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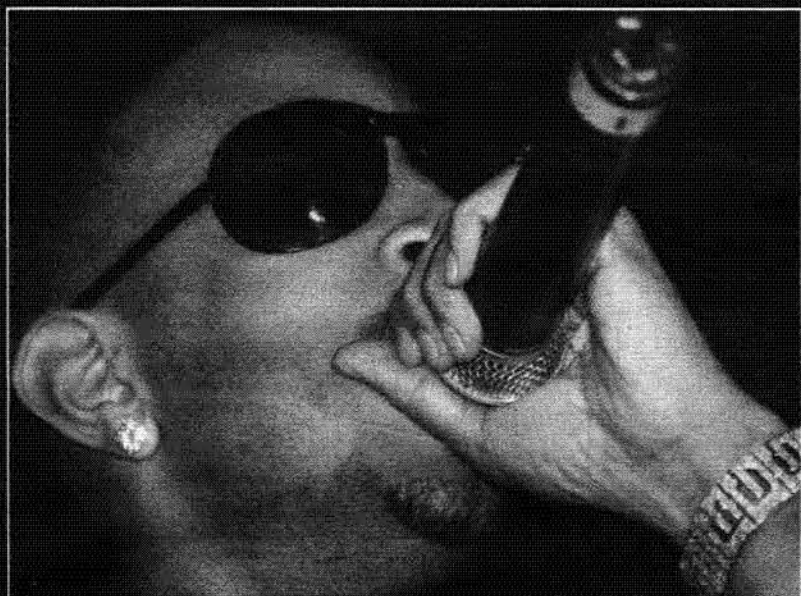
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Michael Hurley
Managing Editor

All's well that ends well.

That seemed to be the attitude when Grammy-award winning artist Ludacris left the stage after entertaining a sold-out crowd that had been waiting for hours for the show to begin.

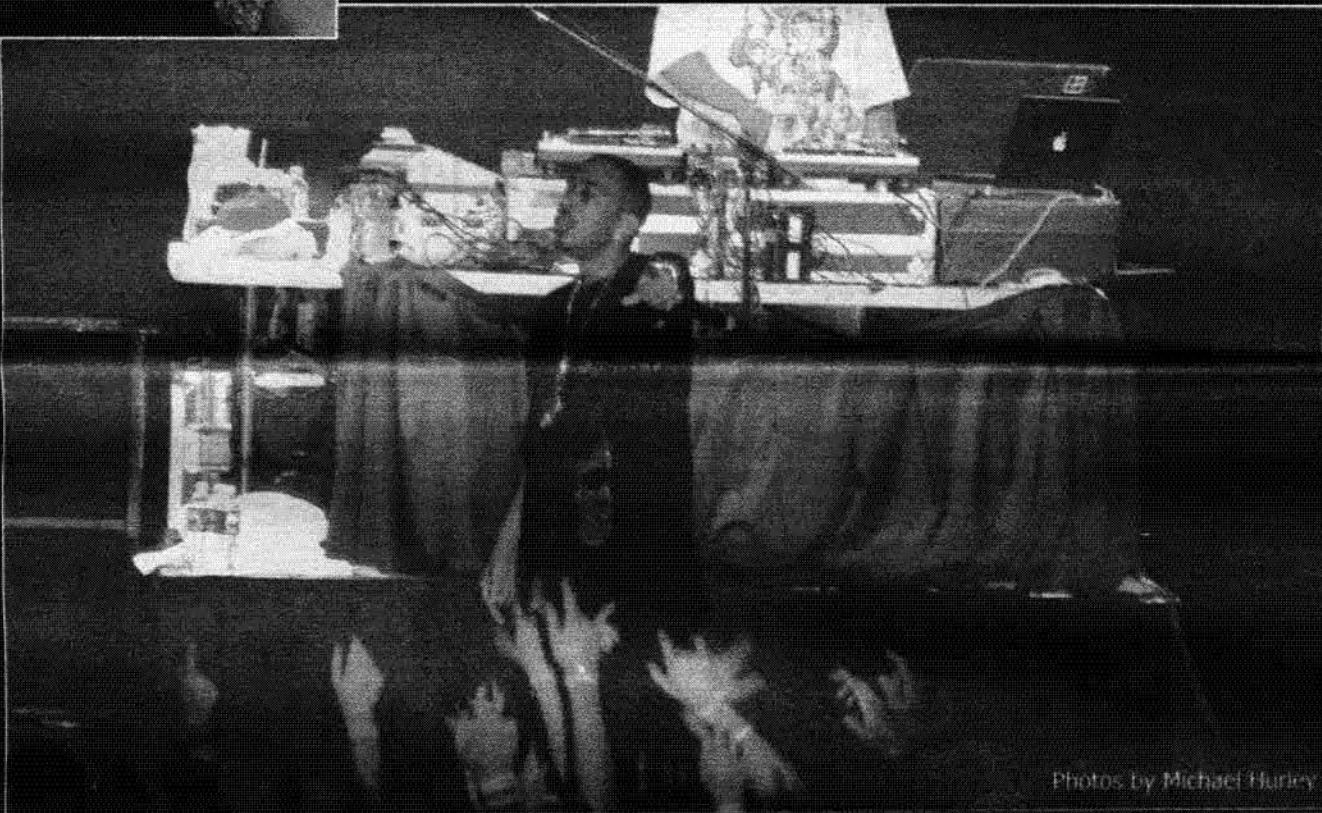
Scheduled to hit the stage at 10 p.m., Ludacris did not enter the building until 11 p.m. During the downtime, the crowd grew more hostile as each minute passed. Negative chants and middle fingers were directed at the empty stage while some students threw trash, empty water bottles, and even a pair of sunglasses.

"I was just nervous that I didn't know what would happen with the

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MONEY MAKER

Ludacris headlines sold-out concert



Photos by Michael Hurley

RWU students save lives as local EMTs

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

It's only 1 o'clock in the morning. The alarm blares as Nick Pelletier, a Roger Williams University sophomore, groans on the cot in the back room of the Warren Rescue Station. The lights in the station automatically illuminate the darkness. Another crew member scrambles frantically to find the remote to mute the TV to hear the dispatcher.

Pelletier's first thoughts: where are my pants?

The medical technicians go from pajamas to uniforms in mere seconds. The driver is already in the ambulance telling them to hurry up. All are on board and the flashing red lights of the ambulance go whizzing by with the siren clearing a path.

While this may not seem like a normal extracurricular activity to most college students, Pelletier, an

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), goes through this experience every week. He is one of about half a dozen Roger Williams students who volunteer their time for the Bristol and Warren Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Pelletier has been an EMT for almost two years. At only 19 years old, he volunteers for both the Warren and Bristol EMS. Now having the certification of a Cardiac Technician, Pelletier is the youngest Cardiac in the state and has even more responsibilities on the job that include interpreting the Electro Cardiac Graph (ECG), starting IVs and giving more medications.

Pelletier had to work and study for more than 150 hours for each level of training he received. There are three different certifications that someone can receive as an EMT: Basic, Cardiac and Paramedic, with Paramedic

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RAs to enforce strict reading day rules

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

During the last week of the winter semester, encompassing the final exam period and the reading days from December 8 to December 15, there were 145 reported violations at Roger Williams University. According to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct, of those incidents, 84 involved alcohol and other drugs, 36 involved quiet hour violations and 16 involved damage to the university. These events account for 11 percent of the incident caseload of the entire semester.

"This problem [of violation of sanctions] has multiple roots, one being that students do not take the final exam period as intended," Vice President of Student Affairs John King said.

With 84 more incidents occurring during the weekend leading up to Final Exams than during the weekend of Halloween Chameleon Club, faculty and RAs alike are instating harsher sanctions in order to enforce the importance of final exams to students.

"The matter was brought to the attention of the University Life Committee of Faculty Senate, and they met to propose ideas and discuss the matter further," King said.

Freshman Joe Strumolo, Faculty Senate Representative, attended the meetings as well.

"Students need to remember that reading days are a courtesy granted to us by the administration. Students seem to forget and use them for partying," Strumolo said. "This sends a message to the administration and

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This Is My End

Now Where's My Blindfold and Cigarette?

Wow. Is it really over? This year absolutely flew by. I still can't believe this will be the last column I'll ever write for this paper. Let me take a moment to shed a tear....



Jim Dugan
Herald Staff

Whooooo! No more deadlines! Thank God! Somebody give me a beer now!

No, not really. I'm going to seriously miss doing this thing. Sure, there's been some rough spots: the letter to the editor ripping me, awkwardly talking to teachers about stuff I've written, and that kid in the Bayside 200s who was drunk at 1 in the afternoon and kept just screaming "You're terrible! You're terrible" over and over again.

For the most part, however, I like everything that's come from writing this column each week. I love talking to random people and it's even better when they come up to me to talk about something in the column. It's a great way to meet people. This past weekend, I was even randomly handed a number by someone with a note attached, asking me to write a column on them. Their suggestion for it was only, "I have red hair and blue eyes. My name is (blank)," followed by incoherent abbreviations and a lovely drawing of a flower. Still, it was completely awesome.

But alas, all good things must end. And so before I ride off into the sunset, I'm here to give you my last few words, to look back on what's been my college experience and offer some advice for those who will remain here next year.

1. Make as many friends as possible. Yeah, it sounds stupid and cliché, but seriously, go meet people. It ensures that you'll never have a boring Saturday night because there will always be somebody doing something.

2. And with friends, make sure not to forget the cardinal rule: Bro's before (what Don Imus said) or chicks before (what Don Imus is). This is college. Half the relationships here last, like, two weeks. Friendships last a little longer.

3. Don't over-hype previous year's parties. What I mean is don't hold what you do this year to another year's standard. If you had the greatest Halloween Chameleon Club ever last year, don't expect this year's to be better. You called it the

greatest for a reason. If you're waiting for this year's to top it, then you're most likely just going to be disappointed.

4. At the same time, don't under-value your weekends. You run out of them quickly, trust me. Every time you pass on a fun night out with your friends is just another night you're going to regret once you've run out of nights. Don't make excuses on why you can't go out; play like a champion. For example, a Cinco de Mayo party is nice, but not nearly as awesome as Cinco-Sies-Siete de Mayo party, patent pending on that one.

5. Don't sell yourself short when it comes to that guy/girl. I think we've all seen a couple at some point and asked our friends, "How could he/she possibly have gotten him/her? They're way out of their league. I wish I could be that lucky." Instead of complaining, take it to heart. You can completely over-achieve, too. The key is not to doubt that you can. I've been lucky enough to do it a couple of times myself. As for advice on how not to screw those things up once you've gotten your chance with this amazing person? Yeah, I'm not the person to ask for that, as I've proven time and time again.

6. Don't do 13 shots of cheap vodka in 20 minutes. No really, don't. This is just poor planning and execution (not that I speak from experience, since clearly I'd never make such a bonehead decision). And while we're at it, as long as you're not obsessed with weight gain, switch to beer as soon as you can. It's better for games, stops so much drama, decreases the number of bad phone calls made, and saves a ton on carpet cleaner.

7. Speaking of cheap, if you ever can get beyond being a broke college student (I'd say this happens once you have to stop begging people for laundry quarters), then upgrade your beer. I love spending only 15 dollars a weekend as much as the next person, but once you go good stuff it's hard to turn back.

8. Finally, enjoy every last drop of college. Never again will we be paid by our parents to party with a couple thousand people every weekend. There really is no turning back the clock, so leave no regrets behind.

For those who are walking with me in two weeks, I hope you've all gotten to do everything you've wanted at college. It's been a heluva four/five years, huh?

