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Students 'smoke out' bad habits

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

In order to "smoke out" Cedar smokers, Residence Assistants Devon McCormick and Kristen Ayles developed a program in order to promote healthy lifestyles.

"We are trying to get everyone to quit, but not in a preachy way," Ayles said. "It's

a new year, with new availability of the patch, and the new policies, we thought it was timely."

For the entire month of February, the Cedar community is supporting each other in attempting to quit smoking. Everyone is being asked to make a conscious effort to quit.

At the kickoff event, the
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Courtesy of Kristen Ayles

At the Cedar Smokeout kickoff event, RAs Kristen Ayles and Devon McCormick encourage students to sign support contracts to help those committed to quit smoking.

TO CATCH A CRIMINAL



Phil Devitt

John Moffa examines a surveillance image of a car on his office computer.

RWU aids in local police investigations

Phil Devitt
Managing Editor

In a small office on the second floor of the School of Law, two full-time university employees double as part-time detectives.

John Moffa, director of media services,

and Kenneth Osborne, dean of Instructional Technology, regularly assist local police departments in nabbing alleged criminals, all with a few mouse clicks and key strokes.

Using Moffa's Apple Macintosh Platform, the men clean up and enlarge grainy surveillance images to focus in on license plates, weapons and, in their most recent case, the face of a man police said was on an arson rampage.

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Boats to dock in renovated museum

Kathryn Nuzzi
Herald Staff

You can't drive down Route 114 without noticing the enormous boat sitting on the lawn in front of the Herreshoff Museum. But soon, what has become a mental landmark to Bristolians and tourists from all over will be undergoing a massive makeover.

"The new building [across the street] will have a boardwalk entrance with history of the museum. Then inside there will be a theater with a history of America's Cup and where the cup will go in the future," said Jon Goff, who is managing the renovations for the museum.

The new building will also have a sanctuary on the second floor to celebrate all the different personalities inducted into America's Cup Hall of Fame, presently located across the street from the museum.

"There will also be a space for rotating exhibits, with something new every year," Goff said.

The main projects on the historic sight are to replace the roof of the museum building, do several repairs on the General Burnside Building, and to tear down and rebuild a building the museum owns across the street which will be the new location for the America's Cup Hall of Fame. The first and foremost to be done will be the roof on the museum.

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Cracking down on hazing

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

Although hazing activities historically have been a problem in collegiate athletics at every division level, the increased popularity of social networking Web sites in recent years has added to the burden that athletic departments face in dealing

with this harmful behavior.

By providing students with the ability to publish any content they see fit, social networking Web sites like Facebook and MySpace have increased the likelihood that potentially incriminating photographs of student athletes will be discovered by people outside their

campus community.

This situation is particularly problematic for students and administrators because owners of Web sites like Badjocks.com and NCAAhazing.com have dedicated themselves to finding and exposing student pages containing such content.

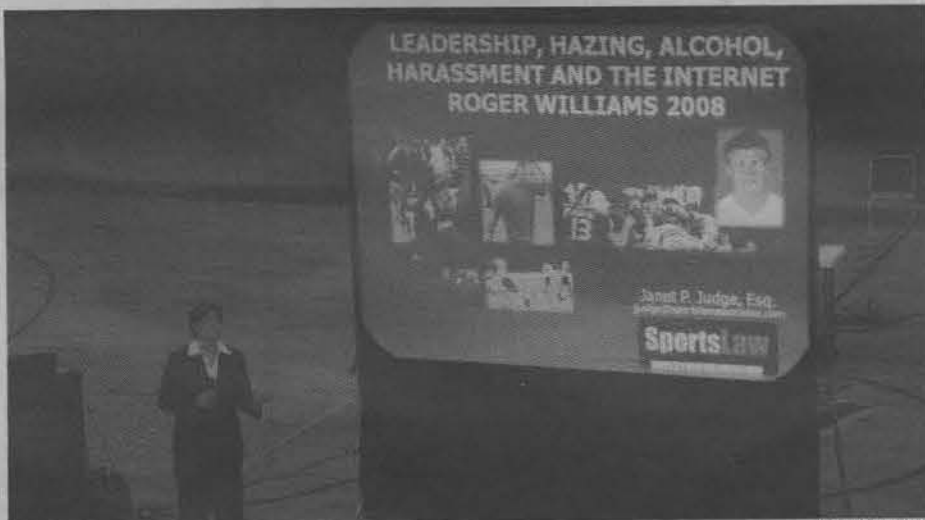
In recent years, individuals affiliated with

both of these websites have uncovered more than a dozen photo albums depicting student athletes engaged in apparent hazing rituals. As a result of these discoveries, almost every team depicted in the albums faced serious consequences.

The most noteworthy of which came two years ago, with the suspension of the Northwestern University women's soccer team for an entire season.

"There are people out there that specifically look for this information just to give a bad name to student athletes," said RWU athletic department Communications and Operations Assistant Jessica Willis. "You have to be very careful, because something that you think is only ex-

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Brett Stothart

Attorney Janet Judge talks to athletes and administrators last Monday about hazing and the dangers of posting incriminating content on the internet.

I love you beautiful and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. Happy Valentine's Day and anniversary
~Trevor

Dear Clayton, I want to spend a century with just you in my arms.
-GK

Rand, You are amazing! Happy Valentines Day!
Love, Sam

Lauren- I like you like chicken pie and tootsie rolls

Brian Oh Hey! You are the best :-)) Happy Valentines Day!
-Lo

Happy Valentine's Day, Noodle. XOXO
Sarah

Do athletes deserve the title "hero?"

Kelcie Sweeney

Are athletes heroes? It is a good question to discuss due to the celebrity of certain athletes. Great athletes have always been household names because of their ability to play their sport. It seems that the idea of using the word "hero" in respect to these star athletes is sometimes questionable and sometimes justified.

The question posed at Socrates Café held Wednesday, Feb. 6. The event was moderated by Professor James Tackach, who encouraged everyone "discuss the topic openly" but also be respectful of everyone's opinion.

The qualities of a hero are tough to determine but are essential to deciding the question at hand. It was suggested that heroes are people who commit heroic acts with risk involved. Another view claimed that a hero is someone that inspires you in your life.

These views seemed to be compromised by the idea that a hero must make some sort of sacrificial act that goes beyond what people would normally do.

"Everyone grows up with the idea of a hero as being a knight in shining armor," one student said.

Are athletes knights in shining armor? Athletes are often not heroes because of their play on the field but

for their work off the field. One of the first names to come up was that of National Football League player Pat Tillman of the Arizona Cardinals who joined the Army Rangers and died in 2004 in Afghanistan. He was remembered and immortalized as a selfless person and a heroic American, but he alone does not claim that honor.

There were other athletes named as examples of heroes such as Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Mohammad Ail, Lance Armstrong and Ted Williams. Yet these famous sport figures also did something outside of just playing a sport to make them more famous or perhaps in some people's eyes, heroes.

These examples bring up the idea that in order for athletes to be considered a hero they must do something more than be great at a sport.

"Being an athlete doesn't make you a hero," said one student. "It is their job to be an athlete and it shows competency if they are a great athlete. They should have a quality separate from their talents in their own sport. Athletes have to go beyond the field of their sport."

The general consensus was that in order for a person to be a hero their heroic act must be publicly acknowledged. If the act is public it impacts

more people and therefore receives more attention.

This assertion makes "hero status" much more attainable for athletes who are in the spotlight already. One student asserted "because they have talent and therefore have money and because they have money they are better able to help others." It is true a rich athlete is going to be able to donate or help more than the average person.

"We bestow the label hero on the people we admire, who do what we can't do" one student said.

Athletes who play competitively on the field and also contribute to the community off the field achieves what the average person couldn't dream of. They are admired for this reason.

These athletes who are coveted as heroes are often accused of being villains to society. One student suggested that Americans often seem to drop the label "hero" on athletes only to watch those same athletes fall from grace later.

"If we look for heroes everywhere we may often be sorely disappointed," said the student.

As a society we like to see that heroes are humans too and often revel in the mistakes that they made. People are extremely cynical of "heroes" who turn out to be less than

what society made them, often claiming that they have cheated their way up.

But if society is the one that enabled the "hero" by giving them public acknowledgement, is society to blame for the quality of heroes we have today?

"We put the best players on a pedestal because we don't have heroes in everyday life," Tackach said. "We are hero-starved."

Where are all the heroes? Maybe athletes seem like a strong natural choice of a hero like the heroes of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Or maybe our notion of what makes a hero needs be modified to show a more modern hero.

Maybe the real question we should be asking is why as a society are we so "hero starved?" Maybe in this question we will perhaps be able to examine ourselves as a society.

