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Roger Williams at Quonset Point

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles on the newest members of the Roger Williams College Community, the Quonset Point Division. It is our hope that we can add to the educational development of all segments of the college by helping each to understand each other. Furthermore, we believe that we may serve as the primary mode of communication and thereby promote the integration of the various sections of the college into one community.

During the summer of 1977, 29 years after the founding of Roger Williams Jr. College and only 9 years after the establishment of the baccalaureate program, Roger Williams College has entered into a new era of development. This is what the new Quonset Point Division means for Roger Williams College.

For years known as the academic stepping stone for students considered unacceptable to other institutions, Roger Williams entered into competition for the Quonset Point program with other schools such as the University of Rhode Island, Bryant College, Rhode Island Jr. College, Rhode Island College, and Johnson and Wales. And as the Dean of the College Edwin Wilde said with a smile, “We whipped the other schools.”

Academic Counseling Emphasized

During the so-called ‘lean’ years, when the college was known as a last chance institution, academic counseling was a major part of the school’s program. Through academic counseling a student’s studies may be individualized or geared to meet his or her educational desires. With a large number of borderline students, the college quickly learned the necessity of these types of programs. Apparently, it was a lesson well learned. “The key element in our program is academic counseling.”, commented Wilde. According to the Dean it was essential to the College’s overall program and one of the main reasons that we now have the Quonset Point program and not one of the other schools.

General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division located in Quonset Point want to develop a program such as this for their employees, Wilde described General Dynamics as a “progressive company” and “really interested in their employees”. People from the company asked several schools about running courses for continued on page 5
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its employees. Roger Williams was not one of the original schools invited to submit a proposal. Apparently, they were more orientated towards schools on the west side of the bay.

Acting-President William H. Rizzini, responding to encouragement from the Board of Trustees, personally requested that Roger Williams College be allowed to submit a proposal. The college saw “a golden opportunity” according to Wilde, and the administration and faculty went to work. Wilde was particularly impressed with the cooperation between the faculty and administration. He was pleased by the faculty’s willingness to cooperate and work as a team.” While the faculties and administrations from other schools were enjoying their summers, Wilde and others spent their vacations at work on the Quonset Point proposal. Anthony Iannicelli, Rocco Colagiavanni, William Knight, Paul Langello, and Dean

Wilde were greatly responsible for the academic proposal. Dean Robert McKenna arranged the financial matters and William Nott, Director of the Physical Plant, has helped to put the building into good condition.

When Chief James Thompson (USN—Retired) came into the picture Wilde said “the whole thing fell into place”. Thompson serves as administrative co-ordinator for the program and is typical of the dedication exhibited by the people involved with the program. After twenty years serving in the United States Navy, Thompson retired this summer, “Two hours after the ceremony”, Wilde

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Editorially Speaking

During the 1974-75 academic year, Roger Williams College was immersed in a bitter internal struggle that was the subject of state-wide news. Afterwards, for one brief year, the college functioned under a new concept, that of community. It was thought that by working together, through social and academic interaction, we would better meet our educational, political, and social goals. Many were convinced that this alone was enough.

But then came the spring of 1977. Soon it became apparent that it was not enough to work together. And again, internal conflict ran rampant. This time the struggle was intensified by the knowledge that we had not truly faced the issues of 1975; we had not solved our differences, but had merely reached a temporary and superficial peace.

Today the memories of the previous year seem like only a passing nightmare. The new year has all the effects of a fresh morning breeze briskly blowing away the last remnants of a bad night’s sleep. It is not our intention to open freshly healed wounds. We are not about to ask the students, faculty, and administrators to subject themselves once again to the agony of past debates. But the fact of the matter is this: We still have not examined what it all meant.

 Twice during the past four years the college has been shaken to its very foundations by the turmoil of internal conflicts. Yet, through it all the college still remains and the foundation is stronger than ever. But this alone is still not enough. We must not allow the memories to fade before we finally face up to what it was really all about.

We can not provide the answers to the questions that still remain, but at least one thing seems absolutely clear. The truth and the meaning behind the events of last year remain hidden within each individual involved during the debates of the past. Let us each examine our parts, whether it was a major role or that of a silent bystander, to determine what really happened and why it happened again. And then let us examine each other, freely, openly, and honestly. Only when we can do these things can we expect the nightmare to truly meet a new day. If what has happened was more than just a game played out of boredom and cruelty, let us truly know what it meant. If it meant so little that we can just pretend that it never really occurred, then let us learn at least this.

