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Water Shortage— Conservation Continues

BY CAROLINE TOMAN

Bristol County is facing a serious water shortage. Being one of Bristol's largest users of the existing water supply, Roger Williams College has been greatly affected by the shortage. There are differing opinions of authorities as to how many days of water there are left. "With recent rains, we are in much better shape than we were," says Matt White, Director of Physical Plant. "We still have to conserve until we get some substantial rain."

At this time, the water supply is coming from four reservoirs in the Swansea area. By 1991, RWC hopes to be served by the Scituate Reservoir which is located west of Providence. This would improve the system greatly. The reservoir has a large capacity and presently serves 60% of Rhode Island. Until then, summers with a lack of rain, as this past one had, will continue to affect Bristol's water supply.

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Student Senate Struggles to Revive

By Ann Pace

As the entire RWC community is aware of, there is presently no Student Senate this year due to a lack of student interest and participation.

"Students are just not interested," according to Dean of Students Karen Haskell. "This has been the problem for many years at RWC." Many students agree with this statement. For those students who were looking forward to getting involved it is not too late, yet some are disappointed. Sophomore Sue Gannon says, "I didn't have time last semester to get involved, but I supported the Senate and was ready to join this year. Suddenly there is no Senate to join."

One senior comments, "I agree that it is very disappointing that a college does not have a form of student government." A quick

response from another senior was, "It sucks not having a Senate anymore."

Providing enough eligible students run for a position on the Student Senate, a new one will be formed. Presently there are meetings being held involving those students and faculty members interested in getting the Senate back together.

Junior Stephen Mason says, "Right now it seems like a Student Senate really isn't important...but when the students start to need something like more parking on campus or other school related problems, we will really need a Senate and that is when it will be too late. We need to form one now."

An unidentified freshman comments, "I was shocked when I heard that RWC had no government. I was really looking forward to being a part of it, since I had been the president of my high school council for three years. I am, however, helping to formulate some type of government now."

CSA Blood Drive Starts Active Year

by Ann Pace

The College Service Association, CSA, will sponsor the 1987 Blood Drive on September 29, formerly sponsored by the RWC Student Senate.

RWC has been known for its high response in the yearly drive, and hopefully this year the college will do the same. All RWC and Bristol community are welcome to donate blood at the blood drive. The drive will take place in the old Rathskeller located in the bottom floor of the Student Union.

The CSA is in the process of putting together the student directories which will contain the phone numbers or the RWC student population. The directories have been planned to be given out for a \$1 donation. 50 cents from every dollar will go toward the production fee and the other half will be

going toward a newly developed scholarship which will be awarded through the Financial Aid Office. The CSA hopes to sell enough directories to give at least a \$300 scholarship. Once the criteria is set the scholarship will be awarded to one RWC student.

Already in the past month, the CSA aided freshmen on their first day on campus by helping them check in to their living quarters. The CSA also passed out programs during convocation earlier this month.

The co-directors of the 1987-88 CSA group are Joanne Malouf and Kathy Madore. Dean of Students Karen Haskell acts as a faculty advisor.

Any student interested in finding out more information about CSA can contact Kathy, Joanne or Dean Haskell.

Obituary: Harold Payson, Respected Faculty and Former Dean



Capt. Harold Payson Jr., USN, retired, 78, a resident of Bristol and former teacher at RWC, died September 9 after a long illness.

Capt. Payson attended the Naval War College, served as a US Naval Officer, college educator, administrator and advisor. He received a bachelor and master's degree from Oxford University.

Capt. Payson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Commendation Ribbon, while at the Naval War College.

After retirement from the Navy he

completed a MS degree in oceanography at MIT, then went to RWC to perform different jobs from teacher of natural science to assistant dean of the college in 1974.

In 1976 Capt. Payson became the ombudsman for the college. He was known to many as being "loyal and faithful". One RWC staff member commented, "I didn't know Mr. Payson too well, only enough to know that he was a devoted man, everybody spoke well of him."

Twice RWC recognized Capt. Payson for his dedication;

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A new tradition is established?

Convocation, is the ceremony that officially opens the academic year. This year, as in years before, the entering class gathered in the Thomas J. Paolino Building in company of fellow students, faculty and members of the administration.

The ceremony was simple, and was totally presided by members of the Roger Williams College community.

