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CAUGHT: Bayside bandit arrested in Warren, R.I.



Matthew Pelletier, 27, of Warren, R.I. was arrested on Wednesday by Bristol Police.

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AWARDS

Community service efforts nationally recognized

Jacquelyn Voghel
Herald Contributor

In recognition of its accomplishments in community service, the University has been named to the 2014 President's Honor Roll.

KC Ferrara, Director of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, explained that the University was selected for the President's Honor Roll based on reviews of community service in both academic and co-curricular work, and ultimately recognized in the general community service area.

"It's a national recognition saying that we are leaders in community service and civic engagement," Ferrara said.

All students at the University have a community service requirement to fulfill, which is usually completed in the student's freshman year through the Community Connections program. Although Community Connections satisfies the community service requirement within a day, Ferrara noted that many students go far beyond this requirement.

"We do about 63 hundred hours a year just through Community Connections," Ferrara said. "But last year, we logged over 65 thousand

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STUDENT LIFE

Global Heritage Hall to remain unlocked 24 hours a day

Kerri Tallman
Herald Contributor

Global Heritage Hall (GHH) has extended its hours to full-time starting this semester. Like the library, GHH is open to all students for studying purposes, but the library closes its doors at the end of each night.

During finals week, the building typically is open 24 hours for students who choose to study later and longer. The classrooms are popular for group projects and presentations when the dorms don't have the space and technology that GHH offers; students can close the door to a classroom and study or talk at a normal noise level as opposed to the quiet library space. However, only the common areas will be open during the new extended hours, not classrooms.

"I think keeping GHH open all day will benefit students' grades, because it lets them take as much time as they need in order to pass a test or get an 'A,'" said junior Michael Aiardo.

The initiative came from junior Miko Morrill, president of the Inter-Residence Hall

Association (IRHA).

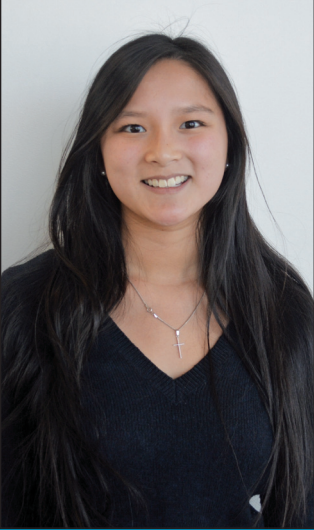
"The idea originally started when I was speaking with both Dean Eisinger and Tony Montefusco and I mentioned how IRHA was looking to act as a better student advocacy organization," Morrill said via email. "I had asked if they had any ideas as to how we could improve student life or if there were any specific complaints they had received and were looking for help solving. The idea of GHH staying open 24 hours a day came up."

After months of planning, the \$35 hundred dollar project was underway. According to Morrill, the process involved more than just keeping the doors unlocked at night. The locks in GHH are all interconnected, and it would be unsafe to allow students access to restricted areas when the building is mostly vacant. The funding came from a combination of IRHA, Student Senate, and Resident Life and Housing.

GHH has a total of three floors. The first floor, along with the entry floor and the next level, will all be fully

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Students react:



"I come here a lot.. especially during finals, I was here a lot of the time. The view is amazing, too."

Anya Dussault
Freshman



"I think it makes sense because it is a lot nicer of a place to study [than my room]."

Nicholas Bergquist
Sophomore



"It's super exciting because I'm here all the time and need somewhere else to study."

Caitlin Holton
Senior



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SERVICE: Community Connections, additional outreach programs receive honor

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hours [total]. Ninety-eight percent of the freshman class is satisfying their requirement through Community Connections, but we're still doing 10 times that amount [of service]."

In addition to traditional community service, students are also given the opportunity to participate in service learning, which, according to Ferrara, has become particularly popular at the University over the course of the past four years. While traditional community service is typically not related to classes, service learning gives students the opportunity to integrate community service into their courses.

"Service learning takes place within the context of a course," Ferrara said. "It's not an add-on; it's related directly to course content."

One option that students have to get involved in service-learning is to create a Self-Proposed Living Learning Community. Ryan Holmes, who was part of a Self-Proposed LLC throughout his sophomore and junior years, explained

that this program served as an opportunity to learn, as well as to see who is actually being helped by student service in the community. He also noted that through self-proposed LLCs, students are able to specifically choose a project within the local community that matters to them.

Aside from Self-Proposed LLCs, Holmes sees various opportunities for students to become involved in the Bristol community.

"We're constantly reminded of all of the ways that we can help out in the community," Holmes said. "Even if you've already completed your community service requirement, there are still so many opportunities to help out."

Furthermore, Holmes believes that the Community Connections project helps to instill community service values early on in a student's life at the University.

"[The University] makes freshman do a community service right when they arrive, which I think is incredibly important. They start you off

saying, 'you're in Rhode Island, you're at Roger Williams, and you're going to help out the community that you're in,'" Holmes said.

Additionally, Ferrara believes that honors such as the University's naming to the President's Honor Roll help to establish the University as an institution that is committed to improving the community, which Ferrara says attracts similarly minded students.

"Students are coming to us with this value already, so when they see there's an institution whose values reflect their own, I think that really helps," Ferrara said. "New students are looking for a place where they believe they're going to fit in. If a place can say that it's been recognized for something that's also important to [the students], that sounds like a good fit."

Ultimately, Ferrara attributes the honor to the University and its student body as a whole.

"This [honor] is purely in recognition of students, the faculty, the staff, and their hard work," Ferrara said.

Have you completed your Service Learning Requirement?

EXCITING VOLUNTEER POSITION:

Position Open at Bristol Fire Department HQ. The BFD is seeking a student to work flexible hours at their Metacom Avenue headquarters (accessible by Campus Shuttle and a short walk). Duties will include performing clerical duties and acting as a public information officer, handling non-emergency calls. Great opportunity for students interested in public safety/first response and/or for students who have a federal work study award. To apply, contact Chief Martin at bobmartin@bristol.ri.us.

Community Service Work Study:

Students who receive a federal work study may earn their awards in the community at non-profit agencies, which is a great way to make a positive impact on the community. If you're interested in work-study in a community service setting, either come by the Feinstein Center and pick up a form, or contact us at service@rwu.edu or 401-254-5670



Students work at various sites throughout Bristol as a part of the Community Connections program, held at the beginning of each semester.

COURTESY FEINSTEIN CENTER

New Byfield School studio space integrates University students with Bristol artists

RJ Scofield
News Editor

Walking through the halls of 220 High Street in Bristol, one can find many local artists deep at work on their latest project; Roger Williams University students are now among those artists.

The Byfield School, a former Bristol elementary school turned art studio, is now being utilized by University students enrolled in visual and fine arts courses. The space has three rooms specifically leased by the school: one for drawing, one split between visual arts majors and their studios, and one for a disciplinary art class.

"We've had an outside space that was on Franklin Street, and we shared it with the School of Engineering," said Associate Professor of Art Murray McMillan. "We loved being with Engineering, but they created a lot of dust, and with a mechanic across the street supercharging hotrods during class...the space was dirtier than we wanted and louder than we wanted, so we thought it was time to move."

The need for a move from the loud and crowded area not only was noticed by the instructors, but by their pupils as well. Senior visual arts major Caroline Michaud shared McMillan's sentiments that the



The new space is located at 220 High Street in downtown Bristol.

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old space was not ideal.

"The Byfield is much better than our old space," Michaud said. "We had to share it with construction management students who were loud and messy and used jackhammers at all hours of the day so that alone is a huge improvement."

A few key players prompted the move from Franklin to High Street.

"This opportunity came up and Dean [of RWU School of Architecture] Steve White was a big part of helping us get

[the space], the administration listened and were excited about it," McMillan said.

Antonio Teixeira, Town Administrator for Bristol, also eagerly lent his helping hand to get University students into the Byfield space.

"It was the school's initiative looking for a space," Teixeira said, "and when they approached me and said they were looking for some additional space off campus, I told them we have some space because [Byfield] had a company that moved out

who owned three of the rooms."

The space is ideal for students who can mill about the building in between projects and see other artists at work who may not go to school with them.

"I think it's important that the space is off campus," McMillan said, "because it's really unique and special, and also extremely well-placed that the whole building is full of professional artist studios you can see when you walk through. To have our visual arts majors and anyone who takes one of those classes

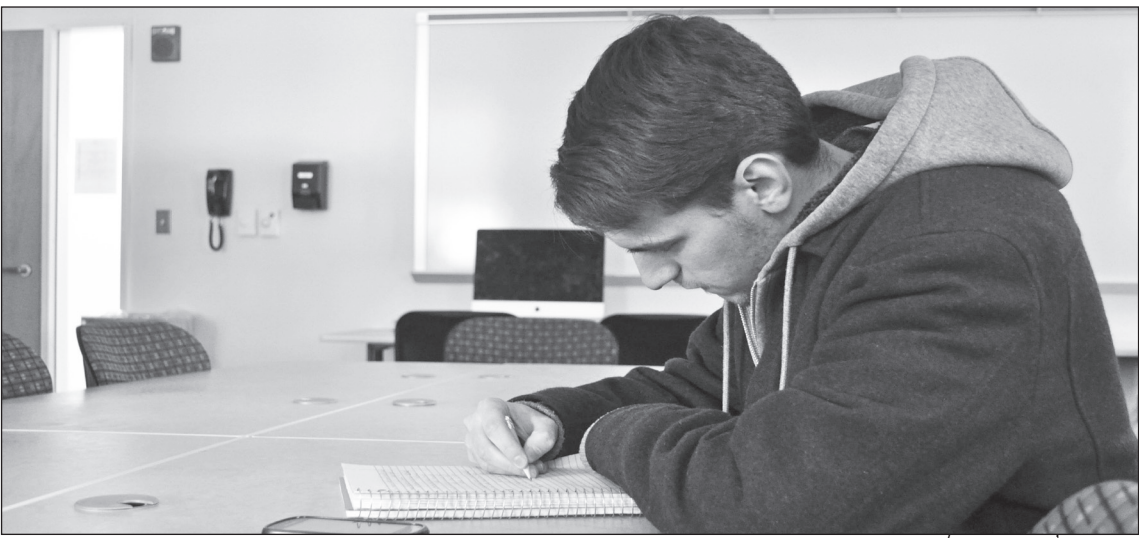
come and see this community, it helps us to fulfill our mission of transitioning students into being professional artists. They get to see new strategies of how things work and they get steal the best ideas and see that this is an exciting way to make a living."