Editorial Policy of the Quill

The Quill, as the soul voice and means of community communications, assumes the right to express editorial opinion. Freedom of the press, as an expression of speech, is one of our most sacred rights.

Along with every right, however, must come a responsibility. Otherwise chaos is sure to ensue. Therefore, we feel obligated to state our policy regarding editorials. The following is our editorial policy:

1) Editorial opinions, and only editorial opinions, shall appear only on the editorial page(s).
2) All unsigned editorials shall be construed to represent the opinion of the Editorial Board of the Quill and therefore the opinion of the Quill.
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4) Although the Quill recognizes the obligation to use fair and responsible editorial judgement, under no circumstances should opinions be regarded as fact.
5) The Quill recognizes the responsibility to print opposing view points as "Letters to the Editor".

The following shall be the policy regarding "Letters to the Editor".

1) All letters must be typed or printed (double spaced).
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3) All letters must be signed. Only under special circumstances unsigned letters may be printed.

In our opinion, communication requires more than one thought. Therefore, if you disagree with our editorials (or for some unknown rationale, you agree) or wish to let others know your thoughts, let us know. Communicate!

Letters

Dear Editor,

One of the most overlooked and often unappreciated groups on campus is the "Hawk Squad". Each year the “Hawks” are usually the first people to greet the incoming freshmen and transfer students. They help the new students unload their cars, locate their rooms, and direct them to the information that is essential for them to know. Each year the “Hawks” give the new students their first impressions of the college.

This year’s squad was tremendous. They worked all day without complaint and only the satisfaction of helping other people through what could be a difficult experience. Their job was harder because of the high number of triples and the high numbers of students. Yet, at the end of the day they still had a smile to share with the last of the incoming students.

The R.A. staff thanks you, the members of the “Hawk Squad”, for your efforts. You made our job that much easier and more pleasant. With your help we were more efficient and more professional. Without your help, that day would have been ‘Hell’.

The R.A. Staff

Dear Editor:

Faculty members and students wishing a complete set of instructions for “meditation” together with a list of “secret” mantras and a description of how they are assigned can obtain them without obligation of any kind by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope (preferably about 10” wide) to:

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Sincerely yours,
Alexander Calandra
Chairman, Science Department
Community Involvement For Growth

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the students to Roger Williams College and to solicit your help in creating a more educational and comfortable atmosphere at our College. Many improvements are taking place at R.W.C., but these improvements will seem empty unless they are developed and co-ordinated with student input. The purpose of a college is to educate, and education occurs through the process of decision-making. The development and incorporation of ideas between students, faculty and administrators is an important method in the operation of any academic community. This process can only take place, however, if the students are motivated to share in the development of the college.

The avenues for student involvement are open at Roger Williams. We have an independently student operated newspaper. Our Student Senate is given a budget of $48,000.00 and complete freedom in the allocation of these funds. All but one academic committee has students sitting on them and students are given an important roll in the operation and governing of dorm life. There are twenty-four clubs on campus ranging from, on the light side, Star Trek Club to the hard working Radio Station. For the student whose interests lie beyond the boundaries of the present club structure, there is the opportunity to write your own constitution and ask the Student Senate for funding at anytime during the academic year. Each club is appointed a Faculty Advisor and this allows the student more opportunity to work with college personnel.

This year, perhaps more than any other, the Administration would like to solicit your help in the operation of the college. Student input is not only necessary for better decisions but essential if the College is to be operated in an educational manner. Get involved, both for your own growth and for the growth of our institution.

Sincerely,
William F. O’Connell
Acting Dean of Students

In Our Opinion

New blood, or better put, new ideas, new beliefs and most importantly, a new way of looking at the issues. This is what the three freshman senators are expected to contribute to the Student Senate. The hope here is that they do produce this new perspective and are not dissuaded in their attempts to do so.

The word “Senator” is a title and should be taken as nothing more than such. Unfortunately, people will tend to read meanings into the work when they are elected to this position. They begin to consider themselves more socially prominent than the rest of the student body, and when this is taken to its fullest an elite club can and will result. The Senate’s purpose is to better the students interest within a college community. The Senate needs direct interaction/conflict within itself in order to develop ideas and then to constructively criticize these ideas. This cannot be done to the full extent that it should be done if the Senate runs itself on an informal set of rules that maintain club solidarity and stifle debate. These rules must be broken up if the Senate is to be useful in truly helping their fellow students.

