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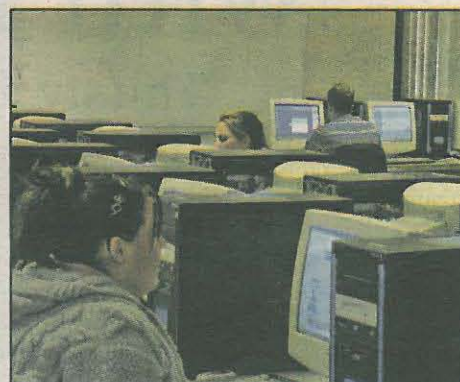


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Timothy Mannion

First forum addresses RWU student concerns

Timothy Mannion
Editor

Following four separate all campus wide e-mails sent by Vice President of Student Affairs, John King, the turnout at the Student Forum on Oct. 1 was lacking, to say the least. Only a handful of students showed up to voice their complaints. Regardless of the low numbers of students in attendance, however, King feels that the night was a worthwhile and necessary event.

"Despite low student turnout the forum was successful because the executive board of Student Senate was well prepared with questions and concerns they had prepared through interaction with the

student body."

The student forum concept was developed during an early semester meeting between the members of Student Senate who sent an invitation to King to get the ball rolling.

Director of Facilities Management, Richard Goulet, Transportation and Parking Coordinator and Sr. Public Safety Officer, Catherine Tobin, Director of Housing, Tony Montefusco, Coordinator of Residential Facilities Clifford McGovern, and Chief Information Officer for Information Technology (IT), Joseph Pangborn, all took center stage in front of student senate E-board members and concerned students. They were taking ques-

tions regarding their respected professions on campus.

After a brief opening by King, the panel got their first glance at Pangborn, as he shared just a few of the problems students have been having with IT this year.

"Two of the things this year that we are looking to improve are disaster planning and security. We had 3,104 computers on campus network and out of that we had 10,608 issues that needed to be fixed in order to protect the campus security. Whether it be virus software that was still three problems on every pc. But with those 3,104 problems about 3,102 are different than the all the rest. It is difficult to make sure everybody is good because every case

is a custom case."

Pangborn also relished on the idea that the Stars Program wasn't working well because the work-study students haven't been doing their job up to par.

"Their job is not to fix a students computer. It is difficult for anybody to maintain their PCs. They [stars] should go into the room and check the network port. If its not functioning then they call IT. If it's not the port then the student should fix his or her own computer.

After Pangborn had his bow and curtain call, Goulet was center stage. He addressed the schools inability to improve the residence halls on an everyday basis.

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Christopher Parish

Evan Solis (20) leaps over a Wentworth defender in RWU's 2-0 win in the CCC semifinals. The Hawks will play Gordon College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Hawks advance to CCC Finals

Shaun Hogan
Herald Staff

The past few days have been some of the most exciting in the history of the Roger Williams University men's soccer team. On Saturday, October 29, the Hawks scored a 3-0 victory over Anna Maria College. Three days later, on Tuesday November 1, the team soared to a 2-0 victory over Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The victory over Wentworth brought the Leopards' six-game winning streak to a screeching halt and raised the Hawk's 2005 shutout record to 15 out of 20 games. The Hawks, the number one seeded team, will face off in their next CCC

championship match against Gordon College, currently the number two-seeded team.

"We are a very solid team," said head men's soccer coach Jim Cook, who overall is extremely impressed with the team's performance in the Saturday and Tuesday matches.

"Our goalkeeper is the best in the league," Coach Cook explained. "Our defense is the best in the league. We definitely have some depth now in the defensive positions, so we know that teams are going to have a very hard time scoring against us."

The Hawks' goalkeeper, junior

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ROTC on the rise

Jaclyn Kinberg
Herald Staff

Tens of thousands of soldiers are being forced to extend tours of duty and retirement dates because of a shortage of manpower. An unpopular war, recruiting shortfalls, and disenchantment with the Army are just the major problems facing military leadership. Strangely enough, the rate of Army's Reserve Officers' Corps (ROTC) officers graduating across the nation's college campuses continues to increase.

According to opening enrollment reports by the Army's Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, V.A., which supervises ROTC, for the 2004-2005 period 26,575 students were enrolled in ROTC on college campuses, down from last year's 28,729 and 31,765 in 2002-2003. Total enrollment across Rhode Island has fluctuated the past three years ranging from 136 in the 2004-05 school year, down from the previous year with 182 students and 159 in 2002-03.

Strangely enough, the number of commissioned officers across the 272 campuses that have a resident ROTC program have seen steady growth across the nation and in Rhode Island, as seniors who started the program three or four years ago prepare to be commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army. The Washington Post reported the Army ROTC "significantly exceeded the Army's request last year for 3,900 new officers," as 4,408

were commissioned, a "33% increase from 3,308 in 2001."

Lieutenant Colonel Paul C. Krajewski, U.S. Army Professor of Military Science who is in charge of ROTC at URI and RWU, said the increase of commissioned officers should say something about the "quality and character of the students coming into the program at a time when war is going on. It shows that they have thought about their decision more thoroughly than they might of in the past, and the motivation across the board is more genuine."

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Smith, a State Public Affairs Officer for the Massachusetts National Guard, said that ROTC continues to develop well-rounded officers who are "trained to work with civilians, have the ability to fight, and possesses sensitivities around civil leadership, families, and people who are different from you."

"When you are commissioned as a young officer you can go command an infantry platoon of 40 people and find yourself in profound situations," he said. "You must be able to command and motivate people coming from all different walks of life."

The Cramer Saber Battalion, which is made up of Roger Williams University, Salve Regina, and the home base at the University of Rhode Island, projects to commission 15 officers in fiscal years 2006 and 2007, up from last year with 11 commissioned officers.

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“From Bayside, with Love”

“Thirsty Thursday”

I really wanted to put off writing this column until tomorrow. Mainly because I'm still trying to recover from last week's fine piece (of literature). The initial shock of hearing a professor repeat my reference to a particularly graphic sexual nickname out loud in class MULTIPLE TIMES still hasn't quite worn off yet.



Chris Villano
Herald Staff

But it's late on a Wednesday night (technically, Thursday morning) and if this is going to get done, it has to be tonight. Why though, why can't I procrastinate far beyond the last minute, it's not like I'm getting a grade or even any kind of credit for this. I'll tell you why, because somewhere within the past four years Thursday became part of the weekend. I don't really know how it happened, but it did. And if I'm going to accomplish anything academic, it has to get done before Thursday night.

I remember when I was in high school I considered Thursday to be “a school night.” I probably went to bed around 11 or 12 at night and woke up at 7 feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the long and evenly structured day ahead of me. Fast forward 4 years and life is completely different.

OK, time-out, before I continue, my roommate (who is lying in bed behind me watching Animal Planet at 3 AM) just sat up and said “Giraffes cannot be real... think about that.” Oh yes, life is completely different now (and no, Giraffes can definitely not be real).

Before I start to drift further off topic, I want to remind you that this is not an article advocating alcohol abuse on weekdays; it's an article about successful time management skills, yeah.

No matter how many times you tell yourself on Wednesday night that “I'm not

going to go out tomorrow, I'm going to do work,” you really can't rely on that mantra actually working. I've given it some thought, and I've come up with a few reasons why you're destined to become just another number in the percentage of hung-over college students getting to class late on Friday morning (masking the smell of stale beer with Axe Effect).

1. Peer Pressure Pal: This guy is amazing at getting you to do things against your better judgment. When you tell him “I can't tonight man, I have a test tomorrow,” all he hears is “I want to funnel a bottle of urine and wake up covered in my own vomit on the floor of a women's bathroom in Maple.” But what makes Peer Pressure Pal so deceptive is that he knows you won't agree to his ridiculous requests, and he's fine with that as long as you compromise and find a happy medium. Result: the Peer Pressure Pal succeeds in getting you to have a few beers by agreeing to stop screaming “don't be a...” followed by various other expletives in your face as long as you go out for “just like... an hour or two.”

2. Because Money Grows on Trees: Hey man, I don't know if you got the memo, but money grows on trees now. Screw the ATM, I'm just going to go grab a few Hundreds off that friggin tree before I head out tonight. With that money maybe I'll be able to buy two drinks just so the bar can close before 1 in the morning. I don't understand how a 30 of Busch Light costs 15 bucks but two shots of Tequila at the bar could pay my tuition for the semester.

3. You: Lets face it dude, I hate to be the one to break it to you, but you have a drinking problem. And by problem I mean “habit.” What can I say, going out on Thursdays is habit forming because its fun! Drinking on a Thursday night and knowing that I have a test the next day is the closest I can come to feeling that rush of drinking underage again. It almost feels illegal, and I think that's part of the allure.

Correction

In last week's “Meg and Ash,” information regarding the religious worship was incorrect. The service Sunday evenings is a Catholic mass, not a non-denominational Christian worship service. It is in CAS 162 at 8:00. Also, the name of the Catholic club on campus is the Newman Club, not the Newton Club.

Lastly, the Herald would like to apologize for anyone who may have been offended by last week's “From Bayside, With Love” column.

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ASK MEG & ASH

Dear Meg and Ash,
My roommate has very poor hygiene. He rarely showers and has a stench that leaks from our door. No one ever wants to hang out in our room and I sometimes feel like people think it's me that smells since I am always in close proximity to the odor! I get distracted when trying to do work and have to work in the

library and I try to make excuses to not be in my room. It's gotten to the point where I only sleep there but my sleep is interrupted by foul odors. Please help me!

