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Students Question a Faculty Members Competence

(Editor's note: After receiving many complaints from Engineering students, the Quill Editorial Board decided to investigate. The complaints surrounding instructor Louis Sasso and the resulting investigation has resulted in the following news story. The information used has been gathered from interviews with students and Dean of the College Edwin Wilde.)

Mr. Louis Sasso has been employed at Roger Williams College for the last 15 years. He originally started as a faculty member in the Engineering Division at the old Providence Campus and continued in that capacity when the college moved to Bristol. From 1968-1974 he served as Director of Co-operative Education.

According to the 1977-78 Roger Williams College Bulletin, Mr. Sasso's qualification as a college instructor was and remains a single Bachelor of Sciences degree from Pennsylvania Military College, the same degree granted to our graduating students. All other instructors in the Engineering Division have at least one post-graduate degree.

The major complaint voiced by students is that they feel that he is not qualified to teach the courses that he is currently teaching. A few of the more obvious examples they claim are Statics, Dynamics, and Transportation Engineering. Statics and Dynamics form the basis for all specialized upper-level Engineering courses. A very good foundation in these two courses is necessary if the student is to be able to understand subsequent upper-level courses. The instructor must possess a high level of proficiency in these areas in order to adequately transmit the subjects to the students. The Engineering students ask this question: "How can Louis Sasso be considered qualified to teach these highly specialized courses when he only has a Bachelor of Science degree, and when he has made no visible attempt to get a post-graduate degree since receiving his Bachelors, in order to keep abreast of the ever changing field of Engineering?"(They feel that "he can't" and that he shows this in class.)

The obvious disadvantage of not keeping abreast with the field came to the forefront at the beginning of the year when Mr. Sasso resorted to using a Statics and Dynamics book not generally accepted for use in a four year Engineering program, which meant that those students compelled to take Mr. Sasso would be getting a lower quality education than those who took the course with somebody else. Mr. Domey was using the book that has been used in the past at Roger Williams. When this matter was brought to Dean Wilde's attention, he decided that he did not want two books used for this class. Subsequently, only one book will be used next year.

A more blatant example of Mr. Sasso's alleged incompetence was brought to our attention from students majoring in Urban Planning, Transportation Engineering, also one of the courses taught by Mr. Sasso, encompasses many different facets of modern transportation - i.e. where and when bridges, roads, airports, et al should be built for the most efficient transportation of people and material. Transportation Engineering is one of the more important core requirements in the Urban Planning program. Since Mr. Sasso's background is in Civil Engineering, he allegedly teaches the course exclusively from the engineering stand point and neglects the entire planning aspect of the course. Urban Planning majors claim that the course is a waste of their time because many important aspects of the subject are not being taught. They cite as an example that the course never dealt with the economical and sociological effects that a new highway or bridge would have upon a town, and no other course is designed to teach this aspect. The Urban Planning students brought this to the attention of Dean Wilde with a petition signed by 15 students in the class. The petition highlighted Mr. Sasso's weaknesses in this area and Wilde agreed that "they have a valid point in writing." He therefore decided to supplement Mr. Sasso's weakness in teaching the course with outside speakers who were knowledgeable in the new innovative field of Urban Planning. However many frustrated students informed the Quill that Mr. Sasso never had a single outside speaker actually come to class. According to one student "(we are) not learning a damn thing to help us with our major, but (we are) always getting good grades anyway." Other complaints students have voiced are inconsistent and unfair grading policies, an unwillingness to answer students questions or give extra help, and improper evaluation of students work.

Many engineering and Urban Planning students believe that Louis Sasso is neither qualified nor competent to be teaching some of the courses he is currently teaching, and many of the students who must take him are upset because they feel they are wasting their time on an inferior education in some areas. These students are not asking for Louis Sasso's immediate replacement, but rather that the administration schedule a different instructor to teach the same courses during the same period, thereby giving students an opportunity to bypass Mr. Sasso's classes. In this way they feel they can show the administration the widespread dissatisfaction of classes taught by Mr. Sasso.