All in all, the three new senators seem intelligent, conscientious about their new duties and responsibilities, and anxious to do the work that goes with being a Senator. Now, if they can become worthy adversaries amongst themselves and for the other senators, and use their newness to freely debate the issues in a interaction with the other senators political expertise in these matters, the Student Senate will be a better body now than it was before the freshman election.
RWC Board of Trustees
Air Fund Raising Plans

Speaking before the Roger Williams College Faculty Senate, the colorful, sometimes brusque James J. Reilly announced the details of the first major fund raising initiative in the college's history. Reilly is a co-chairman of the Board of Trustees' Fund Raising Committee and president of one of Rhode Island's major insurance firms - Janes J. Reilly, Inc.

Reilly commented that fund raising activities in the past have been successful but were rarely "followed through." He said that outside fund-raising in the state of Rhode Island would "be difficult" at present as he unfolded the board of trustee's proposal. (Roger Williams does not have a major endowment and at present is reliant upon student tuition.)

Charity beginning at home.

Reilly outlined a 'hierarchy' of the approach considered to be the best first step in the accomplishment of long range financial goals. First on his list is the faculty and administration of the College. He suggests that, perhaps through a "payroll deduction plan," combined faculty-administration contributions could be expected to total $100,000 to $150,000 over a five year period.

Secondly, the board of trustees could be expected to raise $60,000 to $100,000 in the same period of time. Reilly noted that seven board members have already pledged $60,000 over the next ten years.

On the third order is the corporation which, says Reilly, "should increase in membership" over the next few years and contribute $100,000 to $150,000.

Parents of students will be approached to contribute $100,000 to $150,000 over the five year period. Reilly notes that reaching out to parents with students in college is traditional among colleges and that of 100% of these parents 28-30% traditionally respond favorable to fund raising activities. He also noted the re-activation of the college's Century Club, by board vice-chairman Ralph Pappito. Members of the Century Club each contribute $100 per year. Reilly expects that this club will raise $50,000 annually.

Finally, Reilly asserted that the alumni will play a major role in fund raising activities but that due to the 'newness' of the college, the fact that we do not have a comparatively large body of alumni, this Acting President William Rizzini announced that 14 alumni of RWC have voluntarily formed a "steering committee" with the purpose of organizing and establishing communication among alumni. The result of this committee's work is expected to be seen within the remaining months of this year.

Family Concept

"Our greatest asset is that we are a young college," says Reilly. Reilly referred to each constituent part of the college as being a member of the college "family." He noted that "we have had fund raising activity in the faculty" and that it was of the "quiet" type. "On the whole," admits Reilly, "the faculty has been a very generous group and we (the board of trustees) appreciate your efforts."

Five Year Plan

The proposed five year program of fund raising activities is expected to net the college a total of $1,000,000. The expenditures for this program will be limited only to such items as printing, mailing, etc. Reilly reiterated last spring's decision by the board not to hire any professional fund raising personnel to conduct the initial phase of the plan, although he did say that once the program is well established the option to hire a professional in the field will be open.

Reilly also noted that "outside ac-

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New Academic Plan

Gayle Mattison and Patricia Jobe

Roger Williams College can look forward to a new long-range academic plan, according to dean of the college, Dr. Edwin Wilde. The plan adopted by the faculty during the Spring 1977 semester will begin to take effect in 1979. While the new plan will not affect students who enroll before the Fall 1979 semester, unless they choose to follow its guidelines on their own, all entering students will be "encouraged but not required" to minor in another field not specifically related to their chosen major field of concentration.

For example, business and engineering students will be encouraged to minor in a liberal arts discipline and liberal arts students will be encouraged to minor in either business or engineering discipline.

Freshman distribution requirements have been changed and simplified. All students matriculating at Roger Williams after 1979 will be required to select at least one introductory level course from each major division of the college (Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Business Administration, and Engineering) and they will be expected to fulfill the college-wide expository writing requirement. Core requirements for the individual majors will be set by respective areas.

Implementation Beginning

The major evidence that the new plan is being implemented in advance of the final implementation date is the merger accomplished last spring between the Political Studies area and the Law Center to form a new area - The Legal and Political Studies area.

