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ASSAULT

University first in R.I. to partner with Day One

RJ Scofield
News Editor

The University has become the first higher education institution in Rhode Island to formally develop an agreement, referred to as a memorandum of understanding, with Day One. The organization, the state's sexual assault and trauma center, has worked with the University for years in various capacities, with the agreement being officially finalized on Jan. 1 of this year.

Talks of the official partnering started in the fall following the University's efforts to reach out to them, wherein Day One was extremely responsive.

"It was pretty seamless. They provided one draft and we made a couple revisions and it was approved, so it was not an arduous process at all; we were very much all on the same page," said Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon. "We had a previous relationship with them, so this is not really brand new. We've been working closely with them for years, both in terms of training our staff and making referrals. So, we've had a strong relationship with them for years."

The University and Day One worked together to come up

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Love Is Love Valentine's Dance



Read the full story on A2

COURTESY GRAHAM JOLICOEUR

Students enjoy the Love Is Love Valentines dance in the Global Heritage Hall.

MEDICAL

RWU offering free anonymous HIV testing

Jacquelyn Voghel
Herald Contributor

In partnership with AIDS Project Rhode Island, the University will host free, anonymous HIV testing on March 24. The walk-in clinic will be held in Health Services, and testing is available to all students.

The University began working with AIDS Project Rhode Island in the fall of 2013, and now provides clinics on a monthly basis. February's clinic was cancelled due to snow, but the service will now resume as scheduled.

While Health Services can also provide students with HIV testing at any time, students are charged for this test, and must set up an appointment beforehand. Additionally, although any information is kept strictly confidential, a student's name is still attached to the test. AIDS Project Rhode Island clinics differ in that they are free of charge and completely anonymous, explained Director of Health Education Donna Darmody.

"[The clinics] don't even ask for your name," Darmody said. "You go in there, and if you're the third person, your name is 'number three.'"

Additionally, Darmody explained that the test is now conducted using a rapid oral HIV fluid test, meaning that no blood-draw is necessary, and

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COURTESY DAY ONE

Day One partners with RWU.

BLACK HISTORY

Black History Festival presents important topics in engaging way



COURTESY OF MSU

African American culture and interactivity takes center stage.

Kerri Tallman
Herald Contributor

The Black History Month Festival took place Saturday, Feb. 7 in the Field House in the campus Recreation Center.

The festival was the first of many events in the Black History Month celebration here at the University. The night consisted of table activities and performances to showcase the culture in different forms. The event was not solely focused on education, with cultural informative activities and some crafts and music also featured.

The event was held in a table-to-table fashion, where students walked around and experienced various cultural activities at different tables. After attending each table students received a ticket. A total of two tickets allowed people to receive Ethiopian food and drink. At every table, there was a small poster board explaining the history of each station.

"We wanted to celebrate Black History Month with a new approach," said sophomore Virginia Albert. "We wanted to move away from the typical MLK and Rosa Parks approach,

so we went with the festival idea to simply celebrate black culture. However, educational aspects were also incorporated but in a format that would be appealing to young minds."

One of the first tables closest to the entrance was a hair table. There, attendees could learn about picks, products, techniques, and types of hair. Products and tools were strewn across the table for those to pick up and experiment with, along with learning the use and importance of each.

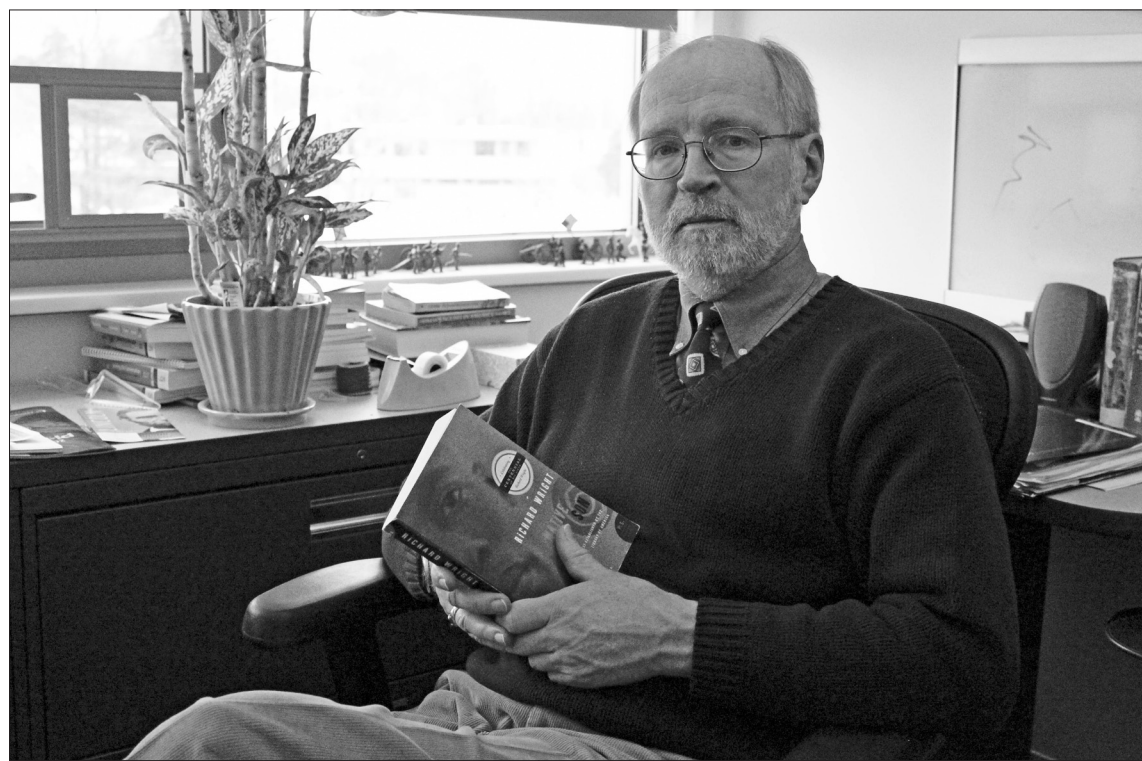
At another table, students could create bracelets using an assortment of colored beads and yard. The bracelets weren't intended to represent the culture, but more so to signify that someone attended the festival. Students also could make their own drums using cardstock, paper cups, rubber bands, and more. They were quite small and taught people who partook the origin of the drum and how Africans went about creating them over the years.

At the table adjacent to the drum making station, a man spoke about the act of playing

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Birss Memorial Lecture Series delves into Wright's "Native Son"



TOP: ANDREW BURGESS/THE HAWKS' HERALD, BOTTOM: RACHEL DIEP/THE HAWKS' HERALD
Top: Richard Wright's novel is on display in the University Library. Bottom: Professor Tackach delves into "Native Son."

Steph Ressler
Herald Contributor

Over the past several years, Roger Williams University has established the Birss Memorial Lecture Series, which looks at a specific text and studies why these works remain relevant to modern readers. Each year, an important piece of literature with an upcoming anniversary is selected for the discussion. This year they are looking at "Native Son" by Richard Wright, which is a novel that is soon approaching its 75th anniversary in March.

Dr. James Tackach is a professor of English and specifically studies American literature. Tackach teaches the Lecture Series course that focuses on a new novel each spring.

"It is a way for the community to embrace a book, and get a lot of people reading the same book," Tackach said.

On Feb 10, Tackach, along with his student junior Abigail DeVeuve, moderated a group discussion on "Native Son." The theme was to discuss what it is that makes this novel so relevant to modern society.

"The question is, 'why are we still reading this book?' Most books do not have a 75-year lifespan," Tackach said.

DeVeuve first learned about Native Son in a special topics English class, where she read many novels written by African American writers.

"Native Son was one of the novels we read in class and it was absolutely my favorite one, and probably an all-time favorite novel. It's simply one of the most disturbing and moving books I've ever read. It generates a lot of debate and discussion because most people

have a very strong reaction one way or another to the story," DeVeuve said.

Though the novel was written 75 years ago, there are many parallels in the societal problems that they experienced back then.

"Despite being set in the 1930s, when society was much more openly racist and segregated, it has a relevant message that racism is a deeply-rooted issue in American society," DeVeuve said. "It is especially relevant with recent events such as Ferguson bringing these issues back to the forefront to make people pay attention and realize these issues have not been resolved."

The novel very clearly illustrates the main character's concerns about being targeted for being black. Though a lot has changed since the 1930s, these controversies of racial profiling and police brutality have crept back into the nation's forefront issues.

"I want RWU students to know that they should read this book and not be daunted by its 500 pages," DeVeuve said. "It's a fast-paced read and I promise they won't be able to put it down."

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- James Tackach,
Professor of English

Valentines Dance celebrates love for all, raises awareness

Jacquelyn Voghel
Herald Contributor

In collaboration with Sexual Advocacy for Everyone (S.A.F.E.), Roger After Dark (R.A.D.) held a Valentines Day Dance on Feb. 13 in the Global Heritage Hall atrium. In accordance with S.A.F.E.'s mission, the theme of the dance was "Love is Love," which celebrates relationships that include people of all sexualities and genders.

The dance featured a DJ, food, carnations for the attendees, and Valentines Day-themed activities such as decorating cards, mix CDs, and heart-shaped cookies.

Aley Dzwil, a senior and president of S.A.F.E., explained that the idea of having a dance worked well for both S.A.F.E. and R.A.D., especially given the time of year.

"It's a long weekend, and it's Valentines Day, so we wanted to do a dance," Dzwil said. "[R.A.D.] approached us initially with the idea, and it was a good fit for us."

Sophomore Nat Maloney, who is also a member of S.A.F.E., was in agreement with Dzwil, and hoped that collaboration with R.A.D. would assist the club in further defining its presence and values on campus.

"We know that R.A.D. is a very important organization on campus, and they get a lot of people coming to their own events on Fridays," Maloney said.

Additionally, Maloney hopes that the dance provided students with an opportunity to have a good time while also heightening their awareness of different genders and sexualities.

