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# The Quill

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# “Look To Today and Tomorrow Let Yesterday Pass, Let Yesterday Pass”





## From The Editor

# The Good The Bad and The Facts

In August, 1968, five men were summoned to a meeting, the purpose of which was to decide the fate of *The Quill* for 1968-69. One hour later, I left the college as the new official Executive Editor of *The Quill*. This position is one of great importance not only to the students, but to the entire college as well. Although my newspaper knowledge was small, I had great plans for the paper, plans that never quite materialized fully.

It is now May, 1969, and as I look back over the academic year, I see many things I should have done and didn't do. But also many things which I did do that I shouldn't have done.

Starting in a blaze of glory, the first edition of *The Quill* appeared on Convocation Day, September 16, as students were filing out of the Round Top Church. It marked the first time that a publication at this college appeared on the first day of classes. From that time on, this newspaper has struggled for existence, with only a handful of people helping to maintain its publishing.

In the first edition I wrote an editorial concerned with the role of the newspaper in the forthcoming academic year. I mentioned that the students connected with this publication would try to leave no stone unturned in presenting the news. Also, that since ideas for stories do not come leaping out, any beneficial information should be passed on. Finally, I stated that *The Quill* is only as good as the students of this college make it. About the only accomplishment that editorial achieved was to take up space on that page. Some changes were made in the newspapers format, but none you could call earth-shaking. New textured paper. So what. Many students liked the newsprint better. More editions. Big deal. With an organized staff, twice as many editions could have been published.

Hartford Park, Bristol, Providence. Basketball, hockey, N.F.L., Ask Lenny, Dirt-In, editorials, and Viewpoint. All these articles are what comprised the newspaper this year. Front-page headlines were of nothing dramatic. Pell, Chafee, Licht, DeSimone, and Tran Van Dinh. About the only great news appearing on the front page was when Dick Gregory spoke in March. Missing in each edition were the feelings of you, the students, what you liked and disliked about this institution, or things in general. Try as I might, this aspect of the newspaper was not present. Seven Letters to the Editor were all that we legitimately received. *The Quill* Box, found God knows where at this point, was always filled with nothing but cigarette butts and chewing gum wrappers. Stories promised by members of the student body never were seen. Even some members of the faculty, who at times were asked to write a story, never did. Letters were mailed out to club presidents asking them to submit any news of importance concerning their group. Seven responded, and some letters haven't even been picked up as yet. This communication, or lack of it, doesn't stop there. The Administration is as much to blame

as anyone else. I'm not saying that I expected the Administration to run to the newspaper every time they had some information, but, by the same token, I feel the Administration expected us to do exactly that. We must learn to work together to promote the news, not wait around to be contacted by the other party. The staff went to the Administration on several occasions this year to receive bits of news. The Administration, on the other hand, came to the newspaper exactly twice. The first was when a news-release was thrown on my desk by some unknown individual stating the appointment of Dr. Way as Ombudsman. This bit of news was fine except that it was left three days after it was made public to the Evening Bulletin and to the college. The second time was very recently. Dean Long called upon me to consider the possibility of giving considerable space to the coverage of new programs and faculty at Bristol. It was agreed upon to do this, and as soon as possible. It was decided that the college would help pay expenses for that edition. The Administration ordered 1500 copies to be printed to the additional amount normally run. That fourteen-page paper received many praises. In fact, it was decided that in the following edition, news of Providence would be given. Everything considered, that fourteen-page Bristol-packed paper ran smoothly except for one small matter. When time came for payments to be made Mr. Caridi said that the college had cancelled the 1500 copies previously ordered. Dean Douglas said the same. Yet, there they were, over 1600 copies outside an administrators office. The mixup was finally settled and payment is forthcoming, yet, still one thing goes unanswered. Who cancelled those editions, and why?

