Campus security tightens in reaction to recent URI scandals

By Jane Scott

Following recently publicized incidents of sexual harassment in the University of Rhode Island dormitories and the discovery of an unexploded bomb at RWC, the administration is scrambling to tighten security at the college and quell any possibility of adverse publicity.

First there were the scandals in the URI dorms involving sexual harassment and breaking and entering charges - which spurred RWC to assess its own security system and its internal communications process. Then a pipe bomb nearly exploded under their noses to cause them to take even more precautionary steps.

Vice President Robert McKenna said, "It's difficult to control a campus without making it like a prison." He continued by saying, "I think our present security system is adequate, but it could always be improved."

"I wouldn't want the same thing to happen here that's happened at URI," McKenna said.

Consequently, Housing, Public Relations, Student Security and President William Rizzini's immediate staff have held numerous meetings to discuss the security situation on campus. They have spent much of that meeting time discussing how to deal with the press on the subject.

The most drastic of such steps was a memo issued by the Housing Department to all RAs stating, "It isn't possible for the 'press' to approach you about security, please refer them to David Howard (Director of Public Relations). . . . We ask that you make no statements in them. If you should approach you about the same matter, refer them to Bob McKenna."

In keeping with this attitude, when initially questioned about the imposed secrecy surrounding security, on Tuesday, March 4, McKenna refused to associate any recent incidents on campus or at URI with the sudden concealment of college security.

McKenna instead proceeded to outline the present security system. He cited the main duties of the security guards and pointed out that "in the evening our security really focuses in on the dormitories."

However, security guard George Rhey later stated, "Mr. Wilkey continued on page 2.

GET UP AND... The intramural basketball teams are well into their busy season with each team hard at work trying to win the title. See page 12 for details.

Tuition still to increase next year even with expected budget surplus

By Jane Scott

Despite a probable $300,000 surplus in the college fund at the end of this semester, the administration is still planning to raise tuition rates for the 88-89 academic year which would equal approximately a $70 increase.

The $300,000 surplus will not aid in reducing the tuition because it is being set aside to earn interest to save for future years when enrollment figures will drop and the college will be in need of financial backing.

However, even with this tuition increase, no money will be taken out of next year's tuition income to get directly toward construction of the proposed recreational facility.

"The following year, we will increase tuition by $200; a fee which will go directly to paying back the three million dollars we will borrow with interest -- to build the facility," Vice President Robert McKenna said.

Those $200 fees coming in from 1500 to 1600 students will meet the $300,000 amount the college will have to pay back each year on the loan. In this manner, the recreational facility will be completely paid for in 25 years.

McKenna said, "The budget for next year has not yet been decided upon by the Board of Trustees. The decisions will be made near the beginning of April, but we don't expect the increase to be much more than in previous years."

During the last two academic years, tuition increased an average of 6.9 percent. "We expect the same kind of increase for next year," McKenna said.

"Just the normal salary increases, and inflation increases. The only thing that is still unknown is the fuel costs."

Enrollment figures for the 88-89 academic year are already projecting an increase over this year. McKenna said, "We are setting the tuition this year at an increased enrollment, so that should help our financial situation."

Although there probably will be a $300 surplus, this money will not reduce tuition increases. McKenna said, "This money will go towards building up the Plant Fund, which over the past few years has been totally depleted because we have kept drawing on the $80 to 900,000 that was previously in that fund for contingencies on page 3.

Freshmen reveal their opinions through survey

By Dawn Schauer

The results of a freshmen survey taken by Dr. Lorraine Dennis of the Social Science Division indicated that RWC has a "friendly" atmosphere and a "rotten" registration process.

The center for Student Services is also interested in what the freshmen say about the college. "I looked at the survey," said Director of Student Services William Uhlig. "We are setting the tuition for next year at an increased enrollment, so that should help our financial situation."

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The freshmen in two fall semester and one spring semester class taught by Dr. Dennis were asked to give their opinions on the good and bad aspects of RWC, based on their year's experience.

Almost all the freshmen gave good marks to the college's close-knit friendliness. Most said instructors were always helpful and willing to discuss problems. Advisors were also mentioned for their helpfulness in advising freshmen in choosing courses.

Many freshmen wrote that the friendliness of the college was due to the attitude of the RA's. The freshmen appreciated their willingness to listen to problems, both academic and personal. "My RA helped me adjust to college life," wrote one freshman.