"For S.A.F.E., [the dance] was to get the word out about our club, and to show people what we're about," Maloney said. "We also wanted to show people that Valentines Day isn't just about heterosexual couples, which is why 'Love is Love' was the tagline for the event. We wanted to get people thinking about that idea as well."

Dzwil echoed Maloney's sentiments, and highlighted the importance of promoting the awareness of LGBTQ&Q issues on campus.

"It's important to recognize that there are not just straight couples," Dzwil said. "Love is Love' is an important concept. That was the message that we wanted to send, and it's important for people to appreciate and experience that message."

Maloney explained that S.A.F.E. also set up a table at the dances in order to help the club reach out to other potential

members and answer any of the attendees' questions.

"There were a lot of questions I answered about sexuality in general, and how a relationship is when it's not just a cis man and a cis girl," Maloney said. "I think a lot of people came away from the R.A.D. event knowing more about gender and sexuality, but also having had a good time."

For Maloney, it is particularly important that the students were able to enjoy themselves while learning more about LGBTQ&Q awareness on campus.

"First and foremost, [the dance] is a fun time," Maloney said. "Why not go and celebrate a romantic holiday with other people if you're single, or if you want to participate in the other activities. I wouldn't want to throw an educational event right in someone's face. I would rather have them go because of the activities that are going on, and just happen to come away with something that's new."

For freshman Cagnie Antczak, who was among the dance's attendees, the event was an effective way to show support for the LGBTQ&Q community through R.A.D.

"People love who they love," Antczak said. "It was good to show that there's support for that in this community."

DAY ONE: University makes things official for benefit of students

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with the details of the official agreement.

"Basically, it says that we are going to be referring our students regularly to them, which we've been doing anyway but it formalizes that," McMahan said. "It makes their 24-hour crisis hotline services available...because they really are the victim advocacy group in the area, in Rhode Island, so we've been referring to them anyway. We agreed to have regular meetings to talk about how things have been going, and they would continue to assist with training of our faculty and our staff."

McMahan emphasized that said training is key to making the University an accessible and understanding environment for victims of sexual assault.

"It's very important for the people that work with someone who is reporting a crime of sexual assault to understand what a victim is going through," McMahan said. "So that's why having somebody like Day One available is so valuable; they're well trained, compassionate, and accessible."

For a University, McMahan asserted that having both on and off-campus resources are extremely important for students.

"In every instance when anybody reports [sexual assault], we give them Day One as a resource," McMahan said. "So for some victims, they would prefer to seek advocacy off-campus, and we want to respect that. So, we would give them Day One's information and we could facilitate a meeting."

McMahan also emphasized the University's many on-campus resources.

"It really just formalizes what we've been doing and making it an obvious best practice for students to seek out resources both on and off-campus," McMahan said. "It's important to have that on and off part, because we do offer a lot of on-campus resources like Counseling, Health Services, confidential resources, and then processes to report the violence either through Student Conduct or the Bristol Police."

In light of the University's initiative, many schools are following suit.

"The neat thing is a lot of schools are going after doing the same thing now," McMahan said. "So, we were the first and now many are doing the same with Day One. It is becoming a best practice across the nation."

Ribbon cutting: New media services officially open



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Top: Library Dean Peter Deekle and EVP Jerry Williams cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new Media Services. Bottom: Students were allowed to experiment with several of the Media Services' equipment, including tablets and laptops.

HIV: A more comfortable way to be proactive

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students will receive their results before leaving the clinic.

"You go back into the waiting room, you wait 10 minutes, you go back, and they've got your results," Darmody said. "There's no blood draw, you don't have to give your name, and you don't need an appointment. You can just walk in whenever [the clinic] is available."

According to Hayley Ziolk, a sophomore and Health and Wellness Educator at the University, anonymous HIV testing is a particularly valuable resource for students who would otherwise be too uncomfortable to make an appointment and get tested elsewhere.

"It's important [on a college campus] because students might be afraid to go get tested, because they might worry that people will find out," Ziolk said. "I know from what I've heard from students that it can be awkward going in and scheduling an appointment, or even just talking to the secretary. There have also been surveys where students have said that they feel uncomfortable just scheduling the appointment, so I think that making it anonymous makes it less intimidating for the students."

While students may feel uncomfortable going to get tested, Darmody stressed the

importance of knowing one's status in both helping to limit the spread of the virus, as well as detecting the virus in infected individuals and guide them toward the appropriate care as early as possible.

"The only way to stop HIV is for everyone to know their status, and to engage in safe sex," Darmody said. "People with HIV can live for a long time, and the earlier they catch the virus in someone, the easier it is to control. The only way to know if you have it is if you get a test, and even though [HIV] is low in this population, it is a population that it exists in."

Although none of the University's students have tested positive for the virus at the AIDS Project Rhode Island clinics, it is estimated that approximately three out of every five hundred college students will test positive for HIV. With this statistic in mind, Darmody pointed out that there is still the possibility of a student testing positive and encouraged students to come to the clinics.

"We want more students to take advantage of the service," Darmody said. "It's nothing to be embarrassed about. You're doing the right thing and being very proactive."

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the drums. Kimani Lumsden, a Jamaican drummer, explained in great detail about the history of African drumming.

"African drumming did not die," Lumsden said. He compared an old African drum to an electronic drum pad that he called, "the future of drumming."

The history table, Justice Through the Ages, consisted of a large poster board covered in articles and photos illustrating color justice throughout the years. One image that was displayed vividly and clearly was the "One Man, One Vote" slogan applying the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. This slogan was in protest to voting equality. Other images used included "Don't shoot!" and other acts of violence and riots in protest of unequal rights.

"For those who show up tonight, Black History Month will be exposed to a broader array of students," Intercultural Center coordinator Don Mays predicted. "Students here tonight will get a lot out of this."

The music continued with a memory card game called "Beyond Beats and Rhythms." The game tested students' memories while educating them about the different types of genres of music and artists who developed over time.

About halfway through the event, the tables closed and all eyes were on the stage where several performers put on a show. The first was a student dancer who self-choreographed to Ne-Yo's "She Knows." It was a modern type of dance, as opposed to the following dancer who displayed African cultural roots through her dance.

Lumsden, the Jamaican drummer, performed next. He interacted with the audience and taught rhythm of beating

an African drum. He also asked the audience to echo his words as he played a few songs. The second dancer appeared again after and performed a more cultural dance style, which increased tempo in the second half, bringing the audience to their feet with clapping and dancing.

The night concluded with two poets, a husband and wife. The wife, Indigo K. Betheon, incorporated gospel song into her reading. Her main theme was "I'm free," including personal stories about Obama's inauguration and receiving a college degree. Her husband, Jerediah "Big Scythe" Gonzalez, sang a capella and rapped about "this world's war," focusing mainly on the racism that this world still holds. The couple ended with a collaboration piece of freedom in heaven, dedicated to those who have fought through the struggles of race and are finally at peace. The poets made a clear emphasis on racial equality and how this generation of students should be paying close attention.

"I would love to bring in a national speaker to address the campus about social justice," Mays said.

Student reaction echoed Mays' sentiments.

"I thought the event was well put together and it was nice that the people who attended got involved by singing along," said sophomore Sarah Lynch.

A recap of the festival took place a few days later on Feb. 11 in the GHH atrium for those who couldn't make it to the previous event. The next event in the Black History Month celebration series will be a showing of the movie "Dear White People," a satire about "a black face in a white place." The movie will take place on Feb. 24 in CAS 157 at 6:30 p.m.



Academic Allocations

Student Senate has created a new committee for students or student groups applying for funding for academic trips or projects.

The Academic Allocations Committee meets every other Wednesday at 2 PM in GHH 200. You are required to register by 2PM the Wednesday prior to the committee meeting your wish to present your trip or project.

You can find more information as well as the application on the Student Senate OrgSync page.

Budgets

Clubs remember budgets are due March 6th at 5 PM. You have to hand them in at SP&L.

Scholarships

Apply for a Student Senate scholarship. Applications can be found on OrgSync now. They close on March 20th.

Open Debate

Have an idea, question or concern? Bring it to Student Senate and introduce it during open Debate. Open Debate has been moved to earlier in the Senate meeting agenda. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

General Senate: Mondays at 6:30pm in the Senate Chambers

Clubs and Orgs: Wednesday at 3pm in GHH G05

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EDITORIAL: Honesty and integrity

Andrew Grasse
Sports Editor

As a journalism major on campus, there is one thing that has been clear throughout all of the courses I have taken; journalists are nothing without credibility.

Over the past couple weeks, NBC's Brian Williams has had his credibility and his honesty put to the test.

It was discovered that Williams, who is the lead anchor of NBC's Nightly News, has been lying about his experiences over the past decade. From having his helicopter shot at in Iraq to being in Baghdad with SEAL team 6, it appears that Williams has fabricated many of his tales during his time as a journalist.

Williams is now suspended for six months by NBC for his false statements but it brings to question whether he should still have a job at all.

I am the first person to admit that everyone makes mistakes, but when it comes to fabrication and lies in journalism, there isn't much leverage for Williams.

This is not the first time that we

have seen a journalist in trouble with lies. Probably the most famous case of a journalist lying was Jayson Blair in 2003. Blair was a writer for The New York Times and it was discovered that he made up sources and plagiarized multiple stories while working there. He was then fired from his job and The New York Times ran a front-page story outlining what he had done after his termination.

Although both the Blair case and the Williams case include lies, they are slightly different. Williams lied about his personal stories as a journalist while Blair lied about the actual news published in The New York Times. But at the end of the day, they are both deemed as people who haven't told the truth, which is tough company for Williams to be associated with.

In this new age of technology, there is so much emphasis for journalists to build their personality, grow their Twitter followers and make a name of themselves. Every journalist looks up to another journalist from history and says, "I want to be like them", which makes

the process of building a name for yourself very stressful.

Another piece of this new age of technology is that if you make stuff up, you probably aren't going to get away with it and Williams fell victim to that.

Do I think Williams is a bad guy? No. Honestly, I think he tried to build himself up to be bigger than he was instead of just letting his resume speak for itself.

