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FREE

Triple play

Gym Class Heroes, Far East Movement, The White Panda named as Spring Concert lineup

RONALD SCOFIELD | Herald Reporter

Mashup artist Basic Physics was not the only thing rocking the Field House last Friday night, as the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) unveiled its lineup for this year's spring concert. The cheering peaked an unusual number of three times as Gym Class Heroes, Far East Movement, and The White Panda appeared on the large projection screen to the left of the stage.

On March 23, CEN hosted its second annual spring concert launch party in the Rec. Center. This relatively new tradition was part of a weeklong campus event series to promote the announcement.

"It's only the second year of the launch party, but it's really come into its own," said CEN Traditions Co-Chair Chris O'Keefe. The promotion included a sort of

teaser campaign with vague descriptions of daily events being posted all over campus, with a special event planned for each day.

Like last year, the large countdown screen to a video presentation was prominently displayed amidst the party in the Rec. Center for all to see. The party emulated a nightclub in a sense, complete with glow sticks, strobe lights, and with the non-traditional addition of fruit smoothies. The evening's soundtrack was provided by Basic Physics, a Minnesota-based mashup artist, whose free performance RWU won in a Facebook competition earlier in the year.

DJ Sir Matty V, the stage name of RWU senior Matt Varao, opened the concert with his own mashup mixes. Students seemed to have

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MARK FUSCO

Dava Sobel, author of *A MORE PERFECT HEAVEN*, delivered her speech in the Field House.

Sobel is stellar

Author gives distinguished lecture

AMANDA NEWMAN | Editor-in-Chief

Esteemed author and journalist Dava Sobel shined Tuesday night as she spoke of science writing, the sun, and Copernicus during her address to the Roger Williams University community.

The author was on campus as part of the president's Distinguished Lecture series, marking Sobel as the second guest speaker during University President Donald Farish's tenure.

Sobel's visit was highly anticipated, especially within the Communication department,

given her extensive background in journalism. As a result of the enthusiasm, Sobel was treated to a day full of activities that started at about 9:30 a.m. with a panel discussion with members of Assistant Professor of Communication Michael Scully's features and editorials class. Her tour of the university concluded with her final speech to the campus community.

"The energy that faculty and students ... put into Dava Sobel's visit was significant to the success of Sobel's time here at RWU," said Renee Soto, Associate Professor of Creative Writing, who sat in on one of

the discussions. "The students were prepared and bright and engaging, and Sobel remarked several times throughout the day about how refreshing she found her close interaction with students in their classrooms."

President and Mrs. Farish were particularly excited to welcome Sobel to RWU. They had met Sobel when she came to speak at their former institution, Rowan University. Mrs. Farish cited a "constellation of events" as what brought Sobel to the couple, explaining that she had always been drawn to Sobel's work.

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RACHEL DIEP

Mashup DJ Basic Physics headlined the concert release party.

The candidates are coming

Provost hopefuls interview on campus

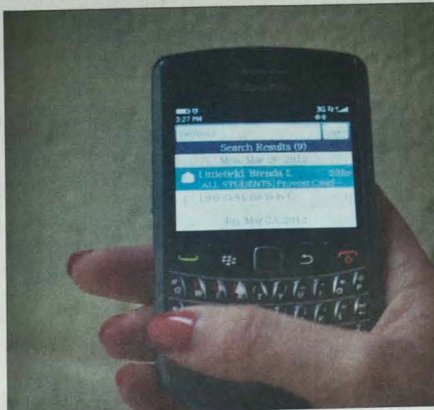
ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

Roger Williams University is currently in the process of searching for a new provost, and it has largely been a community effort.

"The objective is to ensure that as broad a constituency of the campus as possible has the opportunity to meet the candidates as they come, and then to comment to reflect their impressions," said Donald Farish, President of Roger Williams University.

The current interim provost, Robert Potter, Dean of the School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management, has been in office since the beginning of the fall 2011 semester. According

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BEN WHITMORE

The results are in ...

... Now to make sense of the data

ALISON ROCHFORD | Herald Reporter

Two thousand students were randomly selected to take an American College Health and Wellness survey online earlier this semester, about 28 percent of whom actually completed it. This is a slight increase in response than in previous years, when the survey was administered on paper in the classroom to all undergraduate University students.

The number of students who completed the survey since it last went out has gone up by two percent. It is also the first year that the participants were offered prizes. Of the 569 students who completed the survey, 24 were randomly

selected to receive prizes, according to Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education.

"It's less [participants] than we get in the written one, but we surveyed less people. In the written one, we survey about 3,500 people ... and we get 900 or 800 [responses]," Darmody said.

According to Darmody, this response allows for a very high level of accuracy when interpreting the data, with a margin of error of only three percent.

"Let's say that 55 percent of our students reported binge drinking. That means that the confidence that it's exactly that

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Diamonds in the rough

The Hawks' Baseball and Softball teams struggle to get into swing of things during spring training

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AMANDA NEWMAN

Author Dava Sobel visited with the Farishes before delivering her speech to the campus.

SOBEL: Talk revolves around Copernicus

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Mrs. Farish said she thought that RWU students would benefit greatly from Sobel's visit, so she and the RWU Special Events team began work to bring her to RWU.

"We want to make it memorable for students," Mrs. Farish said. "[Sobel is] something they wouldn't necessarily be exposed to on their own."

Doors opened at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. speech, and Sobel was introduced by President Farish, who promised that Sobel was "just sensational" before turning the podium over to his petite guest.

Sobel focused much of her speech to the 300-plus member audience around her creative process and experience writing her newest novel, *A MORE PERFECT HEAVEN*, which she centered on Nicolaus Copernicus and his eventual decision to publish the book he had written in secret, for fear of ridicule, that detailed his theory that the sun, not the Earth, was the center of the universe. She explained how Copernicus delayed publication for decades, until a young man visited and shook him of the inhibitions that had prevented him from

publishing previously, and how captivating she found his story to be.

The most unique aspect about Sobel's novel is that the majority of it is fiction: it contains a completely fictionalized play, penned by Sobel, about the conversation that convinced Copernicus to publish his theory at long last. The play precedes an extensive glimpse into Copernicus's life prior to the conversation that would revolutionize his world in ways he'd never live to see.

"I thought, what an amazing situation ... he was convinced to do what he'd avoided for a lifetime," Sobel said during her address.

In fact, Sobel found herself in a situation similar to Copernicus's regarding the novel of which he was the subject.

"I initially had the idea [for the play] in 1973," Sobel said. "I thought about the play for several months, but I was young then, and didn't have the courage to do it." Sobel says she was influenced to write the play by her background: she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater History from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

It was not until 2003, when a colleague had her read a manuscript he'd written about Copernicus, that the idea re-entered Sobel's head. At the same time, her son was attending school for theater. Soon, Sobel found her desire to tell Copernicus's story rekindled anew.

"One of the nice things about getting older is you get a little braver," Sobel told the audience. "I was ready for a challenge."

In the years before she finally committed to telling Copernicus's tale, Sobel kept herself quite busy, authoring five books, co-authoring another six, and writing for a slew of magazines, including a stint spent working for the *NEW YORK TIMES* Science Times. She even spent a week attending space camp in Alabama.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to do what I do. To go from day to day doing what I enjoy doing is a crowning achievement," Sobel said.