The Tavern
Just a stones throw away from the statue of Christopher Columbus
3 Memorial Blvd.
Newport
847-7789
Roger Williams College has officially been declared the number one "Bud" Superstars team in Rhode Island.

That's right-not third, not second, but numero uno! All the RWC Superstars agree there was one force in particular moving them toward their goal. "The fans were all there" said Dennis McLaughlin, which summed up the sentiments of the entire team.

In the 880 relay there were two heats. Dennis "Skeet" Lafreniere, squeezing extra effort out of an exhausted body, fell forward and in the process the baton dropped. Much valuable time was lost, and the possibility of making the final heat looked dismal. However, Owen Livengood and Donna Rudolph gained ground then Dennis McLaughlin took the lead and held on. In the finals RWC captured second place behind Bryant and took twelve valuable points in the first event of the contest.

Next came the obstacle course. The twelve foot wall at the start looked menacing, but the two Dennis "got it together", and moved into a runoff against Brown. Dennis McLaughlin went through the course error free, the Brown man did not, so Dennis picked up the victory for RWC.

Then in event three of the competition, Owen Livengood gave the RWC rooting section a good scare, but came through with a clutch first place finish in the softball throw. After fouling twice, Owen let it fly, and came out a winner.

After the relay, obstacle course and softball throw, competition moved inside for the frisbee and six pack toss. Jody Sherman captured second place in frisbee accuracy, behind Bryant college's near perfect performance. Everyone on the team competed in the six pack toss. Roger Williams edged Bryant 20-19 out of a possible 36 total team attempts. Bob Whitten with a great show of accuracy, sank five out of six cans.

Following the tossing events, came the volleyball competition. Roger Williams coasted past the Brown and URI teams by 11-2 and 11-4 scores respectively. Then RWC ran into trouble against a tough, stubborn Bryant Volleyball squad. Bryant led RWC 6-4 in the early going returning Roger Williams spikes with reckless abandon. The Hawks grouped their forces together, driven on by their cheering section, RWC clawed through to win it 11-9.

The final event found all contestants very weary. Competition had been fierce for a grueling five hours, excitement had been intense. Practically everyone there, spectators and contestants alike were emotion-ally drained. The seventh and final event, the Tug of War, was going to be scored 20 points for the victor and zero for all runneds. Roger Williams had built a twelve point 84-72 lead against their closest opponent, (Bryant) and had four firsts and two second places to their credit. However, with a 29-0 scoring system in effect for the final event, Bryant could win it all by just winning this final event.

Some Roger Williams contestants still say they didn't hear the official say "go". In any event, Bryant took an early advantage and RWC knew they were fighting for their life. Then Owen Livengood the anchor for the RWC team "got a grip", as did the rest of the squad. Roger Williams wanted to be number one, spectators could see it in their faces.

The Hawks gradually took the advantage and eliminated Bryant and thus their remaining competition in the "Tug of War" to "win it all". Soon as the fans knew RWC had it, they swarmed over their team and the field was utter confusion. Owen Livengood, the all important anchor was red faced and drained physically and emotionally, but like the whole RWC team tremendously happy. Roger Williams, the underdogs took the thunder away from Bryant, Brown, URI and PC. It's their victory and no one can take it away.

The following made it happen, Donna Rudolf, Jody Sherman, Bob Whitten, Dennis Lafreniere, Dennis McLaughlin, Owen Livengood and alternates Dee Dee Liquori, Jim Cammarata, plus coaches Scott Bauer and Jayne Babin.

The entire day was sponsored by the McLaughlin & Moran distributors of Providence, R.I. The team would like to thank them for their time and support.

Superstars Fifth In Nation

The Roger Williams College superstars, after winning both the state and regional titles, flew to Tampa, Florida Friday to compete in the Budweiser National College Superstars Championships. McLaughlin and Moran, the local Budweiser distributor sponsoring the Hawks throughout their season, took care of all plane fares and hotel accommodations at the Royal Plaza Hotel on Busch Boulevard.

