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Mel Topf Is Named As Acting Dean

by Sue Costello

Roger Williams College Acting Dean Mel Topf is in his administrative office, which overlooks most of the campus. The campus has been quiet since Topf assumed the position on Feb. 16, replacing former Dean Bartholomew Schiavo. Topf has been busy working 12 hours per day, seven days a week. A frequent acting dean discussed his plans for the college in a recent interview. "My goal, number one, is to contribute as much as I can to stabilizing the college."

His other plans include trying to get the general administration of academic affairs, and the personnel board, on an even keel.

It is fairly well known that the acting dean and Schiavo didn't agree on various points. Topf admits to feeling awkward because of their animosity over the job. No one knows exactly what Topf has been turned on.

"He spent over three days with some people in the office working with me over the transition," Schiavo has not been the only cooperative person on campus. He says, "People have been 100 percent." Topf has been in office a short time but is already assessing academic matters. He is aware of student complaints, concerning the minus grade policy.

He said: "It's on the agenda for the next academic council meeting."

Topf is no stranger to academic life. He served as Executive Secretary to the Governor's Committee on Education in 1969. He was the chairman of the Academic Planning Committee for eleven years and Humanities Division Coordinator from 1975-1978.

New Student Senate Sets Goals

by Michele Baccarella

The Student Senate got back to work on Monday, Feb. 22nd. Student Senate President, Dan Slater set some short term goals at the meeting.

These goals include a student newsletter informing the college community of senate activities and advertisements for the open meetings.

The open meetings are held Monday nights at 7 o'clock in the Student Senate office.

Slater also met with President Rizzini on Feb. 23rd. Slater was told that the committee that will select the new Dean of the College will be composed of faculty, administration and students.

Rizzini also spoke about bringing back the Budget Committee. Two or three students chosen by the senate will serve on the committee.

The students will have meetings with the review board when the fiscal and budgetary reviews of RUC and, Rizzini added.

Slater also said that he will be meeting with Rizzini every Tuesday.

Vice President of the Student Senate, Deb Ells will meet with Gary Kelshy from Institutional Advancement to discuss the library campaign.

Ellis will also have a meeting with Vice President McKenna to learn more about the school's endowment.

Ellis and Junior Class President, Kair Fardy will meet with Director of Student Activities, Bill O'Connell, to try to get the reinstatement of Student Weekly. This is the last year that Senior Week will be held.

Senator, Adrian Warden, will meet with Ed Shaw, Director of Security, to establish a Parking Appeals Board.

Senators, Jon Cole, Maldo Kopeck and Bill Wallace are investigating how our current meal plan operates. Kopeck are looking into the possibility of extended health service hours.

Elliot met with Vice President McKenna to report the complaint about a lack of hot water in the afternoon. The hot water has been turned up to its full capacity.

The Senate is in the process of choosing an advisor. They hope to have an RUC alumnus and a faculty member as advisor.

Feb. 26th was the last meeting between the senate and their administrative advisors.

The Senate Office can be reached by calling extensions 2312 and 2319.

New office hours for the Student Senate were posted on Feb. 26th.

Faculty Motion Calls For President's Resignation

by Michele Baccarella

A call for the resignation of President Rizzini, was made at the Faculty Senate meeting on Feb. 18.

In the form of a motion by Dr. Richard Potter, the call was recorded, for the first time in writing, in the Faculty Senate minutes. The issue will be raised again at the April Faculty Senate meeting. According to Dr. Philip Stenberg, acting Faculty Senate secretary, "the event of deteriorating faculty administration relations, it is not impossible that an emergency Faculty Senate meeting could be called to discuss Dr. Potter's motion." Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, James Tackash, introduced Dr. Mel Topf as Acting Dean, Topf spoke of the terms of his contract including his responsibilities, salary and availability, as well as his objectives in his new role; these include a commitment from the Board of Trustees on the New Library. Topf announced that a search committee for a permanent dean would be formed during the following week, that the committee will include representatives from faculty, administration and student body, and that the search could take as long as eighteen months.

