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In the fall there will be another election to fill freshmen and transfer seats. All upperclassmen seats have been filled.

IEEE Hosts Student Night

by Mary Ellen Johansson

Roger Williams College was chosen by the Providence Chapter of the IEEE to host its annual Student Night which was held at President Rizzini's home on April 17, 1985. According to Arthur Stefanopoulos, Vice President of the RWC chapter of IEEE, the College was chosen among other colleges and universities in the region because of its performance and participation in regional IEEE activities. Last year, the Providence Chapter gave a financial award to the College club, which used the money to purchase a 68000 microprocessor for the electronics laboratory and to acquire additional software for the Apple computers. These types of activities along with regular attendance at the Providence Chapter meetings were some of the reasons the College being chosen as host.

To coincide with the theme of Student Night, the club's officers decided to present a series of speakers who would address the topic of employment in the field of electrical engineering. Mr. Ronald Hunter, former RWC faculty member and current Engineering Supervisor at Federal Products, was instrumental in securing the five speakers. A list of relevant questions drawn up by the club officers, were submitted to the speakers who were asked to incorporate their answers in their discussions.

Among the 45 attendees at the functions were RWC faculty members, students, and industry representatives. Barry Doherty, an assembly programmer with a Bedford, Massachusetts, firm decided to attend Student Night

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Campuses Plan Dorm Treats for the Fall

NORMAN, OK (CP5) — For college students, access to cable television, automated banking machines and an occasional lobster dinner or late night pizza used to mean having to go off campus.

Not anymore.

Thanks to administrators' worries about attracting students to their dorms and intensifying competition for rents with off-campus apartment complexes, an increasing number of schools are offering a smorgasbord of once-unheard-of amenities for next fall.

At the University of Nebraska, dorms have weight rooms and saunas.

At Eastern Michigan University, some on-campus residents have access to computer rooms in their dormitories, and are offered 12-month leases.

At the University of Oklahoma, the cable television in dormitory lounges, a pizza bar and an automated banking machine are in the works for next fall.

The school also has hired a new food service director and given free reign to plan what administrators call "monotony breakers," such as lobster dinners.

"As we might, there are some areas in which we just cannot compete with apartment complex owners," says OU assistant housing director Craig Pulliam.

"But there is an awful lot we can do.

Dormitory residents are not pampered at every school. Many institutions still face perennial dormitory overcrowding, particularly at the beginning of the school year.

"It's sporadic across the country," says Jim Grimm, housing director at the University of Florida and president of the national housing officers group. Grimm estimates that between 20 and 25 percent of the nation's colleges now have a hard time fitting their dorms.

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Rizzini Rescinds Fee

by Jennifer San Souci

The $30 registration fee is not being credited towards tuition according to an unanimous decision by the Budget Committee. Before this decision, the $30 was credited from tuitions.

Mr. Stanley Jacobs, Director of Personnel, and Mr. Robert McKenna, Vice President of Student Affairs, both said that the fee is for the cost of processing course schedules and holding students position in a class. "Money had to be raised and this was a way to obtain more funds," stated McKenna.

The problem was also that students would tie up a seat in a course and then not show up for class, or change their schedules," he continued, "the $30 would still have been credited towards tuition even if the student didn't attend the class." Other colleges charge a fee and do not credit this fee from tuition, making registration a "privilege.

"I think the $30 can not possibly be the cost of processing students schedules per student, in an informal survey around campus, said Freshman Amy Duggan, it was noted that the majority of students questioned were not in favor of the fee.

On April 29, President Rizzini issued a memo rescinding the fee. "Because legitimate questions have been raised about the legality of enacting this fee at this time, I am rescinding the fee effective immediately.

"For those students who have paid the fee already, the amount paid will be credited to their tuition payment for next year as has been past practice. "I am taking under advisement various options open for consideration regarding the cost involved for early registration.

"Please understand that I accept responsibility for this error.

Congratulations
Seniors!

photo by Janen Dutton

Little remains of the trash which clogged the pond over Spring Weekend. The Marine Biology Club turned out in force to rid the pond of debris.
Faculty Association Scholarship Winners

The Roger Williams College Faculty Association has awarded its three 1985-1986 academic scholarships to John F. Albanese, Melissa J. Cole, and William Evans. The scholarships, in the amount of $600.00 each, are awarded annually to students who have achieved outstanding academic records and have summer financial need. Monies in the scholarship fund are raised through direct donations from members of the Faculty Association and through Association activities.