It was a rainy Saturday for the competition held at Busch Gardens, and tough breaks plagued the RWC team, as they finished fifth out of the 6 teams compiling 23 points. The University of Idaho became the National Champions, with a total of 72 points. Other teams involved in the competition were North Carolina State University, Central Michigan University, the University of Maryland, and the University of Missouri.

The best event for the Hawks was the "Pitch-In", where they finished in 2nd place. The object of this event was to see how many empty cans out of a six-pack each member of the team could toss into a barrel with a backboard and rim 30 feet away.

Hopes for a National title were smashed by a heart breaking 1st round loss in the volleyball tournament against Central continued on page 5
The article entitled “Students Question a Faculty Members Competence” raises some very important questions about the qualifications a person must have to be an instructor at Roger Williams.

There are no minimum requirements that potential instructors must meet to join the faculty of Roger Williams College. That is, an instructor is not required to hold even a Bachelors Degree in his field, much less a Masters or Doctorate. Considering that to be eligible to teach even in a public grade school in Rhode Island a person must have at least a Masters degree or its equivalent, our standards would have to be considered, by comparison, poor.

This is not to say that our faculty is poor, or that it is made up of people that have no post-graduate degrees. Last issue’s story on “Negotiating an Education” disproves this. Also, real life experience in a field must be considered a valid qualification. And regardless, it can legitimately be argued that Roger Williams is a “teaching college” rather than a “research college” – therefore conveying to the student the knowledge that he needs is the only viable criteria that should be used in judging a teacher competent or incompetent.

Post graduate degrees do not a teacher make. Quite often this is true. But knowledge and expertise in your entire field of study is needed if you are to effectively convey parts of it. Degrees, publications, and the like also lend credibility and respectability to the faculty and therefore to the school, making degrees granted from the school that much more marketable to prospective employers and graduate schools. An instructors post-graduate work helps to keep him up-to-date or informed about his field, thereby avoiding possible faculty stagnation. And finally, hiring a person with limited credentials as a full-time faculty member is a risky undertaking at this institution. This is because of the difficulty in firing such a person that comes as a result of the almost “instant tenure” that the faculty union contract affords instructors. And this “tenure” is based not on academic achievements, accomplishments, or proven ability as is normally the case; rather it is based solely on a signature affixed to a contract.

What does all this add up to. Well, perhaps we should begin to insist on a more “credentialed” faculty, perhaps we should institute a tougher evaluation procedure for its’ members, perhaps we should challenge the union contract and dismiss teachers who are not competent to be college instructors and who can’t produce what they are being paid for, and perhaps by doing these things we can raise the academic respectability of Roger Williams College. On the other hand, perhaps by instituting these policies, our institution will become less special, less unique, and less Roger Williams College.

This week’s Quill editorial cartoons come to you through the courtesy of your local liberal United States Congressman.

Letters

To the Dormitory Students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for making Recycling Systems a success. In just one year Recycling Systems has become known throughout Rhode Island as one of the most successful recycling programs in the state. The reason for this success can only be contributed to your willingness to help our program and your concern for the environment. We look forward to serving you next year.

The Managers of Recycling Systems

Dear Editor,

What an improvement the Quill has made over my past four years. I feel the quality has improved greatly. Just a short note to say thanks.

Sincerely,
Sean P. Herlihy

WHAT DID YOU DO IN SCHOOL TODAY, DEAR?...

MOH, FIRST WE WERE ALL FINGERPRINTED, THEN OUR PHOTOS WERE TAKEN FOR OUR ID CARDS, THEN WE HAD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON HOW YOU WOULD VOTE...ONE STUDENTרקA FEW MINUTES DURING ON "FREEDOM IN AMERICA"...
April 1, 1978

To the Roger Williams College Community,

Our most sincere thanks to the many RWC students who recently donated blood in the name of our young son, Thomas. Your concern for his fight against cancer and your unselfish effort to help are deeply appreciated.

