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Sexual harassment: An issue of definition and suffering

By Kate L. Sousa
Contributing Writer

An RWU employee, whom we'll call "Y", had a problem - the co-worker at the next work station tended to leave pornographic images on his computer screen - we'll call him "XXX."

So "Y" complained to the RWU administration. The complaint was filed against "XXX" for displaying objectionable and inappropriate material of a sexual nature on his computer screen, creating a "hostile work environment" between the employees because "Y" was highly offended and disliked the images.

While some people think of sexual harassment as remarks, actions or overtures between one employee and another, even erotic pictures on the computer screens are enough to cause trouble. Some on the RWU campus, as elsewhere, are left wondering what the procedure is when any kind of sexual harassment or sexual assault occurs.

According to the 2000 Annual Security Report for RWU, "any form of unwanted sexual activity will not be tolerated."

Unwanted sexual activity is defined as any activity to which any party involved does not give full or free consent. However, unwanted sexual activity is not limited to physical contact. Sexual harassment, defined as conduct of a sexual nature that makes a

person feel uncomfortable or embarrassed, is also unacceptable.

According to the 2000-2001 RWU student handbook, "Sexual harassment includes any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or physical contact of a sexual nature."

Sexual harassment often relates to the job status of each of the parties, whether the harassment is stat-

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ed or implied. Harassment can happen when an individual's refusal of sexual advances is then used as a basis for employment or academic decision. For example, as explained in 'Sexual Harassment In The Workplace: A Primer, the federal government surveyed its own employees and found that forty-two percent of women had experienced some form of work-related sexual harassment. However, men are victims as well. In fact, fifteen percent of men reported that they, too, had experienced work-related sexual harassment.

When sexual conduct interferes with an individual's performance, or creates an environment that is intimidating or offensive, even though it may not affect the persons status, such as in the case of "Y," "the harm caused is often extreme," according to Sexual Harassment In The Workplace: A Primer. Both women and men experience this form of harassment but women are said to suffer from humiliation, loss of dignity, psychological injury and damage to professional reputation and career.

According to Mann and Roberts, authors of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: A Primer, "inevitably, the victims face a choice between their work and their self esteem" - and in some cases - "they face a choice between their jobs and their own safety."

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Women's basketball scores two home blow-out wins in a row going into the winter break

Alcohol issue saturates topics discussed at Presidential forum

By Stephen Saleeba
Contributing Writer

"There is not enough parking." "My classes are too big." "What are you doing about the phone registration?" "What about a new student union?" "What about ethnic diversity?" These were the questions that both the students and administration expected to hear, and heard, at the presidential forum on Wednesday night. Many of the students questions posed seemed to be answered by the Administration the same, "we're working on that."

No one, however, seemed quite prepared for the issue of alcohol. A few students brought up the suggestion of a shuttle service from bars,

which began a heated discussion and debate over responsibility issues. Students and administration felt very strongly about underage drinking and drinking and driving.

Cary Siegler, a sophomore who favored a shuttle service on the weekends to the bars in Bristol at last call, explained to the administration that they had no idea what it was like "on the students' side, from our point of view." He went on to point out a drunk driving incident that occurred right outside of his bayside apartment that the students never found out about.

The students and the administration continued to discuss the issue for nearly forty-five minutes. The conclusions of the discussion pointed out that the issue of alcohol expands far beyond

this school.

No conclusions were made at the meeting on what will be done to change things, but the overall attitude of most of the students and the administration was that the meeting went well.

President Joseph Hagan was pleased with the flow of the meeting. He stated, "That's the way you get things done, with student participation. We find out a lot of things we didn't know before, too. It's very helpful."

Hugh Ryan, director of Public Affairs, commented that the forum "is a great idea." He said that the forum "is an entirely more open and acceptable atmosphere" than many other schools, including the Jesuit school he attended.

Happy Holidays from the Hawk's Eye Staff.

See you next semester

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Editor's Notes

Outrageous

by Aly Mase
Editor-In-Chief

It's too bad, I think, that the campus is not involved enough in certain activities. It was amazing to see the outcome on December 2nd, when, for an hour and a half, four people who were on MTV came and talked about their experiences. The respect given to those four people, just for being on a popular show, "having their lives taped," was astounding.

However, just the day before, on Friday, December 1st, there was an appalling amount of disrespect for a certain other event.

Before I get more hate mail, allow me to explain that this has *nothing* to do with the Rainbow Alliance (the campus' gay/lesbian/queer/straight group) of which I am president. This has to do with the Health Education program that went on that morning. Donna Darmody of Health Education made it possible for panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to be hung and shown on campus on December 1st, World AIDS Day. The panels feature personal memorials to individuals who have died of AIDS and are incredibly impacting to see. I was appalled, having been in the Student Union where panels were hung, to find people standing directly in front of the panels, swearing and going about every day business without even giving a second thought.

After witnessing this disrespect, I thought to myself, *maybe they didn't know what it was*. Immediately after that thought, one of the girls turned to someone at the Quilt table and asked what the quilt was. After it was explained to the girl in detail that it was a memorial, she *continued* to swear, and giggle, and talk loudly with her friends, doing the same thing again, right in front of the quilt. Only this time she was even a little closer, having had to come near the table to ask what exactly it was she was making a mockery of.

A friend of mine commented, before the Quilt went up in the Union, that perhaps the Student Union was not the place for it, because of exactly what happened. I defended our campus, and our student population, by saying that it was ridiculous and that the students would at least have respect for what it was, and would not be disrespectful. Sadly it turns out, I was mistaken.