AMY'S ADVICE

Dear Amy,
I have been seeing this guy recently, I will call him Chad, and things seem to be going really well. The reason that I am writing to you is for two things that just seem to be holding me back from starting a full-blown relationship with Chad. The first one is there are issues with his ex, as in he still talks to her on a regular basis and he has not told her about me yet. The other issue is that we do not have clear cut boundaries in our - well, I don't even know what to call it - a relationship? I am confused, but I do think I like this guy enough to figure these things out and try to make it work. What do you think of my situation?



Amy Smith
Herald Staff

Sincerely,
Rachel

Dear Rachel,

This is an all too common situation for both men and women of many ages. Whenever we (humans) start to develop a romantic bond with another, there will assuredly be some sort of confusion as to what each of the two people want from the growing relationship.

Having said that, I am sure that Chad is also freaking out a little bit about what path the two of you are taking. The part about still communicating with the ex is definitely worrisome, but it also could mean nothing. The worst case scenario would be that one or both of them still have unresolved feelings for each other, but the best case scenario would be that they really have managed to maintain a platonic friendship after the end of their relationship. I can attest that the latter is very possible, and does occur in life. Try to keep in mind, however, that he is also feeling nervous.

It is hard for me to advise you on whether you should continue with Chad because no one really knows what will happen or would have happened - I give advice but I don't see the future. If I were you I would go with your gut. I did not say go with your heart, and I did not say go with what your mind says is smart. I think that you need to look at your situation as if it were someone else's (one of your own friends), and think of what you would advise your friend to do. This might help you clarify your own feelings, while also helping to decide if staying with Chad is a good idea or not. Of course, there are risks involved with getting into a romantic relationship, but only you can decide if what you might have with Chad is worth the risk of getting hurt.

Once you have figured out what it is that you expect from the relationship, you should probably have that conversation with Chad to make sure that you are both on the same page.

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From the Editors' Desk

The entire staff put a lot of effort into each issue and we appreciate your dedicated readership and loyalty to the *Hawk's Herald*. To all of you who are graduating, good luck. To the rest of the campus community, have a safe and pleasurable summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sarah, Mike, Courtney and Phil

Correction: In the April 27 issue, in a profile of Professor Michael Bolger, we misspelled staff reporter Melissa Yuen's name. We apologize for the mistake.

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RWU'S WTF OF THE WEEK



We can all agree that Roger Williams needed a new website. Up until a few months ago, the site looked exactly the same as it did when the current seniors looked at colleges. That's old.

However, when the braintrust created the newer, snazzier website, they forgot the most important feature: the search engine. Most of us depended on the search feature to look for the shuttle schedule, get to the registrar page or find the library catalogue. But now, we pull our hair out just navigating away from the main page. Since its disappearance, we are forced to use Google ... to search the RWU site.

Worlds are colliding. Please, bring back the search.

P.S. -- As an update, the bike is gone, the banners are down and the bubbler is fixed.

Students, faculty work to improve advisement

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

Being away from home, getting alone with their roommates and doing well in classes are just some of the problems freshmen face when coming to college. Another problem that can be added to this list is advisor issues, although there may be a remedy to advisor problems.

"We have representatives on the Student Affairs committee and [issues with advisors] came up with them. It was an issue that we decided to take on," ICC President and chair Al Borelli said.

After they had the advisement table where students could voice their opinions, they were asked to meet with faculty senate where they presented their findings. They then met with the Academic Advising Task Force.

"As members of ICC, we are representatives of the individual classes," Borelli said. "If a student feels uncomfortable with their advisor, they should have an outlet to express their concerns."

Although the research was not scientific, Earnest Offley said that he thought the table would be reliable because students would feel comfortable expressing themselves in a more informal way than a survey or through scientific research.

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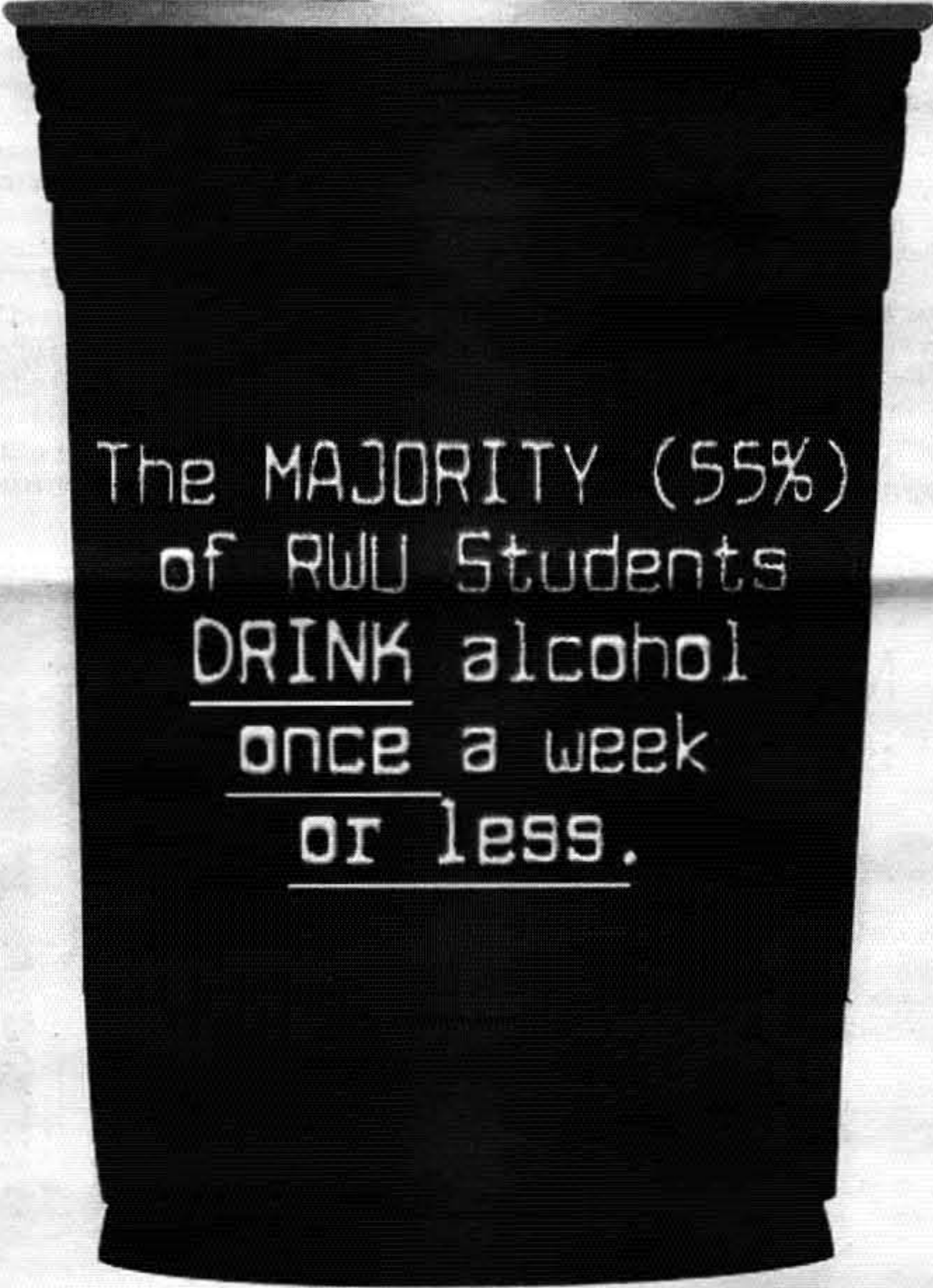
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Foreign language interest sparks clubs

Lorin Richardson
Herald Staff

Many high school students are required to take a language and, in turn, they join that specific language's club. In a similar fashion the Department of Modern Languages and Classics, is offering students chances to partake in clubs and programs involving different languages.

"The department is looking to open up more advanced classes, move forward to a major in Chinese and Arabic, and open up more advanced section," Josh Quagliaroli, president of the Classics Club, said.

Amy Falcone, the Vice President of the Chinese Club, explained that two new clubs are helping the department improve in interest overall.

Two new clubs founded this

year, the Chinese Club and the German Club, which both began in the fall of 2006. These two clubs have worked together to create more interest in their specific languages and cultures.

The two clubs plan on sponsoring Oktoberfest in the fall, as well as taking trips together to Boston museums. According to the board, they will currently in the process of creating fundraising ideas to boost their budgets.

The Chinese Club, founded by junior Laura Burgner, was created due to an overall interest in Chinese classes, where about ten students meet every week for cultural discussions.

"I decided to start the Chinese Club because during my Chinese class, we always want to discuss cul-

tural aspects about China, but it is difficult because of the lack of time," Burgner said in regards to the beginning of the club.

Burgner also explained that the club centers around cultural topics like food, art, music and discussions of people who have visited China as well as occasionally hosting movie nights and trips to Chinatown. The group's future goals for next year are events such as a movie raffle, authentic Chinese dinners and even more visits to Chinatown and dragon boat races.

The German Club has approximately 50 members and was founded by junior Jane Shaughnessy this year after inspiration from the Chinese Club and extreme interest from a number of German students, as well as the free food. The club has had

meetings with 'kaffee und kuchen'—coffee and cake, and an event where they created tie-dyed shirts.

"I started the German Club for us German students to get together with other students interested in Germany and German culture, and bring the culture, food, traditions, etcetera. to the campus community through events and discussions," Shaughnessy said. Shaughnessy discussed what occurs at the German Club meetings.

"We've been speaking about Germany and culture at our meetings," Shaughnessy said.

The club also participated in the Spring Weekend Block Party, and they are organizing an end of the semester BBQ in the realm of a traditional German summer picnic.

World News: British royalty sent to Iraq

Eric Sullivan
Herald Staff

On April 30, 2007, the head of the British Army, General Sir Richard Dannatt, confirmed that Prince Harry will be deployed with his unit to Iraq. The last time royalty was sent into a conflict was in 1982, during the Falklands War, when the Duke of York, Prince Andrew was called into action when serving as a Royal Navy helicopter pilot on HMS *Invincible*.

At that time, the Ministry of Defense was going to move the Duke of York to a desk job, but it was the Queen herself who demanded he remain on Her Majesty's Ship. This decision to send Prince Harry to Iraq comes after one of the bloodiest months for the Brits since the beginning of this war, with eleven U.K. troops being killed.

Before this announcement, the Ministry of Defense (MOD) was deliberating on the idea of removing Prince Harry from his regiment, the Blues and Royals. During this time, Prince Harry made several statements demanding not to be treated differently from his fellow soldiers and at one point threatened to resign his commission.

In an interview by the *The Times*, Prince Harry said, "There's no way I'm going to put myself through Sandhurst and then sit on my arse back home while my boys are out fighting for their country . . . that may sound very patriotic but it is true."

The British media has also released reports that Iraqi militias have threatened to capture and kill the 22 year old Prince, which will not help the



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Ministry of Defense relax on such a delicate situation. Due to these reports, the MOD says that Prince Harry's deployment will be under constant review. Prince Harry may be third in line to the throne, but he will be the first to serve his country in Iraq.

Relay to benefit cancer research

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

Put on by the American Cancer Society throughout the United States and in other countries all over the world, The Relay for Life raises money for cancer research. At Roger Williams University, the event is sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity.

The relay host done in teams of 8 to 15 people who all raise money during the months leading to the event. At least one member of the team needs to be walking on the track during the entire event. According to junior Lindsey Bauer, co-chair of the event, last year, The Relay for Life at Roger Williams raised over \$19,900 and this year they hope to raise at least \$25,000.

