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Dorm Representaives Choose Executive Committee

A group of about thirty Dorm Representatives gathered on the fifth floor of the New Dorm last Monday to elect a new Executive Board.

Bob Gabordi, vice-president last year, and running unopposed, was elected President. Barbara Lazar, a sophomore, captured the vice-presidential spot. Ron McLellan and Mack Goldstein were elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

After the balloting was over and the votes were counted, the Quill listened to the Executive Committee outline their plans for this year.

Bob: "I'd like to see some revision in the Constitution this year. There's just too many clauses that aren't clear, or have no meaning at all. I think we should also get a better relationship going with the townspeople of Bristol, helping the poor people or a Beautify Bristol Day or something like that. As far as dorm security goes, I'd like to get everybody interested in the Courtesy Force, and I think they should be given a budget and provided with any equipment they need. We've got a lot of funds to work with this year, and I think that if we can work together with Doc Swanson and the Student Senate, it should be a great year."

Barbara: "Basically, my job, besides filling in for Bob, is presiding over the Social Committee. Because of the \$2.50

per semester dues from dorm students we've got a good budget this year, and I think the money should go to something else besides the free movies and beer blasts. I'll be holding meetings in Room 444 in 4 South of the New Dorm, and if anybody has any ideas, they're welcome to stop by."

Notes: Anyone interested in the Courtesy Force should contact Mark Fallon on the first floor of 1 South. The new Dorm Government Office is located in Room 4S of 1 North. The Quill staff wishes Bob, Barbara, Mack, and Ron the best of luck during the coming year!

An Interview With The Dean

WHERE FROM HERE

William Rizzini is the Acting Vice-President of RWC and presently seated at the administrative helm. He has been associated with RWC since 1961 as a teacher of English, a department head and a dean. Last year, while acting dean, Mr. Rizzini broke with the administration's position on mandatory retrenchments and joined student and faculty attempts to solve the school's financial woes without arbitrarily slaughtering entire majors, creative writing, music and marine biology among them.

Mr. Rizzini agreed to a taped



interview with this reporter. When I brought up the peculiar actions of the Board of Trustees and in particular, Judge Paolino, Mr. Rizzini suggested a written question and answer format on all Board-related issues. A week after being presented with those questions, he admitted a lack of factual knowledge concerning the Board but willingly arranged an interview for the Quill with Judge Paolino. That interview will be featured in our next edition.

Last year you emerged as the only administrator that supported the student-faculty coalition. What were your thoughts during that period and how did you evolve away from the Administration's position?

From the beginning I was very concerned about the number of retrenchments, and I expressed my concern to upper level administrators. It had been my feeling that the college needed some kind of retrenchment in areas that were not attracting students. It was my feeling that if we retrenched in those areas we could add faculty members in the areas that were attracting students. But the number that was decided upon would have hurt the institution because it

was too large a number. You can only cut so far and then you might as well finish the institution. Therefore, as I spent the month of March watching the downward spiral of events my concern grew and grew. Parents were calling about their youngsters and their majors, new parents of new students were concerned about whether to send their youngsters; students were transferring out, faculty was not cooperating with administration, division wasn't cooperating with division, committees were not cooperating. It reached a point, as I said in my talk to the faculty, where I felt the institution would not reopen in September. And so I appealed to administration; I asked for reconsideration of the decision which had been promised at the student rally in March, and I was told that a decision could not be made. As a result, I decided I could no longer abide the situation and took a stand.

What was your relationship with Dr. Gauvey and Mr. Zannini while the drama unfolded?

It was a very awkward situation, because you have to remember that my personal relationship with them went

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Women's Center Seeks Participation

The Women's Center is many women who are in some way dissatisfied with the manner in which we were programmed (sugar and spice and everything nice, etc.). Unlike what we were promised in childhood, we feel the notion of "feminine" limits our right to achieve our fullest potential regarding work, relationships, and our lives.

This is not to imply that we do not enjoy being women. It merely suggests that we need space to discover who and what we are, and try and

re-evaluate what we were told by our parents, teachers, lovers, society in general. We are trying to develop into autonomous people, as well as have important relationships with others.

It was interesting to come together and find out we all pretty much had the same fears and feelings about things. Since our main focus during our lives has depended on men, it was exciting to discover that we had a true need for one another and could become close.