President Rizzini welcomed the class of 1991 and proceeded to talk about traditions at RWC. He made a point that being a new and growing college we are all involved in creating and supporting some of these traditions.

Dean Schiavo briefly described the entering class as being diverse both in background and interests.

Mr. Grayson P. Murphy, who was selected "Teacher of the Year" by Alpha Chi Honor Society, explained some of the faculty expectations of students. He emphasized that ultimately it is the student's responsibility to learn, the College and faculty provide, and are, part of the means for this process.

Responsibility means, having students become more involved with the clubs and organizations at RWC. It is because of this lack of responsibility that club memberships have declined. For instance, the Business Club and the Computer Club are now extinct. The Messenger itself was one of the "deceased" until it was "revived" by students that wanted more than just "textbook knowledge". The biggest victim of the lack of responsibility was the death of the Student Senate in the spring of '87. President Rizzini reminded us at Convocation that it is our responsibility to keep the traditions alive. Once the tradition of the Student government is lost, it becomes very difficult to regain the momentum it once had. Unless, some responsibility from students surfaces. The Messenger supports the group of people that are trying to revive the Student government.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've been a student here at RWC, going on my fourth year, and I wish to share with all of campus some observations that I've made in the past three years (and also the beginning of this year).

For some reason, starting with my freshman class of 1984 and continuing each year thereafter (85' 86' 87'), I've noticed a sharp increase of student population to be very non-willing to participate or even speak their minds about topics that concern them. Good examples of exactly what I'm talking about are; absence of students to run student government, little or no participation in clubs available on campus, almost zero people present at athletic events, sparse attendance at student activities, (council supported events), and college run events, etc.

Researchers or scientists may be able to explain this phenomenon, that's all well and good, but I like to have some students approach me and let me know why they don't get involved. Speaking from experience, college is, or should be the best years of your life (so far) mine have. Do you want your only memories of college to be that of waiting for the next party to come around so you can get drunk?

Maybe I'm just the exception to the rule, but I realized in my senior year of high school what I had missed out on by not getting involved and I vowed to myself that I would get involved somehow in college activities. College is supposed to be the best years of a persons life, and I can say with pride that so far mine have been.

It is my sincere hope that at least one person reads this letter, understands my reasons and motives, and maybe decides to get involved.

Thanks,

Jeff Frye

Heart to Heart

by NANCY HOOD, ACSW,
RISW

Dear Readers,

This summer I had a firsthand opportunity to experience what it's like to enter a new academic community. I enrolled in two post graduate seminars for ten days at Smith College. Because of the distance I chose not to commute from home, but rather than stay in the dorm, I opted to stay with friends who live about twenty minutes away from campus. Prior to my departure, I felt both excited at the prospects of new places, new people, learning, growth, adventure, and the unknown and, at the same time, anxious about all those things. I had so many questions... What would the other students be like? Would I find friends? What about the instructors - would I like them? And my seminars - what would they require of me? How would I measure up? How would they measure up? And how would it be to commute from my friends house and not be a part of the dormitory life - would I miss out? Would it be more difficult to meet people? And how would it be to be away from my husband and four year old for ten days?

As usual for me, I dealt with my mixed emotional state by busying myself with lots of details. On my way up I managed to miss two exits and had to retrace my steps. I did find my way to Smith and located the right building, where I received my registration packet. After a moment of panic, thinking one class was not going to run, I began to focus on a group of new faces. Being somewhat shy, I propelled myself over: "Hello, my name is ... Where are you from? What are you taking? Where are you staying..." A few of us went over to explore the campus and locate the classroom building and the library. That evening I had dinner at the dorm with a group of people. By the time I had to leave to find my way to my friends house, I was feeling

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Alive! Arts at RWC

by Gary Jacques

The Alive! Arts Series recently kicked off another year at the RWC Performing Arts Center. The Alive! Arts Series is a sequence of performances designed to introduce not only the RWC community to different areas of the performing arts, but also to people in the outside community. The Arts! Alive series also gives performing arts students the chance to observe and interact with recognized artists in the student's field of endeavor.