Now whether Williams keeps his job at NBC will be something to look for. Some people might say that it would be harsh for him to lose his position, but as I said previously, journalists are nothing without credibility and Williams' credibility is now in question. That is not something that the lead anchor of NBC's Nightly News can have.

In my opinion, Williams' days as the lead anchor on The Nightly News should be over. I am sure that he will land a position on another news station with his history, but for now, he should pay the consequences for his actions.

You can't lie as a journalist, even if it is about your own experiences, you just can't.



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Brian Williams, NBC Nightly News anchor suspended for six months.



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Keeping students safe in the snow

Troy Robinson
Herald Contributor

The past few weeks have played host to a relentless wave of winter snowstorms that have battered and frustrated the Roger Williams University community. As a result, the fall semester has started off at a rather awkward pace; due to cancellations, some classes have met only once or twice, while others, namely Monday night classes, have yet to meet.

Whether we rejoice over the days off or despair over the burden this will place on future course loads, one thing is clear—overall, school officials did an amiable job in keeping the community updated over the past weeks, and worked strenuously to keep us all safe (with one exception).

It all began on Monday, Jan.

26, with the start of blizzard Juno. The RWU Emergency Response Team notified the University of the “impending snowstorm”, and warned that the snowfall would continue throughout Tuesday. Predicting up to two feet of snow, the Emergency Response Team smartly cancelled all classes, lasting from Monday evening until Thursday morning.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, shortly after blizzard Juno swept through campus, University President Donald Farish issued a statement praising University staff for their efforts. “[...] the combination of abundant snowfall coupled with high winds created a challenging time for those charged with ensuring our students’ comfort and well-being”, Farish said. “I wish to commend all those who worked so hard the past

two days in service to the RWU Community”.

In addition to hired staff and road crews, students, too, were recruited to help shovel out the snow and secure the campus. Farish did not let their efforts go unacknowledged. “Students pitched in, to staff the Library, check on the animals in MNS, and shovel the parking lots to allow other students to access their cars,” he wrote.

Although the RWU Emergency Response Team carefully and diligently handled previous snowstorms, their handling of a more recent snowstorm on Monday, Feb. 9 was less than perfect. In what seemed to be a reluctance to cancel yet another day of classes, the Emergency Response Team sent out an e-mail on Monday morning, notifying faculty and students that the University

would remain open, but that the School of Law would cancel operations.

According to the e-mail, employees who were unable to commute should “make arrangements with [their] supervisor to request vacation time”. This decision did not take these employees into account, nor did it take student commuters into account, especially since students do not have the luxury of requesting vacation time from their professors.

As a commuter, I had to drive in considerably dangerous conditions that Monday morning. The roads were snow covered where I live, and I struggled to steer my car through it. Once on the highway, I observed that conditions were not much better. Indeed, some areas were so bad that I, along

with a long procession of cars, were forced to travel 30 mph in a 55 mph zone.

What usually was an easy, fifteen minute ride to RWU quickly turned into an epic adventure. I was elated to arrive at campus safely.

Later that day, perhaps after realizing their mistake, the University cancelled all classes beginning at 3:30 p.m.

This small hiccup aside, the University has done a fantastic job in keeping the snow at bay. Students and staff alike have pulled together to make the campus safe and navigable. But as all New Englanders are aware, winter has not quite finished with us, and it remains to be seen what new obstacles lay in store. Rest assured, more snow is on the way.

Political head-to-head:

New Presidential budget allocation in question

Erika Johnson
Herald Contributor

President Barack Obama released his \$4 trillion budget proposal for 2015 to Congress on Monday, Feb. 2. House Republicans have already declared this proposal “dead on arrival” as Obama outlines his priorities for this year including immigration, climate change, health care, infrastructure, and defense. These issue areas are at the forefront of American lives and need monetary increases.

One major plan that is outlined in the president’s proposal is free community college for students who keep their grades up. In 2016 alone, it would cost \$1.4 billion dollars and \$60 billion over the next 10 years with the federal government covering about 75 percent of tuition and states picking up the rest. This initiative is a drop in the bucket in terms of budget allocation, and speaks to the need for affordable higher education in the United States.

Like any executive budget proposal, the president’s proposal has been more of a political tool than a realistic budget. With the Republican controlled House

and Senate, this budget isn’t likely to pass either chamber. With this majority-Republican Congress, Obama has said himself that this budget seems like a “populist wish list” and “a budget for an ideal world.” But putting forth these priorities outlined in the proposal speaks to the needs of Americans all over the country.

Republicans are already speaking out about the proposal even going so far as to call it “laughable.” Allocating funds for immigration reform, healthcare and education, some of the most important issues facing our nation today, “laughable”? This childish reaction shows how out of touch this Congress truly is.

Dylan Kelly
Herald Contributor

Earlier this month, President Barack Obama submitted his budget proposal to Congress. At the start of every budget season, it is common for the president to submit a proposal which serves as a guideline to his political agenda. Although his budget is considered dead-on-arrival, as the Republican party holds control over Congress, the president has urged Congress to act. Obama has packed more than 20 new tax increases into his proposed 2016 budget, which Republicans were not shy saying the tax-and-spend agenda that won’t get their support.

Obama gave Congress his \$4 trillion spending plan for the 2016 fiscal year, which includes a request for billions of dollars in much-needed public works projects, an idea with bipartisan support but that has little backing for the proposed tax increases to fund such efforts.

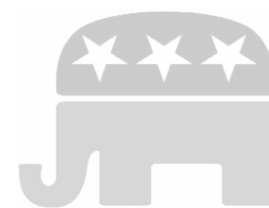
Obama will propose a six-year, \$478 billion public-works program for highway, bridge, and transit upgrades, with half of it to be financed with a one-time, 14 percent tax on U.S. companies’

overseas profits.

The tax would be due immediately. Under current law, those profits are subject only to federal taxes if they are returned, or repatriated, to the U.S., where they face a top rate of 35 percent. Many companies avoid U.S. taxes on those earnings by simply leaving them overseas.

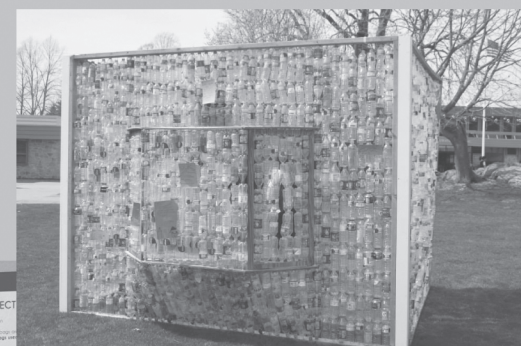
I think many Americans understand that our infrastructure is in deep need of repair. The argument is just how to pay for such repairs. I am not sure it is acceptable to tax corporations even more when the United States has the highest corporate tax rate. Part of the reason they are fleeing outside the United States is because taxes are so high.

I have never been supportive of tax-and-spend policies and I think it is time for the government to start spending only what they have.



The RWU Eco-Reps will be hosting our annual Earth Fest on April 22 in honor of Earth Day. Every year we urge all members of the RWU and Bristol community to get involved in any way that they can in order to have the best celebration possible. The only guideline for participants is that their activity, presentation or performance be electricity free and as Eco-friendly as possible. In the past we have had local vendors sell their handcrafted goods, the dance club perform, acoustic music, as well as various petitions and activities such as planting flowers. This is our invitation to YOU to participate and join us in celebrating Earth Day.

What: Earth Fest
When: April 22 11-2pm
Where: The Library Quad



Contact Scott Yonan at syonan@rwu.edu or 401-254-3389 if you’d like to participate or have any questions.

Hawks round up

Team standings

Men's Basketball

Nichols College.....	16-1
Endicott College.....	15-2
Eastern Nazarene College.....	13-4
Wentworth Institute of Technology...10-7	
Gordon College.....	8-9
Western New England University.....	6-11
Roger Williams University.....	6-11
University of New England.....	5-12
Salve Regina.....	3-14
Curry College.....	3-14

Women's Basketball

University of New England.....	16-1
Roger Williams University.....	15-2
Curry College.....	11-6
Western New England University.....	10-7
Eastern Nazarene College.....	9-7
Salve Regina.....	9-8
Endicott College.....	6-10
Wentworth Institute of Technology...4-13	
Nichols College.....	3-14
Gordon College.....	1-16

Wrestling (Pilgrim League)

Roger Williams University.....	17-1
Johnson & Wales University.....	21-7
Coast Guard Academy.....	13-6
Western New England University.....	6-12
Bridgewater State University.....	3-11

Men's Swimming and Diving

Bentley University.....	637.93
Keene State.....	558.22
Roger Williams University.....	169.93
Saint Michaels College.....	145.33
Regis College.....	100.15
Norwich University.....	56.44
Umass Dartmouth.....	45.48
Gordon College.....	38.82
Elms College.....	32.15
Colby-Sawyer College.....	29.33
(Remaining teams have less than 29.33 points)	

Women's Swimming and Diving

Bentley University.....	579.41
Keene State College.....	449.04
Roger Williams University.....	306.22
Saint Michaels College.....	275.11
Colby-Sawyer College.....	165.33
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 men's basketball team snapped their eight-game losing streak with a 57-52 win over Gordon College on Tuesday night. Senior **Ryan Palumbo** led the Hawks in scoring, putting up 16 points while dishing out three assists. Sophomore **Josh Syska** added 11 points, five rebounds and three assists.

The women's basketball team extended their season-high winning streak to nine games this past Tuesday with a 68-53 win over Gordon College. Junior **Angelica Ariola** scored 15 points and added three assists in a team-high 30 minutes played. Sophomore **Bridget Quilty** filled the stat sheet, scoring 15 points, grabbing nine rebounds, adding four assists, and a block.

The wrestling team captured two more wins this past Saturday against SUNY Brockport and Western New England University. After beating SUNY Brockport 20-12, the Hawks went on to dominate WNE 40-9. This brings the team's overall record to 17-1 and contributes to their season-long 12-match winning streak. Freshman **Justin Cochran** took home two victories on the day, including a major decision against WNE. Sophomore **Kyle Foster** also came away with two wins.