"It was an honor that [Sobel] agreed to speak," Mrs. Farish said. "It's one of the highlights [of college], to have such creative thinkers come."

CONCERT: Mashup artists deliver digital delight

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enjoyed themselves immensely. "I didn't know what to expect coming in," said sophomore Billy Moran, "but now that I'm here I'm really happy I came."

Even John King, Vice President of Student Affairs was in attendance.

"I think CEN did a terrific job planning the event, advertising, and, best of all, winning a free concert for Roger Williams," King said.

When the spring concert headlines were announced, screams and applause welcomed the band names as they appeared on the screen.

about exciting people that might of come, but instead we just got some mainstream pop music that I have no interest in seeing," said freshman Andrew Burgess.

CEN Traditions Co-Chair Nico Arias responded to the mixed reaction, saying, "With any big event, it's easy enough for someone to yell out from the bleachers." He cites the artist selection process as being fairly intricate and publicly inclusive.

The process included student surveys, both at orientation and mid-way through the year. From the results, they compiled

“Your voice”

I'm impressed by the high-profile people Roger Williams was able to get! — Chelsea Langard, freshman.

We just got some mainstream pop music that I have no interest in seeing. — Andrew Burgess, freshman.

"I'm impressed by the high profile people Roger Williams was able to get!" said freshman Chelsea Langard.

Yet, while there was indeed fanfare for these musical guests, there was also some disappointment amongst certain members of the student body, who claimed the announced artists paled in comparison to previous years, wherein members have included the Dropkick Murphys, Lupe Fiasco, and Third Eye Blind, among others.

"I am discontented in the sense that there were a lot of rumors

a long list of performers, which was whittled down by CEN and a booking agent to a realistic list based on availability and affordability.

Many long conversations and negotiations passed until they were left with the three available and affordable musical guests.

Though the process was strenuous, there is no denying the buzz around campus this event has caused, to which O'Keefe and Arias respond with a broad, yet exciting statement: "Get ready for the spring. There are big things to come."

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Overdue makeover

Details revealed about Bayside remodeling

LYNDSY BURNS | Opinions Manager

The Bayside Courts at Roger Williams University will be undergoing construction during the summer of 2012. The need for construction is due to the current siding failing to properly withstand the elements, according to Ashley Tully, Capital Projects Manager.

"Bayside, built in 1996, is experiencing water infiltration of the existing Exterior Insulated Finish System (EIFS) envelope," Tully said.

According to Tully, EIFS is a barrier system that relies on the outer surface of the building to prevent moisture from entering.

"Historically, EIFS systems are plagued by installation issues that result in water infiltration, which has been determined to be a defect at Bayside Courts," Tully said.

The cost of the Bayside project will be about "\$2.5 million per unit, replacing all siding, windows, and the roof," according to Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing.

In response to the cost of the project, Tully said, "It was determined that fiber cement siding would provide the best value-driven solution for a durable, long-lasting, and architecturally appropriate solution."

Matt Hoff, a junior who will be beginning his third year as a Bayside resident in the fall, said he supports the reconstruction project.

"I think the project is worth the money because it's important for the buildings to be functional as well as to look appealing to potential students," Hoff said.

Currently, there is a mock-up in front of the "Whitecap" Bayside apartments, giving students and faculty an idea of what the future Bayside apartments will look like.

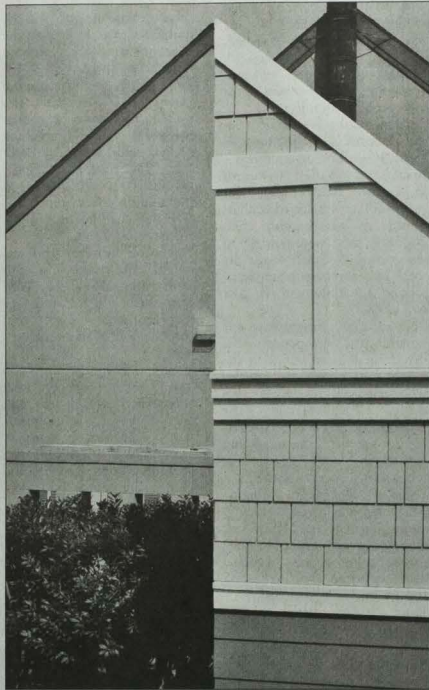
"The sample's up so we can get

a sense for it," Montefusco said. "The mock-up is a representation of the fiber cement siding and trim," Tully said. "However, the clapboard will be the light gray color, and the shingles will be the slate blue color."

According to Tully, the design process of the new Bayside Courts was carefully thought out, and included campus constituents that included RWU students.

"The design team felt that consideration of the village feel, Bayside's location along the water, footprint/massing, and roof line supported a New England coastal vernacular," Tully said.

Hoff agrees with the new design of the Bayside apartments, as well. "I think it's a good thing because they currently don't look very nice compared to the rest of campus," Hoff said.



JEFF LOS

A mock-up contrasts with Bayside's current weathered facade.

PROVOST: Six candidates to arrive for interviews open to students

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to Farish, the Provost Search Committee began its search for a permanent replacement at that time.

The Provost Search Committee, which is comprised of at least one representative from each of the schools within the University, selected six candidates for the position, Farish said. The new provost would be expected to begin work at the University as early as July in order to prepare for the coming semester.

On March 22, the candidates began a series of two-day visits to the University, and will continue to do so through April 10. After each of the candidates' respective visits, members of the University community who wish to participate will be given "a short survey form ... where students will be asked along with anybody else, 'What do you think of this person?'" Farish said.

"We're updating the search committee at the end of every candidate's visit, so it's very immediate feedback," he said.

"The search committee will collect that information and assemble it, and include it as part of their report to me, but also will be influenced as they see fit by what it is that people are saying. No voice is ignored in this regard," Farish said.

Farish said he hopes to have a high amount of community involvement in this decision "because this person oversees the entire academic area."

According to Farish, "the provost is the chief academic officer of an institution and is responsible over the deans. The deans report to the provost, the

provost reports to the president, and in the absence of the president, the provost serves as the president."

Although students do not deal directly with the provost, Farish said it is important for them to have the opportunity to meet the candidates and see how this decision affects them. Farish said this is an opportunity for the whole community to decide, "Is this a person you would like to see working in a very senior position on our campus?"

According to Farish, "Students are much more prone to meeting with the department chairs and deans than they would with the provost directly." The faculty in turn meets with the provost directly, rather than other administrators, according to Randall Van Schepen, Chair of the CORE Curriculum Revision Committee.

"One thing the provost can provide as the leader of the academic life of campus is to be an advocate for the faculty's voice about what's best for the curriculum to the administration," Van Schepen said.

Each candidate will participate in an open forum as a part of his or her two-day visit to campus, and Farish said that he encourages as many community members as possible to attend.

"This is a pretty important position for the campus," Farish said. "It's not just that we're interviewing [the candidates]. They effectively are all people with very distinguished careers. They are interviewing us; they want to determine whether this is the place that they want to be."

SURVEY: Participation in web survey about same as previous paper version

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can fluctuate only three points on either side. So that means it could either be 51 or it could be 58 [percent]," Darmody said.

Before the survey was administered, Darmody said she was "hoping to get at least 800 people." Of the 2,000 randomly selected students, only 569 people took it. Now that the survey has been completed, she said that she "wanted a 99 percent confidence level ... but we'll take three points in either direction."