Michaud, as well as many of her peers, are excited to be in a space so in tune with the Bristol art community.

"It's nice to be in a building full of creative people who are doing the same thing you're doing, which is nice," Michaud said. "Our professor is on the first floor and he has his own studio so he's really available. He's also within walking distance so if we want to see what he's working on, we can just go downstairs."

The space, with its many floors acting almost as a labyrinth of art and culture, already held an exhibition this past Sunday wherein University students were able to have their work showcased alongside professional artists.

"I'm very excited about not only my majors, but my non-majors and I think this exhibition is proof that we can get something so high quality after just a week of working," McMillan said. "We can't wait to see what we can do with this great new resource."



Students will now have access to the Global Heritage Hall 24 hours a day.

GHH: Students’ new 24-hour study space

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operational in common spaces. The third floor has offices and will be locked at night, not accessible to students. The back staircase that leads to the offices will also be locked at night to provide security. Public Safety will be monitoring the building more closely due to the building being fully open. There is currently no need for student and faculty IDs to be swiped in order to access the building in the late hours of the night, so it is currently open to the campus and general public. Dean Robert Eisinger of the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences is completely in favor of GHH shifting to being open 24 hours, seven days a week. “If students have a 10 p.m.

or 10:30 p.m. group project, why close it? If the students are still interested in working, it’s available. This building is highly conducive to collaborative learning,” Eisinger said. It is logical for students to start and finish studying in the same place, and not coerce them to move elsewhere due to closing hours. The janitorial staff will still be able to function as normal, cleaning up after students who have been in the building all night in order for morning classes to run smoothly. The building is a controlled learning environment that has simply shifted to fully open hours. This change allows for an increase in numbers of persons per hour, which areas are most

popular, and how it will affect the students’ study habits. These new hours can also benefit those involved in University athletics. Now, if a student has practice at night and cannot join a group project until late at night, GHH is an ideal place for them to get it done without any interruption. “It’s pleasant to study here, and we’re excited about this new change to campus,” Eisinger said. “You’re already here, there’s no curfew, so study.” GHH’s new hours will benefit athletes, night owls, procrastinators, and the roommate who just wishes to sleep without their room turning into a midnight classroom.

THEFT: Bayside burglar arrested

RJ Scofield
News Editor

Matthew Pelletier, age 27, from Warren, R.I. was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 4 by Bristol Police after a long investigation, surveillance, and a search warrant on Pelletier’s residence. Pelletier was arraigned that day and released on bail. Some of the stolen items were recovered from his residence, particularly items stolen from Bayside residents over the last year. Bristol Police are working with those students whose apartments were burglarized by Pelletier to identify and retrieve their belongings. Vice President of Student Affairs John King sent an email to students the day of Pelletier’s arrest at 4:17 p.m. “The Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce that the Bristol Police Department has made an arrest in the four burglaries that occurred in the Bayside Residence Halls,” King said. “The suspect, a 27 year old male from Warren, was arraigned today in District Court and released on \$10,000.00 surety bail. At arraignment, he was also issued a no trespass order for our campus. Detectives from the Bristol Police Department have contacted the victims from our campus and will be asking them to identify items that were seized from the suspect’s home. We want to thank the Bristol Police Department Detective Division for their diligent pursuit of this individual. The many hours they put into this case demonstrate their commitment to our University and to the Town of Bristol.” King also made a point to personally thank the students involved in the situation. “We want to thank the students of Bayside for their timely reporting of the incidents and for providing important pieces of information that assisted the investigation,” King said. Public Safety and the Bristol Police had been working together to investigate the various thefts in the Bayside apartments throughout the previous and current semester. “We were notified by Bristol P.D. early [Wednesday] afternoon,” said Director of Public Safety Steven Melaragno. “They did an outstanding job.” University senior Veronica Alicea, who had jewelry and a television among other items stolen from her apartment, was thrilled to hear the bandit had been caught. “Obviously I’m very thrilled,” Alicea said. “They called me and told me they found a lot of stolen items in his apartment, including a ton of jewelry, which they want me to look at.” Like Melaragno, Alicea commended Bristol Police for their excellent work in this case. “They were absolutely incredible,” Alicea said. “They kept me in the loop...and were super helpful. It really felt like the University came together to help me and my roommates.” Alicea also wished to thank the various people who spread the word of the thefts via social media as well as Associate Director of Public Safety Pamela Moffatt-Limoges.

University expands Providence presence

Farish finds benefit for students

Steph Ressler
Herald Contributor

Roger Williams University has decided to nearly double their presence in Providence, allowing more students to have access to a new space that will be designed for law students, undergraduates, adult learners, and community engagement programs. This decision was announced in an event with RWU President Donald Farish joined by former Providence Mayor Angel Taveras, and Berkeley Investments Vice President Barbara Smith Bacon. Berkeley Investments owns the 76,566 square foot property at One Empire Plaza, that the University signed a deal to lease for 12 years. The new space is being remodeled and is set to open in May 2016, which will officially replace the original Providence campus at 150 Washington Street. In an article posted on the University PDQ pulse, President Farish explained the benefits of this expanding in the states capital. “This puts students at the center of the action and will translate to more real-world opportunities, which equip graduates with the practical skills that open doors in the employment world,” Farish said. “And for our community partners – the state of Rhode Island, the city of Providence, and a great number of other municipalities and nonprofits in the region – this allows us to collaborate and to contribute faculty and student expertise on a greater scale, from a central location, on quality-of-life issues that affect Rhode

Islanders.” The expansion will add 18 classrooms, that range from 30 to 50 seats, more than 100 conference rooms, meetings spaces and offices. They will also install a satellite location of the Roger Williams University bookstore, which will include a small cafe. All classrooms will additionally be equipped with Universities rCloud, which is a virtual desktop that lets students access RWU software, without having to be on the main campus. This is only one of the many technological enhancements that will be implemented in this new facilities. Junior Kylie Burst believes the University is making the right move by expanding. “I think it is a good idea for the University to expand because now things will be more accessible for the students in Providence,” Burst said. “This also adds incentive for residents of Providence to attend school at RWU instead of the many other options also in the city. It will be interesting to see what other expansions are made and what the RWU presence in Providence will be like in a few years down the road.” “This puts the students at the center of the action and will translate to more real-world opportunities, which equip graduates with the practical skills that open doors in the employment world.”

- Donald Farish,
University President

Roger Town Hall

Got Questions? We Have Answers!

Join Student Senate and IRHA, **Wednesday February 11th at 8:30 in CAS 157** for an open forum with campus leadership including representatives from Residence Life, Public Safety, Student Conduct, Student Programs and Leadership and IT.

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If you want to start a new club on campus come to **Clubs and Organizations Committee** meetings, now at **3:00 Wednesday afternoons in GHH G05**

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As always **Student Senate** Meetings are on **Monday nights at 6:30 in the Student Senate Chamber** (right above the Hawks Nest)

EDITORIAL: To go, or not to go, that is the question

Weighing the decision to go to graduate school

Alison Rochford
Editor-in-Chief

As a second semester senior in college, I am constantly getting asked about graduate school. It seems that every relative, neighbor, professor, and random person I meet on the street has thoughts on the matter, and they all conflict with one another. ‘You have to go to grad school to make it in the world,’ one may say. ‘Grad school is a waste of money, just start working,’ says another.

The decision has been made for my peers hoping to become doctors, lawyers, veterinarians and more. But for students like myself, it can be unclear whether or not graduate school will truly benefit my career. To answer this, it is important to break down the reasons you may be considering obtaining a master’s degree or higher. Are you just trying to avoid ‘the real world?’ Are you hoping to increase your earning potential and job opportunities? Are you looking to earn respect in your field? It is essential to weigh your reasons against the added costs and years of your life that graduate school requires.

Avoiding ‘the real world’

Life beyond college is a daunting thought. In a world full of expensive gym memberships and hour-long morning

commutes, the temptation to live on a campus for as long as possible can be strong. After at least two years prolonging the inevitable in graduate school, however, you may find yourself right back where you are now: facing the real world and up to your eyeballs in debt. Only now you have the added expense of grad school tuition, and you have spent more time studying when you could have been working and earning money. If you know that your degree will allow you to earn sufficient money for it to be worth it, then graduate school is probably the right choice for you. Before applying just to avoid entering the workforce, however, consider discussing all of your options with someone from the Career Center or your academic advisor.

Higher earning potential

It is no secret that people with graduate degrees may have higher earning potential than those with undergraduate degrees in certain fields. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, those with a professional degree earned on average more than one and a half times more money in 2013 than those with a bachelor’s degree. What some students fail to consider, though, is that their increased salary may not outweigh the costs of their

degree for a long time. Graduate school can cost upwards of \$40 thousand. You may not see any return on that cost until you’ve worked several years in the field, if at all.

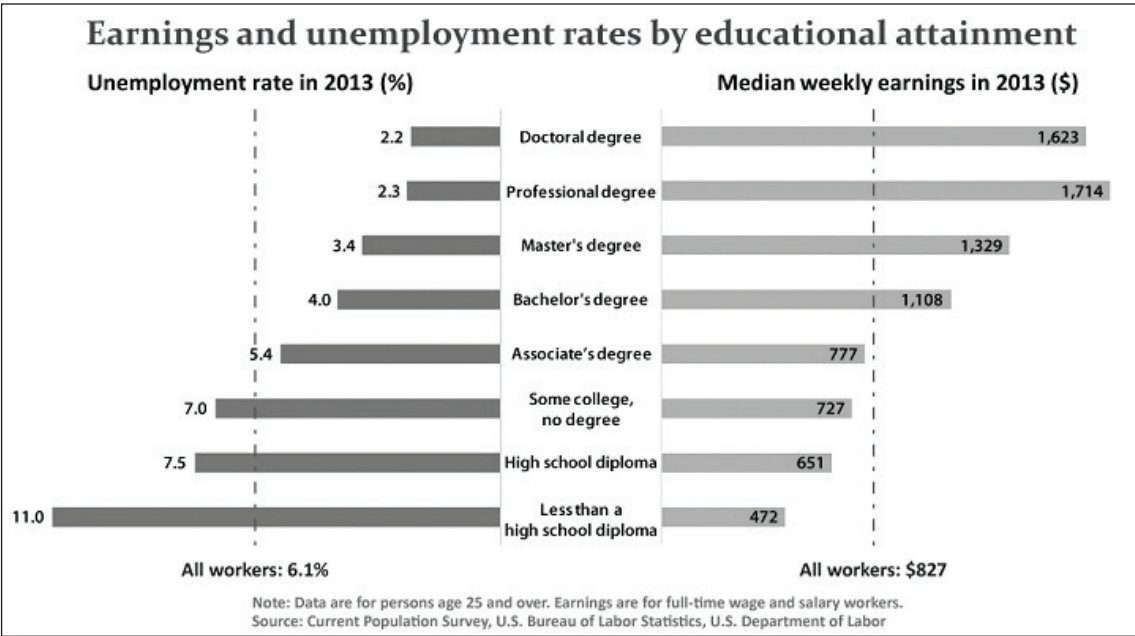
That said, this varies greatly between disciplines. In fact, depending on your field, some employers may pick up some of the costs of your education. There may be stipulations such as maintaining a certain grade point average, or committing to work for that company for a certain number of years after graduation. According to BUSINESS INSIDER, many

corporations such as Apple, Best Buy, Disney, and even Home Depot will cover some education costs related to their business for employees meeting certain qualifications.

