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Creative Creations
After the recent fire at Providence College, the Housing office asked the Bristol Fire Marshall to come and inspect our Dormitories for any possible violations. As a whole the Roger Williams College dorms met all major standards and are considered structurally fire proof. However, minor violations that have been corrected, or are in the process of being corrected.

The housing contract that everyone signs before they are allowed in the dormitories states that "cooking is prohibited in the students rooms because of the obvious fire hazard". Although it is prohibited by the contract to have cooking utensils in the rooms, this in particular has been an accepted practice in the past. The Housing office, in conjunction with fire regulations, will no longer be able to let this continue and they are asking for student cooperation in enforcing this proviso. If, however, in Housing's opinion the problem is not corrected by mutual cooperation, the Housing Office will be forced to insist upon strict adherence to the contract.

The hanging of beds from the ceiling rafters is another widespread and possibly more devastating fire hazard that has been discovered in Dormitory II. Prior to last semester, when a student hung his bed, he or she was asked to bring it down. But due to the overcrowding that resulted in so many triples, Housing allowed students to hang beds for the first time last semester so that they would have more room. Now that the triples situation has been alleviated, the Housing Office will return to the old policy of no hanging beds.

The fire hazard that arises from this is that in order to hang the bed it is necessary to remove or lift the ceiling tiles. These tiles have a two hour burn-time, so that if there is a fire in a room the flame and smoke are contained within that one room. However, when tiles are removed or lifted, the fire and smoke can easily spread to adjacent rooms.

Therefore, for everyone's safety, the tiles must remain securely in place, and the Housing Office will strictly enforce this policy.

The most dangerous, and least tolerable, fire hazard is caused by students attempting to "hot-wire" appliances onto the emergency electrical wiring system. The directors of housing stated that if anyone is caught tampering with any existing wiring they will be immediately removed from the dorms.

The Fire Marshall pointed out that many students have tapestries covering the walls or hanging from the ceiling. However, they are not a problem, per se, because most appear to be somewhat fire retardant. If all the other problems are resolved, then the tapestries will be insignificant. Also, since people have to spend 8 or 9 months of the year here, and they therefore try to make their rooms look as nice as possible, the Housing Office feels that it would be more detrimental to have all the tapestries removed. However, they do suggest for the students' own safety, that "if you have the tapestries hung as room dividers or wrapped around the bed, that people move them because if the tapestries do catch on fire, they will serve as impassable traps."

The rules governing the Christmas contest have had to be revised somewhat also. The reason the PC fire spread so quickly is because students had paper and greenery covering their doors and walls, which cuts down severely on the usually long burn time they have. Therefore, next year's Christmas decorations will be more stringently controlled, but it will be done in such a way so that the spirit of the contest will not be lost.

Paul Nalette, Acting Co-Director of Residential Life, emphasized that these rules are for safety alone. "I hope everyone understands that we are not implementing these policies to make life harder in the dorms but rather to make sure that RWC students never have to suffer the same disaster that the students at PC had to."

With this in mind, Mr. Nalette asked the Bristol Fire Marshall to the college sometime in February to give a presentation on the prevention of fires and on what to do in case a fire breaks out. This will include such things as touching your door to see if it is hot before opening it. If it is, open your windows and stay inside the room because the door and walls have a 2 hour burn time. It will also include a slide presentation of fire related devastations, including slides on the PC fire.
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Student Loses Election, Gains An Education

Twenty-three year old Roger Williams junior Richard DeSilva was a candidate for Rhode Island State Legislature in a special election for the 19th district ordered to fill the vacancy left by former representative William Bailey.

DeSilva ran against the local democratic machine as the only Republican party candidate and lost overwhelmingly.

DeSilva has had previous political experience campaigning for gubernatorial candidate Jim Taft and Providence mayor Vincent Cianci. He says that he ran for office because he felt “that district 19 had lacked representation in the past”. He also noted that he has been a resident of the district for the past seventeen years and knows what the real needs of the district are.