-Wretched Room

Dear Wretched,
You need to talk to your roommate. Don't worry about hurting his feelings; it probably hurts him more to know that people ostracize him for his stench. Talk to him about the importance of a daily shower, deodorant and cologne. Be kind yet firm. This is not only affecting you but it is affecting him. If he refuses to clean up his act or just shrugs it off, talk to your RA and have them deal with it. Good Luck!!

MEG & ASH

Dear Meg and Ash,
My boyfriend and I have been dating for a few months. Right when we started dating I told him that I considered going to strip-clubs cheating. He made a promise to me that he was done going. I'm not trying to be psycho... I have no problem with him going to the bars or even dance clubs! So the other day I found out that whenever he has “guys night out,” which happens to be incredibly frequently, he's been going to the strip-clubs! What should I do? I care about him a lot but I feel like I've been cheated on! Help!!!

-Was It Cheating?

Dear Cheating,
First and foremost, where did you get this information from? Was it someone trustworthy? You absolutely have to confront your guy and allow him to explain his side of the story. If it is the case that he's been going to strip-clubs then there are two options. You can either lay it out on the line and forgive him, or get rid of the relationship all together. The chances are that if you've only been dating for a few months and he's been going frequently that he's not going to stop. So why stay with him? You don't need someone who isn't willing to make compromise for your relationship.

MEG & ASH

Meg and Ash are RWU's own personal advice gurus. These experienced advice columnists have contributed to the Hawks Herald for a year and are ready to take on more of your emotional challenges. Write to Meg and Ash at askmeg_ash@hotmail.com.

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OP/ED: Movie GuWho?

Now I'm not one to criticize a person's opinion of something, but when someone calls themselves a movie guru, I would like to think they know a bit about movies. In the most recent copy of *The Hawk's Herald*, this so called movie guru counted down the best movies to watch on Halloween.

In this list he mentioned 10 movies. The movies he mentioned are not what concern me; it is the movies that went unmentioned. These include *The Shining*, *The Exorcist*, *Poltergeist*, *Duel*, *The Last House on the Left*, *Alien*, *Carrie*, and even *Jaws* if you would like to include it, since it is the best horror movie of all time.

He mentions *Halloween H2O* but fails to mention the original *Halloween*. I also ask, for my own peace of mind, please, please, please don't ever mention *House of Frankenstein*, a true classic that spawned a genre, with *Van Helsing* again, it truly is blasphemy.

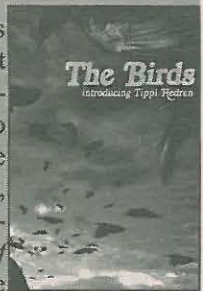
Having said this, it is just an opinion that the movies I have mentioned are far more deserving of praise than *Halloween H2O*, though I am most definitely not a guru. I'm just a fan of well written, original movies that are well acted and allow the viewer to think occasionally.

All this being said...nice job on the pick of *The Birds*.

~Michael Laidlaw



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Lawrence Otis Graham is...

Traci Harris
Herald Staff

Lawyer, lecturer and media commentator Lawrence Otis Graham urged students to fight racism and anti-Semitism by creating "a new generation of Rosa Parks" as a civil discourse lecture last week.

Graham, also known for his account of his experiences as busboy at a Connecticut country club, Member of the Club, is a noted expert on diversity issues.

Graham's lecture was fittingly titled, "Beyond Rosa Parks," because Parks passed away earlier in last week.

"What's important at Roger Williams University or any other university is raising the next generation of Rosa Parks; who are going to be out there speaking out against and kind of discrimination or racism or sexism or anti-Semitism, any kind of bigotry whether it's against a group you are a member of, or, you're not a member of is to realize that we all have the ability to stand up to individuals and institutions in the same way Rosa Parks did," stated Graham.

Rosa Parks experienced a blatant form of passive bigotry, by living in a time where blacks had to ride in certain sections of the bus. Graham said that "passive bigotry" is lurking in the shadows.

"It's not as easily identified, it's not the burning cross, it's not the painted swastika, it's not the brick thrown into someone's window, it is a more subtle form of bias that can be just as dangerous in that it keeps out of certain jobs, it keeps us out of certain neighborhoods, and certain institutions."

Graham came up with his own term, proversity, "I use it to define those quali-



Courtesy of RWU

Lawrence Otis Graham.

ties that actually make us very similar." People have certain types of things in common with each other, but to find those things they actually have to spend time and engage with them. You have to embrace diversity and then proversity," said Graham.

Graham has had the pleasure of teaching at Fordham University. He has had work published in papers including, *The Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal* and has been a commentator on *CNBC*, *WNBC-TV*, and *CNN*.

He graduated from Princeton University then went on to Harvard Law School. He has published 13 books, with another coming out right around the corner.

Graham went into detail about the country clubs being a form of passive bigotry. It was at the country clubs in Greenwich, Connecticut that Graham experienced discrimination because of his

race. In an affluent town that consisted of eight country clubs at the time, Graham decided to make up a fake resume and set out for a job. He wanted to see if discrimination was still going on in the 90s.

At many of the clubs he called, Graham talked to people on the phone that said he would be great for the job and to come in. But once he showed up, and they saw his skin color they changed their minds. He was told that the jobs were full or that they didn't remember speaking on the phone.

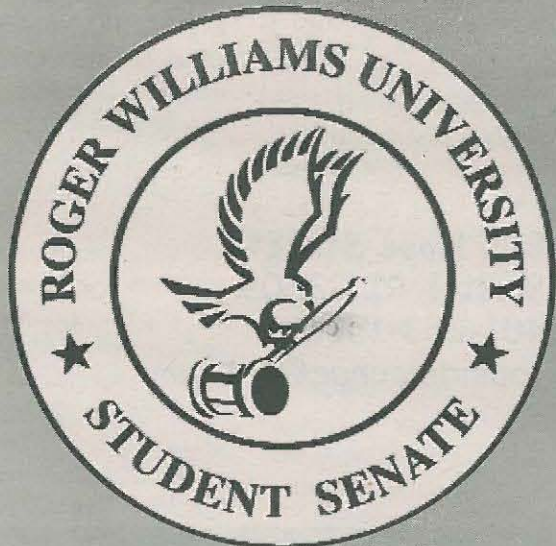
When he finally got a job because of sheer determination, he heard members of the club being outwardly racist. It turns out that he got the last laugh though. His story rights have been bought by Denzel Washington and will be made into a motion picture.

Graham ended his speech on the topic of stereotypes, and how the grouping came about.

"And as we approach this whole issue of trying to erase pacifiers of our society, it's our responsibility to try to help others to broaden those definitions," Graham said.

"One thing we can all do, whether we plan on going to a career in the law or in business, whatever it is, we all have the ability to change people's views."

Graham ended the lecture telling the audience to think beyond their stereotypes, "When you think about what you want to do in your careers, it doesn't always have to be tied to your 9 to 5, Monday through Friday careers, you can do this in your own activities, so we all have the ability to change people's views whether it's the most blatant form of bias, or people in the form of passive bias."



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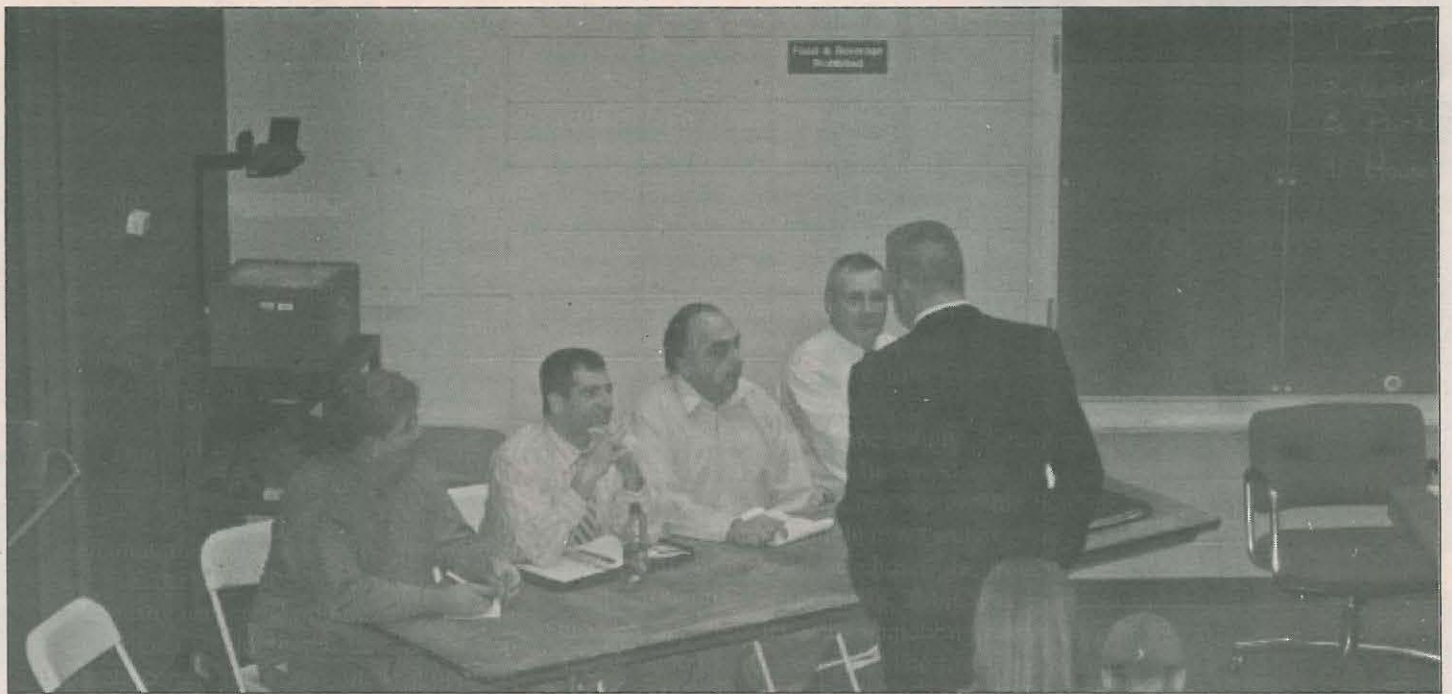
"We have orders that come in by phone, e-mail, or even the maintenance staff calls it in. These orders get to the supervisors who disperse to the allocated workers. The volume of complaints is up this year. A good week we have around 260-work request. The top three being plumbing, either clogged sinks or showers, electrical problems and depending on the building we have a lock problem," Goulet said. "But from time to time we get back logged. We have 65 front-line folks doing maintenance, 40 are custodians, 17-19 are working the residence halls, and 10 are supervisors. Most of the time we have 20 guys doing 260 work orders a week."