Mr. Caridi told me that Dean Long was told to do so by someone. He in turn was supposed to tell Mr. Rochford, and Mr. Rochford was to relay the information to the paper. He didn't, and still no one knows who ordered the copies cancelled. To some students it might seem unimportant, but keep in mind that it's your Student Activities Funds that make this newspaper appear. Next time the college may not pay part of the tab; and if the message for cancellation fails to be received, it's your money, and our time and effort down the drain. This is what I mean when I say there is a lack of communication. The faster the students, faculty, and Administration of this college get organized in unison, the better this college will be for all. Many of you might be sick of hearing about this problem; you have a right to be. However, it is a problem that must be settled quite rapidly. This college will undergo the harshest test in its history come September when Liberal Arts gets deported to Bristol. The need for the creation of two of everything might very well become a reality. Such chaotic disorder is possible that you're likely to forget your own name. But despite all the damn hazards you will face, one word will be of the utmost importance during your stay here — Accreditation. This can

come no sooner than 1970, or if problems arise, who knows when. Accreditation will come to the entire college, not just one part. Unless there is a meeting of minds, ideas, and plans, we might not achieve it for quite some time.

Newspaper communication was not what it should have been this year. There were many stories that should have appeared in print that didn't. Why no yearbook? What happened to our Student Council? Why the unrest between the faculty and Dean Long? For what reason they remained untold is hard to say. Lack of reporters? No one willing to give the information, etc.? Whatever the reason, I hold myself personally responsible. As editor of this publication, I have an obligation to each and every person in this college to keep them informed of what is happening in and around this school. I am sorry to say that I have not upheld these standards to the fullest. Sometimes, however, this was impossible to do.

At times I often wondered what the hell we bothered with the paper for. We struggled with a lack of supplies, a lack of space, and until very recently, no phone. We started in September by printing 1500 copies of each edition. We lowered the amount to 1400, then 1350, and finally to 1100. Still they are found strewn on the corridor floors or in the lavatories. The total amount of wasted editions is deplorable. True, it's not the best newspaper in the country, but it's not the worst either. Regardless of how hard you try, or how much you bitch, people still don't seem to care about it. Fine then, only remember baby it's your two g's plus, that's allowing us to print, if you want to waste it, OK. Maybe at ten cents a copy you might change your mind. Next year will be tough going for everyone. I hope the college will try and co-operate fully with Bill Brady and Bob Waldman, editors in Providence and Bristol. Plans have started to take shape now, not in late August, and I hope we are successful in our endeavors. To quote from our *Quill* Banner, "Without the press . . . what is speech; without speech . . . what is freedom; without freedom . . . what is life?" Help next year by complaining, asking, and relating about anything you feel is important to yourself and to others. Only in this way can *The Quill* achieve what is expected of it.

No matter how things turned out this year, I am grateful to the people who gave me the chance to learn and benefit from the position bestowed upon me that day last August. What most people would do at this time is to thank everyone in general for what they have contributed to the newspaper this year. However, there were so few people to thank compared with the total enrollment and size of the college, that I can name them one by one. To some this might prove boring; to you I say stop reading now. To those who have continued to read, the names you will see are those who really deserve the thanks for making this newspaper click.

To the Roger Williams College

Afro Student Society. Thank you for your understanding of my unintentional error on that difficult day. I learned a lesson in human nature and a better understanding of my fellow man that I won't forget. To the Student Council for supporting this publication with the funds needed to make it exist. To Mr. Donald Defano, Mr. George Douglas, Mr. Paul Rochford, and Mr. Edwin Hallenback for the guidance they have given me this year. To Miss Lynn Kirby, for putting up with my daily tantrums. Mrs. Barbara Franklin, for her help in typing a few stories when Dr. Gauvey wasn't looking. To our switchboard operator, who let me make some quick phone calls before we received our phone. Yeah Mrs. McDonough. Miss Joan Levesque, the only member of the Administration or their staff, that was nice enough to send the newspaper a return Christmas Card. To Mr. Harris and Mr. Jones, for their ads. Coach Drennan, for his keys. To Mr. Anthony Parisi, for his order blanks. Miss Lorraine Bruce for her source of getting the paper supplies. To Mrs. Brown, for her fast schedule checks. To Dr. Ralph Gauvey, for his confidence and advice. Dr. Way, for his praises. Mr. Lee Verstandig, Mr. Robert Doherty, Mr. Nathaniel Atwater, Mr. George Balsama, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. White, and Miss Ryder, you who have cared enough to write something for this newspaper when asked to do so. Especially you Mrs. Walsh. To Mr. Wilkey, for robbing our wastepaper baskets at night, and returning them each day. To Mr. Zannini and Mr. Caridi, for helping to turn over the information for both campus editions. You, too, Mr. Cartwright. To Dr. Hobbs, for giving us the use of a camera in an emergency. Thanks also for charging us for its use. Lastly, to Mr. Porter, Mrs. Walsh, and Mr. Carlos, for helping me to understand, on that difficult day.