Cancer survivors are asked to come to the event and they usually are the first ones to begin the laps around the track. Along with the relay, there are also games and other forms of entertainment. Later in the

night, there is a luminaria ceremony where all the luminaria bags, which are dedicated to those who have passed away from, are fighting or have survived cancer, are on display with a candle lit in each.

"It seems like a huge time commitment to give up an entire weekend, especially during finals week and since we have been planning the event since last October, but it is worth it to think of how many people are helped out by the money we raise," Bauer said. "To give up a weekend and planning time seems like nothing compared to what the people who are suffering from cancer or the families and friends who have lost a loved one close to them go through."

The event is open to all Roger Williams students as well as community members. The Relay for Life is currently scheduled to be held in the Field House and will begin at noon on Saturday, May 5 and will last until 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 6.

Study abroad boosts employability

BALTIMORE, Md.—(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)—There are now even more reasons for college students to consider studying abroad. A new survey of global human resource executives affirmed the value of a study abroad experience in the hiring process. Nearly three in four (73%) cited study abroad as important when evaluating the resumé of a job candidate for a junior-level position.

Furthermore, the study, conducted by Global HR News and commissioned by The Scholar Ship, showed that eight in 10 of the HR executives surveyed believed that a study abroad experience was an important factor for overseas job placement within their companies.

"As the world grows 'flatter,' the value of an international approach to higher education cannot be overstated," said Dr. Joseph Olander, president of The Scholar Ship, the first oceangoing study abroad program designed specifically for a multi-national student body and faculty. "The HR executives confirmed what we have sensed in today's inter-

national business environment."

Other findings in the study showed that "cultural awareness/sensitivity/tolerance" and an "international perspective" topped the list of the attributes valued by HR executives among prospective employees with study abroad experience.

Additionally, two-thirds (67%) of HR executives surveyed said that a study abroad experience within a culturally diverse student environment distinguishes a job candidate from others studying only with students from their own country.

Eight in 10 (80%) HR executives believed that an international education experience is important in distinguishing a candidate for overseas job placement.

Global HR News, a trade publication that covers corporate human resources policy development and its implementation, conducted the online survey in February 2007. Two thirds (67%) of those surveyed worked in multi-national companies either headquartered or having a presence in the U.S.

Summer housing projects take place

Kelleigh Welch
Herald Staff

With the stress of final projects and tests building up as the spring 2007 semester ends, the only thought that keeps students going is the idea of summer and relaxation only weeks away. But for the Roger Williams University Department of Residence Life and Housing, summer means preparing for the next year.

So what exactly will be occurring over the summer to prepare for the fall semester?

With the decrease in available apartments off campus, as well as the cost-effectiveness between campus housing and off campus housing, more students are sticking with university-owned housing for the upcoming 2007-2008 year. According to Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing and Summer Conferences, "It appears that at this point we have retained more upperclassmen at housing than in the past.

This means that housing must keep up with renovations in the housing units, making the living situations for students better each year.

"Overall, we will spend over a million dollars just on renovations this summer," said Montefusco.

So far, approximately 300 wooden adjustable beds were purchased to be placed in some Maple, Cedar, and Willow units to make the rooms look more residential and clean. New mattresses for these beds were also purchased for the upcoming year.

One of the larger projects the university will undergo following the end of the 2007 spring semester is installing a completely new fire alarm system in Cedar Hall. "That project alone will cost approximately \$175,000," Montefusco said.

To list other renovations, appliances in Almeida will be updated from the avocado green appliances that date back to the 60s and 70s and overhead lighting in building 200 will be completed. Bayside closets will receive curtains to replace the closet doors that were removed for safety

earlier. Baypoint will receive new carpeting in some rooms, and along with Maple and Cedar, some bathrooms will be renovated. Willow also will undergo a large project of removing the oil tanks in the ground to replace with gas heating systems.

With the new renovations for housing, it appears that living conditions will improve. However, some students have still not received a housing assignment for the Fall 2007 semester. The word is that these students should not fret.

"Roger Williams University guarantees housing for all four years. What students need to recognize is that we may make changes and move people around, but they will probably be placed somewhere where they would have been placed in the lottery," Montefusco said. "A small waitlist will be manageable."

Since the deadline for freshmen entering the university was on May 1, housing for freshmen must be placed before those on the waiting list. "So far, the size of the incoming class is about the same size as the freshman class this past year," said Montefusco. "There may be a possibility for a few forced triples, but many institutions have to plan for that. We figure that college may not be for everyone, and need to plan accordingly."

Eventually, RWU will build a new housing unit somewhere on the North Campus. Although the exact location is still in question, housing is working to find the perfect spot.

"I would love to see improvements in the bathrooms for next year," freshman Noelle Allard said. "It seems that no matter how many times the janitors clean the bathrooms, they still look old and dirty, as if the dirt never goes away."

The renovations are expected to improve living conditions for students, and will make dorm life a bit more comfortable. Freshmen and upperclassmen should be able to relax over their summer break and not worry about the status of their housing come the fall semester.

ADVISEMENT: Calling for changes

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The report that Offley and Borelli put together reports that students said that "advisors were not approachable and often 'arrogant' ... "advisors did not know the curriculum and often made uneducated suggestions" and "they needed life advice and outlook with their particular major."

The students were also encouraged to write positive feedback about their advisors which were written on the poster as well.

According to Susan Hammond, Director of Advising Support Services, the results that ICC found echoed the results from a 2004 advising survey the task force conducted.

"The faculty has expressed the opinion that they would welcome training and support in best advising practices," Hammond said.

Hammond explained that there is a disconnect between the expectations of the students and what they faculty have done traditionally in regards to advising.

According to Hammond, faculty has traditionally delivered "prescriptive advising" in which the faculty meets with their advisees during pre-registration and determine the best roster for their classes and that is it. However students come to RWU expecting advisors who will supervise as high school guidance counselors did.

According to Hammond, one of the biggest problems in high school is grade inflation.

"50 years ago and even 30 years ago this was not necessary, students out of high school had solid time management skills and knew how to put together research papers," Hammond said.

"Then, students usually could listen to a lecture spellbound and have a small discussion session or meet privately with a professor, but high school students are not accustomed to that pedagogy."

Hammond heard about ICC's project, reviewed the data and thought it was good "anecdotally."

"The comments in the survey and the comments in the poster were almost identical," Hammond said. "Faculty believe they are delivering good advising, but students want a more holistic model."

After the 2004 survey was conducted, the faculty created an advising task force which has been meeting for 18 months. They will be presenting their data to President Nirschel with recommendations about improvements to the advising process in May.

Meanwhile, ICC plans to co-sponsor an "Advisement Fair" in the fall to try to establish better relationships between advisees and advisors.

"We met with Dr. Jennifer Campbell and Dr. Clancy Wilson and they are reps of faculty senate and we discussed our findings further with them," Borrelli said. "We came up with new ideas that they would present to the Academic Advising Task Force and the Faculty Senate."

According to Hammond the changes in the typical college student are not just a challenge for advisement.

"Everyone on the college campus is challenged by this development at RWU: staff at CAD, SAO, advocates themselves," Hammond said. "We have all been challenged and a bit frustrated from what traditionally we expect freshmen to do and what they are doing."

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that puts our Reading Days and study time in jeopardy."

One of the ideas that the committee discussed was the timing of finals.

"We are not saying that the number of reading days need to be reduced, but if classes end on a Thursday and finals do not start until Monday, that is a problem," King said. "We are looking into requesting Saturday exams in the future so students do not have a whole weekend to cut loose."

Strumolo believes a minority of students give the rest of the RWU campus a bad name.

"The majority of students are behaving, but there is a small few that give the image of the whole campus

going into party-mode," Strumolo said.

As students head into final exams week, King advised students to respect the 23-hour courtesy period.

"Students who get in trouble will be told to go home and they will have to make up their finals with the permission of their professors at a later date," King said. "Students and RAs need to know that they will be given a great deal of support in enforcing noise and other violations."

During exams week, King said the Lower Commons will be open 24 hours and the Upper Commons possibly will be open for quiet study. The Center for Student Development will also be open 24 hours.

Freshmen and Sophomores...



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LUDACRIS: Pimpin' all over the campus

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crowd," Lincoln Cohoon, Co-Chair of Campus Entertainment Network, said.

"I was worried that people would do more than throwing stuff and chanting," Cohoon added. "[The concern] was more at that end than whether or not Ludacris would show up."

The assistant DJ for Ludacris, DJ JC, kept the masses entertained from 10 p.m. to around 10:30; however, the crowd grew restless and eventually booed him off the stage.

According to John Lindsay, Associate Director of Student Programs & Leadership, Ludacris was late because he was at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. CEN and SP&L had pushed the concert back a half-hour, but did expect Ludacris to arrive at RWU by 10 p.m.

Though he was late, Lindsay said Ludacris had the quickest "limo-to-stage" time he has ever seen.

"He went into the hallway, took his jacket off, and had a microphone in hand," Lindsay said.

The audience was quick to forgive, as Ludacris was given a hero's welcome when he finally did begin his set.

After a brief introduction, Ludacris, performing with his sidekick and label-mate Lil' Fate, opened with one of his earliest hits, "Southern Hospitality." Once everyone began to "throw them 'bows," the show was in full force.

"People were asking for refunds, but once Ludacris hit the stage they got excited," Cohoon said.

The controversy that took place on campus last week regarding WQRI DJs' using Don Imus' "nappy-headed hoes" comment did not phase Luda, who included the songs "Area Codes"



Michael Hurley

and "You'z A Hoe" early in the set list. The songs included lyrics such as, "I got hoes in different area codes," and "Hoe/You'z a hoe/I said that you'z a hoe."

"We only talkin' about specific women in that song, you know that right?" Ludacris asked the crowd after "You'z A Hoe."

Aware of the controversy that always surrounds him and his music, Ludacris sang the song "Freedom of Preach," which shows respect to women, God and even his detractors.

"The critics never talk about those songs," he said.

Claiming to have "so many hit songs" that it was hard to choose which to perform, Luda asked the audience for requests. He covered all the favorites, including "Yeah!," "Pimpin' All Over The World," "What's Your Fantasy?," "Rollout (My Business)," "Stand Up," "Move B—," and closed with "Money Maker."

For freshman Allegra Hachey, who got in line just before 6:30 p.m.

to get a front-row spot, the wait was a little too long.

"He was only there for an hour," Hachey said. "If he was there for longer it would have been better."

Despite the wait, Hachey said CEN and Ludacris "definitely set a high standard" for future Spring Weekend concerts.

The security was high at the event, with university staff, public safety officers, and Bristol Police controlling the crowds.

At least six students were escorted out of the concert before the main act took the stage, and police made several arrests of students who appeared intoxicated both in and outside the Campus Recreation Center. At least two students were arrested for smoking marijuana inside the concert, according to Joshua Hiscock, Assistant Director of Student Programs and Leadership. Additionally, several students were turned away at the door, one for having a fake ticket and others for having someone else's ID

Catering for the Star

- After the show, Ludacris ordered Domino's: one cheese pizza, and one chicken and half-Italian sausage pizza.

- Like many artists and bands, Ludacris' rider had unique items, such as Fruit Roll-Ups, Trojan Magnum condoms, and bottles of Hennesey, Bombay Gin, and Grand Marnier. Of those, he only got his Fruit Roll-Ups.

card, Hiscock said.

"For the most part, students were pretty good, but a few students caused problems," Hiscock said.

The concert was perhaps the biggest in school history, according to Lindsay.

"Busta [Rhymes] was big, but he wasn't at his award-winning prime like Luda is now," Lindsay said.