"I like the small classes," wrote a freshman, "because I can talk to my instructor. . . . I like RWC because it's small and you get to know everybody. . . ." Another wrote another "[I enjoy] the intimate atmosphere of the college which was an attraction for many of the freshmen choosing RWC."

The Registrar's office received a few good comments on their continued on page 6.
Student complaints eventually spurred energy committee action

By Kimberly Tinkham

After two RWC students complained to Vice-President McKenna that non-caulked dorm windows allowed heat and energy to escape, a custodian was asked to begin caulking dorm windows. But when RWC students Cathi Cooces and Gretchen Ebel complained about dorm temperatures, it was revealed that they found temperatures increased by at least 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperatures at the window before caulking was 53 degrees. After caulking it rose to 54 degrees. The temperature at the buriel was 54 degrees before caulking and 55 degrees after.

The information from this small experiment was presented to the Vice-President. "I'm glad to see something finally being done," said O'Connell. "We feel that we've done the research and that the administration should take it from here."

"Peter Green, head custodian, will start caulking as of Monday," Bill O'Connell, director of student services, added. "This has been a problem for the past four months. We've kept it on the air conditioners on campus."

The energy committee is still working on finding ways to keep the dorms from getting cold. It is common in dorm rooms to have cold spots throughout the year due to the fact that dorms are not heated during the summer months.

Police shake-up at RWC

Security shake-up at RWC continued from page 1

(Head of Security) said because of the URI incident we should be more cautious.

Director of Housing Peter Sherma said that the next step in this change in his staff of RAC's regarding security.

"We need to discuss how we see ourselves in a what role for security," Sherman said.

I think that (URI) has enlightened people to a lot of things about security," Sherman continued.

This sentiment was echoed by Mary Ellen Loomis, who said that she was "very impressed by the URI investigation."

If there had been people coming in and out to use the laundry room or to go to the gym. The first floor is the only floor with so many facilities on it. It was impossible to keep the doors closed, said Mary Ellen Loomis, a first floor resident and the person who brought the petition to O'Connell's attention.

The score of the Energy Contest has been held up due to the fact that O'Connell gives the scores to Student Senator Gretchen Ebel on a week to week basis since she does the scoring. Ebel then passes the results on to the dorms.

Also concerning the committee is a proposal that went to the United States government from RWC for a Tier-III grant. This grant will go money to Rhode Island for a science-related program such as dorms and schools to help them conserve energy.

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Dorm Government donating money to improve lounges

By Kathy Miller

Although the application deadline for Dorm Improvement Loans has passed, four loans and two units applied for them.

Dorm Improvement Loans for five (50) were available to any floor or unit. Any student could apply for them. Five loans and two units applied for them. Poor attendance at Dorm Government meetings may have been a factor.

O'Connell's grant was $25,000 and that money covered instruction and materials. To keep his certification, Mr. White must take a refresher course each year.

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By Kathy Miller

Although the application deadline for Dorm Improvement Loans has passed, four of the 14 units and five representatives were present.

The improvements allowed including painting, fixing or replacing the walls, putting up new curtains, or making changes to their dorms. Any student with a RA selection process can apply.

RA selection processes: then and now continued from page 1

Methods during the selection process, two years ago to "inprocess" applicants. Included signing a wire a chair so that it looked like an "electric chair", having members of the committee ask questions before an applicant could answer a question. Among other things, it included a telephone interview system when the committee thought an applicant was not forthcoming with the answers. Water guns were aimed and fired at an applicant while he was talking to an interview. Plummy fire alarms were pulled.

Karen Cooke, who was a member of the spring 1978 committee, said she thought she could re-do the interviews. "During the interviews, the question was, 'Do you think you would have done this?""

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Students at Almeida working to get results from grievance committee

By Vera Eisinger

Since its formation in January, the Almeida Grievance Committee has helped to see that complaints at the apartment buildings have been solved.

The committee, which began when students complained about security, thermostat holes, and missing furniture, has seen that most of the problems have been corrected.

"Before the committee began, everyone was talking, but no one was doing anything," said Committee member Richard Beatrice. "We were told things were done and they weren't. We kept on hearing of problems that had been reported.

"We were tired of making reports and dealing with Superintendents," another member said. "Requests are over, it's time for results. Too many people are in charge of things. Passing the buck has to stop."