“The 19th district is geographically small in area and its major problem is economic, and those other problems surrounding the basic economic one”, DeSilva told the Quill.

CALDERELLA Resigns?

Anne Calderella, Director of Public Relations here at RWC did in fact hand in her letter of resignation Dec. 7, 1977 to be effective the end of January 1978.

However after extensive consultation with William Rizzini, Acting President of RWC, her decision to resign has not been acted upon. This is due to a reevaluation of the Public Relations department and its functions.

Any further developments will be reported to the college community at a later date.

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As reported in the last issue of the Quill, Darrell "Mac" McBride was fired as Assistant Manager of Food Services during Winter intercession by Student Center Manager Peter DiSarro and Dean of Student Services, Robert McKenna. The reasons for McBride's removal seemed to be centered around the concept of Management practices, however, some people disagree with the decision and have expressed their views.

After speaking with both part time and full time employees of the cafeteria the consistancy of opposing views still continues. Employees were surprised to hear that "Mac got fired", when they returned from their vacations.

Many described "Mac" at his job as unorganized. "One word can say it all and that is unorganized. He had no concept of purchasing and receiving procedures. He'd forget to reorder food that was on the daily menu and then order too much of something we don't normally serve. Mac would take off for three hours at lunch time and we would never know where he was."

However, other employees continued by saying that Mac was good to and with the students. "The students come first, and that's where Mac was excellent in his job, trying to meet the students needs."

Management within the Student Center seems to be confused as one employee stated that "As far as Mac's job was concerned, nobody let him do it. He'd set up for special events and someone would come and switch it all around." Others continued by saying: "There's too many bosses in the cafeteria, which can hinder anyone trying to do their job." Mac had problems working with Peter DiSarro and Tom Fitzgerald (Chef). Fitzgerald and Mac had problems because Mac took over Fitzgerald's old job.

DiSarro always complicated matters by getting involved between Mac, the supervisor and Fitzgerald the employee. Some employees, fearing retribution and/or loss of employment refused to expand.

Some part time employees did point out that DiSarro changed McBride's scheduling which "turned out to be a big mixup for quite a few of us." The schedules were set up in time slots, people pick the time slot that fits their class schedules. With DiSarro changing this, obviously there would be problems.

One employee summed up the issue by saying, "Peter DiSarro is not qualified to have the job!" He went on to that DiSarro explains the job specifications - freedoms, and responsibilities and changes everything around. He gives employees freedoms, the employee explained, and then takes them away.

Many employees commented on the accomplishments of Mr. Marino who was Manager of Food Services for only eight days. One said, "He was very organized, efficient and even washed dishes like the rest of us, except he wasn't pleased with the chain of command. He wanted to deal directly with McKenna, not DiSarro." Marino did not remain in the position as manager of Food Services because he did not want to report on every aspect of his job to his authorities.

"I remember when Marino was Assistant Manager in the old cafeteria (now the Theatre Arts building) back in 1969." Others continued by saying, "Marino came on strong at first, but we got used to the change. He showed us short cuts in our jobs and we had the change. He showed us short cuts in our jobs and we still being efficient. I hated to see him go." Another employee claims, "The management here is too slack. John, the morning supervisor can't run everything by himself."

Photo by Armand Teixeira
Pete DiSarro, Manager of the Student Center.
Editorially Speaking

Shortly after Mr. William Rizzini was named Acting-President late in the Spring of 1977, he announced an “interim administrative" alignment for his duration as the temporary chief executive officer. To fill the vacated office of the Dean of Students he appointed Mr. William O’Connell as the Acting-Dean. In response to this action the Student Senate voted overwhelmingly to call for a Dean of Students’ Search Committee. Furthermore, certain members of the faculty voiced their objections to this “temporary" appointment.