Topf noted that Dr. Bartholomew Schiavo, former dean of the College, had offered assistance in his adjustment to the position of Acting Dean. He concluded by thanking faculty, students, and encouraged them to continue to bring their problems and suggestions to him.

Motions by Dr. Joseph Alaimo, on the format of a committee to assist the Independent Board, which will investigate the College's fiscal and budgetary problems, were debated and withdrawn.

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One has an enthusiastic attitude about the restoration projects. It is important to save these buildings. They are a testimony to previous Medieval generations. Doing this presents an alternative to urban and industrial techniques. The village was abandoned at the beginning of this century. It was too small and people built farther down the plains when there was more room.

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Medieval French Village Comes To Life

by Melissa Juliano


The group works on the preservation of the village. Most of the villages in southern France date back to the eighteenth century, whereas in the U.S. if people are talking about "old" American architecture, they usually mean one-hundred years old.

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**EDITIORIAL**

Roger Williams College has been through some major alterations in the past year. Resignations were received from the administration in the Institutional Advancement office and even the dean himself. Students have also witnessed some faculty leave their jobs suddenly. A new chairman of the board entered the picture too.

Now the most important change at RWC is in the attitude of many people recently asked for information. They wanted to know where their tuition money was being spent. They requested information on the dean's situation.

There were significant turnouts at the 6:30 a.m. protests, forums, and even at a sit-in. One student remarked that no one woke up, just to go stand in front of t.v. cameras at 6:30 a.m.

What does this all mean for RWC? Is the college going through some "growing pains" as one administrator said? If so, does that mean the active students of today will be passive tomorrow? I don't think a negative change like that will occur.

The political activism does not seem to be limited to financial matters. Class size, a different atmosphere, and a different student body have all prompted a liberal atmosphere.

So I'm not sure why this sudden rise in campus activism is happening. Here's a couple of guesses. Young adults see the need to shake the stigma of the "me generation." Maybe concerned people are starting to wake up and realize something.

If they don't participate in change, it will occur anyway, but not necessarily for the better. Let's hope the RWC students remain active participants.

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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take this opportunity to raise some of the issues that the students focused their attention on the other day. At the reception which incidentally was an opportunity for involvement on this campus we had seen in the three years that I've been here. I was very excited and nigvoting to see us all participate in a politically relevant issue, what truly upset me was the realisation that the activities that Student Government and Activities Council would like to get involved in only draw minimal participation into activities that in my opinion the administration. I would much rather have us involved in. I reach this conclusion of the administration's efforts to dampen our enthusiasm, initiate programs for the whole of the whole "right to know" campaign launched by the administration. In an attempt to avoid the problems and register to avoid the administration. In an announcement highly honored President Rizzini a day or two after the reception of the "President's" day holiday, I informed us that there was nothing that warranted his speaking in an open forum or even giving a prepared statement in person to an assembly of students, a meeting which had been agreed upon by himself only a few days prior. If my memory serves me correctly, this information was disseminated on the very day he was scheduled to speak. President Rizzini succeeded in putting a halt on temporarily. I assure you Mr. President that one of the most important issues facing us as students, especially in a democratic nation. This is our right to be informed of decisions effecting the community. I propose this hypothesis: the student body here is here is interested in doing something meaningful with their time. You were attending the assembly, everyday, everyone, everywhere and uninteresting. Joan

