CCC Approves Engineering Degree

By Mary Ellen Johansson

Three Engineering degrees at RWC have moved one step closer to reality when the College Curriculum Committee approved Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering degrees at their April 23rd meeting. The vote was nearly unanimous with one abstention and the reflected months of official committee work and extensive unofficial faculty politicking.

Efforts to establish these three Engineering degrees at RWC have gained new momentum since 1985, when the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers in Rhode Island charged the college that its engineering students will not be eligible to take the Rhode Island registration exam in Electrical Engineering Technology and in Computer Engineering.

In March, 1985, the Federal Government as well as many professional societies do not, in some cases, recognize the Engineering Technology degree. Thus, the technologist, in order to be considered an engineer, is sometimes viewed as a technician rather than an engineer. Offering the Engineering degree will augment the recruitment pool and allow the college to offer to prospective students.

The Mechanical Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology programs will remain, and will run concurrently with the new major. After a period of two years the EE major will be reevaluated and if enrollment decreases to the point where it is no longer cost effective the program will be eliminated. The Computer Engineering major will be eliminated, however, students majoring in Electrical Engineering may take a selection of 5 computer courses in the Mechanical Engineering Major with a computer concentration.

There are currently 28 students interested in the Technology programs: their education and career plans are the major concern of the College Curriculum Committee.

As stated in the "Proposal for New Major Programs," the new course listings for the majors look similar to the technology majors. However, the course content and emphasis will reflect the more theoretical nature of engineering. We will now be offering courses in more depth in real-world applications, design, and problem solving.

At this time, we will enlarge the scope of studies for the development of the major, with the first principles

Common Courses to be Offered:

All Engineering majors will take the following courses: Calculus, Analytical Physics & Lab I & II, Computer Programming, and Engineering Mechanics I & II.

Mechanics of Materials, degree will require a Fluid Mechanics course (to be unique to the particular area).

Courses for EE Majors:


Courses for ME Majors:


Courses for CE Majors:


Seven General Education electives as well as Expository Writing, Technical Writing, and Public Speaking will also be required.

Impact on College

Library: current library books and journal subscriptions are adequate for the Engineering degrees.

Staff: No additional staff will be required for the CE and EE majors; however, additional staff members will be required for the ME degree.

Facilities: the ME and CE programs will require a Fluid Mechanics Laboratory with facilities for long flow measurement. Additional space is needed for laboratory in soil mechanics, water resources, and materials testing. These will be required for the Engineering degrees before accreditation is granted.

Cost: although additional sections of natural science courses may be required, the need for new course enrollments will drop. This allows the need for the development of a Computer Aided Design (CAD) company, and an Advertising (CAD) company for the Engineering Department. The budgeting requirements for accreditation will cost an estimated $500,000. Replacing and repairing building maintenance, and Public Speaking will also be required.

Additional space is needed for the Computer Engineering Major. This expansion is necessary for the College to maintain its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and without building funds, the Architecture program's accreditation is threatened. Departmental costs include building and engineering fees, replacing and repairing furnishings, and the inclusion of a third floor.

Research by the College Curriculum Committee found that the tuition and fees of 1985-86 academic year at Roger Williams College ranked the College 79th of 89 colleges and universities in New York and New England. Harlow says, "Roger Williams College has been under-pricing its quality education artificially since it is a college that operates almost exclusively on tuition." Harlow notes that the school has only a modest complaining faculty, the effects of cutbacks in faculty aid or a drop in enrollment.

If the Board accepts the proposed budget, total income for the 1986-87 academic year is expected to be $21,965,000, with a $1,021,266.00 deficit.

Topf Appointed To State Committee

By Mary Ellen Johansson

RWC faculty member Dr. Mel Topf has been appointed by the Rhode Island Governor to serve as Executive Secretary of the newly formed Governor's Committee on Ethics in Government. The Committee, formed by an Executive Order on December 3, 1985, reflects the growing awareness of the need to publicly resolve ethical issues in government.

Governor DiPrete's Order states that there exist the need for a resource to offer assistance in investigating and determining the ethics issues that face in the course of their employment with the state or service on the state Board or Commission. Topf states that the group will be evaluating the possibility of establishing an Institute in the state to deal with ethical problems in government. Consideration will also be given to the creation of a form of State Code of Ethics and to also review conflict of interest rules.

Since every government faces ethical questions at one time or another, Topf remarked that several states already have committees which deal with ethical questions affecting government employees. The Rhode Island committee has contacted other states and is interested in the background material on their programs. They are going to look at their programs and how their organizations are implemented. Topf commented that there have always been some laws regarding ethics in government, but that the major emphasis on doing things and expanding these laws was the result of Watergate, a scandal that publicly raised serious ethical questions affecting present actions.