The question posed will never be definitively answered. Being a hero is about as individual as the heroic act that they do. Athletes are grouped together because they all are extremely good at a sport but heroic athletes are ones that stand out from their peers and have more to their name than just their skill at their sport.

Fascinating facts of RWU

Dee DeQuattro
Herald Staff

SECRET 1

In 1973 when RWU was known as Roger Williams College, a very famous person performed here. Before his popularity was too large, New Jersey native, Bruce Springsteen, actually preformed for the students of Roger Williams College.

"It was around Christmas time and he played at the Bristol Motor Inn which was where King Philip is now.....pretty much where CVS stands now," remember former student and current special assistant and ombudsman for the office of the president, Scott Yonan.

This was very unusual for the school because it was the first time that they rented out a club instead of hosting the performance on campus. Yonan attended the concert at the low cost of \$2.50!

SECRET 2

You walk by it everyday.
Good old Roger staring down at you,

extending a hand to be shook. When a student goes to shake his hand and stares up into his dull brass face they may think they recognize the face, and they probably do.

"Apparently, no one ever drew or painted a portrait of Roger Williams when he was alive. If you do a search for pictures of him, they all look very different and were done years after his death," Yonan said. Sculptor Armand Lamontage was hired to sculpt the statue and around the same time he was sculpting a statue of baseball legend Ted Williams. With no face to give the statue Lamontage decided to give the statue the face of the heroic sports legend.

Check next week for more RWU "secrets"

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I love...

Nessrin, Anne, Morgan,
Tina and the KP-A staff!
Happy Valentines Day-
you are the best
-xoxo- Caroline

Marissa- You're Hot
I love you!

Dear Ben, Ben, Ben,
Ben, Ben, Ben, Molly,
Molly, And Fishy
I love you..
-Ben

Mike Petrucci...
Will you marry me?
-XO Caroline

Dear Allegra,
You're my other half to make a
whole.
From: The greatest room-
mate in the world.
-Kacy

Dear Dee
I love you Boo!
<3 Jerrel

Feral cats spayed and neutered

Teddy Applebaum
Herald Staff

Over the years, feral cats have become fixtures on the campus, seeing them is no more exciting or unusual than glimpsing a squirrel or seagull. They congregate calmly in the bushes of the admissions building as if indigenous to the Mount Hope Bay shore. But they are a manmade and student-driven problem, says Paws volunteer Lori Sendroff. Paws is a Newport based organization that deals with feral cats.

"The cats that we are caring for now are either previously abandoned cats or the descendents of abandoned cats," Sendroff said, who has volunteered large amounts of her time working alongside Kady Marino 08, of E.A.R (environmental / Animal Rights club) to deal with the feral cat population.

Marino, with the help of Paws, developed a proposal that would allow school sponsored spaying and neutering as well as health screenings for the entire RWU feral cat population. The proposal was accepted, and since June 2006, Sendroff has humanely trapped and sterilized at least 34 cats on campus.

The population, which has existed for quite some time, is being fueled by students who are either caught with illegal cats and told to get rid of them, or graduating seniors who decide not to take their pets with them to the next stage of their lives.

"There's no doubt that the cat population has been added to by stray cats left behind by students at the end of the academic year," said Vice President of Student Affairs John King, who worked with Paws to allow them on campus.

When Sendroff speaks about the issue, her words are powered by her passion. "Instead of finding a means of bringing them to the shelter or finding a home for the cat, they find an easy way out by just abandoning unspayed or neutered cats and

expecting them to survive." She says life for those animals is grim.

"The chance that an abandoned domestic cat will survive is nil. It will either die of starvation, another predator like a coyote will kill it, or it will become diseased."

On one occasion, Sendroff was forced to euthanize a feral cat whose eye had been eaten out by disease and had swelling tumors under its front legs. With small populations, inbreeding is inevitable and this increases the possibility of unhealthy or deformed offspring.

Left unchecked, a female cat can produce two - three litters of kittens a year.

According to Paws, over a seven year period a colony can form producing up to 420,000 offspring. This makes the issue a tough one to deal with.

"It only takes two, and look what you can have," Sendroff said.

CRIME: RWU makes picture clear for police

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The clear image of the man at the scene of a June fire in Fall River, Mass. led to the December arrest of city resident Arthur Mooney, 35, who was charged in connection with that arson and 11 others within a 24-hour period in Fall River and nearby Westport.

Moffa and Osborne sifted through surveillance images provided by the Fall River Police Department. They eventually got a clear shot of Mooney, who police recognized from earlier arrests, ending the search for the man who had eluded authorities for six months.

Mooney was indicted by a federal grand jury in December but the indictment was sealed until late last month.

"I thought we were never going to get this guy," Osborne said, recalling the poor quality of the tape. "It's not like a high school yearbook photo."

Moffa and Osborne used Final Cut Pro, a video editing system, and Adobe Photoshop to grab a "really good picture of the guy," Moffa said. The men declined to discuss the details of the images as some charges were still pending.

"It can be very tedious work," Moffa said about what he calls forensic video analysis. "It takes a certain amount of patience and you have to know the equipment."

Osborne said the university has worked on cases with other local police departments and that more, including the Bristol Police Department, are expressing interest.

"It takes more than one person to do this," Osborne said, sitting next to Moffa in front of the computer they use for cases. "He'll see something I don't see and I'll see something he doesn't see."

Osborne and Moffa are currently working on another video for Westport police, but they declined to discuss it.

"Typically, police departments don't have the high-tech equipment to enhance videos," Westport police spokesman Sgt. Jeff Majewski said. "The staff at Roger Williams was able to enhance the video and make it clearer for us to be able to identify the suspect."

Robert McKenna, director

of the Justice Systems Training Institute at Bay Point, said "cooperative efforts" between police and private entities are common, especially among police agencies with tight budgets.

"I suspect that those types of video enhancing equipment are pretty expensive, and therefore, very few law agencies can afford them," he said.

Many surveillance cameras are cheap and low quality, making for blurry resolution and time-consuming analysis, McKenna said.

"You can buy the \$10 model, the \$10,000 model and everywhere in between. There is a range of capability. If you go to a milk store, their budget may allow for a particular level, but if you go to the U.S. Embassy or the CIA building, there's a whole different level of quality."

Osborne said more businesses are using surveillance equipment, and that means more people are unknowingly being caught in the act committing crimes.

"It's a growing field. When you walk through downtown Bristol, the number of times your image is captured by secondary video at banks and storefronts, a lot of stuff surfaces. We're getting more and more contacts."

Although laws vary state to state, surveillance cameras are permitted to capture video of locations and not specific people. When people are captured on surveillance cameras, they are referred to as secondary images.

Moffa said it is only a matter of time before people start investing in "more sophisticated" equipment to protect their property, and that might eliminate the need for in-depth video analysis all together.

For now, it's something Moffa and Osborne don't mind doing when not occupied by their day-to-day jobs.

"We as citizens expect the police to protect us, but they need help as well," Osborne said. "This last case was arson, but what if it was something more severe like a terrorism attack? We're adding to the well-being of the community and making it a safer place."

CEDAR: Students come together to support and quit

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Cedar Smokeout printed supporters' contracts for people in the building to support those trying to quit. They signed saying they would help out in anyway they could.

Also at the event were statistics, music, cake donated by Bon Appetit and information on the Smoking Cessation program by Health Services.

In the vestibule of Cedar, more than 350 students signed contracts and 12 people in the building committed to quitting cold turkey including Team CARE members. Five boxes of cigarettes were turned over during the course of the day.

"Names collected have been passed onto Health Services so they can contact those who signed the petition to quit," Ayles said. "People who made the commitment will have the adequate support they need through e-mails from us as well as Health Services."

According to Ayles, the Department of Residence Life as well as Student Affairs have been supportive and helpful.

"Dean Kathleen McMahon, Jen Stanley and other COREs all signed contracts of support," Ayles said. "The kickoff event was just the start, but there was high energy and lots of enthusiasm."

Creative advertising will go around Cedar and all around campus featuring the "useful cigarette" from Truth.com that shows chemicals in the cigarettes and how they are linked to everyday products.

"We'll be doing 'passive learning' not necessarily programs," Ayles said. "People can read the statistics in the bathroom

while doing their business or walking down the hallways."

The contracts are displayed in the Cedar common rooms and "count ups" will be featured to help encourage those who are quitting. A wrap up event will take place at the end of February congratulating those who were able to quit.

Ayles said that they are using this program as a prototype for similar programs in the future.

"We hope it will be successful and eventually brought to each residence hall," Ayles said.