"Unfortunately, I've only been involved with the Almeida problems since January," O'Connell said. "There's nothing I can do about last semester's complaints, but I feel a lot can be done now that maintenance forms go through the school's filter on hand." 

__RA selection is continuing__

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Selection committee was out to intimidate people, because they thought that was a sure way to get an applicant's 'weaknesses.' All I ever did was scare them," she said.

"While I was in there, I was wondering what I was doing being a part of that. At the time, the other members thought if a person could handle the interview, he could have handled anything as an RA."

Croake said the interview process this year is more professional, where questions are asked that will show a person's qualifications and character. Questions asked could "help the applicant help himself," she said.

"Outside lights have been put up. Making more furniture available, and organizing maintenance..."

__Financial assistance given__

By Lynn Savage

Athletic scholarships and Accent on Career Training for Women scholarships will be discontinued in the fall of 1980, combining to form a new scholarship program for incoming transfer students.

More women are entering professional fields according, there is no longer any need to encourage women to enter career training with the incentive of ACT scholarships.

Athletic scholarships are ending as part of an RWC program to receive a tradition of academic excellence.

The total worth of these programs, approximately $15,000, will be pooled to create a new scholarship program geared toward recruiting transfer students for the college. Nine $1000 awards will be given to deserving transfer students who formally do not have much money when they enter the college, usually in the spring semester.

"However," said Dean of Admissions, Robert Nemec, "students must realize that they cannot receive aid of any sort unless they file for it on time. Many times students wait until too late and consequently discover that all of the money available for aid has been spent already.

RWC awards a number of scholarships to students who come from a variety of backgrounds. The RWC faculty Association scholarship, the Dr. J. Harold G. Wey scholarship, and the Harold Payson scholarship are just three of the annual awards the college gives out to deserving transfer students.

These scholarships are generally set aside for residents of Rhode Island, while federally funded awards such as the Basic and Supplemental Grants are available to anyone who needs financial aid to attend college.

For information regarding any type of financial aid, students can contact the Financial Aid office in the Administration Building.
Racial myths hinder mankind

It is evident that this radiant century is the majority of mankind. Revealing and far-reaching discoveries in science and technology have brought all the discoveries of all former centuries combined. We are very far advanced in comparison to our ancestors, however, a serious blind has hindered man on his quest for knowledge. This blindness has been caused by racial myths. Our society still clings to old folklore, and we must change that. For from these falsehoods, and our self-proclaimed facts, we can draw some important conclusions. For instance, in order not to jeopardize the relationship that the student body is not subject to subjects, and since until that time the race. And also we may conclude that the students are not subject to the race. Since equal capacity for intelligence exists, virtue, justice, and intelligence are not by any means partial to race. Rather, these characteristics of humanity elevate us higher than our environment and allow us to progress. By the way, the same method exists. And if the same thing is to happen together, and are dependent on other things. Mankind is not exempt from this law, although it has the free will to determine the fate of the environment. If we are able to do this, it would be a sublime and depressing. Therefore, what mankind depends on -- which is unbiased, mutual cooperation -- is the very thing that will make us glorious and noble. Therefore, strike and exert yourselves to befriend people so that a most binding truth may encircle us all.

Commentary by
Henry Corcoran

The bomb has exploded at RWC. No one was found under a student's car, nor the type of bomb that rocked Hiroshima -- but the bomb of inflation. Yet, the college will experience a nearly 300,000 dollar surplus at the end of the year.

Even more of 300,000 dollars those... are not to materialize into anything... yet. Into the "bank" they go, one and all. They will come only when they are really needed.

As if 9 percent has it to be, 9 percent more it will be.

But much more than 9 percent and not only the Budget Committee but the whole administration will have a not-so-inactive explosion on their hands when the students' tempests erupt in revolt.

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a recent "Youth" column called "Rumors." It was in the Feb. 28 issue of the Quill.

Try to understand the concept of cross country. Running is elemental to all active sports, generally a required form of exercise for the prevention of healthy bodies. To see running as the "base" sport would not be far off the mark. Agreed.

