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Photo by Meghan Duffy



Ray Boston returned to RWC on Friday, Feb. 11. For more pictures, please turn to page 14.

## WQRI celebrates first birthday

By Michele Baccarella  
Managing Editor

A slightly different format, and a restructured management are just two ways the college radio station, WQRI-FM, has changed as it celebrates its first birthday on March 9.

The station will hold its birthday party, a day before on Thursday, March 8, at Topsides in Bristol.

The station's format has slightly contemporized, according to General Manager Ron Olf. "We've changed to more of a rock, top 40 format," he said. "And we're more modern than stations like WHJY and WAAF."

Olf said the station is not rated because QRI is college radio, but they gauge their popularity by the number of phone calls they receive. The station receives approximately five or six calls per hour up from none when they first started, he said, and currently garner about 16 phone calls for some of the contests the station runs.

WQRI's target audience is 18-to-25-year-olds, Olf said, which encompasses listeners from RWC, Bristol County high schools, and listeners from Tiverton, Portsmouth and Fall River, Mass., where there has been a noticeable increase in listeners.

The station has recently slowed down its pace of doing live broadcasts. Olf said at one point last semester they were doing one a week for two months straight. They now plan to do live broadcasts about once every two months, simply because the idea just isn't new anymore and therefore doesn't attract as many people as it did initially, he said.

What QRI does plan to do in the future, is to do live remotes on a bigger scale with contests, and sponsors such as MADD, he said. "The station also plans to do some 18 and over nights since we have a lot of listeners 16 to 20, who can't go to bars, where we do a lot of broadcasts from," Olf said.

CJ's, Mr. Donut, Topsides, Gillary's and Eliza's are just some of the locales QRI has broadcast from in the past year. Olf said he would like to see the station do broadcasts at dances in the area high schools. "We want to involve them and let them see what broadcasting is about."

Education about broadcasting is a priority with the station, according to Olf. This education is being integrated in many ways including weekly staff meetings with the station's managerial advisor, Tony Mascaro, a DJ from WPRO FM. Olf said he frequently seeks advice from Mascaro as well as from general managers of other commercial radio stations in an effort to get a sense of what they want DJs to know when they come to them for jobs.

He said that most commercial stations in the Providence market know

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## Roger Williams College is no exception to national problem

By Kim Stuff  
Assignment Editor

Want a high school education?

No problem. Just enroll at any U.S. college or university.

Wait a minute.

Something doesn't sound quite right about that.

Isn't high school supposed to prepare students to face the challenge of a college-level education?

Sounds good in theory, but apparently, this doesn't always happen.

According to a recent College Press Service (CPS) report, M. Douglas Call, interim chancellor of West Virginia's 10-college program, recently reported about 1/3 of the students entering college in that state last fall were academically unprepared to be in college.

A frightening fact coming true all over the country, Roger Williams College is no exception.

According to Loretta Shelton, director of General Education at RWC, test

performances of students coming to RWC as freshmen indicate that about 50 percent need to strengthen basic reading, writing, and math skills.

"Because the college provides instruction in these areas," Shelton said, "we've been able to demonstrate that weaknesses are not a result of any real inability, but because previous experience hasn't given them sufficient practice in areas of reading and writing."

In addition to practicum courses offered to help improve skills, RWC students may also find assistance at The Learning Center, which has been in existence for three years.

Jessica Langlois, a student work-study and tutor at the center for the past two years, described the Learning Center as a place "where people get peer tutoring."

According to Debbie Robinson, the center's coordinator, learning centers in general have been in existence for the past five

to seven years, reaffirming the fact that the problem of unprepared college freshmen exists everywhere, she said.

"At Harvard they have the same problem," Robinson said. "The fact that almost every college has created some sort of learning center says something."

Robinson, who agrees that some freshmen aren't as prepared as they should be, notes that while attendance to Learning Center workshops has gone up, it still isn't where it should be.

One problem that both Robinson and Shelton see is that students think they are deficient in content areas, but (they) are actually deficient in reading and critical thinking skills that, both Robinson and Shelton agree, should be refined in high school.

"The problem is they read literature in high school, but are not given

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## Student Senate aims to build school spirit

By Jennifer Ouellette  
Contributing Editor

School spirit and unification are the goals of the Student Senate for this semester.

At the Feb. 13 Senate meeting, president Brett Conaway said he thinks the Senate's goal should be to bring students together, to keep them living on campus and to get them to attend more campus events.

Conaway said he knows this will be a huge task, but it is one he wants the Senate to take on.

He suggested that the Senate first find out what students think is wrong with unity on campus and work from there.

Conaway said that when students come to the college they live on campus freshman year, but start moving off campus sophomore year to Almeida, where students are less involved with the campus, and after sophomore year many of them begin moving into Bristol.

This, he said, makes the school more of a commuter college.

"Let's make this a campus of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors," he said.

Conaway said he would also like to see more students staying on campus on weekends and he would

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# News

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about WQRI and respect it for what it is trying to do - which is educate its DJs. "We're sort of a high school of college for radio. When a DJ graduates he'll have some prerequisites on his resume and employers will be able to see that he won't have to be trained from square one," Olf said.

The management restructuring was done, Olf said, to ease the stress on top management. Where QRI used to have individuals handling areas such as production or promotion, now there is more of a department type structure, where groups get together and brainstorm ideas, he said.

Olf, Gordon Kent, program director and Peter Holden, program director, currently hold the top

management positions within the radio station, and Olf said it is expected Kent will move into the general manager position when he graduates in May.

"We're trying to create a better awareness on campus. I know there are people who don't even realize the college has a radio station," he said.

Approximately 25 people currently DJ. DJ's come not only from the college, but from the community. Olf said that about 10 DJs are from the Bristol and the area, and are the ones who staff the station over vacations, when the students go home.

Other changes QRI has seen in the past year include the computerization of the station, which Olf said, has made the station more consistent since the computer programs the

sponsors and music, instead of the DJs.

Olf said he feels the station has progressed very much from the ROG and QRI, that used to be located in Dorm II. Right now sponsors fill 80 percent of its commercial spots, up from 20 percent. "Businesses are happy, we're getting a lot of college kids to their businesses," he said.

The station, also recently acquired an AP wire service, which provides up to the minute news, Olf said. Another aim, he said, is to build the news department into a reputable one, where you can get the information you need in the time you have available.

The sound of the station is still being worked on, Olf said, which is going to take time. He and Mascaro are working on getting the DJs

to sound more professional, which entails listening to tapes of the DJs on air and then working with them individually to improve their on-air voices and manner.

According to Olf, one of the most popular shows is the morning shows, which is informative and at times, funny, he said.

Saturday night all-requests from 10 pm to 2 am, hosted by Scott Mallory and David "Kid Dave" Zander has been phenomenal, Olf said. "The phones don't stop."

"Also a good show is Phil Amara's Comic Close-up," Olf said. Amara's show, which consists of what's new in comics, and interviews with their creators, serves as one type of public service programming the station does. Olf said the show has

been getting good reviews from the comic industry and now, people from Marvel Comics, for example, encourage their people to talk to Amara.