More job opportunities/more respect in your field

It’s no surprise that companies want to hire the most competent person for a job, whatever it may be, and in many cases the most competent applicant may be the most educated. Some companies may not even consider a candidate for a job with just a bachelor’s

degree. This varies greatly between fields. Again, meeting with the Career Center or your academic advisor is the safest bet to determine whether or not graduate school is right for you. Whether you are a second semester senior scrambling to complete your major, or a freshman just trying to finish your Core classes, graduate school has probably crossed your mind at one time or another. The decision to go or not may be daunting, but there are ample resources available to help you make up your mind.



The median weekly earnings and unemployment rates of 2013 compared between those with different degree levels by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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Bayside CORE issues apology to residents

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Sports Manager

You see it a lot in the sports world. People with authority make a mistake that is widely acknowledged by the general public and feel the need to make a public apology to get back in their good graces. Roger Goodell, the Commissioner of the NFL, thought it was a good idea when handling the domestic abuse scandals in 2014, and Bayside CORE Sarah Santiago thought it was a good idea now. In my opinion it didn't work on either account. The email itself opened up like a casual greeting between friends coming back from winter break. Nothing too intense right off the bat, just a welcome back from Santiago and a reminder to look out for new programs. Just when you think this is just a friendly back-to-school email, she slips in a paragraph with the apology to the members of Bayside about all of the "tension" that took place last semester. This tension refers to the heightened Public Safety presence and influx of students being written up. "I wanted to take this time to reach out and acknowledge the tension from last semester, especially in regards to policy enforcement," Santiago said. "This semester the Bayside RAs and I would like to hit the refresh button on our relationship with our community. Going forward we would like to develop a more positive relationship with our

community revolving around intentional programming, making meaningful connections with residents, and bettering Bayside as a whole." To me, the apology that was issued about the "tension" between the Bayside staff and its residents was nothing but smoke. In a real apology, one party has to take responsibility for their actions, and in the email no responsibility was taken. The tension was merely acknowledged, which does nothing to make an honest apology. To be honest, I personally never really had any problem with the Bayside staff or CORE, but looking at this email individually and the

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apology on its own, it didn't hit home with me. For the residents in the Bayside apartments that were at the root of the conflicts with the staff, I'm sure this upset them tremendously. This apology basically downgraded the severity of these conflicts. If they were significant enough to be brought up in a back-to-school email, then they

certainly deserved a legitimate apology from the CORE. If the CORE was going to take responsibility for the staff's involvement in these "tensions" then there should have been a more substantial apology where there was not only an acknowledgement of the events that took place, but also the responsibility that their part had in the escalation of those events. Another aspect of this email that leads me to believe that this apology was nothing to write home about was the placement of the apology. It was a five-line paragraph wedged in the middle of an email with other tips, welcoming words and information about the coming semester. If the Bayside staff wanted this apology to be more well received, it should have been composed in a separate email that addressed only that issue. Tucking it away in an email primarily about other things is not the way to do it. Overall, I thought that more efforts should have been put forward for the apology by the Bayside CORE. If these issues were so important that they may have carried over to this semester, then more time should have spent making that apology a priority. To me it was not successful. Once again I never really experienced this "tension" firsthand, but just looking at the apology on its own I think that more needs to be done to make amends on the part of the Bayside CORE and staff.

Tips for success in the classroom

Troy Robinson
Herald Contributor

Four useful tips that will help you succeed in the classroom this semester

The beginning of a new semester is like the calm before the storm. After the first week of introductions and "ice-breakers" are over, we find ourselves standing knee-deep in homework, quizzes, and tests. Then, to add to our misery, mid-terms and finals are piled on top of it. For some, trudging through the semester can seem like an impossible task. With a little discipline, however, everyone can dig their way through the course loads with ease, and make it to the long-awaited summer unscathed.

To make the journey less troublesome, here are four classroom tips that you can make the most of this semester:

1 Sit in the front row: The front row of the classroom has traditionally been reserved for those students who were unfortunate enough to show up to class a few moments late. After entering the classroom, they most likely see that the back rows have already been taken. After all, a student's mentality dictates that the farther away from the professor one sits, the better the class will be. Upon closer inspection, however, we can see that this strong aversion to the front row is utterly ridiculous for a couple of reasons: First, the front row is in the professor's plain view. Sitting there will therefore force students to remain attentive throughout the class, and will lessen their tendency to daydream or text. Secondly, the front row brings students closer to the professor's presentation. This makes it easier to see and hear what is being discussed, and makes note-taking easier and more effective.

2 Ask plenty of questions: When a professor asks a class if they have any questions, the response is usually a roomful of silence. It is, however, likely that there

are students in the class who have questions, but are too embarrassed to ask them. There's no need for embarrassment, for, as the saying goes, there's no such thing as a silly question. Either way, what's sillier? Asking a million questions during class, or having to guess on every question during a test? The answer should be obvious. Additionally, asking questions will make the class more engaging, and will show the professor that the students care.

3 Show up to every class: This one probably doesn't need much explanation. Missing a class is a sure way of falling behind in a course. Alternatively, having a perfect attendance will keep you up to date with assignments, and will ensure that you won't accidentally miss an exam—nothing's worse than missing an exam that you can't make up. Avoid the needless stress, and make an effort in showing up to every class.

4 Stay ahead of the game: Nothing says 'good student' like coming to class prepared. This means showing up with a pencil, calculator, textbook, and notebook—becoming, as it were, a nerd repository. Yet, to reach an even higher level of academic preparedness, students can stay ahead of the game, by reading the chapter(s) that will be covered in class ahead of time. While it is understandable that reading is one of the more nightmarish aspects of student life, it is nevertheless necessary. Reading creates the foundation of learning, while the classroom polishes it into a perfect understanding. It goes without saying, following these four tips will not magically transform you into a grade 'A' student as that depends solely on your own level of determination. What using these tips will do, however, is give provide the opportunity to succeed, and allow you to end a long semester with a great deal of satisfaction.

Political head-to-head: Next steps of the Keystone XL Pipeline

Dylan Kelly
Herald Contributor

The House of Representatives is likely to accept the Senate Keystone XL next week, where they will be passing it and sending it to President Obama for a final decision. GOP leaders are going to anxiously wait for the President's decision. The President has been relentless and stubborn with his veto threats. Pipeline supporters, including some labor unions, are excited to see the new job opportunities from building the project and say they hope President Obama will relent on his veto threat.

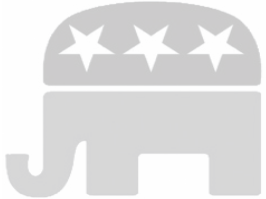
Erika Johnson
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The newly Republican-controlled Senate voted 62-36 in favor of the construction of the controversial \$5.4 billion Keystone XL Pipeline project. The Keystone XL Pipeline, a 1,200-mile proposed pipeline that would traverse the Midwest from Canada to Louisiana, will carry Tar-Sands oil, which is the dirtiest, most carbon-intensive fuels known to man. As the project has been

The Senate is likely to pass the bill when they vote on it, but are likely to just fall short of the sixty seven votes to override The President's veto. The President has been relentless about his veto threats even though the American public does want the bill to fail by veto. 65% of people say Obama should sign the Keystone Pipeline legislation, according to a Fox News Poll. Even 52% of Democrats and 60% of Independents

want Obama to sign the bill. The Keystone Pipeline will greatly benefit the United States. The project is shovel ready and almost overnight the pipeline could put 9,000 motivated people to work. The United States State Department also reports that the pipeline will create more than 42,000 direct and indirect jobs nationwide. Keystone XL will contribute more than \$3 billion towards the U.S. GDP. Taxes

paid by the project will greatly benefit the towns and counties through which it passes. The State Department also reported that the Keystone XL pipeline will provide a substantial increase in tax revenues for counties along the pipeline route, with 17 of 27 expected to see increases of 10 percent or more, which is beneficial for school systems, infrastructure, and more. Personally, I think it is time for the President and Congress to start working together and if the Senate passes the bill the President should sign it. House officially announced it would veto any Keystone XL legislation. This sentiment was reiterated in the State of the Union Address in which Obama stated, "investing in U.S. infrastructure should be more than a single pipeline." Obama must keep his promise and veto any legislation regarding the Keystone Pipeline to protect the environment, Americans and his legacy. This veto is necessary and will set a firm tone with the Republican controlled Congress.