Mr. Smith brings out several valid points in his letter, but my question needs to be answered in the following considerations:

The "articles" were written by a biased party. As well as they were or were not written is a moot point. I`m not even sure whether the "issues" are in a glossy format, or in a sportswoman, or in the general student body and I also understand that the interest of a Quill staff reporter was not generated. I think the editor has an obligation to oppose this repetitiveness because... a)

Our only consistent supporter (other than myself) was our own Dean Wade. He has been instrumental in promoting the very successful cross country team. It's said to say he will soon be leaving us for greener pastures.

As to the Quill staff reply in that same article I would like to ask a question. How could a national bake sale in any sport be worthwhile? I noticed the Bankers Trust was well covered. I'm concerned as to why we didn't have a reporter or at least a very least a photographer at the National Cross Country meet in Wisconsin.

It is reported that Rhode Island College has over 10,000 students, we have around 3,000. At a recent meet they had over 300 supporters. They have never been to a national meet in cross country. We on the other hand have got a check-up and it was recommended I was given something just in case. I think if you are going to complain about the noise, you should talk to your RA before complaining to the ano-people, because your home is also your RA's. And when I told my parents I had mono, they urged me to come home to have the family doctor check me out. On February 1, I went home and got a complete check-up.

When the good news came back, the doctor told me I had a bad case of monos, serious liver infection, hepatitis, a skin infection, and tonsillitis. He prescribed medication, several weeks in bed, and no school for at least 10 weeks. As a result, I had to drop out of school for the entire semester.

The purpose of this letter is not to condemn any individual nurses, but to raise some questions about the necessity of the situation. For instance: Why don't they give a more complete check-up whenever they think you are not well enough to walk? And what is happening to students who are treated...?
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Spotlight: Newly organized Film Club gets rolling at RWC

By David Leslie

Although Duck Soup and The Grapes of Wrath—some of the most famous productions of our time—are just a few of the movies that the RWC Film Society will be showing on campus this semester, the Society is one of the newest clubs on campus. They are already scheduled to present 19 movies this semester. Admission to all of these movies is free.

The society chose each of their movies because of their entertainment value. President of the film Society Ron Lefebvre said, “We are showing movies that have a lot to do with the history of film and film technique.”

“We want the audiences to realize the importance of the old movies, and to learn why they were so choosing the movies,” Lefebvre said. “I hope the audience gives us more money next year. This will enable us to make our choices from a better selection of movies.”

“This year we made excellent choices,” Lefebvre said, “but I hope that next year we can bring in even better movies for the students to see and learn from.”

“We also hope that next year—instead of competing with the movies that the Student Senate shows—we can work along with them in choosing the movies,” said Lefebvre. “The Senate purchases package movies, and I would like to see the Film Society having some say in the choice of those movies along with the Student Senate.”

“If anyone would like to become a member of the Film Society, they can speak with one of the present members of the club at the showing of one of the movies,” Lefebvre said. “I would like to see more students attending these showings, because that’s who we are presenting these movies for.”

Other officers of the club are Anna Saccello, treasurer; Dave Goodrow, film coordinator; Dave Pallato, secretary; and Dr. Nancy Harton of the Humanities Division is the faculty advisor. All films are shown in LH 129 at 7 PM.

RA selection process undergoes changes

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expected them to show how much patience they had, instead of finding out what the applicants were really like,” Lettsman said.

Resident Assistant Steven Foucault, who tried for the position during spring ‘89, was turned down, and later chosen mid-year, said he felt shattered when he came out of his interview. “They would actually buzz the phone intercom system when ever they thought I gave a wrong answer,” he said.

Although role-playing exercises have changed during the last few years, questions asked have remained somewhat the same. According to several current resident assistants, questions have included: “What would you do if you found two of your closest friends smoking pot in your room?” or “Are you sure you would handle the situation like that?”

Most of the students who went out for the position two years ago said they had felt crushed or shattered when they came out of their interviews. Some came close to not having an interview at all.

According to RA Mike Naume, he went into his interview last year on April Fool’s day. He was asked to sit in a chair, tell the committee his name, and then he was asked to leave. Only after he left, was he allowed to come back, and be interviewed.

The 56 applicants who are applying for positions for next fall will each go through two sets of interviews. The selection committee, which is made up of RA’s Serpilli, Segatti, McLlarky, Dorm Government Representative Jenny Binyon, and Ken Learner, the Student Senate’s appointed representative, interviewed each applicant for about 15 to 20 minutes this week.