Actually, doing something about our lives was scary but because we came together by choice we found the energy to work together and create an atmosphere where we all could think and grow.

The Women's Center is also a cultural, political, academic and artistic outlet. Any woman student, faculty member, staff member, or alumni is welcome to join the center and pursue their interests. But, the center is the women that participate; there is no set program that we adhere to. If you have ideas, problems, or just plain energy,

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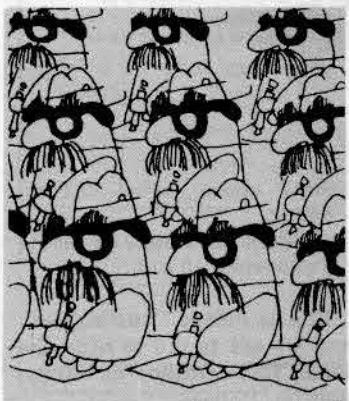
Where Are The Instructors?

Last week, with our deadline menacingly near, this reporter tried in vain to find a teacher, any teacher. The purpose was to ferret out a story on the teachers' contract, a subject any of the many on campus could discuss. I called ten different listed numbers and none were answered. This was at 4 p.m., an hour at which one might expect someone around.

The faculty has complained bitterly in the past about the

lack of initiative and effort at the top, in the Administration. However, many of our 'full-time' professors are notoriously part-time, only present long enough to teach class, and hold a meeting or two. Such action was understandable under the failure and absence of leadership this school has suffered under in the past. No longer are these excuses acceptable.

I do not wish to implicate the entire faculty, nor am I suggesting that this is, in any way, a valid study of teaching hours at Roger Williams College. It is one thing to lament the quality of students at this college, as I have heard a number of professors whimper, and quite another to give up on us. I asked a number of teachers to write an article about last year's events, curriculum changes, anything to which they'd like to address themselves. None were received. Perhaps this article will achieve that purpose, faculty involvement in the Quill.



Search For President

HELP WANTED

Roger Williams College Presidential Search Committee, designated to nominate five presidential possibilities from approximately 140 applicants, will begin meeting in mid-October. The committee expects to have its five nominations selected by late February or early March. The Board of Trustees will then appoint one of the nominees as president.

Judge Thomas J. Paolino, chairman of the Board of Trustees, selected the commit-

tee members consisting of trustees, faculty, students, and alumni. Each member has an equal vote, excluding Executive Secretary Roland Shappy, who cannot vote.

Selecting the president will involve a series of screenings. The committee set minimum requirements of a master's degree and five years' experience in a high level administrative position in academics, business, or industry as prerequisites for the first screening. Any candidate who does

not meet these requirements is classified in the inactive file. Although this screening is done entirely by Executive Secretary Shappy, committee members are encouraged to check the inactive folders in case they disagree with Shappy's decisions.

Remaining folders are sent to each committee member who must rate candidates on eight specific qualities such as leadership, public speaking, ability to raise funds, and a thorough

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EDITORIAL

The RWC Student Senate has, in recent years, been a hot-bed, a virtual breeding ground for somnambulents and deep-sleepers. Elections are announced in the form of a few signs a week or two ahead of time. There are no speeches, no statements, not even an issue is debated. The only people who seem to know about the elections are those who run and their cohorts who vote. The '74-'75 version of the student senate had almost nothing to do with rallying support for the student-teacher coalition. Funds were badly misappropriated; the senate's ineptitude was matched only by the lack of support generated by the student body.

This year promises to be different. The leadership is hard-working and energetic as displayed by a remarkable if not carnival-like Orientation Weekend. Elections have been announced and they will take place October 6-7. With a decent amount of interest, this year's senate could provide some positive action.

With the President and Vice-President gone, there exists a power vacuum at the top levels of the administration. With encouragement from Mr. Rizzini (see interview), the faculty and student body have an opportunity like no other in RWC's short history to set direction and tone to this community.

Working together, we can bring new life and vigor to this much maligned school. If RWC is a country club, then we are its members, fat cats concerned only with our own immediate gratifications. Every person who reads these words has some connection with RWC. You are what will make this place grow and vibrate or wither slowly away. No matter how short a time you spend here, you will either add to its life or encourage its death. In so doing, you are expanding or becoming stale and bored within, because you are Roger Williams College. There can be no other definition.