Such a big star has big demands, which were met, for the most part, by CEN. Certain items, such as various bottles of alcohol and a box of Trojan Magnum condoms, were requested by Luda but not provided by the university. Even though the star arrived late, he did spend time in his dressing room and found time to take a picture with the CEN workers after the show, Cohoon said.

For Cohoon and CEN, the hard work was worth it in the end.

"I've enjoyed it all along," Cohoon said. "Talk about going out with a bang ... it was one of the biggest concerts we've had in a while, if not ever."

Student magazine boosts presence on campus

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

On Friday, April 27, *Accepted With Extreme Prejudice (AWEP)*, the Literary Magazine at Roger Williams University, hosted a charity movie screening of "Voices in Wartime" in order to benefit children of fallen soldiers.

The movie, made up of footage of war, is overlaid with the words of poets in protest of wars across time.

With their name being put into the campus community, *AWEP* is attempting to become a better-known source on campus.

Founded by Laura Wind, Greg Bem, Austin Wylie and Bill King in 2005, the creators of *AWEP* hope to bring the writing community together on campus.

"There are a great deal of generic activities that leave a certain part of the campus feeling unsatisfied," Bem, a junior and Vice President of *AWEP*, said. "Some students would rather write poems or take photographs or paint than go to twenty dollar concerts. We felt like we were creating alternative opportunities for students that did not want to do the mainstream, regular stuff that was around campus."

This year, *AWEP* has put on other events, such as the R.I. Inter-

collegiate Film Festival, which showed various movies ranging from RISD students to an RWU graduate. Events also included Scrabble tournaments that have helped to raise money for the club.

Wind, *AWEP* president, said that the magazine is open to pieces from all students.

"Any who is attending or has attended RWU can submit to *AWEP*," Wind said. "Typically, we receive prose, poetry, drawings and photography but we are completely open minded to experiment with the type of creative input."

Bem explained that although they accept all submissions, the pieces go through a judging process.

"As the name says, we do accept submissions with extreme prejudice. We anonymously judge and accept the submissions that are turned into us, and based on majority vote, we end up choosing what goes into the magazine and what does not."

Students should not have reservations, however, about their submissions getting published.

"Usually if the work does not have typos and displays a certain amount of aesthetic effort, it will get in," Bem said.

Although *AWEP* used to publish an issue each semester, it now puts out one issue a year.

"We concluded that a single of great quality, both in content and presentation, would gain more recognition and be more appealing to the campus," senior Alex Ruggeri said.

Secretary Michelle Grimaldi explained that while *AWEP* publishes once a year now, the club is still growing.

"We're only two years old, so depending on budget and the academic workload of the staff, our publications may change," Grimaldi said. "Year to year, we are constantly revamping the magazine and learning new things about the process of publishing."

Ruggeri agreed.

"I have faith as a graduating senior that this club will continue to work hard and tirelessly to foster, create and share art with this campus."

Sophomore Jason Silva believes that although it is a young club, there are great things in the future for *AWEP*.

"The future of *AWEP* looks extremely bright. Next year, for the first time since is conception, *AWEP* will be on firm financial ground," Silva said. "We will be able to comfortably focus on the production of the magazine without having to worry too much about how to get more money to publish."

Although Grimaldi agreed that

great changes will be made to *AWEP*, he said more consistent funding would be beneficial as well.

"We are pretty optimistic about the involvement from the faculty and the campus community," Grimaldi said. "The magazine seems to be constantly growing and the number of submissions is always growing, too, which is really great," Grimaldi said. "The talent and the work is out there to be shown to the campus community but in order to print the magazine we need money."

Even with a dedicated staff of writers, *AWEP* is looking for more members and students interested in submitting pieces.

"We're adamant about getting the word out that the magazine isn't just for Creative Writing or English majors," Grimaldi said. "People from all fields of learning have just as much insight to offer. To get more people involved, we've been promoting the magazines through posting fliers and other exterior paraphernalia, but I think the primary factor in making anything well known is word of mouth."

If students would like to get involved with *AWEP* or submit a potential publication, they should contact rwu.lit@gmail.com.



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Student president says goodbye

Thomas Thibideau
Herald Staff

"Lookin' for Mike Witek," I said, after peeking through the door to the Student Senate Chambers. "Mike Witek," one of the senators replied with a big grin. "Why would you wanna talk to *that* guy?" That is when the sea of senators parted to reveal the friendly smile of Roger Williams University's student body president, who was leaning back in his chair, hands clasped behind his head, relaxing as he waited for me to arrive. He rose from his chair to greet me and we shook hands.

RWU senior, Mike Witek has been student body president the past two years. He says he chose to run based on the recommendation of friends who encouraged him in his sophomore year. College, however, is not the first place where he has taken a leadership role. Witek, a resident of Ansonia, Connecticut was the president of his grade school as well as the president of his high school class.

"The main reason I did it in grade school and high school is because of my dad. He never had the chance to do anything like that so this is me building up for that," Witek said. "I've always had an inclination for service and then to try and leave things better than I found [them] and I figured this would be the best way for me to do it so I just kind of went with it."

Witek said that his daily tasks as Student Body President usually include many problems and concerns that come up, but he has also had to face some bigger, more pressing is-

sues. One of the biggest has been in the works since his freshman year.

"We were trying to get students on the board of trustees and finally now we're allowed to have students on committees," Witek said. "It's a big step and a great start because a lot of schools have that and we never did, so it's taken four years to really cap that off."

It is clear that, among his fellow senators, Witek is highly respected. Veronica Columb, Vice President of Student Senate, said she and Witek work together frequently and she feels comfortable turning to Witek for help in answering any question.

"A lot of people come to me with questions or concerns and I'm never afraid to ask Mike for help in answering them," Columb said. "I'm always like 'Hey Mike...'"

Colin O'Reilly, Student Senate Treasurer, had similar things to say about Witek, noting that he and Witek have a very good professional relationship.

"If I have a question about something, or I'm not positive, I'll usually go to him about that," O'Reilly said. "If it's specific to a budget, then I usually ask Veronica [Columb], too, just because she was treasurer before me and she's been able to help me out with that, but Mike's sat on finance committee for three years now."

When he is not busy serving as the go-to guy for many students and senators on campus, Witek says he enjoys a wide array of hobbies and activities.

"[I] play guitar, listen to music and read a little bit. Back at home, I



Sarah Cournoyer

Mike Witek served on Student Senate for the last four years and will be graduating in May.

also volunteer at a fire department and I work on an ambulance," Witek said. "This year and last year I became interested in SCUBA Diving, so that's another hobby of mine."

Another one of Witek's hobbies is baseball. While the majority of the students who attended his high school were New York Yankees fans, Witek was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, a following he claims was hard to avoid.

"I just grew up watching them. My uncles were all Red Sox fans so I kind of followed suit and fell in love with the 'Sox," he said.

While Witek's title may carry with it a number of responsibilities other than schoolwork, Witek knows that he has to stay focused on his degree. He currently majors in accounting with minors in finance and

philosophy, and says he has good idea of what he would like to do when he gets out of college.

"I'd love to do accounting for a few years, get my masters in finance, be a financial analyst, then retire early enough so I can go back to school, get a doctorate and then, ultimately, teach Theology. I'd love to teach at the college level."

Even though his leaving RWU is bittersweet, Witek said he is glad to have had the opportunity to attend RWU and serve as the student body president for so long.

"I'm glad I went here because it's given me the chance to do things that I don't think I would have been able to at other schools," Witek said. "It's big enough to do a lot, yet it's small enough so you're not just a number. Overall, I've had a blast."

ROTC program graduates seven seniors

Emily Chappell
Herald Staff

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, seniors Christopher George, Richard McMahon, Joseph Sgambato, Mathew Crown, Maxwell Palumbo, Bryan Ciabotte and Nicholas DiRobbio will walk across the stage as the seven graduates from Roger Williams University part of the University of Rhode Island ROTC program. The seniors have spent their last four years doing more than the average students.

They have trained and prepared for the United States Army by going to classes specifically for Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), including Physical Training three mornings a week, labs and field training exercises.

To enlist in the Army ROTC program, one must sign a four year contract. This contract states that you serve four years through college then four years active duty or eight years in-active duty.

While some students join ROTC for a chance to serve their country after graduation, the members have other reasons to join as well.

"It is a way that I could serve my country but also be able to go to college. Delaying my entry to the Military but allowing me to do both things that I have wanted to do while pleasing my parents because I am getting my degree before serving my country," senior Chris George said.

Senior Max Palumbo agreed.

"[ROTC is] the training program

to complete to become an officer," Palumbo said.

Other students believe that the training they receive in ROTC helps them to succeed in the real world as well.

"ROTC is a program that trains college students in becoming disciplined leaders in the U.S. Army and in society," sophomore Eric Wilson said.

Sophomore Nick Pelletier explained that he is more focused on his education than the Army program.

"To me, the program is like a speed bump to get to where I have to go. It is good training. I've learned so much," Pelletier said. "The biggest thing I've learned is that I really don't know that much about life."

Some of the members of ROTC have always wanted to join the program and have done so in college. For others, such as Wilson and Pelletier, they went through programs in high school, including the U.S. National Guard and the Air Force Cadet program.

In order to contract with the Army, one has to commit to four years in college, and have an obligation to the Army for four to eight years after.

"When looking at colleges I knew I wanted one with ROTC because my father was in the Army but I knew I wanted to go to school," Ciabotte said. "I enlisted second semester sophomore year and joined ROTC about a year and a half later. It was a chance to stay in school and still serve in the Army."

Junior Sam Albahari enlisted as a sophomore when his residents last year, seniors McMahon and Palumbo, pushed him to join. He went on to lose over fifty pounds and pass the physical training test to contract with the Army.

"To be contracted with the Army is something I've always wanted to. It gives you the opportunity in college and when you graduate, you become an officer," Palumbo said.

Through the program, the members have learned more than what they need to know out in the field including leadership, job training and experience with working with others.

The seniors believe their leadership has influenced the underclassmen, as well as their fellow seniors, greatly.

"As a senior, I feel that this year's group of seniors is definitely a tight knit group. We have always been there for each other and have always been there to help one another out. We are like a team," George said. "We are always involved in each other's lives through school and the Army. If someone understands something more than the others we really help each other out. We motivate one another."

Palumbo agreed.

"The other guys are my best friends- we come together when needed and we are always there to help each other shine," Palumbo said.

Junior Greg Woods also stated the senior's presence will be greatly missed.

"The seniors are good and squared-away guys. They have influenced my life by just watching, seeing what they do, and leading by example," Woods said. "ROTC makes us behave. If we are arrested, it is immediate removal and we have to pay everything back or maybe enlist right away. Seniors are there to guide and watch with ROTC. They help us out as much as they can but they do not abuse their seniority."

For those interested in the ROTC program, the seniors also offer advice.

"[Those who want to get involved should] keep working hard. Find that drive and go with it, do well in school and enjoy your time while you're at college," George said.

Other members agreed.

"If you are interested, definitely try it out," Palumbo said. "We have a great group, with 7 of use commissioned. For a small school, our program is outstanding."