As for the students, not too many deserve credit for their help. Richard Cook, for his help in those early editions. Tino Blanco, for his never-ending ideas and plans. Ron Labion, for his excellent photography. Lenny Berk, for his usual Ask Lenny, and Gary Aldrich, for his great columns in the last few editions. Liz Hallenback, for her Trinity Square play reviews. Paul Cardoza, for his friendship and direct accounts of sports news. Jim McGuire, Neal Kaufman, Greg Nelson, Al and George Hemond, all of who gave vital information and help. To Boris Levinsky better known as Bob Leaver, just for being Bob Leaver. Don Desrochers, for his inside information and Rudy Palumbo, Jeff Hathaway and Ron Martel.

To Kappa Phi, Phi Kappa, Phi Alpha Epsilon, Surf Club, Business Club, Engineering Club, Ski Club, and the hockey, basketball, golf, tennis and soccer teams for their materials and giving us cause to write about them. To the wonderful people at Printers Service and Acorn Press who put up with this inexperienced, small staff all year.

And finally, to three of the most devoted, loyal guys an editor could ever hope to have as help. For without them this year, there

## Letters To The Editor

### To the Editor:

As a faculty member and as advisor to *The Quill* I wish to disassociate myself from and to condemn utterly the willingness of some members of this academic community to allow their opinions to be expressed anonymously. A sharp critical and rhetorically irresponsible letter appeared in the last issue of *The Quill* with the author's "name withheld by request." At the sit-in, I heard a student read a hand-written document which he attributed to "a faculty member who would not allow his name to be used." I hope the student was mistaken, because the document he read was filled with lies. *The Quill* recently published an unsigned article entitled "Students are Niggers," which was the more inflammatory for its lack of an assigned author.

Anonymity is reprehensible in a democracy and doubly so in the academy. When the time comes that we have to hide behind the skirts of "name withheld by request," we have failed as citizens and as students and teachers.

Donald de Fano

### To the Editor:

When a person sits down to write an article which he intends to have published it is his duty to decide whether he is, in fact, in a position to write and publish his opinion.

Freedom of the press was fought for and won in this country, therefore writers of articles such as "A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPEAKS OUT," which appeared in the last issue of this newspaper should not have been fearful of reproach as a result of his article. Taking this into consideration, his article should have had his name attached.

Freedom of the press is indeed on paper but does it exist at Roger Williams College? Criticism is answered with criticism. A person who hides behind the curtain of anonymity can only be fearful of an answer or retaliation. This retaliation may take many forms, two of which are physical assault and suspension of service to the college. Should a person be afraid to associate his name with his opinion, he should then excavate his cranial cavity because he is afraid of himself. As the person who typed and submitted the article by N.W.B.R., I can only say that the author still remains as Anon, but I also say, may be remain at ease and wallow in his gutless glory. OR, if you can find it within yourself, make it known that you are the author and answer to the readers who are in disagreement with you. Opinion without proof is not valid and an article without a recognized author is just so much garbage.

George R. Hemond

wouldn't have been a *Quill*. William (Willie) Brady, Robert D'Uva, and Bill Hoffman.

Boring? Maybe, but without every mentioned party doing what they did . . .

*The Quill*, the worst headache, biggest pain and the most pleasure I've had at Roger Williams College, Thank You.

Robert Neil Waldman  
Executive Editor  
*The Quill*



# Give Us A Hand Not Your Damn

In light of the college's structure next fall. **The Quill** is seriously considering publishing every Monday. With hopes for increased student participation in this newspaper, plans are now being readied for thirty (30) editions next year.

With the split campus the only realistic media for student-to-student understanding is this paper. Bob Waldman, Bob D'Uva and myself will make every effort to inform both Providence and Bristol of the activities and events of Roger Williams College. However, if we are to succeed, it is vital that more than two, three or four people bust their bippies.