The other public service show currently on air is a poetry show, which appeals to a slightly older audience. The show, hosted by Dennis Holt, features guest poets who read their work, and works they were inspired by, as well as seasonal poetry, Olf said.

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like to try to end drunk driving in Bristol.

Other members of the Senate agreed that unity needs to be worked on and came up with suggestions for improving attendance to events.

Suggestions ranged from having school bands play on campus on weekends and having varsity sports advertise their games more, to opening up a bar on campus that would have all-age nights.

Some members of the Senate also said they

thought something should be done for students who are not 21, since many of the activities for students take place at local bars.

Bill O'Connell, one of the Senate's new co-advisors, told the Senate that he would be happy to have a committee from them to help promote school activities more.

He also said that there is a better rate of keeping students on campus now than in past years.

Karen Haskell, the Senate's other new co-advisor, said she did not think the school was lacking in

school spirit.

Besides students doing things together, she said she thinks school spirit is also having 10 clubs doing something different on the same Saturday.

In new business, O'Connell updated the Senate on the progress of getting an Automatic Teller Machine on campus.

He explained that he had met with the Bank of New England and had been told that it would cost the Senate \$40,000 a year to have one put on campus.

The ATM is a financial risk, he said, because

students may not use the machine, which would result in the Senate having to pay more to have it on campus. The bank is also reluctant because they are looking for people who will have a long term accounts rather than short term, which would be the case with most students.

O'Connell also informed the Senate that they now have \$16,000 left in their budget. The college had made an estimate of how many full-time students there would be on campus, but underestimated by 100 people.

For each of those 100 people, there is a \$160 activity fee, for a total of \$16,000.

The meeting ended with an announcement by Haskell that President Sicuro wants to meet with the Senate to talk about and get suggestions for the college's plan for the 90s.

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the instruction to comprehend it well," Shelton said. "They are graded largely on context."

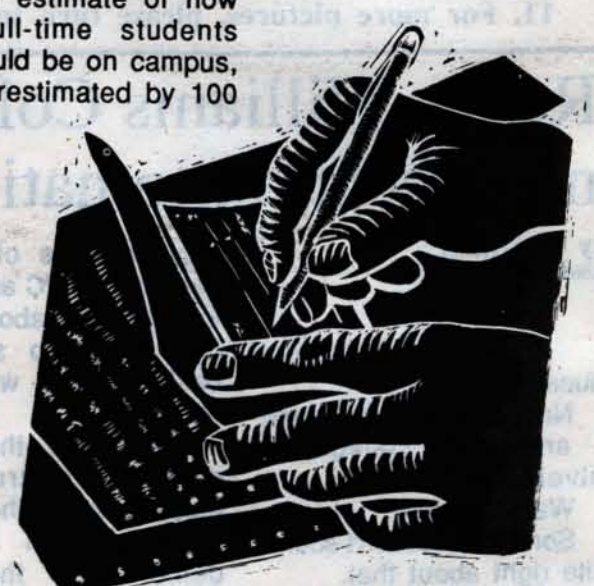
Although the Learning Center, as well as college practicum courses, help students "catch-up" to the college level, it seems clear that changes need to be

made in high school and elementary school curriculums.

"From a skills perspective high school teachers have to come out of the 60's mentality that students dictate their own curriculum, and act as the professionals they are and teach what the students need to know," Robinson said.

She also suggested colleges and high schools get together and plan out what students need to learn in the different levels of high school, so college isn't such a "culture shock."

It is a problem all institutions of learning need to address. "I feel sorry for students," Robinson said. "And I feel it is our (as teachers) fault."



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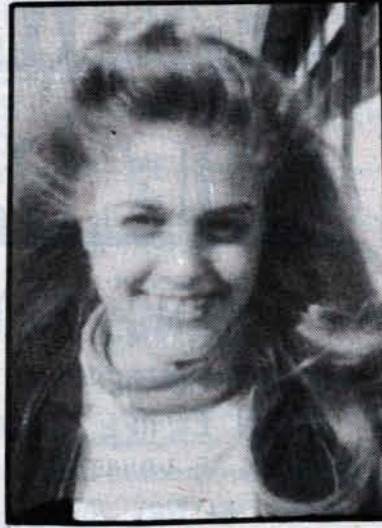
## What was your favorite movie last year and why?

Reporting and photos by Jennifer Johnsen



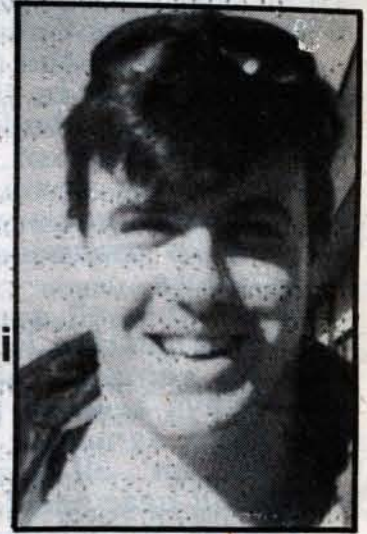
**Ed Film**  
Junior  
New Milford, CT

"When Harry Met Sally" because it was funny and I like Meg Ryan."



**Daniel Giovanoni**  
Freshman  
Plainville, MA

"Do The Right Thing" because it was good."



**Kim Savastano**  
Junior  
No. Providence

"Look Who's Talking" It was very entertaining."

**Rick Kelleher**  
Sophomore  
W. Hartford, CT

"Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" The characters resemble some of my friends."

**Mike Turner**  
Sophomore  
Livingston, NJ

"Lethal Weapon II because it was action-packed. I wanted to be Mel Gibson so I could be able to blow things up."




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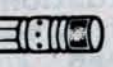


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# Editorial

## Editorial

### Parking 100

Pretty soon people may be seeing a new course added to the catalog at Roger Williams College: Parking 100.

Included in this course will be: how to double park in the side parking lot at the recreation building, the bump and scratch method of pulling out of those same parking spaces, and how to come as close to an accident as possible as you try to maneuver into and out of all parking lots.

Does this all sound familiar? Well it should since this is the way parking has been on campus this semester. Parking has always seemed to be a problem here, but this semester it seems to have reached an all-time high in lack of space and near accidents.

The inconvenience was to be expected the first week back to school. Parking is a little more lenient because people need to buy permits, and students schedules get shifted as they add and drop classes, changing the times that they need to be on campus.

But after the third and fourth weeks, the parking problem still exists with no end in sight. Students have to get to school about an hour before their classes start, and even then they may end up parking at North Campus.

Some people are stubborn and will not park there. Instead they end up driving around in their cars like hawks circling prey as they watch for people walking to their cars, hoping to get their parking space. This is very frustrating and time consuming when you have a class to get to, not to mention nerve wracking for the person who is being followed.

Meanwhile there seems to be a large number of Rhode Island cars and trucks parked in the spaces closest to the Student Union. These wouldn't happen to belong to construction workers who are working on the library, would they?

Edward Shaw, Director of Security at RWC, said that a representative of the college who serves as a liaison to the construction crew has been asked to bring up the parking situation with the company. Right now, construction workers take up between 20 and 30

parking spaces per day on campus. Shaw said that they workers will be asked to park either on the grass near Ferry Cliff Stables or at North Campus. This is at least a small step forward in the parking crunch, but more needs to be done.

