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Consultant Evaluates Engineering
by Sue Costello

An engineering division consultant from The University of the District of Columbia visited RWC on February 6. Physical Science Dr. Philip Elmer was invited by Dean Schiavo to review a proposal for changes in the RWC Electrical Engineering Technology program. The proposal has been cleared up to the college council level and includes the dropping of Civil Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology. These programs would be replaced by Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. The Electrical Engineering Technology program will be reviewed in the fall of 1987, according to Dr. Elmer. The primary issue under consideration is the cost.

The consultant's report is due not until March 13 but Elmer has some conclusions. "Brach was not impressed by the proposal, or the equipment," Elmer said. "He had few positive comments."

Renovated Almeida Pool

Brach's negative feelings toward possible revitalized engineering division were expected to be limited to the RWC mechanical engineering. Brach said he would issue a moratorium on any new engineering programs in the country, according to Elmer. The Electrical Engineering Coordinator Ralph Chauvin, Brach's own university, lost the accreditation of its engineering division.

The Electrical Engineering Division's faculty consists of physicists and an electrical engineer. Despite these facts, Brach was chosen by Dean Schiavo over two other possible consultants. The choice of an outside professional from a troubled engineering division has caused discontent among some RWC faculty.

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Gen. Ed — 1st Semester

by L. Clement

RWC's Faculty Administration accepted the General Education program after several years of turning it down.

When a given course, about 30% of the freshmen class preferred the General Education course instead of Distribution Requirement courses. In the fall of 1986, the new freshmen class will not have a choice between two systems. They will have General Education. Right now there are nine courses on the list, but more are being added for the 1987-88 schedule.

"People have found problems with the Distribution Requirement," said Dean Schiavo, "where the Bachelor Degree should have basic skills."

"General Education is understanding the culture, it's understanding literature in different content areas, and it's different ways of knowing the world," Dean Schiavo commented.

In one semester with General Education, the library is being used more shown by increases in circulation and reference questions rising 15% and 19% respectively.

"I'm trying to create a problem with the library and students. To get the students more involved in their studies," said Dean Schiavo.

"The structure of the course is a skill's component, which contains reading, writing, speaking, and mathematics," said Lorretta Shellton part of the Humanities Division, who teaches the General Education course, Vice and Virtue.

When a student needs grow more General Education courses will be offered at RWC. A total of nine courses must be taken. In time not too far off, perhaps once teachers will be teaching one course.

"General Education will be better when more courses are added to the list," said one RWC freshman student.

Co-Op Directors To Attend Conference

by Mike Sisco

Co-op education has been highly praised as one of the most effective in Computer Management & Information Systems in the country. On March 31, the directors of Co-op at RWC, Ken Osborne and Barbara Grotz, are going to attend the 24th annual National Co-op Association convention in Los Angeles, to discuss computer setbacks with employers. This is the third time Co-op at RWC has been asked to attend.

This not only means that Co-op at RWC has been called to share its knowledge with other Co-op organizations around the country. It also brings additional opportunities for programs back to the college.

Co-op is a program designed to give students a balance of academic training and practical work experience. Students attend classes and workshops, gain experience and possibly finances in a job related field. Co-op teaches students how to prepare a resume, as well as how to prepare for a Management and management program. It was the first Co-op program in the state of Rhode Island. Since then Co-op has expanded to cover 67 faculty and 914 students.

Co-op was one of the first to tie its program into the Computer Management and Information System (MIS) and demonstrate the many uses of computers to other organizations. As Ken Osborne states, "Co-op has to keep pace with business. We understand that program for major reasons. We could see business gearing up for the use of computers. Now we're gearing up to tell people what they might have with the system.

Fines Arts Deck — Coming Unglued

by Gary Daniele

The deck that surrounds the Fine Arts building is decaying and may collapse if not attended to, said Matt White, Director of the Physical Plant. The deck was built 17 years ago, and is made of wood that has rotted due to the salt water and age. Starring in June the entire deck will be restored to its original condition. Also the exterior of the building will be painted. The building will use treated wood that will last about 30-40 years. White thought that during January they could restore the deck but packaging materials was unavailable for service.

