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Senate Looks Into Financial Aid Policy
by Joyce Davis

After a two hour senate debate which concentrated heavily on the status of Residential Assistants, the Student Senate passed a motion against the college's policy that students must show financial need in order to be employees of the college.

Much of that debate centered around the concern that the quality of the RA program could be affected by the policy. “If there are two equally qualified people for an RA position, and one doesn’t show financial need, he or she will be discriminated against on the basis of wealth,” one Senator suggested.

Another concern discussed was that under the policy some RAs could be getting $300 (based on their need), while others, who may have a greater financial need, could be paid $2,000 for the same amount of work.

At a meeting held for the benefit of those concerned about the policy RWC Controller Richard Szrom explained, “Nobody would be working for less or more money. In order to be hired as an RA you would have to have a financial need equal to the amount the job pays.”

In response to the Senate’s concern about the number of people the policy would affect, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Robert Nemec explained that approximately 60 percent of the students at RWC would be eligible for an RA position.

He also stated that the policy was created in order to make financial aid to more students. “Last year we were able to meet the needs of about 1 out of 4 students who applied. This policy should help us extend aid to more students because we will have more funds to work with.”

“The student who was hurt last year was the student with a need for only $800, in comparison to one with a $1,000 need because the student with a smaller need was at the bottom of the list. Again, with this policy, we’ll be able to extend aid to a greater number of students.”

The policy will be grandfathered so that students who are presently employed by the college, but who are not eligible for financial aid will be allowed to continue to work until they graduate.

April 13th Career Fair:
A Series of Workshops
by Lynn Savage

On April 13, shortly after the spring break, the Career Services Office will once again sponsor their Career Fair, this year “Spotlight on Careers.” This all-day series of programs, co-sponsored by the Business Club and the Cultural Affairs Committee, is designed to help RWC students in understanding their possibilities after graduation.

According to Fran Katzanek, Director of Career Services, the emphasis will be on helping graduates understand the hiring processes used by many, if not all, of the hundreds of companies that their peers will be applying to for jobs.

“There has been a major change in the program,” says Fran. In previous years, the Office has had representatives from several companies and corporations visit the college for the sole purpose of recruiting graduates for work immediately after graduation. However, it has become increasingly difficult to do so. Because of the declining job market, Katzanek said that she had to send out 250 invitations last year and received only about 90 responses. She said she knew she would have to send out twice as many requests to get one-half the response, so this year her office is trying a new slant.

In two separate programs, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, twenty-four speakers from various businesses and industries will give short lectures on subjects ranging from “What an Interviewer Looks For” to “Investment Dressing”, a brief fashion show for job applicants. Other forums include, “Foreign Students and Work,” “The Systematic Job Search,” and “Communications Skills,” as well as many an array of talks dealing with some of the specific divisions of the college.

The Spotlight on Careers is scheduled to take place for the very first time in the new Recreation Building at 9:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. However, there is still some doubt as to if the building will be ready by then. If this happens, then everything will be shifted to the Cafeteria. This causes some concern with the Careers Office. “We would have to bump at least one or two guest speakers,” says Katzanek, due mostly to the space restrictions of the Cafeteria which would still have to serve three meals that day.

Because the Spotlight runs all through the morning and afternoon, and because the sponsors feel it to be a very important program, they are not urging students to participate, but they have sent a memo to all faculty members asking that all of their students be encouraged to go to all of the workshops that day.

When asked if she thought that there would be more recruiting next year, Ms. Katzanek replied, “Absolutely”, but added that the “Spotlight on Careers this year should really help the students.”

Changes in Student Life
Staff for Fall
by Jennifer Dutton

In July of 1983, there will be major changes in the Student Life Office at RWC as key members of the Student Life office will leave the staff.

Director of Student Life Steve Mason says, “I was hired to do a job and I accomplished what I came to do. I set a time frame for my work at Roger Williams College.”