Students have paid to park on campus by buying a permit. Although the permits are inexpensive (\$5) compared to other schools, they still are something students must buy if they want to park on campus. Many people are not getting their money's worth.

The most likely solution to the annoying parking problem, in the long run, is simply to limit the number of permits given out to students. There's probably no fair way to do this, but it needs to be done. If the number of cars coming onto campus continues at the rate it is at now, car accidents and injuries are surely not far behind.

See related story on Parking Appeals Board, page 10.

NO EXIT by Erik Andresen

## DAN QUAYLE'S APPOINTMENT CALENDAR!



### THINGS TO DO TODAY:

- COUNT NUMBER OF TOES.
- WATCH ENTIRE EPISODE OF GILLIGAN'S ISLAND.
- LEARN TO WHISTLE LATEST DEBBIE GIBSON SONG.
- CHEW ENTIRE ROLL OF BUBBLE TAPE - SEE IF HEAD WILL EXPLODE.
- WORK ON JOHN F. KENNEDY IMPRESSION.
- GET A MOHAWK.
- FINISH LIST OF THINGS TO DO.
- VISIT BATHROOM IF URGE IS STRONG ENOUGH.
- BITE HEADS OFF LIZARDS FOR UNIQUE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.
- RE-COUNT TOES. (THERE SHOULD BE 10-12)
- TRY MILK-BONES WHILE NOBODY'S LOOKING.
- ~~POUND HEAD WITH HAMMER.~~ ← DON'T DO THAT!
- KILL SALMAN RUSHDIE and COLLECT REWARD MONEY.
- DYE HAIR PURPLE.
- PLAY ALONG WITH WHEEL OF FORTUNE
- SHOOT FOOT TO AVOID DRAFT. - RECOUNT TOES.
- PRACTICE BREAK DANCING.
- CHECK VENDING MACHINES FOR COINS.
- SECRETLY REPLACE REGULAR COFFEE WITH FOLGER'S CRYSTALS.
- HANG AROUND 7-11 AND READ "TIGER BEAT."
- FIGURE OUT HOW OLD I AM IN DOG YEARS. ~
- DETERMINE PRECISELY HOW MANY LICKS IT TAKES TO GET TO MIDDLE OF TOOTSIE-ROLL POP.
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# Viewpoints

## A new beginning for people of South Africa

Reactions to Mandela's release

By Kary Andrews  
Features Editor

It was a long awaited day for South Africa when Nelson Mandela, perhaps the most well-known political prisoner in the world, was set free from his 27-year imprisonment.

Is this South Africa's Civil Rights Movement, or does it mean false hopes for the South African people and for anti-apartheid Americans?

Jon Ackerman, a sophomore, and native of South Africa, said, "I watched it (on television) with tears streaming down my face. As a white, English-speaking South African, I see it as meaning a future for my country. I am being optimistic."

"Mandela's being given his freedom is great but there should not be such a celebration because he shouldn't have been (in prison) in the first place. The American media is making a lot of people think it means more than it is," said Andrea Montalbano, who organized last semester's Anti-Apartheid Rally on campus.

Racism has been enshrined in law as well as

**"I didn't want to raise the children I will have someday in a racist country, but now I see a future for it. This is just the beginning." - Jon Ackerman**

custom in South Africa since 1948. The National Party centerpiece agenda was apartheid, which means apartness, and is a policy of racial separation. The segregation rests on the sociological and theological assumptions that races are the fundamental divisions of humanity and that each race cannot fulfill its culture and destiny if the groups were to intermingle in a common society. In actuality it is used in South Africa as an instrument of white supremacy.

President Bush recently hinted, according to a recent article in Newsweek magazine, that he might review U.S. sanctions on South Africa if Mandela is freed and if the country were to take a stronger action against apartheid. Many believe the idea of investing in South Africa only permits the U.S. to strengthen the minority controlled and military complex of South Africa

that oppresses the majority of the region's inhabitants, South African blacks.

Economic sanctions mean that the U.S. or any other country will limit or cease funds to a given country because of a dispute or disagreement over policies. Since 1986, the U.S. has imposed economic sanctions against South Africa, which has resulted in a loss of \$5 billion for the country.

Now the question is, should the U.S. lift its sanctions on South Africa in support of the recent and encouraging changes that have been made there, or is it too soon to act? There is the possibility that changes being made in the country are for economic reasons only, and not for humanity's sake. If this were the case lifting sanctions would be giving a racist government support with the possibility that the new symbols of optimistic change will be just that,

symbols rather than change itself.

Ackerman expressed excitement over the changes de Klerk has been making. "De Klerk is a staunch racist but he has moved forward incredibly in his short five months in office. It is very very exciting and for the first time in my life I have a little faith in the government that is moving forward."

Montalbano had mixed feelings. "Mandela has been offered freedom before if he would denounce violence," she said. "Now he is

although he was never blatantly guilty of it."

Montalbano expressed concern that his change of mind could mean he has compromised himself and his beliefs in some way in exchange for his freedom.

"People are getting in Mandela's way," she said. "He has been trying to organize meetings to talk, but has been unable to. I worry over whether or not he will be assassinated."

Ackerman said, "There is a lot of friction in the country and a lot of violence among blacks. My country is an absolute fusebox which could ignite with all the friction. Mandela is an incredible leader and statesman."

"This is a very important time for me," Ackerman said, "because now I want to go back home. I didn't want to raise the

**"My country is an absolute fusebox which could ignite with all the friction." - Jon Ackerman**

changing his mind about the violence even though he has believed in it in the past (as a means to oppose racism and the policy of apartheid) and advocated it,

children I will have someday in a racist country, but now I see a future for it. This is just the beginning."

## Senior contemplates life after college

By Tim McCarney  
Staff Writer

Well, it's a Friday night, and I'm drinking heavily, but I'm not at a bar or a dance club or anything of the sort.

In fact, what I'm doing is sitting in my room brooding over graduate school applications. That's right, graduate school applications.

They are enough to drive someone to drink, contrary to what you might have heard, but they have wedged their way into becoming the first and foremost thing on my mind for the next few weeks.

Remember your last months of high school? Remember the meetings with the guidance counselors, the application essays, the tension and aggravation as you read over the requirements of the school you had your heart set on?

Well, multiply that by 100 and you've got the equivalent of the anxiety I'm feeling right now.

When you are making the transition from high school to college, there is a great deal of stress. Call it fear of the unknown, but as we prepare to leave the safe confines of our high school walls where we have grown accustomed to seeing the same people everyday for the past six years, we begin to reflect on where we've been and where we're going.

That journey is far behind me. Now my fellow seniors and I must make the final jump, from the walls of friendly RWC to the alien territory of the grad school of our choice.

The journey may be an easier one for some people than others. Just as we scrambled in our last years of high school to become involved in anything that would make our record look appetizing to prospective colleges, seniors are now looking, perhaps desperately, for anything to enter in the column marked accomplishments.

In between swigs of beer I pour over the questions posed to me and at-

tempt to come up with answers that will make the powers-that-be who will eventually read this application, stop and say "aha!" or at least break them from the tedium of reading the same thing over and over.