It is obvious that the majority of this campus has no reverence for what is around them until it directly affects them. Well, I have news for you, we're *not* untouchable, we're *not* invincible, we're *not* immortal. AIDS is a reality. HIV is a reality. Unprotected sex is a reality. Drugs are a reality. And the AIDS Quilt is an embodiment of many people's reality, including mine. AIDS has affected my life and the lives of many people around me, and even at this university. It is not my place to reprimand anyone for anything, because people make mistakes. I am just asking the campus community to *open your eyes* and look around for once. Realize that people are *still* getting HIV, and people are *still* dying of AIDS-related diseases. AIDS hasn't gone away yet, and the only way to make it so is if you *don't* ignore it. Face it, learn about it, and fight it. Don't stand in front of it and laugh in its face, just as you did on December 1st.

Students shine in day of service

By Jessica Whitney
Contributing Writer

While most of the campus was still sleeping and lounging around on Saturday, October 14th, approximately 70 students woke early and gathered together to participate in RWU's 10th Day of Service. Students spent their Saturday morning donating their time and energy to worthwhile causes, making it the largest and most successful campus-wide service event to date!

The Day of Service served to unite the campus community as well as integrate students into the community at large. The student volunteers worked with several agencies in Bristol, Warren, and Providence, including Amos House, Benjamin Church Senior Center, the Bristol Parks and Recreation Department, Metacom Manor

Health Center, and Save the Bay. Volunteers were able to show off their talents by preparing meals and serving them to the homeless at Amos House, raking leaves for elderly couples unable to tend to their yards themselves, helping restore Silver Creek, and cleaning up local playgrounds, beaches, and parks.

Continuing to make a difference last weekend was a group of 45 members of the RWU community who raised money and took part in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 15th. These individuals laced up their sneakers to walk 5 miles in downtown Providence, raising money and awareness for this life-threatening disease.

Every student who participated in either event was able to enjoy the warm weather, have fun with the other volunteers,

feel good about themselves, and even learn some things about the world around them. As one participant remarked, "I had fun meeting other students and accomplishing something together. I definitely would recommend this event to other students."

Transportation was provided by RWU, and both events counted towards the FSL requirement that all students must fulfill in order to graduate. The students were returned to campus early in the afternoon on both days, tired but content that they did indeed make a difference that morning.

There will be another Day of Service held in Spring 2001. All students interested in learning more about the FSL requirement and/or various volunteer opportunities can contact Jess Whitney, FSL Coordinator at x3765.

Editorials/News

Student Volunteer Association keeps itself busy helping others

**By John Tanagho
Club and Organization Editor**

The Student Volunteer Association is a student-led campus group that does service projects and works in conjunction with neighboring communities to facilitate special activities for the community. During this semester, SVA has worked at many special events and done numerous service activities. Earlier in the year SVA delivered pizza, bagels and donuts to studio to help architecture students take a break from their many projects. The club also volunteered at the Breast Cancer walk and the Coalition for the Homeless walk, to help the fight against Breast Cancer and work for a

solution to the problem of homelessness. One thing that is impressive about SVA is the diversity and creativeness of their activities and projects. SVA worked with the Bristol Community Center and the Portsmouth Senior Center on a Thanksgiving event and on a food drive that included turkey baskets. On several occasions, individuals from SVA made trips to the Bristol Animal Shelter to offer help in the many tedious tasks of running an animal shelter. You might remember signs advertising November as Random Acts of Kindness Month. Well, you can just guess who was responsible for all the free blow pops, donuts in CEED and FAS, dinner for 2 at the Lobster Pot, and movie rentals. SVA also volunteered with the town of

Barrington in Octoberfest, their annual fair for kids. SVA also worked at Mount Hope High school, helping to decorate the school in the Christmas spirit. Next semester, SVA will be participating in an event called "Christmas in April" where they get together with Habitat for Humanity and build houses. The Student Volunteer Association sets a standard of activity that all other RWU clubs should strive for. If you see Jean Nowak, Kara McSweeney, Kerry Meehan, Kate Mulvaney, or anyone else who you know is a part of SVA, congratulate them on all of their awesome work, their excellent representation of our university, and their excellence in maintaining active and effective.

ICF goes on trip to Urbana-Champaign, Illinois for conference

**By John Tanagho
Club and Organization Editor**

Once every three years InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA has a mission's conference at the University of Illinois campus, in Urbana-Champaign. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an interdenominational campus ministry established in 1941 to build collegiate fellowships, develop friendships that last and enrich the intellectual and spiritual development of college students. About 20,000 college students and student leaders from all over the United States attend Urbana, and they share in times of worship, prayer, workshops and fun. There are also hun-

dreds of mission organizations and service groups there to tell about what they do and to expand the student's knowledge of the world and its incredible diversity. At Urbana, students see how they can use their interests and their major to help the poor and to make a difference in the world. This year there will be eight RWU students going to Urbana. The students are Jon Todzia, Maleana Ozimek, Dave Roman, Craig Stevens, Stephanie Anderson, Sarah Masey, Liz Lawrence, and myself. I feel that Urbana will be a great opportunity to meet tons of different people from around the country and be encouraged in the things that can be done to reach out to those in need around the world. The conference takes place Dec 27-Jan 1. If you would like more information on Urbana, call x6343.

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Educational and employment settings have largest problems with definition of sexual harassment

When a complaint of sexual harassment is reported to the university, such as the case of employees "Y" and "XXX," the university must first investigate the complaint. In doing so, the university can then conclude whether the complaint is valid and when to take action. In this particular case, "XXX's" conduct was investigated, and once the university concluded that there was a valid complaint, disciplinary action was taken against that employee.

But circumstances are different in all cases. If the person hearing the language or seeing the material does not find it offensive, there is no case to be brought to anyone's attention because the information is not offensive. In other words, if "Y" had been amused or at least indifferent to the graphic images, "XXX" would not have been deemed a harasser. For example, in a case from Penn State, a reproduction of a famous Goya painting of a nude woman has been taken down from a classroom wall at the university following a complaint from a female professor that it was a form of sexual harassment.