"There is no safety problem and we have received no complaints about the deck," said White. Although teachers don't care about the deck, the administration is unsound, no complaints have been filed.

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Charges flew, government agencies escalated, and college students nationwide got all too familiar with the name "Condom Week." The week-long, creative campaign to inform students about the dangers of AIDS was widespread. "Condom Week" was an annual event, initiated by various organizations, and was designed to promote safe sex among students.

"AIDS," Bennett said in Texas, "is just one more compelling reason for discouraging sexual activity among children. To be fixed on condoms as the answer is a mistake."

Nevertheless, condoms as a tool to prevent AIDS was the focus on most campuses last week.

A Stanford student group distributed 500 condom samples in different colors, textures, and flavors as part of an AIDS Education Project.

The Gay Lesbian Student Association at the University of Nebraska, for instance, had to get a court order to distribute free condoms on campus.

University of Minnesota officials decided that making students aware of AIDS danger is worth defying a state law that restricts condom distribution on public property.

The American College Health Association representing campus health centers everywhere distributed "AIDS Information Kits" that include a condom to various campuses, provoking some conservative groups to protest there was no need to demonstrate AIDS Information to students.

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ENGINEERING

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"The problem with the metamorphism is the limited amount of faith in the Engineering faculty by the administration," Elmer states. "We have carefully thought out and written the proposal, but our opinions are apparently considered to be of limited value," he adds.

The "our" refers to the proposal writers: Former Area Coordinator John Ziegert, Electrical Engineering Coordinator Ralph Chassani, and Elmer.

The Engineering Division members are not positive about the current situation, according to Chassani: "Moral is low at the division right now. The longer we wait the more dangerous it is for the program. In addition the division's faculty continues to be split over the decision."

The engineering faculty has been waiting two years for this process - the request for a program change and arrival of the consultant. After a two year wait Elmer believes the program is viewed by some faculty as a financial fiasco. Elmer points out, "Brach came primarily to consider the budgetary aspects of the proposal."

Schiavo declined to comment on the issue until after he receives the report.

Brach is a former member of the Accrediting Board for Engineering Technology (ABET). The ABET recommended him to Schiavo. The University of the District of Columbia consists of 3745 full time students and 8335 part time students scattered over three campuses.

While Aguilar says the medical community generally agrees that college students having sex only with other college students are in a relatively safe group, there is room for worry.

It may be only a matter of time before AIDS begins to spread in the college population, says Dr. Jay L. Greenway, of the University of Arizona's student health service.

At the U. of Miami's Comprehensive AIDS program, Director Dick Jacino warns, "With unprotected intercourse (vaginal or anal) you're getting to very high-risk areas. Know your partner or partners well, and adopt safer sex practices. The HIV virus (that causes AIDS) does not cross barrier contraceptives, i.e. condoms."

Jacino adds there's no way to choose a safe sex partner. Not everyone who carries the virus has AIDS, or is sick in any way.

"You could be standing next to the healthiest hunk, and he could be carrier. He could be exposed to and fighting the virus. Meanwhile, he could infect you," Jacino says.

Still other schools: South Dakota, Oklahoma and Georgia have announced that they started the week to announce they were proceeding with efforts to distribute campus-wide AIDS policies.

But sometimes the efforts fall short. At Minnesota's campus health clinic, for example, recently advised worried students to seek AIDS tests elsewhere, where their privacy could be assured.

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Americans Stop Speaking Chinese

By John Mongillo

The following piece contains the thoughts of a writer in desperate need of a Zambie, sleep, and a story.

3/12/87. Late evening.
Senior Class Skipper CR &
 seniors. Now, if I can get these damn stamp marks off my forehead ... No marks off my forehead.

I was a student at the University of Illinois, but summered in Chicago, Ill., and before summer school and college ...