In other words, everyone wants an application that will dazzle and delight, yet as we stretch the truth

here and add an accolade there, we have an internal desire to be able to read our own applications without wincing.

Now is a time of regret, a time of looking at our transcripts and saying, "Gee, if I only...", or "Perhaps if I had tried a little harder..."

Yet, we should hold our

head up. After all, we made it through four years of college, which is something to be proud of. Now, it's time to enter into the next phase.

Perhaps what is so frightening about graduate school is that there is a

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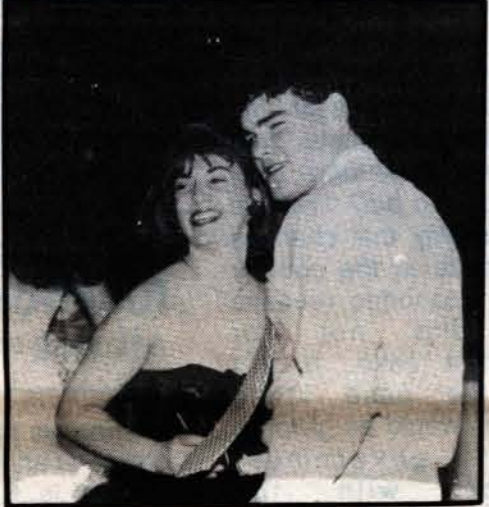


# What People Are Wearing

Photos by Meghan Duffy  
Page Design Michele Baccarella



What: Valentine Semi-Formal  
Where: The Omni Biltmore  
When: February 12



The guys wore suits from super suave to slightly preppy; the girls wore black, white and everything in-between. There were plenty of couples, tables of friends, great music and intimate atmosphere. And even sophomore class advisors Tony Ferreira and Ed Brown and their wives were caught cutting up the dance floor.





# Entertainment

## Battleship Cove

By Nicole Lozier  
Staff Writer

Take a step into the lives of men who lived, ate, slept and fought on these very vessels for the United States of America.

Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass., only a short drive from campus, offers an exciting insight into wartime environment and practices.

War buffs and historians will find delight in touring the many decks where men

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Even if you've never thought of war or history as interesting or fascinating, you can surely find a lot to intrigue you here.

The U.S.S. Massachusetts, or "Big Mamie" as she is fondly called by her male crew of 2,300, is famed for never having a single casualty while engaged in combat.



Photos by Meghan Duffy



The U.S.S. Massachusetts or "Big Mamie" as she is called by her crew of 2,300 men, is 35,000 tons and cost \$90 million to build.



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John F. Kennedy's older brother who was killed on a volunteer mission during World War II.

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In 1961, she docked in Washington, D.C., for Kennedy's inauguration. It is the fastest of all three

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### STAND UP COMEDY NIGHT

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## MOVIES



### Loose Cannons (R)

Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd are mismatched buddy cops in this dumb silly concoction involving the Washington, D.C. police. The wretched roles merely evolve as embarrassments for both actors. Amid the misfired gags and witless action sequences, they seek to recover a porno film starring Adolf Hitler and encounter Israeli agents and neo-Nazis. Part of Aykroyd's shtick is to imitate pop culture characters such as "Tweetie Pie" and "The Cowardly Lion." It's enough to make you cringe.  
**BORING COMEDY DIR-Bob Clark LEAD-Gene Hackman RT-94 mins. (Profanity)**

### Stanley and Iris (PG-13)

Despite the high-powered talent of Robert DeNiro and Jane Fonda in the title roles, this blue-collar romance is low-energy drama. He's a nice-guy, illiterate cafeteria worker. She toils on a bakery production line and teaches him how to read. And predictably, they fall in love. The screenplay touches on various social problems including unemployment, the elderly and education. Yet the telling is done with no imagination or poignancy.  
**FAIR DRAMA DIR-MARTIN RITT LEAD JANE FONDA RT-104 MINS. (MILD PROFANITY)**



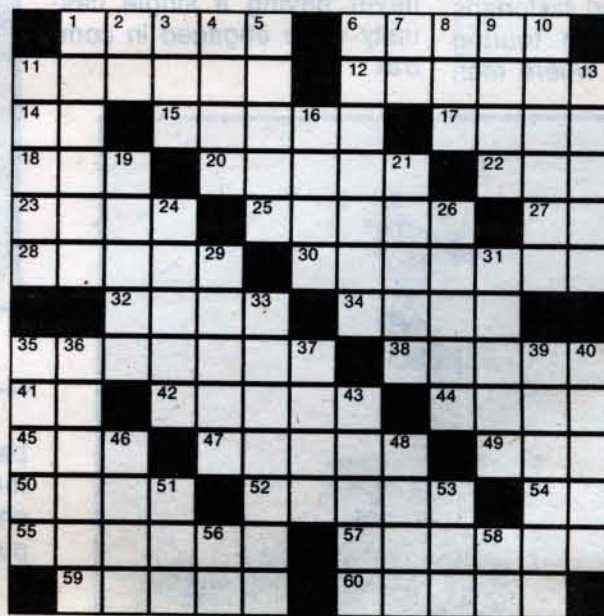
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- 6 Lasso
- 11 Dwell
- 12 Goes in
- 14 Teutonic deity
- 15 Redacts
- 17 Fruit cake
- 18 Deposit
- 20 Scoff
- 22 Falsehood
- 23 In addition
- 25 Spanish title
- 27 Brother of Odin
- 28 Periods of time
- 30 Bent over
- 32 Evaluate
- 34 Asterisk

#### DOWN

- 35 Immediate
- 38 Shrewd
- 41 Compass point
- 42 Mistake
- 44 Pintail duck
- 45 Oolong
- 47 Not hollow
- 49 Health resort
- 50 Miss Ferber
- 52 Burdened
- 54 Equally
- 55 Sell to consumer
- 57 Pass by
- 59 Arrows
- 60 Contradict

## The Weekly Crossword Puzzle



- 3 Contend
- 4 Advantage
- 5 Checks
- 6 Feels indignant at
- 7 Amidst
- 8 Unit of Siamese currency
- 9 River duck
- 10 Come on the scene
- 11 Remuneration
- 13 Spirited horse
- 16 Golf mounds
- 19 Former Russian rulers
- 21 Origins
- 24 Harangue
- 26 Wanders
- 29 Asterisks
- 31 English baby carriages
- 33 Signs up
- 35 Bury
- 36 Wanted
- 37 Weight of India
- 39 Meal
- 40 Plague
- 43 One borne
- 46 Pilaster
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- 51 Swiss river
- 53 Catch: slang
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# Noteworthy

## Wolff reads from novel at RWC

By Amy Levey  
Staff Writer

"I don't need this. I've got a chem test in the morning and a hockey game in the afternoon. I need to get some sleep," replies 18-year-old Nathaniel when his mother asks him to choose which of his parents she should shoot in the next five minutes.

And so begins Jeffrey Wolff's latest novel, *The Final Club*, which is set in the years between 1956 and 1980.