It is now several months later and Mr. Rizzini, to his credit, has stood by his controversial decision and supported the new Acting Dean. As result, the students of Roger Williams College have seen the best Dean of Students in the history of the College. And on December 7, 1977 the Student Senate recognized this fact and rescinded the previous Search Committee resolution. They went one very important step further and called upon Acting-President Rizzini to name Acting-Dean O’Connell as permanent Dean of Students.

We support the December 7th action of the representatives of the student body. We, too, endorse William O’Connell as Dean of Students of Roger Williams College. And we, too, go one step further. The time has come, perhaps the time is much overdue, for the faculty to recognize that they do not have rights of control over non-academic student activities. We declare that political games, by all segments of the College, have been overplayed for much too long.

For much too long, the needs and desires of students have been forced “to play second fiddle” by pendant political machines seeking reinforcement for overly big egos. Unfortunately, one of the big disadvantages of working in academe is the lack of direct, immediate approval for a job “well done”. After a particularly exciting lecture, an important test, or an interesting class, the show is over and no one calls for an encore. The best of shows produces no applause. So, such egomaniacs substitute political fiascos once every couple of years and everyone, except the student, enjoys a good political game.

Audacious actions and insulting words, unforgivable absent a claim of ignorance of the concepts of truth and fairplay, must cease. Backroom political manipulations must not force the students to gamble on losing the advocate that we now have. Contentions put forth by certain faculty that an internal committee is at best a gamble to produce the best qualified person for the job. The last president, the last Dean of Students, and the present Dean of the College received appointments through the Search Committee process. One of the three lasted only six months, one of the three lasted one academic year, and only one of the three is still in the administration. In other words, Search Committees have a poor record at this College.

Our support of Mr. O’Connell could correctly be seen as conservatism. Only the office of the President has seen nearly as much change of leadership. This lack of continuity has meant a lack of leadership, direction, and strength for students. In Dean O’Connell, students have found an advocate, a friend, and a leader. He knows and understands the students. He is trusted and is honest. These are the qualifications, based upon empirical observations, that we employ. Unlike a Search Committee, they are not superficial.

Of course we realize that some will say that we are premature in the announcement of such an unqualified endorsement. And, without a doubt, Dean O’Connell will be accused of “manipulating students”. But the students of Roger Williams College have already waited too long for strength in the Dean of Students’ office, and we wish to wait no longer. And as for the charges to come against the Dean, we can only say this: such accusations are so blinded by their own reliance upon such unethical tactics that they must be forgiven.

Letters

Dear Editor,

Last Saturday my 18 year old daughter and my 12 year old son came to Roger Williams College to pick up my son for a weekend at home. I could not help but be appalled at what took place at the dining hall at the College. Since it was over a 150 mile trip, they were hungry, so my son, who is a senior at the college, an R.A. and editor-in-chief of the Quill, and a very dedicated person to the College, tried to obtain a guest pass for dinner for at least one of them. No way, said the person on duty. They had to pay $3.50 each. The $7.00 is not the question. They were fed hot dogs and french fries for this exorbitant amount. Some of the finest restaurants around would not have the nerve to charge $3.50 for hot dogs and french fries. I am very surprised at this episode, and cannot help but wonder why such a ridiculous amount is charged for such a meal. Thank you for letting me get this off my chest.

Mrs. Evelyn Tourville

Dear Editor,

A.V.S. publishes pamphlets and fact sheets on various aspects of voluntary sterilization which we would like to offer to students at no charge. Can you help us by printing a notice in your campus publication?

While we realize that the majority of students have not reached the point in their lives when they wish to terminate their fertility, they should have access to information about all methods of birth control so they can plan the appropriate methods for different periods of their reproductive life. We know that more and more young people are selecting voluntary sterilization as their method of birth control. In fact, the National Survey of
Dear Editor,

Richard Yakavonis will be the Career Advisor for the Senior Class. Richard is located in the Housing Office and you can make an appointment with him through the Dean of Students secretary.