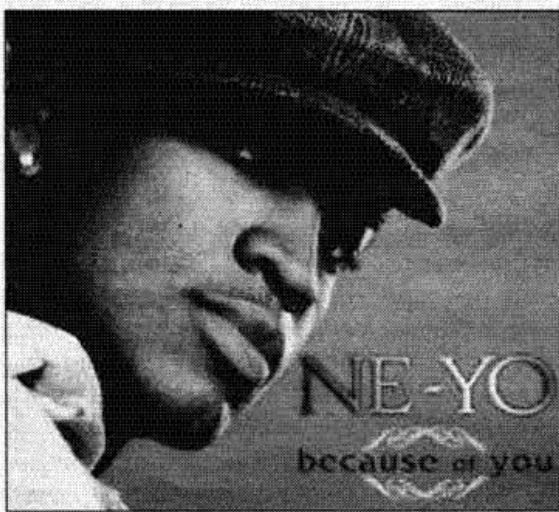
Once the seven graduates leave Bristol, Rhode Island, they will be dispersed all over country. The final duty station for Crown and Palumbo is Fort Hood, Texas; Ciabotte in Fort Lewis, Washington; DiRobbio, McMahon and Sgambato in Camp Fogarty, Rhode Island and George in Fort Drum, New York.

Although the senior's shoes will be hard to fill, Albahari and the rest of the juniors are ready.

"I will be able to make ROTC even better for everybody else, just like they were able to make it better for me," Albahari said.

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Danny Ruth
Herald Staff

Led by the lead single of the same name, "Because of You" demonstrates only moderate growth from R&B up-and-comer, Ne-Yo. Currently charting at position #5 on the Hot 100, the first single "Because of You" is infused with a musical arrangement that is very similar to Ne-Yo's previous material (i.e. "Sexy Love" or "Stay".) Though extremely catchy and with a clear demonstration of its ability to be a

hit on radio and television, "Because of You," seems almost redundant and leaves much to the imagination.

There are a few select songs on the new disc that show promise for Ne-Yo as an artist. "Leaving Tonight" is a beautiful duet with failed-idol

turned superstar, Jennifer Hudson. The ballad gives a perfect collaboration between Jennifer's rich voice and Ne-Yo's sultry tone. Telling the story of jealous lovers, "Leaving Tonight" is very reminiscent of 60's R&B with meaning.

"Go on Girl," my personal choice as the second single, is a mid-tempo heavy-R&B story of failed love. With a strong bass line, smooth vocals and an impeccable flow, "Go on Girl" would surely be a hit.

"Crazy" features a spot from

famed rapper Jay-Z. Much like the critics of Jay's feature on Rihanna's smash hit "Umbrella," I feel that this guest spot does not add anything special at all to the song. It certainly does not save it from being at most a mediocre track.

In conclusion, "Because of You" is a good example of an artist going with the recipe that achieved them success in the first place. Very similar to his first release, Ne-Yo has gone with a smooth R&B sound with a very simple message. Though very catchy, "Because of You" ends with you wanting more substance. Though the disc has highlights, like the aforementioned duet with Jennifer Hudson, this could be because of the media (and myself) wanting to hear much more from Hudson, not Ne-Yo. I would recommend this disc if you liked his first release "In My Own Words" or "Confessions" by Usher.

Ne-Yo, "Because of You" C

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EMT: Students encounter tough situations

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being the highest certification.

An EMT's job is not to treat people, but rather to get them from point A to point B alive. "If we get them there in the same shape as we picked them up in, we did a good job," Pelletier said. "If they're a little better, we've done an excellent job."

While most of the calls received are not serious, Pelletier has had to deal with tough calls, which are what make the job emotionally challenging. "I coded my friend's dad and he was young," Pelletier said as his eyes scan the floor. "That was sad."

Hilary Maloney, a current sophomore at RWU and a Basic EMT for the Bristol EMS, has also had calls that were emotionally distressing. "My most memorable call was when I delivered a baby and we had to tell the mother that her baby did not survive," Maloney said. "It was heart-breaking. Other calls are just as bad, like the codes that I

did on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Mother's Day."

Pediatric calls are usually the worst. Unlike adults, children that are critically injured do not look it. They compensate and compensate, showing no drop in their vital signs until the last second, which is when they crash.

"I've had people running out of their houses carrying their small children in their arms and they're limp. And they're not too happy, but they're happy to see you," Al Farley, a paramedic who works for the Warren EMS, said. "They expect that you have an answer. They expect that you're going to do something right now."

There are calls that EMTs respond to that might make the average person's stomach turn. "I've seen some pretty good traumas," Brad Garmon, a RWU junior and Basic EMT for Bristol said. "That's where you turn around and be like, someone should call 911 and be like oh wait, that's me."

Jon Chan, 21, a RWU sophomore and First Respon-

der, or ambulance driver, for Warren is currently studying to become an EMT. He recently went on a call where a young boy had gotten a piece of wood stuck in his eye socket.

To deal with these tougher issues, the EMTs have to laugh sometimes.

"In EMS you develop this weird sense of humor where you can get depressed and let things get to you or you can laugh," Pelletier said. "It's a sick sense of humor that you might not get. It's something only people in this industry can really understand."

EMTs do, of course, have to be completely professional on scene and in the ambulance. "When you're there, their emergency is your emergency," Pelletier said. "Afterwards, you're just like, 'Man, I'm glad that wasn't me.'"

Farley remembers an event that was very serious when it happened.

"We once had the same guy twice," said Farley. "First for an OD and once for a hanging."

"The worst injury this guy had is that the guy cut the cord, fell, hit the ground, hit his head on the wall and then hit the floor unconscious," Pelletier said. "We got the call 'possible suicide' and are thinking worst case scenario. We get there and this guy is sitting on the floor where he fell, with the cord still around his neck, smoking a cigarette."

Another call for possible suicide involved a nurse. "The lady took the equivalent of like eight boxes of Benadryl," Pelletier said. "She's a nurse. She should know that's not going to kill you, just make you sick."

In another case, Pelletier and his crew received a call for a wellbeing check, which is where police and EMTs will check up on someone who has not been heard from in a while.

The EMTs found the apartment full of beer cans and the man lying on the floor. When they went to check his pulse, he opened his eyes and said, "Who the [heck] let you in?" The man had purchased caller ID because his sisters kept bothering him, and refused to pick up the phone whenever they called him.

Sometimes Pelletier's young age comes into question, but he is always able to show people that just because he is young, it does not mean he is not a great EMT.

A native of Warren, Pelletier started his EMT training because his father and all of his father's friends were EMTs. "I admired the people that do it." While it is a thankless job usually, he said, "There are times when you do get recognition from your patients; it's a good feeling."

Because of his work with the EMS, Pelletier hopes to become a physician's assistant. To make sure he continually keeps learning and doing the right things, Pelletier will talk to the doctors when they bring a patient to the Emergency Room and "pick their brain."

"Pelletier is a naturally inquisitive person," said Farley of his fellow crewmember. "He asks people why this and why that."

Pelletier volunteers for Warren every week and for Bristol every other week. He is also in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) at Roger Williams and works at a private ambulance company over the summer. It seems like pretty heavy load.

"I have a day planner, that's the most important thing," Pelletier said "You have to know when to procrastinate and you have to know when to skip class. I take a lot of naps. I have a 'Do Not Disturb' sign and I use it."

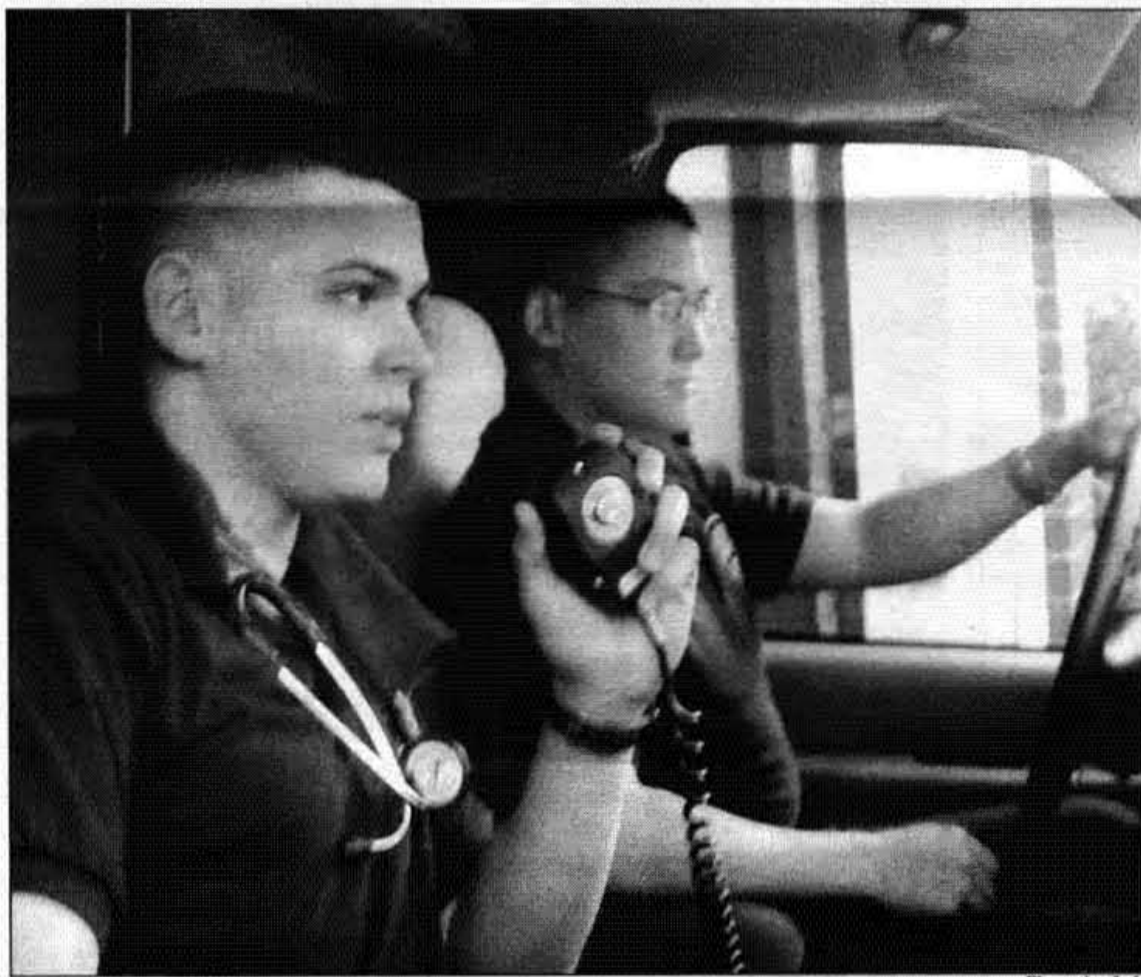
Chan is also in the ROTC program at Roger Williams, and he and Pelletier hope to be medics in the United States Army after graduation. Hilary, who also works for Alert Ambulance, is in the process of joining the United States Navy as a naval intelligence officer.

Garmon plans to train and become a paramedic, is currently working toward becoming a firefighter, works 36 hours for New England Ambulance each week, and is a Resident Assistant in Stonewall.

"If I don't keep busy, I'll just sleep and feel like a waste," Garmon said. "It's a lot; I love it though."

Pelletier and the other students use the spare time they have when at the rescue station to do homework and catch up on sleep. There can be days where there will not be a single call on their entire 12 hour shift. Then there are days where they do not return to the station for their entire shift.

The students have learned to balance their volunteer work with school and other extra curricular activities while still finding time to have a social life. Like colorful comic book characters saving lives, these EMTs are students by day and heroes by night.



Florentine Lehar

RWU students Nick Pelletier (left) and Jon Chan (right) cruise out of the station in the ambulance off to respond to emergencies in the Warren and Bristol area.

Online social music network at epicenter of college rock resurgence

LONDON—(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)—The college rock revolution is exploding — and Last.fm is becoming the key destination for college music fans fueling those bands' success.