Wolff, whose other books include *Bad Debts*, *Sightseers*, *Inklings*, and

*Providence*, read the first chapter from *Final Club* on Feb. 8 as part of the Creative Writing Series for this semester.

A generational novel, it depicts the life of Nathaniel's activities feelings and encounters as he travels, by train, from Seattle to Princeton where he will begin his freshman year.

Wolff's reading was based mainly on Nathaniel's encounter with a former casual acquaintance. About his age, Diana (pronounced "Dee-onnah" as she is quick to inform) appears to the reader to be extremely

shallow and immature.

For instance, she protests their compatibility because she hasn't even heard of high school, while Nathaniel finds her glamorous, sophisticated and intriguing.

We were also given a taste of Nathaniel's relationship with his grandparents. For example, their family signature of winking to one another with affection. They see him off

at the train and bid him farewell as he goes off to college, because his father is dead and his mother is ill.

We don't know the exact



Photo by Candy Salazar

Jeffrey Wolff, author of *The Final Club*, *Bad Debts*, *Sightseers*, and *Providence* read from his latest novel, *The Final Club*, at RWC on Feb. 8.

circumstances of his parents. However, Wolff informed the audience that they were not in such condition because of the choice Nathaniel's mother gave him earlier.

Wolff read about the inner feelings and likable innocence of Nathaniel with great sensitivity and expression. His tone was

relatively light and humorous.

The introductory chapter of the novel was extremely credible in terms of the character profiles. In addition, it left the audience with warm feelings about Nathaniel and is surroundings, as well as arousing much curiosity as to the further events of his life.

## Apple Hill Chamber Players



Photo by Candy Salazar

The Players opened their program with the sounds of Mozart's *Divertimento*. Other pieces included Dvorak's *Piano Trio in B-flat*, *Opus 21* and Shubert with his *Quintet in A Major*.

Players included: on violins, Philip Levy, Mowry Pearson and Betty Hauck. On piano, Robert Merfield and Eric Stumacher, and Richard Hartshorne on double bass. The cellist was Paul Cohen. The group performed at RWC on Feb. 12 -- Melissa Julliano

## SENIOR FROM PAGE 5

certain sense of self-assurance that seems to have to go along with applying.

Most of us came to college without any idea of what we wanted to do, and figured we'd feel our way around and eventually decide on a major.

When we apply to graduate school, we are taking our final steps towards our career choices, and there is a great deal of self-doubt and nervousness which accompany our decisions.

Now we have to make decisions, we have to find an area to apply ourselves to, we have to know which way to steer our lives.

This is a major responsibility, and although it may not seem that bad to the uninitiated, it can be a

living hell to the desperate graduate student.

A lot of my friends, who are undersclassmen say, "What are you worried about, at least your getting out of here?" But that is what I find so frightening.

Yes, I am leaving, but the next step I will take will be one of the most important I ever take. There is uncertainty, but I hope to overcome it.

I sit here, surrounded by applications and catalogs, thinking back to my senior year in high school. My feelings then were, I'll go to college and see what I like, then choose a major.

Now there is a sentiment of finality to the whole process that can be upsetting.

There are important choices to be made, and we seniors have to make them soon.

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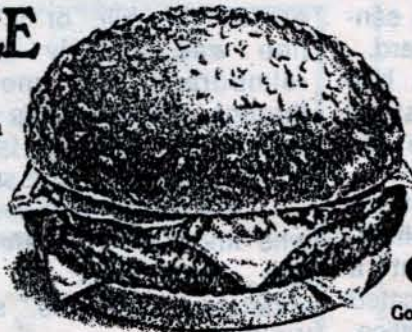
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# College News

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News

(CPS)--About 300 students at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., demonstrated on Feb. 8 to call for the punishment of a student who distributed fliers advocating the formation of a white supremacist group on campus.

Freshman Matt Hale, who says the equality is "disadvantageous to white people," distributed the fliers on the private campus of 5,000 students for a group called the KKKOC, or Ku Klux Klan on Campus.

The crowd carried a banner reading "We Want Action Now," while speakers urged administrators to speed their investigation of Hale, who could not be reached for comment.

A student at Temple University in Philadelphia formed a similar White Student Union in December of 1988, the group is still a registered group.

More recently, a White Student Union was formed at the University of Florida at Gainesville in early January.

(CPS)--Campus smokers went on the offensive against the ever-growing list of rules against their lighting up.

At the University of California-Santa Barbara, about 35 students held a smoke-in at a campus pub to protest a new ban, which went into effect Feb. 1, which prohibits smoking in all indoor facilities.

"People come here to drink beer, smoke and talk about politics," protester Stacey Teas told the Daily Nexus, the campus paper. "To attempt to ban smoking is not only unfair, it's stupid and ludicrous."

A similar anti-smoking rule went into effect at the University of Tennessee the same day, prompting state Sen. Riley Darnell, a nonsmoker trying to mollify tobacco farmers in his district, to introduce in the state legislature a bill to force UT to re-create "designated smoking areas."

(CPS)--The effort to forbid college newspapers to sell ads that promote alcohol consumption will be dropped for now, reported Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) says he will not reintroduce a bill to ban the ads this year.

"Bingaman got a lot of heat from a lot of different people about this," Goodman said.

"It's ridiculous," said Bill Casey, editor of the Daily Iowan at the University of Iowa. "National groups are going after student newspapers, and then they allow alcohol advertising on televised (college) basketball games."



## This group wants to help

By Amy Levey  
Staff Writer

Need a little extra help with anything in particular?

Looking for the opportunity to help someone else?

Then the College Service Association, better known as CSA, is the organization to contact.

CSA, made up of students, and advised by Karen Haskell, dean of students, began five years ago and is still going strong with its original purpose -- to provide volunteer aid to those in need in both the RWC and Bristol communities, according to Dave Guertin, CSA co-director. Jodi Taubman is co-director.

Guertin, listed some of

the group's more recent projects which included helping with registration to doing work in Bristol.

Last semester, the group helped prepare turkey baskets for needy families in Bristol, Guertin said. They also did an eight-mile Walk For Hunger through Colt State Park.

During Bristol's Christmas Festival CSA members participated by dressing up in costumes and providing information and directions to festival goers.

CSA also assists the Rhode Island Blood Center by putting up posters concerning blood drives as well as doing anything else they can to help with it, Guertin said.

The group also produces RWC's campus phonebooks; beginning with soliciting

advertising to collecting the names and numbers of those who wish to be listed, and then laying out, printing and selling the phonebooks.

CSA decides as a group, which issues need to be addressed, Guertin said, and which require aid, in response to feedback from those who bring problem areas to attention.

Guertin said that the CSA members get self-satisfaction from their volunteer work, which he described as extremely rewarding. "It's a good feeling you get from helping others," he said.

*CSA holds its meetings on Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m. in the Meeting Place, located in Dorm 1.*

## How to appeal parking tickets

By Susan E. Cicchino  
Staff Writer

You park your car outside of the library and go in to finish a term paper. When you return to your car a \$40 ticket is tucked under the windshield wiper.

You thought you had parked in a legal area. You don't have forty bucks. What do you do?

The Parking Appeals Board, a branch of the Student Senate, assists students who feel they were unfairly ticketed or towed, said Alan Whitten, a senator who chairs the board.