Courtesy of Kristen Ayles

Students sign contracts, enjoy music and food during the Smokeout kickoff.

Katie, Jessie, Sam, and Brit,
You four are the hottest roommates ever.
Love you all,
-Emily

Dear Tess,
I love you so Much!
Love Michael

Melissa
I could never recycle my love for you..
<3 Roommate #1

Phil,
You motivate me!

Jess, Tess, Marissa, Rebecca, Sam, Meghan, Amanda, Emily,
Casey You make my ovaries smile!
-Dee

Leah,
Will you run away with me and rock out?
-Em

Construction teams compete in nationals

Sid Chanthavong
Herald Staff

A trip to Las Vegas? Sounds like an adventure but a group of construction management and architecture students are heading to the city of lights in March to compete in a nationwide competition.

Roger Williams University has competed in the ASC Competition for seven consecutive years and travel to Las Vegas to continue this tradition of excellence. Each competing team consists of six students from the School of Architecture and Construction Management. There are three different teams for each of the three different categories: Design Build, Heavy Highway, and Commercial Building.

This year, the Design Build and Heavy Highway teams placed first in the North East Region Competi-

tion. The Design Build team's captain, Danielle Dorsey, a senior led her team of senior Dana Niro, junior Nick Belmont, senior Zev O'Brien-Gould, senior Cintia Hayashi, and senior Matthew Tyler. in their respective category.

The Heavy Highway team's captain, Joe Martin, a senior, led his team of senior Kevin Fealy, junior Ryan Stewart, junior Fred Sorbo, senior Brian Clark, and senior Mike Baldorossi in their respective category.

Both teams spent the majority of the fall semester preparing for the regional competition in November. They met with industry professionals to gain firsthand insight on the possible projects they were to encounter in the competitions. The teams also gathered and organized equipment they would need during the competition, including computers, printers, and construc-

tion software.

During the competition, the teams were given sixteen hours to prepare a solution for a construction scenario. The teams were confined to their hotel rooms for the allotted time.

Martin said, "We arrived at the hotel on the afternoon of Thursday Nov. 8 and

"I know my team is capable of taking home the big win."

*~Danielle Dorsey
Senior captain*

set up our hotel rooms as mini construction offices," said Martin.

After 16 hours, the teams presented a binder that included estimates, work plans and construction documents to a panel of judges. Immediately after submittal, the teams had a few hours to prepare for their 20-minute presentation.

A panel of judges and an audience full of industry professionals were present and allowed to ask the teams questions. The teams were judged based on the following criteria: technical proposal and bid documents, construction schedule, means and methods, project overhead calculations, presentation, and question session.

In the past seven years of Roger William's participation in the ASC Competition, The Design Build team has placed first in the Regionals five times and first in the National once. This year the Heavy Highway team placed first in the Regionals for the first time.

Both teams will leave for Vegas on March 9.

"We are already in the swing of things getting ready for the National competition;

I expect we will work harder and stronger. I know my team is capable of taking home the big win," Dorsey said.

Any students interested in becoming part of the teams should contact either captain, ddorsey085@hawks.rwu.edu, jmartin895@hawks.rwu.edu.

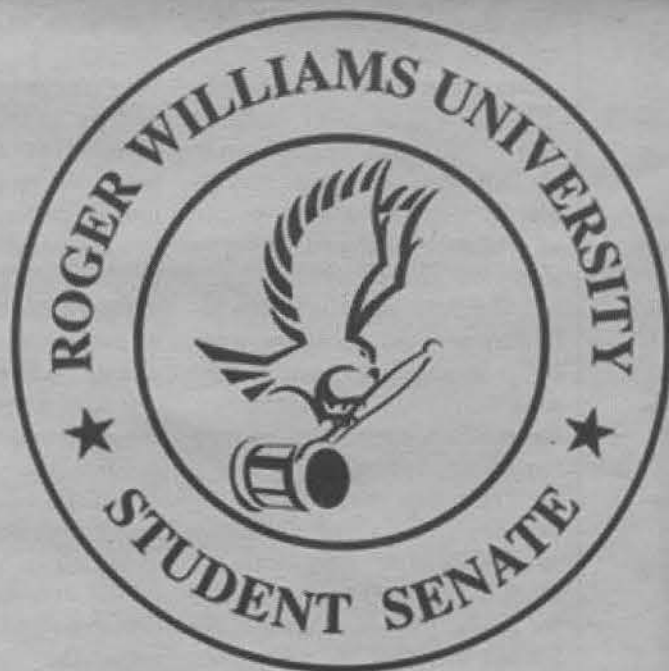
"I would definitely recommend to any Construction Management student to get involved in any of these competitions. It is more real-life than any class you will take or any project you may work on during your time here at RWU. It is also a ton of fun," said Martin.

Professor Frederick Gould of the Construction Management School also encourages students to try out for the teams, "It's a great opportunity to network with industry professionals."

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The MAJORITY (55%)
of RWU students
DRINK alcohol
once a week or less.

Data based on RWU CORE Alcohol & Drug Survey from April 2006. This survey was administered to 1,389 students in 145 class sections representing 35 majors.

*Sponsored by the HAWE (Health & Wellness Education) office, ext. 3413.

K-
I miss Jim. Oh I miss him sooo much.
False. I do not miss him.
Love,
Dwight

Jenn,
I hate your stinkin' guts.
You make me vomit.
Love,
Creeper

Dear Orgs-
You motivate us.
Thank you for a wonderful retreat.
Hawk's Herald

Jana C.
You are the cutest.
We need P&P nights back.
<3 me <3

Dear Nick and Chad,
We couldn't imagine better neighbors.
We love you.
-Allegra and Kacy

Dills,
Let's run away to Mexico!
-Manny

Student participates in Netherlands conference

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

Some students play sports, some join clubs, and others like Junior Matthew Gullo try to solve the pressing problems of the world. Gullo recently joined 115 people from every continent on the globe for a five-day stay in The Hague, Netherlands as a part of a conference known as the THIMUN Youth Assembly. There, he and other students joined to discuss the important issues affecting the world. They evaluated and researched these crucial problems and then they tried to determine viable solutions.

Gullo was the deputy president of the eleventh session of the THIMUN youth assembly. THIMUN stands for The Hague International Model United Nations.

The youth assembly gives students between the ages of 16 and 24 the opportunity to research world issues and present their findings to the United Nations. A five-day long conference becomes much more to those involved. It offers them an outlet to make real change in the world.

As deputy president, Gullo had the opportunity to oversee the work

of four of the eight committees designated by the conference. Gullo oversaw the millennium development committee, environmental accountability committee, water and youth committee, and the media committee. Gullo also had the unique opportunity to coordinate a committee in charge of calculating the youth's perception of the United Nations.

To do this, Gullo and other committee members had to survey hundreds of individuals about the United Nations prior to the conference. "The work is rewarding and it is a full model of what bridging the world is," said Gullo.

After the five days, students do not just go home and forget about the work they had done at the conference.

Instead, "When the people go back home, they try to institute specific target based programs," said Gullo. In May, many committee members hope for the opportunity to meet again in New York to visit the United Nations and lobby their work.

"This is something... we would hope to do, but... I don't think it is possible at this time. I think we are just going to send our report to

UNDPI," Gullo said.

Gullo got involved in this organization in 2006 through former RWU student Dipak Ramkumer. Ramkumer nominated Gullo to go and ever since his first conference, he has continued his work with THIMUN. After two years, Gullo has went from a student delegate to the deputy president of the conference and he aspires to move up the ladder more in the future.

"I hope to become an executive board member of the conference, and may be even a future President of the conference," said Gullo.

When Gullo first began his work with THIMUN, he would fund his own trips. Since then he has worked with the school and the political science department in order to receive sponsorship.

January, Gullo was sponsored by the RWU political science department and he hopes that in the future other students will be able to receive the same sponsorship. "I have been trying to get this program instituted at RWU," says Gullo. June Speakman, head of the political science department said, "Ideally, the department would like to expand access to



Courtesy of Matt Gullo
Matt Gullo sits at a desk at the Netherlands conference.

THIMUN to several students each year, but it is a very expensive program. For now, we are proud of Matt's success in the program and hopeful that he will open the path to THIMUN for future RWU students."

Despite the obstacles in his path, Gullo said he will continue to try to work with the political science department in order to share his experience with our students.

"I love this program, I love doing it. I want other people to come with me," he said.

SAILING: Expansions made to Bristol museum

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"If you walk around you'll see buckets and tarps around, because when it rains it gets wet in here. So that's our number one priority. The roof is extremely old and it's beginning to damage some of the artifacts here," said Peter Sterrett, Development Director at the museum.