Upcoming Games

Wrestling vs. Johnson and Wales
2.20.15 | 7 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. UNE
2.21.15 | 1 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. UNE
2.21.15 | 3 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Futures Tournament
2.22.15 | 11 a.m.

Women's Basketball vs. CCC
Quarterfinals
2.24.15 | TBD



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Senior Anthony Caggiano tries to keep the puck away from a defender during their game against Army on Saturday, Feb. 7.

RWU hockey season concludes with milestones and questions

Stephanie Nisbet
Herald Contributor

It's hard to feel good about closing out a season if the final game ends without a decisive win.

The Roger Williams University hockey team played its last game of the season on Feb. 7 against Army, which ended in a 3-3 tie. The Hawk's playoff hopes had been squashed a day earlier after Eastern Connecticut State University rolled to a 5-1 win over Westfield State University and put the Hawks out of postseason contention. Senior night against Army, then, was a night with nothing to lose—a night to “leave everything on the ice” if there ever was one—because the only thing awaiting the Hawks off the ice was a long offseason.

The 2014-15 season had been a strong and competitive four months for the Hawks, who ended with an overall record of 16-6-2-1. They lost only one game at home, and they strung together a five-game winning streak at the tail end of an eight-game points streak (7-0-1-0). Most importantly, they competed with and defeated a handful of ranked teams.

“As a program we made big strides this year,” said senior forward Jared Rizo. “Three years ago, if you told us we'd compete with [ranked teams, against whom RWU went 2-1-1-0], I would've said you were a liar. But this year, the seniors and juniors especially did a pretty damn good job leading the team and taking control.”

As overtime came and went in the Army game, the score remained tied. After all the ups and downs of an exciting season,

it looked like it would all end not with a bang, but a whisper. And on paper, it did.

In the Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association (NECHA), shootouts are the exception, not the rule. The NECHA dictates that league games end in ties if overtime isn't enough. It's only in non-league games that there's a possibility of a shootout, and even those don't entirely count. RWU head coach Ed Silva explained that shootouts come at the coaches' discretion and are more for fun than anything else. Regardless of the outcome, neither team earns the extra point on the night.

For the most part, ties have an unsatisfying feel to them, but in some cases, just getting that one point is enough. The Hawks ended one other game in a tie this season, a 5-5 matchup against Boston University, in which RWU tied the game in the final seconds of the third period to force overtime. The teams accepted the final score as a tie and did not go into a shootout.

In the case of the RWU-Army game, however, the teams agreed to a final shootout, ensuring that the Hawks' season would not end in a stalemate. Although Army won the shootout, there was at least a sense of conclusion for the Hawks.

“We kinda just did it for fun,” Rizo said. “Last game of the season, last game for the seniors...obviously, no one wanted to go out in a tie.”

In addition to playing his final game, Rizo had a personal goal to complete before the end of his career.

“[Reaching 100 career points] has been

a goal of mine for the past three years. I missed [the milestone] by five in high school, so it stuck with me. I knew that I needed 43 points this year to get it, so I used that as motivation during the offseason...I knew before the game that I only needed two more against Army, and my roommate (and linemate Dan Wisniewski) knew, and a couple of my other teammates knew, so they were trying to help out a bit.”

This resolution came in regulation time. With two assists and a goal in the game, Rizo tallied career points number 99, 100, and 101. Points 99 and 100 were primary assists on Wisniewski's back-to-back second period goals, scored just 33 seconds apart. Point 101 was a power play goal in the third to tie the game at 3-3 and force it into overtime.

“For him to get 101 points in three years [Rizo transferred to RWU his sophomore year]...it's a huge accomplishment,” Silva said. “We would've kept him out there the whole game if we'd had to.”

There was some initial confusion over whether he ultimately had reached 100 total points or 101, stemming from a missed stat from a previous season. To be safe, Silva made sure Rizo left the building with both pucks.

It's fitting. Had it not been for some fact-checking, either of those two pucks could have been the “real” #100. Had it not been for the friendly shootout, either of the two teams could have been the “real” winner of that final game. It's nice to know one way or the other, if not just to have some closure.

WORKOUTS: As students try to keep warm, athletes brave the elements

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been able to practice poll vaulting because of all of the snow. We haven't had the ability to get ready.”

Luckily for the men's and women's lacrosse teams, having the proper equipment and field to practice has not been a problem. Since the Bayside Turf Field is more easily cleared of snow, the teams have been able to have full practices in order to get ready for the regular season. For the men's team, their season starts this coming weekend with a scrimmage against Wesleyan University. Senior captain Patrick Holland understands that even though the frigid conditions may not be ideal for practice, they are essential for being fully prepared once the season gets underway.

“For the most part, most of us are excited at that point,” Holland said. “It can be a real big drag being inside trying to play lacrosse. Yeah, it's cold, but we would much rather be outside than inside.”

Holland thought that having the extra days to practice on a regulation field during the winter gave the team an edge.

“It's definitely a huge advantage over other schools,” Holland said. “Just the amount of space, it helps so much. Being able to actually run full-length drills is a huge advantage.”

No matter the conditions, these athletes know that being able to have this extra practice time outdoors with their regulation equipment is essential for being prepared for the upcoming season. The athletes demonstrate their determination to get better on a daily basis and the coaching staffs for all four of these teams push their players to the limit to get the best out of them. The snowy conditions that New England has experienced so far this year have not dampened the enthusiasm that these athletes have for their respective sports.



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Senior Jordan Marshall practices in the wintery weather with the rest of his teammates. The team's first game of the season is Saturday, Feb. 21.

VOICE: Announcer works to encourage basketball teams

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seasons.

"The nicknames that he gives everyone are really funny," Palumbo said. "Just the way he over-stretches everyone's name has us laughing after the game."

The energy of the room changes immediately when Burriesci's voice booms over the speakers. Whether there are 20 parents in the crowd over winter break or if there is a packed gym for a rivalry game against Salve Regina University, Burriesci's passion is still there.

When standing outside the gym doors during a basketball game, his voice can still be heard. Most would think that a Boston Celtics game is going on just by the sound of his voice but it is just Burriesci doing what he does every game.

"When you first hear Gus, you think, 'wow this guy is really into it.' Then, the more that you hear him, the more you realize how passionate he is about what he is doing," said women's basketball coach Kelly Thompson. "If everybody went about their job with the same passion as Gus, we would have a lot of people who are really good at their job."

The time of the game that Burriesci enjoys announcing the most is the starting line ups. With the bench players clapping their hands and forming a high five line on two sides, the starters sit and wait patiently for Burriesci to call their name. Once Burriesci yells out their name over the loud speakers, the starters finally can run down the high five line, execute a complicated handshake with a teammate and prepare for the game to begin.

"When I am doing the starting

line up, I want the players to feel like they are better than anybody," Burriesci said. "My job, in the span of a couple of seconds, is to elevate them and make them feel better than they already are."

Burriesci has loved the game of basketball since he was five and played the sport in high school. After coaching basketball after his playing career, he began announcing games. On top of basketball, he has also announced other sports such as football and baseball. Regardless of who and what he is announcing, his goal going into every game is always the same.

"My job is to make the players feel like they could walk on water," Burriesci said. "My job is to have a really delicious cooked meal and be the spice to make it better than what it already is."

With the regular season coming to a close for both the men's and women's team, Burriesci only has a couple more chances to let his voice be heard in the upper gymnasium. With the women's team hopeful to have home court for at least one Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) playoff game, there are still a couple more opportunities for Burriesci to motivate the Hawks.

Regardless of the finish for the basketball teams this season, Burriesci hopes to be at RWU for a long time.

"It is just a great, wonderful college and I am thankful that I am able to do these games," he said. "It has been a wonderful marriage and I hope to continue it."



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Freshman Holly Eberlin competes in 1,000 yard freestyle during their meet on Jan. 31.

SWIMMING: Hawks feel that they can compete

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and relay groups got the team points, but everyone had their ups and downs. Emmert was most impressed with how the team came together so effectively.

"It was a total team effort," Emmert said. "Some swimmers had great swims and then came back and didn't have their best. When I look back on the meet truly, there isn't one swimmer that stands out. Hearing the energy on the bus to and from the competition was good, that's where I feel it really was a team effort."

As Emmert put it, the gap has been closed between RWU and Keene State and the other schools that are normally at the top of the conference standings. Both teams were riding hot streaks going into the NEISDA Championships. The men's

team had won three matches in a row, while the women's team had won five in a row. Emmert attributed the team's current success to the experiences that the teams have had over the season. With more repetition, strategy, and planning, the teams vaulted to a new level of success as evidenced by the win streaks and culminating with the second place finishes at this past weekend's meet.

Junior captain Hailey Martel says that the team has really embraced the fact that they can compete with any given team with the strides they have made since she came to RWU. As far as swagger goes, Martel thinks that the team already has it.

"I feel like we had that mentality going into it," Martel said. "We did feel that we could beat Keene State. We did feel

that we could have taken on really good teams."

Martel expressed similar sentiments as Emmert when it came down to talking about this past weekend's match. Teamwork was essential to the overall success of RWU swimming and diving for both the men and the women.

"I think overall team support, having the support from both sides really helps," Martel said. "The cheering, having someone at the end of your lane cheering you on. You wouldn't think that it helps that much but it really does. Matt [Emmert] really tries to instill that in us."

Although this season may be a wash in terms of sending teams to the NCAA Division III Championships, Martel said that they are closer than ever to accomplishing that goal.

Bringing her game to new heights *Quilty avoids sophomore slump for women's basketball team*

Rachel Lombardi
Herald Contributor

After her freshman year, women's basketball forward sophomore Bridget Quilty has impressed on the court during her second season.

Before the start of the season, Quilty worked out in the gym and on the court with a friend she graduated with from her former high school basketball team. In addition, she participated in summer basketball leagues where she had the opportunity to play some pick up games.

"I wanted to be a bigger part of the team this year," Quilty said. "I worked really hard over the summer and I wanted to be a player that the team needed and not someone that was exchangeable."