Gratefully,

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent A. Malatesta, Sr.

Rumors, Rumors...

Spring seems to be a propitious time for development. Following the winter hiatus, activity in the animate world commences with gusto when the temperature begins to rise. The portent of summer is anticipated.

And so with the academic world! Spring blossoms in many forms. Every year the community is ripe for particular persuasions - if there is an issue at hand, great - if no issue is at hand, all the better, let's make one.

For the past twelve months a presidential search has been conducted on campus. The thirteen committee members (6 Trustees, 1 Corporation Member, 1 Alumni Representative, 1 Administrator, 2 Students, and 2 Faculty Members) have been reviewing qualifications, delving over presidential duties, and interviewing the finalists. Without a doubt, the committee has strived for the best individual to serve Roger Williams College.

However, the campus still remembers the times of old - when search committees turned into rubber stamps or if one individual was appointed the chair of the search, the individual would shortly become the searchee. And so it is believed for this search. I have heard and seen various tales concerning our next president. Some are "I heard it . . ." or "A reliable source . . ." or "I believe . . .", but in all of these rumors I have encountered to date, I have not been able to discover the elusive sources (the smoking gun perhaps?) that will substantiate the claims.

What I have observed is a fair and honest evaluation of the 250+ candidates entered in the Presidential sweepstakes. The entire committee has been quite open to new ideas and has deliberated carefully at each stage. Preconceived notions that the candidate is "in the bag" have not materialized in my opinion. As all individuals involved with the committee have noted, the school (or college) cannot tolerate another unsuccessful president.

In short - the process has not been predetermined in my view. The spread and growth of rumors just that - an occupation of spring.

M. D. Gould
Biology

Superstars Fifth

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Michigan. After winning the first game and losing the second, Roger Williams gave up a 7-0 lead in the third to lose the 3-game series and receive a 4th place in the event. Also, tough breaks with penalties hurt the Hawk obstacle course runners Dennis McLaughlin and Dennis Lafreniere.

The misfortunes, along with being outclassed in the 880 relay, made placing within the top 3 in the canoe event a necessity to qualify for the tug of war competition. However, RWC placed 4th, leaving the Hawks in 5th place in the final outcome.

Reflecting on the 5th place finish, Dennis Lafreniere said, "It's not like we were beaten by the other teams, it's more like we lost. However, it was a blast!"

Superstars coach Scott Bauer had the following comment about the season.

"Regardless of the outcome, win or lose, it was a great time anyway. Just the fact that we went to Florida, met new people, represented our college and state was reward enough and made for a good time."

Also, I would like to thank all the fans who supported us at all the meets, especially the 5 nuts who came to Florida, and I'm looking forward to a better season next year."

A banquet was given for all competitors, coaches and sponsors at Busch Gardens later on Saturday night, where reaching for a cold Busch beer was the only form of competition involved.

Sincerely,

Fred Dimauro
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Sunday was the day for many of the
teams to leave for their respective schools,
but the Hawks stayed until Monday to
enjoy the Florida sights and sunshine.

Being one of the 5 “nuts” who drove
to Florida to cheer on the Hawks, I
would like to personally congratulate all
who were involved. Not only was it fun
for the competitors, but it gave Roger
Williams College a place on the map
along with the much larger Universities
involved in the competition. Until the
Saturday of the finals; Idaho didn’t even
know Rhode Island existed - now they
know! Another thing - our Hawks finished
5th of 6 teams in the finals, but 5th out
of the 5,000 some teams across the nation
who lost in either the state or regional
tournaments. That’s one hell of an ac­
complishment, and everyone at RWC
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Calliope Joins
Aldeberan

There are two literary magazines on
campus, the well heard of Aldeberan and
the new Calliope. I’m quite sure there are
more writers on this campus than people
may seem to think. So for those of you
who write poetry or fiction, you should
look into these magazines for a possible
publication of your work.