This data, which will be available to the Department of Health Education within four to six weeks, will help the University determine what

... whatever we need to deal with making sure condoms are out there."

The sub-committee of the Department of Health Education that handled the survey "will present [the results] to the AOD [Alcohol and Other Drug] Task Force in terms of behavior, and then we're going to look at things that really stand out, and are higher or lower than national averages. Then we will strategize about what to do about that behavior," Darmody said.

The data from past surveys has resulted in organizations such as the AOD Task Force, as well as several policies and programs,

Survey says ...

Old print survey	New online survey
Surveys given out: 3,500	2,000 :Surveys given out
Surveys filled out: ≈900	569 :Surveys filled out
% of participation: ≈26	≈28 :% of participation

types of health and wellness programs and services need to be made available in the coming semester.

"Let's say that in the sexuality area, we find that our students have higher non-use of condoms ... than the average college student," Darmody said. "It's going to mean that we really need to start pushing and talking and doing educational programs about condoms. Or we might give out free condoms

such as Roger After Dark, the three-strike policy, and the amnesty policy.

According to Darmody, the previous survey only asked questions relating to alcohol and drug use. She said that the new, more inclusive survey is "a way to program for other behaviors that really harm individuals: unprotected sex, multiple partners, mental health issues ... that kind of thing."



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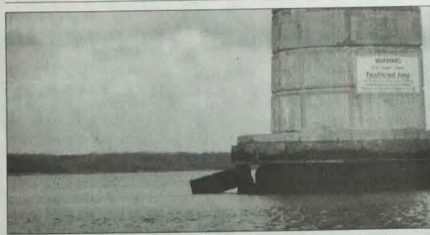
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Bridge inspectors discovered the dislodged stone last fall.

Solid as a rock?

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

Bridge inspectors discovered the dislodged stone last fall and "determined that it was not a structural problem," said David Darlington, chairman of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority when asked about it on Monday.

The job of putting the stone,

estimated to weigh nearly 3,000 pounds, back in position "has been added to this season's worklist," due to begin in April, Mr. Darlington said.

"There is no risk to the bridge or the motoring public," he said. Had the engineers thought otherwise, repairs would have been made immediately.

The engineers say the stone likely came loose due to "scour" — erosion by wave action of the concrete that supports it. Plans are to push it in place with a fresh bed of support concrete.

The damage is clearly visible from the Portsmouth shore.

DUI attorney charged with DUI in Barrington

Bristol woman also issued summons for driving with a suspended or revoked license

BRISTOL PHOENIX | Contributed Article

At approximately 6:26 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, Barrington police received a report of an erratic operator driving a white Ford Explorer on Wampanoag Trail.

Police stopped the vehicle on County Road near the Barrington Early Learning Center. The driver of the vehicle, Layne C. Savage, 31, of 49 St. Elizabeth St., Apt. 2, Bristol, allegedly had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

Ms. Savage reportedly would

not perform field sobriety tests or take a breathalyzer. Police allegedly found partially empty wine containers in the vehicle along with partially empty liquor containers. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs—first offense, refusal to submit to a chemical test and driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license.

According to her website, Ms. Savage is an attorney who specializes in defending people who have been charged with DUI.

NATIONAL NEWS

We shall overcome

Evidence suggests economic upswing could be coming

IAN KIEFFER | Herald Reporter

A third-straight month of large employment gains brought back familiar feelings of hope for an economic recovery. According to the U.S. Labor Department in February of this year, 227,000 jobs were added to the economy. This increase was better than expected. The December and January employment reports received a revision that showcased an increase of 61,000 jobs.

For many, this is evidence that the economy is heading towards a state of well-being once again. In fact, this was the 17th month in a row that employment increased, and the third straight month in which more than 200,000 jobs were added to the economy. This brought the total increase of private-sector jobs to 3.9 million in the past two years.

Nonetheless, unemployment remained at 8.3 percent. Yet this could be attributed to the nearly half a million workers who rejoined the work force during this interval. The question at hand now appears to be whether the economy is strongly recovering, or just temporarily looking healthy.

While President Obama welcomed the surge in hiring, saying, "There are better days ahead, our job now is to keep this economic engine churning, not everyone was expressing the same sentiment.

Jon Hilsenrath in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL questioned if

anyone else felt as though "something about the U.S. economy isn't adding up?" He said he believes that although unemployment has fallen over the past year, the economy is "barely growing."

Many economists now believe that economic growth will be about 2 percent rather than the 3 percent that was experienced in the last quarter of 2011. That is not normal, because job growth and GDP usually rise together. This could mean that "job growth will slow in coming months," said David Leonhardt in THE NEW YORK TIMES. Some economists predict that as companies see revenues level off, hiring for the rest of the year may slow down.

This is not entirely surprising, though. The nature of this recession's recovery has been rather slow, which could lead to an economic recovery that manifests itself in an unexpected manner.

James Surowiecki in THE NEW YORKER suggests that "Americans buying new cars again" is evidence of economic growth. Car sales in February were up nearly 16 percent over last year, causing factories and other businesses to add jobs. Then, when the millions of Americans who have had to live with their parents for several years

begin to get jobs and move out, a spike in demand for housing and its related furnishings can be expected. The creation of new households could create "a virtuous cycle" that could really get the economy back on its feet.

As the election draws closer, the state of the economy's recovery will become increasingly important for the candidates. Clearly the decline of the unemployment rate is beneficial to President Obama's re-election campaign, and, if recovery continues, little will be left for his challengers to reconcile as misdoing. Meaning, if the economy continues to prosper and unemployment continues to fall, Obama's adversaries will only be able to say that they could have provided a faster recovery, rather than provide a recovery. If the economy takes a turn for the worse, though, it may be quite detrimental to Obama's campaign. Thus, the rate of economic recovery at the time of election will be quite a significant point of determination between candidates.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Breaking the abroad break-up stereotype

JOSH WEINREB | Sports Editor

The first time she told me she wanted to go to Australia was back in September. She said she had signed up and needed help with the application process, that she had wanted to go since her freshman year and had been counting down the days until she was supposed to apply. What was I supposed to say to that? I couldn't exactly tell her 'no,' but then again, we had only been dating for three months. And now: "Oh yeah, by the way, I'm going abroad next semester." I didn't like the idea, nor do I like it now, but I supported her and helped her fill out her papers.

The response took about two months, and when she finally got accepted, I could see the excitement in her eyes, although I'll admit I wasn't exactly thrilled. I remember asking: "Why Australia? It's so far away." (I wasn't sure exactly how far it was, although I could imagine since we rarely know anything about Australia other than that obvious fact). She said she liked their accents (a nail-scratching rendition of the British, I imagined) and that she had never been outside of the United States before. So

naturally, she picked furthest country from her original location.

That's when it started: a barrage of questions and comments from almost everyone we knew, or didn't know, giving both of us their condolences, like we were attending a funeral. Some asked the obvious questions: "What classes are you taking over there?" "What's the weather going to be like?" The questions from people we knew, however, were almost all the same: "Oh wow, you're going abroad? Are you two staying together?" Are we staying together? What kind of question was that? I didn't get it, and frankly I still don't get it now.