Faster than the trolley going over a speed bump, Tobin was up front receiving flack about parking and shuttle problems on campus. The first issue at hand was the idea that RWU was looking to change their position about parking in the middle of campus. Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jim Noonan gladly referenced his expertise on the situation.

"We are trying to make RWU a pedestrian friendly campus. We are looking into making the road in front of the Student Union only for emergency vehicles. We will have to add more spaces to make up for the ones lost, but it will solve the pedestrian vs. people problem we have been having lately," Noonan said.

While the parking has been a minor problem these first couple of months the shuttle has been constantly late. Ely Barkett weighed in on the process.

"We have three shuttles running all day and about 1,500 to 1,600 riders per day. We have been in talks with Ripta [bus



Timothy Mannion

(standing) I.T. Director Joseph Pangborn speaks to Coordinator of Residential Facilities Cliff McGovern, Housing Director Tony Montefusco, John Cameo, and Director of Facilities Richard Goulet at the student forum on Tuesday.

company] about maybe getting a few more [shuttles]. They will be donating them to the school and a new one could be in as early as next week."

The final portion of forum was concerning life in the residence halls including the availability of washing machines, recycling, and the overall maintenance of the buildings.

"Specifically our biggest challenge with recycling is that students throw trash into the blue bins, then we have the janitors going through the bins while they should be going to work on the residence halls," Montefusco exclaimed.

While the recycling plan is well under way on campus, the new washing

machines have made a nice dent on cleanliness among the students.

"We don't have the luxury for more machines so we had to be creative and went with energy efficient machines," Montefusco said.

Montefusco also laid out the capabilities of the machines in Cedar, which have the ability to interact with the user while they sit at their desk doing work. Not only will the students be able to check online to see what machines are in use, they will also have an e-mail sent to them when their laundry cycle is finished. From all the statistics gathered, Montefusco claims, "Tuesdays at any time, is a good time to do the laundry, from what we have found."

An additional forum will take place before the end of this semester and there will also be an opportunity for individuals or small groups of students to schedule a 15-minute meeting with President Nirschel about any problems they are having at RWU. Some of topics for future forums include recycling, details on the new dining commons, judicial procedures, and campus master planning.

King concluded that, "the commitment and approachability of the administrators who made themselves available in the evening was self-evident and more comments, concerns and suggestions from our student body will make future forums more successful."

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ROTC: Numbers still strong despite Anti-War sentiments

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Lt. Col. Krajieski said despite there being a downward trend on "curiosity seekers" in the 100 and 200 level courses, which have no obligation to the military, the "people who have come into the program know they may be put into harms way, but they accept that and are fired up."

Paul Kotakis, Chief of the Public Affairs Department at Army Cadet Command, thinks people have been doing a better job of finding those who are successful in the Army ROTC program.

"I believe in recent years we have done a better job in identifying the SCALS (scholar, athlete and leaders), who really identify the program as having great value and are able to thrive in it, instead of bringing students who may have less of an ability to maintain in the program for whatever reason."

The Patriot Battalion, which consists of the home base Providence College, Brown University, Bryant University, Rhode Island College, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and Johnson and Wales, currently has 75 students enrolled in Army ROTC. Lieutenant Colonel Paul C. Dulchinos, U.S. Army Professor of Military Science at Providence College, said the battalion has averaged 14 to 16 officers commissioned over the last five years. He expects 2006 and 2007 will produce 15 officers, and 2008 will be a big year with about 18.

Lt. Col. Dulchinos thinks that the local market, which includes factors like the economy, has had more of an effect on their ability to enroll students than national events have. While he may have to "work a little harder to get our message, there are enough students out there willing to be committed to the program, and it is our challenge to find those kids who want

to be committed."

"Students who are committed look beyond getting college paid for and see a potential job in the military," Lt. Col. Dulchinos said that these are the types of students that keep attrition high. "They consider what is going on in the world and the impact it will have on their lives, and are less apt to quit half way through the program."

With ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the possibility of young officers being deployed into fighting ranks increases. Lt. Col. Dulchinos said about 25% of the officers commissioned in the Patriot Battalion within the past couple of years have been deployed overseas, following completion of the program. It depends on what unit the student decides to go into that will affect how soon you may be deployed. "Out of 14 to 16 cadets, anywhere from 8 to 10 can find themselves deployed in their first tour of duty within the first 3 to 4 years after graduation, based on current operational tempo." Depending on progress overseas and the Army looking to change their organizational structure, all could lead to a decrease in U.S. forces that will have a "trickle effect" on the number of officers being deployed after graduating.

Kenneth T. Osborne, Dean of Instructional Development and Special Projects for the School of Continuing Studies at Roger Williams, said approximately seven to eight students who have been commissioned over the past three or four years have been deployed overseas. In the 2004 graduating class 4 out of the 11 commissioned officers have been deployed to Iraq.

Chris George, a junior who hopes to join the Active Duty component after commission next year, said that the students that join Army ROTC understand the risks



File Photo

Former RWU graduate and product of the ROTC program, Brendan Finn, is currently stationed in Iraq as an Army Ranger.

involved. "There is always a possibility of going to Iraq or any place where there is conflict, depending on what is going on around the world, but you have to be ready to do your job."

Although Rhode Island is known for its liberal views, which can be linked to anti-war, Rhode Island Army ROTC has seen little effect regarding how they are accepted on campus. Lt. Col. Dulchinos says that even in a liberal state, there still is an overall moral that you should support your troops. On campus there is "a lot of support from the administration by giving the students that want to participate the access to do so...there is no general push to drive us off campuses, like there was in the 60s." Their ROTC program works with the admissions department and registration officers to identify inbound students who

are interested in the program rather than going to local high schools.

As for support from students for their fellow classmates, George thinks that a lot of people on RWU campus are "clueless" as to what they do.

There are students that "see us walk around in our uniforms and just say 'ok', yet there are people who notice, understand, and support the program. People should realize there is a ROTC program and we are not just doing this for our own health."

Each year Army ROTC reaches more than 1,000 campuses nationwide, and produces over 60% of the second lieutenants who join active Army, National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve. For over 20 years, Roger Williams University has made ROTC available to its student body.

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Herald Editors

Roger Williams University is best known for conveying the images of a beautiful, high-quality institution in a lovely setting. But do the students and alumni feel that way as well? Not at all, according to the website www.studentsreview.com.

Only 27 students and alumni have posted their opinions, but the remarks and grades have been significantly lower than that at comparative schools such as Providence College and Salve Regina University. Keep in mind: only 41 students have offered their review, and their

average SAT scores are under 1000. Could this be the insight of the general student body or the whinings of a select group who couldn't quite cut it? Read below to see where RWU ranks, and for more information, check out...

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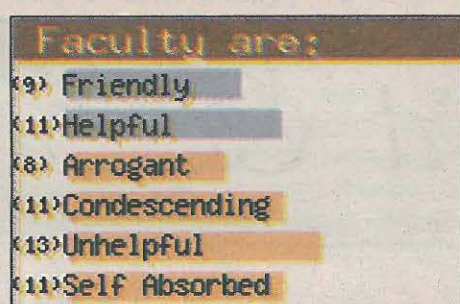
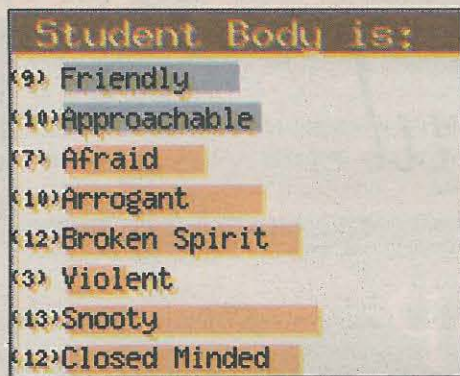
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(19 undergrads + 0 grad students)
Average ACT (26.00) 28.9
Average SAT (1206.00)
1303.5

Education Quality	B+
Social Life	B+
Extracurricular Activities	B
University Resource Use	B-
Perceived Campus Safety	C
Surrounding City	A
Campus Aesthetics	B+
Campus Maintenance	B

CATEGORY	RATING	GRADE
Education Quality	3.9,	C-
Individual Value	3.1,	D+
Collaboration/Competitive Innovation	3.9,	C-
Useful Schoolwork	3.9,	C-
Friendliness	3.6,	C-
Faculty Accessibility	4.2,	C-
	4.4,	C
Social Life	3.4,	D+
Scholastic Success	3.7,	C-
Extracurricular Activities	3.5,	C-
University Resource Use	3.6,	C-
Perceived Campus Safety	4.6,	C
Surrounding City	3.2,	D+
Campus Aesthetics	3.9,	C-
Campus Maintenance	3.5,	C-

The "Positive" Reviews:

College was the best experience of my life. I picked a college that was within three hours of where I lived. Just close enough to get home if I had to but far enough away to feel the independence. I truly wish I had studied harder in High school because when I had gotten to college-it was a whole other world.

