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ALLISON MANNING

Athletic Director Dave Kemmy.

Kemmy resigns from wrestling

JOSH WEINREB | Sports Editor

After 18 seasons behind the bench of the Roger Williams University wrestling program, Bristol native David Kemmy finally retired from coaching to concentrate on his current position as RWU's Athletic Director.

Joining the Hawks in 1994, he was named First Year NCAA Division III Rookie Coach of the Year, and is credited by many to have brought the RWU wrestling program to the premier status it enjoys today. However, Kemmy admits it took a while for the program to make it off the ground.

"Yeah, there's no doubt I'm very proud of it," Kemmy said. "There were definitely struggles those first few years, and when we took over the program and I was named head coach in the end of March in 1994, there were four kids on the team. It was a pretty dismal situation."

In its first three seasons, the RWU wrestling team went 3-35, including a 0-14 performance in their third season in existence. However, with Kemmy's determination, they were able to improve and perform at a higher level than anyone in the conference expected.

"A lot of that has to do with talent," Kemmy said. "If you have the horses, you can be the best coach in the world. If you don't have the horses, you can be the worst coach in the world. So we brought in some really good kids who did some really good things for us. And, you know, we struggled with numbers a little bit, 15-20 for those first few years, and finally, in 1999-2000, we really started kickin' it up."

Kemmy led the Hawks to 13 straight winning seasons from 1996-2009, permanently putting RWU wrestling on the map. He coached eight All-American athletes on the mat, including four in the 2008-2009 season, and 23 have been named to the Academic All-American team. He also coached the university's first

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Wild weather leaves students stumped

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STORMY DAYS AHEAD? THE FARMER'S ALMANAC FORECASTED THAT THIS SEASON WOULD BRING "CLIME AND PUNISHMENT," AND ANTICIPATED THAT STORMS WOULD OCCUPY THE SKIES MORE THAN SUN.

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Too many students, too little space

ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

More than 70 students are currently on the wait list for a housing assignment for the fall 2012 semester, despite the fact that Roger Williams University requires non-commuters to live on campus for at least two years.

"We've met with all of those students, and we've told them that we guarantee them housing ... we just don't know where yet," said Tony Montefusco, Executive Director of University Housing Operations and Planning.

This wait list is a result of the current freshman class being both larger than average and larger than the University was expecting.

"The class of 2015 was larger than anticipated ... the goal was about 1,175 [students] and we came in at about 1,257," said Lynn Fawthrop, Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management and Communications.

According to Fawthrop, the University saw a decrease in enrollment after the largest class in the history of the school graduated in 2009. The intent of the admissions department was not to increase the size of the University, but rather to return to the previous enrollment.

"We wanted to go back up to where we were in enrollment. We were intending to do it much more gradually, but sometimes you don't get to manage all of that," Fawthrop said.

According to Montefusco, "it is not necessarily a goal [of the University] to become bigger. It's a manner of just managing where we currently are, because we only have so many facilities. We only have so many classrooms; we only have so much space here."

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Taking the cake

Third annual Cake Off raises dough for cancer

ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

The Roger Williams University Inter-Class Council (ICC), along with the six other campus organizations, hosted the third annual Cake Off on March 31 in the Field House. The Cake Off is a campus-wide and community-oriented event that raises money and awareness for The Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Institute. Both foundations support and promote knowledge about

cancer research and prevention.

"I believe Cake Off went very well this year. We had a great turn out with 43 teams," said Alyssa Nee, the Spirit and Traditions Chair of ICC. "Everyone had a great time, and we raised about \$1,200 for The Jimmy Fund."

Over 40 teams of students gathered to decorate cakes in hopes of walking away with the first-place award.

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AMANDA NEWMAN

Students work against the clock to design a winning cake.



Nearing the finish line

Senior Meghan Krauss tries to run through the record books before she walks across the stage

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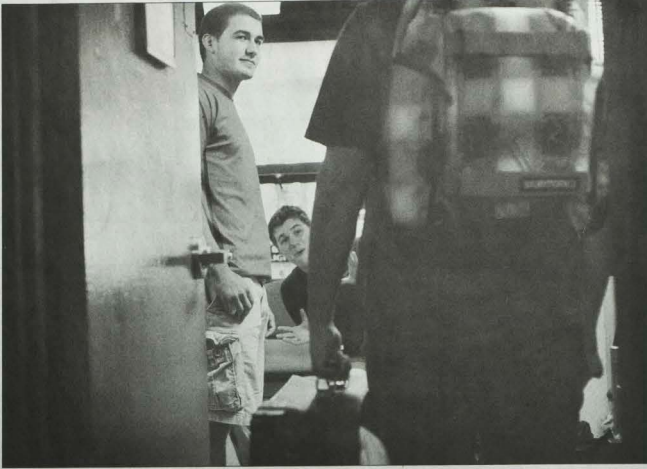


ILLUSTRATION MARK FUSCO

Students may find themselves cramped for space if rooms don't open up for the fall.

HOUSING: 70 students need placement

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In an effort to prevent the University from expanding further, the admissions department accepted "almost two percent less students than last year," Fawthrop said.

According to Fawthrop, the admissions department hopes to enroll "between 1,120 and 1,150 [students]."

The current freshman class is still larger than average; however, the University has had to make adjustments to accommodate all of the students in the past year, including an increased amount of temporary triples.

The University has plans to continuously support the larger class in the upcoming academic year as well.

"We took [rooms in Almeida] away from graduate housing and made it undergraduate housing.

That added 38 undergraduate beds," Montefusco said.

In addition, the housing department is increasing the amount of super-sized rooms allowed on campus, offering a financial discount to students who add one more roommate than the room is intended for.

The University is also relying on some students not returning next semester. "Over the course of the summer, some students withdraw from the University," Montefusco said. "That creates holes. So those people that are on the wait list actually help fill those holes. Instead of taking more current freshman beds away from [next year's] freshmen, we use the people on the wait list to fill those holes."

If fewer people than expected withdraw, however, the housing department will have no choice

but to give beds intended for freshmen to upperclassmen. "It's not necessarily our goal," Montefusco said, "but they are guaranteed housing first. We will house [the upperclassmen], and then we'll work with the freshman class."

According to Montefusco, these rooms would be taken away from freshmen housing in the Maple dormitory, which already has a combination of freshmen and upperclassmen.

"As far as housing is concerned, we should be all set," Montefusco said. "It's just unnerving for those people [on the wait list] because they think, 'Oh my God, I don't have housing.' We've met with all of those students, and we've told them that we guarantee them housing."

Welcome mat: New rug in Rec. Center promotes hawk pride

ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

The Capital Projects Department at Roger Williams University installed a new carpet featuring a large blue and gold logo of a hawk in the Recreation Center over spring break.

"The carpet that was replaced was worn and damaged," said Barbara Brown, Project Manager for the Capital Projects Department.

As project manager, Brown is responsible for "determining areas where carpet is worn, damaged, or in need of replacement throughout the academic and administration areas."

was a very visible location that would benefit from an eye-catching graphic, and it would help promote school spirit."

One freshman and student athlete said that she "like[s] the hawk. It's kind of big, but the whole sport and athletic center is a place that revolves around the hawk."

The hawk logo is also made with Abrasive Action carpeting in order to ensure durability.

Brown said that the Capital Projects Department used Allegheny Flooring to install the carpet. According to the company website, Allegheny Flooring is a member of the United States Green Building Council, and is "dedicated

The new vestibule carpet, which cost \$20,000, was paid for by the annual Capital Expenditures.

Brown said that she recognized the Rec. Center vestibule carpet as an area in need of restoration, and tended to "significant floor repair [and] patching under the carpet that needed to be addressed for some time."

According to Brown, the old carpet was in an area of heavy foot traffic for nearly a decade. "The vestibule carpet that was replaced was installed when the Rec. Center was renovated, and the new addition opened approximately nine years ago."

In order to maintain the new carpet for a longer period of time, the Capital Projects Department decided to use a product called "Abrasive Action," according to Brown. This helps "remove dirt and water from the feet of people who come into the Center."

In addition, Brown said she decided to include the new hawk logo because she "felt it

to ongoing research in green building."

The new vestibule carpet, which cost \$20,000, was paid for by the annual Capital Expenditures (CAPEX) budget, according to Brown. This budget "allows for the renovation, upgrade, repair, and replacement needs of the building's equipment, finishes, and furnishings in spaces throughout campus."

According to Brown, "this new carpet will help keep the rest of the Center cleaner and improve the life of the other flooring surfaces in the Center."

Other upcoming CAPEX renovations and repairs include the new exterior for the bayside apartments, a new student lounge in Cedar Hall, and a new kitchen for the Intercultural Center.

SPRING CONCERT UPDATE



"Unfortunately Far East Movement's Record Label could not pass up the opportunity to send the group out on a major European Promotional Tour. Due to these scheduling conflicts, Far East Movement is unable to perform at Roger Williams University on Thurs. April 26th. They look forward to the opportunity to perform at RWU in the future."