A number of this year's recipients are juniors. Mr. Cole is a Psychology Major from Swansett, Massachusetts, who has maintained a perfect 4.00 average in her work at Roger Williams. Mr. Evans, a Creative Writing Major from Holliston, Massachusetts, and Mr. Albanese, a Paralegal Major from North Providence, Rhode Island, have grade-point averages of 3.76 and 3.73, respectively. The scholarships will be formally awarded at the College's annual Honors Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 1985.

The Roger Williams College Faculty Association is a higher education affiliate of the National Education Association of Rhode Island and its members have been representing faculty and professional staff members at Roger Williams for over ten years.

Legal Beagles Head for London

by Mary Ellen Johansson

Law Student Instructor, Mr. Thomas Wright, recently discussed the course, Comparative Legal Systems, which is being offered May 26 through June 6 in London, England. This is the second year it has been offered, and 16 students will leave Boston on May 26 for this intensive, comparative study.

The students will first visit Runnymede, where the Magna Carta was signed. They will also visit several courts, including a district court known as the Crown Court, a civil court known as the Magistrate's court, and the Royal court. They will be required to spend a number of hours in trial court where they will listen to actual proceedings. In addition, they will visit the University of London Law School where one of the faculty members will address the group. Also listed on the agenda are meetings with peers.

Peer Counsellors Announced

by Ann Pace

Eight new Peer Counsellors were selected in early April after submitting an application and attending a series of interviews with the Peer Counseling staff. They will go through a training session to learn to become better listeners and also to learn skills for the job. The new Peer Counsellors are: Mark Brossky, Lisa Browne, Tim Cott, Kelly Drummell, Julie McMurray, Sue Neal, Linda Reitman, and Jackie Ruki. Returning PC's are: Susan Cohen, Dan Cerbonca, Lisa Diutsh, Mike MacDougall, Elisa Pasternak, Mark Kalshiney, and Rick Pasquariello.

A member of the Law Society and a member of the list of Court. A visit to the Institute of Legal Executives, whose members are similar to our paraprofessional personnel, is also planned. To broaden their understanding of the criminal justice system, the students will also visit Scotland Yard, which is similar to our FBI, and will tour a prison.

Mr. Wright remarked that the goal of the course is to give the student insight into the basis of our legal system and to foster the appreciation of the English type of jurisprudence. Their trials are much more formal, and the participants are more courteous to each other in the courtroom. The English characteristically do not resort to litigation as quickly or as often as we do in the United States. Regarding the daily schedule of the students, Mr. Wright explained that each morning he will give a brief lecture describing the topic to be covered that day. This will serve to direct students' attention to particular aspects of law which will be demonstrated or discussed. By encouraging the comparative aspects of law, this course intends to broaden the student's perspective on the entire field of law.

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Peer Counsellor's are RWC students who are familiar with life on campus. They know what it is like to be afraid, lost, or even home sick. The PC's are trained to help where needed. Phone numbers are listed in the daily campus, at the Security Office and with RA's. The Peer Counseling office is located in the Counseling Center, Unit 9 of Dorm 1. Hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Physical Plant personnel recently re-installed the "Bishop's Mantle" sculpture on stone base located in the landscaped area outside the social science pod.

Bishop's Mantle Restored

by Anne Dougan

The Bishop's Mantle has been returned to its site 20 months after it was stolen. The Bishop's Mantle is a bronze sculpture created by the late James O. Cathers who was an art teacher at R.W.C. It was stolen sometime between September 27th and 29th of 1983 and was found behind Dorm 1 on October 3, 1983 by Jack Bar Custodian Freeman Dias. "Other than being slightly dented there was no apparent damage to the sculpture," commented Director of the Physical Plant William Nott.

Tommy Brent, Producer of the Theatre-by-The-Sea, has announced that auditions for local talent to supplement the New York company will be held on Saturday, May 11, at the theatre, located off Route 1 in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Singers will be seen from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.; Dancers from 2 to 3 P.M.;

Tech Writing: Career Option for Teachers

by Anne B. Wagner

"In seven years on the job, I've only experienced five bad days," documentation specialist Richard Howard said at his audience at the 4th Annual Conference for Teachers of Technical Writing held on April 26 at R.W.C. Howard urged teachers contemplating a career change to consider technical writing. "You're creating and learning something new every day and working with bright, energetic people," he said.