~RWU Female Alumna
Business Management and Construction Major

RWU is a good small school, depending on your major the University is either great or just okay. Although most students are from loaded families most are still friendly. Most of the Professors are great to work with. Social life isn't bad either. Bristol doesn't have much of a nightlife but RWU is only 20 minutes from Providence. For a smaller city it has quite the club and bar scene.

~RWU 3rd Yr Female
Fine Arts - Painting, Sculpture and Photography

The "Negative" Reviews:

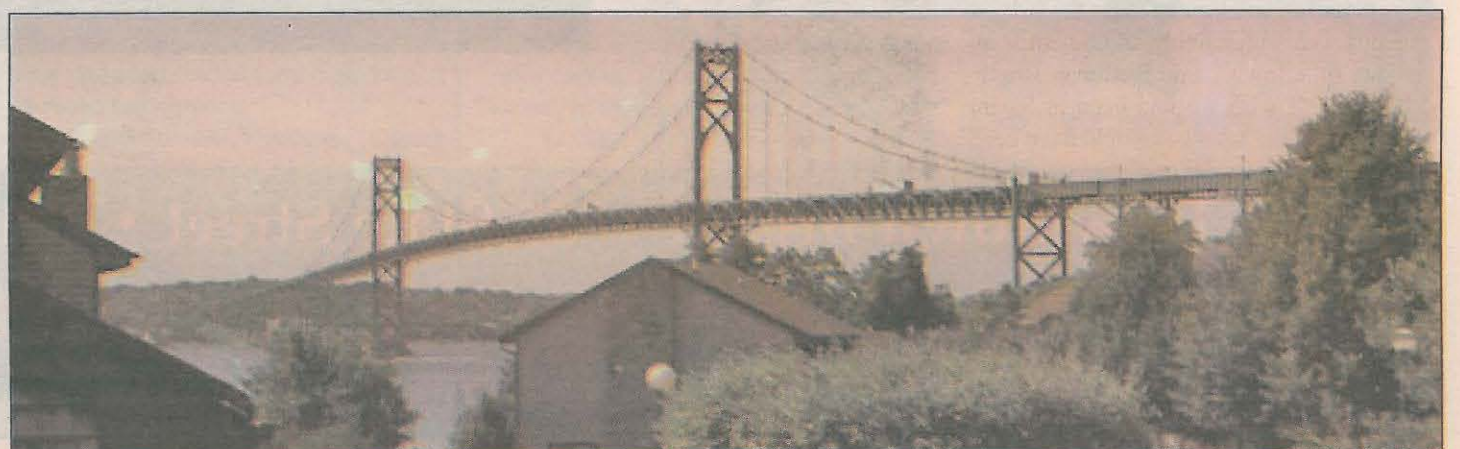
I am a professional artist, yes the real thing. I live in NY NY. Roger Williams is a joke. The Faculty are not real artists, just left over trash from the 70's. No one there has an ounce of skill or talent. Most of the student population consists of immature, rich, pot heads. You will learn nothing here. After I graduated with a 3.9, I went elsewhere, and got the education that I needed to make a living 100% from art.

~RWU Female Alumnus
Art and Design Department

Roger Williams University is THE worst college in the United States of America! And that's being nice. It costs way too much, there is no academic standard, the professors are dopes, all public safety does is piss you off and are completely incompetent. Pres Nichel is a greedy money grubbing dope. Don't go to Rodger Dodger Day Care!

~RWU 2nd Yr Male
Criminal Justice

From the "How do you get in?" section for prospective students...
"Pay Roy some money. He loves cocktail shrimp and caviar."



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As seen in the Providence Journal:

"At Salve Regina...StudentsReview reviewers, all four of them, gave the school very good grades, ranging from A+ for education to A- for extracurricular activities..."

"However, more reviewers isn't always a good thing. Roger Williams University in Bristol is a case in point. It received two dozen reviews ... Overall, the school gets a D+, and lots of accompanying criticism."

~BRYAN ROURKE, Journal Staff Writer

Wicked Weekend at RWU



Timothy Mannion

Psychic healer and astrologer Cheryl Pihlgren reads the fortune of a student in the Student Union last Friday.

Almost as believable as a fortune cookie

Greg Carlson
Herald Staff

Some students think tarot card readings involve entering a hazy tent, where one can hardly see anything in the dim light. A psychic, her face hidden behind colored scarves, her eyes gazing at you from over the crystal ball in front of her. Take the seat that is waiting, and glance at the tarot cards laid out, realizing that the cards can reveal anything you desire to know about your future.

But if you had attended the psychic readings in the Student Union last Friday, you would have found out that a tarot card reading does not happen like that at all. Instead students walked into a makeshift tent that was well-lit and not very hazy. There was no gypsy whose identity was hidden by scarves, but rather Cheryl Pihlgren, a 45-year old psychic healer/astrologer of 4-5 years, wearing glasses and a rather non-mysterious white sweater. There was no crystal ball, but instead an alarm clock that assured that no participant got any more session time than any other, and an astrology chart. However, there was a still a seat waiting,

and the tarot cards were still there, waiting to reveal the future.

Dozens of students had their fortunes read by two visiting psychics last Friday. The sessions consisted of the psychic analyzing the fortune-seeker's birthday, and then turning to the cards to answer any questions the student asked about themselves – or their fate.

Most students were impressed with the results they got, and even those with less positive fortunes were left with some hope.

"She said that this semester will basically suck," said sophomore Maura Flynn. "But next semester will be better."

Flynn was among the majority of students asking about their college futures.

"She said that I do not really need to take organic chemistry," joked junior Liz Huynh. "My professor will love to hear that."

Many students said that they could believe what the psychics told them, but of course there were a few skeptics.

"She was accurate beyond belief in describing my personality, relationships, and future," said freshman Samantha

Law. "This is my second time doing this, and this one was much better."

"I was skeptical at first, but she was one key with previous psychic reading I had been to," said Huynh.

"A lot of it was really vague," said junior Chris George. "It seems like anyone could do it."

Pihlgren said she has always been interested in astrology, but didn't begin her career as a psychic healer until several years ago.

"I had a New Age store, where we had several psychics working. After the store closed, I was offered a job by a psychic company."

According to Pihlgren, the free mini-sessions were quite the steal.

"Most sessions are usually 40-60 minutes long," she said. "Psychic readings usually start at \$75, and astrologer sessions usually cost between \$100 and \$200."

But is there any authenticity behind these psychic readings? Only time will tell, but Pihlgren has been right before.

"In personal practice, I have had people come back and tell me I was right."

Salem trip scary ... for lots of reasons

Courtney Nugent
Herald Staff

What's scarier than Salem the night before Halloween? Salem, the night before Halloween, with a two-hour bus ride taking four hours.

On Sunday, October 30, around 30 Roger Williams students set out on a CEN sponsored trip to Salem, Massachusetts, to partake in the madness that surrounds the town during Halloween.

The bus ride quickly turned catastrophic, however, when the bus driver became lost and a two hour bus ride turned into a four hour extravaganza.

Although many students enjoyed the hour and a half they spent in Salem sight-seeing and taking a tour of the mysterious town, many wished that the trip had been better planned.

"I had a good time because the kids on the bus were entertaining and Salem is a unique little town," said freshman Brielle Nalence. "I wish we had been in Salem longer, though. I think it would have been better to do it as a day trip, and us getting lost proved the trip was not very organized."

Other students agreed.

"I was happy to be in Salem even though en route sucked," said freshman Roey Brocuglio. "I didn't feel safe with our bus driver. I'm usually pretty confident with people's driving skills, but that was bad."

On top of getting lost, students believed that the bus driver's temper created more problems.

"The bus driver had a right to be phased by the crazy city driving, but for her to explode was kind of uncalled for," said Nalence.

Even with the trip not going as according to plan, students made the most of a shortened evening.

"It was a cool idea, but badly carried out," said Brocuglio. "I'm going to go to Salem on Halloween next year and do it right."



Brielle Nalence

Human statues pose in Salem, Mass. last Sunday during the Halloween festivities.

Trick or Treat? RWU's Neat!

Sean McGriff
Herald Staff

The fall season is associated with the decreasing temperature, the coloration of leaves, Thanksgiving, and Halloween. Wicked Weekend, a major fall tradition around Roger Williams University, contains various activities.

This past Wicked Weekend had activities ranging from the showing of Amityville Horror, a lecture from the Warrens, Chameleon Club, a Murder Mystery dinner, and even the possibility of trick-or-treating around the campus or in nearby Bristol.

In addition to each of these activities around the University, there were also less publicized and less attended activities put on by the various residences on and off the campus.

This Halloween season brought back the annual tradition of Willoween, a one night festival of various activities including: pie your RA, Tarot card reading, a pumpkin painting contest, and a lot of candy. The Tarot card reading was a huge hit but it was "pie your RA" that was the biggest success.

"It was generally a good time, but the best part by far the 'pie your RA' segment, which inevitably turned into, 'pie who ever you can' the various Orpheus filled with the 16 pounds of cool whip was just a bonus," said Mike McGarty, a freshman living in Willow.

Starting off with a few RA's lining up to be pied by their residences quickly turned into a free-for-all cool whip war. As people began to wash off from the activity and the air chilled, grills were brought out and fires lit to keep local residents warm during the event.