In the course of the past academic year, we have all been witness to student unrest, to student demands, to student questions; ironically, if you will, these advocates of progress often fail to totally inform people of just what

their respective demands really are. In hope of alleviating this situation next year, "Say it through **The Quill**." You people who cry about the activities fees should realize that **The Quill's** budget comes directly from these activities fees. Our budget next year will take twice the chunk from these said funds (the laugh's on you).

One of the new features under consideration calls for a classified section whereby the student body may sell their cars, used books, or whatever. (Special rates will be given to students, \$.25 for 3 lines). A second feature which I would like to innovate to **The Quill** is a calendar of events but only your help and support will keep a growing newspaper growing. **GIVE US A HAND, NOT YOUR DAMN.**

William Brady  
Providence Editor  
September, 1969

## Letter To The Editor

by Robert D'Uva

This last edition of **The Quill** brings to mind a reflection of past editions, past mistakes, past memories of a completion of a successful year for an obviously hampered newspaper due to what could be classified as student involvement in a negative sense.

What students demanded on Wednesday, May 7th, added up to a re-evaluation of what a campus newspaper should do to attract readers and not wastepaper baskets. It was fairly obvious that what students were asking for, for some strange reason, seemed to lack a thorough knowledge of the issues involved within their own college community. Without trying to preach "the middle of the road philosophy," I cannot hesitate to denounce such ridiculous behavior on the part of some "concerned students" who apparently felt that the time for change was essential for the salvation of their souls. Dr. Gauvey was summoned to these same students to answer these demands which originated on a blackboard in room 26-28 on a foggy Wednesday. His reaction to these demands seemed to be reasonably logical since the originality of these demands were comparable to a cross between the views of Allen Ginsberg and Wally Cox. I hope to be misunderstood for such a sad parable, for I fail to sight any legitimacy in student demands two weeks before an exam time. As has been requested in the past, the college newspaper is a true vehicle for expressing opinions without offending personalities face to face. The newspaper has not, at any time, been censored by those very mean Wall Street individuals in the administration.

For example, we speak of Roger Williams as a proponent of "democracy." His objectives were fulfilled through theory which seemed to motivate those individuals who once claimed him as a man preaching radical philosophy. It was theory such as, "The Bloody Tenet of Persecution For Cause of Conscience," and "A Letter to The Town of Providence," which added the needed impetus to eventual success of such philosophy. I am sure Roger Williams did not personally encounter his rival John Cotton into crowded rooms with yelling Puritans backing him vigorously in hurting harmony. The

point being that Roger Williams College has never seen such vocal verbasity as was seen on "foggy Wednesday." George Wallace used some of these very same tactics in his unsuccessful bid for the Presidency in 1968. The idea is to play upon the emotions rather than constructive thought followed by rational criticism. With my attack on George Wallace, I hope I have won back some "dissident students" to the "far-left."

Just What are the issues at Roger Williams College?

1) The complete abolishment of ROTC on Campus.

2) The establishment of a new administration where students will now be able to hire their own faculty, organize their own curriculum, and possibly lower tuition, to make sure the tuition fits the qualifications of their new faculty. I am in favor of such an administration. Its location should be without question in Bristol, directly in front of the missile which is pointed directly at our new campus.

3) Give the students a greater voting voice. Abolish the student government and all college council, and establish a Roger Williams College Parliament consisting of twenty students, one faculty member, and one-half of an administration member from that closest to the missile site. Of course, this Parliament must owe allegiance to the King and Queen of Roger Williams College, (the King and Queen shall be selected by, an elite group of "concerned students.")

4) A gradual phase out of all conservative students, faculty, and administration members, who fail to show allegiance to the King and Queen of RWC.

I cannot help but show my concern to the editor of the Roger Williams College "Quill," for also I am a Concerned Student who is concerned about the future of a college who gave students a chance to find enough courage to prove their capabilities to others. My concern is so great I began to doubt those who claim they are really concerned about such a college. In my stay at Roger Williams College, I have appreciated the challenge of good, hard work, for there shall never be a replacement for its rewards within my mind.

## Straight Ahead

by Gary Aldrich

With the school year finishing up and summer coming, we have something really exciting to look forward to, this thing being the Newport Jazz Festival. Included in this year's activities will be Jeff Beck, Jethro Tull, B S & T (Blood, Sweat and Tears), Led Zeppelin (hmmm, where have we heard of them before?), the Mothers of Invention, and Eric Clapton's new group with Ginger Baker, Stevie Winwood and Jim Capaldi. It promises to be the greatest musical happening ever.