Howard joked about his adjustment to industry standards after enjoying the flexible schedule afforded by college teaching. "Do they really expect me to be here at 8:30 and to stay until 5:30 every day?"

Holding a Ph.D. in forestry, Howard made the transition from academia to industry in 1978 when he went to work for the Lab Data Products Group at Digital Equipment Corporation. Three years later, he was transferred to Rainbow where he is currently working on version 130 of the software package.

According to Howard, producing manuals is only one option in writing for the electronics industry. Writers also produce field manuals for hardware, marketing and sales literature and training materials. He listed writing, planning, interpersonal communication and technical knowledge as skills necessary to the documentation specialist and pointed out that most teachers already possess the first three. To acquire technical knowledge, Howard suggested enrolling in certificate programs, taking computer programming courses or arranging internships for one-on-one training. "It's important to relieve the mystique of computers and to understand the engineer's job," he stressed.

In conclusion, Howard said, "Documentation teams, like engineers, work under intense pressure, but it's not stressful if you love it."

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Eenie Eugene Brickshaw (left) introduces co-organizer and speaker Mel Topf (right) at the 4th Annual Conference for Teachers of Technical Writing held at RWC on April 20.
RWC Chorale to Entertain at Blithewold

The Roger Williams College Chorale will present its annual Spring Concert at Blithewold Gardens and Arboretum on Sunday, May 12 at 3 pm.

The concert will begin with a tribute to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach and will include Pachelbel’s “Canon”, madrigals from France and Italy, and a new setting of a madrigal text by the Music Coordinator of Roger Williams College, Will Aston. The “Pops” section of the program will include spirituals, “Memory” (from ‘Cats’), of the mansion at the regular monthly Pachbel’s “Canon”, as part of “Bay Room PM” on Tuesday to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Bach, and a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Jerome Kern’s birth. The RWC Chorale is directed by Joan E. Roth and is an extension of the Roger Williams Arboretum on Sunday, May 12 at 3 PM.

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An additional four years of work experience would be necessary for anyone wishing to take the Professional Engineers examination.

These regulations specifically refer to the situation in Rhode Island and may not be the same as those in other states. However, there are reciprocity agreements which insure that anyone passing the EIT exam and being certified as an Engineer-in-Training in any state would have that status recognized in Rhode Island.

John M.F. O'Connell
Coordinator, Engineering Technology Division

College Service Association

Focuses on School Spirit

Dear College Community:
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Sincerely,
Karen R. Haskell
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Commentary

RWC’s Reputation and You

by Dr. Mel A. Topf

A recent decision of the R.I. Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, reported in the last issue of the Messenger, is important to RWC students whatever their major. The Board decided that as of April 1, RWC students in Engineering Technology no longer may take the Engineer-in-Training examination upon graduation. The reason is that RWC education does not prepare students well enough to pass the exam. The facts as reported support the decision only too well — of 15 students taking the exam in Fall 1984, all failed. Engineering Technology students should be and are concerned. What has disturbed them most, I think, is that they were caught by surprise. Many apparently believed that they were qualified and eligible to sit for the exam when they graduate. They certainly deserve to be. President Rizzini is quoted as saying the college catalog doesn’t state that engineering technology students are able to take the exam. But that misses the point.

A student attending RWC has every right to believe that the programs in which they work for years, at great expense, are acceptable to professional organizations and to the public. That’s why decisions should be concerned about the Board’s decision. It will affect the college’s reputation and hence the credibility of the degree that once, received, is part of a student all his or her life.

A college’s reputation isn’t just a matter of vague opinions. It is real. It has consequences. It affects a college’s ability to attract funds, quality faculty, and qualified students. It affects a student’s chances of getting into professional and graduate schools and of getting jobs. A college’s bad reputation is like a person’s bad breath. Few people will tell you about it directly, but you start noticing how people avoid you if they can.

What sort of reputation does RWC have? A survey commissioned last year suggests it is surprisingly weak. The survey included various groups to rate ten New England Col-
Editorial

Computer Ethics at RWC

Computers have assumed an important role in human lives and members of the RWC community are privileged to have easy access to computers and the encouragement to learn to use them. At this school, computers are available not just to computer programming majors, but to business, science and humanities students, and not just to students, but to faculty, staff and administration. Those who leave RWC without learning the basics of computer use have only themselves to blame.