Take for example a case at University of New Hampshire, where J. Donald Silva was suspended without pay in April 1993 after several female students complained about his comments linking belly dancing to "a plate of gelatin with a vibrator underneath," and comparing focus in writing to sexual intercourse. If Silva would have had a different group of females in his class, the reaction may have been extremely different. It all depends on how the subject matter is perceived.

According to Schipper, "The number of complaints are increasing in general."

The reasons complaints are

increasing is because the American people as a whole are becoming more aware of and more sensitive to the law. The issue of sexual harassment is a more sensitive issue now than it has ever been.

In some views, a man saying that the dress a female co-worker is wearing flatters her shape is verbally assaulting her. Many, however, believe that man would never try to physically assault someone. But never say never. Sexual harassment may end at the simple complimenting of a person's appearance, but it may also lead to more serious problems, according to the American Psychological Association.

Sexual assault is very different, in that it includes any unwanted sexual activity to which any party does not give free consent. According to the handbook, "a verbal 'NO,' no matter how insecure or indecisive it may sound, constitutes a lack of consent." Also included in unwanted sexual activity is date rape, which is best described as forced, manipulated or coerced intercourse by a friend or acquaintance.

A person charged with unwanted sexual activity can be prosecuted under Rhode Island criminal law. Rhode Island state law separates sexual assault into three categories.

The most serious form of sexual assault is third-degree sexual assault, which is sexual penetration between 13 and 16 years of age by a person over the age of 18.

The next is second-degree assault, consisting of any non-consenting sexual activity with another person's genital area, inner thigh, buttocks, or the breast of a female.

The least serious, although unacceptable, is first-degree sexual activity. This can be broken down into

two categories. The first is forced or coerced penetration of the vagina, anus, or mouth by any part of another's body or an object. The second component is lack of consent because a person is asleep or very drunk and, by definition of the law, "unable to give consent."

If the person at fault is going to be prosecuted under Rhode Island law, this is only for those cases of sexual assault that are reported and where the assailant has actually been charged. Also, the law states that the person charged "could" be prosecuted under that states criminal law, this does not mean that they actually will.

Although sexual harassment and sexual assault are very different, Schipper says, "we investigate both sexual harassment and sexual assault in the same way and if the complaints are valid we take the same disciplinary action."

Students on the Roger Williams University campus are most likely unsure of what these procedures consist of on campus. In 1999 alone there were, according to the 2000 Annual Security Report, three sex offenses on the Bristol campus of RWU, all of which were forced and took place within the residence halls.

Unfortunately, the three offenses that occurred are probably not the only ones. If students knew exactly where they could go to talk in a confidential place, more students may be willing to step forward and tell their stories.

According to Associate Director of Student Life and Director of the Women's Center Jennifer Stanley, "there are several places for students to go to report sexual harassment and sexual assault both on and off campus."

Team CARE members, such as PEERS, Health Advocates and RA's, are

students who are trained in circumstances such as sexual assault and sexual harassment and, according to Stanley are "a great resource."

Students who live on campus should also contact their C.O.R.E., who is the Coordinator of Residence Education. If a student's C.O.R.E. is not on duty, the student can go to an RA or Public Safety and find out which C.O.R.E. is on duty.

Stanley says, "Students can also find help through other professional staff members of the Department of Student Life, the RWU Women's Center (located on the first floor of Cedar Hall) or the Counseling Center."

Although sexual harassment and sexual assault are very different in manner, the use of offensive language and offensive pictures on the Internet may seem like an easy problem to fix.

John F. Driscoll, an attorney and college counselor at Fitchburg State, says, "In my experience, sexual harassment and inappropriate sexual behavior very often appear in the educational and employment setting. Students and employees often think that sexual harassment/inappropriate behavior is hard to define and hard to identify. But the federal courts in recent legal decisions are very clear about what constitutes sexual harassment in educational and employment setting. The law is also very clear that harassing behavior is not allowed under any circumstances. Students, and the institution (school, business) must have a published policy to guide students and staff about how to report and deal with harassment when it occurs."

News

Parking will only get worse before gets better for off-campus residents

By Brian Rhodes
Layout Editor

Waiting in the parking lots for spaces, there are cars containing both off-campus commuters and residents of Alameda and Baypoint. The only difference between the two is residents of Alameda and Baypoint have the availability of a shuttle, while off-campus residents do not. That many Alameda and Baypoint residents could have arrived for classes by shuttle is a common complaint of commuters who say they need the spaces.

Parking is tighter this year than in the past. With more commuters and with on-campus residents having more cars, the problem freeing up spaces for students has been intensified.

Both off campus resident halls have the availability of a weekday shuttle service that runs every thirty minutes. And with the lack of parking, many commuters feel those who have the shuttle service should use it and free up spaces for those who do not.

Toni Pratt, an off-campus resident who commutes, calls the parking "horrible" and says, "I arrive a half-hour before class and get one (a parking space) just before class."

"One day I came to study and it was so bad I drove around for an hour before deciding to go home. Something has to be done to free up some spaces for us (commuters)."

While the university does have plans for parking garages, commuters feel there is a need for something to be done now. Making Baypoint and Alameda residents take the shuttle to campus during the day is a way off-campus commuters feel would create spaces. At the current time, there is no such mandate for those in Baypoint or Alameda, and Terry Hayes, Traffic Coordinator here at RWU, says nothing has been put in order yet for that kind of arrangement.

Residents of Alameda and Baypoint don't want to give up their cars. Julie Walcott, an Alameda resident, says she doesn't take the shuttle because it makes you late for class, since it tends to run behind.

She says, "I would take the shuttle if I have to, but it's just a pain."

Julie feels that Baypoint residents should not have the privileges of driving to campus during the day. "We waited until we were juniors or seniors just to get off campus and they are only sophomores. They have not earned the rights yet. Make them take the shuttle."

