VA Threatens RWC; Grades Main Issue

By EUGENE COULTER

Staff Writer

Roger Williams College has recently been delivered an ultimatum by the Veterans Administration through a former RWC student, Mr. Dave Sousa—the State Approving Agency acting on behalf of the VA.

Academic Dean Edwin Wilde indicated that the VA is attempting to set policy for the institution, which would affect all students and not veterans exclusively.

The college is attempting to resolve differences with the VA, but while Sousa is in Washington communications are delayed. Talks are scheduled in the immediate future. Administrators met with Sousa on September 27 and some progress was noted, but the controversy over grading policies still flares.

The VA expects RWC to report attendance of veterans enrolled at the college for the purposes of tracking abuses to the system. The VA objects to the college use of "Pass", "Incomplete", and "No Credit" grades.

Dean Wilde observes that the VA seems to expect the college to reflect the nation in bringing back the "F", and then to enforce RWC's policies. Vice president Rizzini has issued a letter to the college community concerning the controversy. In an excerpt from that letter, Rizzini points out: "...When the college reported its grading policies as they are listed in the 1976-1977 catalog, the State Approving Agency questioned the grades of "P", "I", and "NC". Hence, the college was threatened with a possible reduction in enrollment of up to 30%..."

All RWC veterans are invited to a meeting at the dormitory Oct. 13. In CR 132 at 2:00 p.m., to discuss current issues and veteran administration policies.

Informed me that he would submit the VA a "for review" only. These grades do not fit the VA guidelines as published last June—"AB", "NC", "P", and "F" carry no quality point computation.

"...Apparently the review has turned into an ultimatum from the VA..." The "Chair" Williams College were to lose its eligibility as an approved Veteran's Training Center, the college would incur a financial loss. Currently we have 450 F.T.E. (Full-Time Equivalent) students receiving VA benefits. The F.T.E. for the entire school is approximately 1,700 students. The veterans' F.T.E. then represents about one-third of the student population and one-third of the tuition income..."

In reference to VA objections to attendance policies, the Dean assured that his college is ready to provide a service to the VA by reporting attendance. "Our proposal indicates that we will send a letter to individual veterans in attendance at RWC inquiring into their academic status..."

"When the veterans reply to the letter we will forward the information to VA. We are also amenable to sending the VA registration data compiled both at the beginning and at the end of a semester."

The college is making an attempt, according to Dean Wilde, to resolve differences in a manner amenable to all concerned parties without sacrificing the academic integrity of the school.

TROUBLESHOOTER

Having a problem on campus? Is something bugging you about the way things are run around here? TROUBLESHOOTER is a new feature of the Quill in which reporters investigate and try to find solutions to students' gripes and complaints. If you want action, call 285-2000, or drop in the Quill office, bottom level of the Student Center.

Q: I've noticed that on several of my books I have bought in the RWC bookstore, the price is higher than the printed manufacturer's suggested retail price. This seems to be giving profit to a non-profit organization. What's the story?

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A. Ed Bagosta, manager of the bookstore, explained that the selling price of all books are determined by the publisher, not the college. He said when a paperback book has a price sticker passed over an old printed price it is because some books are on hand in the publishers warehouse when a price increase takes effect. All prices are determined in accordance with the price shown on the invoice that accompanies the shipment.

Enrollment Survey: Large and Divergent

By LISA WEISS

Staff Writer

It is quite obvious, looking at the Ramada Inn and Newport Motor Inn situations, that Roger Williams College has received an over abundance of students this year. According to two-week old records in the Registrar's office, Roger Williams has a complete total of 2,777 students, including day and night students.

It may be interesting to note the various places these students come from. There are more than a dozen student groups from different countries. Some of the foreigners are as follows: Venezuela; 4; Virginia Islands; 2; Japan; 1; Thailand; 1; England; 1; Brazil; 1; and Columbia; 1.

Taking a look at the students here from various parts of the United States, the majority are from the east. Some are as follows: Rhode Island; 687; Maine; 346; Connecticut; 197; New York; 170; New Jersey; 161; Penn; 32; Maryland; 10.