The 1987-88 series began September 11th with pianist Jim Chappell. The fall semester continues with performances by the National Theatre for the Deaf on September 28, poet Lucien Stryk on October 20, and the multi-talented Nowell Sing We Clear performing group on December 13. The spring semester brings us performer Vinnie Burrows on February 7, the Freedman/Coleman Dance Company on March 15, writer Terry McMillan on March 24, pianist Eugenie Russo on April 12, and

author/actress Page Hedden Wilson on May 15. Each performance will take place at the

Performing Arts Center next to the Thomas J. Paolino Recreation Center.

The Alive! Arts Series will sponsor a Performing Arts Tour of London this semester. The tour will be given the week of November 20-29 and will include visits to Stratford-Upon-Avon, the British National Museum, the British National Theatre and other interesting, historical sites. Performances of the musical, "Les Misérables," Shakespeare's, "The Taming of the Shrew," and many other shows are included in the package. The faculty sponsors are William Grandgeorge and Marilyn Mair, both members of the performing arts faculty.

Further information concerning the tour or concerning the Arts! Alive Series can be obtained through the director of Student Activities William O'Connell at x2153 or through the Performing Arts Center.

Women interested in joining the tennis team, contact Athletics Dept. or Ralph Chassaing at ext 2314. It's not too late to join!!!!

Learning Center

Mention any kind of learning center--writing, math, ceramics--and the usual-student response is: "I don't need that stuff. That's for kids with real bad problems!" Not so! Learning centers are looked down upon mainly because of reputations they get in high school. But this is not high school! And this Learning Center is not for 'special ed' students.

The RWC Learning Center, located in CL 122, is only in its third semester of operation, but it has already helped over two hundred students. It is for anyone who needs help in any subject. That help could be fifteen minutes with a tutor to get through that one algebra problem that's been holding you up, or one hour three times a week to make it through that *\$!@?+ statistics or logic course.

Peer tutors make our learning center work. Students, graduates of the courses which they now tutor, have already 'paid their dues' and have been recommended by their professors to tutor other students. They can help you through the rough spots with one on one, or group instruction, whichever works better for you and can be accommodated by the center.

The learning center is open Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can sign up for a tutor by seeing Deborah Robinson in the learning center office, CL 124, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. But remember to give us at least two days notice to set up your tutoring schedule. You take the responsibility to get here in time, and we'll take the responsibility to help you.

The learning center also sponsors workshops to help you in other areas, such as managing your time, getting ready for and taking mid-semester exams, and writing a research paper.

Don't stay away because the learning center "isn't for you." If you're having a problem--no matter how minor--try the center. Then make up your mind! Don't wait until it's too late!

Big Deal? Hardly!

by Sue Pace

This semester RWC started the new minus grading system. According to Dean Schiavo, the idea of the minus grades was proposed at a meeting. At the end of the proposal the members of the faculty just nodded their heads in agreement and it was done. There have been no major complaints or arguments concerning this new system.

The idea of the addition of the minus grades was proposed to help students and teachers distinguish grades more precisely. Teachers are not obliged to use them, yet many will probably.

The majority of students seem to have no strong feelings for or against this new system. If there is a student or faculty member who has a problem with the idea, Dean Schiavo is willing to talk to them to find out the reasoning behind their disapproval.

Freshmen Michelle Saunders is also interested in having this system come into existence, she doesn't see how it can do anything but help her.