- CAA Booking Agency's Official Statement

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM CEN

The Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) was given the above official statement from CAA Booking Agency about Far East Movement's decision to embark on a major European Promotional Tour on April 2. It is very unfortunate Far East Movement will be unable to perform at Roger Williams University on April 26 for the Spring Concert. We are currently working with our agent in hopes of securing a replacement to accompany Gym Class Heroes and The White Panda. Look out for more updates with information regarding ticket sales and artist information. We are still anticipating an outstanding show, and hope you are as excited as we are. If there are any questions, please e-mail cenrwu@gmail.com.

- The Campus Entertainment Network



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CAKE: Cancer fundraiser successful in its third year

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"Cancer is something that everyone is affected by in one way or another. I would like to do anything and everything in my power to help those who are affected by this."

"It felt great winning the Cake Off; all of us were very surprised," said April Thibaudau, a sophomore and a member of this year's Cake Off's winning team. "We had a great cake design, and there was a message behind it. I think that is why we won. Our cake was about spreading awareness on deforestation and being sustainable."

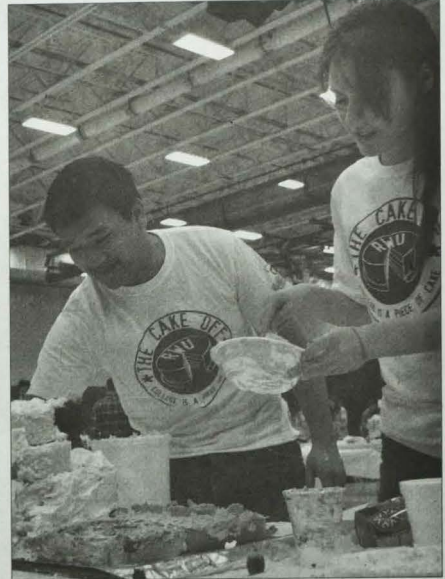
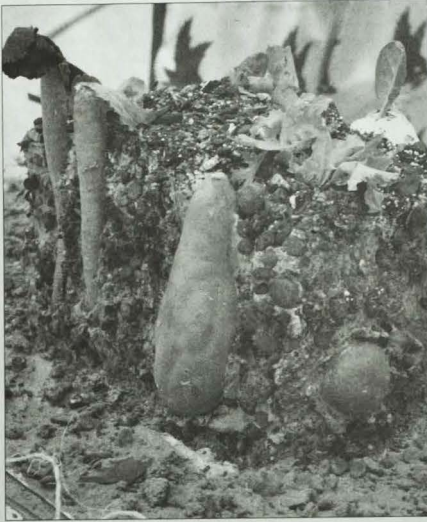
Every year, awards are given out for first, second and third place cakes, which are best overall. Some other awards include the best dressed team, the most school spirit, the staff/faculty award, the most spirited organization, the cake for cancer, the most original cake, and the most valuable cake.

The judges ranged from RWU faculty to RWU alumni, and even to a local cookbook author, Dwayne Ridgeway.

"I love the Cake Off! This was my second year participating in the event with the Women's Center. We have so much fun doing it as a team, thinking of the idea and dressing up. And plus, it's cake! What's not to love?" said Liza Dudley, a sophomore.

The Cake Off is a celebrated and highly-anticipated event on campus.

"Cake Off is important to me because I want to provide the campus and [the] community with a fun, exciting event, while also raising money and awareness [for] such a current, ongoing issue," Nee said. "Cancer is something that everyone is affected by in one way or another. I would like to do anything and everything in my power to help those who are affected by this."



PHOTOS AMANDA NEWMAN

Clockwise from top left: "Compost" cake; "The Hawking Dead" cake; Students Sotheavy Chhin and Jessica Betancur work on their cake; A cake sporting the event slogan, "College is a piece of cake."

WEATHER: Scientists debate cause of erratic patterns

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RONALD SCOFIELD | Herald Reporter

Roger Williams University students experienced unusual weather patterns throughout the month of March. But Rhode Island was not unique, as many locations across the nation experienced record temperature highs throughout the month.

Bristol began this trend around the third week in March when, after experiencing a cold weekend, the temperature increased temporarily to 50 degrees to 60 degrees Fahrenheit on Wednesday, March 14.

Monday, March 19 saw an increase in temperature to a high of 67 degrees Fahrenheit. The rest of the week remained within this high range, mostly staying within the 60 degrees Fahrenheit range, with the exception of Wednesday, March 21, which showed a high of 70 degrees Fahrenheit, a remarkably unusual temperature high for this month in New England.

However, the week of March 25 broke the trend, with temperatures not straying out of the mid 40 degrees Fahrenheit range.

These weather shifts take on a global view as well, as many areas nationwide have been reported to be experiencing record temperature highs for March. The numbers of records reached per day seem quite jarring. March 15 reported 662 record temperature highs reached, while 586 were reported for March 18 and a whopping 710, for March 20 according to The Weather Channel.

International Falls, Minn., often referred to as the "Icebox of the Nation," broke many temperature record highs for March, including a 79 degree reading on Sunday, March 18. This is the warmest day ever recorded during March in this particular Minnesota city, according to The Weather Channel.

Despite the media attention paid to the national weather fluctuations, there is no consensus among meteorologists as to the cause of the erratic weather.

USA TODAY reports that it might be attributed to a phenomenon known as a blocking pattern, which is "caused by a loop in the jet stream that created a large upper-level ridge of high pressure."

Scott Rutherford, Professor of Oceanography at RWU, had another explanation.

"As the globe continues to warm, we expect to see these types of weather events become more frequent than they were in the past, but the actual weather patterns themselves are part of the vagaries of atmospheric circulation, perhaps enhanced by a warmer, more energetic atmosphere," Rutherford said.

"If one is looking for direct evidence of global warming in this short-lived event, it's hard to come by; at the same time, we were loving a very mild winter, much of Europe was in the deep freeze. It mostly events out around the globe, with a slight increase in global average temperature, but we do expect to see more extreme events as the atmosphere continues to warm," Rutherford said.

Students also weighed in with their reactions to the unusual weather.

"There must've been winds bringing up heat from down south. When [temperature fluctuations] only last for a few weeks, it usually can't be attributed to global warming," said freshman Tyler Mourey, a current RWU oceanography student. "Whatever the reason, it remains to be seen whether this trend of unusual heat will carry as we move into April 2012."



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SENATE STAYS INVOLVED

THIS PAST WEEK, STUDENT SENATE HAS BEEN OUT AND ABOUT HELPING RAISE MONEY FOR THE JIMMY FUND AND CANCER RESEARCH. THEY KICKED OFF THE FUN FILLED WEEKEND WITH ICC'S ANNUAL CAKE OFF! THE SENATE TEAM CRAFTED A CAKE TO RESEMBLE THE MINIONS FROM DESPICABLE ME. ALTHOUGH THEY DIDN'T WIN ANY AWARDS, ALL WERE BEYOND EXCITED TO ATTEND THE EVENT. SUNDAY WAS ALL ABOUT KICKING SOME BALLS... KICKBALLS THAT IS. SENATE HELD THEIR 2ND ANNUAL KICK CANCER IN THE BALLS TOURNAMENT. EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE WAS EXCITED TO BE THERE, ALTHOUGH IT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE TYE-DYE, PIZZA, OR THE VERY INTENSE TOURNAMENT. BOTH EVENTS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS AND SENATE IS EXTREMELY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN APART OF THEM AND OF COURSE, TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE JIMMY FUND.



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LOCAL NEWS



Mt. Hope robotics team headed for world championships

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

Fresh off a run where they dominated high school robotics competitions from Connecticut to New Hampshire, a Mt. Hope High School robotics team is setting its sights on the ultimate prize: a trip to the FTC World Robotics Championships later this month in St. Louis, Mo.

The TaterBots, as the Mt. Hope team is known, is one of several local teams organized under the school's engineering and robotics club. The TaterBots and other Mt. Hope teams competed extensively in Rhode Island and across New England this spring, though the TaterBots earned a trip to the worlds by winning a regional competition in Connecticut.

They're looking forward to the trip, said Sheila Morris-Sardinha, whose son Jacob is the TaterBots' team captain.

"It's not an easy feat," she said of the world championships scheduled for the last week of April. "You're going against kids from all over, from some pretty big technical schools. It's intense competition."

"When they go, they'll get a good send-off. Friends of the team have organized a going away party and fund-raiser to help fund the team's trip, as well as wish them well. (see side story).

Ryan Garrity has guided the development of Mt. Hope's robotics program since it was founded six years ago. He's seen it progress every year, and

said that the kids headed to St. Louis, and the ones staying behind, all did exceptionally well in the competitions earlier this year. He expects nothing less in St. Louis.

"The students have worked very hard at every category of awards given, from working with their local community, by giving presentations, to working countless hours after school and even on the weekends," he said. "It's an honor to be given the opportunity to attend the FTC World Championship."

Mt. Hope students traveling to St. Louis later this month include Taterbots Captain Jacob Sardinha, Mark Devol, Tao Seigny, Austin Porto, Matthew Silva, Connor McMullen and Reid and Mitchell Contente.