According to museum personnel, the most exciting project is the rebuild of the historic brown building across the street.

Such extravagant renovations and expansions do not come cheap.

"The funded budget is \$2.4 million," said Goff. "It's a Department of Transportation grant; a combination of state and federal money. The project will probably cost slightly more than that, that we'll be doing private fundraising for."

The money raised from fundraising will pay for the interior and exhibit space for the actual museum building.

Everyone at the museum is very excited for the renovations, and to finally have a "world class hall of fame," Goff said. "When boaters visit, I will be very proud to take them through the new hall."

From the 1860s to 1940s, some of the world's finest yachts including seven winning America's Cup boats were built at the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company (now the site of the museum).

"Some of the fastest, most sophis-

ticated boats were built here," said Goff, including Navy torpedo boats and the best light weight steam machinery. But the museum's biggest claim to fame is that Rhode Island's oldest boat, Sprite, and largest America's Cup boat ever built, Reliance, were Herreshoff designs.

The museum now houses several imperative boats including the 8 1/2 foot dinghy Nathaniel, the 75-foot Defiant (an America's Cup winner), and Harold Vanderbilt's Trivia.

Every two years the museum does a classic yacht symposium, is very well known in the marine industry to find out about boat restoration which is held at the law school at RWU

Another connection with the school is through an architecture class that will "redesign" a building to hold exhibits and displays. "While it's just a project for the university students it will be interesting to see some of the concepts they come up with for inside this building," said Starratt.

The museum is also accepting interns. "There are a lot of opportunities for more involvement with individual students," said Goff. "Basically if someone came and said I have a course in X, there's probably a way that it would fit into what we do and there would be a project that would be able to be worked out for course credit/internship type credit."

The museum also invites volun-



Kathryn Nuzzi

Some of the world's finest sailing yachts are housed in the Herreshoff Museum on Route 114 in Bristol. The museum is currently undergoing major repairs and being expanded.

teers to come to help run the whole operation. "There are also opportunities for documenting historic architecture; outside the marine and museum field there are architecture tie-ins."

The museum also runs a sailing program for adults and students. "We sail in original Herreshoff boats that

were built here on the site, built between 1916 and the late 30's," said Sterrett.

Hopefully Bristol and boaters from all over will be seeing the new Herreshoff Museum soon. "We want to increase our visitor experience by 200 percent," said Goff.

Goose,
Even after four years you still never fail to amaze me. You are my best friend and my companion. I couldn't ask for more. Tu es mi vida mi mundo y mi todo. Happy Anniversary!
-3 -Gooseling

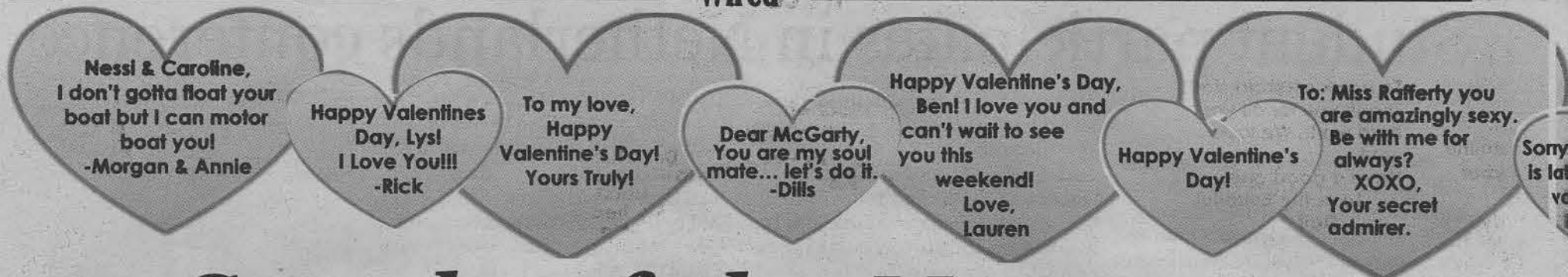
Cat-
I love you.
-V

Dee,
You are my soul mate, the other half of my soul and you are a nut job.
-Em

Lauren my love,
I am so happy we found each other and we are spending our first Valentines Day together, I couldn't have asked for a better person to spend it with!
i love you baby!
-3 always
Keri

Dom,
Be my valentine...
-Manny

Matty K,
Will you be my Valentine?
Yes No Maybe Love,
Greg



Couple of the Moment:

Amanda Hittleman and Gregg Kelly

Reporting by: Lorin Richardson

Gregg:

Amanda:

1. How did the two of you meet?

I was outside at night getting some air considering dropping out of school when I saw someone hiding behind a bush and making weird high-pitched noises I think he was chasing skunks? He's into that.

2. What is your favorite thing to do together?

Going to China Moon 10 minutes before it closes and ordering some random dish that Gregg makes up that they have never heard of. That lady thinks she knows me. She doesn't know me. She doesn't know anything.

3. What is Gregg's favorite TV show?

Easy. Extreme Makeover Home Edition. But not for the houses like I know he'll say. The real reason is the host; he thinks he's sexy. I see the way he stares at the TV screen, he never looks at me that way.

4. When did you know him?

I don't really know how to answer that question. You think you know someone but then you surprise him in his room one day and find him watching Oprah.

5. What is your favorite music group?

The Beatles, I am a huge fan of easy listening music, nothing too heavy.

6. Do you fight? If so how do you resolve it?

We never fight, everything's fine. Come to think of it, I can't think of one argument that we've ever had. He would have to agree.

7. What is the sweetest thing Gregg has ever done for you?

I would have to say when he broke my nose on two different occasions. Let me rephrase that; he fractured it freshman year but just bruised it junior year. He's still working on his motor functions and that's all I need to know. Maybe next year will just be a slight sprain, and that's reassuring to know.

1. How did the two of you meet?

One night I was outside tracking down skunks but I ended up finding her instead. I'm still not sure which smells better.

2. What is your favorite thing to do together?

Going to the gym.... and sitting with a pint of Ben & Jerry's in our laps stuffing our faces with ice cream in front of all the people working out on the treadmills. They'll always be running but they'll never get to us.

3. What is your favorite tv show?

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. I find this show very enlightening and I like...the houses. The houses always look very handsome.

4. What is her favorite music group?

Slipknot, she is a huge fan of death metal.

5. Do you fight? If so how do you resolve it?

Most of our relationship has consisted of fighting. We usually don't resolve it, we just try to forget it and move on. We have a very healthy relationship.

6. What is the sweetest thing they have ever done for you?

Well, she did dump me once...that was kind of sweet.



Long distance couples say it's worth it

Hannah Freedman
Herald Staff

They come in all shapes and sizes. Some are new, some are old, some are near and some are far. Despite the form they take, relationships are everywhere whether across the country or across a hall.

For many students at RWU seeing their significant other everyday is impossible.

Sophomore Stephen Davidowski only gets to see his girlfriend, Danielle Debouver, on school vacations. Davidowski and Debouver have been dating for a year and eight months. After four months of dating, Debouver left home to attend the University of Montana.

"The distance makes our relationship stronger," Davidowski said. "A lot of trust is involved."

For Valentines Day, Davidowski and Debouver have decided to mail Valentines Day packages at unannounced times.

"They are surprise packages, you can send them whenever," said Davidowski. "It's that home stretch before

spring break when you really need a package."

Many people believe that distance is very challenging in a relationship. For various students it is not the distance but instead it is not knowing when you get to see your significant other next.

Sophomore, Emily Nason will get to see her boyfriend this Valentines Day after being away for two months.