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Harrisburg (AP) — "If you sit down and read it (the Declaration of Independence), you'll find it's a pretty revolutionary document. There can be a lot of people unwilling to sign it."

That's George Ebner, executive director of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania, describing an unexpected problem that arose with one of the state's big projects for 1976.

Pennsylvania, of course, was the site where the Declaration was written and signed.

The commission wanted to erect special buildings around the state to give people a chance to sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence, thus rededicating themselves to the basic principles of the nation. But the men and women who founded the nation were political radicals and the document they wrote is radical. It wouldn't, for example, be adopted as a campaign platform by either the Democrats or Republicans.

The commission doesn't want to abandon the project and may convene a panel of distinguished people to write a preamble to the 200 year-old founding statement of this country. The preamble will be designed to make the Declaration acceptable to people of all political persuasions.

To Ebner's amazement, in a test-run of the citizen's endorsement campaign, about half the people presented with the founding statement refused to sign it. "Too radical" was the comment most offered by those who turned the Declaration down.



Photo by David Earley

INDIA: Fascism With A Smile

With Indira Ghandi's "national emergency" in effect and the growing repressing that opposition and workers are facing, it strikes me as being funny. I am by no means amused at the repression or the dawn raids on members of the opposition, but I'm amused at how the people in India or in the news media think she is progressive.

She is progressive enough to slash prices on goods such as foodstuffs and lamps, and some people — or at least the bourgeois media want us to believe — are "willing" to let what "democratic" rights they have go for this progressive type of fascism, which just happens to have the support of the Soviet Union and its puppet, the Indian Communist Party. This, by the way, is now the only party operating fully and legally besides Ghandi's own Congress party.

But what about the 50,000 or more people held under the "national security act"? Are they willing to give up their rights for these so-called progressive moves? These people are held, just like the people in South Korea, Chile, or the USSR, because they have different views from those held by the Congress Party. Some may be Marxists or right-wingers, but the point is that these people are being held for their opposition to corruption.

This corruption has been going on for years — ever since 1947 when the Congress Party came to power — and will go on even if there is a new ruling party with a different name. The point is that it is just another step that governments will take to protect themselves. Just as Nixon hid behind the mask of Watergate and made a "popular" move by reducing ground troops and bring the POWs home from Vietnam, Ghandi is doing the same in India. She is substituting democratic rights for price reduction and rodent control. These moves should have been made years ago, but no — the Government had to wait until now. The people sat on their asses and listened to politicians talk about how they would do this or that.

When people did fight — as in the case of last

year's railway strike, when tens of thousands of workers were arrested — they were not supported by their fellow workers. Now they let the new repression come down, and some are satisfied by the new economic "advantages."

The Congress Party, as I said before, is just like any other political party; but as the French writer Charles Bettelheim writes in his book **INDIA INDEPENDENT**:

"In the last ten years the Congress government has shown that it knows how to use repressive techniques when the social and economic situation is bad. Since the end of 1962, a system of police repression has developed behind the facade of democracy. Thousands of opposition leaders have been arrested in the name of national security, and there have been many instances of armed acts of repression directed against popular protest meetings."

Also, I have read that in the past five years the amount of money that has been given to build up the police force has doubled.

As in each of the capitalist countries — and no socialist ones are any better — most money and/or material gain goes to the land-holding or ruling elite, which somehow seems to profit by any move the government makes.

The workers and students should not sit on their asses and let their comrades rot in jails for some tidbit economic concessions. They should bring the class struggle to their communities, schools, and factories and resist the laws until Gandhi's government and every other government that follows has fallen. The people should take away the money that is allotted for "peaceful atomic energy" and use it for food and for ways of getting rid of the hunger and diseases which plague a country whose population grows 12 million every year.

One thing remains: if the people don't at least stand up and fight they might as well die a slow death, because that's what it is — a sloooow death.

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I can explain this more clearly at my place.

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ELLIS HALL

Ellis Hall will be appearing at Roger Williams College October 3 at 9 p.m. in the New Student Center, Bristol campus.