Detour leaves some motorists confused on Thames Street

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

On Monday afternoon, a woman driving a small blue car rolled her vehicle to the bottom of Bradford Street and flipped on her directional to turn north onto Thames.

Just one problem: A day earlier the Rhode Island Department of Transportation had turned Thames into a one-way road — all traffic must travel south. Her right-hand turn would be directly into the teeth of oncoming traffic.

The woman, apparently unaware of the change, turned the car's wheels northward and started creeping out. She might have made the full turn and proceeded in the wrong direction, but a Bristol police cruiser happened by. The officer began waving at the woman, and shouted to her that the road was one-way; she had to turn left.

After a short pause, she followed his directions.

However, during the first three days of the detour a number of other motorists have failed to recognize the traffic pattern change instituted by the DOT as part of the Hope Street Improvement Project. In addition to the change for Thames, Hope Street is one-way heading north.

More than a few motorists were also caught off-guard by the department's decision to remove all the stop signs along Thames Street.

Early in the week, some drivers paused where stop signs had been in place earlier, while other drivers sped the entire length of Thames. Pedestrians found themselves waiting longer to cross the road without the help of the periodic stop signs.

On Wednesday, DOT Deputy Chief Engineer Frank Corrao met with public safety leaders

in Bristol to discuss the detour.

"Any type of traffic pattern change is going to take a period of time for people to adjust to," Mr. Corrao said. "Whenever we do make these changes, we understand that we'll always be available to make improvements."

Under the advice of Bristol safety officials, including Bristol Police Chief Josue Canario, the DOT decided to reinstall two stop signs on Thames — one at the intersection with Franklin Street and other at State.

"Paramount to everything is the safety to pedestrians and motorists," Chief Canario said. "The common sense approach is to make modifications when there's justification. As any plan goes into place there's always room for improvement."

Meanwhile, additional police officers are expected to be patrolling the Thames Street area beginning on Thursday night when the bars and restaurants begin their busy weekend business.

"We'll use a little more caution and patience," Chief Canario said while residents and visitors get acclimated to the changes.

Mr. Corrao said the DOT will also install additional signs along Thames Street to ensure motorists are aware of the road's one-way status. He added that some orange traffic barrels have been placed along sections of the road to impede drivers who might try to travel the wrong direction.

"We believe we've come to an agreement with public safety officials in Bristol. We will continue to meet with them weekly," he said.

Mr. Corrao said the DOT and its contractors have also worked hard to communicate the changes with residents and businesses in the construction area.

Arts district bill goes to Senate

Passage would create tax exempt district

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

The Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to hear a bill on March 29 requesting that the state create an arts district in Bristol.

Senator Christopher S. Ottiano, (R-Dist. 11, Bristol, Portsmouth), introduced the legislation on behalf of the Bristol Town Council that signed a resolution in January seeking to create a tax

exempt arts district in Bristol's waterfront historic district.

"We want to create an area, much like in Newport, Tiverton and Warren, that will allow artists to sell their works free of state sales tax," Sen. Ottiano said. "The hope is this will be a shot in the arm for economic development in Bristol."

There are already eight art galleries in the proposed district. The tax exemption will apply to any establishment that

sells art. Tax-exempt art can include written works, musical composition, paintings or pictures, sculpture and crafts.

The bill is being co-sponsored by Sen. David E. Bates, (R-Dist. 32) and Sen. Walter S. Felag Jr., (D-Dist. 10). Representative Raymond E. Gallison Jr. (D-Dist. 69) has sponsored identical legislation in the House.



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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Pressed for patience

KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

I can't seem to find where I've placed my patience. Is it shoved in my planner, amidst the vast amount of papers that coincide with my equally erratic life? Or maybe it's tossed in my closet with my dirty socks and sweatshirts that are covered in cat hair. Wherever it may be, I would like it back. But no matter how hard I try to find it, I never succeed in actually locating it.

To clarify, I never had a lot of patience to begin with. After delving into my family history, I believe this is a trait that I've inherited from my mother. Oftentimes, my mother is remembered between my sister and I as predisposed to blow a gasket over the smallest of spills, or lecture us on the proper way a sponge is used to clean a floor (don't get me wrong; I love my mother). However, it was mostly my dad who passed

along the practice of patience to my sister and I.

My father was always the one to walk away during an argument before he said something he would regret. Although this is something that infuriated my mother, I can understand why he did this — on an adult level. Because of his patience, he has the innate ability to see a situation from both sides. After significantly growing up, I've learned to envy my dad on this, and run from my mom when smoke is blowing out of her ears.

In turn, my patience is something that I have nurtured and cultivated, something that I have worked hard to grow and practice putting it to the test. After working in customer service for six years, I can successfully say that I must have done something right. I have learned to take deep breaths and think, wholeheartedly, before I speak. I have used patience to

create my passionate side, and have since fallen in love with it. Now that I know what it is like to have patience, I deem its recent absence a terrible loss to my personality. And I need to

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find it.

Deep down, I think I know where my patience went. I think I threw it away in a frustrated frenzy that not even poetry can help me relieve. Quite frankly,

I threw away more than just my patience that day. I threw away my ability to have fun, my smile, and my laugh. I tossed out my ability to let something roll off my shoulders, and now, I walk around with a giant chip on it. In turn, I've become a monster. Overwhelmed with the thought of graduating and finding a job, competing against friends and the economy, and possibly having to move back home, I can't seem to gather my bearings and remember what it was like to enjoy the little things in life.

I've become mean and I've become selfish. I have managed to push away people that mattered to me, important friends that I could potentially lose after graduation in May. I don't want to be remembered during these last few weeks as a monster; I want to be remembered as a meaningful friend.

It's been a long, tiring journey

of self to figure out what exactly is going on inside my head. Although I can't be too sure, I like to place the blame on the fact that I gave up on trying to please everyone: professors, friends, mom, dad, and even myself. In short, I ran out of patience.

However, I can only ask those closest to me for a favor. To please be patient with me while I shake out my laundry and look for my own patience there, or flip through the numerous sheets of paper in my planner and reorganize my life. But mainly I ask that you wait patiently as I litter the kitchen floor with the contents of the trash can, to find and reclaim what is rightfully mine.

Hopefully, somewhere in the debris strewn across the floor, I'll find what I'm looking for, and finally become myself again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Bayside remodel should be starting point

Dear Editor,

Since its announcement, the planned facelift of Bayside has garnered much positive feedback from students, faculty, and administration; all of which has been well documented by THE HAWKS' HERALD. Even though major improvements like this cannot be ignored, we must take time to reflect on the complex's current design philosophy before it is forever lost over the next few years.

Like the School of Architecture, Art, and Historic Preservation; Main Library; and numerous other buildings on campus; Bayside Courts is a fantastic and unique example of Postmodern design at Roger Williams University. Postmodernism is a style of architecture that surfaced in the 1960s and continues well into the present day. The philosophy behind the design is an architectural response to the sterile abstraction of Modernism introduced and exploited by the preceding generation. This response is done by vaguely referencing historical forms in the design. In the case for Bayside, such forms are the prominent gable roofs and the black metal vertical exhausts from the laundry rooms. Such imagery of the gabled roofs is meant to convey the traditional appearance of shelter, even though the gables create a massive amount of unused attic space. The vertical exhausts could easily reference the chimney, another unmistakable element of a traditional dwelling.

With the drastic changes scheduled for Bayside

beginning this summer, these subtle hints of traditional design would be covered with a more literal "New England coastal vernacular" appearance of shingle and clapboard. Even so, these materials are only representations, for they are composed of fiber cement rather than wood. These references are far less vague, for the shingles and clapboards are literally mimicking the real thing while being made from substitute material. This brings the advantage of making the elements easier to identify with, but harder to relate with the architect's original design intention.

This massive project brings forth additional questions about the maintenance of the other residence halls on campus. Since the Exterior Insulated Finish System (EIFS) has begun to fail in Bayside, what is to come of the same material presently covering Cedar and Maple Halls? In addition, the wood shingles on Willow Hall appear to be in need of replacement as well. Will these shingles be replaced in-kind like the new shingle roof on the Performing Arts Center, or will Willow also go through a dramatic facelift similar to Bayside's? Even though the University has experienced an incredible amount of growth over the past decade, now is the time to consider the unique buildings that continue to express the architect's original intentions, and how they each relate to the campus as a whole.

Sincerely,
D.J. Sevigny

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Freshman attacker Cameron Signorelli goes up close to score against Salve Regina Wednesday night.

Men's Lacrosse overpowers Salve Regina 18-6, wins Quahog Cup

JOLYN WIGGIN | Herald Reporter

On Wednesday, the Roger Williams University Men's Lacrosse team took an early lead against Salve Regina University to defeat them 18-6 at the Bayside Field. This was the Hawks' third Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) win, so their overall record is 5-4, and conference record is 3-0.

Before the game, the three captains, Adam Vorwald, Mitri Najjar, and Collin Schmitt, emphasized how important it was for the Hawks to stay focused on the game and the fundamentals.

"We have a young team, and they have come a long way; the captains have really stepped up and lead them," said Marty Kelly, coach of the RWU lacrosse team. "I would like to see them be more consistent throughout the game and communicate with each other."