A day before the first game of the season, Quilty had a setback because of a sprained ankle. She sat out for the first three games, but found her way back on the court alongside her teammates during their fourth game of the season against Connecticut College.

"When she got healthy again, she's been doing better and better every game," said head coach of the women's basketball team Kelly Thompson.

Thompson explained that Quilty is a solid 6 feet 2 inches. Quilty uses her height especially to block shots, rebound and score.

"She's typically at least a few inches taller than most of the defenders playing against her

and she's got much better at using her length to be able to score," Thompson said. "She has long arms and when she makes a move it's really hard to stop her."

While attending Duxbury High School, she played basketball for four years and volleyball during her junior and senior year. She earned all-star honors for basketball her junior and senior year and was named basketball captain her senior year. She knew that she wanted to continue to compete at a college level and decided that she would take that route with basketball.

Roger Williams University was a good match for Quilty because she likes the campus and had a great experience during an overnight stay during her senior year. Also, at RWU she has the opportunity to be a biology major.

Thompson saw Quilty play for the first time in January of her senior year of high school.

"The more I got to know her as a person, I knew she was a competitive and driven player and for me that's really important because I don't get a ton of time to spend with the girls working on their individual skills," Thompson said. "They really need to be competitive and disciplined in the off-season and Bridget had that."

Quilty did not get much playing time her freshman year, but cheered for her teammates and supported them to the best of her abilities. Quilty was

challenged by her teammates and coaching staff during her freshman year to work hard each practice to improve her skills. In her first season, Quilty played in 25 games on the season as a reserve and averaged 2 points per game. Also, she had 10 assists, seven steals and was the third-best on the team with 14 blocked shots.

A highlight game of this season for Quilty was at their away game win against Nichols (77-56) on Jan. 31. She led the

Hawks with 20 points with 8-of-11 from the line, while having six rebounds, two assists, two blocked shots, and one steal.

The Hawks came out on top over Gordon (68-53) at their away game last Wednesday night. Quilty and junior point guard Angelica Ariola both led the team with 15 points each. Quilty also had nine rebounds and four assists, which were both team highs.

"Everyone on the team is

accountable," Quilty said. "Everyone expects you to be a good teammate, hold up your end, don't have a bad attitude, and come to practice and work your hardest everyday."

Looking ahead, the women's basketball team will be playing their last game of the season home against the University of New England on Saturday. It is a match up between the one and two seeds in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC).



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Sophomore Bridget Quilty pushes past Curry defense during the women's game on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

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The Voice of RWU basketball



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His voice carries over the loudspeakers of the gymnasium for every RWU basketball game, but who is he?

Andrew Grassey Sports Editor

Before many students are even done with class for the day, Gus Burriesci gets in his car.

He begins his journey from Madison, Conn. to Bristol, R.I. for the evenings men's and women's basketball games.

The drive takes one hour and 47 minutes but with traffic, it can take up to two and a half hours.

Burriesci takes the trek down I-95 North 15 times each winter for one purpose -- to do what he loves to do, which is to watch, announce, and be

around basketball.

"My wife says I am nuts for doing it, but I have such a passion for basketball and I love this college," Burriesci said.

Senior captain of the men's basketball Ryan Palumbo added this when finding out that Burriesci drives that far for their games: "That is unbelievable. He is such a great guy for doing something like that just for our games. It says a lot about him."

After announcing high school games for over 30 years, Burriesci sent out letters to colleges and universities in the area to see if any of them needed announcers. He wanted to take his

skills to the collegiate level and Roger Williams University responded.

Burriesci has now been at RWU for three seasons announcing the Hawks basketball games. He has become famous among students, players and coaches for the nicknames he gives the players.

A famous call he has made a lot of these seasons is, "Angieeeee forrrrr threeeeee!"

"Angie" stands for senior Angelica Ariola of the women's basketball team and it is an example of just one of the many nicknames that Burriesci has given to RWU basketball players the past three

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Winter workouts lead to better preparation

Connor Casey Sports Manager

Everyone here knows what a New England winter is like: freezing temperatures, icy roads, and unrelenting snow storms. This winter has been particularly bad with record highs in snowfall in some places around the New England area. While not as significant as other states, Rhode Island has been hit hard. Snow seems to be falling constantly, and while most students are shacking up indoors with a cup of hot chocolate and a Netflix subscription, some student athletes are braving the elements to better themselves on the field.

Both the men's and women's lacrosse teams have had practice on the Bayside Turf Field amidst the masses of snow surrounding the turf. The track and field teams have been running outside in preparation for their season starting in March. No matter the conditions, these teams are outside putting in the work that is necessary to better themselves going forward. While most of the student population is sitting inside hoping for that University email that will cancel classes for the next day, these athletes are putting on layer after layer and taking to the field to work on conditioning, run plays, and prepare for a grueling upcoming season.

While nobody wants to go out into the cold and run or do drills, every athlete knows that these few weeks after returning to campus from winter break are crucial practice opportunities. Junior Sean Doyle of the men's track and field team knows that while these outdoor workouts might not be the most fun to get ready for, they are necessary to prepare for the season.

"It's not fun but we have to do it," Doyle said. "When it comes down to it, you just have to put the miles in. I consider myself one of the leaders of the team and we always send group chats to each other to make sure everyone else is up."

Although running outside is not ideal in the eyes of Doyle and the other long-distance runners on the track and field team, with the amount of snow that has fallen in the last few weeks many of the outdoor facilities that at the team normally uses are buried. Unfortunately for the athletes who participate in the field events, they may not be able to get as much practice in as they may have wanted.

"I'm long distance and I do pole vaulting," Doyle said. "I haven't really

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Guess who got their swagger back

Swimming and diving building success at NEISDA Championships

Connor Casey Sports Manager

When most people think about the Roger Williams University men's and women's swimming and diving team, swagger is not the first thing that comes to mind.

Swagger, though, is exactly what head coach Matt Emmert wants his team to have after both of his teams took home a second place finish at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championship.

The women's team has made great strides since this competition a year ago, where they finished 148 points behind first place Keene State College. Both the men's and women's teams were not on the same level as Keene State at the NEISDA Championship last

year. The steps they have taken in the past year have put them in contention with Keene State, and Emmert wants them to believe that they can compete with anyone.

"We need to develop a little bit of swagger now," Emmert said. "We need to not be the underdog and start to hit people in the mouth before they hit us. I hope if they learned anything it was to develop that swagger."

Due to the snow storm that came through Rhode Island this past weekend, the last day of the NEISDA Championships was cancelled, leaving RWU with only two days worth of results and a second place finish. A second place finish, especially within such a close margin to Keene State, is great but both teams were upset when they found out that they would not be able to compete on the final

day to possibly move past their conference rivals. This attitude exemplifies the swagger that Emmert referenced.

Emmert wanted his team to embrace the progress that they have made over the past few seasons and have a confident attitude about being able to compete with the top teams in the conference. He talked about his team being able to compete at the highest level when the brightest lights are on and get used to the fact that they are able to put themselves in position to win championships and get invited to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Both teams pulled together in order to come a way with the second place finish this past weekend. Individual swimmers

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RACHEL DIEP/THE HAWKS' HERALD
Freshman Jonathan Chow competes in the 50-yard breast stroke.

ON THE BAY

Roger gives more for Lent



RACHEL DIEP/THE HAWKS' HERALD

Top: Father John Codegi leads the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, which lasts for 40 days. Father Codegi urged people to try to give up more than just chocolate for Lent this year. Bottom: Father Codegi marks service goers with ash crosses. The ashes are a symbol of penance, mourning, and mortality. Often times people wear the ashes throughout the day as a public expression of their faith and penance.

David Wilson visits campus



ANDREW BURGESS/THE HAWKS' HERALD

David Wilson discusses his film "Meeting David Wilson" with students on Tuesday as a part of the President's Distinguished Speakers Series.

Kate Mitchell
Herald Reporter

On Tuesday evening, students and faculty flooded into the College of Arts and Sciences to welcome renowned journalist and filmmaker David A. Wilson to the Roger Williams University campus as the first guest of the President's Distinguished Speakers Series. As a prominent spokesperson who encourages the discussion of racial issues in America, Wilson's presentation marked his second visit to this campus, and provided him with the opportunity to introduce his 2008 documentary "Meeting David Wilson" to the college community.

Drawing upon historical events and personal adversity, Wilson expressed that the topic of race is currently very important in America.

"We live in a very interesting time. It is a time of great opportunity to discuss the issues of race," Wilson said.

Through groundbreaking developments in social media, Wilson states that individuals are now provided with numerous communication instruments that grant them the ability to spread their views with diverse communities and cultures all over the world. With unlimited access to a variety of resources and databases, Wilson asserts that we now have the means to educate one another on the topic of race relations and ensure that it is an issue that is recognized on a global scale. Through this enlightenment, individuals will not only have the ability to acknowledge events around them with a larger perspective and contemplate the current state of the world, but they will also understand how they can contribute to making a change for the betterment of mankind.

Throughout the course of his documentary, Wilson reflects upon his childhood in Newark, N.J., and expressed that as a child, he lived in constant fear that he would succumb to the violence of his environment. He states that one of the major issues that contributes to the continuation of violence and poverty in communities like Newark is the lack of self-esteem in African-American youths. Raised in a country where the media constantly projects praise on the Caucasian lifestyle, Wilson states that if African-American children are constantly surrounded by this

stream, then they will begin to feel that they are not worth anything, and they will mature into adults who feel that they don't deserve anything better than the lifestyle that has been handed down to them. Wilson believes that if members of today's African-American communities knew more about the courage of their ancestors during times of slavery, they would feel inspired to overcome the adversity they currently face in modern American society.

"We have all these sorts of problems: gang violence, imprisonment. If we can understand our ancestors and understand the strength that they had, then we should realize by extension that we have that same strength, that we're not the descendants of victims but victors," Wilson said.

