power throughout the novel, the change in Burnham's character may appeal to contradict his central theme. However, his condemnation of power is not all encompassing. He shows how it can ruin the life of one man while going relatively unnoticed by the public. Burnham is made into a new man and then forcibly set free of his old life and put on the road of self-discovery. Starting with nothing he is left again to get to know himself.

CLASSIFIED

Help Wanted: Campus travel representative needed to promote Spring Break tour to Florida. Earn money, free travel, and outstanding marketing experience. Call Inter-Campus Programs at 1-800-433-7747 for details and information mailer.

POETRY COMPETITION

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring its FOURTH ANNUAL POETRY COMPETITION and will award a $200 First Prize, $100 Second Prize, and $50 Third Prize to recognize and reward excellence in contemporary poetry.

For further information and rules see Bob McRoberts in Fine Arts. DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MARCH 20, 1987.
No aids with condoms

The AIDS virus is becoming more significant in the lives of all people, especially those concerned with it and not just those in gay communities. The disease is a reality for many, and the fear it brings is as real as any other common sexual disease. Besides AIDS and the other common sexual diseases, there is ARC, aids related complex, which can be just as devastating as AIDS itself.

According to the Boston Globe, a study conducted by medical researchers concerning the use of condoms during sexual activity proved that the continuous use of condoms can prevent the AIDS virus. It also proved that the virus particle can not be passed through the membrane of the condom in order for the condom to work effectively against the virus. The report proved, the condom must be worn constantly during all sexual encounters and not just once in a while.

AIDS spreads very rapidly and is generally fatal. One of the most important things for everyone to remember is to be open minded. If a person opened mind he can accept basically anything. If he can accept the fact that he, too, can get AIDS.

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Learning Center

It's so hard to find good help these days. Extra help courses, however, are more than adequate. It is quite easy to find at RWC. The Learning Center has started its second semester, and has already taken the classrooms of last September. The center has doubled its hours, opening at 1:00pm and closing at 9:30pm. Coordinator of Learning Center Denise Robinson has taken over the responsibility from former coordinator Whittemore. She has gathered the names of available tutors and prospective tutores, placing them together and scheduling dates when they can meet.

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Heart to Heart

Dear Readers,

Last semester 'Heart to Heart ran as a confidential column for anyone, the RWC community who wanted to write in with questions or concerns of a personal nature. Due to the overwhelming response to the column, I have decided to continue it in the format. Beginning with the next semester, I "Heart to Heart" will run a series of articles on a variety of topics, such as stress management, intricacies of relationships, tips for surviving the loss of a loved one, body image, etc. If you have any of these topics interest you or if you would like to suggest other topics, please write in and let me know. Anyone who is interested in writing in with questions or personal concerns may still do so and "Heart to Heart" will include their names of available tutors and prospective tutores, placing them together and scheduling dates when they can meet.

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No more prohibition

After a few years of prohibition, some Northern Arizona students can drink again on campus.

If they go, through a training program first.

At Alabama, fraternities will soon be able to serve alcohol at parties again, though only if they build six-foot permanent fences around the party areas and have ID checkers at the entrances.

At Lehigh in Pennsylvania, Greeks adopted a strict new policy of identification checks and closed party weekends, in order to retain some of their student drinking privileges.

And so it has gone across the country. The pendulum that in 1985-86 forced hundreds of colleges nationwide to ban student drinking outright has in recent months swung back to allow some limited amount of drinking.

In Arizona, for example, each of the state's six universities "now allows the consumption of alcohol in limited circumstances in dorms, but no sale of liquor on campus," says Glenn Brockman, associate counsel for the state board of regents.

Worcester State in Massachusetts has just passed a law to let the campus dry pub go wet again, providing, of course, that the students maintain their own liability insurance and liquor license.

The reason is that outright liquor bans have proved too rigid in some cases.

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, for one, almost had to pull out of hosting Gov. Kay Orr's Andrew Smith, director of the Texas Union in Austin, which runs a tavern on the premises.