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Letters & Notices

OPEN LETTER TO ALL PROBLEM DRINKERS:

There is a rampant social disease on this campus afflicting a high percentage of the dorm students (and perhaps commuters, in case you feel left out) which at best leaves the body and mind in a euphoric state and at worst sends us scurrying in sickness. Many of the unfortunate ones excuse themselves from the possibility of having this problem by defining it as something they themselves would never engage in. A typical excuse would be having it every day, or even worse, in the morning hours. There is a simple and painless cure for those who consistently go beyond belief and involves nothing more than plain conversation. Anyone involved with A.A. would gladly testify that peace of mind won by sobriety is well worth forfeiting the D.T.'s. Perhaps you don't drink until you black out, at about 8 p.m., but prefer to go to the Rathskeller and enjoy four pitchers of beer for yourself (well, cars won't ride on less than four wheels, why should people?) and by yourself, while others watch in awe and contribute to your sinking fund for the next pitcher. Perhaps you feel that beer drinkers are better than whiskey drinkers, after all, it isn't called firewater for nothing. In any event, the only advantage of beer is that you get to read the graffiti on the bathroom walls since it took twelve ounces of beer to equal that one shot.

Granted I have exaggerated in order to get my point across, but it is true that too many of us need that drug (just like Mother's little helper) to get us through the busy or boring days here. Next time you feel the need to self-destruct for weeks unended, simply realize that millions suffer from your same disease and help is as close as a conversation. Perhaps you should try Alcoholics Anonymous this time. They can be easily reached at (401) 421-2027 but only if you want to be reached.

Mark Gossner

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

William H. Rizzini, Acting Vice President of Roger Williams College, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Rebecca E. Tildesley as Director of the Library.

A native of Wisconsin, Mrs. Tildesley earned her B.A. in English Literature at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and her M.L.S. at the University of Rhode Island. For two years

she was Assistant Librarian at the Bristol High School, and Head Librarian for one year. She came to Roger Williams College in 1969 as Reference Librarian. She was Assistant Director of the Library from 1972 to early 1975, when she was named Acting Director.

Mrs. Tildesley has served on the Board of Trustees of Rogers Free Library, Bristol since 1966, and has been vice president of the Board since 1974.

She resides in Bristol with her husband, the Reverend Canon Delbert W. Tildesley, Rector of St. Michael's Church.

The Board of Trustees of Roger Williams College announced recently the appointment of two new administrators and seven new faculty members as the College begins its 57th year, its 7th at the Bristol Campus.

The administrators are Mrs. Gloria Goodman, Admissions Counselor and Kenneth Cedergren, Director of Placement.

The new faculty members are Rulph Chassaing and Ms. Roseann Evans, instructors of engineering; Peter Randrup, assistant professor of management; Mrs. Rita Spurgin, instructor of writing; Mrs. Elizabeth Argo, assistant professor of fine arts; Mrs. Dorothy Zimmering, associate professor of social science, and Ms. Nancy Tefft, instructor of humanities.

The College has also disclosed enrollment figures for the 1975-76 academic year. This year's 2,700 students in the Day Division and the Division of Continuing Education represent an increase of about 200 over last year's enrollment. The 700 freshman and transfer students in the Day Division were chosen from among applicants from 29 states and 9 foreign countries.

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HOUSING - ROOMMATES CAR POOLS

Ms. Sandra Grossi, a recent graduate of RWC, has developed a few innovative programs designed to alleviate some of the hassle of living off-campus. Sandra is putting together a roommate service for those of us in need of a room or have a room in need of an occupant. In addition, Sandra, with deference to oil depletion allowances, is intent

on developing a car pool service.

Both of these services must have your energy to function well as she has a full-time job as secretary of Alumni Affairs. A kind and warm heart notwithstanding, one can only speculate on her selfless motives for devoting her spare time to this service; in any case, if you need a ride or money for gas, if you need a room or have an extra, see

Sandra Grossi in the Housing Office located in the Administration Building.

Jack Keefe

NOTICE

Join the Roger Williams College Fencing Club. No experience in fencing is necessary. This sport is open to both girls and guys.

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"Rizzini" (continued from page 1)

back a long way. Dr. Gauvey had been here since 1963 and I've known Mr. Zannini since 1962 and this was the first time that I was involved in such a major issue because of the fact that I was in the position of acting dean. Prior to that I was at the Providence campus and had worked closely with Mr. Zannini but had not worked with Dr. Gauvey directly. And so it was very awkward up here and yet I feel that to the credit of all three of us, we treated each other with courtesy and respect. A stand had been taken, but we continued to work together.

What is happening with teachers' contracts? What is your relationship with Phil Schuyler and the Union?