London-based Last.fm is taking college campuses by storm with its "social music revolution." The music recommendation engine not only intelligently recommends new songs, artists and local concerts online, but it also connects members based on their musical tastes.

As new statistics reveal, the artists most listened-to amongst Last.fm's student user base are overwhelmingly the vanguards of the new college rock revolution — The Shins, Modest Mouse, Arcade Fire, the Decemberists. Artists and fans alike are moving beyond MySpace to Last.fm where this new scene is fomenting — Modest Mouse, for example, has almost 10 million more total plays on Last.fm than they do on MySpace.

Last.fm is also overcoming MySpace as the best online service for new college bands looking to follow in the footsteps of independent heroes such as Death Cab For Cutie. Audio streaming quality is higher, there are no song upload limits and — as the statistics show — there's a huge student user base on the site hungry for new college rock sounds. Student bands can use the site to connect to users they know will be into their music, while their fans can spread the word with embeddable music players for their personal blogs and websites.

"It's a great way for college students to connect on a global scale," said Martin Stiksel, co-founder of Last.fm. "Regardless of player or platform — and whether you listen to Chopin, Coltrane or Coldplay — we're a place for you to meet people with similar tastes and to learn about the newest artists based on your current favorites."

Top 10 most listened-to bands among US college students

Radiohead
The Beatles
The Shins
The Arcade Fire
Beck
Death Cab for Cutie
Modest Mouse
Sufjan Stevens
The Decemberists
Of Montreal

Sudoku

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Last Week's Results

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ROGER'S FUN CORNER

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- 12 Tablet
- 14 Swamp grass
- 16 Cease, nautically
- 17 Bird enclosure
- 18 Capital of Norway
- 19 Speeds
- 20 Hammed it up
- 22 Deer relative
- 23 Football's Bradshaw
- 24 Burbot
- 26 Some
- 29 Leavening agent
- 32 Shorttail weasel
- 35 Pouch
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- 72 Pigpen
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- 28 Tired
- 30 Affirm
- 31 Pose
- 33 Soak flax
- 34 Time zone
- 35 Salads
- 36 Bird's nest
- 37 Buttonhole
- 41 Insect egg
- 42 Dusk
- 43 Doleful
- 45 Rabbit hunters
- 49 Before (Poet.)
- 50 Summary
- 53 Elevator man
- 55 Singer Ford
- 56 Loggins or Rogers
- 57 Stir up, as a fire
- 59 Employed
- 60 Writer Truman
- 62 Separate
- 63 Execute
- 64 Aries
- 65 Beer relative

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- 3 Beeper
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- 5 Catch one's breath
- 6 Chooses
- 7 Scarce
- 8 Egg-shaped
- 9 Football formation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	Saturday	Monday
Campus Events Last Expression Session Blow Out 9 p.m., Hawk's Hang-out Movie Releases Spider Man 3 Starring Tobey Macguire, Kirsten Dunst, Topher Grace Rated PG-13 Lucky You Drew Barrymore, Eric Bana, Debra Messing Rated PG-13 Concerts Friday, May 4 Third Eye Blind, The Upwelling Lupos 9 p.m., Sold Out Girl Talk, Mahi Mahi, Dan Deacon, The Texas Governor The Living Room 9 p.m., \$12	Campus Events Ballroom Dance Club Event 6 p.m., Hawk's Hang-out Dance Series: RWU Dance Theatre 8 p.m., The Barn \$5 for students Concerts Comedian Stephen Lynch Lupos 6:30 pm.m., \$27.50 Sunday Concert As Cities Burn, Cool Hand Luke, Olympia, After the Sirens The Living Room 9 p.m., \$12	Alive! Arts Series Event: No Sir! 8 p.m., The Barn Tuesday Campus Events Penny Arcade Film: Wild Child 7 p.m., CAS 162 Concerts Amber Pacific, Melee, Monty Are I, Just Surrender The Living Room 7:45 p.m., \$12 Wednesday Campus Events Last Day of Classes IRHA presents Late Night Breakfast 9 p.m., Upper Commons Concerts Shadows Fall, From Autumn to Ashes Lupos 7:30 p.m., \$15

This Week's Results

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Sudoku

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A sports state of mind

A look into the obsession with sports, from the true fans to the phonies

Jake Dumond
Contributing Writer

April 2, 2007 felt like any other Monday. However, for sophomore Chris Ziakas, today was different: it was opening day of Major League Baseball. On any other Monday, Ziakas would walk to CAS at 1:00 p.m. to attend science class. Today, Ziakas stays in his room, eyes glued to the TV, as the Yankees get ready to take on the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"It's only science," Ziakas said.

Ziakas watches the TV as if he were at the game, cheering and yelling when the Yankees succeed and growing angry when the Yankees lose their lead.

"It's the Devil Rays, they don't even belong on the same field."

After an hour went by, Ziakas decided to attend his science lab class because he had a quiz every Monday at 2:00 p.m. Once again, this Monday was different.

Ziakas sprinted from his room to his classroom at MNS, where he sat and took his test. Fifteen minutes later, Ziakas was back in his Stonewall room having only missed the Yankees score one run, but also missing over two hours of his class.

Returning, he was furious for missing the first Yankee home run of the year hit by Jorge Posada.

Things would get worse. The Devil Rays scored four runs in the fifth inning to grab the lead. The room echoed with curses and swears from Ziakas directed at the TV. The Yankees ultimately prevailed 9-5.

Asked what he would do with the rest of the day, Ziakas responded, "I'm going to watch the Red Sox game right now, then pizza and drinks tonight for the NCAA basketball championship. I hate the Red Sox and basketball, but it's opening day and the final day, all in one."

Ziakas is not alone. Some people

believe that sports are a great thing for students in college. It gives them something to look forward to and follow each night. Also, they have something to talk about in the morning at classes with their friends. Sports can even be a way of connecting people who otherwise may never have been connected, such as students and professors. Sports are the reason for the two to five minute delays at the beginning of class while you turn to the person you've sat next to the whole year and never talked to and ask "Did you see the game?"

But being a sports fan also has its downsides. Obsession with sports causes students to miss classes and not do work. Other students pretend to be huge sports fans just to try to fit in.

Lana Brackett, longtime professor in the Gabelli School of Business, has a reputation of being a teacher that students can talk to. Brackett says that she enjoys watching sports and also believes that the campus of Roger Williams is full of great sports fans, "both male and female."

While Brackett does not believe that sports do not often get in the way of students doing their work or attending class, junior Greg Walsh, admits that in 2004 he had his friend hand in his final paper for him and told the teacher he was sick, all so he could go to the Red Sox parade in Boston.

"One time I called out of work 45 minutes before I had to be there and said I was sick because my friend told me he had an extra ticket to a game. My work said I had to get proof so I went to my doctor the next day and he wrote a note telling them I was under the weather," Walsh said.

Another problem arising from sports come from "fake fans" who only watch the game to try and fit in. The same ones who get drunk just be-

cause there is a game on, then skip their morning class with a hangover.

"I think the majority of people wouldn't have cared [if the Red Sox had won or lost in 2004] because they don't truly care about the Red Sox. They just pretend they do so they can party, and when they lose they admit that they weren't really a big fan, but if they win they go nuts claiming to have followed the team their whole life," said junior Dan Davis.

In 2004 when the Sox did beat the Yankees, students began piling out of their dorms and onto the streets of campus, mainly around Willow, Stonewall, and Cedar Hall. Students took their beers and other alcoholic beverages onto the streets with them, continuing to drink as they chanted at Yankee fans and danced in the streets, all while RAs, public safety officials, and state police tried to calm the students down. The next week the Red Sox went on to beat the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series, and although some students went back to the streets, there were noticeably fewer people this time, for what a true fan would consider a more important event.

Senior Mike Valente, an admitted "casual" fan of the Yankees, stated that he doesn't follow the Yankees too much throughout the regular season, and had the following to say about the night the Red Sox beat the Yankees: "I don't know how many of them were actually true sports fans. I think most of them were just casual fans like me but decided to pretend to be more just because their team was winning, and finally beat the Yanks," Valente said.

Although there are many true sports fans, there are just as many who decided to be a Sox fan for that night just so they can make fun of the Yankees, drink some beer, and have a reason to be disruptive on campus. Others drank that night because they

were happy and used it as a way of expressing themselves, and even others because they were mad.

"They show up like every day is Christmas, and you know what that means: You just lost your seat at church. You have shown up week after week, year after year, and now you have to stand behind the last pew because of some lady with an obnoxious pink hat," said Tony Massarotti, a respected sports columnist for the *Boston Herald* of the newfound Red Sox fans in an article from 2006.

Massarotti goes on to say he is not being sexist by calling them pink hats, and also believes the Red Sox fan trend has also spread to many males. He cites the World Series victory as the reason for the influx of "true fans."

Walsh believes that being a true fan is "that you have to love your team when they are losing...you have to follow your team, even through the tough seasons, and realize that your archenemy is still very good, even if you hate them."

Chris Kiselica, a true sports fan, and a graduate of Assumption College, recalls the 2004 night that Boston won the ALCS.

"We raided the president's house," Kiselica said.

He quickly pointed out that they never went inside but just stayed on the lawn. He said the president came out and addressed the students but was not mad.

"I don't remember I was too intoxicated," Kiselica said.

A Blue Jays fan, Kiselica said, "You know what really pisses me off? 18, 19, and 20-year-old punks who complain about how they have waited their entire life to see the Red Sox win the World Series and all of the pain and suffering they have been through. It's like 'Shut Up, just be a fan, not an idiot.'"

SOFTBALL: Hawks on the brink after Thursday's loss to Endicott

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a chance to make up for the deficit in the bottom of the inning. With two on and two outs, Jacquie Cammarata hit the ball back to Endicott pitcher Jenn Elwell, who threw the ball to third. LeEllen Lewis was safe at third but continued running and was tagged out.

The Hawks got on the board in the second, as Callie Nealon scored from first on an Ashlyn Couture line drive to left field.

The Gulls extended their lead in the third inning, as Rachel Pearson worked a full count after being down 0-2 with two on and two outs. Pearson drove in Danielle Sargent and Meghan Sargent on a

single to short left field. After two and a half innings, Endicott led 4-1.

In the bottom of the third, Michelle Caprice reached on an error and Lewis roped a single up the middle, Cammarata drove in a run on another single up the middle.

The 4-2 score held until the top of the fifth, when Meghan Sargent drove in Danielle Sargent, who had reached on an error by shortstop Nealon. The Gulls added another run in the top of the seventh, as they looked to finish off the Hawks in the bottom of the inning.

Down to their final out, the Hawks threatened in the final frame. Lewis made it to third on a misplay by the Endicott right fielder. An-

drea Gregory took four balls and suddenly Elwell was in a jam. After a conference on the mound, Cammarata stepped to the plate and flew out to left field, ending the game and securing the win for Endicott.

Saturday morning, the Hawks will face Curry College, who defeated the University of New England on Thursday night. This season, the Hawks are 1-1 against the Colonels, losing 5-4 and winning 8-5 on April 1.

If the Hawks win on Saturday, they will move on to the finals where they would again face Endicott and have to beat them twice. If the Hawks lose, their season will be over.

DACKERS: Finishing up his career

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leader for the rest of the team and that many of the other players look up to him not only as their co-captain, but also as a friend.

"Adam was the type of kid to 'show you the ropes,'" sophomore outfielder and pitcher Chris Ziakas said. "I didn't even know him, but we became friends fast."

"His work ethic and commitment to the team is ubiquitous," he added. "Win or lose, he has something positive to say and that is the sign of a true leader."