Richard will be available to work with Seniors who are unsure about career goals and/or would like some assistance in preparing for a job interview.

Ken Cedergren will still be working with Seniors who have a career goal in mind and are seeking advice and help in job placement.

Betty Gonzales, R.N.
Director of Information & Education

In My Opinion

In counterpoint to the Quill editorial which calls upon the appropriate college authorities to suspend the search procedures for the office of Dean of Students and then permanently install Acting-Dean William O’Connell as Dean of Students some more sobering thoughts need to be explored.

Far from objecting to Dean O’Connell’s permanent appointment, I wholeheartedly believe that Acting-Dean O’Connell has done an outstanding job and should be given the opportunity to further serve Roger Williams Students by remaining as Dean of Students. However, to suspend the search, may well deny, in the long run, Dean O’Connell’s ability to perform as well or better than he is currently so doing. What a search will do is provide for the holder of the Dean of Students office an official legitimacy without which he could not function. One was only to remember the ambiguous and tenuous positions suffered by Acting

Family Growth indicates that for couples where the wife is under 30, voluntary sterilization ranks second only to the Pill. It further points out that a majority of couples who have not yet completed their family size will ultimately choose voluntary sterilization as their method of birth control.

Students are probably able to obtain family planning assistance from a local clinic or health center, but it is very likely that the surgical method is not presented as one of the methods. A.V.S. believes it should be included in the options, if individuals are to be truly informed.

Please review the enclosed material and offer single copies free to anyone sending in a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Bill O'Connell
Acting Dean of Students

A Word from Dean Wilde

The past three years the faculty, administration and students through committees have been devising a new academic program. It will be implemented in the 1979-80 academic year.

The major differences between this program and the present one are:
1. The requirement of a minor as well as a major for graduation. A minor consists of a coherent set of six courses.
2. Identical core and distribution requirements for all students regardless of major. The core requirement consists of COMM 100 while the distribution requirement prescribes one course to be selected from a specified list of courses in each of the six academic divisions.
3. The normal load for all students including freshmen will be five courses per semester. Graduation requirement of forty courses will be in effect for the majority of majors.
4. The number of courses a student selects from courses outside the division of his/her major will be at least twelve (assuming a forty course graduation requirement).
5. Development of new majors, e.g., chemistry and humanities, and an elimination of others.
6. An academic calendar, yet to be adopted, in which semesters are lengthened approximately two weeks. This change will ease the strain on freshmen who are expected to carry an additional course each semester.

Before any current student becomes alarmed over these changes, let me assure you that they are not retroactive. Your graduation requirements continue to be those stated in the catalog which was in effect when you enrolled. If the major you are planning to take is deleted under

President Rizzini and Dean McKenna when last spring former President Sides performed her “so-called” administrative reorganization. She could not have done what she did do had Messrs. Rizzini and McKenna possessed a claim of legitimacy to office as provided by a search committee legally sanctioned by the Board of Trustees.

I am fully confident that Dean O’Connell could and will “survive” a search on his own merits and indeed arise from the process with a stronger position made legitimate by the process. Any other means of installation would be impolitic, harmful to the office, degrading of Dean O’Connell’s own abilities, and perhaps a dangerous and divisive precedent. That is, if any one group of college constituents may be permitted to establish by dicta who is retained and who is ejected.

Eugene Coulter

Dean Edwin Wilde

The new program, the courses necessary for completion of the major will be offered. You will be able to complete your major.

You may wish to elect one of the proposed new majors, but realistically this option would be available to those students who are sophomores when the program is initiated. A more realistic expectation for all students may be the completion of any of the newly instituted minors. Whether you opt to elect either a new major or minor, you will benefit from more academically respectable semester.

The concept underlying the initiation of minors is the possible integration of professional studies and liberal arts. Students will be encouraged, but not required, to complete a professional studies major and a liberal arts minor or vise versa. If a student takes a liberal arts major, the selection of a career minor well may increase his/her job opportunities. The student who has selected a professional studies major and a liberal arts minor is learning to make a living as well as how to make living worthwhile.