Earlier today I noticed a sign outside the Student Center.
"THESE ARE SLOW DOWNERS WHO NEED NOT BE REALISED.
THERE WILL BE NO "SLOW DOWNERS" ON WEEKEND NIGHTS!"
Strange. Last Wednesday (3/4/87) Director of Student Activities Bill O'Connell told me that the Student Affairs Advisory board were leaning towards eliminating "slow downer" events. Who, the hell cares, why? I was startled, stunned, after hearing the news that day. I'm not at all behind Nike during the weekend of April 24th. "Why? It has that bottom line."

Yeah, and I would love to believe Ronald Reagan is perfect, and the tooth fairy cannot be cheated at night. Sorry, though the process of education does not involve the immediate acceptance (or denial) of gay issue be it the idiocracies of the tooth fairy or worms happening in Washington, D.C. and other events..."

Here's some background on how things were before change of minds and attitudes.

First of all, alcohol (because of liability insurance) major reason Spring Weekends were void of any daytime activities. Also there was general concern about past problems of Spring Weekends - garbage on the pond, burning couches, and mattress. How do we control it?

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Osmanski & Cable

By Wendy Powell

It's Tuesday night at the Warren Cable Co. and Joe Osmanski is putting up his 24th hour that day. After a full day of work at the KXCI station, the 28 year-old, 245 pound former WC football player is preparing for his 28th hour of work at the Cable Co., the 28th hour of the 12 hour days at the Cable Co., the 28th hour of the 24th hour that day. After a full day of work at the KXCI station, the 28 year-old, 245 pound Osmanski is putting in his 28th hour of work at the KXCI station. Joe Osmanski is putting in his 28th hour of work at the KXCI station.

Between spinning records at Val's Village Tavern three nights a week and 12 hour days at the Cable Co., Osmanski has little time to spare.

"Working at the VT is a good release for me after a day's work," said Osmanski, "I get to see my friends and watch beautiful girls all night."

Osmanski was born in Chicago, Ill., but summered in Bristol at his parents summer home. His father is a former football player with the Chicago Bears.

"Growing up, nobody gave me any differences. I was home learning," Osmanski said. "It was difficult to find an out of the closet football player."

Osmanski received a bachelor's degree in science from Loyola University in 1981, and is a member of the fraternity, Sigma Nu. He claims he didn't let college interfere with his education.

It wasn't until after college that Osmanski decided he was gay. And it was at the KXCI station that Osmanski recognized the hurt of being the "different."

There's a question I've been struggling with. I've been talking to others and trying to find answers within myself. Here are some thoughts about this too.

Some people like to be scientists. "I was a college kid with a science degree. I didn't know what I was getting into," he said.

After holding various jobs, a friend of his asked him to video tape a basketball game for a college basketball team.

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The Skin Of Our Teeth

by D. Hanks

Friday, Feb. 27th was the opening night of Thornton Wilder’s “The Skin of Our Teeth”, a RWC Theatre Main Season production. “The Skin of Our Teeth” is a three-act comedy laced with philosophy about the human condition. The play didn’t offer answers or explanations about men and women’s struggle on earth but showed, in its own zany way, how everyday people endure.

Thornton Wilder chose the Antrobus family and their maid, SajuNA, to represent mankind for the past few thousand years. Wilder introduced the Antrobus family with an announcement that showed slides of the family and their home town, Excelsior, New Jersey. The announcer’s voice was aptly done by Anne Gabbianelli.

In act one we the Antrobus family and their maid try to survive the ice age. This act was a little rough around the edges on opening night, but was held together by Kathy Lynn Casey, who portrayed Sajuna. Her performance was energetic, comic and professional. She carried the stage in the first act and continued to shine throughout the play.

Jennifer Hines’ (Mrs. Antrobus) performance in act one was a little exaggerated, despite the farce nature of the play. Brian Olsen (Mr. Antrobus) could not maintain his character. Although they had difficulty in the first act, Mr. Olsen and Miss Hines improved in the second.

Unfortunately, in this act Jennifer Hipes’ and Brian Olsen’s performances were weakened when they slipped in and out of character. But other performances kept the act going, including that of Todd Hannert, an authentic stage manager, and Patrick Williams, who came to life as the Antrobus’ son Henry. His recessed and misplaced anger exploded believably.