Both Stonewall and Cedar residences hosted Halloween parties involving costume contests, scary movies, and even more food and candy. In Stonewall, various costumed residents lined up to have their picture taken and then were judged.

Taking first place and winning a \$30 Domino's gift card were the "Seven Deadly Sins." Stonewall residents Ashley Das, Clare Bates, Poroma Kanya, Chris Amrich, Alex Mantoni, Nicole Setzer, and Sam Krause each took on the identities of the deadly sins: Wrath, Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Lust, Greed, and Sloth.

"It was so much fun dressing up and we all got really into it," says Ashley Das, a freshman Stonewall resident and winner of the costume contest.

Bayside took a different approach and provided a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience for young children in the local community. Children were brought from Lucy's Harth, a center for battered women and children, and also from families of the administration.

Many Bayside residents joined in on the festivities by dressing up and decorating their doors, a sign that children could find candy there.

"The children seemed happy and were really into it. One little boy dressed up as a lion and received a lot of attention from the girls around Bayside," said junior Alexis Haddad.

Following an amazing Halloween weekend, Roger Williams students hung up their costumes and resumed classes. Such students only wait another whole year when everyone can be kids again and dawn their costumes once more.

Cape Verdean speaks to students about her homeland

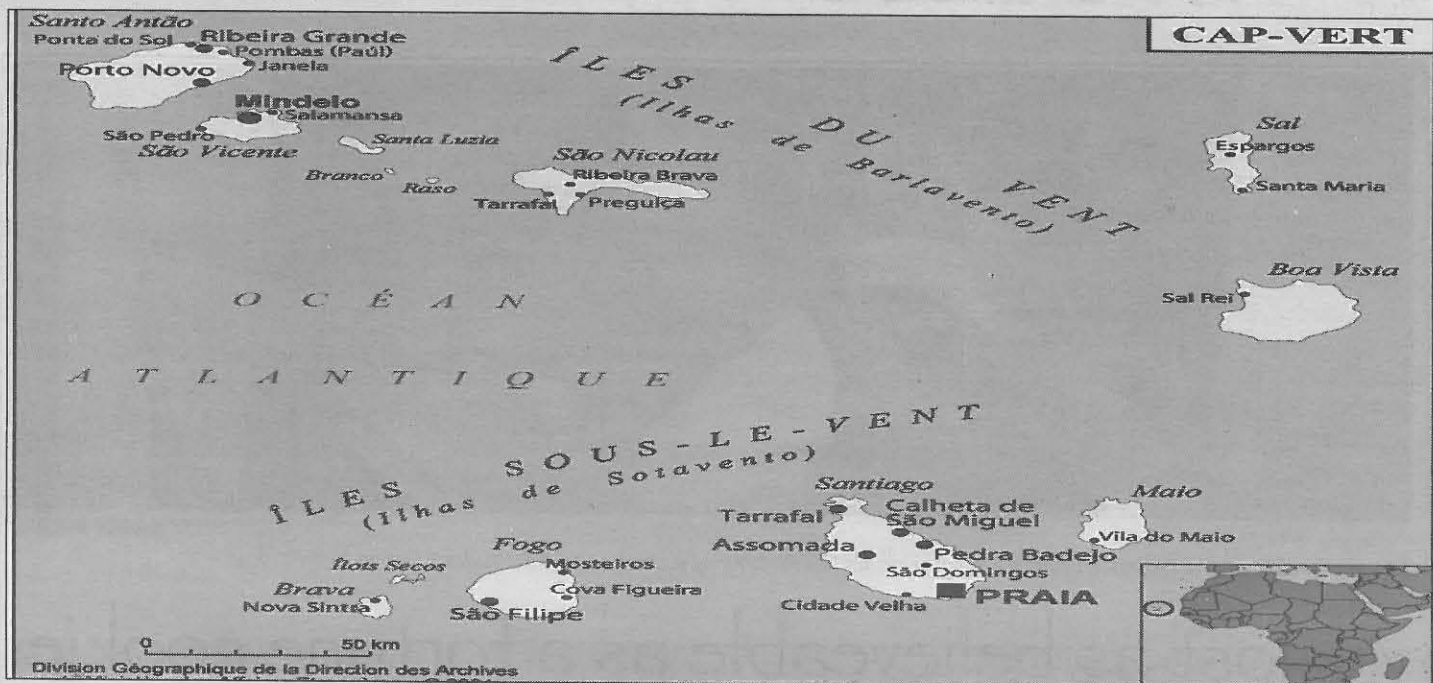
Keri Tanzi
Herald Staff

On a typical weekday, CAS 152 is usually filled with students listening to their professors give lectures, but on Oct. 26, the classroom was filled with eager students ready to learn about different cultures and cuisines.

The classroom was completely packed with students and professors as they gave their undivided attention to Sofia Caetano, a RWU senior, who gave an hour-long presentation about the Cape Verdean culture and heritage.

Caetano, a computer information systems major, gave the presentation, which was part of the "The Hour With... program" which has been a Roger Williams University tradition for quiet some time. Sofia remembers attending An Hour With Gambia during her first year as a student at RWU, and since then she has been anxious to teach one about her country. She said "Even though there are many Cape Verdeans in the Northeast, there are still a lot of people who do not know about this little country in the West Coast of Africa."

Cape Verde is made up of ten different islands. They are located off the west coast



Cape Verde, the islands south of the tip of Africa, was the topic of discussion in a recent campus lecture about culture and heritage.

of Africa. Portuguese sailors discovered the islands in 1456. It was colonized in 1464 by a mix of Portuguese people and West African slaves.

Caetano was born and raised in Cape Verde and moved to America four years ago, during her senior year of high school,

when she was 17 years old. Her presentation was filled with useful information about the culture, cuisine, political views, education system and heritage of Cape Verde.

Before the presentation began, students and faculty loaded plates and bowls full with food. The main dish was cachupa, which is basically corn and beans with either turkey or pork.

There was also a variety of desserts, ranging from *Bolo de Banana* (banana cake) to *doce de leite* (mixed fruit).

During the entire presentation, Cape Verdean music was playing quietly in the background, which had students and faculty moving subconsciously to the beat. Several students were listening attentively when Sofia was speaking about the difference between the US and Cape Verde.

"The US culture is more diverse and more liberal," she said. "In Cape Verde, due to the size of the population, there are certain customs and values that people tend to stick to, which makes our culture somewhat more restricted. Our size also makes us like a whole big family where everyone knows and cares about everyone (which has its ups and downs). Here people are more individualized. A big similarity about both cultures though is that they are both a mix of cultures that came together."

Music professor Will Ayton was one of the faculty members who came and supported this event. "I thought that the turnout was great. It made me happy to see the support that other students and faculty gave to this sort of activity."

Baypoint dinner hosts "Whodunit?"

Annie Eckstrom
Herald Staff

On Sunday, October 30, Baypoint Residence Hall hosted a memorable murder mystery dinner. The event, entitled "Fashion Show at the Castle of Blood," sponsored by the Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA), featured a talented and charismatic cast.

The evening was comprised of four theatrical acts broken up by a three course meal. The stars of the show included the Burnside family (Buffy, Biff, Chip, and Coco), the housemaid (Mrs. Castle), fashion guru Pepper Aupoivre, her assistant, Mary Lou Wray, and Dr. Roger Van Pires, an enigmatic vampire.

The premise of the play was that Buffy Burnside, mother of the family, is hosting a fashion show and has recruited the aid of famous fashion designer, Pepper Aupoivre. However, the fashion show does not go as planned, and instead of presenting models sashaying down a runway, it features a blood-sucking vampire rampaging the household leaving victims lifeless and drained of their blood.

By the end of Act III, the audience was responsible to deduct who, of the cast members, was committing these murders.

"Who do you think dunnit?" asked sophomore Carolyn Ciampa at the start of the program.

Interaction with the cast members occurred during salad, main meal, and dessert, permitting time for audience members to ask questions of the characters, in order to uncover the mystery.

The only time the cast was permitted to tell a lie is when they were directly asked if they were the killer, otherwise they were required to either evade the question or give a truthful response.

The evening consistently teetered on the edge of inappropriateness, stemming mostly from the incessant sexual innu-

dos being muttered by the characters, comments which were met with appreciative chuckles and astonished gasps from the overwhelmingly college-aged crowd.

At the close of the play, around half of the audience guessed correctly who the killer was, even though the actress had played an extremely unassuming role. Mary Lou, who filled the role of assistant to Pepper Aupoivre, stripped herself of her formerly innocent outer shell and revealed that she was actually a blood-sucking vampire.

The cast picked one of the twenty correct guesses out of a hat and awarded the winner a free pass to the next murder mystery dinner event. An award was also bestowed upon the "most creative" response, given by Sean McGriff, a member of IRHA who, due to complete bafflement as to whom the murderer was, decided to incriminate himself and fabricate a highly entertaining motive.

"I enjoy being creative, so I said it was me," Sean commented.

As for the murderer herself, actress Desiree Andre, who played Mary Lou, stated "I try to become a Southern belle," she explained as to why she was able to trick observers into thinking she was an innocent throughout the program.

The event was, overall, a great success and was thoroughly enjoyable for the audience. The highly energetic cast provided hilarity as well as got the crowd involved through a group dance in the third act, which called for a high level of audience participation.

It was IRHA Treasurer, Caitlin Murphy, was behind the idea for the dinner, she explained, "We wanted to do something for Halloween, and this seemed like a good idea."

By the final act, all attendees were definitely in the Halloween spirit, and luckily half of these people were adept enough detectives that they were able to identify the vampire in their midst before it was too late!