Hawks
round up

Team standings

Men's Basketball	
Nichols College.....	12-0
Eastern Nazarene College.....	10-2
Endicott College.....	10-2
Wentworth Institute of Technology.....	8-5
Western New England University.....	6-7
Gordon College.....	5-7
Roger Williams University.....	5-8
University of New England.....	3-10
Salve Regina.....	2-11
Curry College.....	2-11
Women's Basketball	
University of New England.....	12-1
Roger Williams University.....	11-2
Curry College.....	9-4
Salve Regina.....	8-5
Western New England University.....	7-6
Endicott College.....	6-6
Eastern Nazarene College.....	5-7
Wentworth Institute of Technology.....	3-10
Nichols College.....	1-11
Gordon College.....	1-11

Ice Hockey	
Daniel Webster College.....	32 pts
Roger Williams University.....	30 pts
Eastern Connecticut State.....	23 pts
Bridgewater State University.....	22 pts
Northeastern University.....	21 pts
Umass Amherst.....	20 pts
Keene State College.....	20 pts
Southern New Hampshire Univ.....	19 pts
Sacred Heart University.....	19 pts
Boston University.....	19 pts

Wrestling (Pilgrim League)	
Johnson & Wales University.....	16-5
Roger Williams University.....	14-1
Coast Guard Academy.....	12-6
Western New England University.....	5-9
Bridgewater State University.....	2-10

Men's Swimming and Diving	
Keene State College.....	491.11
Bentley University.....	302.82
Roger Williams University.....	169.93
Regis College.....	100.15
Norwich University.....	56.44
Saint Michaels College.....	50.67
Umass Dartmouth.....	45.48
Gordon College.....	38.82
Colby-Sawyer College.....	29.33
Elms College.....	19.85
(Remaining teams have less than 19.85 points)	

Women's Swimming and Diving	
Keene State College.....	449.04
Roger Williams University.....	306.22
Colby-Sawyer College.....	165.33
Bentley University.....	163.26
Saint Michaels College.....	150.07
Simmons College.....	134.22
Eastern Connecticut State.....	80.59
Gordon College.....	66.82
Umass Dartmouth.....	43.85
Regis College.....	37.63
(Remaining teams have less than 37.63 points)	

Other News and Notes

The Roger Williams University men's basketball team suffered a 68-57 loss to Eastern Nazarene College on Tuesday night, falling to 7-13 on the season. Senior captain **Ryan Palumbo** led the team with 14 points and three assists while junior **Josh McCourt** chipped in 10 points and was the only other Hawk in double figures.

The women's basketball team came away with a 68-57 victory against Eastern Nazarene College on Tuesday night, pushing their Commonwealth Coast Conference record to 11-2 and their overall record to 14-6. Junior captain **Angelica Ariola** led the team with 24 points and four assists. Sophomore **Bridget Quilty** added 11 points and seven blocked shots.

The Roger Williams University wrestling team travelled to New Jersey this past weekend and came away with three victories over Hunter College, The College of New Jersey and Centenary College. Junior **David Welch** won all three of his matches during the tournament and sophomore **Ty Herzog** was able to win two out of his three matches. The team improved their overall record to 14-1 on the season.

Upcoming Games

Women's bball vs. Endicott College
2.7.15 1 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Endicott College
2.7.15 3 p.m.
Men's ice hockey vs. Army
2.7.15 4 p.m.

Seniors swimming to success

Hawks swimming and diving dominates their final home meet of the season



Freshman Griffin Pelkey competes in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Michelle Ryder

Herald Contributor

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams dominated their last home meet of the season against Trinity College on Saturday afternoon. The men's team beat Trinity 166-81, while the women defeated Trinity with a score of 199-62.

This big win brings the women to 7-4 on the season while the men improved to 4-4 on the year.

Head coach of both teams Matt Emmert was very pleased after this big win, and is optimistic looking into the next meet.

"We are in a great place, we are really

happy with the way we are executing swims," Emmert said. "There are always things we can do better, which is why we are in that fine tuning phase."

This meet was particularly important for the seniors on both teams who wanted a big win for their last home meet. Roger Williams University honored women's seniors, captain Stephanie Niman, Alana Mercurio, Alexis Mone, Elizabeth Panzarino, Alysia Shadwell, Erica Trenholm. The men recognized seniors Isaac Bourque, Christian Moran and Jason Spazzarini.

Both teams were eager to come out with a big win following an upset by Trinity last year

SAAC Olympics combine unity and competition for RWU athletes

Rachel Lombardi

Herald Reporter

The Roger Williams University athletic teams brought new twists to an old tradition for the annual Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Olympics this year.

One of the new features was live scoring for games, which heightened the competitive atmosphere between RWU's 22 varsity sport teams in the upper gymnasium on Jan. 25.

The sailing team earned first place at the Olympics, while men's swimming and diving placed second and the equestrian team in third. According to head coach of the sailing team, Amanda Callahan, this is the second consecutive year that the sailing team has won the Olympics.

In order for a team to win first place they had to score the most points in the games Dizzy Bat, Musical Chairs, Limbo, Hula-Hoop Contest, Wardrobe Malfunction Relay, and Dance-Off.

With the large number of varsity teams competing in the Olympics, each of the games was split into three rounds. In each round, the teams chose one player from their team to battle out against six or seven other team sport athletes.

Junior SAAC member and sailing team member Connor Corgard explained that the purpose of the event is to bring all the varsity athletes together and get the teams rallying for school spirit as a whole, rather than being segregated into separate sports.

"This event is one of the few events that gets all of the teams together in one room," said junior SAAC member and softball player Meg Maliga. "We have pep rallies and sports awards, but there is nothing that compares to SAAC Olympics as far as Hawk spirit and getting all of the athletes excited."

Although the event only involves RWU athletes in the games, some of the RWU coaches were there to cheer for their players. Some of the coaches were scoring judges as well.



The sailing team celebrates after winnings the SAAC Olyimpics on Jan. 25.

"The SAAC Athletic Olympics has become a way to get all of the athletes together for a bit of friendly competition," Callahan said. "I know my team looks forward to the fun of it every year."

The athletes filled the bleachers and shouted out loud to support their teammates.

"The whole upper gym was crazy with all of the athletic teams from each season," Maliga said. "You could tell what team each player competing was on from the cheering in the crowds."

Maliga explained that although there is no physical prize, all of the teams battle it out for the title of SAAC Olympic Champions and the bragging rights that come along with the title.

"Seeing a lot of people standing in the bleachers, rather than just sitting and watching people really cheering on their teammates was sweet," Corgard said.

The SAAC Olympics began in 2011 and takes place at the start of every spring semester. The committee started

"I was definitely a little anxious because Trinity was a team we lost to last year, so we really wanted to come in and put more effort in and get some redemption" Niman said.

Moran led the Hawks in their victory taking control of each event he participated in. He placed first in the Men 50 Yard Freestyle with a time of 22.01, first in the Men 50 Yard Butterfly with a time of 24.18, and assisted his team in the 1st place victory in the Men 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, as well as the Men 200 Yard Medley Relay.

"We told our team it was going to be a tough meet for us, and it was an important meet for us," Moran said. "Our coach always tells us the only thing we can control is our attitude and our effort and everybody performed great."

For the women, Junior captain Haley Martel and co captain Niman, also contributed to the Hawks big win. Niman placed first in the Women 200 Yard Freestyle with a time of 2:01.37, and was a huge factor in the women's first place finish in the Women 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, which finished with a time of 1:45.21. Martel was also a part in this win for RWU, placing first in the Women 50 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 31.86.

"We were impressed with our win today, especially after the meet last year against Trinity last year, which was not even close. This year we held our own and it was a lot better" Martel said.

This big win helped gain some confidence in the swimmers going into the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championship meet in two weeks. The meet is on Feb. 15 at the University of Rhode Island.

"Last year both teams finished second, and we had a ways to go to get first," Emmert said. "We have a great team culture this year and I am hoping that we can keep climbing. It is going to take all the swimmers to step up to get that win."



Patriots’ strong safety Malcolm Butler intercepts a pass from Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson to seal Super Bowl victory,

SUPER BOWL: Students react to Patriots victory over Seahawks

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to say the Patriots had a zero percent chance of losing. Most of the students agreed it was a good game, but had a very disappointing ending. Some students thought Pete Carroll, head coach of the Seahawks, made a bad call at the goal line in the final minute, especially when they had Marshawn Lynch on their team, but the Patriots won because of it, so no New England fans are complaining about it now.

Over the last decade, no team has had

more success than the Patriots in the NFL. There is no doubt that when you win four Lombardi Trophies over a 15-year span, you have earned some respect. Patriots fans most definitely have the edge in that argument now.

At the end of each Super Bowl, selected players from the winning team are given the MVP award. This year the award went to Tom Brady for the third time in his career, and he joins Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw as the only quarterbacks

to win four Super Bowls. Ask Patriots fans where he ranks on the list of best quarterback of all time and they will all likely have responses that end with “He is the greatest of all time,” and it would be hard to disagree.

It was interesting to hear all of the opinions about the Super Bowl this year. If there’s one thing that can be learned about Patriots fans on campus it is that they are crazy, but also very loyal to their team.

Leading the young guns

Freshman Jennings thrives in expanded role

Connor Casey
Sports Manager

Jaylen Jennings stepped on to the Roger Williams University basketball court and immediately had an impact.

With seven freshmen joining the team for the 2014-2015 season, each one of them was going to have to step up for the team to be successful.

Jennings took that challenge from the jump and became a key member of the team.

The freshman accounting major from Norwalk, Conn. has taken his role on the team in stride and worked his way up the ranks for playing time. Jennings didn’t make his presence felt on the basketball court until his senior year in high school at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, Conn. Up until his senior year, he was just a role player on the team but before his senior season, his coach saw the improvement he had made as a player and gave him the encouragement

to take his game to the next level. After completing his senior season as team captain, Jennings moved on to RWU after being recruited by Assistant Coach Dan Weidmann.

“I did an overnight, and first of all the campus is just beautiful,” Jennings said. “That was one of the thing that I loved. I stayed overnight with the team and just felt right at home from the start. I knew this was the place.”

Even though he had been contacted by the RWU coaching staff, Jennings was still apprehensive about coming onto the team as a freshman. He acknowledged the fact that, coming in as a freshman, he wasn’t sure about how much of an impact he would have right away. Jennings didn’t even know how much he would play with all of the incoming freshmen and the returning players.

“It got into my head a little bit,” Jennings said. “It was just jitters.”

Once the season got going and he

got his chance to show the team what he could do on the court, Jennings quickly got over his freshman jitters. Jennings is averaging 9.4 points per game, second on the team only to senior captain Ryan Palumbo. Jennings also adds five rebounds per game and shoots 40 percent from 3-point range, which leads the team. Jennings also makes his mark on the game by staying on the floor. Jennings ranks third on the team in minutes per game at 25.6. As a freshman he has been given significant playing time due to his ability to spread the floor with his long-range shooting and his ability to score the ball.