“The Skin of Our Teeth” was a complex play to stage, but director Betsy Argo moved the large cast smoothly through three acts. The entire crew deserves special mention especially the assistant director Cindy Paiva and set and lighting designer Todd Hancock. The play was entertaining and fun as was proven by the audiences enthusiastic applause at play’s end. Wilder’s comedy is instructive and a gift given by the playwright.

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BRIEFS

Campuses Still Doubt AIDS

Despite all the free condoms passed out on American campuses last week, there is still some doubt students are listening to warnings about AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

"We’re not seeing a reduction in the incidence of any of the other sexually transmitted diseases," reports University of Arizona Dr. Joy L. Greenway, who concludes students probably aren’t using the condoms they’re getting.

Students attitudes about sexuality and the dangers of AIDS—observers say—still seem to be forming, said some say they are frustrated with a lack of adequate information.

Real information about AIDS has been mixed with laymen’s mythology and widely varying projections about who will get it, so that students can’t tell whether the media have “overblown” the issue, or if it hasn’t been conscientious enough.

"I’d like to see more information made available. I’d like to know the precise avenues of transmission, and how it can’t be transmitted, as well," says Ron Hurttibise, a journalism student at the U. of Miami.

"Would a man have to have an open sore (to contract it from a woman)? I’d like to see that clarified. Perhaps the media left it purposely unclarified so as not to offend any groups," Hurttibise muses.

At some campuses, attitudes about sex appear to be changing. Three of four men interviewed at Daytona Beach Community College said their views about sex relations had changed. The students, ages 19 to 27, said campus one-night stands are less frequent.

Of the other 25 percent of the men said that although they’d read a lot about AIDS, they hadn’t changed their sexual habits.

If his own habits have changed, it’s "subconsciously, but not consciously," says Daytona student Bob Howe, 27.

He believes the media have “overblown” the AIDS issue, that it is “not as bad as it’s made out to be. If I like somebody, I don’t let other things worry me.” But other student, men and women, were more cautious, they said.

Daytona student Joe Pettin Jr., 19, and his observed students “wait to get to know the person rather than just ask their name once you’ve gotten to the hotel room.”

"I think it’s a bonus to get to know the person you’re involved with," he adds.

"I’m personally not a very promiscuous person," says Daytona classmate Suzanne Gaddis, 19. "I’m not sexually active, and the way things are going, I prefer to remain that way. This AIDS stuff really scares me to death."

Most of the students Debbie Stone Marks, who runs the AIDS testing program at Marquette University in Milwaukee, sees are equally scared.

"There’s been no change in campus sexual attitudes," reports Barbara Anderson, 22, editor of the student paper.

She adds Marquette was “probably not as open as public schools.

Last semester, the administration prevented the Progressive Students Organization from distributing birth control and condom literature, on campus, Anderson says.

The uproar leads some students to wax philosophical. "I think it’s Mother Nature’s way of telling us to slow down," observes Daytona’s Gaddis. "Forget all the divorces; just stay with one person you’re whole life."

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It was an event outside? People are coming out of the dorms, out of the Union. I can’t,” O’Connell said. And so these were the issues which I was to base my story around: booze, and the struggle administrators and student leaders would have trying to contain the destructive actions of a few.

Friday the 13th. It’s a little past noon. I’ve missed my deadline by 70 hrs. plus. Looks like this article about my involvement, communication, and people getting off their buts to do something is never going to materialise.

“You have to put something back into the college community,” my notes read. I explained this idea to a friend once. But she just puffed on her cigarette and said, “Why should I?”

All over campus word was out about Spring Weekend. What? No local rhythm and blues bands? No barbecues? No riding motorcycles through the library? What the hell was going on, anyway. Surely, if a few people put their heads together, there could be a Spring Weekend with day events and with the prohibition of booze. It was possible.

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Anyhow, as the talk heated up was the process of missing my original deadline. One of my editors told me I could have Wednesday morning extension.

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Amazing what talking can bring about. A little talk, here, a little discussing there - and things can happen. Attitudes can change. But the process, you see, is not to sit back with your tail between your legs, thumb in your mouth and wondering what the hell went wrong.