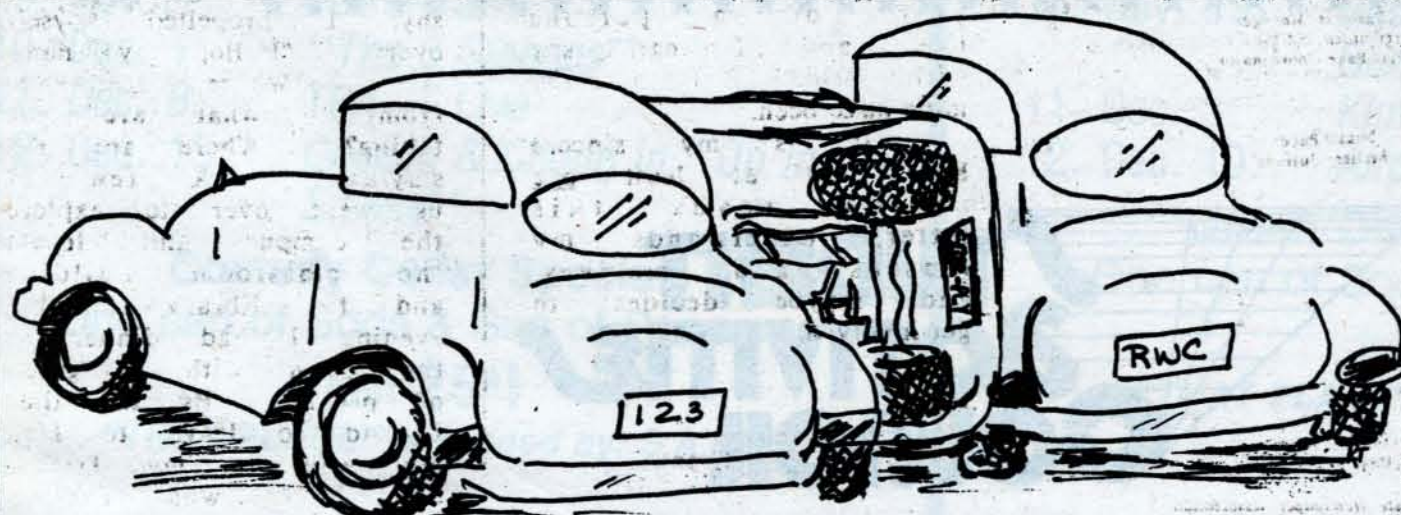
Parking — There is a Space For You

There have been an adequate amount of spaces provided for all, says Mr. Shaw. "We can accommodate everyone, but they must cooperate." He stresses that this cooperation is necessary from all members of the community. This includes all faculty and staff members as

well as students. Members of the community are urged to park in their respective areas. All information concerning designated parking areas is found in the Student Handbook if there is any confusion. Mr. Shaw states, "Everything can work if we get cooperation from all!"

Many feel that there is an inadequate number of parking spaces available for students, faculty, and staff on the Roger Williams College campus. According to Edward Shaw, Director of Security and Safety, that is not so.

CAROLINE TOMAN



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6. Oct. 26: *Light of Day*
7. Nov. 2: *No Mercy*
8. Nov. 9: *Something Wild*
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4. Oct. 6: *“Bill Cosby—Himself”*
5. Oct. 13: *TBA—Live*
6. Oct. 27: *“Gilda” Radner*
7. Nov. 3: *TBA—Live*
8. Nov. 10: *Richard Prior: Live on Sunset Strip*
9. Nov 17: *TBA — Live*
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4. Oct. 8: *Fire and Ice*
5. Oct. 15: *On the Waterfront*
6. Oct. 22: *The Fly*
7. Oct. 29: *M*A*S*H*
8. Nov. 5: *Rebel Without a Cause*
9. Nov 12: *Love Story*
10. Nov. 19: *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid*
11. Dec. 3: *Klute*
12. Dec. 10: *Airplane*

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1987, A YEAR TO BE REMEMBERED?!?!?

by Chris Commans

Well, here we are again, another academic year has started and three-quarters of a year has gone by on our calendar. Pretty soon if not already, people are talking about the 1990's as the immediate future; the 80's are almost over. For now, let us take a look at what events will be remembered that occurred during the year 1987: both nationally and around campus.

Around the country, 1987 will go down in history as the bicentennial year of our country's constitution, the year that Democratic Presidential candidate Gary Hart screwed himself out of the 1988 primary by doing the same to Donna Rice, the year of OLLIE-MANIA, and the return of the 65 mile-an-hour speed limit to most of our country's rural interstates. New Hampshire and Vermont are the only New England states that have raised their limits this at this time.

At Roger Williams College, 1987 will be remembered as the year the Architecture building opened, the dissolving of the Student Senate and the year of a messed-up academic calendar. To the incoming freshmen of this campus, the latter two events stated could leave them scratching their heads in dismay and confusion. They may ask, "Why did the Senate dissolve?" The answer to why that happened is because almost nobody was willing to make the commitment and run for office. Why was there a lack of interest? To the out-going senators and a lot of concerned student the primary reason was

student apathy. Nobody seems to care about what happens to the school. Some thought that the Senate was only satisfying their own interests rather than the interests of the students who elected them; this was clearly illustrated last semester in regards to the football funding issue. Despite a student vote favoring

that the funding should come from the Senate, they (the Senate) refused to comply. Fortunately, after a meeting with members of the team and another Senate vote; the football team got their funding. Others thought that the Senate was biased in their views because most of its members were either RA's or working at the Student Life Office. This resulted in problems about some of S.L.O.'s policies brought about by angry students were either ignored or swept under the rug by the student government.