With the advent of the giant influx of new groups on the stands, you can hardly ever go into your favorite record shop and find yourself confronted with not one or two, but thirty or forty groups (that you've never even heard of before) with albums out already. Some are great, some are fair, but many are just plain disgusting. So due to popular request, I will, from time to time, give some reviews on these new and different records, in hope that you will not get stuck with a lot of losers, as I have in the past.

1. The McCoys, HUMAN BALL, Mercury Records — The same old group with a brand new sound. They've improved tremendously, and that's all I'll say. B or A.

2. The Hook, Uni records — Forget it! Four bucks down the drain. Doesn't even deserve a grade.

3. Illinois Speed Press — A good approach to music. Almost reminiscent of the Buffalo Springfield. B

4. Pacific Gas and Electric — Good. Strong music, well expressed in a blues mood. B

Well, due to the fact that this is the last issue, I will cut the column short, in order that other news flashes of urgent and vital importance may be instituted to help save and preserve our educational value system. So, until next year, keep listening, have a good summer, and remember to be kind to children and dogs. Oh, one more thing. I would like to sincerely thank Cathy DeMello for help in originating a name for the column. Straight Ahead!

### FINANCIAL AID

Applications for Fall, 1969, are now being processed. Those who desire aid should secure applications immediately at the Financial Aid Office, Room 208.

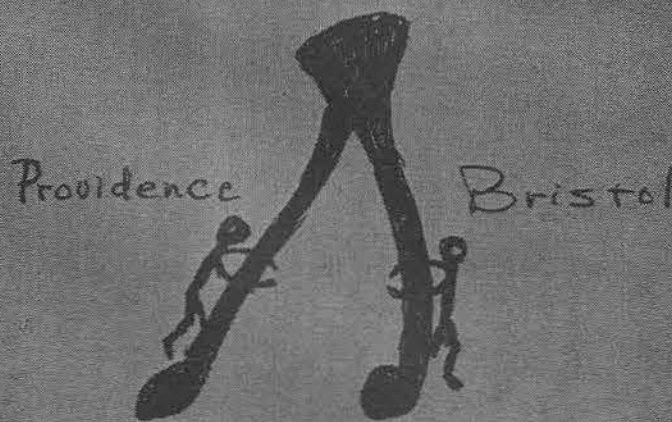
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## Ask Lenny

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between Roger Williams College in Bristol and Roger Williams College in Providence?

**ANSWER:** Bristol has a campus and Providence has an area.

**QUESTION:** What do you intend to do next year as far as school activities go?

**ANSWER:** I am running for President of the Senior Class in Providence. I am treasurer of the Kappa Phi Fraternity and plan to continue my column. I think that is enough.

**QUESTION:** What do you honestly think of the College's expansion which is taking place now?

**ANSWER:** Well, some people are bound to get hurt and I believe, or at least hope, that by the fall, 1969 semester, the College's overall atmosphere will be one of serenity.

**QUESTION:** Lenny, I have a friend who thinks of nothing but death. Can you think of anything to tell him? He really has a bad hangup.

**ANSWER:** Tell him that he should imagine he is standing on the seashore. A ship at his side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. The ship is an object of beauty and strength and he stands and watches her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and the sky meet and mingle with each other; there, she is gone.

She's gone from your sight, that's all. She is just as large in hull and mast as when she left your side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of her destination. Her diminished size is in you, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at your side says, she's gone, there are other eyes watching for her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, here she comes! And that is what I call dying — no this is life! I hope this helps out your friend.

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I hope to see everyone back in September, whether in Bristol or Providence, and to those who are not returning to RWC, best of luck, and I wish everyone a real great summer, and good luck on exams.

## Protection For R.W.C.

by Robert D'Uva

It is time to predict just what could occur during the next year at Roger Williams College. During the problems of transition, the student must bear the full effect of what I am about to devour. It is appropriate to discuss these projections for the final edition of the "Quill."