As an Ethics Commission is created, they would typically be dealing in the area of ethics questions brought before the government employees. Evidence would be presented and reviewed in this area. By the testimony given, the commission would recommend action.

The important function of the commission would be to make such ethical and to give government employees a forum to which they could address ethical questions.

Dr. Topf also serves as member of the Rhode Island University System's Ethics Committee, which reviews proposals concerning the state's historic records and charters.
Cancellation of Computer Engineering

By Eddy Martinez

Recently, I went to one of my professor's in the Engineering Technology Division because I was confused about a problem that I had on a test. I went in there frustrated, but never thought I'd leave pissed off!

While the professor was explaining a similar question to another student, I quickly glanced at a paper on one of the tables in the office. It quickly caught my attention when I read "Discontinuation of Computer Engineering."

Oh, my God! I said to myself, there weren't any teachers at the office. It was a similar question of the campus' choosing. We should all ask ourselves, where the hell does the engineering come in? Why are they cancelling such an excellent program like this?

I feel the meeting was not fair primarily because there weren't any teachers at the meeting who represented the electrical engineering and computer engineering majors. The meeting was only attended by about a dozen people.

Computer Engineering is a very special and unique field. It encompasses electrical engineering and computer science courses. It is by far one of the best programs that the college offers. It makes RWC unique, because it is one of only a few schools in the nation offering computer engineering as a major. If the reason behind it all was that there isn't an extremely high number of students taking CE, then I think Dr. Silverberg and his other four Departmental Coordinators need to take a closer look at the architecture "fifth-year program."

A decision such as discontinuing Computer Engineering will hurt the reputation that RWC is trying to achieve in their engineering programs. After all, if they keep cutting back on engineering, there might not be any engineers left in a few years. Maybe the school doesn't care what happens to the future of America's electronic industry.

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In this writer's opinion, the college should call a new meeting. The meeting should include representatives from what electrical engineering and computer science programs are all about should be present! Student representatives would probably also be a good idea.

Why leave the future of America's future engineers in the hands of incapable people? This writer has to say it. LET'S NOT LET SIlVERBERG AND HIS CREW GET AWAY WITH THIS DECISION SO EASILY. LET'S GIVE THEM AROUND UNTIL ITS TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING NOW.

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TWISTING WITH THE RULES

by Stephen Graham

"Any fool can make a rule." - Henry David Thoreau

This is a story about an unusual tale of political and irresponsible run rampant and the winners wind up losers because the rules are changed in mid-stream.

WHAT RIPIRG IS

For five semesters, students at RWC have been trying to obtain funding for a chapter of the Rhode Island Public Interest Research Group (RIPIRG). By now, our group has accomplished almost everything that we've set out to do, and the only thing that we don't have is funds. The group members know the school is aware of our existence, and they know that the RWC administration has not been an ethics that would be likely to provide us with the money we need to run the projects that give us valuable experience and maintain an office on campus. To get the money, we are asking for a $4 refundable fee to be paid by each student. This fee would generate about $15,000. This would be used to hire a staff person to run the projects that give our college credit and to maintain an office on campus. To get the money, we are asking for a $4 refundable fee to be paid by each student.

FUNDING THE CHAPTER

We are asking for an enough stable funding to be able to accomplish the above goals. The fee of $4 is a one time fee. It would be a good idea to keep the group on campus.

SUPPORT BY EVERYONE

Now we aren't just trying to impose this on everyone without asking them. The student senate voted, 3 to 2, to margin, to tax itself the $4 in a special spring in a senate vote. And before that we collected a huge number of signatures (301 of the campus) on a petition in support of the fee. We have also obtained letters of support from Senator Representative Claudine Schneider, Governor Richard Licht, the URI Student Senate, and the RI Senate. There is a good chance, that if we go to court, we will win the vote.

Apparently he didn't realize that he was saying the senate's wishes? How can it, if it didn't know what happens in the senate? We have no idea how he voted.

And since senators do not know what they are voting on, we recorded in a vote, we, as URI students, do not know who voted for what.

We found out later what they didn't know when they voted. They voted from "Can they do that?" to "We don't want to get-stabbed in the back." It would be quite a good idea to explain to them what happened.

trying to find a compromise

So we met with the officers of the senate against us. We made a proposal. We proposed a one year trial period at the end of which they would vote again on whether to keep the RIPIRG on campus. They said "We don't want to keep the group on campus."