Academic Expo: A helping hand for students

Sarah Cournoyer &
Courtney Nugent
Herald Staff

A steady stream of students filed through the Field House, picking up pamphlets with information on various majors, study abroad opportunities, and services offered on campus. This was the first glimpse of the Academic Expo run by the Director of the Career Center, Robin Beauchamp.

"This was an opportunity for primarily freshmen," said visiting assistant professor of History and American Studies, Jennifer Stevens. "It's a good opportunity for students when they don't know where to start."

According to Beauchamp, the purpose of the expo was to help out the large incoming freshman class. "Many of the freshmen are undecided, so they thought that the Academic Expo would be a 'one stop shop' where you could get a lot of information and a lot of questions answered in a short period of time."

Faculty and students alike lined up tables delving out information concerning each major or program. Each major was represented to the fullest, along with study abroad tables, the student advocate center, the career center, a core concentration table, the service learning center, the tutoring center, and many other tables offered information to the 300 eager students who attended.

The table for the career center had laid

out pamphlets to take, but the message was to stop by and talk a little about what they have to offer the student body.

Laura Choiniere of the Tutoring Center gave the same message. "We encourage all students not just struggling students to stop by."

As incentive for attending, students received a passport on their way in. For each academic or service table they attended, they received a star sticker. If they received seven stickers and filled out the survey at the end of the passport, they were entered into a raffle for a DVD player and iPod.

The faculty manning the tables voiced the opinion that the Expo had been a great success, and they hope it will become an annual event.

"I support any program that heightens the awareness of service at the university," said KC Ferrara, the director of the service-learning center. "I've been talking to a lot of freshmen and explaining how our office can continue to help them [after community connections] more personally."

According to Beauchamp, she received a lot of positive feedback from students as well.

"I got some information about a possible core concentration," said freshman Gregory Dragonetti.

"The Academic Expo was a great idea. They should definitely do it again for next year's freshmen."

Good Night, and Good Luck

Mark Granger
Herald Staff

Pioneer of televised journalism Edward R. Murrow changed and influenced the future of journalism forever as depicted in this chronicle of CBS's early news broadcast days that every communications student must see in order to understand the current power of televised news today.

Director, co-writer, and co-star of *Good Night, and Good Luck*, George Clooney, shows the earliest of critical journalism in the formative years of television. In the early 1950's a Senator Joseph McCarthy was in the middle of his tyrannical reign of ridding the country of supposed communists and their supporters. Though the lack of evidence from trials of the several accused and convicted of involvement with Communism was clear to many, virtually no one in the media challenged McCarthy's movement.

Most Americans were afraid of being accused of a communist sympathizer and kept their mouths shut.

Eventually, with the hype of the case of Milo Radulovich, a U.S. Air Force Lieutenant, Murrow and staff decided to expose the senator's injustices by accusing McCarthy of involvement. Radulovich was determined a security risk and dismissed from the Air Force after being found guilty without a trial.

Radulovich's trial was simply the beginning of CBS's, and Murrow's criticism of McCarthy on his news program *See it Now*. If the one single event in televised journalism could be chosen as the most influential towards the future of broadcasting, the McCarthy scandal would appear on top.

Good Night, and Good Luck depicts this event in a way that every student could benefit and is essential for the clear understanding of media for communications students.



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What would RWU do during a disaster?

Michael Hurley
Herald Staff

Picture this: It's two o'clock on a Wednesday morning. That's a fire alarm going off! You dash outside to see your RA telling you that you have to get off the campus immediately.

Do you know what to do?

Some students living on campus would not know where to go. Some would rush to their rooms, gathering as many important belongings as possible. Other students would race to their cars, hoping to beat the certain gridlock on the small campus roads. As evident in numerous fire alarms that have been pulled during the nights, some students may still be sleeping through the emergency!

In any case, students are not informed of how to react in an emergency, and in the wake of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, with the impending possibility of LNG shipments passing within eyesight of the school, and even with baseball's playoffs annually pushing students to destructive levels, it is absolutely vital that Roger Williams University takes step toward educating its students about how to respond.

It was a little over a month ago that Hurricane Rita forced an evacuation from Houston – a procedure with numerous exposed flaws. With 100-mile backups on the highways, many cars ran out of gas or overheated.

These residents were left without any signs of help, as most full cars drove past them. The authorities did not even have a radio broadcast to inform evacuees of the best routes out of town or where to go if they were broken down.

Director of public safety, Mr. Brendan Doherty, believes that our school's emergency plan is effective.

"There is an Immediate Emergency Evacuation Plan," said Doherty. "The Department of Public Safety, along with Student Affairs and Public Affairs, plays a vital role in that plan."

"The quickest and most efficient way to effectively and safely move members of the University Community to a secure area would be to have the Crisis Response Team (CRT) of University Professionals meeting and coordinating efforts with Federal, State and local law enforcement

and fire officials to arrive at the most pragmatic approach to effectuate the desired result," Doherty said.

However, Jen Kosses, Coordinator of Residence Education (CORE) of Bayside, said that the COREs currently are not informed of this evacuation plan.

"Public Safety would create a plan, communicate [the plan] to the seven COREs, and we will then execute it," Kosses said.

Because the COREs live in the residence halls with the students, they are essential to an effective evacuation. If the COREs must leave the residence halls to be briefed by Public Safety, valuable time could be lost and students will be subject to more danger.

Lack of communication could serve as a problem in a time of crisis. In the case of an emergency, the CORE staff must be on the same page as Public Safety, as they are the staff that operates closest to the students.

Bristol Police declined several requests to discuss the matter. The Bristol Fire Department was also unavailable for comment.

Kosses also added that while there has been an increase in staff for emergencies, the protocols have not changed, even though the number of students living on campus has risen.

Furthering these concerns is the possibility of chaos among students during such a time. The campus, according to Mr. Doherty, has parking for 2,646 cars with only three exits. Doherty said that, "we have accommodated that volume of cars in the past at Convocation and Commencement;" however, the atmosphere might be very different in an emergency evacuation.

If a car accident obstructed even one of those exits, the evacuation plan could be severely altered and could possibly block a large number of students from reaching safety.

Without question, one of the biggest causes of tension among students on campus lies within the deep rivalry between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Be it in the cafeteria, in class, or even between roommates, the rivalry is virtually unavoidable. As it was evident last October, playoff time pushes the animosity to the extreme.

So, with both teams in the playoffs for

the third consecutive year, the university must also prepare for another potential problem.

Though the two teams did not square off in the postseason this year, the annual rivalry is a regular threat to the safety of RWU students.

Doherty stressed that, though tension does exist between Red Sox and Yankees fans on campus, it is "all in the spirit of fun and sportsmanship."

"I knew of some schools similar to us in size that had much bigger problems last year," he said. "I was very proud of our students last October," Doherty said. "Though there were a few minor problems, our students are, for the most part, very cordial to each other."

Cordial may not be the word to describe the environment outside of Willow Hall last year, as hundreds of Red Sox fans chanted "Yankees Suck" at the



handful of Yankee fans in the area.

This verbal assault came after the Red Sox had defeated the Cardinals, proving that destructive and

hostile crowds can gather at any time after any game.

One school that did not expect major problems was the University of Rhode Island in October of 2003 – a prime example of disaster due to inadequate preparation.

After the Red Sox defeated the Yankees in Game 1 of the 2003 ALCS, nearly 1,000 students gathered on campus – setting fires in dumpsters as well as the quad, overturning the car of a residence hall director, and even burning a memorial bench. In total, six students were arrested – three for arson – and three students were injured.

The university did not have a firm riot plan in effect before the incidents took place.

"We went into [the playoffs] with the notion that we'd have enough police presence and be able to monitor student's behavior," said Chip Yensan, Acting Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at URI.

"We had discussions among staff regarding the games, but it was not until after the acts took place that we modified

our plan," he added.

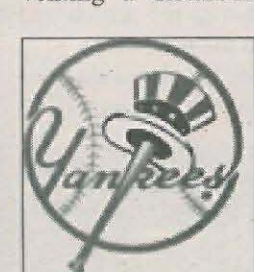
URI officials were taken by surprise because the celebration was only for the first victory in a best-of-seven series.

Yensan also warned that crowd behavior is always "potentially volatile" and that "in a large group, it only takes one or two individuals engaging in negative behavior to influence the larger group as a whole."

After the URI riot, a large number of students, known as "peace officers", volunteered to serve as "student to student reminders to celebrate without being destructive," Yensan said.

Since these officers have been created, no further damage has taken place in the past two years. URI added that most of the leadership behind the student "peace officers" came from campus fraternities and sororities, and have, according to Yensan, "absolutely been a major ingredient in the success we've had in the past two years."

This student brigade, known as The Red Stripe Group, wore distinct t-shirts and was directly involved with students before situations could get out of hand. Such a system could be effective on the Roger Williams campus in hopes of preventing a disturbance before it takes



place. If necessary, Doherty said, Bristol police could respond within minutes to campus, and other agencies would not be far behind.

"The Roger Williams Department of Public Safety takes great pride in the strong working relationship that we have with federal, state and local law enforcement and fire officials," Doherty explained. "That includes the Emergency Management Agency, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, FBI, State Police, Bristol Police and Fire and Rescue, Portsmouth Police and Fire and Rescue and the National Guard."

In terms of these agencies' responsibility, Doherty said "The level of their involvement would be immediately assessed by the (CRT) and communicated."

"Communication is the key to the success in carrying out a plan such as this," said Doherty.

Some feel Athletics is off-Track

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

When Junior Jim Dugan first came to Roger Williams University in the fall of 2003, he had already distinguished himself as a great student-athlete. He came to RWU planning to continue the promising track career he had begun in high school, assuming that he would be able to compete at the championship level.