In the first quarter, the Hawks had a quick start and lead Salve Regina 8-0. At halftime, the Hawks lead Salve Regina 13-3. In the first half, the Hawks capitalized on ground balls, totaling 26 ground ball pickups and five turnovers.

"We took the lead early in

the game and never let up," Vorwald said.

The lead scorers for the Hawks with three goals each were Jon Nessa, Vorwald, Cameron Signorelli, and Ian Powers. Michael Kemmy recorded five points with two goals and three assists. Defensively, Garrett Ficarra picked up five ground balls and had four caused turnovers. Schmitt had four caused turnovers, and Najjar had two caused turnovers and two ground balls.

"It was great to see so many of the younger guys get into the game. We kept our composure and played our game," Schmitt said. "I hope we can keep our momentum up, and carry it into Saturday's game."

At the beginning of the second quarter, Chad Hollenshad scored the first goal for Salve Regina, which was assisted by Beau Bannardo. The Hawks rallied back by scoring three more goals in two minutes. To open the second half, Nessa scored a goal, which was assisted by Todd Carson. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Powers, assisted by Kemmy, scored. The last goal of the game with 56 seconds was taken to the net by Bryan Walsh.

"It was nice to get a win; I was happy with their transition, and to see many unselfish goals," Kelly said.

Salve Regina was led by Bannardo, who had tallied four points with two goals and two assists. Hollenshad had three points with two goals and one assist. Goalie Evan Simone played 45 minutes and had four saves.

"I am proud of the guys for how hard they fought, and I hope we can bring home the conference championship," Najjar said.

RWU goalie Luke Aubrey had eight saves, allowing only four goals to get by him in 45 minutes. He received the win against Salve Regina. In the fourth quarter, Alex Peebles stepped in and made five saves, allowing only two goals in.

Another big goal, which was achieved, was to win the Quahog Cup. The Quahog Cup is a tradition between RWU and Salve Regina. This was the sixth consecutive time that RWU won the Quahog Cup.

The Hawks' next game is at 11 a.m. in Milton, Mass., against Curry College.

Profile of a Hawk: Sprinter Meghan Krauss

GEORDY BOVEROUX | Section Manager

Meghan Krauss, a senior on the Roger Williams University track and field team, knows just what she wants in life. Between graduating, running track, and post-college plans, she seems to have it all figured out.

Her career as a runner began when she was in elementary school. She joined what she considered a "little league" version of track that eventually blossomed into a decorated eight-year career of both high school and collegiate running.

Krauss was the captain of her high school's indoor and outdoor track programs during her senior year at Holliston High School in Holliston, Mass. She then came to RWU, where she was a part of the first varsity-level track and field team her freshman year. "We were pioneering track and field," Krauss said.

Now, in her final year sprinting for the Hawks, Krauss expects a lot of herself and her teammates. Competing in three events — the 100m, 200m and 4/100m relay — Krauss wants to break her own personal bests in all events, a feat which would also break school records.

"My biggest goal for this season is to run for a 12.9 [in the 100m]," Krauss said. "I could happily retire from track. I could walk away forever, and just be like, you know what? I ran a 12.9. The fastest I've ever run is a 13.1 or a 13.09, so 13.1 to 12.9 seems close, but I'm really going to have to push for it this season."

Despite the fact she's a sprinter, track isn't the only running around Krauss does on

a daily basis. As an elementary education major currently doing student teaching, Krauss has to go back and forth between Carlos Pacheco Elementary School in New Bedford, Mass., and RWU for practice every day.

"I teach Monday to Friday all day in New Bedford, so 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.," Krauss said. "Then, I get to [RWU] by 3 p.m. for practice at 4 p.m., and practice for two hours. That's pretty much my life right now."

Before she began teaching in New Bedford, Krauss was also



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Senior sprinter Meghan Krauss.

presented with the opportunity to teach in Puerto Rico earlier in the semester. "I taught English Language Learners English in a private American school. I had a class there that I spent nine weeks with," she said.

Life may come full-circle for Krauss, who could end up coaching track at her alma mater when she graduates. "I've already talked to some people from my high school, and I would try and coach track," she said. "I could teach during the day, and coach high school track in the afternoons, which would be kind of cool, so at least I'll still have track in my life."

While Krauss may seem nostalgic of her life back in Holliston, her sentiments will be similar when she graduates from RWU in a few short weeks. "I'm definitely just going to miss the campus community feel," Krauss said. "I was thinking about it, like, 'Wow, after I graduate, when am I going to come across some of these people?' Clearly I'm going to have to come back."

KEMMY: Athletic Director retires from coaching

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All-American, John Lascala. To Kemmy, however, success is about more than just wins or losses: It's about creating the perfect student athlete, which, to him, is the most important thing.

"We were the first team to do community service stuff here," he said. "We were the first team to do academic progress reports, study halls — all things that people never really did around here until I started doing it. I mean, all of that blends together, and develops the kind of student athlete you want to develop: someone who is going to make a difference in society, and we have kids who've done well no matter what field. We've got a lot of success stories."

Kemmy now leaves the RWU wrestling team in the hands of Jon Egan, who took over the primary coaching duties last season. The wrestling team had a fairly successful season this year, but for Kemmy, the team can do better.

"[Egan] is an alum, an assistant coach for a few years, so he understands the program, and knows the program better than most... We wouldn't have selected him from a national search if we didn't think he could do the job. My goals for him are to do better than we did, to take the program to another level, and to consistently be in the top 25 nationally... The program is in very good hands, no question," Kemmy said.

Kemmy now steps into his primary role as athletic director, a position he took over during

the 2009-2010 wrestling season. In his two seasons behind the desk, he has made some major strides to improve athletics on campus, including the Bayside [turf] Field, which was built last summer.

"I think the last two years, we've made some major strides," he said. "The turf field is certainly a huge thing. The success of our teams — we've done really well on a conference level and a New England level. And I think we can continue that. I think one of our goals should be to be one of the top 100 division-three programs in the country."

As athletic director, Kemmy wants to continue to establish a sense of school spirit which, to him, can continue to get better with the success of the RWU teams.

"We instituted Coca-Cola Hawks Spirit Days a couple of years ago, and those have become the most well-attended events at each of the different sports. The Hollerin' Hawks have really made a difference in helping with attendance for sure... School spirit here has struggled over time. I think where we are at now is probably the best we've been in a very long time, if not ever, and we just need to keep building on that, and get more and more people on the bandwagon," Kemmy said.

David Kemmy leaves behind a lasting memory as a head coach. With a long list of accomplishments, he will now look to flourish in his new role.



JOSH WEINREB

Senior pitcher Jaclyn Doolin winds up a pitch yesterday afternoon against Salve Regina.

Softball splits with Salve Regina

TOM JACKSON | Herald Reporter

With great conditions and a solid home crowd, the Roger Williams University Women's Softball squad looked to keep their five-game winning streak alive as they hosted a doubleheader against conference rival Salve Regina University on Wednesday.

The first game of the day belonged to the Hawks for all six-and-a-half innings. The team opened their doubleheader with a two-run homerun in the bottom of the first inning from sophomore Rachel Ehrlich. After accumulating a 7-0 lead, the Seahawks clawed their way within two runs, but ultimately fell out of contention when Hawks' freshman Caroline

Atkinson put the game away with two-RBIs in the bottom of the fifth.

Perhaps the best part of the game, however, came when senior pitcher Jaclyn Doolin was on the mound, faced with runners on second and third base, with zero outs. Doolin kept her composure and struck out two, with the third out coming from a pop fly. The win marks Doolin's sixth this year.

The second game, which ended in the fifth inning due to the "mercy rule," was quite different from the first, as this time it was all Salve Regina. After the Hawks came away with a great win in the first game, edging out Salve 10-6, the Hawks lost their second match 14-0.

Salve pitchers Marissa Simpson and Jen Cruver got it together and managed to shut out the Hawks in the second game. The two combined to only give up six hits and four walks in the entire game. Kara Lewis received the loss at the mound for RWU, and moves her record to 2-3.

The split doubleheader moves RWU to 7-3 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC), as well as a 10-12 overall record.

The Hawks continue play on April 11, as they host UMass-Dartmouth. The girls have just four more conference matchups before the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament begins on April 28.

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*A new chapter
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KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

He wouldn't stop begging her to go for a walk. Despite the snow, slush and freezing temperatures that wintertime in Vermont is infamous for, he repeatedly pleaded. After so long, she finally caved.

It was a walk she would never forget, as her then-boyfriend got on one knee and romantically proposed amidst the winter wonderland. The only thing she could utter due to her tears of joy was one word: yes!

Now, Roger Williams University student Marguerite Meizner, 23, and Keith Fitzgerald, 25, are happily engaged. However, on top of their recent engagement, they're welcoming their first child into the family - just in the nick of time for graduation.

Their daughter, whom they've

decided to name Shealyn Catarina Fitzgerald, is set to join the family on May 9, tentatively. Meizner is hoping to be able to walk at graduation, which is only 10 days after her tentative due date. "I really want to walk; it's one of the things I want to do," Meizner said. Like most pregnancies, the arrival date for any child is almost always a surprise. "I just want it to be over with and have her here," Meizner said.