There seems to be some unwritten rule that states when a boyfriend/girlfriend goes abroad, they must cut off all ties with the other person and deal with the consequences when they return. Why is everyone in the relationship punished because one person wants the experience of going abroad? Going abroad is supposed to be fun - eye-opening even - but is it really that crazy?

My answer to everyone who asked me this ridiculous question was of course we are staying together, why wouldn't

we? Why wouldn't anyone? It's only four months. Why would you destroy a really good thing just because someone was going to be somewhere else for a few months? Is that really worth the headache of coming home and trying to put the pieces back to where they were? I don't think so, and neither should anyone else. Going abroad is an experience, not a funeral for the relationships you leave behind, and should be treated as such.

Australia is exactly 9,935 miles from New York City. It is a 16-hour time difference, which means when it is 5 p.m. Wednesday on the East Coast, it is 8 a.m. tomorrow in Sydney, Australia. It is halfway across the planet. She's been living there for about a month now, and we have stayed together. How? We talk on a regular basis. Is it tough? Yes. Am I happy she's there? Sure, I guess. Is it worth the trouble? Absolutely.

So if your significant other is going abroad next semester, don't worry; they're not leaving forever. Eventually, they have to come back. As the saying goes: If you love something, let it go. If it comes back, it's yours; and if it doesn't, it wasn't meant to be.

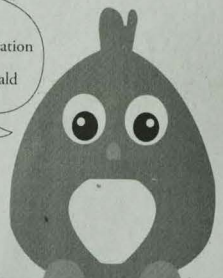
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RHP Josh Orosz begins his pitch against Worcester Polytechnic Institute last Tuesday afternoon.

Hawks humbled during training trip

GEORDY BOVEROUX | Section Manager

The Roger Williams University baseball and softball teams continued their annual spring break trip to Florida over the week off from classes March 9-18.

Both teams fundraised in order to spend the majority of their vacation in Orlando, where many other schools also spend their week.

Neither team was as successful as they would have hoped, as baseball finished 3-8, and the softball squad was 2-7 over the week.

Despite the less than desirable records, both teams left Florida with optimism.

"I don't think it was a lack of effort," said baseball head coach Derek Carlson. "I think we played hard and I think we have a lot of good players. I really do. I think we're deep at every position; we just didn't play well for whatever reason."

"We were expecting to do a little better than last year, which we did," said senior softball captain Erica Castro. "Two of the games we lost were in extra innings, and a few of them

were only by a few runs. I think cutting down the runs that we gave up was a big deal for us."

Both baseball and softball also had some nice wins while down in Florida.

Baseball swept a double header against Fitchburg State on March 10, and Softball opened the week with a 2-1 win over Skidmore on the same day, and later shutout Daniel Webster 7-0 on March 14.

The Florida trip has been a long-standing tradition for RWU. "We play anywhere from 10-12 games down there," Carlson said. "It's almost impossible to get all 40 games in the season if you wait until the weather gets playable, so just about every team from New England goes down there for spring break."

There was also some time for the teams to enjoy themselves in their week off from classes. "We had about a day and a half off," Castro said. "We played Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning. We had Monday afternoon and all of Tuesday off. A few people went to theme parks; others went by the pool

and just relaxed."

But as senior baseball captain John Oppenheimer said, that doesn't mean the week was all fun and games. "You have to be a student also," he said. "Obviously that's not easy. When you're in season, you are a baseball player. The way you go about yourself as a baseball player, you sort of do everything with pride."

Now that each team is back in Rhode Island, they're trying to how to improve for conference play. Baseball hopes to continue their strong pitching, but needs to play more consistently. "Outside of the Westfield State game, we didn't have any pitching performances backed by good defense and offense."

Carlson said. "We just couldn't put it together on one day. Softball is trying to steadily improve as well, with help from some new contributors and senior leaders. "A few of our freshmen stepped up, and we have a lot of seniors who are big to the team," Castro said. "I think everyone on our team has the ability to step up and help our team for sure."

Profile of a Hawk: Tennis player Jason Pacino

JOLYN WIGGIN | Herald Reporter

conference games.

Jason Pacino and the Roger Williams University men's tennis team defeated St. Regis on their home court with ease on March 21. Pacino and freshman Ryan Swanson beat their doubles opponents with a score of 8-4.

The final score between the universities was 9-0, with six singles matches and three doubles won.

Pacino, 21, is majoring in management and in his third year at the university. Prior to

the team is coached by Neil Caniga, who is assisted by Josh King. Pacino really likes his coaches because "they run practice well and push each member to succeed throughout the season," Pacino said.

When Pacino is off-season, he plays indoor tennis, has team workouts and enjoys hanging around the pool. When he is not on the court practicing tennis, he enjoys going to the beach and playing basketball and other sports.

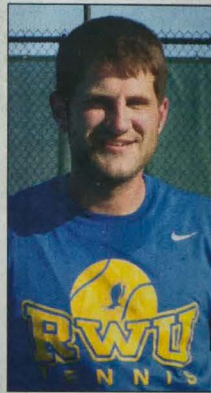
"When I am playing tennis, I think about my game plan and try to execute it to the best of my ability," Pacino said.

Last season, the tennis team won the Commonwealth Conference (CCC) and lost in the first round of nationals. However, according to the CCC preseason poll voted on by the head tennis coaches, RWU is expected to come in second and Nichols College is to place first.

Nichols College received seven of the nine first place votes and is one of Roger Williams's toughest opponents and is a team that the Hawks hope to defeat.

"My focus this year is to help my team win the conference," Pacino said. When asked what his goal was, all he said was, "win the conference."

The tennis team has a match on Thursday, March 29 against University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth on their home court.



JOSH WEINREB

Junior tennis ace Jason Pacino.

When I play tennis, I feel so much pressure, I need to stay focused and concentrate throughout the entire game," Pacino said. He expressed this as a challenge, opposed to a burden.

Over spring break, the team went to Orlando, Fla., and finished with a record of one win and two losses against many tough teams. RWU faced Springfield College, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, and Hamilton College. Even though it was tough to lose the spring break matches, Pacino is looking forward to starting the

Peyton Manning: From Colt to Bronco

NICK SCHWALBERT | Herald Reporter

After many seasons with the Indianapolis Colts, quarterback Peyton Manning signed with the Denver Broncos last week. There was a lot of talk of Peyton's potential for this upcoming season due to his recovery from a neck injury, which kept him out of the entire 2011 campaign. After many talks, the Colts decided to let the long time quarterback go, deciding to put the franchise in a different direction with likely top draft quarterback Andrew Luck. But would this be the end of Manning's potential Hall of Fame career? Many teams around the league answered that question with a definitive no.

The Broncos had been struggling for several seasons, partially due to their lack of defense, but largely due to

their lack of consistency at the quarterback position. Last season, the Broncos took a shot at redemption with the drafting of Tim Tebow. Tebow came in and at times, seemed like he could help the team get back on the winning track; however, he didn't seem to be living up to the expectations that Bronco nation was hoping for. The fans loved him; Broncos owner John Elway didn't. So, with the news of Peyton Manning hitting the market, Elway decided to bring in the Hall of Fame quarterback, signing him to a five-year, 96 million-dollar contract. "I put myself in Peyton's shoes," Elway told SPORTS ILLUSTRATED last Sunday night. "No pressure. Don't give the hard sell. Let the organization speak for itself. I told him that as much as I wanted him to play for the Broncos, I knew it would be stupid if we forced him and it

wasn't a good fit. That's how I'd feel."