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On Wednesday, April 16th, the Student Senate voted by an 11 to 9 margin to eliminate the RIPIRG fee on next semester's bill. Many people were overjoyed. Finally, we had won! We went to the office at 11 a.m. and asked that we had. Because the RIPIRG fee was being cut, students in attendance, one of whom is a senator, voted consistently against the group, although they were in favor of changing the fee. Without telling us, we lost. But it's not time to be there. Now, according to the rules, she should not have been able to bring it up because the rules are changed in mid-stream.

Debating the obvious

At the next meeting of the student senate, the issue was discussed over and over again. Was the vote legal? Was the rule broken? What's the main point? Was the ruling fair? Were they trying to get us to vote?

Was the first vote still standing? Can the senate ignore the students' wishes? How can the rules be changed to stop something the students value? What happened to democracy?

Towards the end of the article, the article mentions that the student senate is discussing the possibility of reversing the decision to eliminate the RIPIRG fee. The student senate is also discussing the idea of a one-year trial period to allow the group to continue operations. However, the student senate has yet to make a final decision on the matter.
Dear Editor:

Many new things are happening at Roger Williams: a new logo, new faces, and new buildings. Curriculum changes are being considered and the Barn will open soon. But in this whirlwind of change, one thing remains constant. The library roof still leaks.

As I write this letter, the librarians are once again running out of trashcans to catch the fire extinguishers. When RWC security arrived to put out the fire, they were equipped with two water fire extinguishers and one highly pressurized new extinguisher. Wes Cable from RWC housing and one RWC security guard started to put out the fire, with water extinguishers, and then another RWC security guard proceeded to put out the fire with the highly pressurized extinguisher.

When the security guard pulled the handle on the extinguisher, the material inside came out extremely fast, sending a very large amount of hot burning material into a crowd about 15 feet away, causing them to run in order to avoid being burned by the material. When the security guard saw what happened, he had ceased for the safety of the students who were nearby, but he was unable to extinguish the fire in a timely manner. So, the security guard threatened the safety of RWC students and was very old tradition. The Library roof has leaked for years; nobody remembers when the repairs were made.

I am writing to thank the RWC administration (or the RA's) for the repairs made to the roof. Nothing lasts forever, of course, and someday the roof may be fixed. But whenever I see a ruined carpet or a muddy hallway, I shall think fondly of RWC.

Sincerely,

Michael Bender
Dorm III

Rolland Everett

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discussion, Elaine Simard appeared at the meeting. It was mentioned here that, again, according to their own rules, Elaine should not be able to vote since she did and again students were reminded what they had asked for.

From our contest, the following people voted for RIPIRG and should be thanked: Nick Stael, Brian Maccartney, Penny Norkstrom, Betsy Treanor, Larry Branson, Jeff Hirschberg and Ken Callan. They have always been present and were very supportive.

The people who voted against RIPIRG are Jeff Frie, Nicole MacDougall, Gary Dennis, Marc Bubin, and Elaine Simard, plus one other person that we can't remember.

So instead of a final decision on this issue, we are left with a stalemate. Or as Mike Cunningham, a supporter of RIPIRG and a non-voting member of the senate put: "We're stuck in the middle with RIPIRG and we're not able to notice before the hands went down."

The question arises as to what a group has to do to establish itself. We were only by 11 to 2 to support RIPIRG. But then they turn around and say we're not going to fund you properly. And yet nobody is attacking the organization or its value to the campus. So we're stuck in the middle with a group everyone likes but can't get established on campus.

No wonder good ideas never get passed.

So will RIPIRG be on campus next year? Will this story have a happy ending?

Who's to say?

Only time will tell.

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ENGINEERING

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math, background, and that since students are opting for a new curriculum will begin with Calculus I in Algebra and Trig.

The Engineering degree will be implemented in the fall of 1987 and will affect only those incoming freshmen. Students currently enrolled in Engineering technology degrees and in computer science will not be affected.