As a first generation college student, Wilson graduated with a degree in journalism and flourished as a professional working for networks such as ABC, CBS, and Fox News. However, Wilson found that he couldn't be content with his success while so many of his childhood friends and neighbors were not able to survive in the oppressive environment and lifestyle he had managed to escape. It was this realization that played a deciding factor in Wilson's decision to embark on an extensive journey into his family's history during the era of slavery. Tracing his lineage to a tobacco plantation in Caswell County of North Carolina, Wilson learned that a descendant of the southern family that once owned his ancestors still resided in the area. He decided to reach out to the man and found that not only do their ancestries coordinate with one another, but they also share the same name as well. Wilson made the long trip to Caswell County from his home in New York City to meet this other David Wilson. After their initial introduction, Wilson said that the more he got to know him, the more he identified him as a decent, kindhearted human being rather than the descendant of a slave owner.

In essence, Wilson asserts that the purpose of his documentary "Meeting David Wilson" is to remind individuals of their humanity, and that despite differences in religion, race, and gender, the one truth that unites every individual is their identity as human beings.

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Professor of the week

Art professor encourages students to learn from failure

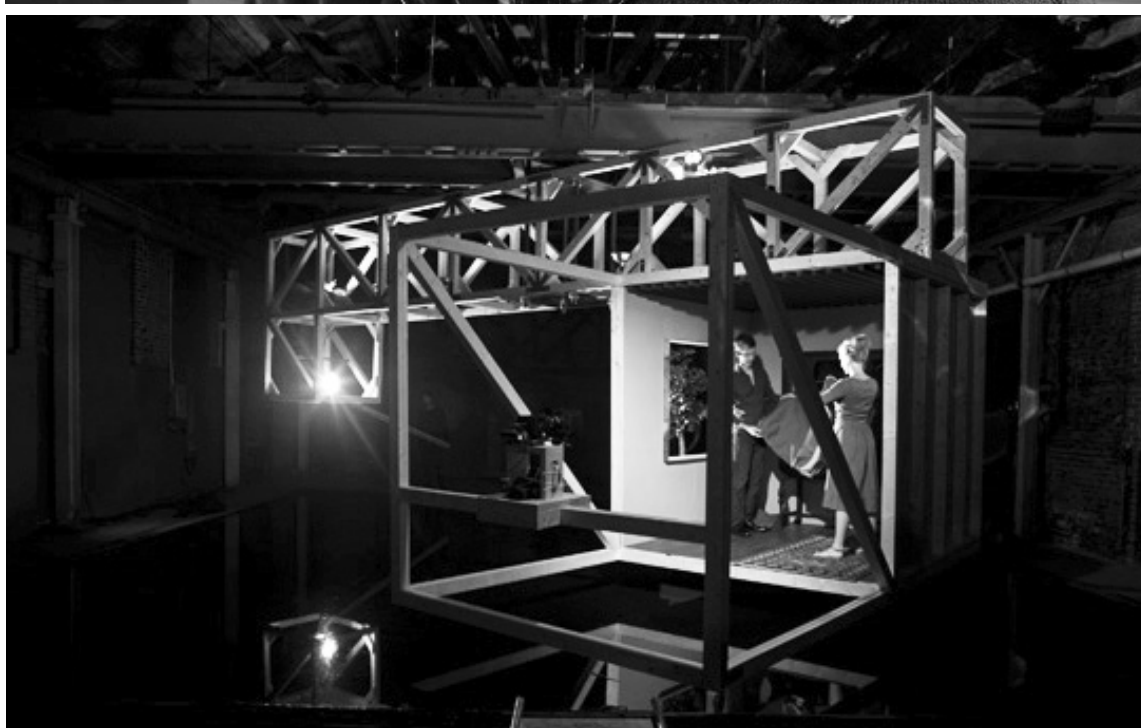
Kate Mitchell
Herald Reporter

Many individuals know exactly what career path they'd like to follow from an early age in life. It is often that case that after graduating high school, they attend the university of their choice in order to receive a degree in that specialty, and then spend the rest of their life devoted to their profession. However, for Associate Professor Murray McMillan, the thought of becoming a professor never crossed his mind. That is, until one day his wife suggested that he consider the possibility, and he has been enjoying his position as an educator ever since.

After receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts in sculpture at the Kansas City Art Institute, McMillan pursued his Master of Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. Before his arrival at Roger Williams University in 2007, he held teaching positions at both Webster University in Webster Groves, Missouri and Biola University in Los Angeles, Calif. Not only has McMillan shared his artistic and creative talents within academia, but he has also devoted a great deal of his professional years to a variety of creative fields. In the past, McMillan has worked as an animator, sculptor's assistant, advertising director, and an architectural multi-media artist amongst many other innovative positions.

McMillan instructs several classes at RWU throughout the academic year, including an interdisciplinary collaborative art course, offered for the first time this semester.

"The course is all about how to work well on a creative team and how to get the gestalts



TOP: COURTESY MURRAY MCMILLAN , BOTTOM: DECORDOVA.ORG

From top: Professor Murray McMillan believes that failure can help students grow as artists and as adults. Bottom: McMillan's works has been on display in several museums such as the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln, Mass.

and avoid the lowest common denominator," McMillan said.

The students who participate in this program focus on learning skills that teach them how to effectively communicate their

artistic ideas within groups, so that one day they may apply these abilities to succeed within their chosen careers.

McMillan also teaches introduction to digital media,

video art and CORE 105 Aesthetics.

McMillan hopes that by applying themselves to their academics, his students gain an understanding of being

resourceful and interdisciplinary in all aspects of their educational and professional endeavors. McMillan also asserts that obtaining a spirit of generosity is key to succeeding in the professional world no matter the nature of career, and that to begin practicing this quality in academia will allow students to take ownership of their careers.

Many young adults often desire for their college years to be comfortable and are unsettled by the idea of their careers having already started upon entering university.

Nonetheless, McMillan said that individuals must consider their time at university as the transition into the professional world. He also states that students must learn to accept failure as a resourceful experience rather than an obstacle that must be avoided at all costs.

"School is the place where everyone should land flat on their face at least once, and I'm not talking about grades. I'm talking about trying a project that is larger in scope than they've ever tried on and for it to not work out for them," McMillan said.

Through failure and having to make repeated adjustments to complete a task, students are able to expand the original vision of their assignment and unlock new achievements. Over the course of his experience as a faculty member, McMillan has found that students who do not reach their breaking point and push themselves to their limits at least once never come to understand their true potential.

"In a lot of ways, the point of school and the point of education is to get to that breaking point, to risk, to fail, to grow," McMillan said.

Notes from the Netherlands

Adapting to Amsterdam

History was always my worst subject in high school. I just couldn't learn to appreciate another country's history and culture through a textbook and a video. It wasn't until my senior year that I traveled out of the country for the first time to China. Just a week and a half later I returned with a real love for Chinese culture, and a burning desire to learn and see what else the world had to offer.

Ever since that trip, I have been traveling as often and as far as I possibly can. I find it exhilarating to experience different cultures all around the globe. Adjusting to cultural differences is one of the biggest obstacles of studying abroad, but there is no better way to immerse oneself in a culture than to live in it. This is some of what I've learned about Dutch culture while living here so far.

"My lights aren't on!"

One of the things that the Netherlands is most well known for is the abundance of bicycles. They are definitely an inescapable part of Dutch culture, especially when living here. But, if you are to buy a bike in the Netherlands, you must be aware of the bike laws before riding. For example, each bike is required to have a light on both the front and

back, and a bell as well, just like a car. Sometimes it's hard to remember to turn your lights on, because, well, you're riding a bike.

Another component of having a bicycle, which I have been getting used to myself, is securely locking it each time you get off. Typically, when you buy a bike you also buy a big hefty chain lock, or sometimes two. It is not uncommon in the Netherlands to have your bike stolen off the street, or even just one wheel. It would be a shame to get your only mode of transportation stolen, especially if you had it all "Dutchified," with saddlebags on the back and plastic flowers on the handlebars.

Getting straight to the point

Similarly to how the Dutch like to get to where they're going on their bikes straight away, they are extremely straightforward people in other ways. In America, we usually start every conversation with a polite greeting, no matter what or who it is, "Hello, how are you?" The Dutch on the other hand, find that unusual; they find distrust in very polite conversations. They may also just simply get annoyed by it, or think it's a waste of time.

If you were to go into a bakery and grab a pastry, the most a Dutchman behind the counter

would say to you is "what can I get for you?" followed by the price and a "here you go." It is often difficult for foreigners to understand Dutch peoples' frankness, which is a part of life and culture, so it's important to remember that it's not personal, they just have a different way of communicating. But this is not to say that they don't care about the answers they are giving you. Although the Dutch are straight to the point and feel more comfortable with conversation without exaggeration, they are very reliable people.

Closing time

During my first week here, I was very annoyed to discover that stores close much earlier than I expected. I kept hoping maybe it was some sort of siesta time for something, but no, it's just typically Dutch. The Dutch love their free time; they enjoying having time off to spend with their loved ones, for vacation, or to study. Therefore, they prefer to work fewer hours and that's why stores usually close in the early evening. For example, a store similar to Target is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a weekday. It's just another thing that I have to embrace as a student living here.

Bread and milk

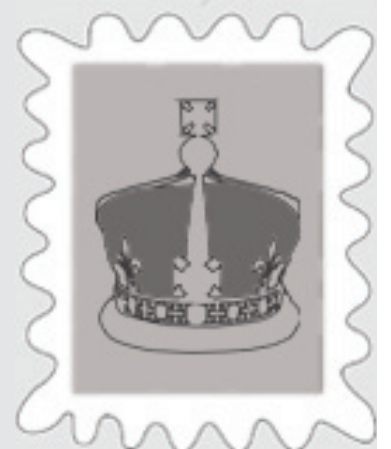
The Dutch are very healthy people; they are concerned about their diets, and typically eat very well balanced meals. For breakfast and lunch they usually have something very simple and small, and for dinner they'll have a hot meal. In America we eat three hot meals on what some would say is a "good day." A common Dutch lunch consists of two Broodjes or bread rolls each with a slice of cheese, and maybe a thin slice of ham – there is almost always a glass of milk to accompany as well.