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**Address to the Students**

On Wednesday, February 17, Mr. Rizzini spoke to the students, and on the issue of the dismissal of Mr. McKema at the assembly arranged with Mr. McKema. Mr. Rizzini's demonstration in the Administration Building, the central core of the campus of the protest of the administration. In an attempt to avoid the problems and register to avoid the administration. In an announcement highly honored President Rizzini a day or two after the reception of the "President's" day holiday, I informed us that there was nothing that warranted his speaking in an open forum or even giving a prepared statement in person to an assembly of students, a meeting which had been agreed upon by himself only a few days prior. If my memory serves me correctly, this information was disseminated on the very day he was scheduled to speak. President Rizzini succeeded in putting a halt on temporarily. I assure you Mr. President that one of the most important issues facing us as students, especially in a democratic nation. This is our right to be informed of decisions effecting the community. I propose this hypothesis: the student body here is here is interested in doing something meaningful with their time. You were attending the assembly, everyday, everyone, everywhere and uninteresting. Joan
Seminar: ‘Sex in the Single Cell’

by Glenn Christensen

Professor Linda A. Hufnagel brings her expertise in the field of cell division and mating to RSC in the second seminar of this year’s Natural Science lecture series. “Sex in the Single Cell” will be the topic of discussion by Hufnagel, Professor for the Department of Microbiology at the University of Rhode Island, on Wednesday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. in 18-125.

Hufnagel’s education includes a B.A. and an M.S. in Zoology from the University of Vermont and a Ph.D. in Biology (cell physiology) from the University of Pennsylvania and a Postdoctoral Fellow in Biology at Yale University.

Her technical expertise ranges from all aspects of electron microscopy to use of lectins to dissect developmental events in cells and has published many books on these subjects. She is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Cell Biology, The Society of Protozoologists, and many other scientific groups.

Hufnagel has become involved with research concerning the assembly of membrane structural and functional domains in relation to cell shape and mating in ciliated cells.

Of particular interest to Hufnagel is the ciliated protozoan Tetrahymena, a unicellular organism which uses hairlike projections for locomotion and has various other functions in higher organisms. Her studies of this organism focus on physical changes in membrane structure and function which occur during processes such as cell division, cell growth, and conjugation (the union of nuclei from the two different cells).

These studies use electron microscopy, computer-assisted system analysis, and methods for mapping membrane receptors and channels (microdomains). As a result of these studies, she believes that “structural and functional microdomains play a key role in regulating cell shape and pattern.”

Other research being conducted by Hufnagel concerns mating in the ciliated protozoan which consists of pairing and fusion of cells of complementary mating type. The laboratory is focusing on early molecular and membrane changes required for cells to become mating ready. The cell’s behavior during mating and its chemical and functional properties are being investigated.

Hufnagel’s background in cell physiology and zoology should give some insight into “Sex in the Single Cell” as the second seminar in this year’s Natural Science lecture series.
Campus 'Date Rape:' A Reality in RWC?

By Jennifer Guellette

Susan was a freshman in college when it happened. She had met a guy at a party and started dating him. On their fourth date, he went over to Susan's dorm room to watch television. After about an hour of talking, he began kissing her and tried to pull her clothes off. Susan told him to stop and struggled to get away, but couldn't. He forced her to have sex with him. Susan was a victim of date rape.

This story may only be an example of date rape, also called acquaintance rape, but it is the reality of what is happening on college campuses today. Although most people know what rape is, they don't understand that it can happen with someone they know. According to Dr. Joyce Stein, Director of the Counseling Center and Student development at RWC, date rape is forced intercourse or any kind of sexual contact where two people are not consenting, typically occurring to females, many times under the influence of alcohol.

According to a study done on 32 college campuses by Kent State Psychologist Mary Koss, 75% of the women surveyed were victims of date rape, but "didn't define themselves as having been raped." Are women on the campus of RWC victims of date rape? The answer is most likely yes. But no formal research study has been conducted to find out. Even if it had, the Koss survey shows that it's hard to find out who has and hasn't been raped, because women don't realize that is what happened.

Dr. Stein says that, "One of the really big issues with acquaintance rape is the assignment not of fault, but of responsibility, and whose responsibility was what. For years, it has been really difficult to come to terms with the idea that she was raped and then even to have the courage to talk about it."