Most of the remaining students have quite a distance to travel to school. A few of the figures are as follows: Ohio; 3; California; 2; Illinois; 2; Oklahoma; 1; Texas; 1; Oregon; 1; Kentucky; 1; North Carolina; 1; South Carolina; 1;
News Briefs

'Bald Soprano' Coming

"The Bald Soprano" a one-act "anti-play" by Eugene Ionesco will be presented Friday, October 8 at 8 and 10 p.m. in the Coffeehouse Theatre was directed by Richard Cameron. The cast will include Paul Smith, Heather Eumerlon, Bob Anderson, Susan Thompson, Bob Barker and Mary Steeves.

Ionesco's fabulously illogical first play is an attempt to depict man's loss of individuality and his inability to think or communicate. The comedy will be done in English dialogue and should be funny if the cast lives up to the script.

Jewish Studies Being Offered

Dr. Joshua Stein and Bart Schiavo are administering two courses in Jewish Studies. Schiavo's course is "American Jewish Identity through Literature" and Stein's course is "A History of Zionism." Students who complete either one or both courses successfully can secure course credit through the University of Haifa, which can be submitted for transfer to Roger Williams College.

A time and place for meetings will be established when ten students sign up for a course. The cost is $75 per course plus the price of books. A meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in CI-106 for students interested in pursuing either or both of these subjects.

Student Senate Elections

Student Senate will hold elections on October 13 and 14 to fill four vacant positions. Three positions are open to freshmen including all new students at the college, and one seat is open to an upperclassman. All candidates are required to submit a platform paper and a nomination paper with at least 25 student signatures. The nominating papers can be picked up in the Student Senate Office (located downstairs in Student Union) and must be completed on or before October 9.

Results of Diagnostic Tests

Some freshmen have expressed an interest in finding out the results of their math and reading diagnostic tests. The test directors have these results and will convey them to individuals upon personal request. For the results in math see Dr. John O'Connell in SM-108. For reading results see Rita Spungen in CI-146 during office hours.

An overall report on these results will be available within a few weeks.

Business Club Meets

The Business Club held its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 27. Field trips, guest speakers, service projects and challenging other clubs in competitions were discussed at the meeting.

Meetings are held every Monday at 2 p.m. in SM-121. They are open to everyone including non-business majors.

Golf Outing Set

A golfouting for students and faculty will be held Saturday, Oct. 16 at 12 noon at the Swansea Golf Club. Interested persons can sign up for the outing in SM-111.

Schiavo Reports Feedback

BY EUGENE COULTER Staff Writer

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Members of the Roger Williams College dance corps, MOVE, gave participants a "dance sculpture" which followed the address. The induction of the president was formally executed by the Honorable Thomas J. Paolino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Judge Paolino said Miss Sides had told him, at an earlier date, how she would like the format of the ceremonies and that she included good weather in that format.

Miss Sides gave the inaugural address and awarded Vice President William Rizzini an honorary doctorate of education. The new Academic Dean, Edwin Wilde, was publicly introduced, and Harold Payson was announced as the college's new Ombudsman. The address was brief.

The benediction followed the address at which time the audience and officials retired to a formal reception.

Photos by Bill Alicandro
EDITORIAL

Future Shock?

Roger Williams College, which has a past history of a relatively private relationship with the Rhode Island community, must bring this picture of itself around immediately. Now that there is 'new blood' at the helm, the future can hopefully hold a change in this appraisal.

The college should collectively strive toward this goal using every ounce of its integrity available. If the administration does not affirmatively act upon this, students should not hesitate to demand an answer as soon as possible.

A student who job hunts with an RWC diploma in his or her hand will come across this representation of an RWC college education. For example, say you were going after a specific job and a graduate from Bryant College is also going after the same job, depending on who the employer is, the Bryant graduate will get the job.

This of course is not true all the time but is at all uncommon as you leave the Southern New England area. Something must be done to protect students from entering a problem of this kind.

If you have any thoughts that can help answer this inherent problem or if you have some specific thoughts which parallel the above and where you would like to see RWC head to, please bring your thoughts to the QUILL office on the lower level of the Student Center by Friday.

By Eugene Coulter
Staff Writer

VA Controversy: 'A Snafu'?

In the VA discovers this abuse they demand restitution from the school—not from me, the abuser. RWC would have no way to recover their losses from me and I get off without suffering any consequences for my actions.