A new law that pushed the legal Texas drinking age from 21 to 20 as of September 1, 1986, "eliminated a lot of parroting from what is a large tavern," Smith says.

His solution was to "divide it. Remodeling of the tavern) into alcohol and non-alcohol sides will be completed this spring," he reports.

Though campus drinkers are getting a little more leeway, no one expects the old days of lax drinking policies to return soon.

Thanks to MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and similar groups, there's a lot of awareness of drinking issues, explains Rick Brandel, Northern Arizona's associate director of student life.

Students recognize these issues and are looking for alternative "active activities," he says.

In addition, in 1984 Congress ruled states "must raise their legal minimum drinking ages to 21 by 1988 or risk losing up to 10 percent of their federal highway funds. Only a handful of states has failed to comply.

"The de-emphasis on alcohol will continue as a trend in general," says Andy Bowman of BACCHUS, a national group aimed at controlling student drinking.

In states that raise their drinking age to 21, students who previously could drink legally at bars feel left out, so we'll see a trend toward more and more non-alcoholic bars," he says.

Conner's cup

by A. Pace

Congratulations to Dennis Conner who, with the Stars & Stripes, won the Cup races in Australia earlier this month. Conner, who was not too long ago considered a "loser" by some people when he had lost the races several years ago, now has those same people and millions more, cheering and celebrating over the thrill of the victory, which is America's first in the winning of the races in Fremantle, Australia.

Conner sailed with the stars and stripes, gracefully defeating Australia's Kookaburra III four races in a row. Behind the scenes, there were many other men with just as much power and strength that helped America in winning the Cup. Conner performed the evaluation of the crew, the picking of the crew, and building his boat was funded completely by himself. With all the attention he possessed, the loss of the Cup three years ago did not hinder his future plans. After that loss, Conner quickly went to work on planning for the next race.

One great question being asked around the nation at this time is where will Conner and his fleet be going from here? In 1990, the crew will undoubtedly challenge other yachts in the races - which just might be held in Conner's hometown, San Diego. According to the Boston Globe, the city must come up with more than $25 million for the next dockage of the yacht, the boat shop cost, as well as housing developments fees that the races are to be held there.

If San Diego does host the 1990 Cup races, the economy of the area is sure to rise enormously. Such a world wide spectacle, causes local businesses to do quite well - which is why places compete for the racing site. The Boston Globe states that the races will earn the local region up to $1 billion. One negative aspect of the race if it is held in San Diego is the fact that the winds on the bay are widely known for being relatively lower and unpredictable, more so than what the yachts need in order to race easily.

The committee of Sail America will make the decision as to the whereabouts of the 1990 races. 1990 is a few years away, and while Conner and his crew continue to prepare for yet another fight and possible victory, America congratulates Stars & Stripes on the unity and togetherness between themselves that helped the nation win the cup this year.

It's time to apply for the 1987-1988 Faculty Association Scholarship. Three $500 scholarships will be awarded to full-time students attending Roger Williams College.

Criteria are academic achievement, financial need, and campus/community activities. Applications/further information are available from the Financial Aid Office by Wednesday, March 11, 1987.
LIVE-VIA-SATELLITE

DRUGS & ALCOHOL: WHY NOT?
Is the drug and alcohol abuse crisis one big media hype? Or is it a real epidemic? Find out for yourself by talking to advocates and victims of America's most controversial issue during College Satellite Network's three-part live, interactive broadcast, Drugs & Alcohol: Why Not?

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DRUGS & ATHLETICS
Hear from Brian Bosworth, Steve Courson, Spud Webb and others about the effects of drugs on athletic performance. They'll answer your questions live.
Drugs & Athletics: 3:30PM - 4:30PM

THE POLITICS OF DRUGS
Leading congressmen and government officials will discuss the many issues surrounding drug and alcohol abuse, and you can participate.
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