Aldeberan is a literary magazine run
by Wendy Goodman. Wendy is a junior,
a creative writing major and has proven
*to be very effective in her work. Her
staff consists of eleven energetic and
effective evaluators, one of which is an
art editor. The majority of these students
are also creative writing majors. Aldeberan
is very beneficial to this school especially
since creative writing is offered as a major.

The staff evaluates the material in
detail as it comes in. When a poem or
fiction story is rejected a letter is sent to
the person mentioning the strengths and
weaknesses with reference to specific
lines.

Aldeberan is listed with The Inter­
national Directory of Little Magazines and
Small Presses. A numerous amount of
people from out-of-state contribute to the
magazine but there is not enough material
received from the RWC community. The
club would rather have more student
contributions.

Aldeberan conducted a reading con­
sisting of approximately eight creative
writing majors. This was the first reading
of its kind here at Roger Williams in
three years. It was held on April 27,
1978 at 7:30 p.m. in LH 128. The club
and the reading was open to the college
community not just creative writing
majors. April 1, 1978 was the deadline
for submitting material to Aldeberan.

Something new and exciting which
began last semester is Calliope, a literary
magazine run by Martha Christina a
former student.

Calliope is not your average club, in
fact it isn’t a club at all, it is a class. This
class is offered to all students and is now
a requirement for creative writing majors.
The class is listed as “Literary Magazine”
(of course).

The present class consists of seven
students who do all the work of viewing
submissions and doing layouts. There is
no editor-in-chief, instead each student
shares equal responsibility. All authors
names are masked so the students don’t
feel uncomfortable with accepting or not
accepting work from known or unknown
authors. These students cannot contribute
their own material but are improving their
knowledge of writing from material
received from others.

Martha Christina hopes to have
Calliope listed in the next issue of The
International Directory of Little Maga­
zines and Small Presses. The first issue
of Calliope came out this past semester and
the next issue is due to come out in early
May. There is still time to submit any
material you may have to Martha
Christina, in the social science pod.
Superstars Capture New Englands

Roger Williams College is one step away from being National Champions. Sounds hard to believe, huh? Well, sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

The regional of the “Bud” Superstars competition was held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on April 15th. Teams in the contest were, University of New Hampshire, Hartford, Massachusetts, and Roger Williams College. In effect RWC had 10 teams at Amherst, competitors and spectators.

Nifty spectators crowded into a bus and came to cheer on their Superstar team. Their efforts were not in vain. Roger Williams College has the number one “Bud” Superstar team in New England.

This was how the events sized up.

First came the obstacle course. The two Dennis (“Shee” and the Captain) “did it up” and came out with first place. “Shee” improved markedly as both went through the course without a flaw. Captain McLaughlin was clocked in 21.91 seconds, with “Shee” close behind with a 22.42. Adding those times together, RWC captured first place, half a second ahead of Massachusetts total team time.

After the obstacle course came the six pack pitch in. The six pack event had a greater degree of difficulty than the state championship. This time the distance thrown was 25 feet and accuracy declined accordingly. RWC sank 16 of 36 cans. The closest rival New Hampshire dropped in 12. After two events Roger Williams had thirty points, compared to 21 for closest rival, Massachusetts.

Following the obstacle course and six pack came the frisbee toss for accuracy. Bob Whitten came within 10 feet 10 inches to lead the RWC team to another victory in the event. This made it four straight first places, and the Hawks could smell victory.

Before the fifth event the 880 relay, Roger Williams had a team meeting. It was discovered that if RWC placed one spot higher in the relay than U. Mass, then they would clinch the overall championship. In other words, if RWC beat U. Mass in the relay, they could then afford to lose the “tug of war” and still win all the marbles.