The bargaining unit is a partner in the operation of this institution along with administration, faculty, students and the board of trustees. It is my feeling that as partners these groups work together for the betterment of the college. The very fact that we, in these times of turmoil, had a gentlemen's agreement all summer without a contract, bespeaks of this very attitude. I look forward to this continuing.

What is the VP's Advisory Council? What does it do, how does it function?

It is my feeling that I don't want to make decisions without input from all the constituencies in the community. One of my first acts was to establish this very large advisory council. There are representatives on it from the student council, the

class presidents, the bargaining unit, faculty representatives through the divisional coordinators, and the administration has its representatives. The idea is that all these groups can discuss issues that I bring to them and in this way I can solicit opinions from all the major constituencies before I have to make any major decisions. It's a very active participatory group.

You're using the sources of information that were there before but were never tapped.

Yes.

You're presenting an attitude that the entire community is able to make the most appropriate decisions for its own survival rather than one man or a small cadre of men. Is this an attitude inwardly held or a position determined directly by upended Dr. Gauvey?

It's what I've always believed in. I've always worried about the fact that (and everyone talks about) the poverty of communication around campus. There are always going to be problems, but it is my feeling that if we can talk together about the problems people can understand other points of view. They're not always going to agree, but at least we can reach a level of understanding heretofore lacking.

Is there a possibility of any more retrenchments?

From now on, if there are going to be any more retrenchments, they are going to be based on input on student enrollment from a budget com-

mittee made up of faculty and administration. If student enrollment drops by a certain figure, I think it's 20, then one teacher will be retrenched. But as long as student enrollment stays above 1350, there will be no retrenchments.

How many students were enrolled last year?

1406. In any case, we will never have a situation where a dozen or so teachers will be summarily threatened with the loss of their jobs. If we ever reached that stage, we might as well shut down anyway.

It seems as if you view the school as analogous to some sort of organism in that if you cleave away an arm you're going to hurt the other side; in other words you can't lose teachers without losing other things.

That's right, the college loses.

Where is the evaluation report and why hasn't it been released?

The Management Evaluation Report was given to the Board of Trustees, who commissioned the evaluators in the first place. The report has never been released to the college community at large. The only group who has the report is the Board itself. I've been given extracts of the report which I have read to the faculty. Specifically, all the comments about the faculty were made public. I have shown the faculty a reorganizational chart which is a goal; it is not something that we can move to quickly. We have reached a few of the goals, and once a new president arrives it is expected that we can accomplish the

reorganization.

There were management suggestions which have been acted upon. The rest of the report dealt with the Board and a reorganization of the Board. The report was critical of the Board and this is probably the reason the Board has chosen to keep it to itself.

Thank you, Vice-President Rizzini.

Women's Center

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chances are there will be someone to hook up with who shares the same interest.

Some of the things the Women's Center produced in the past are:

- Set up files concerning birth control, rape, V.D., sexuality, jobs, homosexuality
- Shown films, the subject matter dealing with or pertaining to women.
- Sponsored lectures concerning contemporary subjects.
- Brought theatre performances and women's bands.
- Conducted yoga classes.
- Prepared a petition dealing with sex discrimination and sports.
- Involvement with the ERA and NOW.
- Created a nice atmosphere to hang out in.

On a more practical level, the Women's Center needs women to take charge and keep the center open, prepare for events, and to organize publicity. There is a need for women who are interested in getting this year's entertainment together.

If we look, I'm sure there are plenty of problems on this campus that need to be dealt

with. People have expressed the desire to have a health care system on campus.

These are some suggestions — what do you think? We are located in the basement of Tower B.

Heleaine Masonberg

Help Wanted

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knowledge of business and finances.

The thirty candidates who score the highest ratings will be individually discussed at committee meetings. The committee will select what it thinks are the best five people through the process of elimination. Their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees who will appoint one of them as president. So the final choice, as usual, is placed in the hands of the Board, and the chairman of that Board, Judge Paolino.

Officers for the committee are: Thomas J. Paolino, chairman; Andrew B. Sides, Jr., vice-chairman; and Anne Caldarella, secretary. Sides is also a member of the Board. The rest of the committee is composed of Trustees Robert J. D'Uva, Judge Corinne P. Grande, Mrs. Claiborne Pell, and Dr. F. Anthony Simeone; faculty members Mrs. Lorraine Dennis and Mr. J. Philip Schuyler; students Marcia Russell and David Gingerella; and alumni Anne Caldarella and Peter Sousa.