However, contrary to popular belief, last year's Student Senate did indeed make some positive contributions to its students. Two of them was the addition of a third meal (lunch) to the cafeteria, and support for a straight civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering degrees (tentatively effective next fall) as well as maintaining the computer engineering degree.

Unfortunately, there were some battles that although were very strong and supportive by both senate and students were lost. The biggest one lost was the amended academic calendar for this fall. Originally the Fall '87 calendar was to have classes start on September 9 (after Labor Day) and end on December 24 (Christmas Eve). After strong student protests and numerous calls to Dean Bartholomew Schiavo, the final date was pushed back a day to the 23rd. This change was done just after I handed over to the Senate a photocopy of R.W.C.'s Fall 1981 calendar (the 1981 arrangement is identical to that of 1987) which had classes start on September 2 (before Labor Day) and end on December 17. When the Senate submitted this proposed change along with results from a student referendum stating a 95% support for the amended calendar, the Dean refused to make another change. Another measure had to be taken resulting in the form of passing around a petition to protest the current

calendar and approve the old 1981 calendar for use in 1987. However, despite the 840 signatures collected (one of the most if not the most supported petitions in R.W.C.'s history) the Dean still said, "No."

Why didn't the college administration use the 1981 line-up in the first place? One answer could very well be that the college's administration had a different attitude towards the academic calendar under former Dean James M. Aldrich (Schiavo replaced Aldrich in 1982). One of Dean Schiavo's reasons for not starting classes earlier for this year was because classes, during his tenure as Dean, have always started after Labor Day. Until this year, there was no problem in starting classes later; however, this is the first time in six years that Labor Day began at its latest date of September 7. This puts the end of the college's 13-week academic schedule dangerously close to the Christmas holiday which is one the most busiest times for travelling on the highways and railroads, and in the air. To the students who live far and abroad, this calendar could be interpreted as a form of discrimination.

Regretfully, the damage is done and the academic year has already started; in short, finals will end on December 23. Why the failure for students to change the calendar by demonstration or other means (a couple of students did suggest the throwing of dog feces at the library and administration buildings' windows)? Could it be due to the fact that the abnormally late placement of R.W.C.'s Spring Break 1987, which occurred in mid-April, caused everything including the calendar protest and Senate campaigning to come to a complete halt? That extra week in April could have very well made the difference between success and failure of the amended fall calendar, and/or the existence of the

Student Senate. The late break hit us without any warning, in essence, the real reason for failure could be due to shortage of time. There were only three weeks left, including finals, after the break was over.

What's the solution for the future? The answer exists in the form of several steps:

1. Either start classes the week before Labor Day at all times or whenever September 1 starts on a Tuesday (next occurrence will be in the academic year 1992-93).
2. If classes do start before Labor Day, do not hold classes on that day, therefore making it a three-day Welcome Back Weekend at R.W.C.
3. If Easter does occur late, keep the real Spring Break in March and have the mini break start on Good Friday and end on Monday. Only two school days are sacrificed in April which still allows more ample time for fall planning.

While the Senate and the Academic Calendar problems were the main focus of the year 1987, let us not forget of our other problems such as the continuing decline of student spirit and social aspect due to the continued Rathskeller closing (only the seniors, fifth-year Architecture, and extra semester students remember how the night-life was in the Rat which was the main social spot on campus), the dry and obscure location of the day events of Spring Weekend '87 (Joe Piscopo was the only thing that kept SW 87 from being a total flop), and in general, the Prohibitionist's attitude towards life on campus. Moderation should be preached **NOT PROHIBITION**! It failed in the 1930's, it will fail again in the 1980's.

WATER SHORTAGE



Bristol has faced similar shortages in the past. In 1980 and in 1981 the water conditions were serious. This year is as severe if not worse than 1981, says Mr. White, but certain measures have been taken at the college to help with conservation. For instance, RWC inserted water saving shower heads in all the dorms as well as at Almeida. Also, a maintenance program has been implemented to look for leaks and running toilets.