The second set of interviews will be conducted by Housing Director Peter Sherman and Barbara Lowe. After interviews are completed, the committee members and the housing directors will meet to decide who will fill the nine open spots. Members said final selections should be made by April vacation.

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RWC protests raising of drinking age

By Mike McCord and Randy Colif

According to a recent Quill Survey, 66 percent of those surveyed are against the raising of the drinking age in Rhode Island. While 22 percent are in favor of it.

The most common reason for opposition was, as one sophomore put it, "If you're old enough to drink, you're old enough to drink alcohol.

Another student said, "If you can go and fight with a guy, you should be able to have a beer with him."

He added, "I don't think the new law will be for stopping the 18-20 year-olds, but for stopping the 14 to 18 year-olds.

"It's unfair, if you are going to raise the drinking age in one state, you should raise the age in all the states," was the comment by one senior.

"People don't mature much after 18," said one student.

Another added, "If raising the drinking age is going to cause a lot of problems, it won't do any good anyway."

"It won't matter much, if someone wants to drink, they're going to be able to," said one freshman.

"I think people need to be 21 and see how the responsibilities like it is, the was the response of one sophomore.

The results are in for the raising of the drinking age--22 percent opposed, 54 percent in favor, and 24 percent undetermined. "It's a good idea to get

Social effects on campus

By Dawn Schauer

If the drinking age is raised in Rhode Island, RWC will have to make changes in its current policies affecting alcohol.

If the drinking age goes up, Housing, Director Piscoppa and Director of Student Services William O'Connell plan to turn the RAI "permissive club for undergrads."

Students twenty and over would have to show identification and pay a fee for a membership card and a guard would be posted at the door to check them.

"I personally think the 18-20 split will be accepted instead," said Senator Scott Bauer of the Social Committee, "and that's been confirmed to decide whether the current policy of the RAI would be changed.

"I don't think we'll go totally dry, but the RAI members are not saying people come to our social events just to drink beer, but when people students will only be fine. They go out and grab a beer, I think attendance will decrease because people will be going to the liquor store, or have people for them, and the alcohol is not "in the dorms around." A solution to the problem is that the drinking age is going to be the same.

A solution to the drinking age problem is that RAI renovations have been temporarily stopped.

"Why invest all that money into something only a small part of the college is going to be able to use," said Randy Colif.

"Spring Weekend will be the experiment," said Bauer. "Wrist tickets, like the kind they use in hospitals, will be handed out to those over twenty and twenty. Those with wrist tickets will only be able to buy one beer at a time. We hope to discourage from buying beer for those who are underage.

Of course, during spring weekend, people can't prevent people from bringing in their own paper bags," Bauer said, "but no liquor will be allowed to be brought in. The entire school will be monitoring security and security was being watched.

"Last year we had fifteen kids scattered around outside. This year there won't be any," said Bauer.

Only people with wrist tickets will be allowed to buy and then only one at a time. The

Quill Survey

"I believe in the 18-20 split. I'm tired of kids driving around drunk," said one freshman business student.

"This will prevent the cheap drunk." A few students backed up their argument with the fact that Rhode Island is close to Massachusetts, which has a drinking age of 20. For instance, one theatre major said, "Too many kids from Mass. come down here and get blantly intoxicated and then can't control themselves."

Many students suggested that raising the drinking age to 19 rather than 20 would be a better alteration, "If the age was 19, that would keep booze out of the high school and really bother the college crowd," one student said.

Twenty percent of the students surveyed had no opinion about the proposed raising of the drinking age.

by David Levie

Two RWC students attended a news conference on Tuesday, March 4 held by the Committee on Responsible Drinking (CORD) at Alumni Hall, Brown University to inform the public of their proposal to raising the drinking age.

The meeting was attended by Student Senator Wendy Stephens and Dorm Government President John Mount. Scheduled to begin at 10:30, the conference was delayed an hour by low press turn-out.

"We invited all the Associated Press, but because of a news conference scheduled by Mayor Cianci to honor US Olympic gold-tender Jim Craig, our press conference took "second place," said Stephanie. "I was talking with the way things turned out," said Stephanie. "I had hoped for a successful press conference.

"I didn't expect the low turnout," said John Mount. "I can only hope that things will go smoother in the future.

The committee was attended by state Senators Steven Fortunato and Jotarnett, and legislators Robert McKenna. Other legislators were scheduled to attend, but never showed.