Baypoint residents have many of the same complaints that Alameda residents do.

Steve Inlich, a sophomore Baypoint resident, says, "parking is a pain, but the shuttle is not always reliable. But I have to get to campus somehow."

Brian Burnham, the CORE of Baypoint, says, "Hall council is writing letters about the shuttle. Trying to get improvements."

Another complaint of Baypoint and Alameda residents and reason they don't use the shuttle of is the waiting. The waiting area at school has a picnic table under a tree; residents say this doesn't offer much shelter. There is no waiting area at Alameda, but at Baypoint

the shuttle drives right up to the front doors.

Burnham states that one of the improvements hall council is trying to make is getting shelters for the waiting areas.

One of the shuttle drivers can't see why students do not use the shuttle more often.

"The shuttle drops them off right in the middle of campus," says the shuttle driver. "In the winter more students will use the shuttle when on cold mornings they don't have to scrape the ice from their cars and can get right into a warm vehicle."

Right now there are difficulties because the largest shuttle -the bus- has broken down, but he says he still takes up to 15 students at a time. Half of those he says have cars, but it is more convenient to take the shuttle.

It is for reasons like these that residents of Baypoint and Alameda do not use the shuttle. Baypoint residents like Sarah Wallace say, "The shuttle sucks. It wastes my time and waiting for it under a tree has no protection against the rain."

"In the winter you'll have to wait for it in the cold," says Wallace.

More problems are bound to arise when construction starts on campus, possibly as early as January. Starting in January construction on a parking garage for 550 more spaces on Old Ferry Road will start after the Town of Bristol just approved the plan, and in April the parking around the rec center will be lost to construction. That is about 350 or one-fourth of campus parking spots lost for commuters. More are bound to be lost as well, as more construction is planned for the Student Union and a proposed parking garage on North Lot.

Hayes says, "Shuttles will have to be used eventually. Although nothing has been put in stone yet."

Most likely says Hayes that Baypoint and Alameda residents will have to use the shuttle, if not by a mandate, but by necessity once the construction starts.

Pratt says, "They need to find some spaces for commuters. Baypoint and Alameda residents should have to use the shuttle, and there are always spots in the faculty lots."

At the current time, there are about 1125 commuter spaces and about 425 faculty spaces.



The south parking will look a lot different when a parking ramp goes up
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News

Winter intersession not offering much more than a break for some students

Initial lack of senior seminar courses creates problems

By Brian Rhodes
Layout Editor

For many students who have full course loads during the fall and spring semesters, the winter intersession period is a chance to catch up or even get ahead with the courses they need to take. Students, such as those in engineering and architecture, who have especially tight schedules look to take the Senior Seminar course over winter intersession.

However, when the course catalog was released, many students were not pleased with what was offered during the winter intersession. There was a limited amount of upper-level courses, and there were no Senior Seminars scheduled.

Kara McSweeney, a junior engineering student, wanted to take her Senior Seminar course over winter intersession this year. "I would have liked to get it out of the way so I don't have to take it during one of my semesters. They are so busy," says McSweeney.

"It's not so bad for me though, I don't really need to take it right now," McSweeney says, "A lot of senior engineering students are screwed, though. Many count on taking it over intersession their senior year."

This is not a surprise. Over the last few years, there have been three or four senior seminar classes offered over winter intersession. Many came to

expect the same this year, according to McSweeney.

"We have so many classes and such a full schedule, winter intersession is a big relief, but not if they offer nothing," says Megan Bogle, a senior engineering student. "It would have been nice to know ahead of time that they were not going to offer any classes to help us."

With the addition of a class, Bogle was able to take the senior seminar so that it won't affect her graduation, but others are not so lucky. If this one class was not being offered during winter intersession, then Bogle would have had to take six courses in the spring to complete her degree.

By not offering enough classes, many students might fall a class short of fulfilling their requirements for graduation and many need to replace credits lost due to Practicum In Writing. Students started a sign-up list to try to get some more classes added, states McSweeney, who also signed the list. "Right now I think there are about 75 students on the list," said McSweeney. Most of the students on the list were engineering and architecture students.

"If they do add a class, I probably won't be able to take it, because they will let seniors into the class first," says McSweeney. "I doubt they will open two or three to accommodate all of us, or have one big 80-student class."

According to Ruth Koelle,

Dean of Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, faculty members were not willing to teach the courses over winter intersession. "The faculty were asked to teach the courses, but many faculty members use the time to prepare for the spring semester, or to do research," says Koelle.

In addition to research and planning issues, Koelle says that certain courses are better suited over a full semester period than the short winter intersession period. Koelle says, "Faculty teaching the course may not feel justice is being done to the course if it is offered over the winter."

"It's a matter of digesting the material, and some courses need to be spread out for that to happen. Others though can be made to fit more easily than others."

Since the course booklet was released, a senior seminar course has been added for winter intersession. The Proper Orders of Things will be offered in Providence and is currently the only one offered.

Mary Leuchak, who is teaching the course, says, "The winter intersession period is time for me to do my own research, but the course feeds my research."

"I love teaching the course," says Leuchak. "It's a process of exploration for me. A journey I take with my students."

While students are not happy

about having to take the course in Providence, instead of staying closer to home with the course offered at the main Bristol campus; Leuchak says, "Teaching the Proper Order of Things in Providence gives us a new body of material to examine."

"I like new challenges, and new environments. We can do a lot of site visits in downtown Providence."

Bogle says, "It is a pain to drive to Providence every day, especially at eight. The traffic is going to be so bad at eight in the morning."

Jay Hanrahan, a fourth year architecture major, makes the point that "they have all freshman classes, but they don't stay up here. It's mostly juniors and senior who would like to stay and they don't have any classes for us. Go figure."