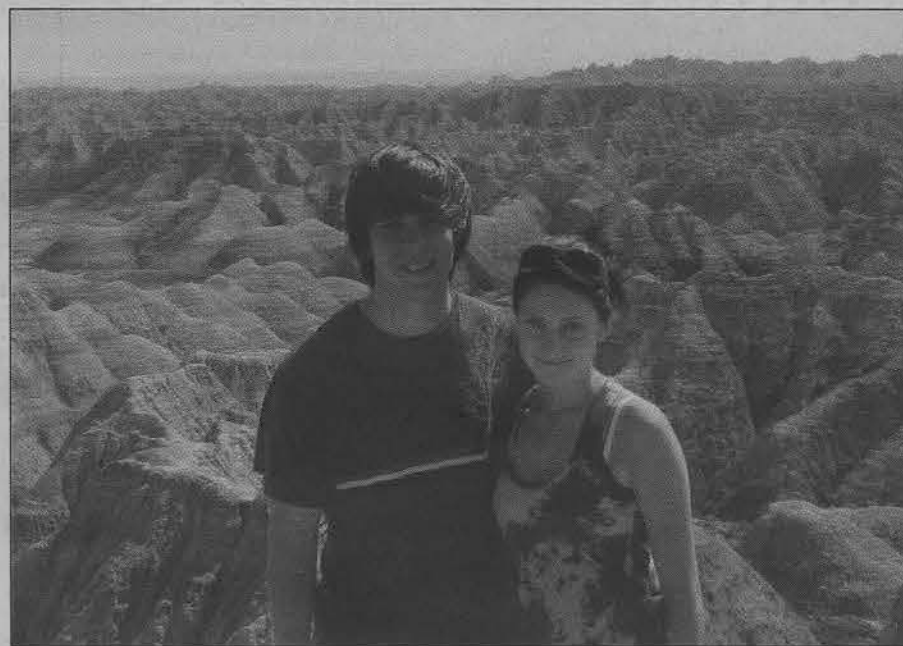
"I'm so excited," she said. "We get to spend five days together." Her boyfriend, Bryan Ciabotte, graduated from RWU last year and is part of the ROTC program. He is stationed in Seattle and will be going to Iraq in March.

"It's not just that I miss him," said Nason "I get nervous because training can be intense." A long distance relationship can take a lot of effort and commitment.

"Make sure it's worth the sacrifice," Nason said.

A lot of student's experience long distant relationship when their significant other travels abroad.

"The toughest part was scheduling, my girlfriend would be waking up



Courtesy of Stephen Davidowski

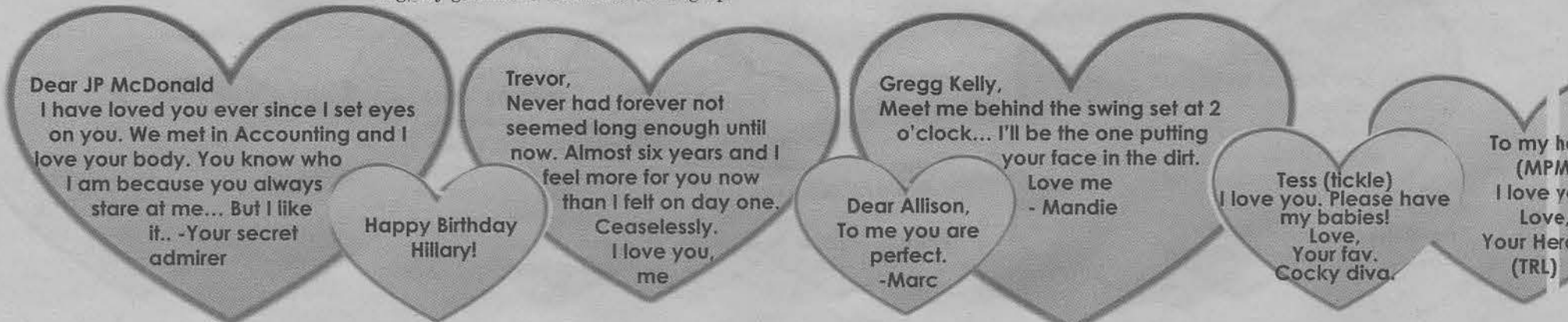
Stephen Davidowski and Danielle Debouver enjoy a vacation together at Badlands National Park in South Dakota. He drove Debouver back to her school in Montana after the summer vacation.

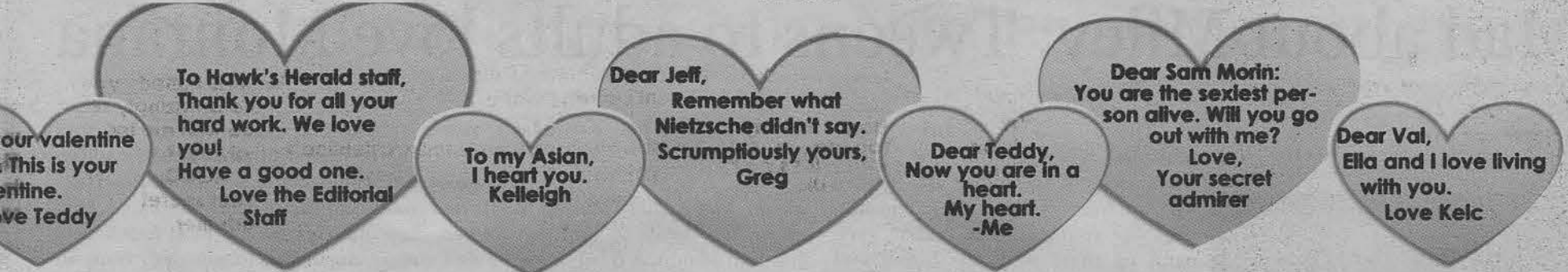
when I was in the middle of my classes," said Junior Mark Wilchynski.

Wilchynski and his girlfriend, Melissa Newman have been together over two years now. After dating for a year and a half, Newman left for a se-

mester in Spain. *

"Expect hardships," Wilchynski said. "Roll with the punches. Understand that the frustrations you are facing they are facing to."





Valentine's Day: The history of it all

Kia Round
Herald Staff

Although many romantic relationships are celebrated on Valentine's Day, many people do not even know where Valentine's Day originated or why exactly there is a specific day out of the year to celebrate being in love.

The roots of Valentine's Day trace back to the ancient Roman festival of

Lupercalia, a fertility celebration marked on February 15. During this festival, young boys would draw the names of girls out of a jar which would represent their partnership for the remainder of the celebration. Most often, these relationships would last throughout the year and develop into a marriage. It was Pope Gelasius I that abolished the Roman festival and declared a Christian feast day.

It was later that February 14 was the date associated with the mysterious St. Valentine and romantic love. During the High Middle Ages when courtly love flourished, Geoffrey Chaucer linked love birds, a royal engagement, and St. Valentine's Day together to create what we celebrate today. Over the centuries, heart-shaped cards and candies were presented for lovers and decorations with the colors pink and red to signify romance were abundant.

According to history.com, one legend details St. Valentine as the person who actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself.

According to this legend, while in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young girl who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is al-



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leged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "from your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

"Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure," according to history.com.

However, in many cases the story of St. Valentine has been lost and we often hear that Valentine's Day is a "hallmark holiday," and has actually become a commercially successful date.

According to the Greeting Card Association, 25 percent of cards sent each year are for Valentine's Day. According to history.com, over 1 billion cards are sent each year. But it was in the 1840s that Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America.

Today, everything from cards, candy, flowers, and gifts are bought and sent to lovers and loved ones across the country. Although many believe this to be a silly and meaningless holiday, for others it is a chance to celebrate love and is an excuse to spoil a loved one.



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Product of the week

Carey Baldwin
Herald Staff

Take out the blush and dab it on for your Valentine's Day date because blush is back. And it doesn't look like your mother's old fashioned compact either. Boots No7's Blush Tint comes in a purse friendly twist up tube. But that is not all this little gem has to offer.

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offer you would think it would be expensive but think again, this creamy blush is only \$8.24 and can be found anywhere from CVS and Target to posh beauty web sites online.

So turn up tube and give in to Boots No7's Blush Tint.



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Who What Wear

Carey Baldwin
Herald Staff

Who: George Saunders
What: Russian inspired Trooper Hat
Wear: Bayside Sea Breeze

Saunders, a freshman, was spotted walking to Bayside rocking a bold pair of red original Wayfarer Ray-Ban's (Ray-Ban \$139) and blue and yellow slip on Vans (Vans \$40).

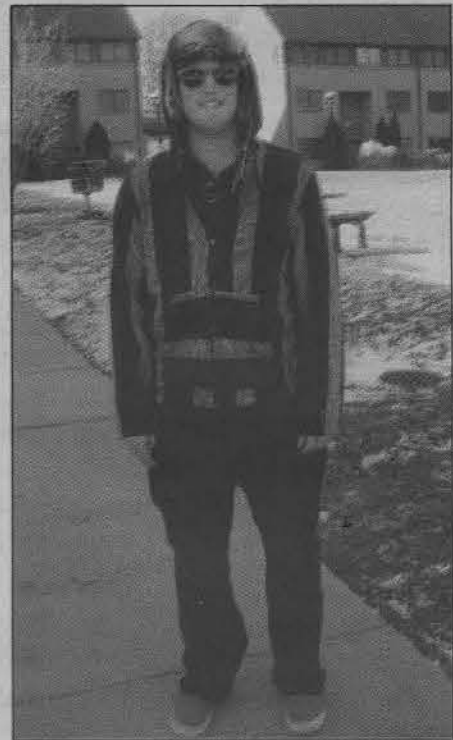
With these iconic sunglasses and flashy sneakers, Saunders decided to bundle up with a modern take on the traditional Russian Trooper hat. (66 North \$49.75) Hats are in this season and with so many to choose from who could pick just one.