CORD read their 18-20 split proposal at the conference. Senator Fortunato asked questions about the proposal and commented on his views regarding raising the drinking age.

"If young people are old enough to go fight in the Persian Gulf to protect Texaco and Exxon oil, they should be allowed to have a drink," said Fortunato.

It was also brought up at the conference that people will just drive to Connecticut to get alcohol. Stephanie said, plus people will also just buy false." Another interesting point brought up was that when young people age 18, 20 year olds may be able to have a champagne toast.

Stephanie said, "I think that is ridiculous.

The proposal has currently gone to the general assembly. Special committee, and Rhode Island College, and Rhode Island Junior College.

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Whales of Cape Cod discussed at third Natural Science seminar

By Don Cameron
and Judy Scanlon

In the third of a series of 13 talks scheduled by the Natural Science Department this semester, Dr. Charles Mayo, Director of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, spoke to students about the whales of Cape Cod.

Mayo, who is also the Director of the Provincetown Whale Watch program, gave a discussion and a slide show on "Whales of Cape Cod:"

Observations and Recent Research," Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Mayo men Provincetown as a base for the Whale Watch program. Twice a day, Mayo goes out with interested whale enthusiasts on the vessel, Dolphin III, to observe whale behavior and capture images of whales on film.

As Mayo demonstrated at the seminar, photographing marine mammals is an important tool used to record data aiding in behavioral studies.

One of the major problems, Mayo said, is because of the whale’s large size, there is great difficulty in closely monitoring their actions. One cannot easily put a 50-foot whale into an aquarium for observation; therefore, the study of whales must be conducted away from land.

By photographing distinguishing characteristics on whales, such as scars, Mayo has been able to keep a file of pictures to follow their migration patterns from year to year. One whale photographed off Race Point, Provincetown, was sighted months later in the Caribbean, demonstrating the distance they migrate.

"The waters off Cape Cod are ideal for whale observations as several species, frequent the area while feeding," Mayo said. He focused upon the Humpback, Fin, and almost-extinct Right whales. These whales are known as "baleen" whales, because they have no teeth. They feed by streaming small fish and plankton through slits of hair-like fibers.

Mayo’s slide presentation exhibited their feeding habits. For example, a 52-foot Humpback whale was shown feeding from below the surface. His "rake" is an open mouth through which sand and rocks are filtered.

"If you have the opportunity to observe whales firsthand, you may even feel that whales and dolphins know what they are doing. Their actions are purposeful and stunningly specific to the occasion, and they intend no harm."

Spot light:

Backpacking Club

By David Levin

Mountain climbing, canoe trips, and rafting are just a few examples of what the RWC Backpacking Club is planning for the spring semester.

"This could be one of the most successful clubs on campus," says Maryam Powers, President of the Backpacking Club. "I'm hoping that we get a good turnout for the upcoming trips."

At the moment, the club is planning two to three trips in April. "Planned is a canoe trip and hopefully a mountain climbing trip," Powers said. "I'm also hoping that students will come up with interesting ideas."

The club requires its members to have a little camping experience, but does not require any equipment. There is a two-dollar membership charge per year, which is used to help defray the cost of some of the equipment the club members need. The club also receives $600 from the Student Senate to pay for travel and equipment.

"We would be helpful if the members have a tent, a sleeping bag, and good hiking boots," Powers said.

"Last semester, we got off on a slow start," Powers said. "We had two trips planned but because of low turnouts and poor scheduling, the trips fell through."

"Thirty-five people signed up for the club last semester," Powers said. "I'm hoping that interest in the club will continue this semester."

"If anyone has any ideas or would like to be a member of the Backpack Club, they can leave a message at my office or in the Student Senate Office," Powers said.

The officers of the club besides Powers include Vice-President Rick Segel, Treasurer Roger Carney, Secretary Debbie Wyman, and Advahce Grant, of the Natural Science division.
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UMC fashion show brings some sophistication to RWC campus

By Anne B. Tully

There was a burst of energy, a burst of sophistication on the RWC campus Saturday night, March 8, given off by fashion show- entitled "Spring Essence". The show was sponsored by the Undergraduate Council and was held in the William Studio.

The evening began at 8 pm with the serving of wine and hors d'oeuvres. The fashion show followed from 9-10 pm.

The varied styles of fashions presented were well-coordinated and appealed to everyone's tastes. The main categories were: peplum, spring, causal, sport, formal, and lounge wear.