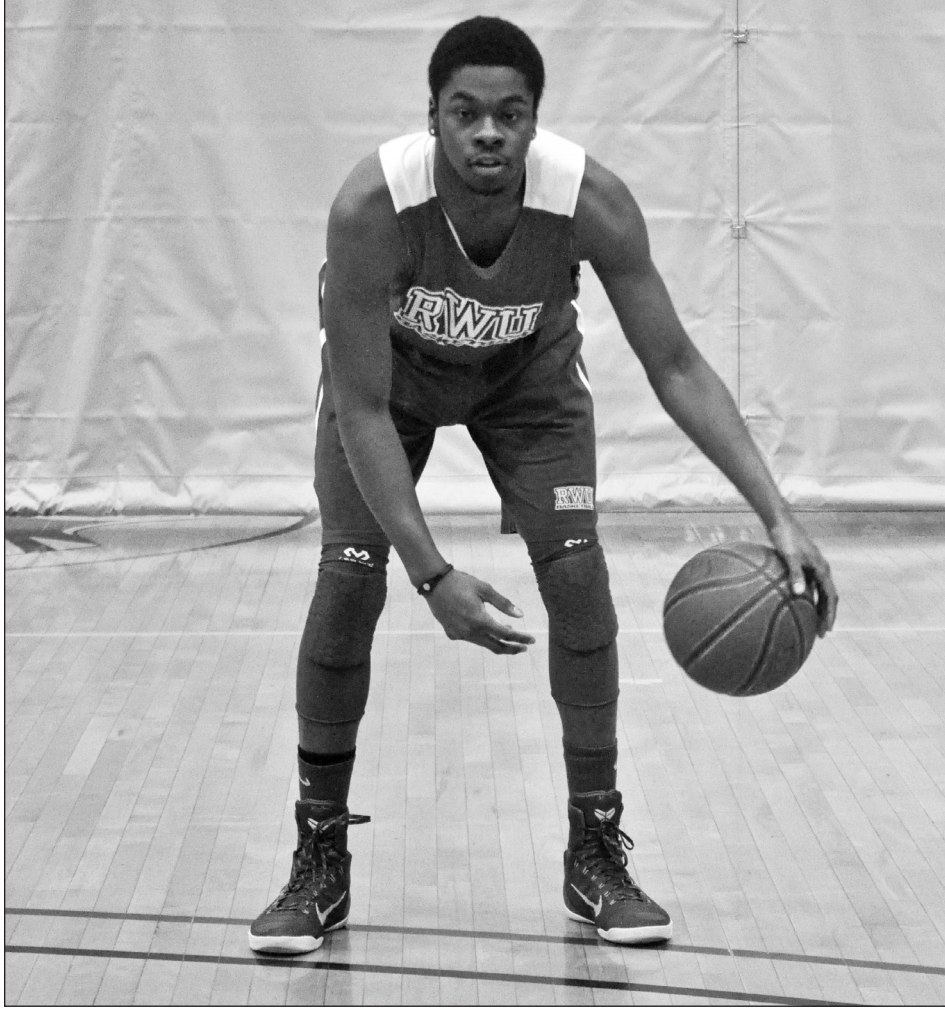
With the increased role on the team, Jennings’ teammates started to rely on him and he started to rely on them as well. Since joining the team, Jennings became close with senior captain Alex Barry. After being in his workout group before the season started, Barry gave Jennings advice on working hard all the time, never getting complacent and being vocal on the floor.

“He is an aggressive player and great defender. Most importantly he’s got a great attitude and is always ready to put in the work,” Barry said. “He understands the game and is a great teammate. He will have a very successful career here at RWU.”

As it is with many athletes, Jennings is not focused on what he has achieved so far. Early on in his career at RWU, Jennings has received many accolades for his impressive play. Jennings has been recognized as the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Rookie of the Week on two occasions so far this season. The CCC has seen the production that Jennings has produced thus far and rewarded him for his hard work. While these accomplishments are validation for all of his hard work, Jennings is never going to stop working hard just because of a few awards.

“It feels great, but I’m never satisfied,” Jennings said. “I just try to look behind and see what’s going on and keep an eye on the future.”

Jennings and the Hawks look to get a win in their next CCC matchup against Endicott College on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3 p.m.



Freshman Jaylen Jennings dribbles the ball during practice.

PAUL STRUCK

On RWU campus, no issue of ‘Deflategate’

Andrew Grassey
Sports Editor

With a Super Bowl victory on Sunday, the headlines finally became positive for the New England Patriots after the media exploded over the scandal of “Deflategate.”

After the AFC Championship Game against the Indianapolis Colts, the Patriots were accused of using underinflated footballs that were below the 12.5 pound per square inch (PSI) standard that the National Football League has set. Reports claim that 11 of the 12 footballs that New England used were underinflated by at least two PSI.

A topic that many deem to be ridiculous caught the attention of the national media for the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl so it got me thinking, how does Roger Williams University prepare their game balls and what are the standards for the balls that they use?

Let’s be clear, when it comes to RWU, there is no chance of an incident like “Deflategate” ever occurring. One simple reason is that the University doesn’t even have a football team and secondly, nowhere in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) rules and regulations is there anything about the air pressure of the game balls used.

“There are regulations in terms of the specific balls that we have to use but there is nothing in the rules that say a soccer ball has to be inflated to a certain PSI,” said Derek Carlson, head coach of the RWU baseball team and the equipment manager for athletics.

Before any athletic event on campus, it is the coach’s responsibility to handle any game balls for any given sport. Each sport on campus has different specific game balls. For example, the baseball team has to use Diamond baseballs instead of any other brand of ball. The soccer teams and the volleyball teams must use the NCAA regulated game balls.

So, it is highly unlikely that you will see women’s soccer head coach Tim Moody going into a bathroom to deflate the team’s soccer balls before running out onto Bayside field like the Patriots ball boy is being accused of.

Another reason that “Deflategate” can’t occur at RWU is that football is the only sport where each team has their own balls and does not share the same ball with the other team. At RWU, all of the sports use the same balls for both teams during the games.

“For baseball, everyone uses the same ball. For soccer, everyone uses the same ball. For lacrosse, everyone uses the same ball,” Carlson said. “Football is very different because it is really the only sport where teams are using different balls.”

So, it seems that a “Deflategate” scandal occurring on the RWU campus will be nearly impossible, which is really too bad because it could give The Hawks’ Herald some great material to cover.

But, honestly, it is probably a good thing that “Deflategate” won’t occur here on campus. It seems to be a general consensus that the whole scandal has been overblown by the media and according to Carlson, air pressure doesn’t make a big difference anyways.

“I don’t think it matters,” he said. “I don’t think it matters at all.”



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Basketballs sit on the side of the court during the men’s basketball practice.

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#ICYMI: Winter sports edition

The top 10 most important moments over winter break for RWU

Stephanie Nisbet
Herald Contributor

1. Roger Williams University placed 49 student-athletes on the Fall Academic All-Conference team. These players all earned a 3.3 GPA or higher for the fall semester while competing on their respective team, and a total of 360 student-athletes from 10 different Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) schools received this honor. Of the RWU honorees, 23 were first team, 12 were second team, and nine were honorable mention All-CCC selections in their sport.
2. RWU basketball players from both the women's and men's teams received CCC Rookie of the Week honors for three consecutive weeks in January. Forward Mariah Nicholas was named CCC and NEWBA (New England Women's Basketball Association) Rookie of the Week for the week of Jan 5. Forwards Conor O'Brien and Jaylen Jennings then earned back-to-back CCC Rookie of the Week accolades for the weeks of Jan. 12 and 19, respectively. The women's basketball team is currently 13-6 with a four-game winning streak, while the men's team sits at 7-12.
3. The wrestling team, in a word, dominated. RWU took first place in the Scott Viera Invitational on Jan. 10, earning 197.0 points (to put this win in perspective, second place Western New England College had 78.0). They then swept their quad match on Jan. 17 against Daniel Webster College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Wesleyan University, before repeating as champions of the New England Wrestling Association Duals Championship on Jan. 26. The team is currently 14-1 with a nine-match winning streak.
4. The RWU hockey team has gone 3-2 since the start of the new year, losing two games on the road and winning two overtime thrillers against University of Maine and University of Vermont before dominating conference rivals Westfield State University, 7-2, on Jan. 31. The team is currently 16-6-1-1 with one regular season game left (Senior Night) against Army on Feb. 7. RWU's playoff situation will depend on how other teams in the conference fare this weekend.
5. The men's and women's swimming and diving teams saw some decisive victories for RWU over the break and are both currently on winning streaks. The men's team (4-4) defeated Bridgewater State University, Vassar College, and Trinity College en route to a three-meet win streak, while the women's team (7-4) has won their past five meets against Bridgewater State, University of New England, ESCU, Vassar, and Trinity.
6. The RWU women's soccer team has continued to make headlines. Juniors Mariah Kaiser and Jessica Valenti and sophomore Kristen Casey were named to the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association (NEWISA) First Team as well as to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) D3 New England Women's Soccer All-Star First Team. Additionally, senior Kristin Tetreault was named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar All-East Honorable Mention with a 3.64 GPA, and coach Tim Moody was named the ECAC Coach of the Year.
7. In the world of men's soccer, senior forward Andrew Carlson was named to the NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA D3 Men's All-New England Region Third Team. Carlson, who paced RWU with eight goals and three assists in the 2014 season, is one of seven CCC players to be selected to this All-New England team.
8. RWU volleyball's Elizabeth Flaherty was named to the ECAC D3 New England Women's Volleyball All-Star Second Team after putting up impressive numbers during the 2014 season. Flaherty was also recognized as an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Honorable Mention as well as being named to the AVCA All-New England Team and the NEWVA All-New England Second Team.
9. After winning the national championship for small college women's rugby in November, the RWU women's rugby team will be recognized in March by Words Unlimited. Words Unlimited, the Rhode Island organization of sportswriters, sportscasters, and sports publicists, will present the team with the Small College Achievement Award at the 69th annual Words Unlimited Sports Award Banquet in Warwick, R.I.
10. RWU Athletics have been ranked 45th overall in the Division III Learfield Sports Director's Cup standings. These standings are put out by National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. This is the highest RWU has ever been ranked, surpassing the school's previous best of 48th place. Additionally, RWU is one of three CCC programs to make the top 100 on the list, with UNE at 88th and Nichols College at 94th.