From the Trooper hat to the coon-skin cap there is a hat for everyone, and this classic faux fur option gives you a great look without the price of real animal fur. To round out the look Saunders paired a classic dark green cord (Brooks Brothers \$98.50) and navy polo (Ralph Lauren \$39) with a Mexican inspired poncho (O'Neil surf \$38).

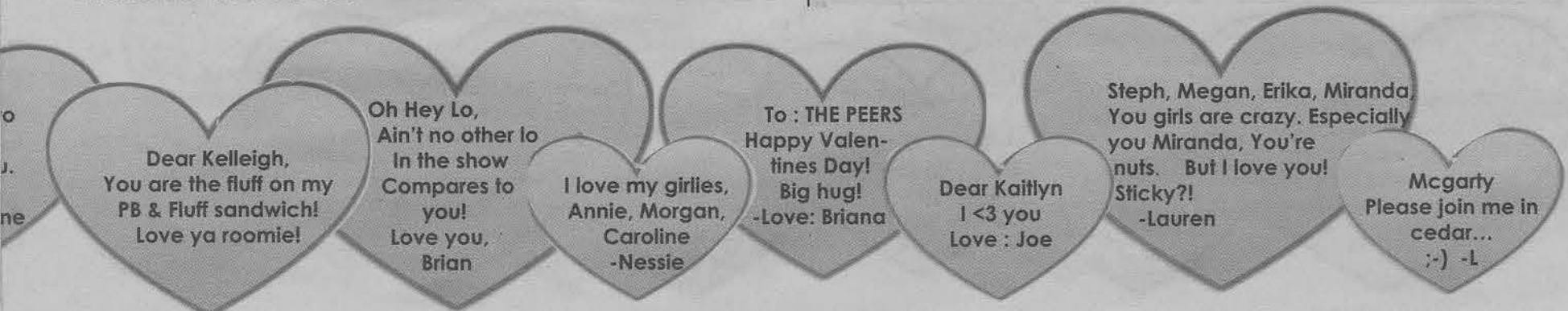
With classic separates like a polo and cord you can have a little fun and add some flare with a stylish jacket or

shoe.

Without any effort Saunders has put together a great look from head to toe. So boys get out of those jeans and add some color to your wardrobe!



Carey Baldwin



Mad about Miley: Tweens to adults love Montana

Ashley Willox
Herald Staff



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Hannah Montana may be Miley Cyrus' secret identity, but regardless of who she is, it's sure no secret that she's a phenomenon.

Her popularity is so extreme that on Super Bowl Sunday it was hard to figure out who the true super fans really were. Were they the football fanatics or the followers of Miley mania?

The Giants-Patriots game was the most watched Super Bowl in NFL history, according to the Associated Press, and 65 percent of the television sets turned on were tuned into the football game. But at the same time, Miley Cyrus was also breaking records.

The Disney star, turned pop princess, has a couple new accomplishments to add to her list. First of all, her tour has been so successful, that the young icon is said to even rank up there with the Police and Justin Timberlake's high grossing tours, according to the Associated Press.

And if that isn't enough, she certainly has earned bragging rights for her new movie, "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert," which is a 3-D film documenting her tour. Since so many dedicated fans did not get to see her sold-out concert live, Cyrus wanted to do a film version of the tour.

The movie has already raked in at least \$29 million, making Cyrus the new record holder for a film debut over Super Bowl weekend, according to the Associated Press.

While people all over the country were watching the Patriots and the Giants battle it out, mega Montana fans, and their parents, battled the lines at one of the only 683 movie theaters showing the film. Interestingly, age doesn't really matter for this 15-year-old star's fan base.

Whether you are five years old or 15 years old, her music is just as addicting, and her down to earth personality just as infectious. You can bet there are even girls around the Roger Williams campus who rock out on their iPods to Cyrus' latest hit, "See You Again" while walking to class.

Olivia Cornell, a 20-year-old sophomore, is one student not ashamed to admit that she is into the teeni-bopper's tunes, and especially that most recent single.

"For the most part, you just laugh at yourself," Cornell said. "It's decent

music, and it's just a fun song. You can't help it!"

Callie Santos, 10, from Foxboro, Mass., and a true Hannah Montana super fan, loves to jam out to her Hannah Montana music as well, and she was also one of the many followers who saw Cyrus' movie upon its debut.

"It was really busy [at the theater]," Santos said. "We had to reserve our tickets and there were like no seats left."

Initially, the movie was supposed to be out for only one week, but they made it stay out longer because everyone loved it and it kept selling out everyday.

"I liked her movie because it was 3-D and went behind the stage of her concert and showed bloopers too," Santos said. "So, it was like you were there. So many people wanted to go to the real concert [too], and it got sold out. I wish I could have gone to the concert."

Santos claims she would even brave the freezing weather to catch a glimpse of the superstar live.

Santos laughed, "I'd go swimming in my pool right now to go!"

Astonishingly, some people did do just about anything to get those coveted concert tickets, including some super fan's super-desperate moms. There was even one woman who had her daughter write and enter a fake essay in a contest saying her father was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Iraq. Priscilla Ceballos, whose scam won her daughter a makeover and four tickets (including airfare) to the Hannah Montana show in Albany, N.Y., eventually admitted to concert organizers that the heart wrenching story was a lie. It cost her daughter the treasured tickets.

The Spice Girls were a fad, and the boy band days lived their glory, but what exactly is it about this Hannah Montana craze that keeps fans coming back for more? It just seems near impossible to get away from all this Hannah Montana hype.

Denise Benette, a fourth-grade teacher from North Attleboro, Mass., said "I think that every generation has a star they want to emulate. From Shirley Temple in the 30s to Judy Garland in the 40s to Cindy Lauper in the 80s, and then Britney Spears. Kids just want someone to look up to. They become focused on that person. The one who is in the spotlight. It's that crowd mentality, and they want to be part of the group."

The fact that Hannah Montana has made it farther than just the cable box and has reached a variety of "tween" chain stores such as the Limited Too, Build-A-Bear, and even larger retailers such as Macy's, certainly helps with the fame factor.

"I feel that Hannah Montana was definitely marketed," Benette said. "Marketing plays a strong part in all of this. It even did way back when Shirley Temple and Judy Garland were idols. I had one of their dolls!"

From backpacks and school supplies to clothing and accessories, Hannah Montana is everywhere, even the big screen.

Karen Bengtson, a North Attleboro mother of a twin boy and girl in the fifth grade said she thinks her kids like Hannah Montana because she is an everyday kid like them.

"This type of show sends a good message to our kids," Bengtson said. "It's not just about popularity and being pretty. She's an everyday kid that learns from her mistakes."

I love Hannah

Dear Ms. Montana,

Or can I call you Hannah? This letter is totally for your eyes only. Look I'm just going to come right out and say it: I love you. Ever since that day when I saw you perform "Best of Both Worlds," I just can't get enough of you. You have such a beautiful voice. Oh man, I am totally gushing. So last week I was reading your book *Crush-Tastic* and that thing you said about girls is totally true.

So listen I was watching your show and I saw your dance off with the kids from high school musical and you were way better. I mean that you destroyed that time. When Jackson did a jig on the table, man I couldn't stop laughing... ROFL.

Will you be my valentine? Oh man you probably won't... I am going to be so lonesome. Oh well, I hope your tour is going awesome!

Love,
Teddy Applebaum

p.s. Don't show this to people!!

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Dear Ashley,
You are a mess but I love you!
Love Kyle
P.S. you have issues.

Jill-
You are the scum between my toes.
-Hoff

CAD,
You're pretty much amazing. You make me laugh, Thank you for everything.
-Me

Dear Meghan R,
You know you want it.
-McGarty

Dearest Dajana, Nikul, Izzy, Jud Kelly
I love you all with every star shining down upon our thinking souls.
Dream you dreamers.
Love always and forever
-Katie D

Stop playing games with my heart
Phil

Recycle mania starts off with a bang

Alyssa Persinger
Herald Staff

A single guitarist begins playing the "Star Spangled Banner," illuminated by red and blue lights against a white backdrop. The song ends with cheers from the crowd as the lights go black, and the only noise to be heard is the drone of the guitar.

The drone phases into a riff, accompanied by a Dee-jay. Two drummers play such a strong and fast beat that your eye can't keep up with their movements, giving them the look of a flip book. As the fast-paced beat continues, many different flashy lights around the stage change colors just as quickly.

