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Old fashioned playground raising in Bristol

A four day building blitz will produce a customized community playground on the Bristol Bayou. Over 1,000 people will donate their time and effort to build, taking care of children and prepare food. The community effort reduces the construction cost from $100,000 to $30,000.

RWC students are welcome join in the effort taking place Thursday through Sunday, April 23-26.

Nationally recognized playground architect Robert Leathers specially designed this playground after meeting with the children of Bristol. The plans include a tree house, spaceship and castle as well as swings and slides and an outdoor amphitheater.

The volunteer workforce serves a dual purpose of preventing vandalism. A person is less likely to deface something when they helped to build. The playground becomes a source of pride and accomplishment within the community.

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Snow Rocks RWC

Gen Ed has positive impact on library

by Stephen Martovich

The General Education program is increasing student use of the campus library by teaching students library skills. Book circulation is up 12 percent while reference questions have increased by 19 percent with continued growth expected in the current semester.

During the Fall semester, 1986, 33 General Education classes met in the library to learn research techniques and become familiar with the

Library receives

grant for microfiche

by Stephen Martovich

The Rhode Island Department of State Library Survey which has documented 20,000 features of historical and architectural significance since 1971. The survey consists of 45,000 photographs and 35,000 pages of text which had to be processed before they can be made available outside of the Library.

RWC Library is the only library in Rhode Island to have any part of the survey. A master drawing series on microfilm is also being purchased to add to the collection.

"HABS started as a make-work program during the Depression," says Psychology Division Coordinator Don Wirth. "It became an invaluable resource for Historical Preservation. Architecture students want to see it as well."

Until now, an index to the HABS has not been developed. A listing of the sites included has been prepared, but it provides no information as to where in the

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Career Week has events for all majors

by Jennifer Ferland

Are you interested in improving your awareness of the careers available to you? If your answer is "yes," you may find Career Week, March 9-12, sponsored by Career Services, a valuable experience. Tickets to the week's activities are $1.00.

The following events will speak on Monday, March 9th at 1:00 p.m in LH 129:

- Richard O'Brien, Sportscaster from WPRO-AM and WPRO-AM 1290.
- Dwight Datcher, R.W.C.
- Halsey Hershoff, Boat Builder
- Betsy Cross, Architect

The panel will incorporate as many majors as possible into the discussion. Joel Dever will moderate.

On Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. in the Barn, a "Dress for Success" fashion show will be held. "Habitat for Humanity," a clothing provided by Dress Barn, Bland, and Burckhardt.

Refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. in LH 129 a panel discussion titled "Career Options for Business Majors" will be held.

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Outgrowing our favorite clothes

As most people note, walking around RWC, the campus is small and "intimate," but...is it really? With plans on the horizon for a new library nearly twice the size of the Architecture building, the college appears to be losing some of its "intimate" qualities.

For being such an "intimate" college the (re)construction of the library to 80,000 square feet is cause for alarm. One may feel lost in such a structure. While the space allocation is necessary, according to the NEASC, the expansion appears to help fuel the notion that RWC may, someday, become a large university and lose its "intimacy."

The location of such an enormous structure will have proportionate repercussions. The placement of the Architecture building eliminated a large section of open, green space, with no plans for parking. With practice fields becoming more scarce, Athletics must ration what grass is left between Lacrosse, Rugby, Football, Soccer and Intramurals. What of the majority of students who do not participate in these sports? Are they pushed into the freeway or sent to their rooms?

It's likely the library will be empty in ten years when there is nothing to attract new students but blacktop.

The college must take exceptional care when determining the location of this new library. We must not forget that a major selling point of this institution is the beautiful, by the bay setting of the campus.

NICE JOB MATT

Dear Editors,

I have been a student at RWC for four years and in those four years I have seen many changes on campus. The things that come to mind are the big events on campus like the renovations of the cafeteria, the addition of the much-needed parking spaces in front of Dorn I. Now as I said, these are the big, major things which are the attention grabbers; however, there are some small things that not many people notice, and at this time, I would like to point out a few of the ones that are just as important to the students who reside in RWC housing.

At the Almeida complex, the twin 40's had new carpets installed, the parking lots were widened, all of the street lights are working, there are new decks, and when it snows, the lots are quickly plowed. I have also noticed that maintenance requests are handled quickly and efficiently.

These may not seem like big deals to you, but rest assured, they make a big difference when you live in student housing. As a student, I can't help but wonder why the service was so poor last year. The only conclusion I can reach is that last year there was either poor management or insufficient funds, I tend to doubt the latter reason.

In closing, I feel the need to commend Matt White and his staff for a job well done. My hat is off to the new director of the physical plant, and I can only hope that the rest of his stay at RWC is as productive and efficient as his first year has been. Thank you Matt!

Thank you,
Bruce J. Ardente

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Unfortunately, many students never bother to knock on the door in an effort to try and form some kind of relationship with a faculty member. "I find it takes a student two or three times to feel comfortable with you, and it's a pretty good generalization that most of the ones in your office are either juniors or seniors," says Doug King of the Business Department.