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Three is good, but four is better



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Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates after winning his fourth Super Bowl.

Joseph Carosi
Herald Contributor

What defines a great Super Bowl? Most people would probably agree that a close game finishing in the final minutes defines a great Super Bowl. With a 28-24 New England Patriots victory over the Seattle Seahawks and a questionable last minute call, Super Bowl 49 lived up to those expectations and on the campus of Roger Williams University, the excitement was prevalent before, during, and after the game.

After the media headlines of "Deflategate" since the AFC Championship game, the win is extra sweet for Patriots fans.

In addition to being the most watched television broadcast in history, this game had a more serious effect on campus as the home team, the Patriots, were in their sixth Super Bowl. After walking around campus before the game, it was hard not to feel the energy that was radiating from students and faculty. It had been a while since the Patriots seized victory in the Super Bowl, so it was only natural to feel this energy.

From speaking with students after the game, the vibe around campus had no one surprised to see the Patriots win, and some students were bold enough

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ON THE BAY

RWU Graduation

Bucket List



How many have you checked off?

1. Jump in the fountain before Commencement
2. Order Pizza Wave
3. Spend Thursday night at Fin's
4. And Friday at Aiden's
5. Ride the RIPTA
6. Hang out on the Willow beach
7. Skip an 8 a.m.
8. Endure a Career Center internship class
9. Go swimming in the bay
10. Rent kayaks or paddle boards at the waterfront
11. Survive a blizzard/hurricane
12. Attend the commons Lobster and Steak dinner
13. Use the last cent of your Hawk Dollars
14. Go to the Spring Concert
15. Go to the free fall concert
16. Join a club or organization
17. No, actually go to the meetings and events of a club or organization
18. Sleep in a CORE class undetected
19. Drunk binge pizza at Lower Commons
20. Work on campus
21. Discuss inebriated antics at Commons brunch on the weekends
22. Get free condoms from Health Services
23. Miss the shuttle
24. Miss the shuttle and walk through the snow/rain with a murderous look on your face
25. Call amnesty

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What have you checked off?
Shake Roger's hand! 25 more
bucket list items to complete
before graduation.
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BUCKET LIST: 25 more to check off

26. Study abroad
27. Study abroad and talk about it for the rest of your time at RWU
28. Make Dean’s list
29. Instagram a picture of the bridge
30. Instagram a picture of your Sip and Dip order
31. Instagram a picture of the sunset in Colt State Park
32. Cure your hangover with Sip and Dip
33. Spend the day at Colt State Park
34. Spend the day in Newport
35. Overpay to park/eat in Newport
36. Almost get taken out by a longboarder
37. Make connections with your professors
38. Get an internship
39. Line up a post-grad job
40. Bring a friend to urgent care or the ER
41. See your Hawks on the field, court, or pool
42. Apply to graduate school
43. Stress out about the real world
44. See an RWU performance in the barn
45. Borrow a Commons tray to go sledding
46. Park illegally without getting a ticket
47. Park illegally and get a boot
48. Volunteer to do community service
49. Shake Roger’s hand for good luck before a big exam
50. Pick up a copy of THE HAWKS’ HERALD



TOP: RACHEL DIEP, MIDDLE: PAUL STRUCK, BOTTOM: RACHEL DIEP/THE HAWKS’ HERALD

From top: Colt State Park at sunset, Krewella performs at the 2014 Spring Concert, men’s soccer celebrate after a goal during a 2014 season game.

Notes from the Netherlands

Arriving in the land of windmills

Study Abroad opportunities were among the most important components to consider while choosing my college; I’ve always loved to travel and I knew it was something I absolutely had to do, which is what led me to Roger Williams University. After exploring all of the different destinations and programs that the school offers – London, Florence, Dublin, or Australia – it was difficult to pick where, but finally I made a spontaneous decision. Now,

I am pleased to say that the Netherlands, a small densely populated country in Western Europe often known for their windmills, tulips, canals, and wooden clogs, is the place I am lucky to call my home for the next four months. Upon arriving I was faced with challenges right from the get-go. From the airport in Amsterdam, I had to take a train to my city, Leiden, and then find my way to the Central College building.

This quite was an adventure considering I was lugging two huge suitcases and carry-on bags up and down train steps and through the cobblestone streets, but I made it. The good part is everyone that is brought up in the Dutch school systems is taught English from a very young age, so there isn’t as much of a language barrier. So far I have learned, first of all, that Google Images does not deceive. The windmills are truly impressive and the views of the streets and canals are breathtaking. While I only arrived a couple of days ago, I have already experienced some challenges when it comes to understanding to certain Dutch customs. For many study abroad students adapting to a different culture is interesting and fun, but also frustrating at times. Another thing that the Netherlands is known for is their abundance of bicycles. I’ve heard it said that there are more bicycles than there are people, and from what I can tell so far, it’s true. It is definitely their main form of transportation and they seem to have the right of way in every street and intersection. Therefore, one of the things that I am still getting used to is staying out of their way, which

is sometimes hard because their direction is unpredictable. Slowly but surely I am learning and figuring out new and different ways to do miscellaneous, yet important things the Dutch or European way. But I still have many more questions to be answered, such as why are there no freezers in my dorm? And more importantly, where am I supposed to keep my pint of ‘Ben & Jerry’s’ for nights that I am homesick? But as I said before, I am only a few days in and I am sure everything will be clear by the end of the semester, especially after taking an extensive Dutch course.



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Correspondant

Junior student studying abroad this semester at Central College in Leiden, the Netherlands.



Beautiful town and scenery in Leiden, the Netherlands greet RWU students studying abroad.

Roger gives back in recent blood drive



SHANA SIMS/THE HAWKS' HERALD

The Rhode Island Blood Center hosted a blood drive open to the public in the North Campus Residence Hall lobby this Wednesday and Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.. This year marks 35 years that RWU has partnered with the RIBC. Top: Junior Cristina Ferreira donates her blood to the cause. Bottom: Signs direct students and community members into the NCRH lobby to sign up and donate blood.

Beneath the bay

Keeping our local waters clean

Eileen Korney
Herald Reporter

After a dollar bill is inserted into the Dasani water machine, a blue bottle falls behind the wall, rolls to the door, and gets picked up by a student. The plastic container stays with her during the hour that she spends at the gym. The liquid it holds is refreshing taste during her run, and cools her off as she finishes her workout. After spending 50 minutes with the plastic bottle, she tosses it into the trash on her way out without realizing that it would take hundreds of years to decompose.

“Think about [a can of soda] and think about where that can came from,” said Associate Professor of Environmental Science Scott Rutherford. “First someone had to find the rocks with the aluminum in it. Then somebody had to dig the rocks out of the ground. Then they had to get the aluminum out of the rocks. Then they made a can out of the aluminum. And then the can was used for five days and thrown in the trash.”

Rutherford teaches a variety of Earth science courses that include earth systems, oceanography, meteorology, climatology, marine geology, and biological statistics. While teaching these courses, he considers the environment that surrounds our campus.

Presently, Rutherford’s students are studying quahogs in Narragansett Bay. By using current drifters, the class is

able to track larvae and learn how it is dispersed in the water. One student is developing their senior thesis based on the project, while another is using a computer model to simulate and predict water currents.

This project was started after the new waste water treatment system was established in Providence several years ago. Previously, raw sewage would flow in the Narragansett Bay during high rainfall. The result would oftentimes be the closure of shellfishing within the upper bay.

“As the water quality improves, that means that those areas are going to be open to shellfishing more frequently,” Rutherford said. “What we’re trying to understand is, if you open those areas to shellfishing more frequently, [is that] impacting the larval supply [of quahogs] to the rest of the bay?”

Clean water in Narragansett Bay is essential for marine life such as quahogs to thrive. It also provides Rutherford an area for his students to apply knowledge learned in the classroom. Initiatives like the new waste water treatment system in Providence were inspired by those with an environmentally conscious perspective, which expands beyond clean water alone.

“It’s the cliché that you hear advertised, ‘reduce, reuse, recycle,’ and it really does come down to that,” Rutherford said. “You think about the impacts that one person can make, and

they’re pretty small, realistically. But when you multiply that by 35 hundred students on campus here, and however many hundreds of universities that there are, all of a sudden it makes a huge difference.”

Rutherford has dug in Virginian landfills in the past, and has found unbelievable amounts of glass dug with a backhoe. The Earth that was dug was 50 percent dirt and 50 percent glass.

To prevent such enormous amounts of waste, Rutherford suggests that older students should hand items such as fans, desk lamps, chairs, and bulletin boards to younger or incoming students, rather than throwing the reusable items into a overflowing dumpster. By turning lights off when they are not in use, as well as turning a computer to sleep, a college student is contributing to a more energy efficient city.

Taking the amount of packaging that a product is wrapped in while shopping is another way college students can become more environmentally friendly, all while keeping in mind the enormous amount of energy that it takes to explore, excavate, and manufacture such materials.

“If you throw one jar in the trash without recycling it, [they figure] it’s only one jar,” Rutherford said. “But if three million people do that, now you’ve got something different going on.”

STUDENTS SURVIVE JUNO



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COURTESY DANIELLE COMBS



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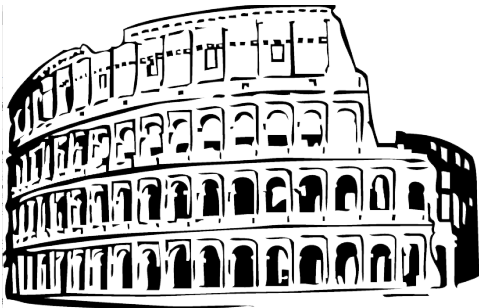
From the top: Students trudge through the blizzard on the quad to get across campus, Danielle Combs and Brianna Daybre stand atop the mounds of snow at Baypoint, students sled down the hill to Bayside on commons trays.