Just as some students now take a double major under the new program students may complete more than one minor should they desire. Such a course of action is reasonable, because on average a person during his/her life time will experience three and one-half substantial changes of careers.

The College deserves the support of the student body in its endeavors since the worth of a Roger Williams College degree is tied to the quality of the academic program.

Dean Edwin Wilde
**Miller, When You’re Having More Than One**

On Wednesday, the first of February, Gary Miller, a junior, Marine Biology major, joined brother Jim Miller on the Executive Board of the Student Senate to become the first brother team of Executive members in Roger Williams College Student Senate history.

Gary Miller, who transferred to Roger Williams College, is a junior, officially became the new Parliamentarian after nearly a month-and-a-half of “wasting in the wings.” He was elected in a special election at the end of last semester to fill a vacancy created when Anne Gabbianelli stepped down from the Executive Board position. Gabbianelli remained on the Senate as a member.

Although Gary understands that some people might wish to imply that he has ascended to the Executive Board simply because he is the President’s brother, both he and Jim believe that he made it because of his own distinct personality. “Gary’s a moralist, he sees things in terms of ethics and morality. I guess you could say that I’m more of a rationalist. I look at things from less of an ethical respective and more in terms of finding the best solution”, explained President Miller.

Brother Gary agrees, but also added that he feels that the moral and logical must overlap. “You can’t be right and you can be moral, but there is a crossing over of the two concepts. I guess you just have to be flexible”, he said.

Of course, both Millers are aware of possible charges of nepotism. Jim, as president, was always aware of possible committee’s and such. But the Senate, recognizing Gary’s abilities, forced me to allow it. Ultimately, the Senate’s support of his ideas and way of thinking was shown by his election as Parliamentarian. Gary is a rugged individualist.

Gary feels that it is unfortunate that some people look at such things negatively. “Jim and I are two very different individuals”, Gary proclaimed. “I mean, we are not kids any longer, I don’t need to hide behind my older brother”.

Parliamentarian Miller feels that the strongest thing this Senate has going for it is the ability “to organize activities for students and to handle student concerns.” Gary feels, however, that too many students never bring their concerns out. “Things must be brought to the Senate’s attention, otherwise continued on page 11

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**Giving US Credit -- Part II**

by Carol Pine

Not surprisingly, there are two divergent schools of thought on young consumer credit. On the one hand, says a New York banker, letting young people buy “on the cuff” is “like teaching the young to use narcotics.” Meanwhile, says Irvin Penner, president of the College Credit Card Corp. (an organization that markets a variety of credit opportunities nationwide), young people are the building blocks of the future. College students, in particular, are the elite of the entire youth market, says Penner. Penner’s firm is a “go-between.” He links college consumers with a variety of credit interests, including Penney’s, Ward’s, Sears, Mobil Oil and many banks across the country offering Visa (formerly BankAmericanard) and Master Charge cards. Penner’s firm handles phone and mail solicitations for these clients. “The college market, to us, is the credit card market,” says Penner. “Sure, there are skeptics in this field who point to defaults on student loans, but that’s a different kind of credit. We have found that the college market is a right, responsible market. We don’t have any sophisticated Harvard Business Review studies to prove it, but we know from experience.”

Penner says his firm did conduct some surveys of the college market a few years ago and discovered, in his words, “University juniors, seniors and graduate students are indeed the real thoroughbreds of the youth market because they go through the rigors of qualifying. Competing in the academic world enhances those qualities that make them winners in life’s race and concurrently make them the most desirable of consumers . . . This research took eight months, but it gave us sufficient evidence to woo upperclassmen as customers and to take the further step of recommending to our clients that they could modify the requirements and procedures of extending a credit card to this special group.”