An advertisement for a president was placed in *The Chronicle*, an educational magazine, in July. Applications were taken from July until September 18.

Julie Harting

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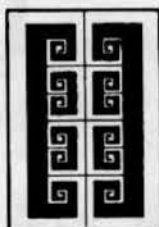
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The integration of new talents with old ones under the supervision of Coach Gilbert Costa has created a phenomenon long awaited by RWC students. As a referee said after the match, "This is the best RWC soccer team in years."

This year, being my first, I was totally captivated by the output of the players, along with the determination exhibited on every play. It was a hyper-experience as well as

entertaining which grabbed my senses for the two hours of playing time and even after the shock settled.

The sequence of play followed the line of coronary-causing ohs, ahs, and uhs. Ten minutes before the end of the game our outside left, Ron Nawrocki, crisscrossed one into the net assisted by right half-back Garry Rose. This turned out to be the only goal of the match.

Other fantastic efforts were produced by RWC goalie Mike Harris who effected seventeen saves against Windham's solid team. Windham's goalie also put on a display of fine goal-tending ability by making twenty-eight saves.

I'd like to thank Windham coach Bob Vannelli and his team as well as Coach Costa and our team for making soccer a sport in the wholesome sense of the word.

Carmen Acosta

Reflections

The light changed, too late to halt Cozy Cab #49. The driver, hurtling through redness, assured himself that the laws which pertained during the day surely were less vigilant at 2 a.m., close to his quitting time. Or at least they were different, somehow altered by the blackness of night. And although he reaped the meager benefits (slipping past a red light was a mild rush) he was vaguely fearful of what the night and occasionally did emit. The closer the end of an evening crept, the stranger the people

who often crawled into the back of his cab became.

"Not so strange, really," he thought as he slid down Washington Square toward the wharves.

"I mean after all, most of my rides after midnight are with harmless drunks. Nasty sometimes, but still harmless." He retreated into an earlier moment of the passing evening, somewhere around eleven; a tiny, little man, clearly looped had sloshed in and out of the cab from one bar to another, the kind of place people work

steadily at drinking themselves to death. The little man faded, or more accurately, was replaced with curiosity, always a pleasant sensation.

"There are never any mirrors in those hovels," the driver mused. "People must not want to see themselves, what's happening to their bodies, what's become of their lives. And yet in the really nice places, the saloons that attract tourists, the people that go there are more attractive. There are always mirrors in those places." A green light flashed on, he made a left onto the circle and continued.

He wondered if there was a correlation between mirrors in bars and the truthfulness of its patrons.

"The people in the Midtown are wasted drunks. Do they tell themselves that? How about the people that dress nice, they like looking at themselves and each other. They present their best side in conversation, don't they? How honest is their presentation? Perhaps they act as distorting mirrors for each other, making themselves look better than they really are. Maybe they're afraid of winding up at the Midtown. I wonder who holds up my mirror? My friends?"

Finishing the circular avenue, he looked around his life and didn't see himself anywhere.

He turned right to make another pass at the bars. One more fare and the driver would go home.

"Some drunk too wasted to walk will flag me down." A small, hesitant shadow caught his eye farther down the street.

A stumbling old man appeared to be battling what for him must have been a sidewalk with a mind of its own. The driver eased the cab up next to the shadow and shouted, "Hey, Pop, need a cab?"

The crooked darkness halted his one-man obstacle course race and turned his scattered attention toward the taxi.

"Ah! My driver, at last I've found you. Yes, yes, of course I need a lift." His voice surprised the driver, it was distinct and sure, not at all the drunken slur with which he was used to conversing. With remarkable lightness and dexterity the old man floated onto the backseat.

The driver hadn't gotten much of a look at him and now in the rear his rider was covered with shadows, those everpresent shadows. Earlier in the evening he hadn't seen him either. In fact, he had never seen him but he was well-acquainted with the feeling that was beginning to envelop him.

"Wait a minute. It's late and I'm just wasted enough to start imagining..."

"I imagine you'd like to know where I'm going," interrupted the voice from the rear, the voice of the Rider. "Why don't you just drive around for a bit, we'll go where ever you can take us."