However, learning to program, to manipulate data, to process words on this electronic marvel are only parts of being computer literate. The complete literacy includes understanding the responsibilities that accompany the ability to use computers and the corresponding penalties for misuse of computers. As in most aspects of human life, working with computers raises ethical questions.

Legislation covers some problems. For instance, plagiarism of copyrighted software falls under copyright laws. Other questions have not yet been resolved. We need to think about them and plan to deal with computer misuse. It is wrong to enter another person's files without permission, just because you are clever enough to figure out how. Once having gained access to another's data, is it right to print out a hard copy? What do you think about someone who enters your files and changes some data? How would you feel if a co-worker used your file as a dump for purported data? Where do we draw the line between a "prank" and a crime?

Those in charge of the Academic Computer Center are aware of the ethical issues and are concerned with potential misuse and "pranks." But, it seems to us, that it is time for the school to establish official guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable computer use and to state the penalties for inappropriate use. Guidelines should be published in the Student Handbook, discussed in classes, posted on the walls of the computer labs, and perhaps, appear as reminders on the screens whenever operators log on.

We are in the forefront of teaching people to use computers; let's be in the forefront of teaching responsible use.


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Proof Coins: Fool “Proof” Investments

by Doug Cloutier

Proof sets are an easily collectible style in the coin market for the person with an interest in collecting. Each year the San Francisco Mint offers proof sets for sale through the mail, which in past years have cost $1 each.

A set of proof coins is a group with one of each value coin (a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and Kennedy half-dollar) polished to mirror finish and set in an airtight display case.

If you write asking for mint, they will send an order form, from which you may order up to six sets.

Of course there’s always another way. Coin dealers are very willing to sell you the coins, but they have to sell for profit.

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to "see what the students were like and to see what other companies were interested in as far an engineering students were concerned." Following a formal hot buffet catered by the RWC food service, Mr. Hunter produced the speakers' introduction by stating that the "purpose of the discussion" was to "respond to students' anxieties and fears regarding employment." He felt that teacher's could not really answer questions on employment as well as those who were actually working in the field. Mr. Paul Brennan, Personnel Manager with Federal Products, was then introduced as the first speaker. Mr. Brennan briefly discussed his company's history and the products which it produces. Since he is involved in recruiting and assessing new talent, he described what his company looks for in a potential employee and emphasized that the "most significant error we can make is to have the wrong staff." Although they do not discount grades, extracurricular activities, his company is most interested in how well the candidate can present himself or herself to the prospective employer. He suggested that the student submit a simple, legible resume of one page, free of errors, and that he learn as much as he can about the company, its history, its organization and its products. The candidate should dress for professional work since everything the interviewer sees is a potential statement about the candidate.

In closing remarks, he summed up the three candidates that are interviewed: those who "do not have it together," those who "are fair, run of the mill candidates," and those who are "bright, willing candidates who will be hired by Federal Products."

Mr. Thomas Marron, Account Executive with STORITI Associates, answered questions about professional employment agencies. He began by describing his firm as a service company which provides services to corporations in the exclusive placement of Engineering and Manufacturing personnel. They represent the three best candidates and their goal is to "connect the top company with the best qualified person." He stressed that recent college graduates have not "proven themselves" and do not have "track records" and thus should not expect feasible results from agencies such as his. First jobs can be found by attending job fairs, by reading the newspaper, and by mailing resumes to companies who are looking for entry level candidates. Mr. Marron stressed the importance of the first job and that all factors, not just salary, should be considered when accepting an offer. To stress how vital placement services are to companies, he remarked that they are paid up to $10,000 to find the proper candidate for a particular position.

Ms. Margaret Sieber, Account Manager from Microtemp, discussed the opportunities available for engineers who might prefer temporary positions. Although the market for such personnel is limited and there are no fringe benefits, the hourly pay can reach as much as $40.00 per hour. She indicated that it takes a certain kind of engineer to accept different positions which offer no permanence. There is very little learning on the job, but, rather, the engineer must be able to assume the position, do the work required, and leave within the shortest time possible.

Mr. Hunter discussed his position as Engineering Supervisor, emphasizing that his concern is for the company and, in order that he produce for the company, he must assemble the best team for the job. His company will do "comparative shopping" and look for the person with the most potential and that did not necessarily mean the highest grade point. He reiterated what Mr. Brennan had emphasized regarding resumes and appearance, and attitude, but he also added that they look for past experience in the engineering field.