According to Koelle, upper level classes have been offered in the past, but there was not enough interest it seemed, to continue to offer the classes during winter intersession.

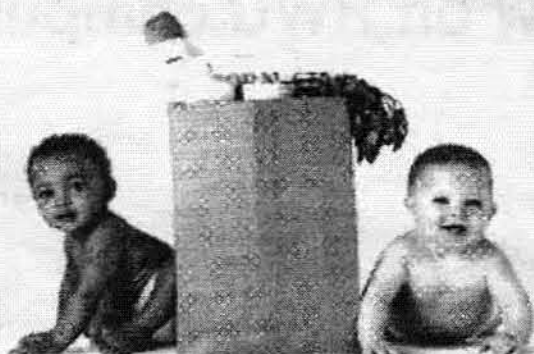
"These are classes we need to graduate," says Hanrahan. Matt Snow, a senior business major, says "It's garbage. They have no senior seminar classes for me, and all these freshmen classes do me no good."

"They should offer more classes," says Mark Bobonvik, a senior Business major, who transferred to RWU. "They are a great way to catch up when you're behind for graduation."

Broken Dreams

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Sports

Division III recruiting is a tough task, but RWU has excelled recently

**By Marc Stroum
Sports Editor**

A sign that states "NCAA tournament bid two years in a row" sits on a table that bears the name Roger Williams University with a few brochures, pictures, view books, newspaper articles and a very talented Division III soccer coach sitting at his chair. This is a typical recruitment trip for men's soccer coach, Jim Cook, who has led the Hawks to two straight NCAA Division III appearances. He's spending a Saturday at a high school in New Jersey for a college-sports showcase.

These showcases are held in various states and it allows schools in division I-III to get an up-close look at the talent at the high school level. "A lot of states now run college showcases for all sports. It's a place where we can set up a table and allow parents and students to walk around and familiarize themselves with our school," said Cook. Coach Cook is continuously out on recruiting trips and spending time at these showcases. His presence is a powerful one, as more and more students will look here in the future after seeing an RWU representative with a successful team.

Recruiting in Division III is never easy, and a variety of RWU coaches have found that to get competitive teams, they have to do a lot of work off the field and in the office.

"I have a series of places I routinely like to go every year," said Cook. Besides the showcases, Coach Cook spends much of his time driving from game to game scouting possible prospects for his squad. "I have been driving the past two weeks in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, going to state playoff games," added Cook.

It's not just Cook who goes out to attract players. Players are constantly calling him, sending him schedules and videotapes of their high school games. It makes the job a little easier for Cook when he has a lot of players interested, but then he has to make more time to

get out and watch games. "It's demanding," said Cook. "All the coaches are looking at the same players, all of whom are trying to sell their school and sell their program."

Last year Cook had his mind set on a high school all-star, but when that player did not get accepted here, there was nothing Cook could do. "Year after year the standards are going up, it's a fact of life, we just have to move on." This year that player was a starter at Keene State and chipped in with 5 goals in a more difficult conference.

Wrestling coach Dave Kemmy has his own avenues as an active recruiter. "Success breeds success and when you have a successful program students will be attracted to it," said Kemmy. Kemmy feels that by perspective athletes meeting the varsity team that his current athletes will have a successful impact on the student looking at the school.

Beyond the athlete interaction, the team has been very impressive over the past few seasons with several wins over division I opponents and ranked division III opponents. In a recent tournament the Hawks finished 5th out of 19 teams and up set nationally ranked Suni Oswego, Coastguard and Trinity and they were 2 points behind Springfield who was ranked 22nd in the country.

Kemmy's recruiting style includes an extensive network of high school coaches. "I have one or two in each state who can inform me of members of their team or elsewhere in the state."

Kemmy tries to visit all the state tournaments in New England and even New Jersey and will actually go as far as Maryland to try to obtain the talent he needs for his team. If highly pursued, Kemmy will try to set up the perspective athletes with a tour with a wrestler and they can sell it more and show them what it is really like with their first hand experience.

Coaches can do their part, however unlike Division I and II schools, Division III programs are unable to give out athletic scholarships which could make or break a student attending

this school.

Men's head basketball coach Tom Sienkiewicz takes recruiting very seriously and believes that every coach needs to be actively involved with recruitment. Year after year "Sienk" visits 4 or 5 summer basketball camps in the region.

Despite his busy season and a schedule that is not too lenient, he finds himself attending several high school games or AAU tournaments. "I talk to coaches and use them as pipelines as they see a lot of players. Prior to the school year I try to narrow down names and be prepared to get in touch with students."

The past few seasons reflect the hard work of Coach Sienkiewicz as he has had many successful recruited athletes come in and make a difference. Players such as Liam Carr, Rob Sewell, Chris Venino, Greg Dreish, and Michael Lynch were brought in under the guidance of Sienk. Coach recalls one experience with Lynch, a current senior. "I got lucky with Lynch, recalled Sienkiewicz. "I approached Mike at his high school basketball game when I was watching another player. It was Mike's hustle and determination that caught my eye and it was then we set up a visit on campus. He met some players and met with communications professor Ted Delaney, who helped me sell the school," recalled Sienkiewicz. Mike's decision was made, no Syracuse or BU, Mike was on his way to RWU where his basketball career continues to shine.

The Hawks are beating tougher teams and much of the success goes to the coach. "They play hard, I run this program like a Division I school," added Sienkiewicz.

Women's sports are also on the rise in the past few years as several teams have been improving dramatically. Basketball has begun competing at a solid division III level. Their roster is basically comprised of freshman and sophomores.

Women's volleyball has also had a strong showing in recent years and has been competitive against all the teams in the conference. Just this past season

the women's cross-country team won their conference and placed well at the New England championship.