However, as the semester draws to a near end and students hit the books in preparation for finals, Meizner has piled on the baby books in addition to the textbooks. "I did try to read What to Expect When You're Expecting, and I glanced over it," Meizner said. "There's just so much to consider."

In addition to an increased

homework load, Meizner also has to factor in numerous doctors' appointments, meetings for classes, renovations for Shealyn's nursery, and changes to her body on a day-to-day basis.

"Work is hard, like juggling work, and being tired all the time," Meizner said. "At this point, I wake up at 4 o'clock every single morning."

On top of early wake-up calls, Meizner also experienced some slight weight gain, mood swings and constant back pain. However, unlike most pregnant women, Meizner is considered underweight. This is not due to her diet, but merely because she had to stop drinking for Shealyn's health. "Before my pregnancy, I weighed probably

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Mom Marguerite & Dad Keith



Marguerite's tattoo and engagement ring



Shealyn's Nursery

Luck of the draw:
Three split \$650 million jackpot

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

Many think that getting struck by lightning, being involved in an airplane crash, and becoming the president of the United States or a movie star have absolutely nothing in common. In reality, lots of Americans are rethinking the definitions of coincidence and luck.

Early this past week, over half the nation waited anxiously as the Mega Millions lottery

final numbers were drawn. With the odds of holding a winning ticket less likely than being struck by lightning or an being in an airplane crash, it wasn't a surprise to players when their numbers weren't called. However, there were exceptions, due to the three lucky winners: one from Illinois, one from Maryland, and the third from Kansas. With the Mega Millions jackpot at a record high of \$656 million,

people from around the U.S. were jumping at the chance to purchase the possible winning ticket. This also includes Roger Williams University students such as junior Kristen Mariano. "Both my mom and I bought five tickets each," Mariano said. She said that because the tickets were only a dollar apiece, she didn't think that she had anything to lose.

Starting in 1996, with the first-ever Mega Millions

lottery drawing taking place in September of that year, residents from only six states were allowed to buy tickets. As the years progressed and the popularity grew, the lottery grew to its current size of encompassing 42 states and the District of Columbia, as well as the U.S. Virgin Islands. With this year's jackpot being the highest it's ever been, lottery employees reflected upon when they first released the Mega

Millions lottery game, whose jackpot was a little below \$270 million. Students across campus, like Mariano, went to local stores and bought ticket after ticket, in hopes that they'd have the lucky numbers that were called, or, in this case, one of the three winners to split the \$656 million.

While many students would love a new car, a house or a

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Apocalypse now?

Is the wild weather an early indicator of the Apocalypse?

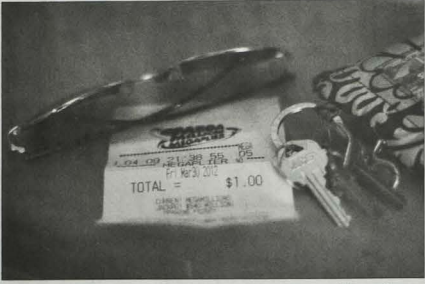
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LOTTERY: RWU students play despite odds



MARK FUSCO

Those who purchased a ticket for the record-high jackpot had a better chance of having a coconut dropped on their head.

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boat, many students, such as Mariano, have different plans for potentially winning the lottery. "There are a lot of things that I would do if I won the money," Mariano said. "I would make sure my family is set for the rest of their lives, and then I would make a donation to the Special Olympics, which is a place that I volunteer." She explained how she had planned out what she would do if she were lucky enough to cash in the winning ticket.

Many feel that winning the lottery would be the best thing that could possibly happen to them, while others don't share the same views. "When people win such large amounts of money, my only thought is that I hope that person deserved

it," Mariano said. Three people spread across the county had their lives changed last week. Winning \$218.6 million after purchasing a \$1 ticket will affect the three winners for the rest of their lives. If students wish to try their luck at the lottery again, the Mega Millions lottery game has jackpots running continuously throughout the year. Currently, there is a jackpot in the running for close to \$12 million.

While many students will take the chance and purchase a ticket for the lottery, there are still the students who would rather take their chances with the lightning, plane accident or becoming president instead of spending money on what they feel is a pointless 'game.'

BABY: Nine months worth the wait

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four or five pounds less than I do now, but then I found out I was pregnant, so I stopped drinking," Meinzer said. "I lost however much weight you gain from drinking."

Aside from cutting alcohol out of her diet and seeing a nutritionist, Meinzer was forced to give up the college lifestyle she has known for the past three years. Although she didn't quite lose friends, she had to rearrange her housemates in order to make her transition into parenthood easier. "It's hard to live with girls who are going out every single night and I can't go out. But everyone's really supportive, my family and my friends," Meinzer said. "I finally moved in with my fiancé in January."

At the couple's new home, Shealyn's nursery is complete at last. The couple feels as though they are finally ready to welcome their daughter into their home. "It is scary. I was more nervous before because we didn't have anything," Meinzer said. "The nursery just got finished the other day."

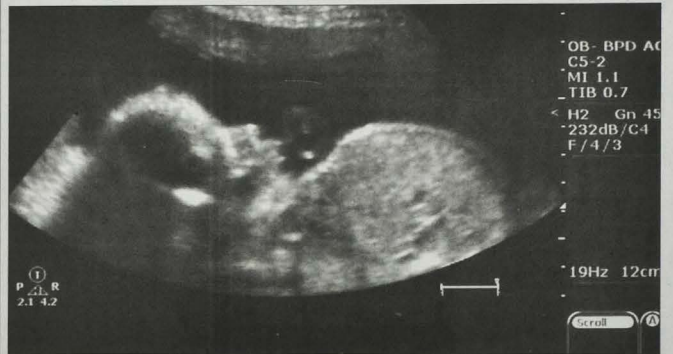
For now, Meinzer and her fiancé are simply waiting out the arrival of their daughter with frequent visits to her doctor in Pawtucket, R.I. "Starting in two weeks, when I'm nine months pregnant, I'm going to have to go once a week," Meinzer said. "I can't wait. I just want her out, though."

Many students think they have their life plan figured out: college, full-time job, marriage,

and kids. But for many, including Meinzer, life doesn't always work this way. "I mean, I don't think it's something where I'm too young. I think people who are in high school and getting pregnant, you see that more often than in college," Meinzer said. "But I don't think our age is too young to have children."

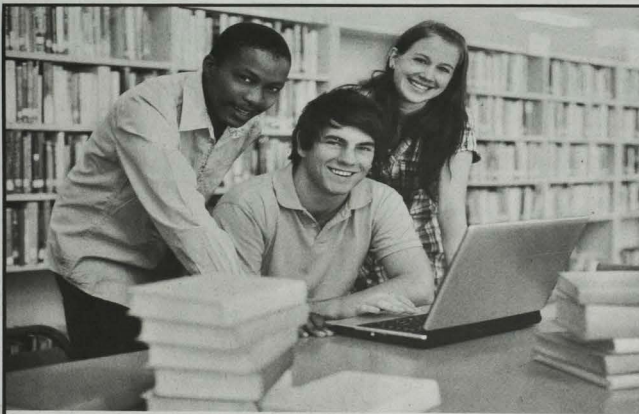
Meinzer remains optimistic for her family's future. "It's just another chapter in my life, so it's closing this book and starting another one."

And now, it's the final countdown. "I mean who knows? I could have her tomorrow," Meinzer concluded.



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An ultrasound from back in February allowed Meinzer to check in on baby Shealyn and ensure her health.



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Mixing and mashing Student produces fresh tracks for campus

SHANA SIMS | Herald Reporter

Matt Varao, also known as "Sir Matty V," is a Roger Williams University senior double majoring in Legal Studies and Global Communications. He is the promotions chair for the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN), and is also the head coach of the Bishop Connolly High School boys' lacrosse team in Fall River, Mass., whom he coaches every day after his classes.

On top of this, Varao somehow finds the time to produce and mash-up electronic house music.

What 'started as simply "messaging around" soon became a major hobby for Varao. Last year, he started fooling with beats after catching the musical bug at Ultra Music Festival. After that, his music began to catch on with listeners. He upgraded to new software, Aiden Live, a common software for music mixers.

Since then, Varao has been booking shows. He opened for Basic Physics last Friday in the Rec. Center at the CEN Spring Concert Release Party, and he's currently booking a show at the House of Blues in Boston. He's also performed at Sky Lounge in Fall River, Mass., and opened for some other electronic dance music (EDM) artists, as well. Most recently, he advanced to the final round of Break Thru Music's "Spin It To Win It" DJ

search. The winner will open for rapper J.Cole.

While Varao describes the actual mixing of the music as "the biggest bitch ever," he claims the results are worth it.

"I love playing my tracks and seeing people move," Varao said. As far as the crowds go, Varao definitely has a favorite. "Glo Boston was the best experience I've had," Varao said of his biggest crowd ever. "It's surreal; you can't really put it into words."