It could be said that underclassmen are either too shy, too apathetic, or too intimidated to indulge in this type of student/teacher association. Sometimes just titles are intimidating when you're talking about Dr. this or Dr. that," says Whitworth, who graduated from RWC first in his class in 1975. "In this department [psychology] we try to go out of our way to knock that stuff right out.

Unless you're an extraordinary student, a stick-out among standouts, it is almost impossible to have a mentor at a large institution. It's difficult just to flag down a big-school professor to hope to have a coffee with him, never mind trying to create a relationship.

Professor Joe Neuschutz of the Psychology Department talks about a problem he encountered while teaching at Boston College. "I didn't know one student from another. You see a person once for three hours over a twelve or thirteen week semester and then never see them again," he explains.

While techniques in the classroom vary, most hinge on keeping the students' interest. "The main obligation," notes Humanities Division Coordinator Bob Blackburn, is to make the student feel as involved as possible. One way to do that is to make them see your excitement. Blackburn also believes it is very important to encourage questions in the classroom. I try to find a silver lining in every bad question," he says. "You can't tell someone, 'that's a stupid question' because they'll never ask another one. And in every bad answer there has to be something there, something good.

For most teachers, entertainment plays a major role in rousing the students making them interested. "I have to entertain," King explains. "I have to have my props, demonstrations, and real life examples. I very much view it as a little one act play every time I go into a classroom.

Neuschutz also talks about playing a part. The class goes well if I'm playing the role that I'm playing motivates the students. It goes poorly if the role I'm playing blocks them," he notes.

One can talk all day long about the advantages of going to a small school like RWC. And all night long you can speak of "great teachers," a sense of community, and how most faculty here won't hesitate in telling you that they wouldn't alter their teaching methods whatsoever if they found themselves on the campus of Harvard University tomorrow morning.

However, RWC Reference Librarian Wendell Polls makes a point concerning the individual student. "One way or another people have to be motivated to learn. That drive toward success is a basic thing that makes people succeed," says Polls.

Perhaps Fine Arts Division Coordinator Geoff Clark best expresses what an education really is saying that, "self-knowledge is the cornerstone of education. There's a difference between education and training. Being trained in specific techniques for a career sometimes get muddled with a real education, where you're achieving self-knowledge through the great minds of the present. I think if you don't discover things for yourself you miss a whole dimension."

Class dismissed.

On March 4 at 12 PM, Ash Wednesday an Ecumenical Service will take place in the foyer of the Recreation Center. The service will be led by a Catholic Priest and a Protestant Minister. Ashes will be given. All are welcome.

STUDENT SENATE SCHOLARSHIP $1000

You must be a Soph. or Jr. to apply. Details and Applications available in Senate Office.

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 18, 1987 @ 5:30 P.M.
Co-op Ed holding workshops

The Cooperative Education Department is now signing-up students for its Spring semester series of workshops. Each series consists of four workshops aimed at preparing students for a cooperative education or internship experience. Students interested in a co-op experience in the summer or fall should attend one of the workshops this semester.

The basic principle of cooperative education is that personal growth and professional development are best achieved by an educational method combining classroom learning with practical experience away from the classroom. The co-op process provides a student with a way to obtain practical job experience in their field of study for college credit and possible compensation. The workshops are the first step in the co-op process. They are designed to prepare a student for their job search. Topics of the workshops are: orientation to co-op; job search skills; resume writing, interviewing techniques, interview experience through video; and the Co-op Learning Contract. All workshops are held in Room 123 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students may sign-in in the Cooperative Education Department in Dorm 1, Unit 4. Dates for all workshops are: Mar. 9, 11, 16, 18; April 5, 7, 14, 16; May 4, 6, 11, 13.

Support for disabled

A support group for students with medical problems that affect their: living situation - mobility - personal relationships - academic careers - interactions in the general community. Interested students can obtain information by contacting: Health Services - ext.2156; Romelyn Woodruff - ext.2124; Holly Lanterman - ext.2189. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 4 p.m. in the Learning Place, Dorm 1, near Unit 2.

Peer counselor openings

What is a Peer Counselor? Peer Counselors are students trained by the Center for Counseling and Student Development to provide outreach, educational workshops and referral/resource information to students. Peer Counselors have a positive impact by providing well-being to the RWC community.

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2. Personal growth
3. Basic monthly phone bills
4. Partial room/board fees for Peer counselors who live in assigned areas

Applications for 1987-88 available at Center for Counseling and Student Development, Dorm 4, Unit 9. Open 8:30 - 4:30, Mon.-Fri. Applications are due March 18, 4:30 p.m.

Slightly off campus

U. Mississippi.

The Daily Mississippian, the University of Mississippi's daily student newspaper and the Jackson Clarion Ledger both published a 900 number that they advertised, would call callers which football recruits Ole Miss signed on national letter-of-commitment day last week.

The number belonged instead to Penthouse magazine, whose phone service is a thinly veiled voice making sexual suggestions.

Ole Miss: Sports information office which provided the number to both papers, apologized.

Princeton:

The Harbus News, anxious to see what students would really write in cover letters they send with resumes to prospective employers, offered $10 gift certificates for the best letter.