After the rape, a woman may feel a loss of trust, guilt, depression and fear, because it has been such an intense violation of her body and rights. Most of the time, male and female stereotypes play a big part in making the date rape issue unclear. These stereotypes include the male being the dominant force in the relationship, while the female is the submissive, instead of them being equal partners. The victim may think that he has the right to have sex with her date if he has taken her out on a date. She may feel she has said no before, or if she changes her mind after agreeing to have sex with him.

Another problem is that women don't understand what their rights are in these situations. The most important right a woman has is considered a victim of rape when an unwanted act of sex is forced on her through any type of coercion, violent or otherwise, regardless of the sussaultant's relationship to the victim.

Alcohol and drug use can cloud the issue even more, because the woman may feel the incident was her fault due to poor judgement.

The biggest problem that must be overcome in the case of date rape is for males and females to communicate on a level where their intentions and sexual expectations are expressed clearly in the beginning of the relationship.

Information about date rape is available at RWC counseling services. Workshops are also available through peer counselors. This type of education is very important for a clear understanding of issues.

Dr. Stein believes that, "Men and women need to become more aware of stereotyped sexual practices and roles that we play, and begin to examine the whole idea of power in relationships and the rights of men and women to have sex or not."

Men need to start believing a woman when she says no, not just make assumptions that they assert she wants sex. They also need to demand the respect of their rights.

So what should a victim of date rape do? The first step is to not feel guilty about being raped. At the counseling center, Dr. Stein says that she would provide the victim with information and options of what to do. She also says, "I wouldn't give any advice. I would provide a safe environment for that person to be able to explore what happened to her, and to get clear on the issues."

If the victim turns to a friend for help, the friend should just listen and offer options. To tell the victim what to do would be to take away her rights in deciding. She needs to be able to look at her choices and not feel pressured into doing anything, says Dr. Stein. Sexual expectations that must be overcome in the case of date rape are the assualtant's and the victim's.

Dr. Stein goes on to say, "99% of the women who say they have been raped actually have been raped." What can do as culture and a college is, then, is to make sure that women know that if they are raped, believe her."

If you have been a victim of rape or think you may have been, need someone to talk to confidentially, call:

* Rape Crisis Hotline: 941-2530
* RWC Counseling Center: 253-1040 Ext. 216 (Unit 9)
* SAC 253-1040 Ext. 206
* Nursing Services 253-1040 Ext.: 2156 (Dorm 1)

Will it lead to date rape?

Photo by Clements

** SENIORS! **

Pictures will be taken March 7 through 11. You MUST sign up for an appointment by March 4 on Yearbook Office's door.

EXHIBITIONS ARE OPEN SATURDAY, NOV. 19, BUT WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN ON TUESDAY, NOV. 22 AND WILL CONCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY. EVENTS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE TOURS OF CHICAGO, THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR ALL ATTENDANTS, THE BID PARTY (HOSTED BY BIDDERS FOR THE '89 FORUM), A DESIGN CHALLENGE, AND REST TO THE STUDENTS WHILE THE BIDDERS FOR THE '89 FORUM TAKE THE STAGE.

CHAIRMEN

"COOL, STIMULATING, EDUCATIONAL" WERE THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THE FIRST DESIGN PROJECT OF THE SECOND SEMESTER. THE PROJECT, COMMISSIONED BY THE FRESHMEN ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS, INVOLVED THE DESIGN OF A CARDBOARD CHAIR. A FOLDING CHAIR, THE DESIGNS OF THE STUDENTS KEPT MIND COMFORT, SHAPE, SIZE, AND STRENGTH IN MIND.