"I came to RWU thinking that track and field was a varsity sport," Dugan said, "I was really disappointed when I found

that is what the kids really look forward to at the end of the season."

The concerns of both Knapp and Livingston are definitely valid, as Dugan and his fellow athletes feel restricted by not being able to compete in the championship matches.

"We definitely have a lot of good runners," Dugan said, "and would be able to qualify a lot of guys if we were allowed to."

RWU Director of Athletics George Kolb sympathizes with coaches Knapp and

According to Kolb, President Roy Nirschel has asked him to set up what he calls a "Blue Ribbon Commission" to look at the future of intercollegiate athletics at RWU. The committee will be made up of faculty, athletics advisors and will be chaired by Vice President of Student Affairs John King and Kolb himself.

"This commission will look at what our conference affiliations are," Kolbe said, "How are we addressing Title IX? What sports should we sponsor? We are going to look at everything, track included."

Kolb personally feels that track and field becoming a varsity sport will be one of the main issues considered in the "blue ribbon commission." However, he still feels that financing will be one of the biggest challenges to achieving the goals of the athletic department.

"The question we need to answer is how do we approach this problem within our current finances," Kolb explained, "because we are dealing with a finite number of dollars."

Coach Knapp has expressed other concerns besides athletes being disappointed because they cannot compete in the post season. His main concern was that the school loses potential student athletes when they learn that track and field is a club sport.

"If potential recruits are toying between two schools," Knapp explained, "based on academics and athletics it hurts to see that little bit of athletics push them away."

Kolb said he realizes that RWU is losing potential students simply because track and field is not a varsity sport. He feels that what makes RWU special is the school's offering of unique majors to those who want to compete at high levels both academically and physically. He feels that track and field by not being a varsity sport turns some of these candidates away from RWU.

"This is a situation that has existed for a long time at Roger Williams," Kolb explained. "It pre-dates me and it is something that we have definitely looked at and will continue to look at."

Kolb is very excited about the "blue ribbon commission" and its implications for the future of athletics at RWU, especially track and field, which he feels is one of the strongest candidates for becoming another varsity sport on campus.

"This is a very ambitious school with a very ambitious athletic program," Kolb said. "When it comes to track we have two excellent coaches in Tony and Sean and excellent student athletes. The pieces are there; it is a really strong program, one of our strongest."



Christopher Parish

Tracks like the one seen above are common at most university campuses, but the lack of one on the RWU campus is one of many reasons why the school lacks a track team - a bone of contention with many of the athletes on the club team.

out that it wasn't, track and field was really big for me in high school."

Dugan, like many other athletes, quickly learned that track and field is not a varsity sport at RWU; it is in fact a club sport. As a club sport, the track and field team can compete in a variety of meets at all levels of competition but they cannot compete in the postseason or championship meets. Track and field coaches Tony Knapp and Sean Livingston feel that this places an unfair restriction on how far the track team can go.

"My biggest fear is that you have someone come in and hit, say an NCAA time," Coach Livingston explained, "and they aren't necessarily able to go on to the championship competitions."

Coach Livingston feels that in the past few years the track team has been recruiting a higher level of athlete than in the past. Coach Knapp explained that many of the team members are disappointed when they perform well during the season and cannot continue on to the postseason.

"With club sports," Knapp said, "we cannot go to the championship meets and

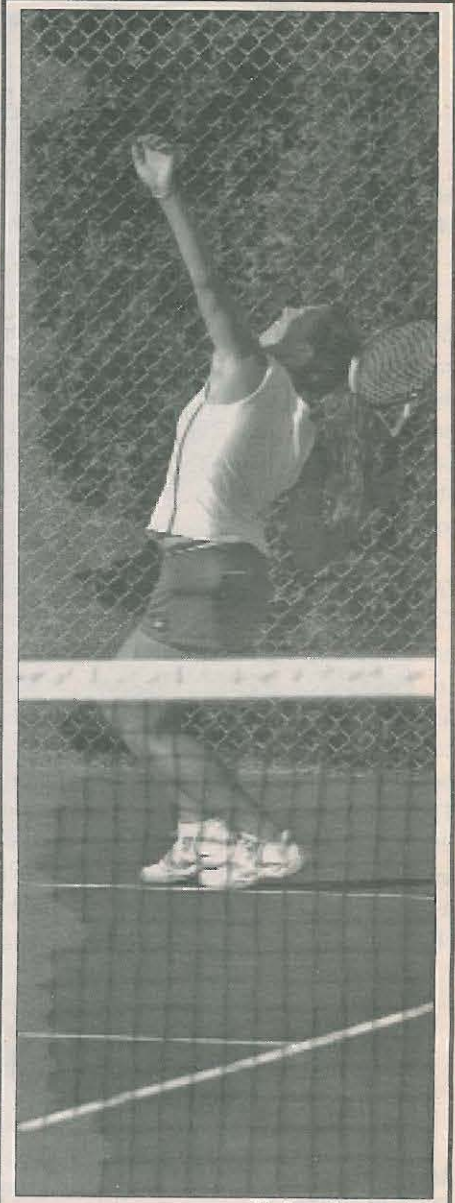
Livingston. Kolb feels that the track and field team has become one of the university's strongest athletic programs.

"Todd Deely (the predecessor to Knapp and Livingston) really came in and built the track and field program to the level it is at today," Kolb explained. "Sean and Tony have come in and have not only continued that work but enhanced it."

"The point is absolutely legitimate that we have better athletes than we have had before," Kolb said.

In a perfect world, Kolbe would like to see track and field become a varsity sport, but he explained there are other factors that must be considered in the decision. Of these issues, financing is of particular importance, as the track team lacks a lot of the necessary equipment for their sport.

In the past few years, RWU has made significant changes to the sports offerings on campus. The center-piece of these changes was the addition of the women's lacrosse team and the new swim team. Both of these sports are taking significant money from the athletics budget.



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Tennis wins CCC awards

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The Roger Williams University women's tennis team fared very well in the postseason awards, announced last Saturday after the conclusion of the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship meet.

The Hawks, who fell 7-2 last Wednesday in the CCC semifinals to the eventual-champion Salve Regina University Seahawks, earned six accolades for their play during the season.

In singles, Caitlyn Leone earned First Team All-CCC honors. Leone finished 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the CCC while playing all of her matches in No. 1 singles. Freshman Megan Cornell was named to the Second Team All-CCC. Cornell was 8-4 on the season, 5-4 in the CCC. Jess Manners earned an honorable mention. Manners was 8-3 on the year, 6-2 in the CCC.

In doubles, Leone and Christina Consoles made All-CCC Honorable Mention. As a tandem, they were 3-3 overall, 2-3 in the CCC. Manners and Amy Yaguchi were also named to the All-CCC Honorable Mention team. The duo was 4-1 as a team, 3-1 in the CCC, playing from the No. 2 doubles spot.

Salve Regina won the most awards with 11 awards (six singles, three doubles, a senior scholar athlete and coach of the year).



Timothy Mannion

The women's volleyball quarterfinal match against Colby-Sawyer College was a popular venue for student in the gymnasium, but students also watched on the television outside the architecture building (above) and on closed-circuit television. See story, p. 11.

CCC Playoffs

Men's soccer in CCC finals for sixth time in seven years

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Kevin Deegan, and the defensive team both played an integral role in stealing the victories away from Anna Maria and Wentworth.

In Saturday's match, Deegan played the full 90 minutes, making six saves and not allowing a single goal. Again, in Tuesday's match he played the full 90 minutes while making one save and allowing no goals.

To date, Deegan has 14 shutout games to his credit as the RWU goalkeeper, making him the best in the league.

Deegan did not have to make very many saves throughout the games, as the defensive team played very well, rarely letting ball get near the goal. Senior co-captain Patrick Milner, sophomore Andrew Seck, freshman Ardy Jagne and Joey Summa anchored the defense that helped to seal both victories.

However, the defense cannot take all the credit for the victory, the offense also played very well, scoring the goals that led to the team's victories.

"Our offense has picked up quite a bit in the last week and a half," Coach Cook said.

Junior midfielder Brendan Cavanaugh scored the first goal of Saturday's game in the 48th minute, after AMC and RWU went scoreless for the first half. Junior forward Jamie Pereira drove home a 35 yard-goal, the second of the game, making the score 2-0.

In the 83rd minute, senior forward Shohei Okubo scored the final goal of the



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Brandon O'Donovan (7) heads a ball in front of the Wentworth goal as Antonio Bell (11) and Chris Kissane wait for a play. The Hawks defeated Wentworth 2-0 to advance to the CCC Finals, which will be played at home vs. Gordon on Saturday at 1 p.m.

game after a perfect feed from Pereira, making the final score 3-0.

In Tuesday's game, Pereira scored his eighth goal of the season in the first two minutes of the game, making the score 1-0 in favor of RWU.

The game would remain scoreless until the 78th minute when freshman midfielder Brandon O'Donovan slammed the ball into the back of the net, making the final score of 2-0.

As if the men's soccer team does not

already have enough to be proud of, the CCC honored freshman midfielder Dan Saccoccio this week as the "rookie of the week." This recognition stems from his performance in the Hawk's final regular season game last Thursday, October 27, where he scored two goals helping to propel the Hawks to a 4-0 victory over Colby Sawyer.