Marc Capozza, Assistant Director of Student Life, and Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and Off Campus Housing facilities, will become the new Director of Student Life. Mason comments: “I feel Marc is qualified and will be able to pick up the job and make it a good operation.”

“I think the organization of the Student Life Office and the consistency of its policies will be maintained,” Capozza comments. “My main focus will be on doing some creative programming for the residential students and staff.”

Dean of Students, Karen Haskell, explains: “Traditionally, the Student Life office is one where individuals become involved with the department for several years and then move on. These three individuals have been with us for several years and have done a fine job providing services and programs for students.”

Assistant Director of Housing, Catherine Apresia, says, “I’ve chosen to stop working and raise a family. I’ll miss the school but there is a time to move on.”

Apresia continues, “I worked hard building credibility in housing. Hopefully they will get a good person to replace me so the department will keep its credibility.”

Nancy Forsstrom, Assistant Director for Developmental Programs and Head of the Residential Assistants, comments: “I have been taking graduate courses in my spare time and I would like to continue my studies in Theology fulltime.”

CORRECTION

There were typographical errors in the last issue of The Messenger. In the article “Clubs Concerned About Appropriations” Steve Cardi was identified as S.S. Treasurer. We wish to apologize for any inconvenience this typographical error may have caused treasurer Kevin Girouard and assistant treasurer Cardi. Also, the club asked for over $60,000 to fill their treasuries, not $60.

Student Senate Elections
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Nomination sheets may be picked up in the Student Senate Office and must be returned by April 12th.
EDITORIAL:

Burning Up Over Smoking

by Mary Ailes

Have you ever found yourself sitting in class and asking yourself, "Why did I leave my gas mask at home today?" I can remember asking myself this question as I glanced around the smoldering remains of what was once a classroom of higher learning. A friend of mine once suggested that I could bring my Tony Randall Smokers' Fan to school every day, and when the smoke began to get rather thick, I could prop it up on my desk, turn it on, and watch as the smoke made a quick U-Turn, blowing back into the faces of those portable little smokestacks. The problem is, the smoke began to get rather thick, I couldn't prevent smoking in class, and yet it continues. There have been times when, as I sat in a class trying to get an education, I would feel that burning nausea deep within my tummy. Then the thought would occur to me that, if I didn't exercise some self-control, I was in danger of losing not only my dignity, but also my lunch. So, perhaps the time has come for the Non-Smokers of RWC to unite and say, well, "You can take your cigarette and douse it!"

It seems the time has come for Non-Smokers to stop apologizing when we ask Smokers to please put out their cigarettes. Yes, we can let the smog roll down the hallways of our school, but when it comes to the stuff invading the classroom, it's time to either draw the line or call the EPA. As my old buddy Smokey the Bear might say, "Only you can prevent smoking in class."

I sure would like to leave the gas mask at home, let the dog enjoy the smog is left in the hall, maybe then we could have a little room to breathe.

To the Editor:

Last night I went to see the theatre area's production of The Rope Dancers by Morton Weisinger, and directed by Peter Wright. What I experienced was not just an evening of entertainment but a glimpse into time and place not my own but nonetheless real. The actors transcended mere characterization and became vividly dimensional people. I was deeply moved and touched by the production. I would like to thank Peter Wright and all involved in one of the finest college theatre productions that I have ever seen.

Bill Denying Aid to Non-Residents Halted

A law depriving draft non-registrants of all federally funded college and university student aid has been temporarily stopped. A Federal court judge in Minneapolis granted the preliminary injunction March 9 in a lawsuit against Selective Service. The suit was brought by the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of six non-registrants. The University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Macalaster College in St. Paul, and Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa, filed "friend of the court" briefs in support of the suit.

The preliminary injunction is in effect only until the case is decided. However, to grant such an injunction, the judge must rule that the case has a good chance of winning in the final decision. The injunction stops enforcement of the law as if it had never been passed.