MOST STUDENTS THOUGHT THE PROJECT WAS FUN AND ENJOYED WORKING IN GROUPS. STRATEGIES USED FOR THE STRUCTURAL SUPPORT OF THE CHAIRS INCLUDED WEAVER, EGG CRATING, AND FOLDING THE CARDBOARD. MANY GROUPS DESIGNED THEIR CHAIRS TO SUPPORT EASILY AND TO BE COMFORTABLE TO HANDLE. THE DESIGNS INCLUDED A COMMERCIAL CHAIR THAT FOLDED INTO A CHAIR, A PATIO CHAIR, AND AN AIRLINE CHAIR. MARY CLAIRE DELaney AND ANTHONY SILVA, DESIGNERS OF THE COMMERCIAL CHAIR, WANTED TO DESIGN SOMETHING THAT WOULD CATCH ONE'S EYE IN A MALL OR A BUS STATION. THE WINNERS OF THE DESIGN CONTEST, TONY PEREIRA, RYAN HIGGINS, LUIGI COPPOLA, AND KENNY RUBIN, DESIGNED THEIR AIRLINE CHAIR TO SHOW THE STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS AND PROVIDE COMFORT.

ALL THE CHAIRS WERE SUCCESSFUL AND PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED COMFORT AND REST TO THE STUDENTS WHILE THEY WERE IN THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING LOUNGE. THE MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS HAD FUN WORKING ON THE PROJECT AND WERE SURPRISED WITH THE STRENGTH OF THE CARDBOARD.

- PAUL BARTLE

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APOLOGIES TO THE ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS, AND THE ROGER WILLIAMS COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY STAFF, THIS CONCERNING MY FAILURE TO RETURN BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY IN THE ALLOTTED TIME PERIOD THAT THEY CAN BE SHOWN OUT WITHOUT PAYING THEM. AND MY REMOVAL OF A LIBRARY BOOK WITHOUT PAYING IT OUT AND AS HAVING IT AS MY OWN, I REALIZE THAT BY DOING THE PRECEDING, I MAY HAVE DERIVED ANOTHER STUDENT FROM HIS OR HER EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS HERE AT ROGER WILLIAMS COLLEGE.

MY APOLOGIES

RENEE HERMAN

OCTOBER 1988
SPORTS

Clark's Size Proves Dominant

by B.C. Kelly

On a cold Thursday night, not many people came to watch RUC's women's basketball team play. The ones that did come didn't have much to cheer about as Clark dominated the game winning 69 to 42. One thing they did have to cheer about was the flashy play of Captain Sandy Vinton as she went 9 for 11 from the free throw line and scored 15 points.

At the start of the game RUC and Clark were neck and neck at six a piece. The score stands at 12 to 11 with eleven minutes remaining in the first half. The size of Clark starts to prove dominant as Clark's 6 foot center Wendy Sibley boxes out RUC under the basket resulting in four straight hoops. Breaking the run of Clark's eight points is Sandy Vinton with a 20 foot jump shot. The score with 3:13 remaining, 31 to 17 Clark.

Under the boards once again, Clark scores 11 points within three minutes making the score at the half 49 to 19. Leading scorers at the half, Clark's Wendy Sibley with 16 and Sandy Vinton led RUC with 11.

As the second half started the Hawks knew they had to play perfect. Leading the first four points from inside moves by Beth Hurlbut and Debbie Zilka. Although this does not prove enough as the force of Clark's team is too strong. Trying with heart and soul, the Hawks could not overcome Clark as they went on to win 69 to 42.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FRIDAY
February 19th

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS IN THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE OR CALL EXT. 2161

APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH
Angel Davis Speaks at RWC

By Melissa Jutios

The date was Thursday, February 11, the time, 8 p.m. and the location was the student center. Political activist Angela Davis, best known for her work in the sixties and seventies was the reason students packed the cafeteria.

She was born on January 26, 1944 in Birmingham, Alabama to a Sharecropper, and is a member of a communist youth group and a part of various civil rights demonstrations. However, she had not officially become a communist until age twenty-four.

Angela attended Sonoma University in Paris and Brandeis University for her undergraduate degree. Her graduate studies were completed at the University of San Diego where she took part in several activist organizations. She helped in the founding of the Black Students Council.