At the Alpha Chi Awards Banquet on April 10, the following RWC students were awarded the award for "Outstanding Student in American Civil Engineering":

- John F. Albanece
- Stephen Alves
- Barry Burgos
- Michael J. Cunningham
- John F. Caruso
- Deborah DeSilva
- Gary Dennis
- Richard Edward Cushman, Ducy, III
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Hey, It's Hot As Hell

By Susana Kaufman

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BEACH
One of the most popular places to spend the summer is at the beach. There are an amazing variety of activities to engage in. Most of these activities are free and most of them offer an opportunity to view some of the most spectacular sights of the opposite sex. One such activity is swimming. Swimming in the ocean is not only exciting but also beneficial for your health. After all, few things get you more out of the water. The sky is blue. The birds are singing. Little children run barefoot through the streets. The sun is hot as hell. Yes, it's summertime. Time for fun, sun, and debauchery of all kinds. Everybody has his or her own preference for vacation. This is done as a serious activity. However, some of you might be too close to the people lying in the sun. After all, very few things get people more out of the water. The sky is blue. The birds are singing. Little children run barefoot through the streets. The sun is hot as hell. Yes, it's summertime. Time for fun, sun, and debauchery of all kinds. Everybody has his or her own preference for vacation. This is done as a serious activity. However, some of you might be too close to the people lying in the sun. After all, very few things get people more out of the water. The sky is blue. The birds are singing. Little children run barefoot through the streets. The sun is hot as hell. Yes, it's summertime. Time for fun, sun, and debauchery of all kinds. Everybody has his or her own preference for vacation. This is done as a serious activity. However, some of you might be too close to the people lying in the sun. After all, very few things get people more out of the water. The sky is blue. The birds are singing. Little children run barefoot through the streets. The sun is hot as hell. Yes, it's summertime. Time for fun, sun, and debauchery of all kinds. Everybody has his or her own preference for vacation. This is done as a serious activity. However, some of you might be too close to the people lying in the sun. After all, very few things get people more out of the water.
ENTERTAINMENT

Trash By Any Other Name Is Trash
By Susana Kaufman

Although probably the most idiotic things ever written, romance novels are quite popular. There are two types of these cover stories. The first type is called "Teen Romance" and the second romance story follows a certain pattern. Girls like girls is a loser. Girl meets boy with a silly name like Trac, Buff, or Horatio. They fall in love. They have a fight. Girl changes hairstyle. They live happily ever after.

Sometimes the back cover of these books sums up the story like this, "After the man has just moved from her home in the country, the father is the principal of her new school. He is afraid that all the boys will hate her and this will be the girl he loves to himself."

Another tribe of lawyers in Providence, including the weekly "rags" in question, are becoming concerned with the deterioration of reading among students who use large words and have an opinion.

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The fourth generation in three years of the Flying Wazoo ventured to the fine spring setting of North Kingstown for the URI Invitational Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. The team held true to its traditional characterization as a team in a rebuilding stage. With only four veterans playing, two of them being freshmen, the Wazoos put the instant recruitment program in affect. Eight willing souls rose eagerly to erase the haze back from the dawn. The teams participated in the tournament other than URI and RWC were: Brown University, Bryant College, Northeastern University, and the University of Maine at Orono. The day was a special occasion for the Maine team, who had travelled from north of Bangor the night before, since their nearest competition was 200 miles away. They were fortunate enough to take the trophy back to Orono Sunday night.

At the end of the second round, Maine had beaten Bryant and URI had surpassed Brown. After lunch the Wazoo got to play Maine for some reason. After a 1-1 tie, the boys from up north walked away with it. The final was 13-1.

If the Wazoos could not win the trophy, they did achieve the goal of the game. The appeal of the sport must be experienced to be understood. The casual nature of the game must be experienced to be appreciated. The comradery amongst opponents which Ultimate is based on.

The 1986 spring sports season will be remembered as a banner year at RWC with four out of five programs turning in results better than last season. Of those four programs, two—football and tennis—humbled one and two, respectively, in the combined with a 9-2 record Conference Championships (CCC).

Golf: 1985 Record:12-18 1986 Record:22-11 Place:CCC Champs

Under the guidance of first-year coach Bob Nemec, the Hawk Chipmunks dominated, garnering their first-ever CCC title. Medalist wise, the event was none other than the hardworking Dennis Malpass (4). The team looked everyone with surprise for first place and a huge opportunity to participate in the individual RWC scores were: John Bessette (83), Steve Zanni (82), George (70) points) and Pat Green (71) and assistant coach Jake Chassaing’s tennis team had placed second (5 points) behind the opportunity to play in the Northeastern, Bridgewater State and Bryant—3-12 (in the first four programs, two—football and tennis) finished one result better than last season.

Northeastern had similar difficulties with Bryant’s Ultimate Messengers. However, our matchup seemed destined to occur. Bryant and URI have had the same players (five) for several years, they’ve grown together. RWC and NU are teams, shall we say, with potential.

Both teams were aggressive and sharp for the first four points. With the score tied at two, the Wazoos game began to decline. At the half, it was Northeastern by one. In the second half our stamina gave out while NU’s spirits pumped with the prospect of their first win. 13-4 (final).

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