Since the suit is not a class action, the injunction normally would apply only to the six non-registrant plaintiffs. MPIRG lawyer Daniel Lass aid MPIRG staff believe that if technical legal reasons the injunction will apply nationaly. In any event, Lass said, it would be hard for the government to justify enforcing the law against all but six non-registrants.

The law, passed as the Solomon amendment to the 1983 Defense Authorization Act, would prevent all students—including women and others not required to register—to sign a statement of compliance with draft registration laws when receiving their checks for student aid. Men required to register would have to show proof of registration, such as an acknowledgement letter from Selective Service. The aid programs affected would be Guaranteed Student Loans, PLUS Auxiliary Loans, National Direct Student Loans, Pell Grants, Supplemental Grants, College Work/Study Assistance, and State student Incentive Grants. Enforcing regulations would take effect July 1.

The injunction was granted on two grounds: first, that the Solomon amendment is a bill of attainder, prohibited by the Constitution—an act of Congress punishing someone without a court trial—and second, that it violates the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination. The suit also charged that the law violates constitutionally required equal protection under the law by discriminating on the basis of age, sex, wealth, and race against young men and especially poor and minority men who require financial aid to attend college. MPIRG executive director Jim Miller said. Lastly, the suit charged that the law violates the Privacy Act of 1974, preventing government agencies from collecting or sharing inappropriate information.

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We Need Volunteers for:

Open House

Sunday, April 10
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in giving campus tours to prospective students, please contact Barbara Nalette, or Carla Negro in the Admissions Office.
Students Elected to Alpha Chi

The following students have been elected to Alpha Chi, the National Honor Society. They have merited this distinction by their academic performance which places them in the top 5% of their classes.

Mitchell Barrett, Julie Brown, Sandra Burgess, Charlamagne Chimoangu, Kathleen Colby, Mohammed Frej, Priscilla Leporri, Renee Morgan, Robert Morisette, Ahmed Quasim, Susan Sartini, Keith Spencer, Patricia Stevens, James Vangeli.

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The Solomon amendment has been opposed by several colleges across the country, including Yale University, the University of Minnesota, and Swarthmore College. Officials at Yale have said they would use university funds to compensate for any aid lost by students who, for reasons of conscience or pacifism, did not register for the draft. Earlham College, a Quaker college in Richmond, Ind., has also committed itself to providing alternative financial aid. Officials at Swarthmore and Haverford Colleges have said they might take similar action.

Swarthmore joined in the Minnesota suit by filing a brief contending that the law unconstitutionally discriminates against men and poor men. Swarthmore president David Fraser has said he was also canvassing other colleges in an effort to gather a group of college presidents who oppose linking military regulations with student aid.

Student Services Sets Calendar for Activities

by Jennifer S. Dutton

Starting in the fall of 1983, the Roger Williams College Social Committee will offer a greater variety of Saturday evening entertainment.

Director of Student Services, William O'Connell, has been appointed supervisor of the Social Committee for the 1983 fall semester. O'Connell states, "there will be entertainment every weekend. One Saturday a month there will be a large concert in the new recreational facility and on the other Saturdays there will be alternate activities in the Student Center."

According to O'Connell, nightclub acts, dances, roller skating, and talent shows are among the activities to be presented in the Student Center.

O'Connell says, "I've always wanted to provide a greater variety of entertainment to R.W.C. students and I am now convinced the students share this concern of mine."

ATTENTION GRADUATES: August 1983 and December 1983

THE DEADLINE FOR FILLING OUT A DEGREE APPLICATION IS APRIL 18th. (Available at the Registrar's Office)

Please turn in this form to avoid delaying the certification of graduation.
New Committee Reviews Admissions Statement

by Lorraine Corvese

The Academic Status Committee formed an Admissions Committee last fall to clarify the wording of the admissions procedure listed in the catalogue.

The purpose of the Admissions Committee is to "define the admissions statement to see if any changes ought to be made," says Dr. Shel Kagan, a member of the committee.