Hawk Happenings



Birss Memorial Library Exhibition: Richard Wright’s “Native Son”

This event celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Richard Wright’s “Native Son: Then and Now,” one of the first major works of literature by an African-American writer. The exhibition will include other works, such as one of Wright’s unpublished and controversial essays, “I chose Paris,” as well as photographs spanning from the 1930s to the recent events in Ferguson, Mi. **Details: Open daily during library hours from Feb. 1 through Mar. 31.**



Study Abroad Info Session: Italy

This session will be an overview of the RWU Florence and Perugia programs offered by the Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs. **Details: Feb. 6, 4 p.m. in GHH 108.**

ICC Senior Night Trip: Mohegan Sun

Seniors can sign up for this fun trip to Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort. The bus leaves from the Campus Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m. Students receive more information upon signing up. **Details: Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m. departure.**



RWU Night at the Providence Bruins

The RWU Alumni Association and the RI Alumni Chapter invite all students to the the Dunkin’ Donuts Center in downtown Providence. Watch the Providence Bruins take on the Manchester Monarchs. **Details: Feb. 6, 7 to 10 p.m. Registration required.**

Dance Basement Series Performance

Kellie Ann Lynch and the RWU dancers, featuring Elm City Dance Collective will perform “Almost Porcelain.” This dance is inspired by the choreographer’s personal struggle with identity, beauty, and image. **Details: Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Free to the public.**

Black History Month Festival by MSU

The RWU Multicultural Student Union invites you to join them in celebrating Black History Month. Enjoy dancing, music and spoken word. There will also be displays on hip hop culture, the Civil Rights Movement, and African crafts, to name a few. **Details: Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center Field House.**

Christian Ecumenical Worship

Reflect, pray and celebrate Communion on all Sundays of the semester with the Christian community of RWU. All are welcome. **Details: Feb. 8, 15, 4 p.m., GHH 200.**

Catholic Mass on Campus

Weekly Mass with the Catholic Campus Ministry. **Details: Feb. 8, 15, 7 p.m., GHH 206.**



Study Abroad Info Session: Ireland

Check out programs in Ireland at the University of Limerick, University College Dublin, Dublin City University and National University of Ireland, Galway. Get your questions answered. **Details: Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m., ARCH 132.**

Free, Anonymous HIV Testing

A free, anonymous test in Health Services for HIV. This test does not require blood drawn. **Details: Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Health Services, Center for Student Development.**

Study Abroad Info Session: London Theatre Program

The RWU London Theatre Program in the fall has a lot to offer for students interested in the performing arts. Dance students, theatre students, and any students interested in doing a Core Concentration in British Studies are all welcome. **Details: Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Seminar Room.**



Zen Meditation

Get in the zone and feel the stress of school melt away during this meditation session. **Details: Feb. 10, 17, 6 p.m., Intercultural Center Prayer Room.**

Study Abroad Info Session: Arcadia Programs

Information on programs in Australia, Ireland, Greece, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, South Africa, and Chile. Get your questions answered. **Details: Feb. 10, 5 p.m., FCAS 162.**



IRHA Video Game Night

Compete against your friends at some awesome video games! **Details: Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., Campus Recreation Center, Hawks’ Nest.**

Roger At Prayer

Each Thursday, take a spiritual time out and pray for concerns you have for yourself and others. All are welcome to take part this prayer, meditation and intercession opportunity. **Details: Feb. 12, 12 p.m., Intercultural Center Multipurpose Room.**

Study Abroad Info Session: SEA Semester

Find out about shipboard education programs offered through SEA. Is a semester at sea the abroad experience for you? **Details: Feb. 13, 3 p.m., GHH 107.**



Study Abroad Info Session: Europe

Travel to the Netherlands, France, Germany, Portugal, Greece, Spain, Russia and the Czech Republic on your semester abroad. Find out the details. **Details: Feb. 17, 4:30 p.m., GHH 105.**

Study Abroad Info Session: South America

Abroad programs in Chile, Argentina or Costa Rica. Headed south next semester? **Details: Feb. 18, 4:30 p.m., GHH 105.**

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★☆☆

Campus Clues

This week’s riddle:

*You are summoned here
To collect me, your name on my
face
You may not know where I’m
from
There may not be a trace
Either way I wait for you
Right in this room
Until you pick me up and cut me
through.
Where am I?*

This answer to this riddle is somewhere on
campus!

Tweet @thehawksherald and tell us the
answer. Winners and the answer will be
printed in next week’s issue!

Hawk’s Eye

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- BaypointRoger
- BaysideRoommate
- CampusStonewall
- CedarSuite
- DormUniversity
- MapleWilliams
- NorthWillow



By: L. A. Bonté



Artist of the week

Student shows Rhode Island beauty in black and white landscapes

Kate Tufts
Herald Contributor

Photography has the power to convey things that can't be put into words. Winchester, Mass. native and senior Nicole Vermes understands this and it helps fuel her passion for photography. As a major in graphic design and double minor in photography and web development, Vermes is constantly working with images. Photography is something that she became interested in at a very young age.

"My mom used to have a really old camera, and she would try to take pictures of me when I was in middle school and elementary school. I would always take pictures of my own with it," Vermes said.

Ever since then she has had a passion for taking photos, and mainly focuses on the landscapes in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island is a photographer's paradise, with all of its luscious land and water scenery. Vermes takes advantage of what this state has to offer, and creates beautiful

landscape pieces. Vermes gets her inspiration from artists that she admires.

"My favorite is Micheal Kenna, who is known for his landscapes," Vermes said.

She also uses people in her pictures to convey her messages. Vermes did a series of portraits her junior year, which was all about looking past the typical portrait. She replaced the usual cheesy smiles with portraits that conveyed emotion.

"It was a very interesting project because it is hard to get certain emotions out of people. Not everyone can convey their emotions like the photographer wants them to, so the photographer and subject have to work together to create a good finished product," Vermes said.

Every photographer has a unique style, which includes a favorite type of camera and filter.

"I prefer black and white, simple, elegant photography," Vermes said.

She uses a Canon camera now, but she one day hopes to be able to purchase a much nicer version, so she can take even

better photos without the limits of equipment.

Passion is something that can drive a person to create amazing work. This is the case with Vermes.

"It will always be a hobby of mine, no matter what," she said. "When a picture comes out exactly how I imagined it, there is a feeling like no other. I usually always have an idea of how I want my picture to come out, but that does not always happen."

Photographers can't control nature, but can somewhat control people in their photos.

"Taking photos with people can sometimes be uncomfortable at first, but the finished product can come out in surprising ways," Vermes said.

Whether it is for art or for capturing memories, photos affect people in different ways.

"Photos help us remember moments. I think it can also transform memories and put meaning into things that we don't really stop and think about," Vermes said. "I hope that photography always stays in my life."



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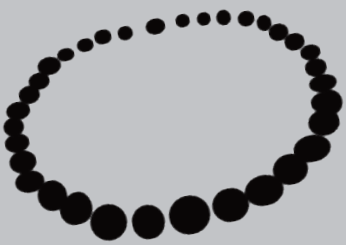


COURTESY NICOLE VERMES

From top: In addition to taking her own photos, senior Nicole Vermes helps other students in the photo lab. Bottom: An abstract landscape piece by Vermes.

#TBT

Whether or not you keep up with current trends, you surely remember the fashion tragedies ten years back. This week we're throwing back to 2005, so get those photo albums out and see if you had any of these iconic styles.



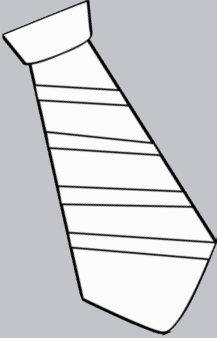
Beaded Chokers

Hippie dresses over jeans



Chunky highlights

Shrugs



Anything and everything
Avril Lavigne

Reduce, Reuse, RWU



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Pandora Wadsworth
Herald Contributor

This semester starts the weekly sustainability column brought to you by the EcoReps. Every week we will provide tips on how to be more eco-friendly, activities that the EcoReps are coordinating, or interesting "green" facts and recent events. This week's topic is the Super Bowl, which has implemented sustainable initiatives for 22 years now. Here are six ways (among many more) that makes this year's Super Bowl an eco-conscious event:

1. The University of Phoenix stadium in Glendale, AZ generates electricity by wind and/or solar power and this year the game was powered by wind energy from the Salt River Project.
2. A significant amount of the uneaten food left after the game is donated to non-profit organizations and soup kitchens within the host city. The last time the Super Bowl was in Arizona, 90 thousand

pounds of food were served at shelters around the Phoenix area. The Super Bowl also works to become a zero-waste event and has been able to divert around 90 percent of its food waste from landfills in the past.