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North Adams State College:

Forty students and professors demonstrated and chanted To Hell With The Smell in an effort to get the Massachusetts campus building to stop smelling.

Colburn, North Adams State College:

Years of roof leaking have created a stench that runs down the walls and emits what Prof. Neil McLeod calls an "emetic" smell.

Harvard:

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Cornell:

To recruit new members, Phi Kappa Sigma hired two Syracuse strippers and held a Valentine Stripfest, but administrator Anice Bacon Oblak has asked the PKS national chapter to revoke the Cornell house's charter because the stripper's amounts to "sexual harrassment."
"Lightning Bugs" glows

by Joan Fournier

A park bench, a trio of books and a blue balloon set the stage for the whimsical production of Louis Cartron's "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?"

Completing this ensemble for the play, under the direction of Janine Patnaude, were cast members James Dolan and Stacey Kent who led their audience into a little world of spontaneous "make-believe."

Kent began the performance as a young woman who lived through reading books, Dolan introduced himself to her through a creative exercise in improvisation. He continued to foster their encounter by drawing her into the escape of play acting characters from their imagination and their childhood. The actors' names were also cleverly changed to suit whichever identities they were playing at the time.

The characters became more wistful and believable as each bit of improvisation brought them closer to the symbols of beauty and innocence they left behind while growing toward maturity.

Stacey Kent's performance was unaffected and developed with her character as she warmed to the enjoyment of the performance.

The Roger Williams College Theatre will present its second MAIN SEASON production of the year. The production is "The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder. A satiric story about the extraordinary adventures of a family, their survival, indestructability, and faith in humanity. The dates are Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7. The performances are at 8 p.m. each evening in the Performing Arts Center on the Bristol campus. General admission is $6, students and senior citizens $2. Open to all. For further information telephone the Box Office at (401) 253-1040 ext. 3020.

'A Balancing Act' in the Barn

A show about chemical dependency will take place on Wednesday, March 4, at 8 PM in the RWC Performing Arts Center.

An honest, humorous portrayal of substance abuse and its effects on the abuser, family, and community.

The show is free and open to all. For further information contact the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

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A survey of a particular site may be found, Swanson's index will provide access in three ways: by state, by building type, and by individual buildings. The index will be available via computer as well as on paper. Swanson, who has his Thursday night class working on the project, hopes to finish within a year after the collection arrives in April.

Checking each microfiche individually in order to catalogue it is a time-consuming yet enjoyable process for Swanson who remarked, "It's like going through somebody's attic."
Bessette breaking records

by Kim Stevens

John Bessette, 21, of Smithfield, RI has just broken his third record while on the RWC men's varsity hockey team.

The senior center holds the record for most points scored as a freshman (34), the most points scored in a single season (51), and recently he broke the record for total points earned during a RWC college career (130).

During the course of Bessette's three and one half years on the team, he played on the team that won the New England Collegiate Hockey Conference which enabled the team to travel to the NAIA National Hockey Championships in Wisconsin. As a result of his performance in Wisconsin, he was named to the All-American team. He has also witnessed the team's success as they moved up to the NCAA Division III South Conference.

Recently the assistant captain was named Player of the Week by the ECAC for scoring 11 points in the course of 2 games.

Besides playing on the hockey team, Bessette is a stand-out on the RWC varsity golf team which holds the record in this past season. Intramurals are also big part of his college life. Football, softball, football, golf, and volleyball all will be added to his sports diet.

During Bessette's less active afternoons, he works for the college athletic department. "For me, sports are an important part of college," said Bessette. "I can't get enough."

Bessette may play a variety of sports, but his first love is hockey. He played on the Burrville High School squad for 4 years. He was captain during his senior year. Robert Bessette, John's father has also taken a special interest in John and younger brother Kevin's hockey playing. Kevin is the team's second leading scorer and that makes it all the more exciting for Mr. Bessette to perform his job as the team statistician.

"John is a very dedicated young man," said head coach Michael Sears. "He wants to go to Wisconsin again." Greg Ferdinando, of Manchester, NH, is a strong offensive oriented player. Ferdinando averages 12 points per game and is joy in maintaining order on the court.

Greg makes the team work to their full potential," said head coach Dwight Datcher. "His leadership abilities have really developed this season."

The 5' 11" sparkplug also holds the all-time RWC record for steals in a single game with 9.

Fernando and McGroary lead hoopers

David McGroary, 21, of West Haven, CT, will be soon completing his senior year and fourth season on the Roger Williams College men's varsity basketball team. "I've really enjoyed my time at RWC," said McGroary. "The basketball program has gotten stronger each year and I think it's only going to get better." As a top scorer and rebounder coming off the bench, the 6'2 veteran will be missed according to head coach Dwight Datcher. "He's an excellent player coming off the bench," said Datcher. "He adds a lot of leadership to the team."

Besides playing on the varsity basketball team, he also plays on the intramural softball, hockey and football teams. He has been a tremendous asset to the athletic department," said Athletic Director Hector Massa. "Dave is a very dedicated athlete."
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"The Woman Entrepreneur" 7:30 p.m. Bay Room

Thursday-March 12th
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