### What Students should observe:

Observe elections in the fall semester regarding class offices, student government elections, and elections to the "all college council positions. Though these positions seem powerless from a student standpoint, the deciding factor of such power can be only determined by students themselves. Once students tend to become involved with the "process," they immediately realize why administrators cannot give overnight answers. I predict that such involvement for the sake of recognition, and not change, shall once again repeat itself, as it has in the past. With this in mind, it would be deemed appropriate to demand election procedures, election days, and clarification of the issues involved at both campuses. There should be rigorous campaigning on both campuses for these positions where all factions should be heard (conservative or liberal). If students can organize rationally, there is reason for optimism in this area.

### What the faculty should observe:

This is an area which truly needs attention. Ironically, it is the faculty who motivate students at Roger Williams College, or at least, it has appeared as such in the past. Within the past year, the faculty has appeared afraid to unite together on issues involving student participation on a broader scale for fear of possible impeachment from administration hierarchy. A possible exception to what I speak of will evidently show itself within the professional studies division. This faculty will prove itself to be so much closer with students, there eventually be an established rapport within this community.



# WRAP-UP

I expect this will be my most subjective editorial because it concerns my view of Roger Williams College after spending a brief but illuminating year here. I can recall arriving at the "Y" and being introduced to the RWC education experiment, a label that held very little significance to me. I soon discovered that I had become part of a school attempting an enormous transformation. With a half-skeptical attitude I proceeded to examine this environment. My reason for being half skeptical was a prior opinion of Roger Williams' halls of ivy. I walked in, prejudiced by what I had heard. I had felt RWC served as a sanctuary for students not able to achieve any high standards, but my eyes were opened quickly. It still possesses part of this element, and it is noticeable. But it appears sometimes to be no more than any other school. That is my major point. I've discovered my prejudiced opinion underestimated the administration, faculty, and students.

In every school there is a certain amount of apathy, as is true of any artificially constructed community. Certain concerned individuals assume positions of influence and direct change or activity. I don't know if that was true of RWC's student body before

this year. I wasn't here then, but I saw it while I was here. I observed, involvement and commitment. I saw it in a minority of students but even that speaks highly of any student body.

Don't misunderstand my statement. I didn't discover the type of commitment that leads SDS to seize an administration building. But I did find the desire of students to be involved with the development of their college. I observed rational (as opposed to irrational) attempts to increase involvement and initiate change. These were completed successfully with common sense and diplomacy, instead of violence.

I had also underestimated the faculty. Again I think I should be delicate with my words. After all, it has never been my style to offer a solid compliment without attaching a valid criticism. There is a certain degree of incompetence in this college's faculty. There is also a certain amount of faculty apathy toward the students. I don't think anyone will deny those contentions. But, it really is no more prevalent here than anywhere else. RW also has members on its faculty that it can be proud of (some of whom have been sub-

jected to unnecessary harassment).

I may be risking my life by this next statement. But I have even found some capable, concerned and effective administrators at this college. (There, I've said it . . .) Obviously, all RW's administrators are not effective; i.e., view the present and most recent crises. But the shortcomings of the administration are no more obvious or damaging than most colleges. The better administrators make the worse almost tolerable. Maybe they can inform the incompetents of their responsibilities and sensibilities.

I realize this must have appeared to be an article of praise for the college. Well, it is, primarily. Its other aspect concerns my indebtedness to this college. RW has exposed me to a diversified educational experience during the last two semesters. The people, the subjects, and the activities all supplied new insight into what an experimental education can accomplish. I won't ignore the shortcomings of RW, but in this my final editorial I will overlook them in favor of the valuable experience I've gained from my year at Roger Williams.

W. J. Hoffman  
News Editor

## Factionalism

by Robert M. Hashway

During the recent demonstration at Roger Williams College I have attempted to remain relatively aloof for only through detachment can one retain objectivity. A few major points, however, have permeated the ethereal fog. The students who took part in this demonstration are to be commended. Upon numerous occasions it had seemed that chaos was imminent. Those at the helm on May 7 were able to avert that which would have detracted from their objective. That is, chaos and eventual violence were averted. These same people exercised extreme restraint and showed that they possessed a great degree of responsibility. We must note that while operating under the "handicap" of responsible behavior and legislative due-process, these students worked with efficiency and dispatch in making their voices heard. In the final analysis, they have accomplished a monumental ideological task. They have proven to the administration that the student body is here to be educated; within this context they are intensely interested in the means and quality of their education. They have also shown that they are very articulate and capable of responsible action. Based upon this they should be placed, as a body which represents one-third of the college community, in a position of SOME RESPONSIBILITY. An extremely dangerous and possibly disastrous concept could have been found during the May 8 meeting. The students of the Professional Studies Department were of the opinion that this demonstration was primarily concerned with the Bristol-designated people. This, however, is the most