Two former Roger Williams College graduates also spoke about their employment experiences. Edward Collins, EET, 1983, is employed for Ocean Technology as a field service engineer for the Trident Submarine Fleet service. He stressed the fact that it takes about 6 months of "sitting in" before you are expected to really "produce." This time is best spent learning the company structure, its products, and their expectations. He also remarked that you cannot stop at the Bachelor's level but should go on to graduate school. Larry Bass, EET, 1979, is employed at Federal Products. He stated that his biggest problem in job hunting was the fact that jobs being offered were not in the area which interested him. He concurred with Mr. Collins that "you can't learn it all in four years." He is currently attending graduate school at URI.

A question and answer period was held following the speakers' presentations. One student asked the speakers to comment on advertisements which list as one of the requirements that the candidate have 2-5 years of experience. It was suggested that even if a student does not have the experience, sending a resume could prompt other job possibilities within that company. It was also suggested that because resumes were often thrown away immediately after filing the position, a job seeker could send additional resumes to that company, and this might draw the interest and attention of the employer.

The evening's events concluded with the presentation of gifts of appreciation to the speakers. Larry Pellegrino, RWC, IEEE president, attributed the tremendous success of the Student Night to the joint efforts of the club's offices and the support of Mr. Earl Glade, the club's faculty advisor.

Mr. Marron's speach concluded with a presentation of the "Future of Workload Analysis", a talk by Dr. Paul Drake. The Electronic Mail System (EMS) of the Rhode Island Interlibrary Loan Network has completed its first year at RWC and the Interlibrary Loan is pleased with the results. The EMS is a Data General minicomputer system with terminals at 5 public library centers and 11 special resources centers (including the RWC Library). On May 1, 1984 it replaced an antiquated teletype system, a system in which the chances of successful transition were slim. Now, the libraries, as part of the state library network, transmit interlibrary loan requests and messages much more efficiently. In the past year alone, Roger Williams College Library has received more than 1750 interlibrary loan requests from other libraries in the state.
### Equestrian Team Excels

By Manny Correira

An Open Dressage Show and Two-Phase Intercollegiate event was hosted by Roger Williams College, the intercollegiate equestrian team and Ferryville Stables, Ltd. last Saturday.

Five teams competed in the intercollegiate division. They included Roger Williams, Johnson & Wales College and the University of New Hampshire. Stonehill College sent two riders who competed on an individual basis.

Roger Williams winners included Clare Ferris, 1st place Elementary, riding Ferryville's Camello and High Point Rider, riding Cameo.

### RWC Upsets URI in Baseball Tourney Opener

By Manny Correira

The RWC men's baseball team upset top-seeded URI on April 25 in the opening round of the Rhode Island College Baseball Tournament in Kingston, R.I. The final score was 10-8 in 10 innings.

The Hawks trailed by a 7-1 count after 7 innings, but in the top half of the 8th, they scored 7 runs to take the lead, 8-7. The biggest blows of the inning came off the bats of Al Schinderman, who cracked a grand-slam homer, and Bill Pratt, who had a three-run blast.

URI came back in the bottom half to deadlock the game at 8-8, but in the 10th, RWC's Chris Wilson slammed a leadoff home run, followed by a single by Bill Pratt (who also stole second) and a run-scoring line drive single by Chris Boulanger.

Schinderman, who was superb on the mound, was also superb on the round. In the bottom of the 9th inning, when URI had a golden opportunity to do some serious damage, Schinderman dug down deep and struck out two batters with the bases loaded.

By virtue of their win, the Hawks move on to the second round of the tournament on May 6 against Rhode Island College in a doubleheader.

### Sailing Team Captures Own Regatta

By Manny Correira

Led by the sailing prowess of Eric Johnson, Mark Knappe, Anthony Coppola, John Gleesner, Ted Pinkerton, Rob Becker, Lance Seinling and Wendy Church, the Roger Williams College sailing team captured first place honors in a regatta held here last Sunday.

Finishing second was Northeastern U., followed by the University of New Hampshire and Holy Cross.

Last Saturday, the Hawk sailors placed 4th overall in a meet held at Harvard University. Twenty-four teams competed in the event.

In the "A" Division, Mark Knappe and Anthony Coppola did an outstanding job, as did Pehr Stangeland and Elizabeth Finamura in the "B" Division.

The top three finishers were Tufts University, Boston U., and M.I.T.