This new area has already begun a new disciplinary major - Paralegal Studies. Political Studies is still offered by the new area as an independent major. Paralegal studies will be a discipline in which students will be prepared to work in the law under the direction of an attorney at law.

Dean Wilde notes that the guiding philosophy of the new plan is to make Roger Williams "stronger academically." Dean Wilde notes that Roger Williams has grown form a junior college to a "four year institution" with yet further expansion expected in the future. And that the academic plan is designed to meet the needs of the future.
Last spring, Dr. Mark Gould gave his ecology class an assignment to collect 50 pounds of aluminum cans, in an effort to make his class more aware of litter and solid waste problems and of the benefits of recycling valuable resources like aluminum.

David Llewellyn, a junior, took the assignment seriously. He turned it into a campus-wide recycling program, now known as Recycling Systems. Llewellyn asked the students on his dormitory floor to save their aluminum beverage cans. Once a week he deposited his load of cans at professor Gould's office. Llewellyn learned later that it was possible to cash in the 'waste material' for 17 cents a pound. Dave sorted the cans and found that his three month collection of cans amounted to 60 pounds or more than $10 worth of recyclable materials.

Rather than just pocket the money, he decided to put his recycling earnings back into recycling. With a few friends he began the "Recycling Systems" a well-planned effort aimed at all recyclables at Roger Williams College. David received support and a small amount of funds from the Environmental Council on campus, and spent the summer organizing his program.

At the beginning of the semester, Dave, along with Howard Waltz, a junior, and Roger Wilson, a sophomore, held a meeting on every floor and unit, explaining their recycling plan. They then placed four trash cans on every floor, one can for aluminum and one for green, brown, and clear glass. There are 19 collection points throughout the campus, and at least one volunteer to oversee each collection point.

Twice a week Dave, Howard, and Roger empty the recyclables into a trunk loaned by James Lunig, a junior, to the program.

Llewellyn has been trying to persuade the soft drink manufacturer who stocks the campus vending machines to use only all-aluminum cans. He is also trying to persuade other campus groups to participate in his program.

"We've been getting a much bigger response than we'd hoped for," Howard Waltz said. "The kids have really been motivated by the idea of keeping the dorms and campus clean and by recycling itself."

"We've made it workable by bringing recycling to them," Roger Wilson added. "We've come more than halfway and it's worth it. When kids see a really organized, well-put-together program they are willing to pitch in.

The students are not just recycling what they use themselves. Howard has seen many students cleaning up the beaches adjacent to the college, and the faculty has been getting involved by bringing aluminum in from their homes. David has a special time each weekend for faculty recyclables at the Nike Base from 1-3 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Towards strengthening recycling systems David is seeking the aid of local Car Dealers in the use of sponsoring a recycling system.

The participation of the dorms has been established into a contest. The amount of recyclable material is measured on a per capita basis in units and floors, so that it is proportionally equivalent.

When asked why he had continued the project well beyond the demands of his ecology assignment, David Llewellyn said, "Just because I think recycling is very important. It's not just the money—recycling is more important that that—but making money helps us set up a workable system that is available to everyone.

"We're keeping the campus clean and we're educating others about the importance of recycling. And we're reusing our containers which saves resources and energy and helps cut down on solid waste.

Creative Creations

George
by: Julia Jarbel

I should have sensed something was being plotted when she insisted on walking up sixteen flights of stairs to her apartment, and then at the fifteenth floor casually mention that Leslie lived on that level; but at the time I was busy meditating on the complexity and risks of resting my arm around her slender waist. Then, as I opened the door to her floor and ushered her through, I found my arm slipping easily around her and felt her arm move across my back, then just as it came to rest on my side she had to release me to unlock her door. But the glance she gave me over her shoulder as I followed her in made up for my disappointment and set my heart racing in wild expectation.

I noticed her glance around the room as if checking for something or, I thought somewhat fearfully, someone! Then she turned toward me and my heart leaped and my excitement became very hard to control for five buttons of her shirt mysteriously unbuttoned themselves. She smiled happily and said, "George won't be home for a while yet," and she guided me to the couch and slipped softly into my waiting arms.

"George?" I asked a one word question trying to hide the rising fear I felt growing inside me. My life is very precious to me and dealing with a jealous husband is hardly my line.