"Fifteen students had appeals last semester," Whitten said. Of those cases, four won, he said.

"If a student wants to appeal," explained Whitten, "he or she fills out a parking appeal form located in the Student Senate Office.

The board then sends the form to security, where they look up the ticket number and write down the violation cited in their handbook.

Within a few days, the Board gets the form back and talks to the student to find out exactly where his or her car was parked. The Board takes about 10 to 15 minutes to decide," said Whitten.

If the Board votes in favor of the student, they send a letter to security, which contacts the Bursar's office. The Bursar then erases the bill, or if the fine was already paid, reimburses the money through the student's account. This process takes about a week, Whitten said.

"We do not want people who know they violated a rule, but want us to understand their side," said Whitten.

The Board is also working with the physical plant and security to help distinguish illegal and legal parking areas, Whitten said. "Fresh yellow paint and larger, new signs will help make illegal parking areas clearer for students," Whitten said.

The Board, which currently has three members, is definitely worth having, Whitten said. "But, we need more dedicated members who are willing to make a weekly commitment," Whitten said. "Once new members join," Whitten said, "the Board's weekly meetings will resume."

The Parking Appeals Board is open to any students who wish to join.

### COVE FROM PAGE 7

vessels docked at the Cove, traveling at 35 knots, but it is only half the size of the U.S.S. Massachusetts.

On the destroyer, you can view the bridge, sick bay and laundry room. The Vietnam/Korea Memorial recognizes all who lost their lives in battle on the Kennedy. Officers also have access to the ship's store which sold cigarettes, candy, soda, beer and some necessities.

Don't be fooled by the vast size of the battleship and destroyer, though. The U.S.S. Lionfish, a World War II attack submarine, the third ship docked at the Cove, is cramped for space.

Walking through the narrow corridors from the gally and orpedo rooms to the control room and engine rooms, you must go single file. Imagine what it must have been like to live in these conditions.

You can imagine all of the activities taking place on each ship, the men tending to their duties, and the decisions being made.

During your visit to Battleship Cove, you might want to stop by the PT Boat exhibit, Marine Museum and Titanic exhibit, which are all included on the Battleship Cove ticket. And don't forget to wear comfortable walking shoes.



# Sports

## Men's Volleyball team off to slow start

By Neil Nachbar  
Staff Writer

The RWC Men's Volleyball team began their season a few weeks ago. The Hawks opened the year with losses to Rutgers-Newark University and NJ Tech. Both defeats were in three straight games.

RWC's next two matches also ended in disappointment. On Jan. 31, the Hawks lost at M.I.T., 15-10, 11-15, 13-15, 15-10, 14-16.

On Feb. 18, RWC played its first home match of the year against Dartmouth. The Hawks fell behind in the first game, 1-8. RWC then received its wake up call and rallied off six consecutive points. Dartmouth answered by going on a 5-2 run. The Hawks tied the score at 14, but lost 14-16.

RWC performed much better in the second game. After trailing 1-4, the Hawks went on an 11-2 spurt. Setter Mark Mastin served for eight of the points during the rally. RWC finished the second game 15-10.

The Hawks remained hot during the third game. Although they started the game down 3-7, they were able to overtake Dartmouth by scoring five points in a row. They didn't look back from there and won 15-12.

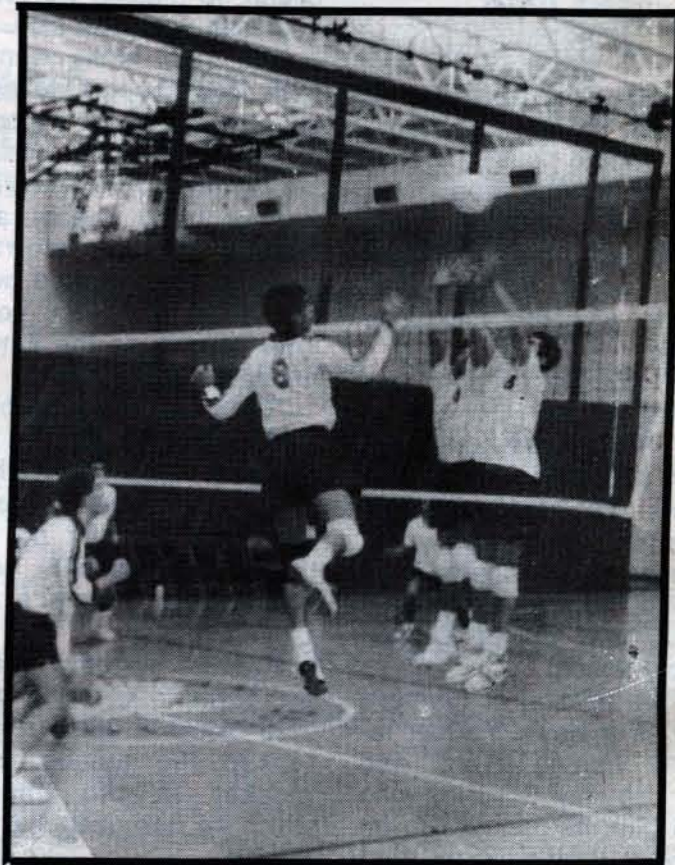
The fourth (and most exciting) game turned out to be an emotional back-breaker. Dartmouth faced the Hawks with game point, 14-10. But somehow RWC fought back to score four points in a row and temporarily avoid defeat. However, after several side-outs and some nice

defensive plays, the Hawks finally lost, 15-17.

In the fifth and deciding game, RWC was never able to get back on track. The Hawks lost the game 8-15, and subsequently lost the match.

The Hawks have been led so far this season by Chip Farmer and Mike Palazzo. As of the week ending on Feb. 6, Farmer and Palazzo were ranked one and two respectively in the country in blocking. Farmer (2.73) had 30 blocks in the first 11 games and Palazzo (2.09) had 23. Palazzo also was ranked tenth in the country in services aces (.634).

RWC is coming off a successful 1989 campaign. Last year the Hawks finished with a record of 23-7 and made it to the NCAA tourney against Princeton.



The Men's Volleyball Team is off to a slow start, losing its first three games, and its first home game against Dartmouth.

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# Sports

## Profile: "Chip" Farmer

By Stephen Dwyer  
Staff Writer

Meet Chip, Chipper or Chippa, the nickname senior middle hitter Henry Farmer is often called.

Farmer's mother, Linda called him a chip off the old block when he was very young and the nickname stuck.

Of course "Chippa" was given to him from one of his RWC volleyball fans with a Boston accent. He loves to hear someone scream this from the Paolino bleachers at a home match. "Once in a while I even hear Chippa Dippal" said Farmer.

This season is Farmer's last as a Hawk. Farmer recalls visiting RWC and meeting Ray Cordeiro, who told him, he looked like he played volleyball or basketball," said Farmer, who did play basketball in high school, but not volleyball.

"Basically, I just heard when tryouts were and

ended up making the team freshman year," he said.

The tall, lanky senior from Newburyport, Massachusetts credits his success in volleyball to the coaching staff. "Joel Dearing (former head coach) and Marcus Jannitto (current head coach) worked with me a lot my first year. They taught me the fundamentals," said Farmer.