Chairperson Anne Barry says, "We're looking at the catalogue to try to modify it, spell it out more clearly for the benefit of parents and students. Each member of the committee rewrites the statement then we all talk it over at the meetings and try to come to conclusions of our own. It's not an easy thing to do."

The committee is made up of a faculty member from each division, Shel Kagan, Thomas Holstein, Namjenn Carr, Betsy Argo, Bruce Thomson and Earl Gladue.

Dean of Admissions Robert Nemec, works with the group and attends the meetings. "We just want to spell out what we're looking for, help the student identify with what we want," Nemec says. "We're also trying to distill the word 'skill' in the policy." Nemec continues, "When I look at a transcript, I have to know the grading code system the high school is using, the level of the high school and the graduation requirements of that school. High school grades, letters of recommendation and interviews are what we go by when we decide to admit someone."

"When it comes to grades," Nemec goes on, "it depends on what the student's major is. If he's an engineering major, I don't care if he failed English as long as his math grades are good. I know he won't need English for his major. Likewise, if a student wants to be a writing major, I don't care if he failed math."

According to the College catalogue a student who plans to go into engineering should have taken and done well in algebra, geometry and trigonometry in high school. A business or computer programming major needs to have taken two years of algebra because he'll be getting calculus in his freshman year.

Nemec explains that if a student doesn't know what his major will be then he goes in as an undecided major. If he wants to change his major he goes to his advisor who will tell him to see the division head of the major he's interested in.

"Then the student will have to clear the major with me. I will look over the high school transcript again to see if the change is a wise one in light of the student received in those courses," Nemec says.

"A letter of recommendation is also important, along with the grades," he continues, "because then I can know something about the student that grades don't tell me. If the student failed a lot of courses, a letter will tell me that he may have been sick for half the school year. Also, letters tell me of a student's relationship with his teachers or if he has personal problems."

"I don't look at SATs," Nemec says. "I don't believe in them. SATs only measure geometry and there's more to a person. There isn't even any essay writing. The SATs tell me nothing. For the interview, I try to see if the student knows what he's talking about. Does he understand the requirements for the degree? All of these figure into whether we accept a student or not. And this is what we want to try to clarify in the catalogue. There are 30 different majors, 30 different requirements, therefore, there are 30 different things to look for."

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AAUW national concerns on the legislative agenda include: ERA ratification, women's equity, social security and pension reform, equal opportunity and environmental protection.

The work of AAUW is carried out in local communities by members of over 1900 Branches, including the branch in your community. On every level (local, state, national and international) members are meeting challenges with effective involvement.

W Vw y's Softball Team Wins in Virginia

by Kimberly Pacheco

On Thursday, March 25, Roger Williams College Women's Softball had its season opener against Salve Regina. The game was played at the Hawks home field at Colt State Park in Bristol. The final score was 1-4 with the Hawks as victors.

On Friday, March 25, they started play in the Eastern Menno­nite College Round Robin Tournament. The team looked very promising for the season.

The afternoon brought a new opponent for the girls—Kings Col­lege. In the 5th inning the game was called on the slaughter rule. The score was 12-1 Hawks.

Monday the Hawks played a double-header against the Univer­sity of Virginia. The girls lost both games; 2-0 and 10-0.

Left-fielder Nancy Hall said, "The scores do not reflect the way the team really played. Overall the team looks very promising for the season."

On Tuesday, March 29, another double-header was played against Liberty Baptist College. The double-header was split; 5-2 Liberty Baptist and 9-2 R.W.C.

The final Southern Games were played against Lockhaven State. The double-header was split with each team claiming a victory. The Hawks won the first game 8-1, but lost the second 11-4.

Right-fielder Kellen Rinaldi said, "the trip was a good experience for the whole team."

On April 5, the team returned to regular season play at home against Curry College. Freshman Kim Weinmar pitched a no hitter to a final score of 2-0. This victory brings their record to 6 wins and 5 losses.

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