Varao got 500-600 plays on one of his latest songs, and 100 downloads. Sites like Beat Port help artists like Varao obtain this publicity.

While Varao is doing well with mash-ups, he hopes to move in a slightly new direction. He wants to add more original material to his work. "Originality, that's the goal," he said. Varao hopes to have a few full original tracks out by the end of the summer.

Students may ask where this mash-up phenomenon is headed come graduation. Well, he's not sure. Varao would like to go into "artist management," he said. But he still claims to have no plan when it comes to his future as a mash-up artist.

To check out what's in store this spring and summer for Sir Matty V, like his Facebook page, "Sir Matty V." There you can find some tracks of his own, and constant posts about upcoming shows.



RACHEL DIEP

Varao performing at CEN's release party.

'The next big step'

Entertainment website rolls out relaunch



JEFF LOS

Subramaniam researched the effects of confidence inflation on a mock jury and whether or not it influenced the jury's perception. She presented a poster on her findings.

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

In today's world, something better is always around the corner: something bigger and more coherent and wonderful than whatever is currently out there. Rarely do the two ideas come from the same brain. Today, people are more creative, more tech-savvy, and more business-oriented than ever before. Everything becomes a competition, with companies and brands constantly trying to outdo each other. But for Tyler Rowley and the rest of the TonightinRI.com team, innovation and maturation is just part of their show. Their grand finale? GoingOut.com.

While TonightinRI.com has been growing steadily since the summer of 2009, its step up to GoingOut.com will prove to be even more helpful, interactive, and successful than ever before.

"There is no place on the web where someone can get accurate, updated, and detailed dining and nightlife information," said Rowley, a political science graduate of Brown University and one of the founders of both websites. "People want this information, but they've gotten used to just going to the same places because the lack of available information on the web makes it risky to branch out and try new restaurants and bars."

GoingOut.com will launch in May or June of this year, and will become the home of all site hits to the old version at TonightinRI.com. The new and improved website will feature more opportunities for venues to get their name out there. Each venue profile page will be "more robust" and say more

about the specific location's info and events, while also allowing for photos to be uploaded and organized into pre-set, industry-specific categories. All establishments can easily post their daily specials each day on the website, and can fill out a full private event profile online. The shift of focus from nightlife to restaurants is one of the main differences, but at the heart of the site is a desire to help people have a good time.

We want to make lives easier and better by giving them unprecedented access to what many people love to do most - go out.

"[We want] to be one of the most visited, best websites in the world. We want to make people's lives easier and better by giving them unprecedented access to what many people love to do most - go out," Rowley said. "In turn, we want to help the hundreds of thousands of restaurants, bars, and clubs by giving them the tools they need to attract more customers through their doors."

Though the Internet-based marketing tends to pull in more from the 18-24 range than the

older generations, as does the launch of a mobile site and a smartphone app, Rowley insists that GoingOut.com isn't just for those who are young and wired in.

"[It's for] anyone that likes going out," he said. "Young, old, and everyone in between. GoingOut will feature fine dining restaurants and nightclubs, and every place in between."

Rowley recently spoke at Roger Williams University as part of the Career Center's Communications Week. His advice was short, but simple and effective.

"Be a good, honest person in all that you do," he said. "Spend all of your time building good habits, and then use those habits to start a company that you are passionate about."

Currently, the GoingOut team is comprised of the five founders and a handful of student interns from RWU. Eventually, Rowley hopes to employ a multitude of people from across the country, expanding GoingOut outside of Rhode Island, into the Boston area and beyond.

"Don't live in a box. The world makes you feel like you need to live in a box. Your college major is your best guess at what you're interested in when you're a college freshman. That's all it is," Rowley said. "Don't get boxed in with a mindset that you need to pursue a life centered around a decision you made when you were 18-years-old. Be more courageous than that, and follow opportunities and passions. A smart friend once told me, 'God likes guts.' I believe that."

Grant sends students to Puerto Rico to present research

THOMAS ASCIOLA | Herald Reporter

Puerto Rico: clear skies, clear oceans, and friendly locals. The island is a choice vacation spot for many, including college students on spring break. However, not everyone visits for fun. Roger Williams University junior Janani Subramaniam visited the Hotel Caribe in San Juan, Puerto Rico to participate in the 2012 American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) conference. The conference itself spanned four

as their research advisor. Subramaniam's presentation was a poster session, which took around two and a half hours to present. Fortunately, most of the other attendees were also from the U.S., so her research was conveyed clearly and easily.

While the main goal of Subramaniam's trip was to present research, she was also able to use her downtime to have some fun. Subramaniam was able to visit much of the island, and also attend a few seminars

The APLS recognizes students all over the United States and frequently distributes awards based on academic merit and research.

days in total, from Wednesday, March 14 to Sunday, March 18. Her presentation took place on Saturday. Though she was presenting by herself, Subramaniam has presented research in this environment in the past, and said that her nerves were able to remain steadfast throughout.

Subramaniam had gone to Puerto Rico to present the findings of her research, which she had conducted over the fall 2011 semester. The goal of her research was to study the effects of confidence inflation on a mock jury, specifically whether it influenced the jury's perception. Subramaniam conducted her research and attended the conference along with RWU senior Amy Roach, as well as psychology professor Garrett Berman, who acted

during her stay. Though the locals spoke Spanish, they were friendly enough that the language barrier was of little concern. Puerto Rico itself was "absolutely beautiful," Subramaniam said, and the lovely weather was "a welcomed change from Rhode Island."

As she was presenting under the Provost Fund, a fund created with grants that are designated for student-based research projects, it had taken care of both her travel and living expenses for the duration of her stay, making it much easier than trying to afford the trip on her college budget. Subramaniam has taken the initiative, turning her spring break into a learning experience in which she has begun paving the way for her professional career.

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Big changes for a small magazine

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Herald Reporter

Confucius once said, 'Many hands make light work.' That is true for the dozen students enrolled in the Literary Publishing class who are working on the literary magazine at Roger Williams University.

The magazine, formerly called roger, now dubbed MOUNT HOPE, is a freshly revamped literary magazine featuring poetry, non-fiction, graphic novels, and photography. Edward Delaney, Professor of Communication and Creative Writing, advises the magazine, and aided the students while they worked the revamp.

"Instead of making the whole magazine completely different,

I thought it was time to do another re-launch. It was an up and down of roger finishing its run, but starting MOUNT HOPE [so] that [it] has its own identity," Delaney said.

MOUNT HOPE publishes the work of professional and emerging writers. The students in the class select, edit, and assemble the work. In the fall, they placed a 50-word classified ad in POETS and WRITERS magazine. Since then, they have received hundreds and hundreds of submissions.

Unlike ROGER, MOUNT HOPE accepts non-fiction essays. The first issue includes an essay by author Steve Almond, and interviews with authors Rick Moody and Lynne Sharon

Schwartz. "We invited [Almond] down to talk because when he was a student, he worked on his own college literary magazine. He really made the point so eloquently that, for people who are beginning to be writers, these magazines are the place they begin to find their voice," Delaney said.

For some of the writers being featured in the first issue of MOUNT HOPE, it is their first experience having a piece published.

"The nice thing is that the new authors who are publishing their first piece feel good because they are in a magazine that also has people like author Rick Moody. We are trying to

have some name authors to build interest," Delaney said.

Besides the students taking the class for a grade, a handful of students help out with the magazine out of sheer interest.

"I think it's great. When we have a lot of people involved, and everybody is doing what they need to do, it all comes together really nicely," Delaney said.

MOUNT HOPE also contains a graphic novel and a story told through photojournalism. Senior journalism major Evan Viola is one of the students who helped out by utilizing his graphic design skills.

"I thought it would be cool to get involved in a magazine. I designed the cover and some

of the photo packages," Viola said. "The best part was that we could all work so great together. Delaney found each of our strengths and highlighted them. It was like a small business."

MOUNT HOPE will be published twice a year. Only 250 copies of MOUNT HOPE were printed for the first issue, but unlike roger, it is also available to read online. Just one week after the magazine's launch, the site has drawn 779 readers and 22,358 unique page views. By establishing a presence online, more people have access to the publication.

"We're hoping it'll go well. We are getting great responses on the first issue," Delaney said.

Students should appreciate higher education

NICK GLAVIN | Herald Reporter

There comes a pinnacle moment in a young adult's life where higher education is to be considered. With this generation facing an increase in economic competition for employment, it has been said that at least a college education is essential to strive in the 21st century. I feel that more students need to understand how privileged we are to be in college and appreciate higher education's long-term effects.

The truth is, only 28 percent of the American population has a college degree. A U.S. Census study shows that those with college degrees, compared to just a high school diploma, nearly double their annual earnings. Furthermore, workers with an advanced degree make an average of almost four times as much compared to workers without a high school diploma.

Why is it, then, that some students are unable to see the underlying values that education holds in their lifetimes? What justifies sleeping in through morning classes, going out on weeknights and/or leaving all work until the last minute? I'm sure there are many factors that account for this. But,

if you're paying to be at an academic institution and are not intrinsically motivated to succeed, isn't that a bit paradoxical?