"Chip has really become a student of the game in the last year. Offensively when we are in trouble we go to Chip and let him do his thing," said Jannitto, who has noticed Farmer's improvement.

Farmer currently leads the team in blocking with 2.73 blocks a game and is ranked the number one blocker in the nation, which he described a great feeling.

Another highlight of Farmer's season was being elected as co-captain of the team. "He made up his mind to take more of a leadership

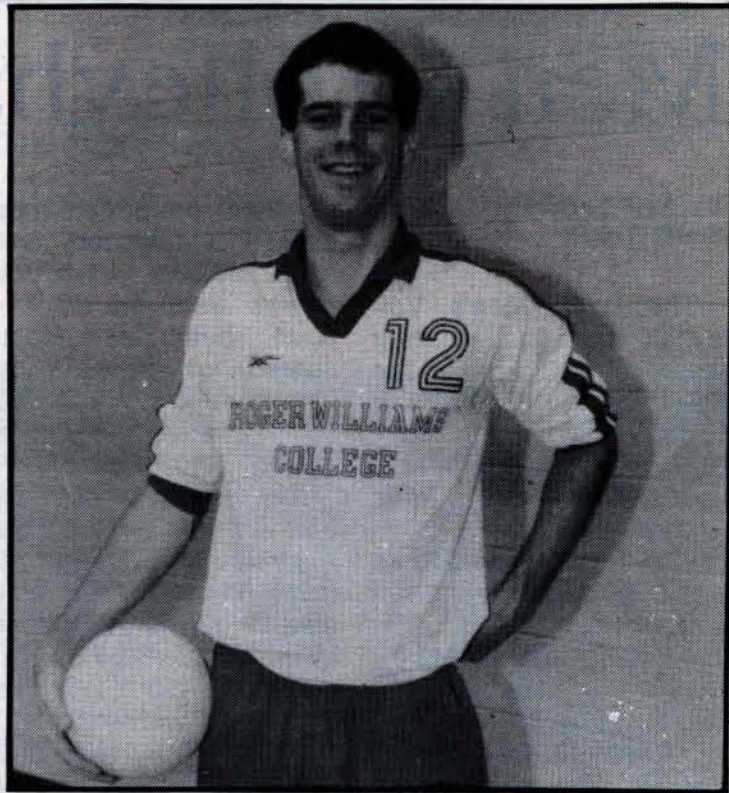
role this year," said Jannitto.

Although a solid individual player, Farmer said he puts a lot of emphasis on team play. He said, "I like the team orientation of the sport. Individuals rarely stick out. The whole team wins."

Even though volleyball has become Farmer's main sport he also enjoys others. He participated in track and field events for Newburyport High and has been active in college intramural sports. "Intramural basketball and floor hockey has been a lot of fun here. I've played intramural basketball for four years and hockey for three," he said.

When not playing sports Farmer enjoys an active social life, which includes spur of the moment visits to friends or friends of friends at other colleges, he said.

As far as academics go, Farmer, an electrical en-



Senior middle hitter Henry "Chip" Farmer

gineering major has been very involved with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. in Providence.

"We have seminars and meetings about job opportunities. IEEE is composed of college students, professional engineers and employers," he said.

After the season ends and he graduates, Farmer sees himself doing one of two things.

"I either want to go to graduate school or pursue a career in the airforce as an officer of electronics," he said.



## Hawks suffer setback in qualifying for post-season play

Leonard named ECAC North-South  
Goalie of the Week

By Neil Nachbar  
Staff Writer

The RWC hockey team recently suffered a setback in their attempt to qualify for post-season play. On Feb. 13, the Hawks lost an important conference game to Connecticut College, 10-1.

Connecticut exhibited quick passing and skating in the first period which forced RWC to play defense almost entirely. The Hawks allowed three goals in the opening stanza. In the second period, the Hawks allowed two more points, one while they were short-handed.

RWC saw the game slip out of reach in the third period. Connecticut scored the first five goals of the period as the Hawks were frustrated on offense and defense. RWC did manage to put in a goal with less than two minutes left to prevent the shutout.

Prior to that game, RWC had been playing improved hockey. Although RWC has been without the services of tri-captain Mike Cassidy who suffered a neck injury, the hockey team recently won three games in a row. On Jan. 30, the Hawks beat Framingham State, 7-4. RWC followed that win with a 4-0 victory over Suffolk. Two days later the Hawks defeated Quinnipiac, 5-1. Coach Don Armstrong called the win over Quinnipiac, "our best game of the year and the nicest victory I've had in three years here," as mentioned in the Providence Journal.

Goalie Gary Leonard was voted the ECAC North-South goalie of the week (Jan. 29-Feb. 4). Leonard stopped 37 of the 38 shots he faced against Framingham State and had 36 saves en route to his first career shutout against Suffolk. He also had 38 saves in the win over Quinnipiac.

The Hawks finished 6-8 in conference play and are 10-12 overall.

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# Sports

## Tough season for Lady Hawks

By Neil Nachbar  
Staff Writer

The RWC Women's Basketball team recently finished up its season.

It was a season the team might be happy to forget.

After opening the season with a 20-point victory over Simmons College, it appeared the young Hawks might be in for a bright year.

Unfortunately the first game was not a foreshadowing of what was to follow.

The Hawks went on a losing streak of 17 games! Five of the losses were by at least 30 points and eight of the defeats were by at least a 20-point margin.

On Feb. 6, RWC finally returned to the winning side. They improved their conference record to 1-4.

The Hawks also won their next game two days later against Anna Maria. RWC lost to Curry College on Feb. 10 and to Western New England College on Feb. 12, 65-69.

On Feb. 15 the Hawks suffered another blow. They lost to Clark, 32-73, and fell to an overall record of 3-20.

The Clark Cougars established their dominance in the first half. Clark then went on a 23-3 rampage during the period. Clark held RWC to only 11 points in the first half, nine of which were scored by

Maureen Gradley.

The Hawks only made five of 30 shots from the field in the first half.

Coming out of the intermission by scoring the first 12 points of the second half, Clark held its largest advantage (45 points) with 57 seconds left in the contest.

"It's tough for a young team (like us) to play a team like Clark," said RWC coach Donna Keshura. The Hawks have seven freshmen and no seniors on its roster.

Gradley finished the game with 15 points and five rebounds. Vicki Nason scored seven points in the second half.

Some individual perfor-

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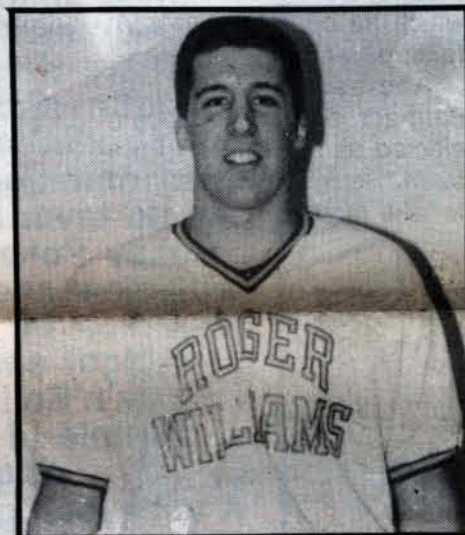


mances worth noting are: Gradley, who ranked fifth in the Commonwealth Coast Conferences in scoring (13), seventh in assists (2.4), seventh in field goal

percentage (.324), and third in steals (3.4). Amelia Bearse was ranked second in assists (4.1) and fourth in steals (3.3).