As Angela was facing the audience, she appeared to be very much of a reggae artist with her Bob Marley style dreadlocks. Angela opened her speech saying that, "people should be able to protect democracy and be willing to stand up for real stories that threaten it." The issue she primarily focused on was racism. "Victories in struggles have expanded the rights and liberties of all people in this country. All minorities gain when race peaks, this includes; Asians, Blacks, Indians, Pacific Islanders and even some whites. "Minorities gain when racism is challenged." Angela feels that "racism is a psychologically and spiritually demeaning burden."

"I feel sorry for Jimmy Green," Angela proudly said.

Angela grew up when the South was segregated. This was when blacks and whites had different schools, churches than economics. Angela spoke of her attitude and feelings toward this."As a child, I felt sorry for ignorant whites. They were intellectually and spiritually deprived."

During the past seven years, there has been an increase in acts of racism and racist violence. She discussed poverty and homelessness. She said and disease touch about one half of Afro-Americans. That is why, they are the most explosive area of racist violence. People fought during the fifties, sixties and seventies, the problem has not yet gone away.

Angela had an interesting attitude towards the president of the United States. "He would like to point the finger at Ronald Reagan." Not at him the individual because, usually he is reading someone else's script." She said this in her fellow American sounding accent, when Ronald Reagan was governor of California. She asked that Angela from the U.C.L.A. philosophy department because of her media and relationship.

She seems rather optimistic about putting a halt to most of today's racism. "I came to support that this is a period with possibilities greater than ever before for an effective movement. There is an antiracist majority in this country. The government is not racist, but the country is not." Angela stated. "Being a communist is wonderful, but it is also hard."

Angela focused on concerns thinking the student body when she suggested there should be an affirmative action program on campus. By filling Angela spoke and says; "We cannot call this country decent when untilination is illegitimate and equality is insured for every man and woman."

The members of the audience were pleased with almost everything Angela said. She was currently talking about her more social issues. "This includes; Asians, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, Hispanics, women's studies at the San Francisco Art Institute and San Francisco State University.

Am I Blue

by Michele Baccarella

"Am I Blue," the title act play, was successfully performed by the RWC Drama Department on Friday, Feb. 19. The poignant yet comic play involves a 17-year old girl, John, who decides to celebrate his birthday by going drinking. Instead of going on a date with a friend, he accidentally gets his best friend and his girlfriend all set up with him.

Polly meets up with a lonely woman, named Amy, who is esperitually deprived. The two end up being thrown out of a cafe for being under, which suggests that the solving the problem of getting drunk at her apartment, just seems like an unusual urge, a blue one, and they begin to get to know each other by talking about relationships, love and dancing. At one point, the mood changes as Polly gets angry with Amy, and threatens to leave, then finds her cell phone. Polly senses Amy's loneliness and decides to speak to her mother and decides to stay.

Polly goes on to tell Amy about a dance that she would like to attend. Why she didn't attend. She says when she is happy, he temporarily oversleeps, when he gets up, he temporarily oversleeps, that they dance right there and then. Billie Jo Schofield, Mountains and Dobbie Coohee each gave excellent performances, making Polly and Amy come alive on stage. The performance by the supporting cast was equally as good and reinforced the quality of the production. The theme of "blue" was carried throughout the play successfully with the blue lights, the blue dialogue, and the last song as "I Am Blue".

This pre-show, performed by Jill Roland, set the blue mood for the play with an appropriate piano piece.

Village

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All of the restorations are done by a group of volunteers consisting of; a few preservationists or just people from several parts of the world. These people want to work on the project and have the opportunity to a quaint village. Marc Anderson said that they do not want the restoration to be in a forest setting to that of a Williamersburg or Sturbridge Village.

"Our goal is to restore the place to it to an exact style because there are no existing documents on the plans of the houses that are done to restore the present environment of life but, in present day use with practicalities."

For those who would like to participate in La Sablonne, one must provide his or her own Volunteer experience can be gained.
IMPORTANT SENIORS

Cap & Gown Order Forms
Must Be Filled Out and
Returned to Bill O’Connell’s
Office by March 10th

Any questions please
Contact Bill O’Connell’s
Office or Call Ext. 2153