One of the biggest obstacles to overcome - as well as the most useful tool to harness - is time management. In the long run, it isn't worth cutting corners and taking the easy way out. By undermining the need for sacrifice and determination,

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we won't be ready for the uphill battle of the 21st century. Our generation has become molded into having such a short-term outlook, and it is portrayed that success is defined by scraping up a Bachelor's degree. As a matter of fact, it is those who hold an intrinsic value of their education that prevail.

A quotation by Neil deGrasse Tyson that I've let keep me on top of my responsibilities reads, "The most successful people in life recognize that in life ... they manufacture their own meaning [and] they generate

their own motivation." The hardest part with effort is looking for a reason to keep going. When we learn to generate our own well-being as our own motivation, powerful things ensue.

My career path has evolved since high school to become a history professor with the intentions of advocating how much valuing education in one's life can not only affect career paths, but also the entire perspectives of the world around you. I hold a high amount of respect for students who learn to keep a strong work ethic and endure tough courses. There isn't anything keeping any one of us from proving to ourselves our highest levels of potential.

Right now in our lives we may not see it, but education is an incredible value that has fostered the greatest minds in human history. When we can channel ourselves to become determined about our futures, we stimulate our brains to achieve uncharted heights and life-long success. If there's one thing I'll never do, I won't take my opportunity for education for granted. Sure, it's a tough world out there. That just makes it all the more exciting to go out and succeed.

CAFFEINATED CYNICISM:

7 Facebook status rules to live by



SHANNON PITT | Herald Contributor

"I hate my professor! My life is terrible! Forget homework, YOLO!"

Have you ever really looked at your friends' Facebook statuses? It's certainly no secret that college students spend absurd amounts of time each and every day Facebook-stalking

(falking?) their so-called friends. But have you ever really examined what people post on Facebook? This past week, I've spent some extra time looking at Facebook. I've come to a few conclusions, and have subsequent advice, that I'd like to share with the Roger Williams University community.

1. Nobody actually cares what you're doing each and every moment of each and every day.

I'm not joking. If you want to tell people your every thought, get a Twitter. Please do not post that you're eating a peanut butter sandwich for lunch while watching reruns of childhood cartoons only three minutes after posting. "Ugh! I just don't know what I want to eat!" Odds are rather good that nobody was concerned the first time. But, hey! Here are my congratulations on how cool you are because you're filling your stomach with a delicious, chewy substance while watching blurry cartoons that you found on an illegal website.

2. If you post a melodramatic status about your emotions, you have no right to get angry when your 'friends' respond with their concerns.

I'm sorry, but if you didn't want people to know that you're going to cry for a week because your carnival-won goldfish died, why did you post about it? Furthermore, if you didn't want to receive some sort of compassion (or, depending on your friends, ridicule), why did you tell everyone? This is my not-so-polite suggestion that if you don't want people to respond to your situation, however dramatic it may be, do not post about it.

3. Those images that, "if you don't share by midnight, the ghost of Christmas past will find you!" will not result in your subsequent death and/or injury.

This is pretty self-explanatory. I've read hundreds of those and I have yet to get chased down by a zombie, ghost, or creature of supernatural origin. But, please, let me know if this has happened to you.

4. If you're in a relationship with someone, you don't need to remind your friends of this multiple times a day.

As an avid Facebook-er, I assume that when you're in a relationship with someone, you care about them. So, please, please do not tell me every 15 minutes that you're "so glad for the bestest, most beautiful babycakes in my life!" I promise you that, aside from your dear babycakes, nobody is surprised by that statement.

5. When you change your name to "Bob LoveschuggingnattyLight Smith," please don't complain about not getting a job.

Just in case your profile picture of the keg stand didn't deter the future employer enough, the name is sure to do it. And, just for the record? This doesn't make your 'friends' think you're cool because you drink beer. If anything, they are going to be concerned that you're drinking, in my of-age opinion, terrible beer.

6. It is beyond obnoxious when your Facebook status turns into a middle school AIM away message.

If you post your status as, "I hate my friends right now," please don't get angry when your 'friends' don't "like" it ... you just told them all that you hate them. What are you really expecting?

7. If you're not friends with them in person, you probably shouldn't be friends with them online.

Can somebody please explain to me why that girl who hated me in high school now wants to be 'friends'? Listen, Susie Q, we weren't friends in high school and, to my knowledge, that hasn't changed. I hope you understand that when I ignore your request, I'm just respecting our real-world, lack-of-friendship status.

There isn't enough room in the world to discuss everyone's Facebook pet peeves; this is just my way of asking that, before you post your next status, think about why you're posting it and who will see it.

Because, honestly, I don't want to see pictures of your pregnant stomach as it gets larger every other day ... and your ex-boyfriend probably doesn't want to, either.

Freshman Experience: It's okay to ask for help

KAITLYN FERACO | Herald Reporter

Haters are going to hate. That is not something I felt comfortable with at the beginning of my freshman year, but it's something I've learned to start living with. The unfortunate truth is that you can't please everyone, and each person you meet may not like you. Sounds harsh, right? I thought so, too.

As a college freshman, someone so inexperienced and unfamiliar with their new surroundings, all you really want is for people to like you, to be accepted, and to feel like you're being heard. One of the most overlooked resources on campus, the Counseling Center, was the best thing I've discovered as a freshman to help me accomplish all of those things.

The great part about the Counseling Center (besides the staff) is that it's free! I know I love going there, and I know quite a few other students that do, too. The people that work there are absolutely phenomenal, and are determined to see you succeed. When people think of a

stereotypical "Counseling Center," they automatically assume it's a place for "crazy" people, and only people with serious mental problems. That's actually not true. Sure, the Counseling Center helps students with major cases, but they are also there for guidance, both academically

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and emotionally, for whomever desires it. It's as easy as calling or walking into the office (which is conveniently located on the second floor of the Center for Student Development) to make an appointment.

I've personally had a great experience thus far with the people in the office, especially with the woman I talk to. I mean, I owe her a few boxes of Kleenex by now, but she doesn't seem to mind (much love, Nancy). I've also seen a

few people I'm friendly with who I didn't know went there, and I thought it was really comforting to see a familiar face.

Also, I honestly do not believe going to talk to someone on a weekly basis about how you're doing is something to be embarrassed about. Holding things in does nothing but stress you out, and talking to someone could be beneficial on so many different levels.

I know that there are probably at least a few freshmen that are afraid to ask for help. I hope this piece could inspire you, at least in the smallest sense, to open up and take a chance by taking a trip to the Counseling Center. I've become a stronger, more confident, and more optimistic person since spending time there, and I sincerely hope other students jump at the chance to feel as good as I do right now. Of course, I have my moments, just like everyone else, but being able to feel so comfortable and open in that environment has made me feel like I never have before.

There is always help, and there is always hope.

Best Apocalypse ever!

AMANDA PEIXOTO | Herald Reporter

I think the Apocalypse may be upon us. With all the crazy weather patterns occurring, how can one not question the end of the world? I mean, I thought just this past winter was odd. Recently, with the heat waves on one coast and snow storms on the other, I have even started to question the stability of the planet and the sanity of the human race. Who knows how much longer we can endure? One question I am constantly asking myself is just how are we, as humans, supposed to adapt to these new weather patterns? The answer I have is with dignity, grace, and a positive attitude.

I don't know about the rest of the campus, but the crazy weather has forced me to adapt in new ways. Picking out my clothes in the morning is a challenge because I never know what to wear. Seriously, it's hard to tell if one should wear jeans, a skirt, boots, flip flops,

a winter coat or a light sweater. Unless you are frequently checking the weather online, predicting what to wear to class is an unusual weather pattern in itself. Like many female students on campus, I own a pair of Uggs. However, it's hard to predict when to wear them because I don't want them to

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get them wet in the rain and I have no need to wear them in the heat. Since the weather has been so crazy in recent months, I never know what to wear anymore, but it's actually a good feeling. I like the mystery and the guessing of how well I can keep myself warm or cool throughout the day. I do check

the weather online occasionally, but sometimes I don't look and let myself see what the day will be like.

In order to adapt to these unusual weather patterns, we must try to view this with a positive attitude. Not only can you make a game of picking out your clothes in the morning, but you can do other spontaneous activities, as well. If the day is nice outside and you thought it would be rainy and cold, go out and take advantage of the day by playing Frisbee, going for a walk, or even going to the beach. If the day is cold and rainy when it was supposed to be warm, don't see it as a bad thing. Use the time indoors to catch up on work you need to get done or spend time with your friends sipping tea and watching a movie. Just because the weather is out of the ordinary doesn't mean we need to suffer. Let's use it to our advantage, and make this the best Apocalypse ever!

Political Head to Head: Should the media's opinion have any bearing on the Trayvon Martin case?

Democrat:
No!

CHRISTOPHER MUNSEY
Herald Contributor

Independent:
No!

PATRICK CONNOLLY
Herald Contributor

Republican:
No!

MATTHEW PAIGE
Herald Contributor

On Feb. 26, community watch volunteer George Zimmerman shot and killed Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old African American. The events surrounding the shooting are not completely clear, and Zimmerman has not been formally arrested. The reasons for this is that there is not enough evidence to prove that Zimmerman acted in self-defense, or if he could possibly be charged with manslaughter.