The women's softball program has become stronger over the years as well. Softball Coach Steve Pappas has been involved coaching women's softball since the 93-94 campaign and has done a great job shaping the program. He is a firm believer that recruiting makes teams stronger and that's why he works it year round. The team has made quite a name for themselves in the league and in their out-of-conference games vs. tougher Division III opponents they have come away victorious. "Last year we beat Wesleyan, they are in a much stronger conference than us," said Pappas. "I look at players I know can help the team," said Pappas who travels to summer tournaments in the Boston area and as far south as New Jersey. Coach Pappas did a fine job recruiting Lauren Hall, the teams star pitcher the past two seasons. "I picked her up through an athletic recruitment service," recalled Pappas. "I saw she was going to be in Philadelphia and I told her to look here because I knew we had her major."

Well with plenty of players returning and a new class coming in, Pappas is hoping that his efforts and the efforts of the players will keep his team on the winning track.

The only drawback to attracting athletes is scholarships, other than that, coaches still have ample opportunity to meet with athletes and have an impact on their decision making process. With visits to high schools, possible dinners, various Internet services, open houses, and with more and more successful teams, our program is a better sell.

With many solid teams and coaches who are constantly on the look out for better athletes, the future looks bright for the Hawks. With a new athletic facility in the works with new basketball courts, weightroom facilities, racquetball courts, a state of the art swimming pool, and new locker rooms, coaches can now use this to their advantage in selling the school.

Freezing weather produces some snow on RWU campus

**By Marc Stroum
Sports Editor**

What's up with the weather?

Today it was windy, last week it snowed, rain fell over the weekend, what's next? That question can never be answered, as the weather at our campus is so unpredictable. It could be sunny and 80 degrees in Providence, yet it could be cloudy, windy, and 60 degrees here in lovely Bristol.

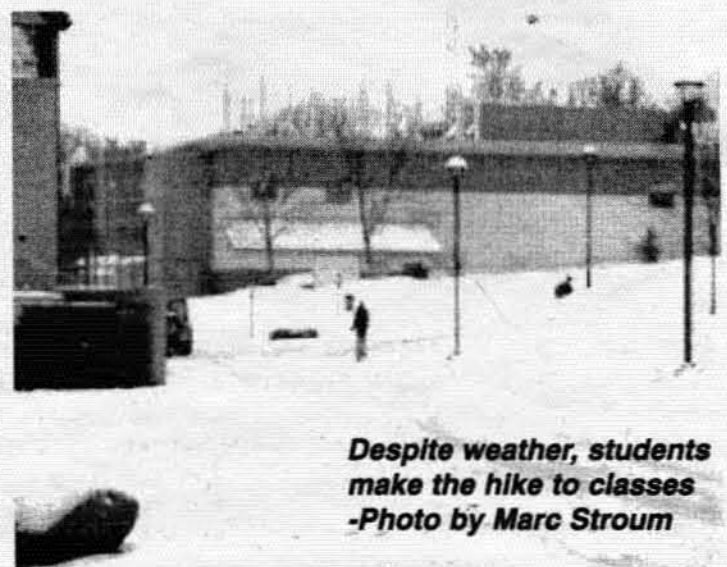
Whatever the case, students who will spend four years of their life here better be prepared to walk out of their dorms and be blown a few feet backwards. Since our school is right on the water and is surrounded by water on all sides, weather is quite a factor here at Roger Williams. No matter what time of the year, when you get outside and turn the corner the wind takes over.

The past few years have not produced much

snow on campus. Usually a snowstorm provides students with an opportunity for a day off and some fun outside. This year we got our first taste of snow much earlier than expected as a storm last week dropped a whopping two inches on the grass and roads. This snow-fall is a big deal for this campus as usually it is just above freezing and we are supplied with plenty of rain.

Weather can have a serious impact on a student attending class and it could have a major impact on the outcome of sporting events. Soccer and baseball can use it to their advantage as other teams may come in and have a tough time adapting to a fly ball or a shot on net.

Well, this morning it sounded like a hurricane outside as the wind howled and this evening it is brisk and frigid and the wind has calmed down. Who knows what the school will wake up to tomorrow?



Despite weather, students make the hike to classes
-Photo by Marc Stroum

Sports

The Rhodes to the Final Four

These are the top four performers for RWU athletics in the last couple weeks worthy of noting. They are final four performers in the big dance.

1. Michael Lynch

1000 career points, just the 8th RWU player to do it, all-time RWU leader in blocked shots and rebounds. He is leading a team that had many doubts coming into the season after losing three starters. This is why he is the top choice for my final four. And he was also Co-Player of the Week for the CCC. The only athletes he should be sharing co-any kind of honor with are these next three.

2. Joe Fitzsimmons

This freshman frightens everybody, but me. The 174 pounder has a 16-2 record right now with his only losses coming to the seventh ranked wrestler in the nation, which says to me he should be eighth. He also receives Pilgrim League Wrestler of the Week honors, but mine is a bigger honor.

3. Jesse Aquino

This freshman was Pilgrim League Co-Rookie of the Week. At 133 pounds he is ranked first in New England Division III as of the November 21st rankings. He has one of the biggest wins of the season with a huge upset win over top-ranked AIC wrestling in the championship match at the RWU Invite. After that, upset is the word if he loses.

4. Coach Ray Brown

Since coming here, he has built a solid women's basketball squad that can compete with almost anyone now. Strong recruiting classes are showing after two blow-out wins at home against Endicott and Mt. Ida. The team is built on quality shooting and strong inside play. Because of this, I give him Coach of the Week.

By Brian Rhodes, Layout Editor

After impressive soccer season, men's teams honored with some impressive awards

By Marc Stroum
Sports Editor

The men's soccer squad, who won the CCC and made it to the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament before bowing to Westfield State got some thrilling news from the national Soccer Coaches Association this past week. Senior Forward, Stuart Hulke, was named to the All-America Second team. This is the second time Hulke has been an All-American, the first coming his sophomore season here.