As a result, the VA is now trying to tell colleges that they must keep attendance records and must give better grades exclusively in order to remain qualified as "VA approved."

See page one for complete news story.

The VA does not want to recognize credit for independent studies, internships, or directed readings or for any other "non-traditional" learning experiences.

Economically, the college cannot have one grading system for veterans and another for all other students. This is academic discrimination and probably illegal. But the VA is telling RWC that if the school does not want to lose one-third of its tuition (about one-third of RWC students are veterans) then RWC HAD BETTER COMPLY.

Who loses? The veteran who is conscientiously attempting to better himself through education is getting screwed. This happens solely at the hands of the VA-

Somebody has got to put a halt to the mercenary tactics being employed by this burdensome, self-righteous, federal paper elephant, but who?

Can colleges be expected to sacrifice a huge parcel of their incomes for the sake of fighting "the good fight"? I would think not.

Can veterans be expected to "bite the hand that feeds them," I would hope not.

Can the VA be expected to curb its own abuses? Hell no!

People must write, make their congressional representatives and senators, and they must do it now. The facts must be made known. The individual abusers must be dealt with individually and those honestly employing VA educational benefits must be allowed to continue their educational endeavors undisturbed by bureaucratic "in-fighting" and political intrigues.

Dear Editor:

In response to the last three paragraphs of Mr. Coulter's letter which appeared in the September 29 issue of The Quill Mr. Coulter: I disagree with you on your opinion that advertising for sexual partners is a form of sexual discrimination. If I assume that is the ad in question, a paper advertising for sexual partners to do this dastardly deed if the abuser.

Many newspapers of very high editorial standards have whole columns devoted to people looking for partners of one kind or another. I congratulate Mr. Asten for his open mindedness in accepting the fact for publication.

I do not agree with their particular form of sexual practice, nor do I want defend their right to practice it and their right to make use of any newspaper, campus, or otherwise, for the advertising of their needs until the day I die. We live in a free country and any activity which does not infringe the rights of others should be legal regardless of how many moral fibers are ruffled.

Louis F. de Geoffroy

Dear Editor,

I was amused by the letter in your last issue, written by Eugene Coulter, in which you were blasted for printing "snafu." It was implied that you would not have been able to do this dastardly deed if the Supreme Court had been doing its job correctly.

It amazes me that Eugene, whom I assume is a student here, is perfectly willing to allow nine old men to decide what 220 million Americans will or will not read. And this is from a student supposedly here in search of knowledge.

I certainly hope that the staff at The Quill will continue to print what exactly they want to, and will not be swayed by the ravings of the ignorant.

As for Eugene, I suggest that you go to your room, lock your door, and crawl under your bed, where your precious bodily fluids will have no chance of getting polluted by impure literature.
Letters to Editor

Faculty Member Disagrees With Dean Edwin Wilde

EDITOR’S NOTE. The following letter was received as an open letter to Academic Dean Wilde from Psychology professor Kent Walton. Dear Dr. Wilde,

The purpose of this letter is to make known to you my feelings as a part-time instructor in psychology in response to your recent decision not to open a second section of “Psychology of Loneliness” — a Monday night course I am teaching this semester.

I feel compelled to make my feelings known. Not only to you but also to the Roger Williams College community at-large, for those involved in your decision have much wider implication and could affect far more faculty and students in the future.

To be specific, I personally am deeply disappointed if not somewhat disillusioned by your decision to respond to the clearly expressed needs of the more than 35 students who attended and wanted to enroll in my “Psych. of Loneliness” class. You yourselves gave me three different occasions on which you clearly understood the necessity of having small enrollments in those classes where the primary mode of learning is experiential, where the only effective way to learn the course material is to personally experience the subject matter discussed. You have made it quite clear that you consider students far too large a number for this type of learning experience.

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By STEVE WEND
Staff Writer

Jai Alai—Newport Fun

Jai alai, "the world's fastest game," has come to Newport. Many of its fans agree that it is both fast and exciting.

The game is similar to handball. The ball (known as a pelota) is hurled against a wall, but the opponent will be unable to field it.