Manning met with Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan, where they discussed football for three hours in Shanahan's "expansive house" in Denver. They discussed how Shanahan had been Elway's long-time coach, which included two super bowl victories, and still was fired at the end of the 2008 season. During the discussion between the two, coach Shanahan received a text message from John Elway that read "Hey Mike, put in a good word for us with Peyton." After reading this text, all Mike Shanahan could do was laugh. In the end, the decision was final; Peyton Manning will be wearing a Broncos jersey next season, which is good news for Broncos fans and, as it turns out, great news for New York Jets fans.

New coach named

JOSH WEINREB | Sports Editor

The Roger Williams Athletic Department has named former University of South Carolina coach Ben Somera as the new RWU Volleyball coach, replacing Rob Mullenwey after just one season.

Somera previously spent three seasons at South Carolina, and helped improve the program greatly under his leadership, going 21-9 in the 2008 season, marking the first 20-win season in USC Volleyball history. Prior to his tenure with the Gamecocks, Somera spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Oregon State University.



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Coach Ben Somera.

Jets roll out runway for polarizing quarterback

TOM JACKSON | Herald Reporter

After a surprising Peyton Manning signing in Denver, the Broncos looked to deal their ticket-selling starter, Tim Tebow. Among the suitors were the struggling New York Jets, a team whose locker room imploded at the end of last season. Well, to perhaps add some fuel to that fire, the Jets traded a fourth and sixth-round pick for the Broncos' seventh-round pick and, you guessed it: Tim Tebow.

Many are questioning the trade due to the timing of the deal. Mark Sanchez received a three-year contract extension just a few weeks ago, ultimately affirming that he was indeed their franchise player. What's even more puzzling is that the Jets signed backup quarterback Drew Stanton just over two weeks ago, to a one-year 1.25 million dollar contract,

suggesting that he was the definite backup. With that in mind, Tebow's signing has already made some controversy.

As Stanton asked to be traded or released. He got his wish last week in a deal with the Indianapolis Colts, sending him for wide receiver Donnie Avery.

It is clear Tebow can play, shown by Denver's 8-5 record with him in the starting role, including a playoff win against the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Jets will be gaining an athletic playmaker who can make things happen on the ground and through the air; however, one question remains: Where will Tebow fit in?

Jets' head coach Rex Ryan has openly said that Sanchez will be the starter, but also that Tebow will be included in the offense in various ways. The hiring of former Dolphins' head coach, Tony Sparano, certainly helps the case for Tebow through the

"wildcat" offense, but that still only allows him a few plays a game to get on the field.

The media hype in New York will be even greater than Jeremy Lins' "Linsanity."

Like it or not, Tebow will remain in the spotlight with or without the starting role. Whether the move was for publicity or not, the Jets are getting an athlete that can make an impact on the outcome of the game.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, let's keep in mind what happened last season with Kyle Orton in Denver. If Sanchez slips up and the Jets lose a few games at the beginning of the season, I guarantee there will be Tebow chants from the stands, and Rex Ryan will have a choice to make. If history repeats itself, Tim Tebow will be the starting quarterback for the New York Jets midway through the season.



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Tim Tebow smiles at a Jets press conference on Monday.

Dancing to their own tune



SAM EDSON

Above: The Hawkettes perform at the Final Hawkdawn pep rally. A score of 287 was enough to earn the Hawkettes a 'platinum' level trophy. Most teams in the competition earned a 'high gold' level.

Hawkettes' performance takes trophy at competition

KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

Hair? Check. Makeup? Check. Stretching? Check. The team was ready. In a straight line, the Roger Williams University Hawkettes Dance Team walked onto the carpet in the center of the ballroom and lifted their smiling faces toward the judges, their hearts beating in anticipation. They were here to claim what they believed was rightfully theirs: a platinum-level trophy.

After a stellar performance for the judges, they did just that. On March 24, the RWU Dance Team competed in a studio dance competition against many other teams, ranging from high school-level to a variety of divisions. Their performance, centered on the overall theme of 'love,' consisted of jazz, hip-hop and pom, which clearly stood out against the rest of the competing teams. But the girls didn't look at it

as a competition against others. Instead, they saw it as a way to better themselves for the future. "Basically, you're competing against yourself anyways to get the highest score you can get," said captain Kayla Rodriguez.

At this particular competition, the judging resembled how a student would get graded on a test. Each team was scored on their technique, appearance, choreography and performance, with little room for error. The higher the overall score, the higher the trophy. Apparently, the Dance Team nearly received all As.

"I really thought we'd get a gold, high gold at most, than to get platinum," said Hiedi Nichols, co-captain of the Dance Team. "For us to get that, I was blown away." Aside from the captains, many of the other dancers themselves were shocked when the results were announced. "It was extremely

rewarding to receive this award as a group, especially after all the hard work we have done this year," said junior Blair Carroll.

Aside from the fact that the Hawkettes were the only team in their division, their win also earned them the chance to go to

the national competition held in Mystic, Conn. this summer. However, this amazing feat also creates some difficulty for the team, since they are not yet approved as a club sport. They are entirely student-run, from everything to captain elections and finances.

"You have to fend for yourself and be an advocate for Dance Team," Rodriguez said in regard to being entirely student-run. "I feel like we've had to do so much with that." Despite setbacks due to finances and membership, the team has finally gotten off on the right start.

"We were nervous because this was only our second time performing the dance, and the first time we did it was at the pep rally," Nichols said. Their high score at the competition has finally spearheaded their



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From left to right: Kristen Fiore, Hannah Gleason, Kayla Rodriguez, and Hiedi Nichols. The girls are holding their well-earned trophy and ribbons.

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Something for all majors: 16th annual Career Fair at RWU

KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

All dressed up and with résumés in hand, Roger Williams University students of all years flocked to the Fieldhouse for the 16th annual Career Fair put on by the Career Center and held on Career Day. Unlike any of the past Career Fairs, this was the first year to include panel discussions led by alumni of the university, as well as a networking dinner at the end of the day. Current students had the opportunity to practice their interviewing skills

with the dean of their school in addition to attending résumé workshops.

The Career Day itself has been in the works since September. With over 80 tables of possible employers, service organizations and graduate schools to choose from, students of all majors and minors were invited to attend. Members of the Career Center were hoping to obtain a record attendance of 500 students.

With all of the planning that went into Career Day, there were plenty of opportunities for every major, more than students

would think. Whether or not students choose to believe this is up to them. However, this disbelief is one of the largest hurdles for the Career Center to jump, and they have had trouble in the past relaying this message to students. "My favorite saying is, not only do you have to think outside the box, but you have to smash the box," said Robbin Beauchamp, Director of the Career Center. "It [the box] doesn't exist." If these preconceived notions were ditched, more students would benefit from an event like this.

Aside from Career Day, the Career Center itself serves as a great tool for all students any time of the year. All year long, students are encouraged to reach out to the staff at the Career Center for résumé help, interviewing skills, and job hunting. In addition, the Career Center will work with RWU grads for life. The staff at the Career Center actively works with students to help them create their futures.

After overhauling their former methods of working with students, the Career Center

staff feels as though they are better prepared to establish relationships with students that will last a lifetime. "We are there for every student, every major, every class year, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, super senior and graduate student," Beauchamp said. Overall, the Career Center staff is there for anyone who asks.