Hulke has left his mark at Roger Williams and the CCC conference as well. He has amassed 77 career goals and 175 overall points to place him as the leading scorer in school history. Even more impressive, he is the all time leading scorer for the conference as well.

This season Hulke found the back of the net 22 times and dished out nine assists to give him 53 points for the season. This certainly helped the Hawks reach the NCAA's and take home another CCC crown. For his efforts Hulke was also named CCC player of the year.

Hulke was not the only one to receive awards for the Hawks. Head coach Jim Cook was named Coach of the Year for the CCC. Under Cook's guidance, the Hawks have a 21-1 conference record the past two seasons, including a phenomenal 11-0 mark this season. Overall this year they finished an impressive 17-5 and received their second automatic berth to the NCAA Division III tournament in the past two years.



All-American Stuart Hulke scores one of his 22 goals -Photo by Marc Stroum

In eight seasons, Cook has an overall record of 97 wins, 59 losses and nine ties as the Hawks head coach.

Senior forward Brent Malo, junior defender Chris Curran, and senior stopper Eric Rodgers were named to the NSCAA All-New England team, Malo the third team and Curran the fourth. All three players were also members of the first team all conference and have played imperative roles on the teams the past three seasons. Malo finished the season with a team high 10 assists and had 6 game winning goals. He was second in points with 34. For his three-year career, he became the all-time assists leader with 27, fifth in goals with 28, and fifth in points with 83. Curran, who has been the Hawks sweeper for the past three seasons, started all 21 games and played a huge role on the defense that had an extremely strong

season. Rodgers ended his fine four year career leading the Hawks to their second straight tournament berth. Rodgers, a captain this year, started all 22 games at stopper and recorded two goals, including a game-winner. For his career Rodgers, started 81 of the 84 games he played.

Senior Greg Sommerville rounded out the first team all conference. Greg enjoyed a fantastic 3 year career, capping it off with a 17-4 record his final season. He had a .987 goals against average, which was good enough to earn him the second best mark for a single season in school history. Sommerville holds the single season shutout record with 8.5 and he tied for the highest save percentage in school history with a .839 save percentage.

Lastly Senior Adam Sweet and sophomore Timothy Amato, both midfielders, were named to the second team all conference. Together they anchored a strong midfield and helped keep the ball in the offensive zone. Sweet ended his career in fine fashion, tallying 8 points as a defensive midfielder. He finished his career in eighth place with 14 assists. He is a four-year player who played in 83 games. Amato, who was hurt for a majority of the season, managed to play in 20 games for the squad. His impact was surely felt at his central midfield spot as he played every ball tough. Amato has two years to go as a Hawk, so we can look forward to seeing him at center mid again next

Milestone week for Michael Lynch

By Marc Stroum
Sports Editor

Another milestone was reached this week at Roger Williams and since soccer season is over, it was not by a soccer player. Michael Lynch, captain of the men's basketball team, a four year player became the 8th player in men's history to reach the 1000 point plateau. Going into the season, Lynch needed 177 points to become the first since Liam Carr surpassed the 1000 point total in the 98-99 season.

Lynch was on pace to obtain this milestone as he had several huge games to open up the year. In the season opener against Thomas College, Lynch poured in a career high 32 points. Since then Lynch has not let down, despite being double and triple teamed.

Lynch has helped lead this years team to a 5-2 record with its only league game a decisive victory over pre-season favorites the Power Gulls of Endicott. It was in this game Lynch reached his milestone.

It seemed to be the last thing on his mind as he was much more active on the defensive side of the ball coming up with some key steals and some big rebounds. Lynch was just happy to come away with an upset of Endicott. "Scoring 1000 points is a nice accomplishment, but I just wanted to get it over with. My main focus is on winning each game," said Lynch.

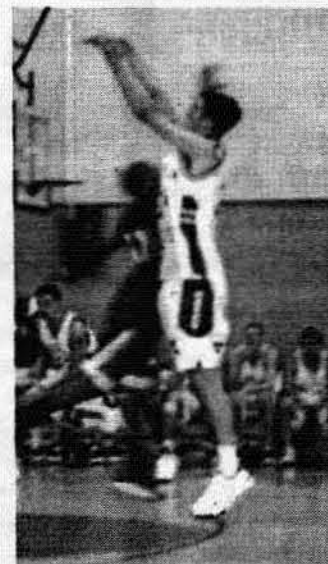
After a cold first half, Lynch began to find his shots in the second half. After a few misses including a shot that looked like it was half way down the basket, with 6 minutes to go in the game, Lynch received a pass at the top of the key and buried a three pointer. Not only did this up the Hawks lead and help them cruise to victory, but it marked his place in the record books.

The eager crowd went nuts as Lynch celebrated running down the court. Lynch kept his composure until the next stoppage of play when commentator Valentino Innocente announced that Michael Lynch scored his 1000th career point and play was stopped. Lynch was a recipient of a standing ovation and was awarded a basketball with the words "1000th point" on it and got a hug from his coach and teammates.

To go along with his 1000 point performance, Lynch also became the all time leader in rebounds last week. Going into the Wheaton game, Lynch was 9 boards behind the previous record holder. Late in the game, Lynch grabbed his final rebound, which was the one that broke the record.

Lynch, who has been nationally ranked the past two seasons in Division III for blocked shots, broke that record during his junior season.

For his record-breaking week and his outstanding performance in wins over Wheaton College and Endicott College, Lynch was honored as co-player of the week for the CCC conference.