A possible solution to the water problem may be to use

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the water that is being stored in the silos at the Nike complex. The silos contain approximately one million gallons of water. However, tests of that water show that it could be for outdoor use only, not for drinking. Presently, the town of Bristol is using a portion of the silo water to help with conservation.

A memo was issued to the college community in mid-August by Executive Vice President, Robert McKenna concerning the water shortage. The water situation is not in an emergency stage, however, it is still severe enough for people to continue to conserve. "Let's pull together," says Mr. McKenna, "And demonstrate our cooperation by conspicuously reducing our consumption of water on campus in this important conservation effort."

The New Library Emerges

For the new Library building, the wheels of progress seem to be grinding slowly by surely. In a recent interview with Carol Diprete, assistant Dean for academic services, the Messenger learns some of the pros and cons of the new project.

"We hope to have the architects here by October. It should take about six to eight months to complete the drawings of the new building. After a contract is negotiated with the builders we estimate about fifteen months for construction." Diprete estimates the library project should be completed by January of 1990.

The possibility of building a new dorm at the Nike complex has also been a project the college administration wishes to undertake in the near future. Diprete does not seem concerned that this will interfere with the library's construction. "At the faculty meeting yesterday [September 17] President Rizzini has assured us the library will be completed first. Whether both projects will be taking place at the same time, I don't know."

Critics have complained that this is the administrations way of stalling the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our accreditors, for more time. They claim the administration did it first with the new gym building, then with the Performing Arts Center, again with the architecture building, and now are going to try it with the new Nike dorm. "I don't know about that," says Diprete, "My roll is to make sure we move forward with the library project. It's too important to the school's accreditation. We keep the upper levels of administration on track with the project. I have been attending trustee committee meetings dealing with the issue. Whatever happens in the end, trustees always have the final say." Diprete is pleased that the architects have recommended to the trustees that an entire new building be erected for the library, instead of a mere expansion of the old one. "Now we have an opportunity to expand. This building can be used for classes or offices."

by Mike Sisco

Waterlogged

Library Goes Diving

Man the life boats! Women and children first! It seems the library has more problems than it can deal with this semester. The staff seems disgusted at the overwork and 'extra attention' some area's of the library are demanding these days.

It was discovered during the heavy rain two weeks ago that the roof of the library was leaking onto the third floor level of the building damaging some books. The library staff was quick to respond by placing sheets of clear plastic over the shelves.

Even though the problem was discovered before any serious damage could occur, it was not without casualties. Carol Diprete reports, "Fortunately, we lost very few books. [31 to be exact] That's still a thousand dollars worth of material. Books are expensive these days."

Because the college was dealing with an outside contractor, there were a few delays in getting started. The builders began repairs early in the week of September 14. The present fear is that the roof, now weakened by water, may give way.

No Help In Sight

Among the libraries other problems is one shared by many departments this semester; the problem of staff. Many divisions have been suffering from a lack of personnel and work study students to cover necessary working hours. The library is no exception.

"The Architecture library is the most understaffed," says Diprete. "That means we have to limit the hours the material is made available to the students. I understand the Dean received a petition from the architecture students. Hopefully, by next week we'll be open full time."

Diprete continues, "The real problem is in cataloging slides. We have six thousand slides to attend to, and it takes approximately fifteen minutes to do one slide. [approx 1,500 wk/hrs] We have no one to do that job."



WATER DAMAGE. created by the leak on Sept 13th. Detail of periodical area on the 3rd level.

Photo by W.P.Pols

CLASS OF 1991

by Melissa Juliano

Life at RWC has gotten off to a good start this year.

The student body is comprised of 57% males and 43% females. Eighty-eight percent are from out of state and twelve percent are from Rhode Island. The two bay states represented are Connecticut and Massachusetts. The second highest percentage of students represented New Jersey and New York. In all, twenty states are represented. These include Ohio, Illinois, Maryland and Pennsylvania. "We even have some students from Florida," Mr. Dunfey said. A few students represent New Hampshire and a couple are from Vermont and Maine.