The driver put the cab in drive and stepped on the gas. "Oh, fine," he cursed. "I'm about to quit and some old weirdo wants to take the Grand Tour." He flipped on the meter. Normally '1.00' appeared on the screen, signifying the beginning of a ride. This time nothing happened.

He flipped it around again. Nothing.

The Rider spoke, "Don't bother yourself about that. I'll pay you well for your time. Just relax and focus your attention on the road."

The driver began to object (who the hell does he think he is, anyway?) but there was something so soothing in that voice, so warm and kind, that the driver took a deep breath and exhaled all the tension, all the nonsense, all the circular driving within him and looked back at the road, calmed, and therefore, prepared.

Nevertheless, the absense of the road, along with the rest of Newport, still served to shock the shit out of him. A golden lightning bolt shot up his spine. A badly-sizzled mind struggled desperately to grasp the enormity of its experience. "He's blinded me... but I can still see inside... maybe he's hypnotized, no, he couldn't... Jesus H. Christ, what the fuck!!!" The driver whirled around to confront this madness. He tried to scream out his hate and fear, but he had no voice. Death in the guise of stark, raving terror surrounded and now began to suffocate him. Just when he had given up, when hopeless resignation took over, when that bottomless terror had finally been drained, the soft liquid voice of the Rider began again.

"My line of work is mirrors. I do a lot of polishing and washing. You'd be surprised at how many people look at themselves in dirty mirrors. Often times the film is so caked on they get a totally

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Reflections

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distorted picture of themselves. So I stop by and clean them. It'll work for you, too. Try looking in your rear-view mirror."

The driver, mute with confusion, slowly looked away from the Rider and into the rear-view mirror. The damn thing was glowing! His eyes finally adjusted and the back seat came into focus. The Rider had vanished. In his place was the Driver, naked and golden. He saw himself, beautiful, ugly, frail but possessed of great power, strong but capable of pathetic weakness. A procession of Drivers emerged from the backseat, all known to him but all previously denied.

And then it was over, a timeless moment finished before it began. Newport returned in its loveliness all around him. A soft breeze lifted a seagull above the fullness of the moon and into a starry sky. Below a street lamp, a mangy dog squatted and left the remains of a trashcan cuisine. Once more he looked into the back seat. A bill, a small card, and curious golden spark were all that remained. The bill, a fiver, he put into his pocket. The spark found rest between his eyes. He picked up the card. Two snakes were wrapped around a silver staff. Underneath it read, 'Mirrors, Cleaned and Polished.'

"Not bad work, if you can get it," he chuckled. He turned the cab around and headed for home, finally having a rider with whom he was comfortable. He gazed at the erupting dawn and saw himself everywhere.

Attention Vets

As one of the provisions of recently-enacted veterans legislation, Congress has approved an additional nine months of schooling for veterans and servicemen attending college under the G.I. Bill. This increase in educational benefits applies only to students who meet certain requirements. In order to qualify for an additional nine months of schooling, the individual must have been originally entitled to 36 months of VA educational assistance and must have exhausted this entitlement while enrolled in an initial Bachelor's degree program.

This increase in benefits may be applied only to programs of study leading toward a Bachelor's degree and may not be used for graduate level courses. In addition, no extension will be granted to those students who have already obtained a BA, whether or not this degree was obtained under the GI Bill.

Although a student who qualifies for the additional nine months of education may not change from the course or program being pursued when the original entitlement was

exhausted, a normal progression from an Associate's degree to a Bachelor's degree will be permitted.

This new provision of the law was effective at the end of '74 and applies to any veteran whose original entitlement was exhausted since June 1, 1966 and who meets the stated requirements.

Any veteran with questions concerning this or any other issue can see Bill Kelly, Veteran's Counselor, in the Administration Building.

LETTER

Due to the quickness of my departure from Roger Williams College, I was unable to thank many of you personally for your kind telephone calls and notes after the announcement of the results of the management report. Your words of encouragement were very much appreciated and a bit emotionally overwhelming.

I am happy to inform you that I have assumed the position of Dean of Students at the University of Pittsburgh. I consider myself extremely fortunate given the status of the job market today in higher education. I am most excited over this new challenge and, simultaneously, I wish each of you the best. My most sincere, personal thanks. If you should ever be in the "Pitt" area, please do get in touch.

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