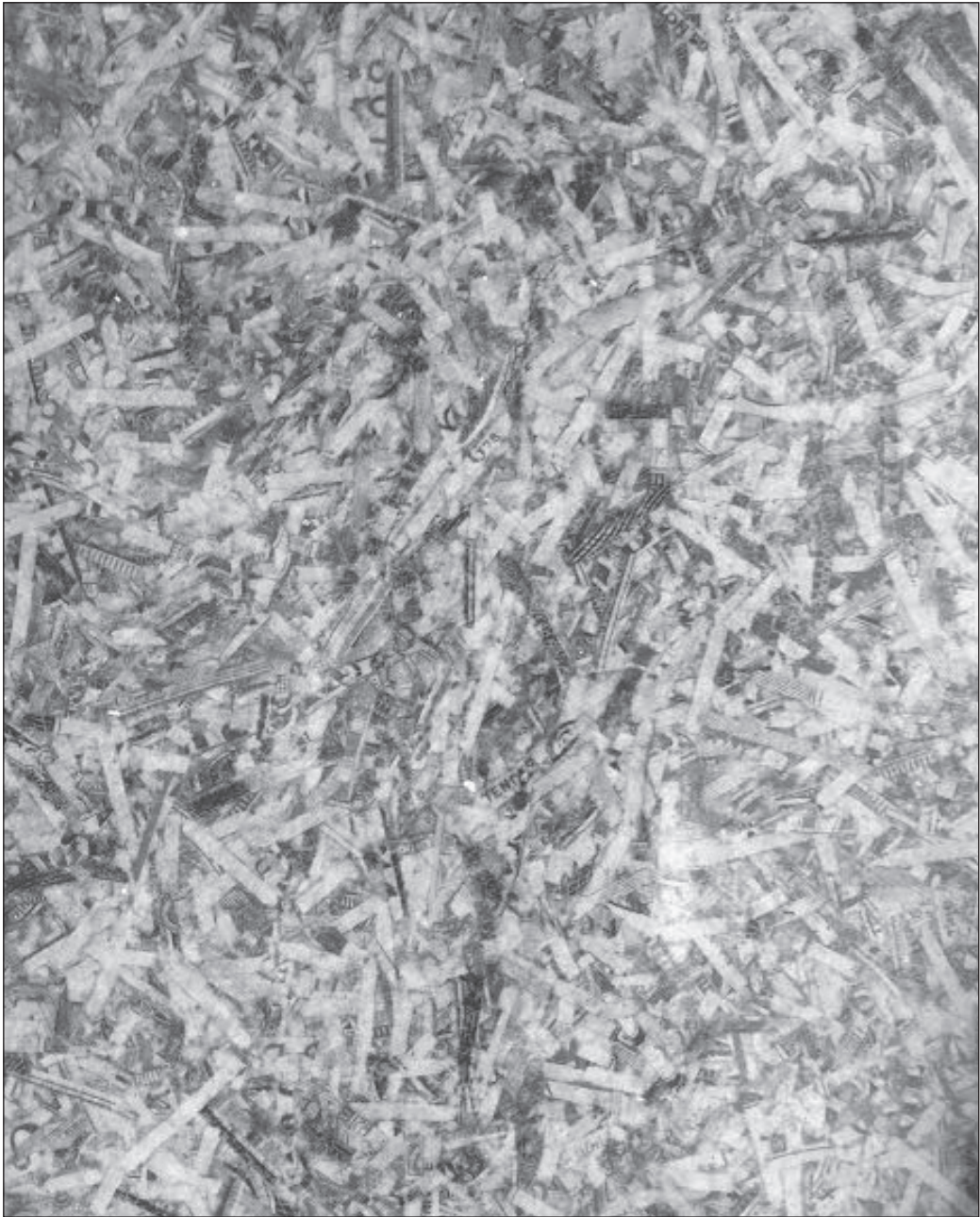
3. The NFL has been managing an Urban Forestry program for the last 10 years, which focuses on planting indigenous trees around the host city. This is especially useful in cities like Phoenix, which are very hot and water deficient.
4. The Super Bowl and the Phoenix Super Bowl Host committee is dedicated to promoting recycling and composting as much as possible. On Jan. 20, the Super Bowl hosted an E-waste recycling program with Verizon Wireless and collected unwanted computers, televisions, cell phones, batteries and chargers.
5. Students from Arizona State University volunteered after the event to sort recyclables from non-recyclable items

throughout the entire stadium.

6. Lastly, this year marks the first time that the stadium will be entirely lit by energy efficient LED light. Instead of the 1.24 million watts typical halide bulbs require, these LED lights only need 310 thousand watts, which amounts to a 75 percent reduction in lighting energy consumption.

With over 63 thousand attendees and millions of television viewers, the Super Bowl is making a significant difference in how society looks at sustainability and manages sporting events. Like the organizers of the Super Bowl, we can also control our food waste, how much we recycle and the type of lighting we use on a daily basis. If you have any questions for the EcoReps regarding sustainability on campus or how you can get involved please send us an email at TheRWUEcoReps@gmail.com or message us on Facebook, RWU EcoReps.

Snapshot Search



This picture is somewhere on campus!

Tweet @thehawksherald and tell us where you think the photo was taken. Winners and the answer will be printed in next week’s issue!

Horoscopes:

Thursday, Feb. 5

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY

You’ve had a turbulent year. You slept through class once (or twice) with a bad hangover and you ran out of Hawk Dollars way too early last semester. But don’t let it get you down, things will pick up soon if you find a balance between classes and social fluttering around campus.



ARIES

March 21- April 19

Watch out! You could easily get sick this week from all the germs going around campus. Keep the hand sanitizer close and the drink-sharing to a minimum.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Friend drama is already starting to arise this semester, but don’t worry. This semester is going to be a good one. Put your petty differences aside.



TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Bummed about that test last week? Have no fear, your studying is about to pay off. Keep your books on hand and your chin up.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Thinking of wearing that slightly dressy outfit to class? Do it. Looking professional will make you feel professional, and even be more productive.



GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Don’t skip that 8 a.m.! Someone you’ve had your eye on could finally make the first move, so be ready for a good breakfast conversation after class.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It’s time to get organized. Start writing things down in your planner, and make your desk look less like a dumpster. It’s not syllabus week anymore.



CANCER

June 21 - July 22

Wear your RWU swag this week, your school spirit will give you that boost you need in those early classes.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Get out of your dorm this weekend with some friends, fresh air is exactly what you need to keep your energy up.



LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Trust your editing skills this week and Instagram that picture of the Mt. Hope Bridge you’ve been saving, the stars are in alignment for many likes.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb 18

Stop dragging your feet and put in that study abroad application. It might turn out to be the best semester of your college career, and you’ll meet friends that will last a lifetime.



VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Thinking of ignoring the invite to that event in your dorm? Don’t miss it! It’ll be the best night of your week, for more reasons than the free food.



PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

Listen to some more calming tracks this week to start your semester off easier. Try a tranquil Spotify playlist to avoid stressing like you did in the fall. Music does wonders.



This week: Tips to ace that interview

Shana Sims

On the Bay Editor

If you’ve ever had an interview, whether for a summer job, a possible internship, or a real world career, you know it can be stressful. You want to represent yourself as well as you can, especially if you’re applying for your dream job. If you follow these simple tips, you can ace that interview.

Dress the part. If you’re working in an office, dress business casual and put some time and thought into it. Is your shirt covered in cat hair? Are your pants a wrinkled mess? Make it look like you put some effort into yourself, just like you would into your job.

Do your homework. Research the company you want to work for. Know what they specialize in, their achievements, and their style. They should be able to ask you questions about their company that you can answer, and being more informed will assure their confidence in your interest.

Be engaged. Make eye contact, no matter how intimidating

they may seem. Pay attention to your posture and your gestures. Look them in the eyes with a firm handshake. Are you fiddling with your hands or tapping your feet? Your body language says a lot about your personality.

Practice makes perfect. Look up common interview questions and have a friend be the interviewer. Have answers already formed by the time you get there, and avoid awkward pausing, wordiness, or anything you didn’t mean to say. Use the RWU Career Center resume and interviewing services to get some professional advice.

Be memorable. Will they remember the girl in the monotone pantsuit? Or the guy with the plain tie? Use your clothes and your words to make an impression. Wear a statement piece, have a funny anecdote to tell, or sneak something interesting into your answers.

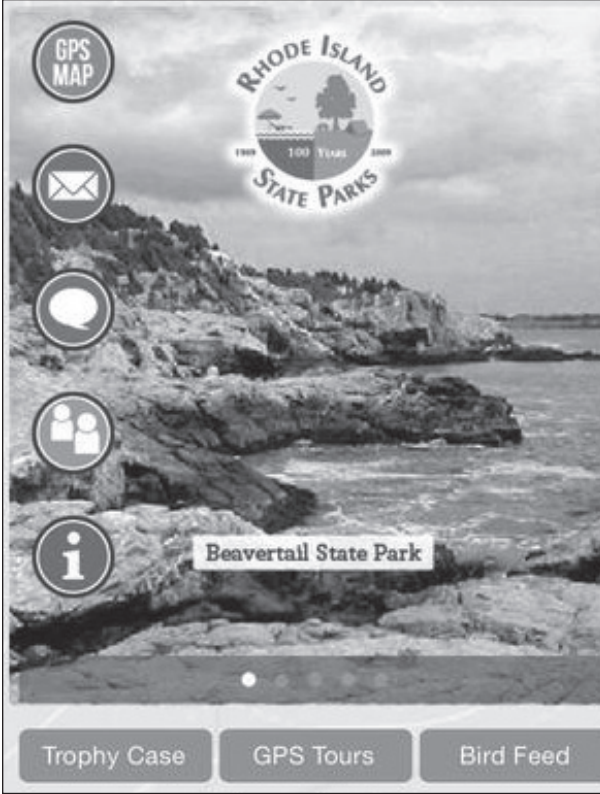
Always follow up after. Send a personal email thanking the interviewer for their time and consideration. Express your interest again and your eagerness to hear back from them.

What’s ‘appening?

Shana Sims

On the Bay Editor

This week’s app is a free guide to all Rhode Island state parks that fits right in your pocket. The Rhode Island State Parks Guide Pocket Ranger is newly updated, making it even easier to explore the natural wonders of the Ocean State. You can search the app by region, activity, or simply by what’s closest to you. There’s even an interactive map to see the area you’re exploring. When you pick a spot, you can see the basic information, history of the park, directions, and any fees you may encounter. If you open the app on campus, you’ll see that Colt State is the closest park. But if you zoom out on the map, you’ll find Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington, Fort Adams State Park in Newport, and many more you probably never knew existed. Get off campus this weekend and see what you can find to do on this outdoorsy app.



TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM LEFT: APPLE.COM BOTTOM RIGHT: RACHEL DIEP/THE HAWKS' HERALD

Top left: App Icon, Bottom from left: Home page of the app has an interactive menu to start your exploration, Colt State Park offers beautiful scenery and wildlife close to campus.

Question of the week:

What's the most interesting thing you did over winter break?



Gina Cincotta | FRESHMAN
“I went sledding down Hickory Hill in my home town.”



Sean Donnellan | SENIOR
“I was a snowboard instructor at Bretton Woods in New Hampshire.”



Sydney Martin | FRESHMAN
“I went to Hilton Head in South Carolina.”



Derek Bisaccio | SENIOR
“I went to New York City for the weekend and explored.”



Emily Miliano | JUNIOR
“I went off-roading behind my house.”



Kevin Terbush | SENIOR
“I went to the movies alone for the first time.”

THINKING ABOUT A GRADUATE PROGRAM?

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Cybersecurity

Online
Wednesday, February 11, 5:30pm
Tuesday, April 7, 5:30pm

Leadership, Criminal Justice & MPA

150 Washington Street,
Providence at 5:30pm
Wednesday, February 11
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, April 8
Wednesday, May 13

Clinical and Forensic Psychology

Online
Wednesday, March 18, 12:30-1:45pm

Literacy Education

Bristol Campus
Tuesday, February 24, 4:00pm
Tuesday, April 7, 4:00pm

Architecture and Historic Preservation

Bristol Campus
Wednesday, February 25, 6:00pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2:00-6:00pm

Join us for an information session
or stop by the Admission office to
speak with an admission counselor.