For more on the Career Fair, including photos, turn to page B3

Actively involved

Social media sites help to spark awareness around RWU about global issues.

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Website ratings make nightlife planning easier

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

Your hometown, whether a village nestled in the foothills of a lakes region, a bustling city filled to the brim with young up-and-comers, or a wide expanse of red barns and cornfields, is familiar. So familiar, in fact, that the way to all the local restaurants, bars, and known hangouts is most likely worn down from your footsteps pacing it all the time. But when you move on from your adolescence, and most do, everything becomes brand new again. Where's the best place to eat? Which bar serves the strongest Long Island Ice Tea? What club plays the best music? Or even simply, where can I have fun? Founded in July of 2009, TonightinRI.com answers all those questions and more.

"We launched [the website] in order to bridge the gap between restaurants, bars, and clubs, and people looking for dining and nightlife options," said Tyler Rowley, one of the founders. "Until TonightinRI.com, there was no easy way for someone to obtain accurate and updated information about Rhode

Island's best venues."

TonightinRI.com is a website dedicated to not only Rhode Island nightlife, but to those living in the state getting out and seeing what's being offered outside the comfort of their own homes. Popular Providence venues like the English Cellar Alehouse, McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon, Dave and Buster's, and the nightclub Ultra are all represented on the site's schedule, as well as downtown Bristol's Aidan's Pub.

"The idea came about because there was a need for it, [and] no easy way to find reliable information about the best venues," Rowley said. "By building software that both helps the venues and the public, we were able to make that happen."

As of right now, 170 businesses across Rhode Island are on TonightinRI, with more being added each day. One of the site's biggest promotions are the cards that give the cardholder amazing discounts whenever they present it at whichever establishment they're at. McFadden's is one of the businesses that participates in this, and valid on all days, the

cardholder can receive free appetizers or a free cover charge by just presenting their card from TonightinRI.

"Over 90 percent of our venues renew with us every year," Rowley said. "Almost all of them see that it works well for them, [and] it attracts more customers to their venue. We call them, we meet them. We show them what it does, [and] most venues that see it want their venue featured on it."

Upcoming this spring, however, TonightinRI.com will be transitioned into a new site that will be called GoingOut.com. The new site will be a bigger, better, more streamlined and accessible version of TonightinRI.com, and will have more features and more venues so that it's easier for the user to find what they are looking for. In August 2012, the site will expand to a mobile version as well as a smartphone app for users on the go.

"GoingOut is looking to launch in every major metropolitan area in the United States," Rowley said. "GoingOut.com — that's where the real story is."

Art in a bald spot

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Herald Reporter

After being a firefighter for 25 years in Middletown, R.I., Bill Fitzgerald wanted to do something to pay tribute to his career as well as take advantage of the bald spot on his head.

Fitzgerald, who is from Portsmouth, R.I., has been a shuttle driver at RWU for three years now.

"I enjoy it. I meet a lot of good people. I am very impressed by all the kids that come to school here. 'Please, thank you, good manners. I've been very happy. It's a part-time gig," Fitzgerald said.

Aside from providing students with lifts across campus, Fitzgerald runs a carpet cleaning business. "It helps pay my daughter's tuition," he said.

In fact, his daughter is the main reason for the artwork on top of his head.

Fitzgerald said that he'd never thought he would ever get a tattoo, but "I saw a picture of a guy pushing a lawn mower around the edge of a bald spot. I said, 'Oh, that's cool. I have a bald spot. I might as well do something like that.' My daughter finally said, 'Put your money where your mouth is, and gave me a gift certificate to

the tattoo shop in Portsmouth."

Instead of having a lawn mower cutting the hair off, Fitzgerald has a fireman spraying hair back on. He says it is a conversation piece.

"99 percent of the reactions are all positive: 'Wow, that's cool. What's it about? Did it hurt?' It hurt like hell."

The fireman on his head is the only tattoo Fitzgerald has, and probably the only one he'll ever have. If anything, he'll add more hair coming out of the fire hose. Fitzgerald says he doesn't think big tattoo sleeves look good.

"I've been identified by my tattoo. I left something on the shuttle. Who was driving?"

"The guy with the tattoo, I love it. I think it's cool," Fitzgerald said.



NICHOLLE BUCKLEY

The small tattoo of a fireman appears on the back of shuttle driver Bill Fitzgerald's head.

British Beer Company opens doors to locals, RWU students



JEFF LOS

British Beer Company offers 18 beers on tap as well as over 30 bottled beers from around the world. The Bristol location is the first to open in Rhode Island.

GRIFFIN LABBANCA | Herald Reporter

Students at Roger Williams University found a new door to walk through on the weekends in Bristol when they returned back to school from winter break.

On Feb. 27, the British Beer Company joined the Bristol community by moving into what used to be The Anchor Bar, located downtown. The first location in Rhode Island for the company, they saw Bristol to be the perfect town to start up a new shop. "We want a place that everyone can enjoy and that everyone can socialize in," said Jessica Randazzo, Kitchen Manager. The beer company is what bars call a "Half Pint Pub," meaning that they have limited food and more available beers on tap than a normal bar. These half pint pubs are becoming more and more prevalent around the country, Randazzo said. The British Beer Company has bars in locations around Massachusetts, including Cape Cod, and they hope to open a location in New Hampshire soon, Randazzo added.

"We want to appeal to both the Roger Williams University student body, as well as the local Bristol community," said Kristi Gore, bartender. She added that so far, the bar is living up to what they hoped it would: being full of a wide variety of ages of people from around Bristol. Both undergraduate and law students on campus are beginning to experience what the British Beer Company has

to offer. These students include senior Adam Medeiros. "The drinks are awesome and the food they have is delicious, too," Medeiros said. Although the bar has a limited food menu, they try and switch up daily bar specials so that they can keep customers happy when they come back. Students can find food ranging from buffalo chicken dip to hot

It was a risk for the bar to open in a town so set in their ways... but the risk is paying off.

pastrami sandwiches. Medeiros, an employee at Gillary's Tavern in Bristol, added that he felt the town could use another bar option, and that the British Beer Company was a good addition.

With 18 beers on tap and over 30 different bottled beers from around the world, the beer company can often be very overwhelming for a first time customer. But the bar strives to educate customers on different options in order to help them find a new weekend favorite. "This bar is the perfect place for students and adults who genuinely enjoy good beer," Medeiros said of the drink selections. "The wait and bar staff are very helpful, and will help customers navigate through the many choices."

Along with the extensive beer selections, the bar also offers daily event specials, such as trivia nights, and live music from local performers. The company encourages students and adults to come in and try a drink of their choice on tap, or ask a server for their recommendation. Since opening about a month ago, the British Beer Company has seen nothing but success coming from their establishment. They feel that people enjoy the atmosphere, and appreciate

the differences the bar offers from other local favorites, such as Gillary's, Judge Roy Bean, Aidan's Pub, and Agave. "It was a risk for the bar to open in a town so set in their ways when it comes to bars, but the risk is paying off; we all love it down here," said a Bristol resident who wished to remain anonymous.