### Hockey Scoring Leaders

| Name             | Goals | Assists | Points |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Mike Gambardelli | 11    | 18      | 29     |
| Todd Bartol      | 10    | 17      | 27     |
| Craig Maddalena  | 9     | 12      | 21     |
| Bill Haesche     | 10    | 10      | 20     |
| Mike Minor       | 5     | 13      | 18     |



**CONGRATULATIONS** to senior Lee Marelli, who scored his 1,000 point basket on Saturday, Feb. 10, against Curry College. Marelli a 6'5" forward from Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, was awarded a silver cup for his achievement.

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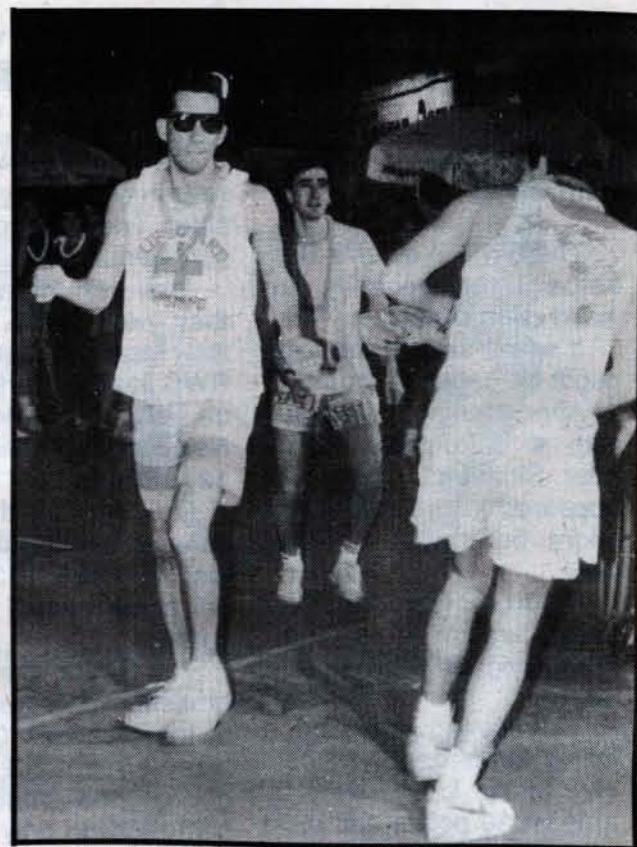
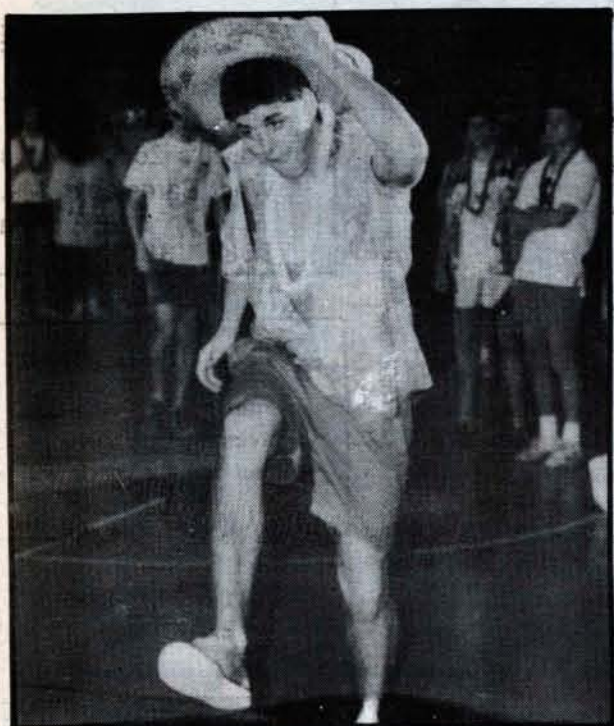
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# Student Activities

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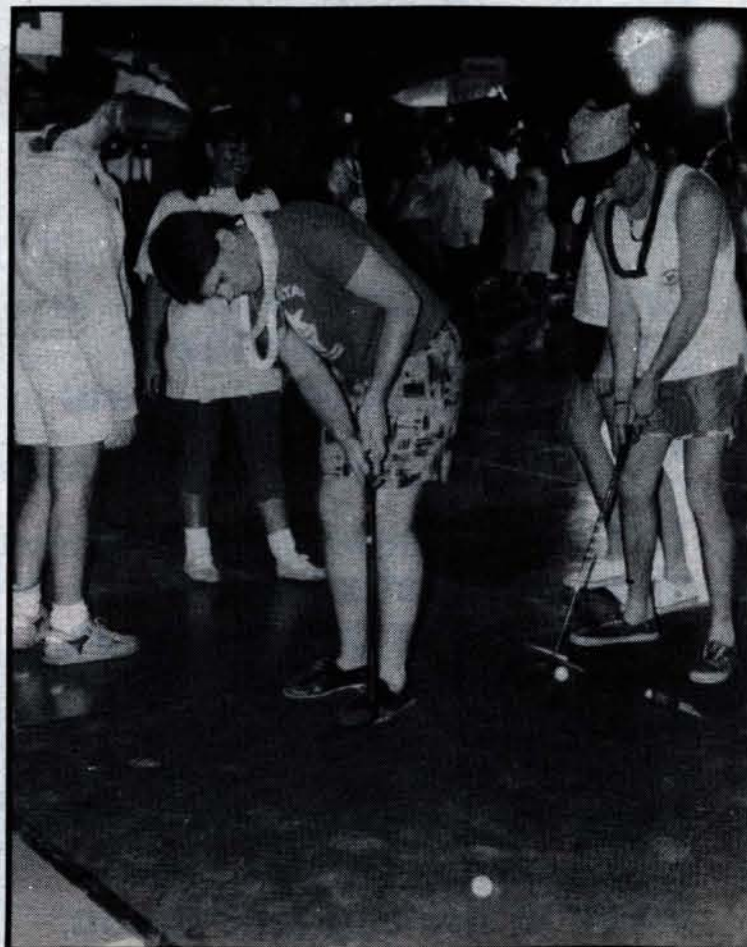


Once again Ray Boston returned to rock RWC. There was twistin' and shoutin' and a whole lot of rock'n'rollin' as students shed their inhibitions and let loose to old favorites such as the Hokey Pokey, Mony Mony (with new and X-rated lyrics), Paradise By the Dashboard Light and Old Time Rock'n'Roll, as well as a couple of Ray Boston originals.

A volleyball game was in full swing during the evening, as were rounds of miniature golf and for the truly double-jointed - Twister.

It may have been cold outside but things heated up in the gym as people got lei'd and others got in the swim.

From what we could see from the shorts, boxers, t-shirts, hats and sunglasses, RWC is definitely ready for summer.





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