In the 880 relay, Bob “Whiff” Whitten took an early lead over the New Hampshire team. The relay looked flawless from the spectator’s point of view. It even allowed Dennis “Captain” McLaughlin to sneak a peek behind him to see where the competition was on the back straight of his anchor leg. Still U. Mass had to run in the second heat. They had a relatively slow time (3.8 seconds slower than the RWC team). This gave Roger Williams a total team score of 75 compared to U. Mass second place score of 48 points. This score made it mathematically impossible for Massachusetts to make a come from behind. Captain Dennis McLaughlin was heard to say, “I can’t stop shaking all over.” Looking at him, it appeared he was telling the truth.

In the final event the 200 yard anti-climatic since RWC had already clinched the championship, U. Mass out-pulled Roger Williams in the tug-of-war. It just goes to show that you can’t win them all. There were some stray thoughts that this was the first time it had come about in history.

The regionals of the Superstars competition are one step away from Roger Williams College is one step away from becoming National Champions.

Pyschology Club News

by Bill Winter

No, you do not have to be crazy to join the Pyschology Club. You just have to be interested in pyschology or any field related to human behavior.

The club, founded this semester by Rob Walker and Ric Belasco, already has over 40 members, including five faculty. It is open to all students, not just Pyschology majors. The reason the club was started was explained by club vice-president Rob Walker, “First, there was no place for Pyschology majors to get together outside an organized classroom setting. And Second, there are no other options open on campus for regular students with an interest in the subject who can’t take pyschology classes, for whatever reason.”

The club which will attempt to appeal to both groups (majors and non majors), is already hard at work on plans for the future. A trip to the Eastern Psychological Association convention in Washington, D.C. is the first item on the agenda. The convention, was held at the Sheraton Hotel March 29 through April 2 and featured lectures and presentations by prominent American psychologists.

The club is also busy with other projects. Working closely with the Pyschology Department and their faculty advisor Joe Neuschatz, committees of the club are helping rewrite the college catalog course descriptions for pyschology classes.

They are attempting to bring the descriptions more in line with the actual purpose of the class. Future plans include a spring barbecue, films, and guest speakers.

The problem, as with most clubs, is money. The club has received a primary budget of $200 from the Student Senate, but expects more for the next year. They are also working on various fund-raising activities.

The Pyschology Club holds biweekly meetings, which are well publicized in advance. So if you are interested in Pyschology as a possible major, intrigued by the study of humas behavior, or just curious as how to resolve your Elektra Complex, maybe you will want to check it out.
Negotiating An Education -- Part II

Eugene Coulter
Executive Editor

A mutual agreement between the Roger Williams College Faculty Association and the college's Administration had been reached...information about the current contract talks. "Neither party will make comments to the press," without mutual consent says J. Philip Schuyler, president of the college's teacher's union. In an exclusive interview representatives from both parties answered Quill queries. Neither spokesman, Schuyler for the union and Acting President William Rizzini for the Administration, could clarify whether or not the agreed upon media blackout included the Quill.

According to Schuyler, one of the pre-bargaining protocols negotiated by the union was to allow two students appointed by the RWC Student Senate, to sit in on the bargaining sessions as observers. Schuyler says that these students were to be bound by the same rules of confidentiality governing the silence of actual participants on the negotiating teams. Student Senate President James Miller claims that he was never notified of this protocol, or proposed by the union was to allow two representatives from the student council to sit in on the negotiations as observers. Schuyler also said that some staff salaries and benefits also increase when faculty salaries rise. Procedures governing salaries and benefits of both administrators and staff are set forth in an official salary and benefits manual which is currently being revised by Stanley Jakobiak, RWC Personnel Director. Once completed the revised policy manual would be approved by the college's Board of Trustees before any new policies take effect. Schuyler says that incremental raises in administrator's and staff salaries are "more or less parallel." Rizzini adds that neither administrators nor staff enjoy "salary step increases" as do faculty members.