The British Beer Company is open seven days a week until 1 a.m. each day. They are working to offer more food options so that they can be more desirable as a lunch venue in town, as

they are open for lunch each day. If beer isn't a preference, the bar offers a variety of scotches and red and white wines choices to choose from. Randazzo and Gore both agree and say that they feel like the British Beer Company fits right in with the close community in Bristol, and they encourage anyone who hasn't stopped by to come in and see what all the hype is about. hasn't stopped by to come in and see what all the hype is about.



The façade of the British Beer Company on State Street in downtown Bristol.

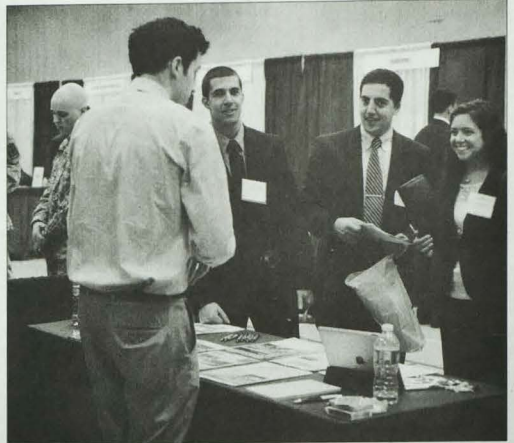
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Campus Field House hosts annual Career Fair

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Basically, we have three questions at the Career Center that students have to answer: Who are you? What do you want to do? How are you going to get there? If a student can leave our office with that plan, then we have been successful.

- Robbin Beauchamp, Career Center



MARK FUSCO

Roger Williams University students flocked to the Field House for the annual Career Fair to meet potential employers.

DANCE: Captains remain hopeful for next year

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recognition in the dance world. At the Final Hawkdawn pep rally, held on March 21, the Hawkettes performed their dance for the first time. It was great practice for competition and their performance worked toward keeping the crowd pumped for the spring sports teams. After all, it is important for the team to remember their common purpose: to be a spirit team. "You are there to pep up the crowd," Rodriguez said. "You do the routine to keep them going and keep the energy up."

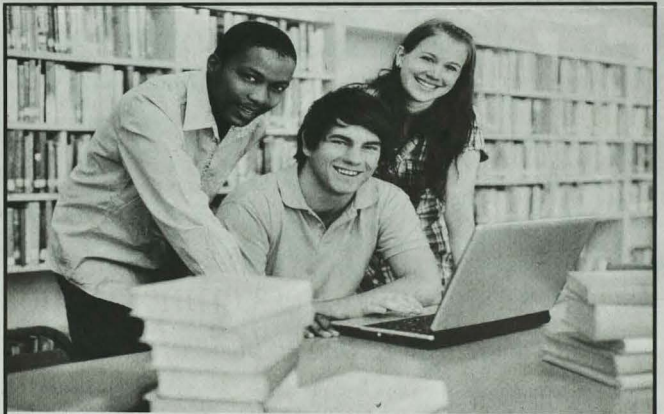
With their poms in hand (which are very different than the pom-poms that cheerleaders hold), the girls wowed the crowd, proving that their choreography would be a success at their upcoming competition. Little did they

know that their choreography would end up rocking the walls at the competition.

For now, the two captains are left with important decisions to make on the future of the Hawkettes. Both Nichols and Rodriguez are set to graduate in May, yet remain quite optimistic in regard to the future of the team. They both hope that the team will succeed in becoming a club sport, and continue to positively move forward.

"At this point, I just hope it continues at the base it leaves at," Nichols said. "As long it just keeps pushing forward."

Rodriguez agrees. "We will be looking into doing more Dance Team competitions in the future, even though we won't be here next year!"



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 The award-winning Hawkettes Dance Team.

Political Head to Head: Should the Rutgers roommate get a harsh punishment?

Democrat:
No!

CHRISTOPHER MUNSEY
Herald Contributor

Independent:
No!

PATRICK CONNOLLY
Herald Contributor

Republican:
No!

MATTHEW PAIGE
Herald Contributor

A person should be convicted for the crimes that he or she has committed, not the ramifications of those crimes. On March 16, Dharun Ravi was convicted of invasion of privacy for using a web cam to record his roommate Tyler Clementi, who was gay, while having sex. Just a few days later, Clementi committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge in New York. This is a complicated situation. Ravi did not turn his web cam on to catch his roommate having sex; rather, he was concerned that Clementi's visitor was going to steal from their dorm. Once he saw what was happening, though, Ravi tweeted the video for all of Rutgers University to see. This is the part of the story that Ravi should be held accountable for. No matter how terrible what Ravi did was, he did not intend for Clementi to kill himself. The crime here is invasion of privacy, and in New Jersey, the most extreme sentence for this is five years in prison. Ravi's conviction doubles this sentence, and because he is not a native U.S. citizen, he is facing possible deportation. What the prosecutors are trying to do in this case is walk the fine line between what happened - an invasion of privacy - and what they wish would have happened - a hate crime. There is not enough evidence to prove that Ravi acted out of homophobia, so this cannot be considered a hate crime. Because of the extreme circumstances, his sentence has been extended, but this should not be the case. A person should only be held accountable for what a court can prove; it should not increase the punishment to resemble the conviction that they feel should be given. What Dharun Ravi did was completely horrible, and yes, there are hints that he did this because he was homophobic to an extent. The bottom line, though, is that this cannot be proven in court. Ravi's sentence should be what is normally given for an invasion of privacy. A court should not tweek its punishment to fit it into the conviction they wish they could.

Dharun Ravi, the Rutgers student who videotaped his roommate having sex with another male, which led to his roommate jumping off the George Washington Bridge, was found guilty of invasion of privacy, hindering apprehension, witness tampering and a bias charge (discrimination). His sentencing doesn't happen until May 21, but now the question is, what should the sentence be?

He didn't kill his roommate; he didn't intend for his roommate to kill himself. I couldn't tell you what he was trying to do or prove. Is he prejudiced against homosexuals, or was he just trying to get a cheap laugh? Right now, he could face jail time and possible deportation back to India, where he was born.

Ravi has said that he was not angered or bothered by his roommate's sexual orientation, and that he didn't intend to harm his roommate by recording him. Ravi has said that he was just acting immaturely and insensitive in several interviews, and there is even a text message from Ravi asking his roommate to reconsider changing roommates, and reiterating that his sexual orientation doesn't bother him.

Personally, I don't think he meant for any of this to happen. What kind of sick individual hopes for the death of another? What I do think happened was that Ravi was put into a situation that he was never in before, and, for some reason, saw an opportunity to make a quick, tasteless joke.

I don't think he should be deported back to India. I do believe he should get a few years in jail. After all, his actions did lead to the death of his roommate. And when he is released, he should be forced to lecture about invasion of privacy, sensitivity, and maybe even a campus lecture about how not to screw up a relationship with a roommate.

When living with someone new, you don't fully trust them right away. After all, you've never met them, and now they have access to thousands of dollars of your stuff. But no one really thinks, or should have to think, that their roommate is videotaping them during their most intimate moments. Doing so, regardless of sexual orientation, is an invasion of privacy, wrong, and downright weird.

While the invasion of privacy is a clearly justified charge, a hate crime is a step too far. If he had done this to his straight roommate, it would be just as wrong, and less than half the potential sentence. That's not a knock to the LGBT community; it's just that equal protection under the law should come with equal time for the offenders.