A friend tells me.

“Lover man. Loving woman. Both naked with strong desires. Yes, if they don’t get involved, there’s going to be no Congress - no communication of sorts.”

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It’s now 2:30 pm. I’m finally typing it up. One more para graph and a quote and then I’m off to practice some politics. The story, after all, MUST run.

Communication, of course, was the key in getting day time events for Spring Weekend ‘87. Administrators and students started understanding English, instead of trying to speak Chinese. The student body made their feelings clearly known to student officials, and student officials along with the administration worked out a compromise. And everything simply by talking about the issue - played a part.

I’m beginning to believe all this talk about student apathy is started by those people who aren’t students at all.

"You’ve got to stand for something, or you’re gonna fall for anything." - John Cougar Mellencamp.

**OSMANSKI**

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"He told me it would be easy, and I’d make a few bucks," said Osmanski. Before he knew it he was hooked.

He found himself hanging around the station and doing odd jobs and really liking it. Now Osmanski does everything from producing commercials to appearing in them, and he does most of the editing.

"I wanted to play football so enrolled at RWC," he said. Osmanski went back to school for business administration. Taking two classes a week he could still work his full-time job. RWC only lasted him one semester. "I felt too old," he said.

When last fall, RWC asked him if he would teach a class in video production, he was more than willing.

"I love the contact with the students," he said.

The only thing in his life Osmanski really wants to change is his addiction to fast food. "You know it’s getting out of hand when your on a first name basis with all the girls behind the counter of McDonalds."
Men's V-Ball Finishes 1st Varsity Season

by Ann Pace

The RWC Men's Varsity Volleyball team has recently come to an end of the season with a record of 5-6, and 1-3 in their Division. Because the team didn't make the top two teams, they did not qualify for the playoffs. However, the team deserves quite a bit of credit.

Until this year, the team was only a club. Now that they are part of NECVI, they are considered a full fledged varsity team.

The Hawks entered the season with the majority of their players new and inexperienced. According to Coach Joel Dearring, "Over half the players just learned to play the game."

Sophomore Michael Pajazzo says, "We usually start off really slow...but really get going after a while." Pajazzo, one of the teams middle hitters refers to Dearring as, "An excellent coach who teaches almost Olympic style."

The Hawks simply enjoy the matches whether they win or lose, and each member looks forward to some action on the court. John Kenney and Pajazzo are the teams most experienced players, but there is a lot of team work and cooperation that is needed and wanted that helps them succeed.

"Palazzo," Dearring says, "is the #1 attacker and the strongest net player. Kenney is the #1 setter and the most experienced and most skilled."

The men have high hopes for future seasons, yet as most teams, the Hawks feel a lot of pressure at games played away from home-where most of their problems come in. "It's cold and the courts are really unfamiliar," says one player. "It takes a while to warm up and get used to the crowd, but after a while we're all set and ready to play...and to win!"

Kevin Herrick

Men's B-Ball Shooting High

Kevin "Birds" Herrick is currently enjoying his second consecutive season as the leading scorer on the RWC men's varsity basketball team.

"He's the best all-around player on this season's team," said head coach Dwight Datcher. Averaging 17 points a game, Herrick has been an important part of the team for the past 4 years.

"Kevin had contributed a great deal of excitement to the program," said Athletic Director Hector Massa. When Herrick is not on the basketball court he can either be found refereeing intramural games for the athletic department or playing on the intramural football or softball teams.

Kevin Ridley is the leading 3-point-shooter on the RWC men's varsity basketball team.

With 28 3-pointers and his quick tempo on the court, Ridley adds excitement to each game.

"He's one of the most exciting players coming off the bench," said head coach Dwight Datcher. "He's the best 3-point shooter to come through-RWC."

As Assumption College transfer, Ridley has played for the Hawks for 3 seasons and has left a record to be reckoned with.

Besides playing basketball, he plays on an intramural softball team at the College.

"Kevin has been a real credit to the program," said Athletic Director Hector Massa.