She finally murmured, "He stayed over night at Leslie's." By then my mind was whirling with fear overpowered by love, but when I heard the doorbell ring I startled myself by cowering behind the couch while she moved gracefully to open the door. As I peered around the couch I could see her slender ankles and bare feet move gracefully over the carpet and then the big heavy work boots as she opened the door. Thunder crashed in the room as he bellowed like a mad bull, "Who's behind that couch?"

I guess I must have hit my head on the end table above me, because I came to on the couch with an icepack on my head and her cooing over me in a very complementary blue evening gown. She smiled as she saw my questioning look and said with a slight chuckle, "Relax, Leslie's gone."

And then I followed her eyes to a big black cat resting on the back of the couch. She said, look back at me as I gazed at the cat, 'Meet George'.

Recycling Systems
Orientation 1977

Orientation for Roger Williams College freshmen and transfer students was held on September 8 through September 10 in order to acquaint new students to college life. As compared with other orientations, this year was more academically inclined. Social aspects of college life were not neglected, but at the same time were not the main focus.

A more extensive and creative format than past orientations, this orientation featured workshops, 'classes', a semi-formal banquet, and some entertainment. Students were grouped by academic interests into approximately forty members. During the course of the two day academically inclined workshops and 'showcase' classes period, these groups would attend the events together. Some of the workshops included: Careers, Ethnic Awareness, Lifestyles, Modern Interests, and Study Skills. Woman's Programming, new to Roger Williams College (and under the direction of Lois Schulyer, phone number extension 2164), was an important workshop open to both male and female students.

In addition to the emphasis on academics, orientation was designed to indoctrinate new students to the concept of community living at Roger Williams College. This concept was exemplified by the involvement of all segments of the college during the entire orientation week.

Feedback on the orientation is being solicited by the Dean of Students Office, Dormitory Government (via its Advisory Board) and the Quill.

The answer to the question is: Yes, RWC does have a Cross Country team, and a darn good one. If it was not for spoilers Fitchburg State and Rhode Island College, they would be undefeated. That is pretty good.

In the first meet of the season, the Hawk Harriers destroyed Gordon by a 22-33 score at Colt State Park. The tide has turned as Gordon won this meet last season by a 16-45 score. However, this time Freshman John Owen took second, Freshman Pete Focareto third, Sophomore Greg Vaslet fourth, Sophomore Ed Dorn sixth and Freshman Bill Holland seventh. After that it was all over except the final tally.

On to the "Pop" Crowell Invitational held at Barrington College October first. Fitchburg State was a dominating first, RIC a devastating second, but RWC held onto a strong third place in a field of ten teams.

Freshman John Owen once again led the Hawks with a ninth place finish. two Freshman and two Sophomores by the names of Pete Focareto, Greg Vaslet, Bill Holland and Ed Dorn took 18th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd places respectively. After that good job of "bunching" the runners, the Hawks were able to capture the third place finish.

Next came the Tri-meet against Barrington and Nichols held at Barrington College on October fifth. The Hawks overall did not run their best race, but it was enough to defeat the weaker competition. The score was RWC - 22, Barrington - 43 and Nichols - 60 points. John Owen and Bill Holland took first and second and it was all over.

Then on October 15th, the Hawks competed in the First Annual Rhode Island College Invitational. RWC went into the contest somewhat apprehensive, because number one runner John Owen pulled a muscle in his leg two days earlier, When it was all over, Owen had 7th place (strong performance) and RWC had a runner-up trophy. This is the first trophy for the Cross-Country team in five years. Other scorers for the Hawks were Freshman Bill Holland (1), Freshman Pete Focareto (12), Sophomore Greg Vaslet (14) and Sophomore Ed Dorn (15). Rhode Island College looked impressive, taking five of the first six spots, but the Hawks were a strong second in depth and score. Final scores were: RIC - 18, RWC - 49, Clark - 81, Bryant - 106, Quinnipiac - 109.

Other fine runners on the '77 team fighting to break the thirty minute barrier are: Dave Kurt, Andy Estabrooks, Paul Geveneser, and Jack Schroder. All put forth tremendous effort and contribute toward this year's overall team success.

Hawk Harriers Run to Victory

Roger Williams College's vastly improved Cross Country Team

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activities" in fund raising will be initiated after the kick-off of the program-October 15, 1977, but he did not elaborate any of the details of this portion of the plan.

Reilly spoke at some length about utilization of funds raised by the program, notably development and use of the newly acquired Kaiser property in Bristol.