The fashion show was directed by Vaida Corvington. Willette Barnett and Romita Holmes were coordinators for the show. Music for the evening was provided by RWC productions.

The Diocese dance was successful due to the fact that everyone who attended got up and "got down". Our dancers were: Laura Lyons, Janice Lyons, nine-year-old brother, and herself up a storm and just wouldn't quit.

We harmed our post to fellow students of Greek, Latin American, and Oriental origins by the playing of several Greek-flavored tunes such as Sabu, and some Japanese-flavored disco.

All in all the night was a great success. One student was overheard exclaiming that it was great seeing so many people dressed to kill and having a super time.

A brief survey which we hope to be seeing in the Spring of 1980 gambling with students who will be attending RCW will be followed by an injured performance by Martina and Blackly later that evening.

A film showing various people jumping off coveres, covered cliffs, Jackson Hole. Wyoming, followed by a member of the Busch ski team who gave a very informative and educational task on powder skiing and answered questions.

All this education was quickly forgotten; however, as soon as it was announced that there were free promotional items being given away.

The plot? Harold appears at his home one day, much to the surprise of his real family, and from them in the end of his journey that he finds he had really just wanted to stay on his own.

The one unique part of this show is that the fact we are taken up in heaven twice. We meet Wanda June, Sigfried von Koningsveld and Mildred. Why? Because each of these characters reveals something to us about ourselves.

The cast does a fine job with each. Mr. Harold is played by an unknown actor. He is calm, gentle, and firm.

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New baseball coach takes charge after the team gets left hanging

By Jeffrey Tucker

Ray Condeiro was hired as the new coach of RWC’s baseball team after Coach Tom Aronely quit following only three days of practice. Ray has had nineteen years of experience playing with major and minor baseball leagues. He has played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Chicago White Sox.

As a member of the Kansas City Athletics he played with Dick Howser, who is presently pitching coach with the New York Yankees. "On a Houston farm team he said," I played with Rusty Staub and Joe Morgan.

Condeiro has also played on the same teams as Ken Harrelson and Jerry Grote. Condeiro was on six championship teams and was an All-Star seven times in the minor leagues.

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In this corner...

By Roger Carroll

There is speculation that the 1980 Major League Baseball season may be delayed by a player strike again. If you recall, last year this year, Major League Umpires walked the picket line, yet fans still came in droves to see the players. If the players do indeed strike, I think it’s only fair that fans cross their picket lines in flocks to see the umpires.

Curt Flood. Remember Curt Flood? He was the St. Louis Cardinals’ outfielder who, when traded to the Philadelphia Phillies, refused to go. Instead, he challenged baseball’s Reserve Clause claiming it was a form of modern slavery, and violated anti-trust laws. He was shut down in arbitration and exiled himself to the Canary Islands. He’s back in baseball now. But as a commentator with a National League team, sort of eating from the hand that bit him.

Neither of this year’s intramural football or basketball leagues has defending champions. Ramada Inn was the 1978-79 football champ, but the college reeled lifting that complex this year. Aquidneck Hall won last year’s hoop title, but they met the same fate as Ramada.

However, Men’s softball does have a defending champ—Unit 1. However...

 converged’s Stampede. Jan. 1980, the N.Y. Mets won the World Series, beating the Baltimore Orioles 4 games to 1. For this accomplishment they were invited to appear on The Ed Sullivan Show. Duh... What song did they sing on this program?? Answer next issue...

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Varsity basketball season wrap-up

By Besotted Canniff

It's always frustrating going through a losing season, it's especially hard when you fall to 18 and your school never had a losing record. So despite an inspired effort from RWC's varsity basketball captains John Horgan and Tony Gibbs, both unfortunately will end their career on this note.

Gibbs, this year's Hawk captain, suffered a fiber tear during the final game and couldn't play for most of the year. "My injury counted for at least eight games. I thought we were at least a .500 team," he said.

"After the first game there was no team morale. Everybody was looking for answers but nobody was playing together. There was no killer instinct," RWC's Captain added. Horgan, Jr. 6'4" center, felt some players lost their dedication when they started to lose. "There was a lack of confidence in the coaching staff and each other. Everybody enthusiasm dropped off," he said.