While the Dutch are well known for loving dairy products, they are also known for eating a lot of fried foods. They often eat fried croquettes, fries with mayonnaise, and more. And no, fries with mayonnaise is not disgusting, it's actually quite delicious!

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COURTESY BRETT POLINA

Campus resembles a quiet arctic village on this freezing February evening after the blizzard. This photo was taken at 700ft from the cockpit of a Cessna 172 circling at 80 knots. Both Mt. Hope Bay and Narragansett Bay can be seen on the east and west sides of the Roger Williams University campus.



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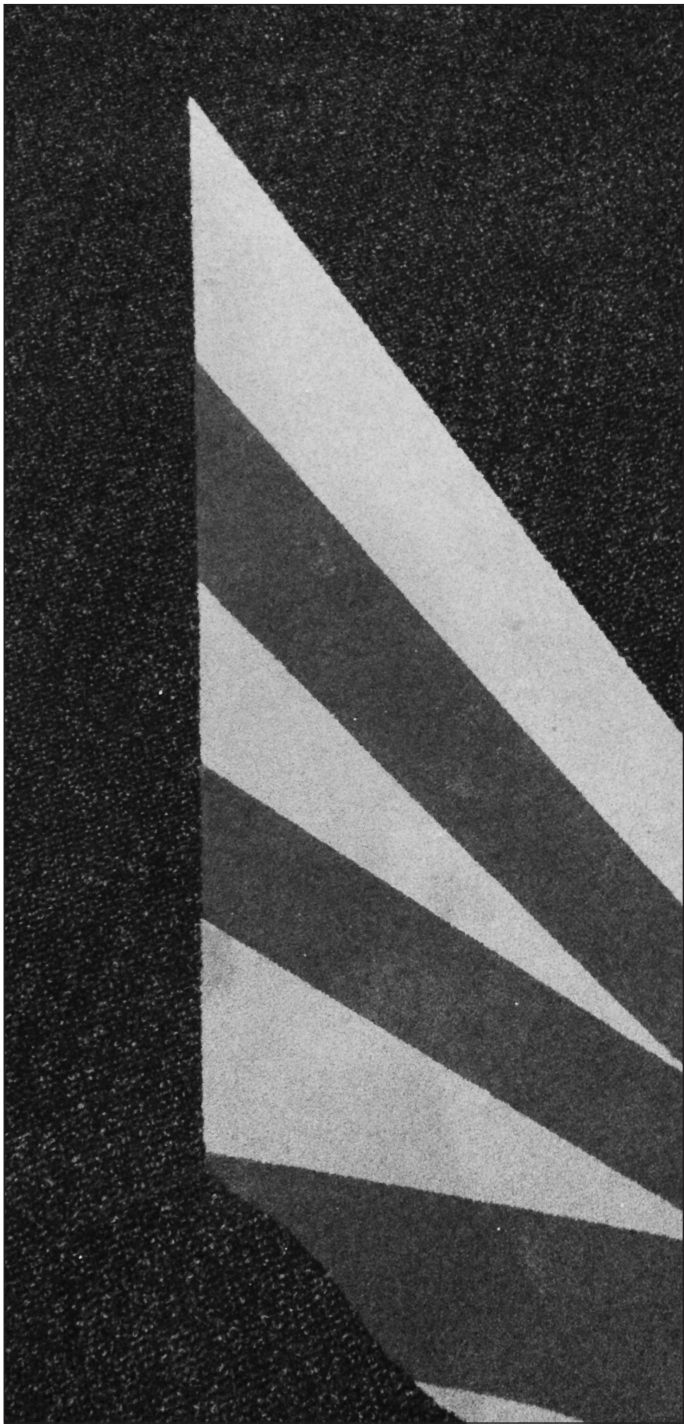
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS
(PART TIME)



"Coming out of grad school, I had leverage during the interviewing and negotiation process. It's not just that I have an education or an MBA; I have a Bryant MBA."

Meredith Soper, Product Marketing Manager at EMC, a leading provider of IT storage hardware solutions.

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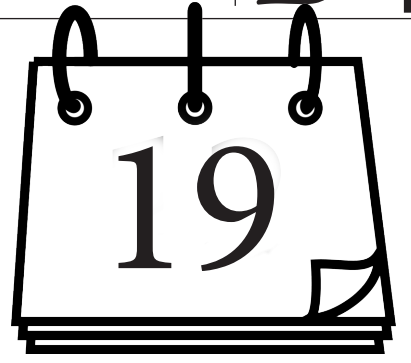


This picture is somewhere on campus!

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

Last week's answer: The high-top tables at upper commons

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: China

This session will be an overview of the study abroad options in China, including Shanghai, Beijing and Nanjing. Learn more and see if a semester east is right for you.

Details: Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m. in SE 126.

Study Abroad Info Session: Barcelona

Introducing a new program for architecture students in Barcelona, Spain.

Details: Feb. 20, 4 p.m. in GHH 108

Theatre Main Season Series III: "Almost Within my Reach: Two Modern Classics."

Two classic one-act plays come together to bring feminist themes in different genres. "Trifles" is about women examining details of a crime that were dismissed by their male counterparts. "Riders to the Sea" is about Irish women struggling to survive.

Details: Feb. 20, 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 general admission.

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. 22 at 4 p.m., GHH 200.

Catholic Mass on Campus

Weekly Mass with the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Details: Feb. 22, 7 p.m., GHH 206.

Study Abroad Application Workshop

Intimidated by all the paperwork to hand in before you go abroad? Go to this session and see all the necessary steps and materials in the application process.

Details: Feb. 23, 4:30 p.m., GHH 119.

President's Distinguished Speakers Series: Lawrence Lessig

Scholar, attorney and activist Lawrence Lessig will visit RWU and explain the issue of political funding and its effect on equality in America. Lessig is an expert on intellectual property, internet policy, and a watchdog on government corruption. This will be relevant to all majors, and is a great conversation to take part in.

Details: Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. Law School Appellate Courtroom 283.

Talking in the Library: An Alumna Celebrates her Ninth Book

A graduate of RWU's BFA in Creative Writing program and acclaimed author Maria Flook will discuss her latest novel, "Mothers and Lovers." Flook is a New York Times best seller, with her novel "Invisible Eden: A Story of Love and Murder on Cape Cod." This event is free and open to the public.

Details: Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m. Mary Teft White Cultural Center, Library.

Study Abroad Info Session: Australia

Interested in going down under? Learn about RWU's study abroad programs in southern Australia and get your questions answered.

Details: Feb. 24, 4:30 p.m. GHH 105.

Zen Meditation



Get in the zone and feel the stress of school melt away during this meditation session.

Details: Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Intercultural Center Prayer Room.

CEN and MSU Movie: "Dear White People."

Join students for this film about racial issues on college campuses. See a movie that highlights these issues on small, mostly white college campuses.

Details: Feb. 24, 8 p.m., FCAS 157.

Great Film Series: "North by Northwest."

A classic Alfred Hitchcock movie with Cary Grant brings you into the world of espionage with romance and excitement.

Details: Feb. 25, 7 p.m. GHH G01.

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. 26, 12 p.m., Intercultural Center Multipurpose Room.

Answer to Sudoku

Last week's answer:

2	3	8	5	9	6	1	7	4
7	5	9	2	4	1	3	6	8
4	1	6	7	8	3	5	9	2
8	6	5	9	3	7	4	2	1
1	2	7	6	5	4	8	3	9
9	4	3	8	1	2	6	5	7
6	7	1	4	2	5	9	8	3
5	9	4	3	7	8	2	1	6
3	8	2	1	6	9	7	4	5

Sudoku

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

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Campus Clues

My first is in old but not in new
My second is in miss but not in
moss

My third is in bee but not in tree
My fourth is in row but not in toe

My fifth is in rad but not in red

My sixth is my fourth

My seventh is a question.

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!

Last week's answer: The Mail Center



By: L. A. Bonté



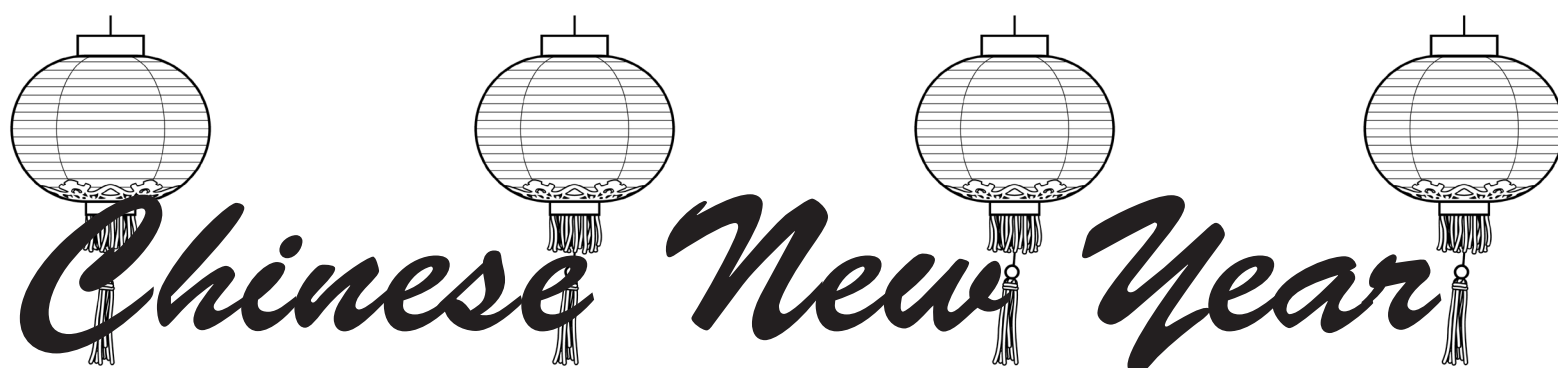
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Chinese New Year



ANDREW BURGESS/THE HAWKS' HERALD

The Intercultural Center hosted a Chinese New Year celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Students were invited to make a variety of dumplings and paper lanterns. "It's a great way to learn about the occasion through the event" said junior Chris Lorient. Chinese New Year starts on Thursday, Feb. 19 and will last for 15 days. In China, the holiday is a time to bring families together for feasting. The Chinese lunar calendar is associated with the Chinese Zodiac, each year is a different animal sign. This year will be the year of the goat.