This champion of young consumer credit is not alone. National Car Rental, a subsidiary of Household Finance Corp., launched a major advertising effort to attract young executive renters this year. The basic ad appeals to common frustrations that young renters apparently encounter: “Face it,” the ad implores, “when it comes to renting a car at most places, you’ve got problems before you even start. Car insurance companies don’t exactly stand in line to get your business. You attract more than your share of attention from the highway patrol. And you’re hardly high on the corporate ladder, so you don’t make a lot of money. All of which could make you a credit risk. So what does this mean when you want a car?” the ad asks, hopefully. “Do you borrow Uncle Louie’s? Take a bus? Sometimes. But when you really need to rent a car, we’d like to have you ask us.” The sympathetic approach to young renters seems to be winning National friends. Now, 11 percent of all credit applications approved by National Car involve people under age 25, a significant increase over years past.

One Arizona banker, who has awarded thousands of Master Charge credit cards to young people 18 and up for many years, says, “A large majority of the long-haired, bearded, unwashed generation of the Sixties have proved quite reliable - more reliable, in fact, than their parents.”

With mixed feelings among credit specialists, however, it’s not surprising that young adults face varied challenges when they seek credit. Securing a $100-limit junior charge card at the local department store is one thing. Getting a large auto loan, home loan or renting a $7,000 car for the week may be quite another. If a young person has not established some modest credit history, the credit horizon can be a wasteland. “Catch 22 operates in many credit situations,” says Ronald McCaulley of the FTC. “You generally can’t get credit until you prove you don’t really need it.” A slight exaggeration, perhaps, but not that far from the truth. Most young people are hampered, says McCaulley, because they have unbecoming credit histories (in a situation such as this, it appears, no history is better than a sketchy history). “Young adults are mobile,” says McCaulley. “They change jobs and homes frequently. They’re not fully continued on page 11
Basketball Team
Shooting High

Basketball is off to another successful start. According to Assistant Coach "Cheese" Holloway, "The strength lies mainly on the bench. "Mike (Morse) comes off the bench and does the job," continues Holloway, "He gives Keith (Gurley) and Kevin (Wynne) a breather or help in reducing team foul trouble."

Also "Cheese" states that guards Paul Hunter and Tony Gibbs come off the bench ready to play. The guard position plays an important role in the Hawks game plan. "Cheese" says that, "They control the tempo of the game, must be alert, and motivate the other players." Holloway feels that ball control is more important for the guard position on this team than scoring. The front line of the Hawks offers a balanced scoring attack.

Craig Hiteshew, a swing center-forward on the team averages 16.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

Kevin Wynne contributes toward the cause with a torrid 67% shooting percentage, 15.6 point scoring average, and more rebounds than many taller players. At 6'3" Kevin plays forward and hits the corner jumper with remarkable consistency.

Keith Gurley at 6'6" is the leading rebounder and third leading scorer on the squad. Averaging 11.6 rebounds per game, Keith also is hitting a 13.7 point scoring average per game.

This one-two-three front line punch has been dynamite against the opposition this season. Their won-loss record stands at 15-3 with a three way conference tie for the lead with Hawthorne and Johnston State at a 8-1 mark.

In conclusion Holloway says that, "The team plays and works hard together." Loss of four starters, Keith Gurley, Craig Hiteshew, Bob Holford, and Ed Morris, could effect next season, but a strong bench this season should fill the gap next year.
Evidence of Bias

(In the first two parts, the people involved in the BAKKE issue were discussed, along with a former discrimination case, and the case of the University of Rochester School of Medicine who had MCAT scores more than 100 points lower than the typical student, graduated as often as the typical student. A comparison of the MCAT scores and medical school grades of over 1000 students from 14 classes at the University of California revealed virtually no relationship between the test scores and grades. This finding was even more remarkable than other similar results, since the students' test scores ranged from 300 to 800 on a scale of 200 to 800. If ever the MCAT was to be proven valid, a situation where MCAT scores varied so widely should have produced persuasive proof.