This year's squad, made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, lacked a lot of the necessary experience needed to win. But Gibbs thinks many of the players didn't make the necessary sacrifices to have a winning campaign. "There was no discipline on this team, a lot of the first and second year players didn't take care of their bodies. They couldn't make the transformation well enough from high school to college."

I pushed the players hard but I didn't discipline them enough. Maybe I should have run better drills to make sure they were in on time and didn't want to be anyone's father," Gibbs said.

Horgan added: "I think we were dedicated at the beginning but when we started to lose, everyone became less dedicated. That's not sitting in tip-top shape came into play."

Despite playing in considerable pain and against doctor's orders, Gibbs played most of the second half of the campaign. "When I came back I thought we could win some games. It didn't turn out that way though," the captain said.

"I found I was in better shape even with my injury than the players were when they were healthy, but I just couldn't wait until the final buzzer at the last game. I didn't care who won or lost. I just couldn't wait until the season was over," Gibbs said.

"Traditionally this has been the winningest program at the school and I hope it still will go on," RWC's Captain added. "But right now I have my doubts whether we can still come up with good athletes."

It's no secret that Roger Williams doesn't give athletic scholarships and they need to have a great year recruiting athletes.

"This season could be it as a loser. A nice facility right near the college could attract some new players. Then they will be built in 1980 or 1981. I've been here four years and I always heard about a gym that was supposed to be built. I'd have to see it first before I really believe it," Horgan said.

How far off is Roger Williams from having a successful basketball team? Will Gibbs feel they need to recruit at least a top notch forward and guard for next year.

One of the Hawks bright spots was the play of 6'7" forward Ed Randolp who lead RWC in scoring and rebounding. So while Horgan feels they could use a "good guard" he adds: "If we had two Ed Randolfs next year we would be unbeatable.

Intramural season ends

By Jeffrey Tucker

As the regular intramural basketball season comes to a close, there are only two teams still undefeated.

In the west league the commuter team has a six wins no loss record which puts them in first place. The commuters have been paced by Ed Guarneri, David Tompsett, and Greg Farkas.

The second place team in the west, with a 5-1 record, is the Donkeys, lead by Jim Olimperti and Bob Sweeney.

Brind Motor Lodge has the third place team with a four wins two loss record. BLM high scorers are Billy Cabiet, Danny Linden, Vince Kott, and John Groe.

There is a three-way tie for fourth place. First, floor, Almeida, and Nike all have three wins and three losses. First floor's top scorers are Todd Graham and Joe Smith, Jimmie Williams from Almeida, and John Chain from Nike.

In the east division, the Mad Midgets and Unit 2 share a tie. In the east division the second floor has come away with five wins and no losses. The second floor is led by George Bagg, Rich McGinley, Doug McMillian, and Roger Carroll.

Second place in the east division is held by the Almeida Gangsters with a 4-1 record. Jim Barks, Gary Lister, William Ship mediocre and Clayton Douglas lead the Aegish Almeida team.

The Housing squad is in third place with the third floor and fourth floors. The team is led by Matt Bennett, Mark Peterson, and Mike Heasun. The fourth floor team in the east division is held by the Congs. The fourth floor is a well-balanced team with a record of four wins and two losses. Tom Urban and Darril Gonzales lead the fourth in scoring.

The Unit 1 team is in fifth place with a 3-3 record. Leading the team in scoring is Mark Knowles.

There is a tie in the east division team 3-5-3 record. The Houston Hackers and the third floor teams share a 3-5-3 record.

Unit 10 is in last place with a 0-6 record.

Softball team

By Kimberle Tichkan

As of last week the Women's softball team has been practicing at the Bristol Armoury. Although it has only been a short time, coach Nancy Vorro has high hopes for this year's team.

"I feel the girls from last year have greatly improved since and we have a lot of potential in the new girls. About twenty-five women have come out this year and we have to keep about 15," Vorro said. "Can have set to be made as Vorro would like to improve next year's team is able to geoutside."

There are several players, returning from last year: Mary Cronin, who was pitcher, Pat Carberry who played first base, the Winch man who caught and played infield. Dee Dee Libby, second, Margaret Murphy who also caught, and played infield, Debbie Silva who played on the pitcher, and Ann O'Brien who played third base and outfield.

The Women Hawks' first game will be a double-header against Sacred Heart College. This will be the opening game on their new field in Canton. All the Home games will be played on the Bristol Town Common at State Street and Hope.

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