Reilly also noted that the college has "no established list of priorities" for expenditure of funds at the present time. He mentioned an existing list from a previous year noting that this list "has not been updated" recently. James Miller, President of the Student Senate, has said that Acting President Rizzini has asked him to serve on a committee which will attempt to set priorities for the college in conjunction with this major effort.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Reilly received a round of applause from members of the faculty senate, which had last Spring demanded that the board of trustees present the exact details of their fund raising intentions to them.

College Governing Boards:
A Matter of Trust

by Helaine Lasky

(CPS)--Students have been fighting for seats on their universities' governing boards for almost a decade and administrative doors have begun to open. Peering in through the cracks, students have learned that the first problem they may have to deal with is the Board of Trustees itself.

Last April, four students at Pennsylvania State University charged that the selection of the Board of Trustees at Penn State was illegal, and that any future selection system which involves elections of Board members must include participation of students.

If the suit is successful, 21 trustees now selected by special agricultural and industrial groups and Penn State alumni will be removed.

"The suit seeks to establish the principle that state universities which select its trustees by an electoral method must do so on a student-wide basis as is done for government office," said Alan Morrison, legal counsel for the student plaintiffs and attorney with Public Citizens litigation Group, a Ralph Nader affiliate.

"The present system is defective...and (the Penn State) case seeks to concern because they represent skewed interest on the board...they have no connection with the university," Morrison added.

Jim Scarantino, one of the students who brought the suit, went to court to argue that the university is not "a vehicle continued on page 12

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informed the Quill, "Jim was down at Quonset Point and back to work". Thompson and Rocco-Celagivanni, who serves as the Academic Co-Ordinator, are the two individuals now running the new Division. Mr. Thompson echoed Wilde's feelings of the program and called it a "team effort". Thompson went on to say about the program, "It is a very unique, non-traditional approach to education. It is very flexible, flexibility is built right into the whole thing"

Thompson predicts that the program will grow in size and expand as far the type of curriculum is concerned. "It is going to mushroom", he said. Wilde concurred with Thompson's opinion. "The possibilities are unlimited, other developments are distinctly possible", according to the Dean.

Although the program was developed as a response to the initiative of General Dynamics, it is not limited just to General Dynamics' employees. In fact, several other companies are also encouraging their employees to continue their educations at Quonset Point. Furthermore, many members of surrounding communities are enrolling. "Right now its running about half and half, about 50% from General Dynamics and 50% from elsewhere.", Thompson reports. We want to be a good neighbor for the entire community.

(Next Issue: The Quill takes an up close look at the Quonset Point Division operation.)

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**Student Senate Elections**

*Volpe, Perry, LaBonta Win*  
**Sparse Voter Turnout**

A very small student body turnout for the Student Senate freshman election held Oct. 11 and 12 resulted in a close race, with Michele Volpe, Robin Perry, and Matt LaBonta narrowly winning the three freshman seats open on the Senate over Monica Letourneur and David Klein, the two closest runners up.

When asked by the Quill about her first place finish Michele explained that she had made an effort since coming here to meet people, and to develop close friendships with them. Because of these friendships, and her involvement in student government in high school, she felt that the students felt she would be qualified to be a senator. Michele hopes to “listen, learn and grow with our college community” as a senator. She has no specific issues to bring to the senate right now, but plans only to “get people to think about issues, to talk when I have something to say, and to try and change peoples thinking when I believe I am right.” When asked if she had the political finesse to open and change minds, she responded by saying “Sure, I’m a politician; every girl is a good politician.”

Robin Perry, a commuter and the winner of the second seat, explained her victory by saying that more people around campus knew her, and knew she had an open mind, because she is a second semester freshman. She believes her role on the senate is “not to have a role. I am not fitting into any mold; I’m part of the senate, but I have my own identity and my own beliefs. My aim is not mediocrity. You elected me to fight for the students and I will do it; I will not be quiet.” She said that she only hopes that she can learn from the others and hope that they will learn from her, because she lives a Christian life and “this can only help the Senate.”

Working for the students and doing for the majority is the function of a Senator, says Matt LaBonta, the third winner of the election. When queried as to what happens to the minority opinion on any certain issue, he explained his ‘majority rules’ idea in greater detail: “As a senator, I will try to work out a satisfactory compromise to try and make all the students happy, but in the end it has to be the majority opinion of the students that I’ll use in deciding how to vote.” This would include bringing up issues the students wanted debated, even if he didn’t agree with them. His main goal is to “get more people involved to a greater extent.” In all, he wants to grow with the additional responsibilities he now has.