Unlike the usual rock band with a standard drum set, the visiting band last Friday, Recycled Percussion played on giant buckets varying in size that were set up in front of the stage.

"The main difference between us and other bands, besides using recycled percussion, is that the drummers are the front-man," Ryan Vezina, 20, and drummer in Recycled Percussion said.

Recycled Percussion kicked off the first week of the recycling competition at Roger Williams University on Feb. 8 in the Field House. The band was presented by the Recycling and Sustainability Committee at RWU, and helped with funding by many various people, clubs and organizations.

"We wanted a big kick-off event to get people to know about [the recycle competition]," Chelsea FitzSimons-Diaz, senior at RWU and student co-chair of the Recycling and Sustainability Committee said.

More than 350 students crowded the stage and sat in bleachers to watch the band drum with their feet, play up and down a ladder, throw and catch drumsticks while playing. Even President Nirschel found time to enjoy the music.

After the show, Bayside's two recycling bins were overflowing, and two more bins were needed to be added. During the weekend, all four cans were full.

"It has never been like this before," said Meg Gardner, 21, senior at RWU and on the Recycling and Sustainability Committee. "It was

really awesome."

Recycled Percussion started 13 years ago at a high school talent show in Manchester, New Hampshire. The idea came from drummer Justin Spencer, who was inspired by a man in New York City playing a five-gallon bucket on the street. The band won second place, and their career snowballed from there.

"We're not preachers about recycling," Vezina said. "But we do recycle and highly suggest it."

The group consists of four members; Spencer (one of the fastest drummers around), his cousin Vezina (drummer, who has never had lessons, but instead gives them), Jim Magoon (guitarist—graduated from Berkley), DJ Pharaoh (highly respected Dee-jay in New Hampshire). Marcus Mcquillan does the band's light and sound, and has been with them for over a year.

Recycled Percussion tours 10 months out of the year, allowing themselves two months to write new songs. The band plays anything from Led Zeppelin to Maroon 5 to No Doubt. The drummers also play on anything but the kitchen sink—they

retired that instrument last tour. Categorizing their sound as "junk rock", it's appropriate that you will find the drummers banging old buckets, ladders, muffler caps, fire extinguishers, and metal pipes.

"It gives our sound a good grungy feel," said Vezina.

The group has played with acts such as 311, Godsmack, Kanye West, and has even performed for Bill Gates. Recycled Percussion started as a novelty act, but has gotten serious with their music as time has passed.

However serious their music may become, the band will always have great entertainment, using recycled objects no one would think of as instruments.

Recycled Percussion ended the show using grinders pushed against a giant metal can. It looked as though fireworks were set off in the Field House as bright golden sparks flew into the air.

"We want to show people that you can make something out of nothing," Vezina said.

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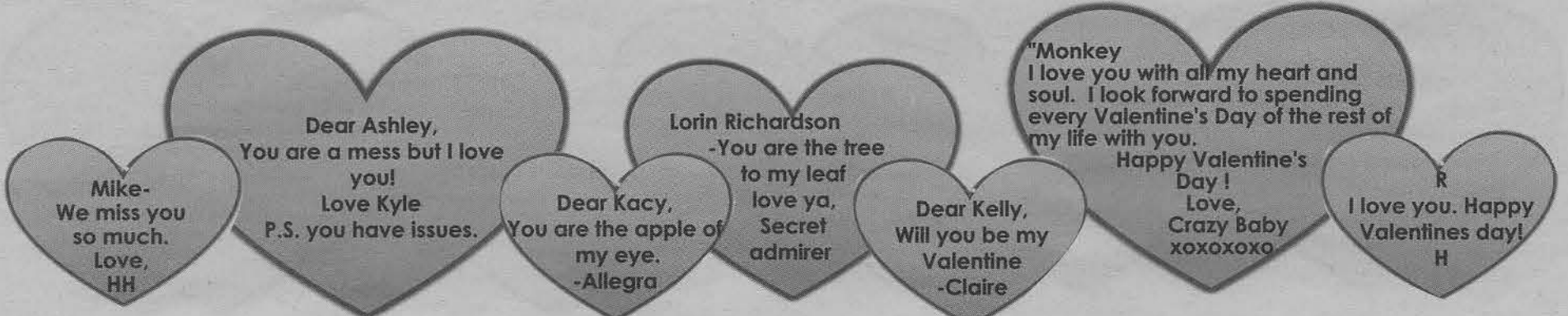
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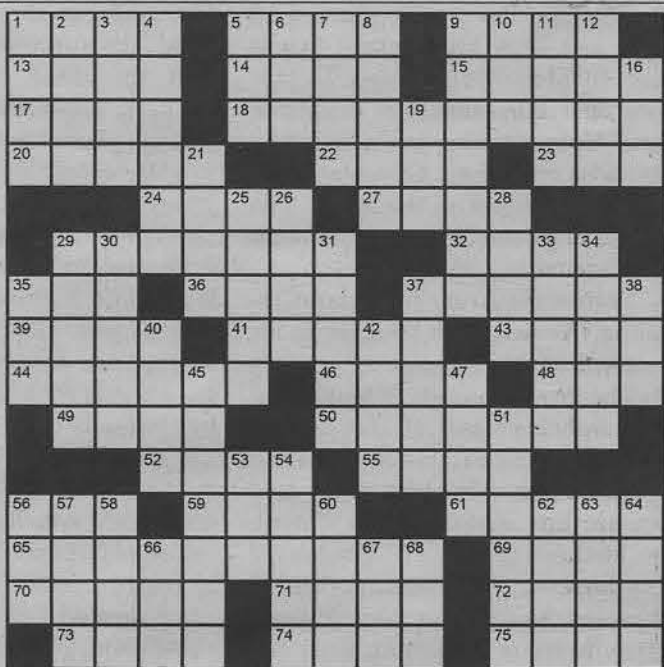


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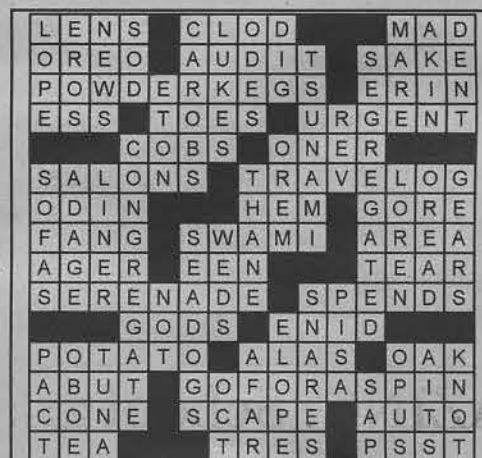
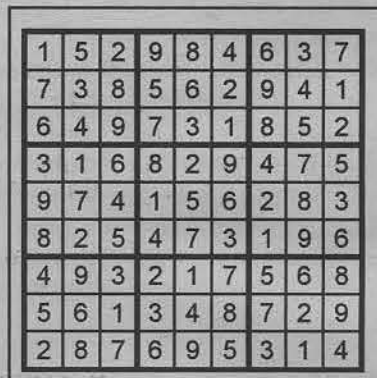
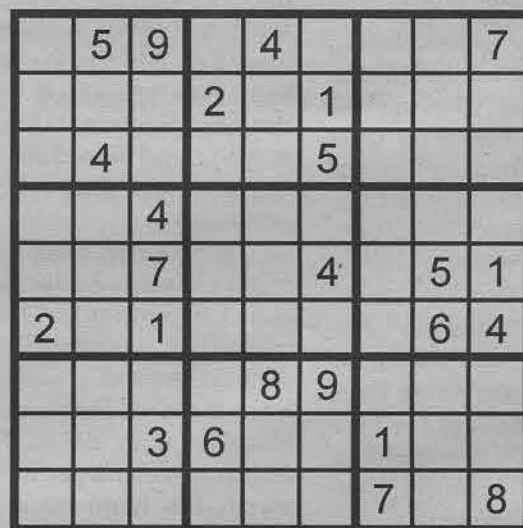
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Have an awesome Valentines day girls!
-Ash

Shaun,
You are not the apple of my eye.
Go to bed.
Us

Keri-
I am so glad that me and you are now official! I love you so much and I cannot wait to spend valentines day and forever with you. You make me so happy from head to toe..
I love you.
love Lauren

News & Notes

The men's wrestling team gained a 20-12 victory over Rhode Island College. Going into the match RIC was ranked sixteenth nationally and second in New England with an overall record of 14-2.

With the loss RIC's overall record now stands at 14-3. The team is now 3-2 in the Pilgrim League. The hawks also saw success earlier in the day when they took the University of Southern Maine and defeated them 41-6. RIC also gained a victory over USM with a final score of 29-7.