When the clinical performance of medical students is evaluated, those with higher MCAT scores receive, on average, lower performance ratings. These disturbing findings persist when practicing physicians are rated. Those rated as better doctors averaged lower scores on the MCAT. Thus, far from being a valid indicator of qualifications, study or practice, the MCAT may actually be a barrier to selecting the best medical talent.

When the Association of American Medical Colleges compared black and white medical students, the black students succeeded in medical school with lower MCAT scores than those of white students who flunked out.

When the MCAT and undergraduate grades are directly compared, grades prove to be better predictors of performance and less racially biased criteria for selecting students. Thus, schools which rejected candidates because of low MCAT scores failed to take account of research evidence and, instead, used the scores as a basis for rejection. More often than not, minority applicants were rejected because of their low MCAT scores. The University could have argued in its brief that "Special Admission" programs were a vehicle for avoiding this discriminatory impact of MCAT scores. It didn't. Minority briefs had to make the point.

Students with high MCAT scores and UGPA's were selected for personal interviews at Davis. This is typical of medical admission procedures. These sessions allow personal bias to creep in. Particularly when their MCAT scores are lower, minority candidates face a constant fear that white interviewers will assume they are "less qualified" even before the interview begins. Their fears often stilt the interview and reinforce the interviewer's original prejudices. The University could have argued in its brief that "Special Admission" programs were designed to give minority applicants an interview with at least some minority faculty and students so that the best minority medical students could be chosen. It didn't. The Black Law Students Association had to make the point.

The University then argued that it sought to remedy the effects of past discrimination by other individuals and institutions. The Black Law Students Association, in contrast, argued that the individuals and institutions involved in making admission decisions have a current inclination to discriminate and that "Special Admissions" programs guard against those inclinations. Certainly the University's omission of arguments about bias in the MCAT and potential bias in personal interviews indicates at least the danger of continuing bias, if not the actual inclination. It is the contrast in arguments which reveals the difference in view points held by the white officials and lawyers presenting the University's case and those held by minority representatives.

The attitudes differ even when the same evidence is reviewed. Take, for example, the UGPA of white and minority students. Minority representatives point to the fact that a student with a 2.5 was accepted under regular admission procedures. Certainly this does not indicate that minority students are "less qualified" on the basis of UGPA and instead shows that UGPA, for all candidates, was just one of many criteria for choosing students. The University, on the other hand, points to the fact that the average UGPA of minority students was lower than the average of white students. Apparently, this is supposed to show that, as a group, minority students are "less qualified". The persuasive impact of such evidence is doubtful, however, particularly when one realizes that the range of scores within each group - regular and special admissions - is much greater than the difference between the two groups; indeed, the very fascination with average performances of various racial groups may reflect a racist framework of thought. Would we be so quick to attach significance to a finding that, on average, left-handed students had higher grades than right-handed students?

### The BAKKE CASE....Part III

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we can not, of course, act upon them," he continued.

He feels that the major weakness of this Senate is a "lack of unity." "Not that it is a split Senate,
generally, just that there is a conglomeration of so many
different individuals" he added quickly.

And, of course, there is some speculation as to
the younger Miller's aspirations. For the last two-and
half years Jim Miller, who graduates in May, has
been President. Will Gary succeed him to the presi­
dency? It is obvious Gary has considered the possi­
bility of a presidency candidacy. "I'm undecided right
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settled. A credit grantor takes permanence into
account . . . and no law can stop him from doing
that."

"In many cases," adds Mary Alice Minney, assistant
secretary-treasurer and director of education for the
International Consumer Credit Association based in
St. Louis, Mo., "young people are familiar with
credit practices because they used their parent's
cards. But they have no established credit histories
of their own."