Dave Klein said that he was disappointed, but not negative about the loss, explaining that “there have been other downs, but you can’t let them affect your life too much. I won’t let my loss affect my entire year, besides I’ll still try and want to get involved in student government.”

“Even though I lost, I’m glad I ran. It was a good experience and worth it” was the way Moruia explained her feelings about the loss. She wasn’t elected, she believes, because she didn’t know enough people, and there was no forum to discuss ideas and issues. She too hopes she can become involved with other areas of the college community.

**Post Doctoral Fellows**

Approximately 140 National Needs Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded for research and study on scientific problems related to national needs in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, as well as in interdisciplinary areas.

Application may be made by persons who will have earned by the beginning of their fellowship tenure a Ph.D. degree in one of the fields of science listed above or have had research training and experience equivalent to that represented by a Ph.D. degree, and who will have held the doctorate for no more than five years as of December 5, 1977. All applicants must be citizens of the United States, and will be judged on the basis of ability.

Final selection of Fellows will be made by the Foundation, with awards to be announced in March 1978.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is December 5, 1977. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20418.

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for government to underwrite special interests” and that “there is too great a temptation for representatives of agribusiness and industrial groups to make educational policy that improves their narrow interests while ignoring the interests of the students who are most directly affected by the trustees’ decisions.”

One former member of the Penn State Board of Trustees held a building contract with the university, according to Morrison. There are 32 members on the current Board, including the Governor of Pennsylvania and the President of Penn State. Six members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Senate. This process is not being challenged.

But when it comes to special interest groups representing agribusiness and industry, the sparks are flying. Six trustees are elected by agricultural societies in each county in the state and six are elected by mining, manufacturing, engineering and mechanical societies, none of whom, the suit charges, has any particular connection with Penn State. Nine trustees elected by alumni are also being questioned.

The Penn State is hung up in court until early next year and if successful, a Penn State student may be able to sit down with the trustees for the 1978-1979 term.

Meanwhile, a 1972 survey on student participation in institutional governing boards found that 14 percent of colleges and universities had students as members of governing boards, most without any voting privileges. By 1974, ten states had students as voting members on their boards of Trustees or Trustees.

Three years ago, those who favored the need for student and faculty representation on governing boards argued that the students and faculty members could have the positive effect of communicating the needs of their constituencies to the board, contributing needed personal and professional experience and helping bridge the gap between students and the complex nature of the boards.

The main argument against this sort of representation was the problem of conflict of interest. Students would push vested interests into the system of having “outside and objective points of view,” according to such institutions as the Carnegie Commission which said in 1972 that any students placed on governing boards should not be from that institution.

Attitudes have softened and there is good news, at least, from the University of Delaware. E. Norman Veasey, chairperson of the Committee on Student-Alumni-Trustees, said in September that there is no doubt that there will be a recent graduate elected to the Board of Trustees “when one of the current trustees steps down from the board.”
Student Film Competition Announced

FOCUS '78, a competition to encourage and reward college-level filmmakers and critics-to-be, has been announced by Nissan U.S.A., distributor of Datsun automobiles. Designed to provide motivation and support for all students seriously concerned with the art of film, the second annual FOCUS (Films of College and University Students) contest will award scholarships, Datsun automobiles and film equipment to winners. A group of distinguished academic and professional film experts will pre-screen and judge the entries.

Students may enter in one of two basic categories: Filmmaking or Film Study. In the former, films may be animation, experimental, documentary or narrative. The Film Study entries may be reviews of commercially released films, comprehensive critiques of a body of work by a particular director, screenwriter, film editor, cinematographer or performer, or a comprehensive essay on a particular film genre. All submitted material must be made on a non-commercial basis by a student enrolled in a U.S. college, university, art institute or professional film school.

A distinguished group of judges will pre-screen entries and make the final selections. Entrants will be judged on the excellence of their filmmaking abilities or their studied knowledge of American cinema and their ability to write of it imaginatively.

Entry deadline is February 1, 1978. Additional information on FOCUS '78 is available from school Film, English or other appropriate departments or from FOCUS, 530 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036.
Upper left: Robin Perry
Upper right: Matt LaBonta
Lower left: Michele Volpe
Lower right: President James Miller

greets the newly elected Senators

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