Lynch drains a three from the top of the key for his 1000th career point. While below, Coach Sienkiewicz congratulates Lynch on his achievement. -Photos by Marc Stroum Sports Editor



Men's basketball team rolls to break with winning record Hawks defeat defending CCC champs in rematch of last years championship game

By Brian Rhodes
Layout Editor

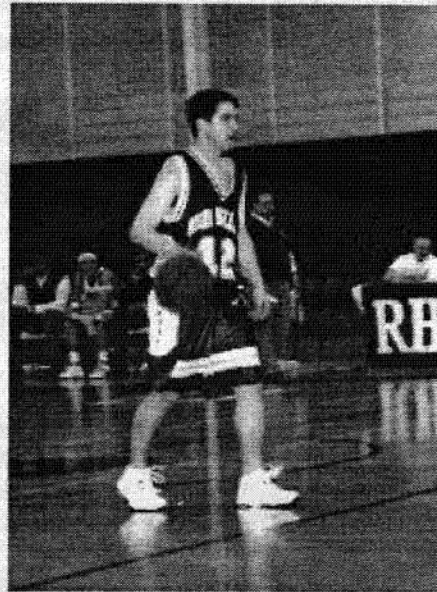
The men's basketball team avenged a lose in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship game to Endicott College last year with a 77-69 win on Saturday, December 9th.

By defeating the defending champs, the Hawks open up conference play with a win and leave going into the break with a 5-2 record.

The Hawks were up by 11 at half, 44-35, led by the strong play of senior point guard Andrew Provost. He had scored 10 points by half-time and had put Endicott's starting point guard on the bench with foul trouble. He finished the half eight for eight from the foul line and ended the game 10 for 10.

In no way was the second half as easy as the first. Endicott came out of half-time with a short run to trim down the lead, but the Hawks responded with a run of their own. After several minutes of up and down, even play, the Hawks went on another run that put them up by 16 on a three-pointer by Michael Lynch, his 1000th career point. With six minutes to play, it looked like the Hawks had a secure lead over the defending champs.

But for about four minutes the Hawks did not score another basket, and the Power Gulls of Endicott were able to trim the lead all the way to three points with just two minutes to



Point guard Andrew Provost brings the ball down the court -Photo by Marc Stroum

play.

Two free-throws by Provost ended the Hawk drought and sparked the squad to score six straight points. A dunk by Jason Wiggins from Provost after he had sliced through Endicott's pressure, gave the Hawks a secure 75-66 lead, this time with just about one minute of play left in the game.

A couple of free-throws by Wiggins and Kevin Bates sealed the win for the Hawks and proved doubters wrong.

After losing three key starters

at the end of last season, there were some doubts going into the current season. Players have stepped up this season to replace last season's leading scorer, third-leading scorer, and the team's leading passer.

In fact, all three were some of the best Roger Williams has had in the program. Liam Carr left as the second all-time leading scorer in school history and Rob Sewell left as the all-time assist leader in school history, both four-year starters for the team. Chris Venino was the main threat from the outside, third in scoring, and was one of the leaders in assists.

Players this year, though, have stepped up. Lynch is averaging over 20 points a game and eight rebounds to lead the team. Wiggins has more than doubled his scoring and rebounding from last year, and is a terror inside, sending shots back at a conference leading pace. Provost has picked up the point guard duties full-time this season and leads the team and conference in assists. Freshman Kamran Alemdar has become the top outside threat with a sweet stroke coming off the bench. Senior captain Kenny Nappi has stepped up his performances, as well as Jonathan Hastings and Jay O'Brien.

Come out and watch some exciting basketball and look for the squad to again challenge for the CCC title.

Updates:

Wrestling Team continues to show strong results at tournaments every weekend. Barely loses to Princeton in 2000 RWU Dual-Meet Classic

Men's basketball forward Michael Lynch scores his 1000th point of his career on a three pointer in the win over Endicott College, Saturday November 9th.

Records:

Men's Basketball:
Overall 5-2
CCC 1-0

Women's Basketball:
Overall 5-4
CCC 1-0

After a tough week, women's basketball team rebounds with blow-out

By Michael Lynch
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams women's basketball team struggled last week, as they dropped four straight games. On Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, they competed in the Keene State College Tournament, where they placed fourth. In the opening game, the squad was defeated by the host school, 81-73. Freshman Kristin Gaynor had a career-high 30 points, and classmate Caryn Ayers added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

In the consolation game, the Hawks took on Framingham State College. The Rams downed the Hawks by an 81-74 count. Ayers led the Hawks with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Ashlee Vose added 17 and Gaynor scored 12. Junior Emily Winsor also contributed a double-double, scoring 10 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Tuesday, November 28, the Hawks hosted the Beacons of UMASS-Boston. The Beacons pulled out a 72-63 win in the Paolino Center. The freshmen

tandem of Ayers and Gaynor led the way again, with 19 and 18 points, respectively.

Thursday, November 30, the Hawks traveled to Providence to take on the Anchorwomen of Rhode Island College. The Lady Hawks dropped a 59-53 decision. Ayers poured in 24 points and Gaynor added 12. Vose pulled down 14 rebounds, while Ayers grabbed 10.

In the opening game of the Hawk's conference play, they blew-out Endicott College at home 67-35. While the game was still a contest at half-time, the Hawk's opened up the second half with some pressure to force the tempo and open up a sizeable and secure lead. Gaynor led the breaks, picking the opponent three times and converting easy lay-ups. The strong inside play of Hawk forwards Ayers and Vose in the second half kept the Power Gulls of



Emily Winsor makes a pass to Emily Whitson. - Photo by Marc Stroum

Endicott from being able to rally themselves back into the game.

They also blew-out Mt. Ida College on Monday, December 11, at home. The Hawks again dominated the entire game and go into the break at 5-4.

At publication time, the Hawks lead the CCC in team field goal percentage and are second in team field goal percentage defense.

Ayers is currently third in scoring and fourth in rebounding in the conference. Gaynor ranks fourth in scoring, and Vose is second in blocks and ranks seventh in rebounding.