Dackers said he chose RWU because he felt he would fit in with Carlson as well as the players already on the team.

"Once I got into high school I realized that I had a chance to continue to play after graduation," Dackers said.

Dackers said that there are still some goals that he wants to accomplish before he leaves RWU, which include winning a CCC Championship.

"It has been a good career, but it hasn't been fulfilled yet," Dackers said.

He said the most memorable moment of his years at RWU so far has been playing in his first CCC Conference Championship against Endicott College during the 2006 season. Although the team lost the game in extra-innings, Dackers said it was a great

experience and that it brought him closer to his teammates.

"It was interesting to see how the team meshed throughout the tournament," he said.

"Our team is close, we hang out with each other all the time. We just love spending time with each other and we are always there for each other," Dackers said. "Coach has been fantastic throughout all four of my years here, he is always the man to talk to."

When it comes to academics, Dackers is a secondary education major and he would like to go to graduate school for a master's degree in teaching. However, he said he wants baseball to continue to be a part of his life.

"There are some leagues around back home that I want to check out," he said. "You never want to let the game go."

"It [the team] has been the biggest part of my life for the past four years," he said. "It's going to be tough to say goodbye, but hopefully ... we can stretch this playoff season as long as possible."

Carlson said he will miss Dackers' leadership next season and that he would like for Dackers to remain at RWU and become his assistant coach.

"He's one of my favorite guys I've ever had," Carlson said.

D'ANGELO: A day in the life...

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When no one will take his bet of a million dollars he questions their manhood... even the ladies.

8:03 a.m. – On the way to class a friend asks how he pitched in his last game, he grunted, gave him a shoulder bump, and stole his snack.

8:04 a.m. – Does fifty-one pushups while singing "Eye of the Tiger".

8:05 a.m. – In an attempt to make up for being tardy to class, Bobby attempts to give his professor an apple. When asked why he threw a heater at the professor he replies, "I barely threw it at him, he must be feeling all nimbly, bimbly or somethin'..."

9:01 a.m. – Arrives in construction management class.

9:31 a.m. – While intently listening on how to create a proper foundation, Bobby has a snack of six hard-boiled eggs, throwing the shells on the ground.

9:32 a.m. – Egg Fart. Blames it on girl sitting next to him.

10:02 a.m. – Walks into Bayside 338, throws empty beer cans at his buddies. Once he has their attention, explains how he farted and blamed it on a girl... "No one suspected a thing!"

10:04 a.m. – Drinks a beer, and tells how he knocked out his teacher with a 115 mph, apple. States, "Salve won't touch me," and "I'm forcing coach to let me hit tonight."

10:10 a.m. – Does fifty-two push-ups. Shotguns a beer in celebration.

10:22 a.m. – Decides to skip class to "Get his cuts in" because he is DHing tonight. The coach still does not know of this change to the lineup.

10:30 a.m. – Gets distracted and goes spear-fishing in the MNS koy pond. Eventually gets to the Rec. Center.

12:15 p.m. – Team arrives to the field to see Bobby taking 50 vicious swings from the batting-T, only putting 7 into the field of play. He announces to the team, "What is this a girl's bat? It's way too light."

1:00 p.m. – After taking soft-toss with a teammate he exclaims to no one in particular "I'M A LIGER!"

1:03 p.m. – Bobby tells coach he's DHing this afternoon, coach says "No." He then farts, throws it into the coach's face and walks away.

1:10 p.m. – Does fifty-three push-ups and takes fifty more swings.

2:33 p.m. – The game is in the 2nd inning. He has asked coach 68 times if he could bat and/or pitch now.

2:36 p.m. – Begins spitting sunflower seeds at freshmen, then makes them eat the seedless shells off the dugout floor.

2:41 p.m. – Tells everyone, "Shut the hell up so I can get some shuteye!" Proceeds to take a nap in foul territory.

3:58 p.m. – Wakes up. Grabs hard-boiled egg out of his back pocket and eats it for protein boost.

4:00 p.m. – Takes it upon himself to begin warming in the bullpen in the 5th inning, "In case there's a save opportunity."

5:30 p.m. – He ignores the coach's orders and walks to the mound in the bottom of the ninth in a 2-1 game. Tells coach "I'm warm" and proceeds to do fifty-four push-ups on the mound.

5:48 p.m. – Bobby gets the save. As the two teams shake hands, he feels that it is important to spit on his hand and to tell each player they suck. If he struck them out he questions their manhood as well.

5:57 p.m. – During a post-game team meeting, he decides to tell the team how lucky they are to have him on the team and makes a challenge to the team that he can throw a baseball to Almeida. Again, no one takes the bet and again each person there had his manhood questioned.

5:58 p.m. – Sprints home from the game.

6:10 p.m. – Sits on the couch with a protein shake and eats his freshly caught, "deliciously marinated" cat.

8:17 p.m. – Calls a lady friend and explains he will be "nimbly bimbly" tonight and she should make an appearance.

8:18 p.m. – Fifty-five push-ups.

*NOTE: This day in the life piece is more than 99% made-up. In the case that you didn't get that, maybe you should just stop reading all together.

CCC Playoffs

Information from RWU Athletics

Women's lax falls in quarterfinals to Endicott

The RWU women's lacrosse team, competing in its fourth season as a varsity program, fell Tuesday in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals at Endicott, 21-9.

The Hawks registered nine fewer turnovers than their counterparts, but were unable to capitalize on their opponent's mistakes thanks in large part to Gulls goalkeeper Erin Curry, who posted 15 saves in the game.

The Hawks took the early 3-2 lead after junior Kara Smolca, freshman Kasey Beckwith and sophomore Libby Stout each tallied a goal. Endicott responded with six straight goals before Hawks junior Kary Rodgers (Brookfield, CT) stopped the streak with 5:11 remaining in the first half.

The Gulls tallied one more goal before halftime to take a 9-4 advantage into the break.

A quick three goals to start the second half seemed to put the game away, but the Hawks responded with three of the next four goals to cut the deficit to 13-7 at 17:56. Endicott would not break however and it slowly extended its lead as time ticked away.

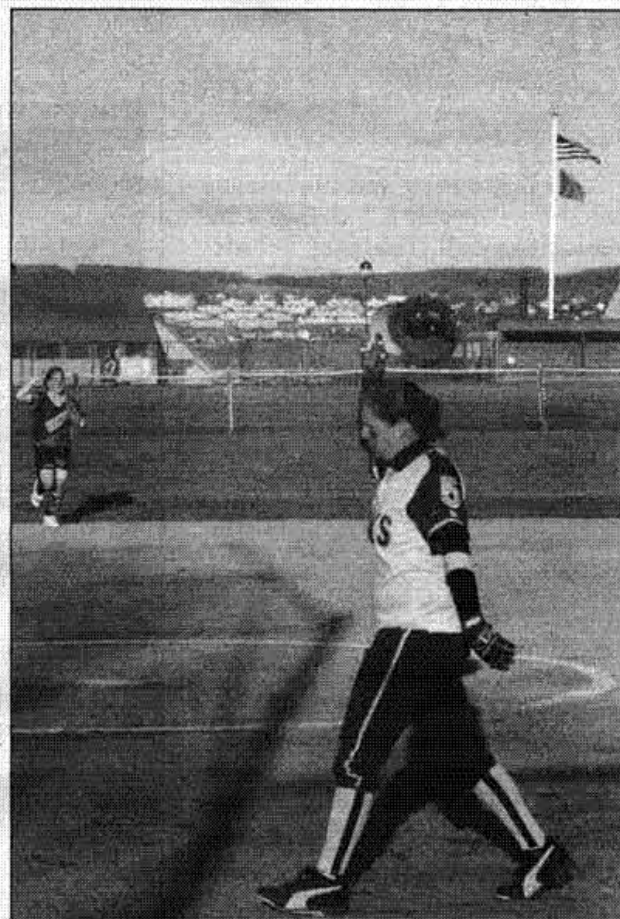
Smolca led the Hawks with three goals. RWU freshman goalkeeper Amanda Magee registered 13 saves in the loss.

With the win, Endicott advances into the CCC semifinals on Thursday afternoon when they will travel to Curry College for a 4 p.m. showdown with the Colonels.

Men's tennis team earns eight CCC awards

The men's tennis team earned eight honors from the Commonwealth Coast Conference for the 2007 season. Kyle Baker brought home the biggest honor as he was named the CCC Rookie of the Year. Jay Dono and Dan Roberts were both All-CCC First Team selections, while Baker made the All-CCC Second Team for singles play. Dan Morin and Ryan Fayed were both All-CCC Honorable Mentions.

In doubles, the pair of Morin and Roberts were tabbed as All-CCC First Team selections. The team of Fayed and Jeff Agonia were named All-CCC Honorable Mentions.



Michael Hurley

Senior Jacquie Cammarata removes her helmet in frustration after making the final out in Thursday's playoff matchup against Endicott. The team plays again Saturday.

Baseball facing elimination

The baseball team fell 3-2 to top-seeded Curry College Wednesday afternoon to pick up their first defeat in the double-elimination CCC Tournament. The Hawks will now host Wentworth today at 3:00 p.m. in an elimination game.

RWU got on the board first and had a 2-0 lead after one inning. Jamie Dahill singled with two outs in the first. He came around to score when Kevin Simpson connected for a two-run homerun over the left field fence. However, the Hawks would not score again.

Curry picked up an unearned run in the second inning and also scored a run in both the fifth and eighth innings to secure the 3-2 victory.

Andrew Haycock was 2-3 for the Hawks. RWU starter Brian Hurld pitched 7.0 innings and allowed two runs, one earned, and struck out two as he earned a no decision.

In their only meeting this year, Wentworth defeated RWU 3-2 on April 7.

CORDEIRO: Recounting the past

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Cordeiro faced many big league hitters including Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Aaron Yaz, and 2.1 innings against "The Big Red Machine" (Cincinnati Reds) minus Pete Rose. He faced these Hall of Fame hitters during big league spring training appearances; however Cordeiro never made it into a major league game.

"My career could be described as fairly successful," Cordeiro said. "I would have loved to make it to the majors, but I was the victim of circumstance." He has a handful of stories that are filed under 'close but no cigar.' "In 1965, I was sent down from Triple-A to Double-A to switch from being a starter to a reliever," he said.

"I was playing in Houston's organization, and their pitching coach came down to see me pitch. After the game, he told me to pack my bags for the majors. When I arrived in Houston I was informed of a trade that went through sending starting pitcher Mike Cuellar to Houston. Because of the trade I was not needed, so they sent me back down to the minors."

Cuellar, a four time All Star, went on to win 20 games and share the Cy Young award in 1969. Cordeiro jokily said, "There are no hard feelings."

"Another time was when I was with the Pirates," recalls Cordeiro, "they needed a lefty reliever so they went down to the farm to get me, but the day before I had hurt my elbow. I was only listed as day-to-day, but they didn't have time to wait."

There are many stories like this throughout

Cordeiro's professional career or as he says, "I could go on." He made the most of his chance, including playing 10 years of winter ball from 1963-1973 in Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Nicaragua. As a result of playing winter ball and minor league ball at the same time, Cordeiro ended up playing 10 months of baseball a year.

By playing so much baseball, Cordeiro often wonders if playing almost year-round caused his fastball to lose some velocity. "I might have been able to throw 96 mph instead of 93 mph if I had not played winter ball," he said. "These are the little things that you find yourself wondering once you retire, but at the end of the day, it was out of my hands."

He finds himself wondering what it would have been like to pitch in the majors, but he says he has no regrets. He lived baseball and enjoyed every moment, and as he says "I never thought about life after baseball. I never had to."