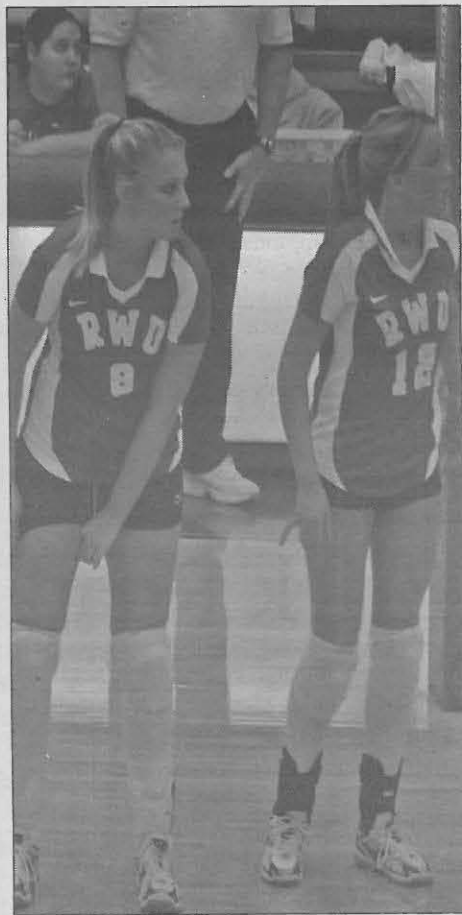
Saccoccio, along with O'Donovan played in a New York soccer club, where they became state champions. According

to Coach Cook they were both recruited very heavily to play at RWU.

The men's soccer team will compete against Gordon College at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday at Bayside Field. Coach Cook is looking forward to the match, as RWU and Gordon are currently the two best teams in the league.

"It will be a good match," Cook said. "I am glad that it is coming down to the two best teams playing for the championship."

Women's volleyball sneaks into semis



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Up two games to none in the quarterfinals of the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament, it seemed like a foregone conclusion that the women's volleyball team would advance to the semifinals. Nearly an hour later, nothing was taken for granted.

But the Hawks showed composure and poise they may have lacked just one year ago in their to-the-wire victory over Wentworth on Tuesday evening in the Campus Rec Center, 30-23, 33-31, 28-30, 27-30, 15-10).

The veterans on the team may well remember the sour taste of last year's upset loss at the hands of Gordon College. But coach Bret Stothart said that was the furthest thing from the girls' minds.

"We tightened up as the game went on," he said. "I think sometimes our team doesn't realize how good we are. But I don't think (last year's loss affecting the team) was the case. We've faced similar problems this season; there were two five-game matches that we should have won. They were pretty focused out there."

Down 16-24 in the second set, the Hawks rallied for the 33-31 win. After losing the next two games by a combined five points, the Hawks regained their composure

and finished off the Leopards for the win.

Sophomore Amy Maurer had a team-high 11 kills and added 14 digs. Senior Erin Carolan and junior Lauren Dumican combined for 18 kills and 17 digs. Freshman Kirsten Bosworth had 33 assists and 10 digs.

Junior libero Ashley O'Keeffe (Griswold, CT) tallied a team high 23 digs. Stothart was impressed with the way

his team jumped out to the early lead, especially behind the support of the crowds.

"We started playing very well," Stothart said. "We had a great crowd and great fan support."

As of press time, there was no report between the semifinal match between the Hawks (19-7) and second-seeded Endicott College, held at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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At left, Lauren Dumican (8) and Kristen Bosworth (12) await a Wentworth serve in front of the over 100 in attendance (above). The Hawks won the quarterfinal match in five games and will play second-seeded Endicott on Thursday at Endicott.

Correction

In last week's sports section, the story of Brian Scharrenweber incorrectly listed him as a double-major in Political Science and History. Scharrenweber was an Engineering major. The Hawk's Herald apologizes for the mistake.

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CCC Playoffs



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Five Alive

Men's XC perfect in fifth straight

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There is no answer for the dominance of men's cross country in the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

While in the past two years the women have had some question marks in their title defense, the men have been sure-fire favorites all season long, and they proved to be no fluke by recording a perfect score in the CCC Championship Meet held at Gordon College on Saturday for their fifth consecutive title.

A sudden, furious snowstorm couldn't slow down the harriers, particularly senior Jon Buell who ran to his second straight individual title in 27:16.

"As a team, given the conditions of the course, our competition and our lofty goals, I feel like we reached all of our goals; 15 points (a perfect score) and having our 6-10 runners place well enough to win the race," Buell said.

45 seconds behind Buell, a pack of five runners crossed the finish line together in 28:02, all earning All-Conference honors. Second officially was freshman Kevin Clark, who earned CCC Rookie of the Year honors. The first non-RWU runner to cross the line, freshman Rob Lind of Anna Maria College, finished 34 seconds behind the pack. Freshman Tim O'Koren placed tenth, earning the final All-Conference slot.

Coach Sean Livingston, who was named CCC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season, was pleased with his men's success.

"They did just what I expected," coach Livingston said. "They ran probably above expectations, in a way. Having seven All-Conference runners was great, and some guys had their best races of the season. Jon (Buell) winning was expected, but he still had to go out and do it."

The team's season continues with the ECAC Championships this Saturday at Connecticut College followed by the NCAA Regional Championships next weekend at Springfield College.

Still, Bome's impressive finish of 23:57 earned her All-CCC honors, along with seniors Mary Beth McLaughlin (24:22) and Katie Parise (25:04) as the women cruised to a 30-point victory over second place finishers Gordon College and Salve Regina University. In a tiebreaker, Gordon College was named the

Six for Kicks

Women's XC extends school record

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Before Saturday's race, assistant coach Tony Knapp told his girls that three teams could conceivably walk away with the title.

Fittingly, there was a tie for second place. But neither team was anywhere near the Hawks as they cruised to a sixth consecutive Commonwealth Coast Conference title on Saturday at the CCC Championship Meet at Gordon College.

The women, racing six kilometers for the first time all season (all D-III championship meets are 6K, up from the usual 5K) left nothing to chance. Freshman Emily Bome placed second in the meet, a result that would have earned her Rookie of the Year accolades had not the winner been a first-year runner from New England College, Sarah Nielson.

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Conference Runner-Up.

"Having such a small women's team, we were nervous going in," Parise said, "but from the moment the gun went off, with our cheer of Hakuna Mattatah, we all ran the way we needed to. Everyone just had a great day."

Coach Sean Livingston was in complete agreement.

"They took the anxiety out early on," he said. "They all ran within themselves, and I thought that if we did that, we'd have a good chance to win the race."

"The freshmen all ran well which really solidified the win for us, and I think (McLaughlin) had her best conference race in four years. Even with our lack of depth, we still ran well and won."

The record six consecutive championships is one better than their male counterparts. The next-best streak is the men's soccer team during their stretch of three straight titles from 1999-2001.

The women will look to continue their stretch of success when they travel to Connecticut College on Saturday for the ECAC Championships. The season should end, barring any miracles, with the NCAA Regional Championships next weekend at Springfield College.

Men's XC - 2005 CCC Champions

Runner of the Year

Jon Buell

Rookie of the Year

Kevin Clark

All CCC Team

Buell, Clark, Jim Dugan, Jim Maznio, Garrett Vaslet, Alex Parulis, Tim O'Koren

Coach of the Year

Sean Livingston

Women's XC - 2005 CCC Champions

All CCC Team

Emily Bome, Marybeth McLaughlin, Katie Parise

Sports, My Way: Goodbye Theo Brick Road

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Sports Editor

It wasn't about the money for Theo Epstein. It wasn't about power or fame, a reputation or a legacy. It wasn't about autograph hounds, relentless media scrutiny or throngs of people hovered around him at the shopping mart.

For Epstein, it's about living his life with no regrets.

You'll meet no bigger Red Sox fan than myself. I'm the guy who read every one of Dan Shaughnessy's stupid books and columns dripping with shameless self-promotion, just for the ounces of insight about the Cowboys and the Idiots. I'm the guy with the "David Ortiz for President" bumper sticker - about the only thing on the back end of my car that isn't broken - and The Red Sox Wall. I own a Wally doll,

and he has his own chair in my room. No, not the Adirondack chairs that they sell with the tiny green plush Sox mascot. He has his own life-sized chair, and if my stupid Yankee-fan roommate were ever to touch the sacred Wally, you'd find the belligerent Bronx baby hanging from the balcony by his shoelaces.

But I have no choice but to fully support Epstein's decision to turn this job down. In the three years of his tenure, the Sox made the playoffs all three years.

Epstein made the single-greatest acquisition in Red Sox history in Captain Clutch, David Ortiz. He traded the face of the franchise for nothing more than pieces to the puzzle, not one of them returning after the

historic run of 2004 (think about that for a second - he essentially gave Nomar away so the Sox would win. Now that's bold). The farm system is the strongest it's been in decades and at least two of his draft picks could be starting on Opening Day 2006.



Courtesy Boston Dirt Dogs

Epstein, like any other GM, made his share of mistakes. But he'll always get a free pass in the city of Boston for bringing the elusive title to the team that needed it most after the debacle of 2003. But sometimes it's just time to move on. For once, Sox fans, it's time to look at the man rather than the team. This is right for Theo, and after all he did for us, we deserve to respect his decision, as painful as that might be.

So who's next? Sean McAdam of the

Providence Journal is reporting that the short list includes Tim Duquette, cousin of former Sox GM Dan Duquette.

(Collective deep breath...)

"Nooooooooooooooooooooo!!!"

Personally, I'll be crossing my fingers for Josh Towers, the San Diego GM or Paul DePodesta, the recently-fired Dogers GM and Billy Beane disciple. And if Towers decides to leave, that leaves the San Diego job open for Epstein, who worked there before following Lucchino (the newly-despised Sox President) to Boston.

If I had the ear of Theo (and in case you're wondering, I don't), I'd wish him the best of luck. 'The weather's nice down there', I'd say.

And as they would say near the border, "you've got 'cajones grandes,' my friend."