bold-faced fallacy that has ever been contrived and perpetrated on this campus!!! Upon examination of the recommendations adopted by the Student Council it becomes obvious to the most casual observer that all resolutions excluding that which pertained to the elementary education program directly affected the entire student body and not one specialized subgroup.

The student body in this school is doubly degenerate — divided into two sub-groups or stratifications. It has become a matter of primary importance that the students be made to realize that they belong first to the student body of Roger Williams College and SECONDLY to the student body of their respective divisions, e.g., Professional Studies or Liberal Arts. We should also note that within this context any problem pertinent to the dichotomous student structure becomes a concern of the entire student body and not unique to a particular stratification. We must not allow physical separation between sections of the school disunite the student body.

The student body must endeavor in its entirety to prevent unrealistic administrative dichotomy and physical separation from carving out a large chasm in the school at large, which may eventually lead to an insurmountable gap and perhaps an eventual disintegration of the structure and 'unity of purpose' which marks Roger Williams College as we know it. The concept which must be kept uppermost in our minds is that same concept (although slightly modified) which united this nation in a time of great structural stress: a student body or a college divided against itself cannot stand.

## Student Involvement

Not to establish a direct dichotomy with my other editorial, I wish to comment on a year of student involvement at R. W. Students, despite what one might think, have been treated somewhat justly when expressing desires for change. Several concessions were made (nobody expected miracles). Students wanted more direct involvement in the college's direction. This request was communicated properly and acted upon by a concerted group of concerned students. This led to administration acceptance of the proposed program; i.e. Council on College Affairs. It was no easy task to formulate both the theory and pragmatics behind the council and I extend a hat-tip to all involved. Everything appeared excellent, superficially. But in actuality the council and its concept demonstrated itself to be inept.

It found itself actively passive and unable to assert itself properly. They never followed the protocol necessary to achieve both de jure and de facto respect with the student body and faculty. But that has passed; possibly this year's error will permit next year's council members to project their identity and purpose to the students.

The fact is that the Council on College Affairs functions more

like an ad-hoc investigating committee rather than a direct liaison between student involvement and the administration. Here's where it went wrong, me and you. As for myself, I was concerned and involved with other problems at R.W., but I feel time should have been made. If a few more students had made time maybe the council could have become viable.

The members were concerned but they were unable to provide the momentum required. So nothing happened. Where were other students? (Not including the political science students, that is. They were involved deeply enough.) But I can recall being approached by students in business and other concentrations with the criticism, "They're not accomplishing one damn thing." — And I recall telling them, "I'm sure they'd welcome help." (They would.) And all I heard was, "Ah, no they wouldn't." — But they would and nobody could. — That is the impediment the council must overcome to become viable.

Next year is a new year. Some of the trends of involvement followed by a minority of the students should spread to more of you. Changes will occur. The only way you can have an influence on those changes is to voice your opinion.

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## Kappa Phi News

by Lenny Berk

On Sunday, May 4, the brothers of Kappa Phi held their last meeting of the semester. Outgoing President Bob DiCorpo gave a speech to the fraternity. He stressed that as brothers we should be bound together to try to and get recognized on the Bristol Campus. A fraternity will be a needed activity on campus next fall.

During the meeting new elections were held and the results were the following:  
PRESIDENT — Gene Belden  
VICE PRESIDENT — Ron Martell  
SECRETARY — Pete Holden  
TREASURER — Lenny Berk  
ORIENTATIONS — John Osso  
PUBLIC RELATIONS — Milt Mederios  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS — Bob DiCorpo

The fraternity would like to wish them all the best of luck in the coming semester.

Congratulations are in order to Bob DiCorpo, who will be married on May 31. Best of luck in the years ahead.

Kappa Phi would like to take this opportunity to wish every student a happy and healthy summer, and the best of luck on final exams. Hope to see you all back in September.

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