Question of the Week:

What's your favorite thing to do on a snow day?



Julia Ferrara | FRESHMAN
"Sledding down the Willow Hill."



Mike Allwein | JUNIOR
"Sleeping in and playing video games."



Torrie Lewine | SENIOR
"Sledding, because why not?"



Jared Clough | SOPHOMORE
"Play football with friends outside."



Heather Larson | SENIOR
"Sleeping in, because I never get to."



Anthony Conectiello | JUNIOR
"Go snowboarding in Vermont."

Reduce, Reuse, RWU



COURTESY KRISTIN HILL

Kristin Hill
Herald Contributor

February, traditionally known as the month of romance, is home to the second most popular card-sending holiday: Valentine's Day. Every year, lovers accumulate cards, chocolates, diamonds, gifts, and flowers. Valentine's Day has quickly gone from a holiday devoted to the appreciation of loved ones to a holiday that entails perpetually harmful consumerism. Just how much are people consuming?

It is estimated that worldwide, 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged, over 50 million roses are given, and that more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold. With a wide range of gifts to be purchased, the average person in 2014 spent nearly \$134. Luckily, there are ways to reduce your impact on the environment Valentine's Day with these 6 sustainable and socially acceptable gifts. Did you keep this holiday eco-friendly? Here are some options for next year.

1. Do It Yourself. Instead of opting out for a store bought

gift, try making something yourself. For example, find a jar lying around the house and fill it with beautiful stones and pieces of sea glass. On each piece of glass or stone, write one thing that you love about that person. This is a sustainable and personal way of showing your lover just what makes them special to you.

2. Eco-Friendly Chocolates. Many controversies surround the cocoa industry, such as child-labor accusations and unsustainable farming methods. To avoid adding to these issues, try getting your sweetheart a bar of eco-friendly and organic chocolate. Companies such as Lulu's Chocolate and Raw Chocolate Love both sell delicious treats that are good for the earth.

3. "Green" Lingerie. To all the ladies looking to turn the heat up on Valentine's Day, why not take the big bucks you would normally spend on lingerie and go green? At Ecouterre, they are devoted to the future of sustainable fashion design. Head to www.ecouterre.com for a wide range of sexy sustainable skivvies.

4. Adopt An Animal. Is your partner crazy about animals? Why not share the love on Valentine's Day by helping an animal in need, instead of buying another stuffed teddy bear. You can adopt and sponsor animals such as a pig, llama, goat or chicken through various organizations such as Sanctuary One, Farm Sanctuary or Save the Manatee Club.

5. Instead of choosing cut flowers, pick potted plants and organic or local whenever possible. This supports the local community and gives your partner something that will last a little longer. Another option is to learn how to create origami roses, because nothing says love like pulling your hair out over one perfectly crafted paper rose.

6. Try A Homemade Meal. Instead of heading to a four star restaurant, try out your culinary skills and cook a homemade, homegrown, local meal. To make your meal that much more eco-friendly, opt for organic wine and beeswax candles to add a romantic touch without the toxic fumes.

Horoscopes:

Thursday, Feb. 19

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Don't let the snow get you down today even if it's not your favorite weather. Winter can be fun, too! Have a snowball fight with friends or curl up with some hot chocolate. Today is a good day for you, so make sure you take full advantage of it.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19

The stars are lining up for you this week! Keep checking your email, the one you've been waiting for is on its way.



LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You've been doubting your major recently, is it for good reason? Trust your gut and decide what you want to follow.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

It's been awhile since you flexed your creative muscles. Get back into that habit and let the catharsis keep you stress-free.



SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Starting to regret what you let slip from your lips? Don't be afraid to apologize to someone you may have hurt, and try to keep that filter on in the future.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 20

Try to wake up on the right side of the bed this week, it's hard to have a bad day when the first thing you do is smile.



SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Had a bad Valentine's Day? It may be a little late, but love is still coming your way. Be patient and keep an open heart.



CANCER
June 21 - July 22

Thinking of taking a mental health day? Good, you may need one with the stress of spring semester already getting to you. Don't be afraid to miss a few commitments for your health.



CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Rip tomorrow's page out of your planner. Try to have a day where you don't live by a schedule and do what you want to do.



LEO
July 23 - Aug. 22

Like most students, you are glued to your screens. Try to cut the cords this week and spend less time looking at your laptop, smart phone, and even the tablet that's always plugged in by your bed.



AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You've been looking for work, but having no luck. Don't be afraid to look off campus and out of your comfort zone.



VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You're forgetting all about your New Year's Resolution! It wasn't that long ago. Try to get back into it, whether you need to be at the gym or hitting the books.



PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20

Big changes are on the tides for you this week. Don't fight the current, let it take you where you're headed.

Quarter-life crisis



This week: Step away from the Easy Mac

Eileen Korney
Herald Reporter

Grocery shopping is the errand that college kids prefer to leave to mom. However, once the Easy Mac packets are running low and there is just one Poland Spring Water bottle left from the two 24-packs she provided, it is time to venture into the local Stop & Shop. But why does the coupon for a free package of butter not work, and why does the milk have to be so far away from the entrance? Here are some tips that will serve as a guide for college students as they venture alone through the automated doors of a supermarket for the first time.

1. Don't shop on an empty stomach.

Walking into a store full of food while running on empty will lead to unnecessary purchases that will make the grocery bill much steeper than intended. You may also make less healthy choices, since everything within arms' reach looks appealing.

2. Take notice of shopping flier sales.

Shopping fliers are located at the doors of grocery stores, and they are filled with coupons for weekly sales. Compare flier deals for different stores, because the sales that are being advertised may not be bargains. Clip out these coupons and present them to the cashier at the check-out, or scan them at a self check-out. However, be aware of expiration dates or coupons that are only effective if you spend over a certain amount.

3. Notice expiration dates. Nothing is more frustrating than buying a container of yogurt, only to realize the next day at lunch that it expired three days ago. Grocers are not always on top of the rotation of products on shelves, so it is important to check the date, especially on meat and dairy products. This date can be found printed on the side of a lid or on the bottom of a container.

4. Inspect packages before purchase. Pop open egg cartons to make sure that you are in fact buying a full dozen of un-cracked eggs.

Check for torn box tops or dented cans as well, because bacteria can potentially reach the food inside.

5. Buy less and shop more frequently.

Keep in mind that cold cuts for sandwiches at the deli go bad within five days or so, and fresh fruits and vegetables begin to grow something fuzzy before long. Buying enough food for only the week ahead, and not long-term, will save money since you'll be less likely to throw food away.

6. Stay on the outside. It's tempting to weave through the middle of the grocery store, coming across bagged chips and boxes of mac and cheese. If you're looking to outgrow microwave meals and processed foods, stay on the outside of the store where possible. Produce, fresh-baked products and dairy can all be found on the outside. Venture in only for basics, such as cereal and sauces or boxed pasta.

What's 'appening?



Shana Sims
On the Bay Editor

Want to make the most of the endless flakes falling from the sky? It may be cold, but there's no better way to take advantage of a plentiful winter than to hit the slopes. This week's app is a must-have for any skier or snowboarder this season. With this in your pocket, you can see the conditions on any mountain in the area. Instantly check which lifts and trails are

open, the temperature within the resort, the amount of new snow, and more. You can roll over in your bed, check your phone, and see if it's worth it to grab your gear and go. This app is free and was updated in 2015. You can even see recent tweets tagging that resort. You can access trail maps, get notifications of new snowfall, and make sure that your day on the mountain is worth the ticket. Don't let the snow get in your way, take advantage of it!

#TBT

Whether or not you go to the cinema for every new release, you might remember the box office hits from 20 years ago. 1995 was a good year for movies. How many have you seen?



"Toy Story"

This movie had us suspecting our toys of being sentient. Woody and Buzz started the classic rivalry of toys that would become a trilogy for everyone to remember.

"Pocahontas"

1995 brought to us one of Disney's best classic films of the century. Pocahontas told the story of one of the most adventurous characters, with history (although not necessarily accurate) and social issues woven in. Lovable sidekicks, a conflicting love story, and gorgeous animation make this movie unforgettable.



"Clueless"

The original "Mean Girls" has the classic 90s style and a killer makeover montage. Add some fashion and slang from before the new millennium and you've got a throwback that's sure to take you to '95.



"Jumanji"

Did somebody roll a five or an eight? Robin Williams stars in this thrilling adventure that takes two kids into a board game like no other. Escape bounty hunters, crocodiles, and stampedes while you play "Jumanji".



"Apollo 13"

Can you survive a mission to space? The astronauts of "Apollo 13" aren't sure, as they endure damage aboard their spacecraft and have to find their way home. If only they had the smart phones we have today... there's probably an app for that.

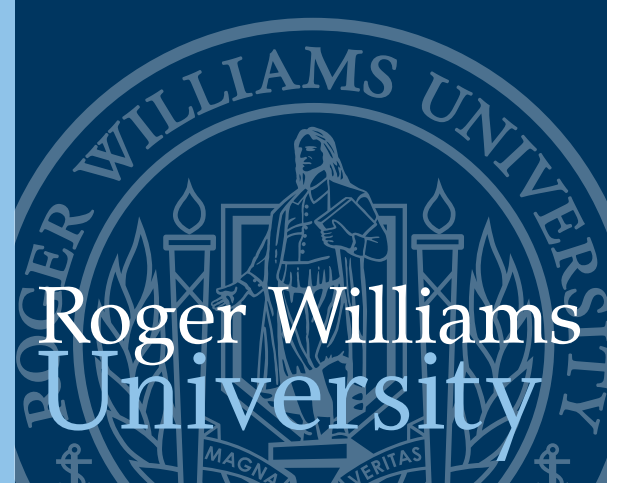


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