At the time of the shooting, Martin had been walking home from a convenience store, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and headphones. Because he could not hear Zimmerman yelling out to him to stop where he was, he continued walking, causing Zimmerman to shoot and ultimately kill Martin. It is unclear if Zimmerman truly thought he was in any sort of danger when he took the shot, making it difficult to determine whether he should be charged with a crime, or let off because the shooting was accidental. A full investigation needs to be launched into this case.

Both sides have valid arguments, but there is still not a clear understanding as to what actually happened that night. The police have been slow to collect and evaluate the evidence that would push this incident in one direction or the other. The law that could protect him, Florida's Stand Your Ground law, is worded in a way that could either make Zimmerman's action legal or illegal. Before the investigation into this goes any further, all of the departments involved in the incident need sit down and clearly assess what evidence they do and do not possess, and in which direction that evidence would push the case.

The bottom line here is that there was no apparent reason for Zimmerman to shoot Martin, but there is a possibility that he may have appeared to be a threat to this community watch volunteer. The shooting is a tragedy regardless of the outcome, but the law needs to act accordingly to determine if Zimmerman should be charged with a crime. Trayvon Martin was the victim of a mistake, and it is only fair that this mistake be properly dealt with in court.

The death of Trayvon Martin is an awful story surrounded by disgusting reporting and political agendas.

First off, THE NEW YORK TIMES reported George Zimmerman, the alleged killer, as a "White-Hispanic." Now, I have no idea what that means, but it was latter confirmed that Zimmerman identifies himself as a registered Hispanic voter.

Cable news outlets reported this case as if police didn't question Zimmerman, but really he was arrested and questioned for five hours. Did you know that? From what I heard at first, it sounded like he was just let go. And NBC News is conducting an internal investigation to find out who tampered with Zimmerman's 911 call, which was altered to sound racist.

Zimmerman claims he had a broken nose, a busted-up head, and that he was beaten. I saw the video of him in the police station, and I saw some marks on the back of his head, but no blood on the shirt. His nose looked fine, and for a guy who was just beaten, he was walking pretty straight.

The police are reported as having kept Martin's body in the morgue for days under the name "John Doe." The police also failed to question Martin's girlfriend, the last person to talk to Martin on the phone seconds before the killing.

Then Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson come in the picture, and the Black Panthers put out a bounty for Zimmerman. Spike Lee tweeted the address of where he thought Zimmerman lived, but it ended up being some 70-year-old couple's house. They are using this awful situation for their own personal political agendas.

At the end of the day, we shouldn't let the media or other figures turn this into a race issue. This should be about a 17-year-old kid who was shot and killed while carrying Skittles and an ice tea by a grown man who should be held accountable. But, on the flip side, if it wasn't for the media attention, we wouldn't be talking about it.

There is a reason we have trials, juries, and judges. There is a reason that vigilante sheriffs rounding up posse and public hangings are a thing of the past, and no longer a part of our culture. However, much of the coverage of the Trayvon Martin case has not shown much difference from those acts mentioned previously.

All of the coverage has held the principle that the justice should be in the hands of the citizens, and there is little presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a court of law (the fundamental principle that our judicial system hinges on). Now some might argue that, in certain cases, we should just throw those principles out the window.

But what good are principles when you only enforce them in times of good? How hard is it to presume a person's innocence until after court, when there is no crime? Principles apply - and are most important - when times are tough.

Defining moments happen when the chips are down, and while rallying support is one thing, those who proclaim George Zimmerman guilty before a trial have failed. The media has shown that it will take justice into its own hands, no better than what Zimmerman is accused of. I have no idea what actually happened that night, but until a court confirms a verdict of guilty, I can have my suspicions, but I make no judgment.

If everyone could proclaim whatever justice they wanted to, we would live in an even more lawless place; we would live in constant fear that we may do something that was perceived by others to be illegal or wrong.

Now, this has nothing to do with race. I need not read the article, containing the races and ethnicities of these gentlemen listed more times than the words "gun" or "claimed self-defense" combined, to grasp the concept that no one should be tried in the media prior to their day before a jury of their peers.

After the trial, if Zimmerman is guilty, nothing will change, but if he is proven innocent, how many of you will give him a chance? And that is wrong.

This is why you're dumped Dating site spin-off reveals where things went sour

MARY CONCANNON | Herald Reporter

If there's one thing that drives me nutty about the Roger Williams University population, it's the sky-high number of times I overhear the phrase, "I just don't know what I did wrong" on campus in reference to broken relationships or that token guy or girl who never called back.

The reasons for my irritation with this expression are twofold: 1. Why do people always assume the break-up was caused by something they did wrong? My observations reveal women are especially guilty of this. And 2. If you're not sure why a relationship ended, why not ask your former boyfriend or girlfriend? Seems pretty logical, right? Apparently not.

Luckily for people like me, who have overheard it in the Upper Commons one too many times, there's a new anti-dating site made to answer this question for the recently-dumped. Enter *WotWentWrong* - a site that doesn't help users find potential suitors, but instead serves as a way to figure out where a relationship faltered if an in-person conversation is too much to handle. I thought pet-focused dating sites were creative (I'm looking at you, *DateMyPet.com*), but this takes the cake.

WotWentWrong provides an outlet for heartbroken men and women to send former lovers "feedback requests" and discover what ultimately broke their bond once and for all. The site offers request templates in a variety of written styles, like "flippant,"

"cool," "philosophical," and "historical."

While I'd undoubtedly go with the "cool" option if I ever used the site, "philosophical" is by far my favorite. It reads: "Hi [first name of the person you went on a date with], Benjamin Franklin once said, 'An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.' And I'd really like to know what went wrong with us. Just for my benefit. Do you think you could let me know?" Philosophical, indeed.

Upon receiving a request, past partners can reply by

Why do people always assume the break-up was caused by something they did wrong?

selecting various answers ranging from dating standards "You are selfish" and "Too much fighting," to daggers like "Sex drive is too low" and "Bad breath." Respondents then rate your expertise on talents including kissing skills, appearance, and sense of humor. Talk about honesty.

Exes can add a personalized message to accompany their choices, or leave them plain and simple. The feedback form is then sent back to the inquirer, sparking some serious self-reflection. The site boasts that providing feedback can help your ex put their best foot forward. I'd agree if "Too hairy" and "You don't make enough money" weren't possible answers. It might be a bit harder to bounce back into

the dating game after one of those jobs.

If you're in the position to give feedback rather than receive it (read: if you're the dumper, not the dumpee), the site allows for unsolicited criticism and advice, as well. They ask that the only criticism given is constructive, but I can imagine things might get ugly with clickable options like "You emasculate me." Ouch.

On a brighter note, the *WotWentWrong* blog offers helpful tips and advice for the seemingly undateable, and hilarious retellings of the site founder's favorite break-ups. These instructions are especially useful as a replacement for the friend who never gives their honest opinions of your relationship wrong-doings (we're all guilty of being that friend at least once).

According to ABC News, *WotWentWrong* founder Audrey Melnick sees the website as a way to take the stalking out of soured relationships. "We're providing a socially acceptable way to tie up the loose ends," Melnick told ABC News. "Learn from what happened, and improve your dating Zen for the next relationship, no stalking required."

While I'm not sure I'd ever be brave enough to use the site myself, I would like to get my hands on a stack of their business cards. I'd love to pass them out on campus as a replacement for the dirty looks I tend to send after hearing the fateful phrase, "I don't know what I did wrong." Thankfully, *WotWentWrong* can answer that looming question for you.

Fashion Column: Neon & Nude

KRISTIN DONO | Herald Reporter

As we kiss winter goodbye, there is no better way to step into spring than by embracing the fabulously bright neon trend. With a crisp chill still in the air, adding a playful bright color to your outfit is the perfect way to remind yourself and everyone around you that spring is finally in the air.

This spring, neon colors are all everyone is talking about, with "tangerine tango," a saturated neon orange, coming out on top as the most popular. All neon colors are trending. I believe neons are most nicely accompanied by nude tones, such as the more washed out "starfish," a musty gray color.

The pairing of these neon colors with soft pastels and nudes are the best way to tone down a neon outfit that could be attracting too much unwanted attention. Layering neon colors is fun, but when done

incorrectly, it can make you look a little messy. If you are looking to wear multiple tones of neon, try adding little touches of other neons, instead of trying to wear too many large neon items. Adding a bright belt or carrying a neon clutch are both subtle ways to take this trend a little further without going overboard.

If you are going to double up on the neon, in order to keep it a little bit sophisticated, add a touch of a neutral color. This helps settle the brightness of the neon item without taking away from its character. If you're wearing a bright top, try pairing it with nude pants, or wear it over a neutral dress.

Whichever combination that you choose, whether it be nude on top and bright on the bottom, like this top (Bebe) and Turquoise skirt (Pleasure Doing Business), or vice versa, you will without a doubt be putting a smile on people's faces as you remind them of the approaching warm weather and how they too can brighten up their spring.



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