Understanding that the world of credit can be
confusing, Household Finance Corporation (HFC)
established its Money Management Institute more
than 45 years ago. At that time, the Institute was
one of the first internal consumer education depart­
ments known to American business. Today, says
Joyce Bryant, director, the Money Management
Institute prepares and distributes a wide range of
booklets, booklets and leaflets dealing with personal
and family finance. "Much of our attention is focused
on the young," Bryant says, "because students are
tomorrow's major consumers."

One booklet called "It's Your Credit, Manage it Wisely" is
distributed widely to high schools and colleges. It deals with
the advantages and disadvantages of credit, confusion
about credit, how to establish credit, how to shop
for credit, how to interpret credit agreements, and
how to handle financial difficulties. The booklets
are not self-serving, says Bryant, "This is the public
service arm of HFC," says Bryant. "A reader needs
only to survey the comparison of interest rates
for credit to assess our honesty. HFC rates are not
the lowest . . . and we point that out. We also explain
why." Bryant says money and credit management
educational materials are available from HFC head­
quartes in Chicago for only the cost of postage and
handling.

Although young people, across the board, have
credit challenges, says Don Huot, consumer finance
supervisor for the State of Minnesota, single girls,
students and divorced women have the toughest time.
Fortunately, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act passed
in 1975 with numerous additional regulations added
since then will help cut down on incidence of credit
and lending denied because of age, sex, marital
status, race, color, religion and national origin. Huot
is pragmatic, however. "Regardless of the Equal
Credit Opportunity Act conditions are strong," he
says. "There will be lingering feelings among creditors
and lenders. Unfortunately, most people in a position
to give credit or lend money moralize too much. A
lender might not give credit for a shotgun or a
snowmobile because he thinks that's a waste of
money. So is a loan to cover a single woman's trip
around the world. On the other hand, the cost of a
college degree is worthwhile."

In addition, Huot could also have added, educational loans are less
risks because they are largely guaranteed by the
government.

As the new year has begun and we here at Roger Williams College look for
entertainment it's only fair to say that we are looking for the best. Friday night
was a good night for entertainment and what better form than music. The night
was cold and windy and the temperature was low. That's how it was outside, but
inside the atmosphere was warm, the audience waiting, and the waitresses pass­
ing out beers at a rate of fifty a minute. Surely you could say I was prepared for
anything.

Sammy Brown and Fred are local talents and can be found at many of the
local spots around town. Sammy and Fred are indeed a twosome. Although
Sammy Brown does all the singing, it is Fred who provides the comic relief and
he, too, sings. If you are looking for a good night of entertainment and familiar
sounds check out Sammy Brown and Fred.

Together they produce something won­derful ...........................................
................................................................., and that's good sounds.

Rita J. Frazier
Cool embers of a long spent fire
once were glowing with desire.
The radiant heat so warm and alive
now gone to cold and frozen sky.

Rekindle if you will old flame,
the warm air felt in times of pain;
Produced by cold and sleepless night
I love your embers glowing light.

P.J.

The Hand Plow

The world turned snapshot
On a silent, but plummeting
Thursday night.

Your shovel began to pound
While the ground still mounted
To unexpected heights.

The digging and bordering.
Scraping and hauling.
Hung in the wind
For 23 hours
Without a break

But this directed drive,
This persistent sweat
Left your store
The sole track in sight
And you, a thirty year old man,
With the history
Of a heart attack

Marie Costello

Photo by Armand Teixeira

Calling Long Distance

The phone amplified it's calling
At 3:40 this morning
Magnetically drawing me
From my temporary tomb

Your drunken hello
Disturbed the dirge
I had composed in our behalf
The residue of your long term truency.

My masterpiece now sits
In a pile of rejected revisions.
All conclusions for the novel
That refuses to end.

Marie Costello

There’s a place where I go
To be alone with myself.
I can be alone with others around,
because it’s peaceful there
With only nature’s sound.

I can speak and no one will mock me
I can sing and no one will care
Only the river with a voice all its own
Knows the secrets I cannot share.

C.L.