When he did retire in 1975 due to personal reasons, he decided to stick with baseball and pass on his knowledge by taking a job at RWU as the head baseball coach in 1979. He has been involved with RWU for 24 years, starting in 1979, and in 2005, he took the Alumni and Community Relations Coordinator position.

After this year, he is retiring from his full time job and taking on a part time position here at RWU. But as long as Cordeiro is here, there will always be someone knocking on his door eager to hear the amazing stories of the glory days.

A day in the life of Bobby Criscuolo

It's late spring and that means two things here at RWU: finals and playoff baseball. This past Tuesday, the Hawks beat up on Eastern Nazarene College and look to do so against their next CCC foe. To gain greater insight into what it is like to be part of this team during the playoff race, I followed around one of RWU's most enigmatic figures - Bobby Criscuolo. This pitcher has a fiery fastball to go along with his fiery personality.



Rob D'Angelo
Herald Staff

5:00 a.m. - Alarm goes off, playing AC-DC's, "Hell's Bells." Bobby smirks, and with his eyes still closed says to himself, "It's game time."
5:02 a.m. - Throws alarm clock at the wall, shattering it, jumps out of bed, fully clothed in his camouflage hunting gear and heads to the bathroom.

5:15 a.m. - After returning from the bathroom he enters his bedroom, throws a pillow at roommate still asleep. Giggles. Walks out of the room while leaving the lights on.

5:16 a.m. - Enters the kitchen where he places a dozen eggs in a blender, shells still on, mixes in a protein supplement, and downs the concoction in 5 seconds. Upon completion screams, "Strike three!"

5:18 a.m. - Jumps into his white man-Saturn and heads to his favorite hunting grounds: The D'Angelo Commons.

5:28 a.m. - Sets up tree stand. Sits quietly waiting for his prey.

5:34 a.m. - Sees unsuspecting campus cat walking directly under the tree in which he was perched. He drops down onto the animal, wrestling it to its death. Softly states to himself, "Criscuolo one, feline nothin'."

6:00 a.m. - Back to his room, where he gutted and began to marinate his catch in beer, bullets, and egg whites... "The gunpowder brings out the feline's natural flavor and the egg whites are for protein."

6:12 a.m. - Strips naked. Does fifty push-ups.

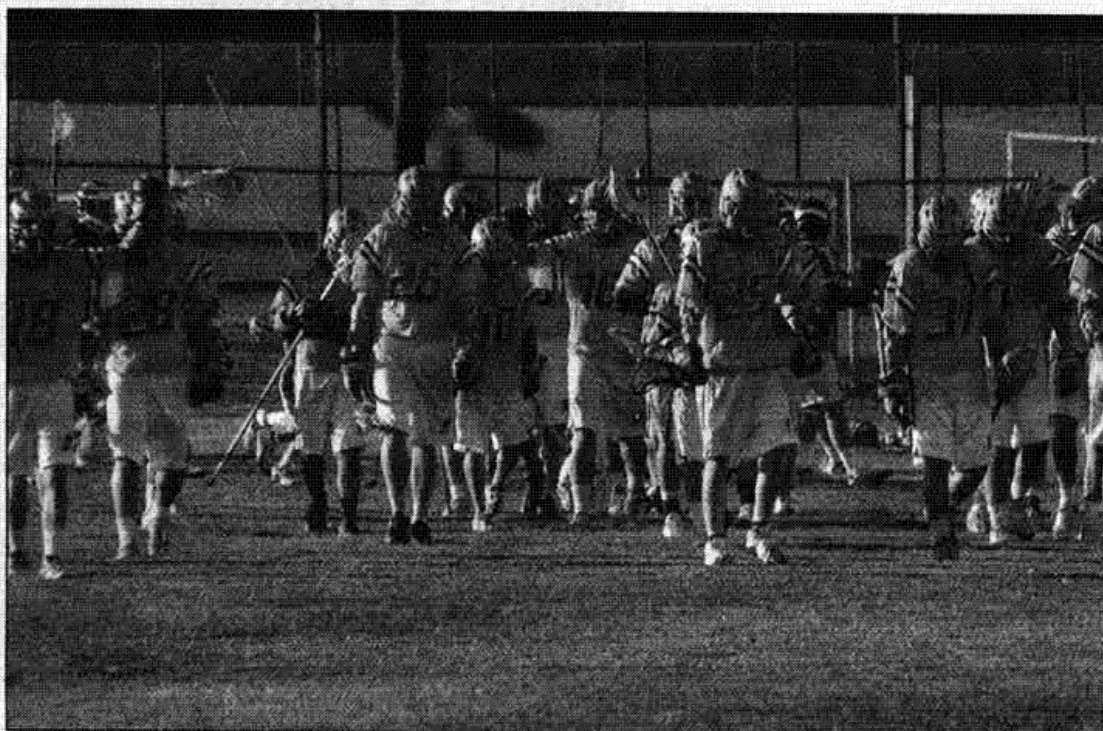
6:15 a.m. - Walks back into bedroom, pours water on his sleeping roommate, chuckles and tells him he's taking a "cat nap." Laughs uncontrollably.

7:47 a.m. - Challenges kids to a bet that he could throw a rock from the Almeida shuttle stop to Willow.

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Double Disappointment

Men's lacrosse eliminated from playoffs in double overtime



A dejected Roger Williams University men's lacrosse team walks off the field Thursday after losing 17-16 to Gordon College in double overtime. The Hawks, the second seed in the tournament, were eliminated from the postseason. Their final record is 7-6 overall.

Shaun Hogan

Softball falls to Gulls

Michael Hurley
Sports Editor

The top-seeded softball team fell to the No. 2 Gulls of Endicott Thursday afternoon by a score of 6-2 in the third round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament. The loss sends the Hawks into the loser's bracket, where they will host Curry College in a do-or-die game Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Gulls got out to an early lead Thursday and never let go. After Laura McAbee gave up two runs in the top of the first, the Hawks had

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Dackers, team player, looks to end career as champ

Shaun Hogan
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When head baseball coach Derek Carlson came to RWU five years ago and began to build his team, the first player he recruited was first baseman, pitcher and co-captain Adam Dackers.

Today, Dackers is the team's only senior and Carlson says that the other players will definitely notice his departure from the team at the end of the season.

"We're certainly going to miss him," Carlson said.

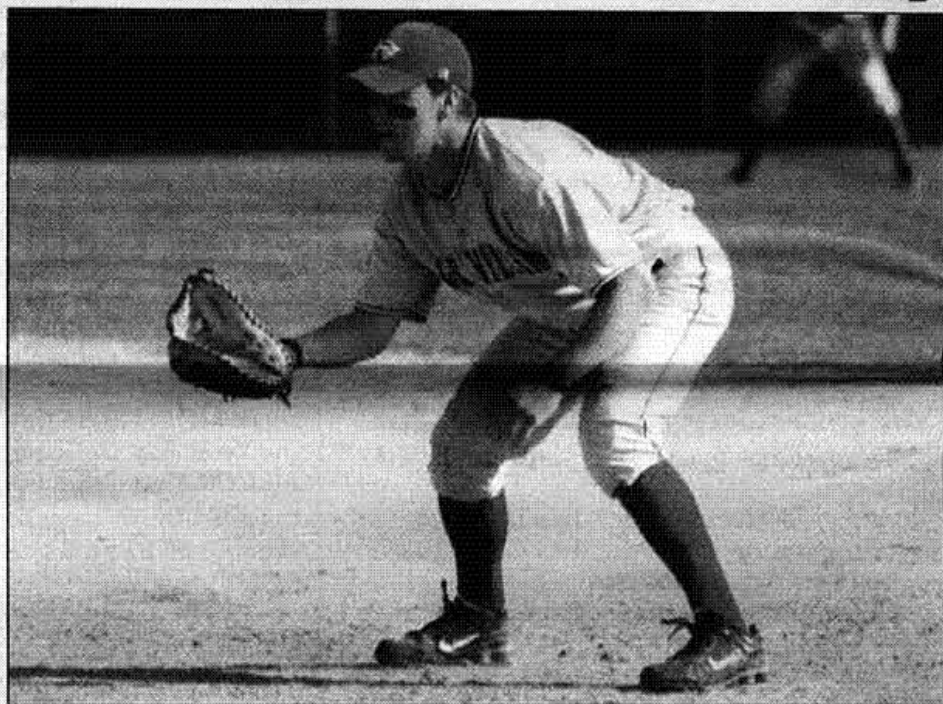
Carlson still remembers the four visits he made to Brockton High School in Brockton, Mass. to watch Dackers play during his junior and senior years. Carlson says that while he was impressed by Dackers' skills on the field, it was his dedication to being a part of a team that really impressed him.

"I thought he was a great kid to build the program around," Carlson said. "Just because of the way he played the game, he is a great team guy and he wants to win more than anybody."

After joining the team as a freshman in 2004, Dackers' work ethic and talents quickly made him one of the more respected members of the team. His success carried into his sophomore year, during which his average neared .400 by the 15th game of the season.

"He was having a great year, just a phenomenal year," Carlson said.

However, that 15th game, against Rhode Island College, would prove to be a defining moment in Dackers' career.



Courtesy of Adam Dackers

Adam Dackers, the baseball team's only senior, displays his leadership on and off the field.

The Hawks were trailing by one, with a runner on second and one out. Dackers hit a line drive into left field, tying the game, but as he ran for first base he caught his foot and dislocated his knee.

The injury changed his baseball career forever, but his passion for the game did not falter. Dackers worked closely with Athletic Trainer Kristin Raffa, the head of RWU's athletic training program in the off-season so that he could recover from his injury and play again.

"That is one of the things that makes Adam Adam," Carlson said. "He

is going to do whatever he can to get himself ready to play."

Through daily sessions with Raffa, Dackers was able to recover from his injury and take the field at the start of the 2006 season, his junior year. Although his injury has prevented him from playing as much as he would like, Dackers has still contributed greatly to the team.

"The injury affected him, I think it still does affect him," Carlson said.

While Dackers' time on the field has been restricted due to his injury, Carlson said that he has become a great

RWU employee, former pitcher, shares stories of past

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What defines a successful career in baseball? Is it how many homeruns you have hit? Wins you have next to your name? Or is it the fact that you can look back on your career with fond memories and amazing stories?

"I had a cup of coffee in the majors," Ray Cordeiro said while sitting at his desk in the athletics office of Roger Williams University. Cordeiro spent 17 years in the minor leagues spanning from 1958-1975. During that time, he played for the Kansas City Athletics, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Chicago White Sox, and

the Pittsburgh Pirate organizations.

When asked about what it takes to have a successful career in baseball, Cordeiro said, "You need to set goals for yourself and do the best you can in order to achieve those goals. Forget about what others think."

As a relief pitcher, Cordeiro was told that he had the ability to make it in the majors. As a result, he was invited to numerous major league spring training camps throughout his years



Ray Cordeiro

in professional baseball. This allowed him to pitch against many of the greatest baseball players in history. "I threw the best curveball of my career to Hank Aaron," Cordeiro said. "And sure enough he shot it into left for a hit."

Although Aaron got a hold of his curve, a left-handed hitter whom Boston fans called "Yaz", couldn't touch it. "[Carl] Yastrzemski, with that big lefty swing of his, couldn't touch my curve," the left-handed Cordeiro says with a chuckle. "I struck him out twice with it. He was a little mad about that."

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Hawks on the Horizon

CCC Playoffs Games

Friday, May 4

Baseball

Home v. Wentworth - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Softball

Home vs. TBA - 10 a.m.