"The college had the best year ever in gross applications with 2,900 applicants. That is 100 above previous years," said director of admissions William Dunfey. "The class of 1991 is the largest entering class we have had in five years. There are 730 new students, 650 freshman and 80 transfers."

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first in 1974 for his "Outstanding leadership and service" and again in 1979 when he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Education.

Capt. Payson is survived by his wife Anne Marie Beck Payson, a brother William F. Payson, three sons and seven grandchildren.

Donations in memory of Capt. Payson may be sent to the Harold Payson Scholarship Fund RWC, Presidential Office, Bristol, RI 02809.

RWC Sports Spirit

by Lance Clement

The new athletic director Joel Dearing has plans to try to develop a better sports program for RWC. He has two goals he will attempt to accomplish this year, Dearing said, "To provide absolute best service for our students in the fifteen types of sports."

Varsity, intramural, and club sports may be different from the other, but each type forms a basis of being able to play a sport regardless of the field a student may be majoring in.

"Recreation is an activity that provides an aerobics class that draws another group of students, that we never did see," commented Dearing.

On campus, spirit always plays a major factor that may still be at its small

foundation, but is slowly gathering student morale. "I feel I can make a difference in that," said Dearing.

One way is during half-time at basketball games. A person can shoot a free throw and if he scores the basket he can win a pizza. Other prizes include free popcorn and stickers.

"When students graduate and look back at their alumni letters, they can still feel a part of RWC," says Dearing, "I feel that students will feel this partly due to the uniqueness of athletics."

Living Daylights — A New Bond

LIVING DAYLIGHTS - A NEW BOND

I found the new James Bond film, The Living Daylights, a particularly refreshing film. It is of course, the typical Bond roll including the elements of; beautiful girls, the suave handsome spy 007, fast cars that do everything but make breakfast, beautiful girls, plenty of violence and gun play, mercenaries and the KGB, and of course, beautiful girls.

Being a fan of Roger Moore, I felt I wouldn't be able to adapt to a new Bond. I was pleasantly surprised to find that Timothy Dalton did an excellent job in playing the master spy. In fact I found him even more entertaining than Moore.

I would advise this movie to anyone looking to be entertained. Don't expect any master twists of plot, don't expect any character developments, don't expect any philosophical questions resolved. What you can expect is fun, some heart stopping moments, and you can always expect the unexpected with Bond.

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considerable relieve from my initial anxiety, and was excited about what the next day would bring. I had found out about my courses, became acquainted with my surroundings, and made contact with some new friends.

By the end of the ten days I was extremely satisfied and excited by my courses. I had gotten to know some delightful people (and, yes, as a commuter I did have to work harder at reaching out), and I felt personally affirmed, strengthened, and renewed.

For all of you who are entering this community for the first time, perhaps you are experiencing some of the same feelings I did. A major difference between your situation and mine of course, is that many of you are leaving home and some for the first time. I think it can be helpful to acknowledge that it is a transition time. You will experience stress. You may experience sadness at leaving home, excitement, and relief to be on your own. Depending on who you are and what your experiences have been, some of these reactions may be felt more intensely and they may

come and go. A little stress is ok, in fact it helps stimulate us but too much equals discomfort and interferes with our ability to function.

One way of beginning to feel comfortable in new surroundings is through human contact. Certainly that was a key element for me. And so I encourage you to reach out to other students, faculty, and staff and to avail yourselves of the various services and programs that are offered here.

I welcome you and hope that for you this transition from the familiar surroundings of home to a new environment will be positive and provide you with an opportunity for growth and a sense of self-satisfaction.

Anyone wishing to write in with questions or reactions, please send them to "Heart to Heart" Nancy Hood, c/o the Center for Counseling and Student Development, Dorm 1. Your responses will be kept confidential.

Nancy Hood is a professional on the staff of the Center for Counseling and Students Development at RWC. The Center is located in Dorm 1 by Unit 9, open Monday - Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m. Ext.

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Autumn Days

by L. Marc Grosso

burnt crisp leaves
crush beneath my step
tiny puddles of rain
encircle my feet
saturation sets in
smell of hot
apple cider
fresh picked apples
i touch the skin
of the smooth,
fruit
sun begins to set

the harvest moon
yellow and full
has sent a beam
of light to
surrender
my soul
an act left undone
to die, to live
to love to give
the spring of fall
and the fall of spring
once again

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