The player does not attempt to hit the ball with a wicker racquet or cesta. The Roger Williams College Jai Alai team placed fourth out of five teams in a cross country invitational match at Barrington College last Saturday.

Boys, which bunched five runners in the first eleven places, won team honors with 41 points, immediately following them were Berkshire College with 45 points and Clark University with 48 points. Roger Williams came in next beating Barrington by a score of 103–108.

Greg Vaslet once again led the Hawks team effort running strong with a tenth place effort. Other’s scoring for RWC were Helmann, 17, Dave Kurt, 27, Doug Pike, 24 and Tom Sheaich, 27, for the 19 point total. Greg’s tenth place time for the 5.25 course was 21.20, 2:29 behind the co-leaders Eric and Dale Heath of Berkshire College, turned in identical times of 28:51 for the 5.25 mile course.

The next meet is a three-way contest against Barrington and Nyack Colleges on Saturday, October 8 at Barrington.

Intramural Football Super Popular Here

By BEN HELLMANN
Sports Editor

"It’s one of the strongest activities going on. The competition is just great among the units, dorms and others," stated Athletic Director Hector Massa in reference to RWC intramural football.

He added, "I would like to see it lead up to an all-star team playing against other colleges on an intramural basis."

Intramural football season began last Monday and will continue through Nov. 8 on an almost daily basis.

All games start at 3 p.m. on the field adjacent to the guard shack.

Seven teams, composed of students from the dorms, Ramada Inn and the Newport Motor Inn, will be playing six games apiece.

253 students signed up to play football. Each student donated $1 to be used for prizes and trophies at the end of the season.

Students Keith Gurley, Mike Cavanaugh and Robert Hoford will act as officials for the games.

"I received a lot of help from Bill O’Connell and Keith Gurley. Without their support, the program wouldn’t be the success that it is," Massa stated.

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The Roger Williams College Rugby Club met their coach Dave Harlow last Friday.

Harlow, a '73 graduate of R.W.C., is a former Providence Rugby Club "A" team. Harlow has played rugby for seven years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the young team.

Harlow has invited the team to practice with the Providence club on Thursdays, R.W.C.'s regular practices will still be held Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 3:30.

R.W.C. rugby players have also been invited to play for Providence, which has three full teams and a partial fourth team. Providence plays their games on Saturdays. The rugby team also received their uniforms and rugby balls last week. The uniforms are navy blue with gold trim.

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**New England Defeats Hawks Soccer 2-0**

Roger Williams College soccer team was defeated by a score of 2-0 in their game against New England College played at New England last Saturday.

"The overall play of the game was well executed on both sides," said captain Ron Kopez.

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**The Issue of EPCD Accreditation**

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as well.

The question is, does a bachelor's degree fulfill the requirements for a job in today's job market. What does the future hold for a college graduate whose only credential consists of a diploma and a grade transcript? And, what is the future of the liberal arts?

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**Soccer Team Meets**

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**Soccer Confrontation Last Saturday**

The Hawks Were Defeated by a Score of 2-0.

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Friday, Oct. 15 8:00 p.m. Las Vegas Night—for the benefit United Cerebral Palsy, will be in the Student Center. Dance Concert featuring: "Zonkaras" country rock "Jazz" pop.

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FLICKS

All films are in Lecture Hall 129.

SEVENTH SEAI! (Sweden, 1956, Bergman) with Max von Sydow, Gunnar Bjornstrand, Bengt Ekerot, Nils Poppe, Bibi Anderson. Wed. Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

WILD STRAWBERRIES (Sweden, 1957, Bergman) with Victor Sjostrom, Bibi Anderson, Ingrid Thulin, Gunnar Bjornstrand, Gunnar Lindblom. Wed., Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MONTY PYTHON & THE HOLY GRAIL, presented by the Social Committee. Thurs., Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

THE MAGICIAN (Sweden, 1958, Bergman) with Max von Sydow, Ingrid Thulin, Gunnar Bjornstrand, Erland Josephson. Wed., Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SILENT RUNNING, presented by The Star Trek Club. Fri. Oct. 29 at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Free Popcorn $.39 adm.

THE BEST OF THE FIRST NEW YORK EROTIC FILM FESTIVAL (sponsored by Social Committee). Wed. Oct 27 at 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.