At the conclusion of the interview, it was learned that the bargaining procedure at RWC follows the same general pattern as negotiations do throughout the nation between labor and management. Once the two teams reach an accord, tentative agreement, it is sent to the rank and file for approval or rejection; i.e., to the faculty and to the board of trustees. If approved by each side the tentative agreement becomes the binding contractual instrument for the college community. If rejected by either side both teams go into arbitration. The faculty, under the current contract, has agreed not to participate in any job action during the term of the current contract. Although the current contract does in fact expire on June 30, 1978 both Schuyler and Rizzini expressed "optimism" about reaching an agreement, explaining that even if an agreement is not reached by expiration day the current contract could be easily extended until a new accord is reached.

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should be proud of it! Also, I would like to thank Bob Gabordi and the Quill staff for their financial support for my excursion.

Tom Williams
Freelance Quill reporter from Tampa

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Students Refuse To Leave Faculty Senate Meeting

The meeting was called in order at approximately 3:30. It was adjourned less than ten minutes later. Although it was short in time, it was not uneventful. Quite to the contrary, it was most unusual. A second meeting was called for 3:55 and according to many faculty members, the confusion that was established during the first, permeated the second.

The 3:55 faculty Senate meeting started off normally. As the tension in the air was a forewarning of events to come, many faculty members entered quietly and sat down. After the normal procedure of identifying themselves, the students by a vote of the Senate were asked to leave. All but six complied. The six students, all members of the Quill staff and/or Dormitory Government through their spokesman announced that they were interested in "hearing what the faculty felt about who should be president of the College from the Faculty Senate...all at once because we are tired of being lied to."

Chairman of the Faculty Senate, Dean Edwin Wilde, reiterated the order to leave. Again it was ignored. Wilde instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the students, but a quick motion to adjourn avoided a potentially explosive situation.

At 3:55 a new meeting was called to order. Another motion was passed to close the meeting during the time acting President Rizzini was to deliver his confidential accreditation message. Three representatives were then allowed in. The faculty seemed to be concerned that the students would not abide with the report's confidentiality. However, Phil Schuyler, the President of the Faculty Union and the first speaker after the representatives were admitted, proceeded to explain the report to the re-opened meeting anyway.

The next item on the agenda (moved up from item four to be the second item) was a motion announced as being proposed by the division coordinators. Tony Iannucci, coordinator of the Business Division, later explained that the motion was not written by the Division coordinator per se, but "they were all aware of it. We didn't want to appear as it was being written by one individual, by the union or one particular group. It was a faculty motion. You saw that by the final vote."

The original motion read as follows:

That the Faculty Senate of Roger Williams College: 1) commend the Presidential Search Committee for its efforts, which have resulted in the recommendation of two candidates eminently qualified to be president of Roger Williams College; Dr. William R. Nester and Dr. William H. Capitan; and 2) communicate to the Board of Trustees the fact the faculty does not support for president of Roger Williams College the third individual whose name was submitted by the Search Committee.

Iannucci then proposed to delete item "2", Drs. Stein and Ficcorilli announced their objections to item "2" also, claiming that it was an unnecessary "slap in the face" to Bill Rizzini.

Kevin Jordan then spoke against the entire motion, claiming that many faculty members did not inter the candidates, and those that did go were individuals not as a group and therefore they shall not take a group stance.

The faculty then voted on item two and it was defeated. Discussion then centered around item "1" with several members voicing objection to the way the search committee handled themselves.

Bart Schiavo and Norman Tierney again echoed sentiments against allowing a group decision. Phil Szenher moved for adjournment saying the Senate lacked direction and order and should not conduct business at that time. His motion was defeated.

Eugene Brickach then furtheed confusion by proposing a substitute motion" which read:

"The Faculty Senate of R.W.C. recommends to the Board of Trustees that William Rizzini be appointed as permanent president."

Brickach's motion was defeated and Kevin Jordan again moved adjournment. This adjournment was the only motion of any substance to pass. The meeting ended with a variety of mixed feelings.