Tragically, Tyler Clementi committed suicide by jumping from the George Washington Bridge. While regrettable, this should have nothing to do with the case at hand. Dharun Ravi should be punished for invading his privacy, and sharing it via the web, but he could not have predicted Clementi's actions. People are slurred and smeared all the time, and yet they do not take their lives.

It is because of this that many believe that there must have been something else going on. Ravi's stupid actions are the icing on the cake, but they do not make him a killer.

When a celebrity sex tape is unknown to them, published, or a scorned lover posts low pictures to the internet, people move on. There is no hate crime; there are no people taking their lives. As tragic as it may be, one must look beyond their emotions, and check the facts of the events. Dharun was an immature college freshman. We've all been there and made mistakes.

Coming to college and living with a person you haven't met is a great learning experience for all involved. It forces you to adapt, learn about the other person and develop interpersonal skills that you will use for the rest of your life. Some just don't learn. But there is no way Ravi could have foreseen the outcome.

Rest in peace, Tyler.

Tip of the iceberg: Kony 2012

So much more than a video

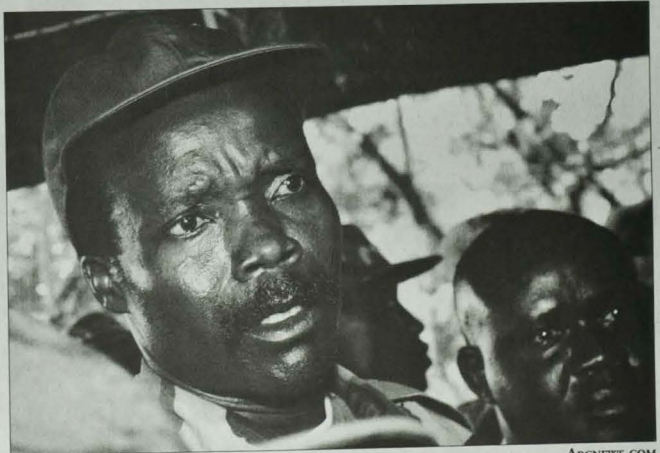
NICK GLAVIN | Herald Reporter

With the infamous "KONY 2012" movement turning Facebook users into social activists overnight, university campuses and social institutions across the globe are planning events to raise awareness for the campaign. Having what seems to be only a three-day hype blowing up Facebook news feeds left and right, what can we take away from this?

I've heard endless criticisms - not about the movement, but about users' choices to re-share the video or not. Social media is a tool that has enabled public opinion in the 21st century

mind, Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has been active for three decades prior to this campaign becoming the most viral video online to date.

If you choose to enter an ongoing, 30-year-long debate into the mix, don't let a 30-minute YouTube short film - biased from Western culture - allow you to fully understand the issue at hand. The video was recently screened in Uganda, and received heavy negative attention for its failures regarding the Ugandan atrocities. It fails to truly express the Ugandan motive on the crisis by tailoring it to American ideals of sympathy, having a loose story line that



Joseph Kony, left, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army.

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Social media is a tool that has enabled public opinion in the 21st century to become louder than ever.

to become louder than ever. Bear in mind that Twitter and a Facebook group helped spark a revolution in Egypt just this past year.

Isn't "jumping on the bandwagon" precisely the point? In this strategic marketing campaign, social media breaks down all barriers of distance and brings Joseph Kony's atrocities to all of our laptops. However, one should not be forming concrete opinions on this conflict based on one biased piece of evidence.

This is a well thought-out and modern example of why we should be enabled to think critically about complex situations, to formulate our own questions, and to not be afraid to disagree. Keep in

portrays a white father and his son. Kony isn't in Uganda any longer. Tourism is a great economic boost, but is this hurting the reputation of the country? Since Kony left six to seven years ago, this is an inaccurate painting of today's Uganda.

I've heard some students justify that if some "activists" are unable to point to Uganda on a map, they shouldn't fully be supporting the movement. In a 2006 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC study given to young adults ages 18-24, 63 percent of those tested couldn't identify Iraq on a map, three years after the US invasion of the country. Furthermore, in a 2003 USA TODAY article, nearly seven in 10 Americans

believed Saddam Hussein was behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

But what does capturing Kony do to end the greater picture at hand of unstable governments? Did killing Osama bin Laden stop terrorism? There is more to this crisis than putting a bounty on a man's head after Western propaganda against him. Kony is an intolerable war criminal. But are people willing to kill through his LRA - children soldiers and teenage body guards - to put a stop to this madness?

The Kony 2012 movement isn't the first initiative this charity has been a part of. Don't get me wrong, Invisible

Children has definitely sparked a boost in Uganda's economy by building school houses, radio towers to warn of LRA attacks in communities nearby, and a handful of occupations giving local Ugandans employment.

Ironically, we turn to outside organizations like Invisible Children to give us answers as to how to arrest this man.

According to the Invisible Children website, Kony has had six failed attempts at peace talks. During such, he uses that downtime to recruit and further strengthen his child army. We must define what "achieving peace" means to Ugandans. Is it a military

intervention? Thirty years strong, in the topic of peace talks, I wouldn't count on the seventh time as being the charm.

Let's not forget that Invisible Children co-founder Jason Russell had a nervous breakdown in the streets of San Diego due to the negative criticism his campaign was receiving. It looks like the fame of changing the world goes to your head. There are bigger problems that are intertwined to the regional culture in Africa. Although there are stronger forces out to arrest him, Kony isn't the root of all problems in the region.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Metrical unit
- 5 Arabian judge
- 9 Grandfather of Saul
- 12 Exude
- 13 Sleeping
- 14 Mountain on Crete
- 15 Javanese carriage
- 16 Weed
- 17 Computer generated imagery (abbr.)
- 18 Alcott heroine
- 20 Sable
- 22 Article
- 25 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 27 Garland
- 28 Time period
- 29 International (abbr.)
- 31 And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
- 34 Sinbad's bird

35 Fr. author

- 37 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
- 38 Wing (pref.)
- 40 Grape syrup
- 41 Jap. fish
- 42 Article (Fr.)
- 44 Negative population growth (abbr.)
- 45 Deviate
- 46 Necktie
- 49 Droop
- 51 Male person
- 52 Baseball equipment
- 54 Eth. Danakil people
- 58 Pointed (pref.)
- 59 Afr. tree
- 60 Polish rum cake
- 61 Footlike structure
- 62 Direct
- 63 Poetic foot

Check next week's issue for the answers to this week's puzzle!

DOWN


- 1 Before some vowels (pref.)
- 2 Tumor (suf.)
- 3 Free
- 4 Monad
- 5 Felis (2 words)
- 6 Amateur Boxing

Assn. (abbr.)

- 7 Skin (suf.)
- 8 Utopian
- 9 Wink
- 10 Wayside
- 11 Pour
- 19 Camelot lady
- 21 Female ruff
- 22 Manmade protective mound
- 23 Owl's cry
- 24 Moon of Saturn
- 26 Hindu soul
- 30 Pulka (2 words)
- 32 City in Judah
- 33 Den
- 36 Legend
- 39 Race the motor
- 43 Palmetto
- 46 Thunder sound
- 47 People
- 48 Subtract
- 50 Taro
- 53 Yarn measure
- 55 Federal Aviation Admin. (abbr.)
- 56 Antibalistic Missile (abbr.)
- 57 Mortar beater

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