In the match against RIC, the Hawks pulled ahead early with two wins by junior Dan Woods in the 197 pound category and senior John Russo at 285. RIC came close to taking the lead with three straight wins, but two wins in the 157 and 165 pound categories sophomore by Kyle Rodgers and junior Kenneth Ford gave the Hawks the win.

In the match against USM earlier in the day, the Hawks won nine out of 10 rounds on their way to the win.

As a result of his strong performance on Saturday, Rodgers was named the New England Wrestling Association wrestler of the week and the RWU male athlete of the week.

The Hawks will be back in action Wednesday at 6 p.m. when they take on

Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Bryant University in a home match.

The women's basketball team gained a 90-61 win over Anna Maria College in their final home game of the regular season on Tuesday night. With the win the Hawks improve their overall record to 5-5 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference and 10-12 overall.

Although Anna Maria would start off the scoring for the night by taking an early lead, the Hawks quickly caught up. By the midpoint of the first period the Hawks were up 10-4 and although Anna Maria came within three held the lead going into halftime. The Hawks quickly widened their lead in the early minutes of the second period and held on for the win.

Heather Babin, Casey Andereson and Jennifer Youngquist led the Hawks in scoring with 14 and 18 points respectively.

The basketball team also honored two seniors, Caitlyn Leone and Taylor Shea on Tuesday night. Leone and Shea both played their longest games of the season on Tuesday. Leone played for 21 minutes while Shea played for 28.

The Hawks will be back in action on Saturday against Regis College at 12 pm.

Spring training: 2008 season comes together

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ing free-agent third baseman Scott Rolen from St. Louis and two-time all-star shortstop David Eckstein from Anaheim. Eckstein and Rolen should provide gold glove caliber defense as well as add some pop to a lineup that ranked second to last in the league last season in runs scored.

With an impressive pitching staff lead by former Cy Young award winner Roy Halladay, the Blue Jays hope their newly improved lineup will help put an end to their decade long streak of third place finishes.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who have been nothing but perennial losers throughout their ten-year existence, will have to rely on increased production from their many young prospects if they hope to climb out of the division cellar and become contenders. Left fielder Cliff Floyd came over from the Mets in the off-season and will join talented youngsters Carl Crawford and BJ Upton in the outfield.

Newly acquired closer Troy

Percival should help bolster a dismal bullpen that lead the league in blown saves last in 2007. Look for the Devil Rays to pass the Birds from Baltimore who lost their best hitter Miguel Tejada and their ace Eric Bedard in the off-season. It should be a long rebuilding year for the Orioles.

So there you have it. Position players are scheduled to report to camp on Feb. 20 and the teams kick off their exhibition season the first week of March. For all you Red Sox fans, keep an eye on young stud Jacoby Ellsbury as he attempts to earn a spot in the starting lineup. The Sox and the Yankees should be fighting neck-and-neck for division supremacy all season.

If the Blue Jays can stay healthy, always a big if, they might be able to make a run for the top. It's time to put the shocking events of a historical football season behind us. Get your popcorn ready. It'll be a heck of a season.

HAZING: School grapples with the issue of controlling online content

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posed to your friends could be in the national media next week."

These risks of posting content online as well as hazing and alcohol use in general were the subject of a presentation to RWU student athletes and athletic department staff by attorney Janet Judge last Monday evening. Judge, an attorney with Sports Law Associates LLC, gave the students, coaches and administrators a comprehensive overview of the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules regarding hazing and the potential legal consequences of such actions outside of collegiate athletics.

Judge also discussed the fact that social networking Web sites are much more open to the public than many students realize. During her presentation Judge emphasized the importance of using the privacy settings on Web sites such as Facebook in order to ensure that the content they post online really is private.

"I thought she was really powerful in that respect," said Director of Athletics George Kolb. "She showed a really visual presentation with photos of different parties and incidents and then she got to Facebook and her point was that she spent about 15 minutes researching Roger Williams in general and was able to just come upon so many photos and videos from Webshots, from YouTube."

Kolb said that Judge's presentation was a major heads up for him on the serious on the potential harm

that the content students post on the Internet could do to the reputation of the athletic department. He said that for him one of the most noteworthy points in judge's presentation was when she asked the students if they had set the privacy settings on their Facebook accounts.

"I was surprised that a good portion of student athletes had not checked their privacy settings," said Kolb. "They really haven't done their due diligence to make sure that personal information isn't a part of the public domain."

Kolb said that he decided to have Judge come and speak at RWU following a hazing incident at Salve Regina University last fall in which a male soccer player was attacked in Newport because of a racial slur written on the back his shirt. As a result of the incident, which occurred on Sept. 23, 2007, Salve's men's soccer coach decided to forfeit five games in order to punish the players for their behavior.

"It really made us all think, me included, that we need to take further steps to educate student athletes about what hazing is and show them that there are just so many negative things that come out it," said Kolb. "In support of Salve, they've done tremendous things in their department to educate student athletes, but something happened and that's the

thing that when I go home at night I worry about, that despite everything we do could something happen?"

In light of the risks posed by students posting inappropriate content online many schools have enacted policies regarding such content. Schools, including Salve Regina, have even gone so far as to monitor student's Facebook and MySpace accounts on a regular basis.

Although the RWU Student Affairs Office and the athletics department presently has a zero-tolerance policy toward acts of hazing, the school currently does not have a mechanism in place for checking the content that student athletes post online.

Additionally, Vice President for Student Affairs John King said that he does not plan to implement one in the near future.

"In my opinion, speaking on behalf of the division, I think it's overreaching to monitor any student's Facebook account or email account on a daily or regular basis," said King. "I would say that about a student leader, I would say that about a student that is not involved in athletics.

"However, if something comes to our attention, for instance concerns about a student's behavior, complaints from another student about what might be on Facebook that they find offensive or harassing or poten-

tially damaging to the reputation of the institution we will then follow up and take measures to try and find out what is there and whether or not it harms the institution or sends a bad message to other students."

King said that the punishment for such activity could include a formal warning, request to remove, formal charge of harassment or sanctions regarding an individual's student athlete status. King said that there have been several instances in which actions have been taken against student athletes and general students as well because of questionable online content.

"My opinion is that we should really put our emphasis on hazing policy education," said King.

Kolb said that the coaching staff is divided over whether or not there should be a codified online content policy. However, he said that he would like to develop at least a mission statement to make students more aware of the potential impact of posting questionable content on the Internet.

"I think what my job is, is to just really learn about this issue as much as possible," said Kolb. "And then sit down with John King and Roger Williams and just take a look and see if we should have a black and white Facebook policy.

"I think those steps will be coming up in the next few weeks or months."



Men's basketball victorious in final home game of the season

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After gaining a close 84-82 win over the University of New England on Saturday afternoon, the men's basketball team moved on to defeat Anna Maria College 82-55 of Tuesday evening.

After Tuesday's win, the Hawks' overall record improves to 9-1 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference and 13-9 overall, which allows the team to hold on to its first place conference standing.

The Hawks held a tight lead from the start and with just under 12 minutes left to play in the half Anna Maria stood five points away from taking the lead. This situation did not last long, as the Hawks pulled off three consecutive three-point shots to make the score 24-10 with less than two minutes remaining before halftime.

After increasing the lead, the Hawks held a double digit lead throughout the rest of the game despite a team high 13 point contribution by Anna Maria freshman Junior DeLahoz.

Junior Tucker Bashaw led the Hawks in scoring on Tuesday night with a team high 16 point contribution.

Seniors Ben Camobreco, Dan Gumb, and Geoff Barranger each made significant contributions to



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Junior Tucker Bashaw scores in Tuesday's game against Anna Maria College, the Hawks won the game 82-55 to remain at first place in the CCC rankings.

the win, which was the final regular season home game of their careers. They each scored 14, 14 and 11 points respectively.

On Saturday, the Hawks saw significant contributions from Gumb, Barranger, Camobreco and Fava as well as juniors Billy Barrett and Michael Woolley.

The Hawks did not hold as wide a lead during Saturday's game and they found themselves tied with New England as the end of the game drew near. How-

ever a last minute tip-in by Gumb gave the Hawks the win.

Barranger's 26 point contribution to the game earned him a spot in the exclusive 1,000 point club. As of Tuesday night, Barranger has 1,132 career points.

For his contributions on Saturday, Barranger was named the CCC player of the week. The Hawks will be back in action this Saturday at Regis College with a 3 pm tip-off.

Spring training brings new hope for sports fans

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On the heels of one of the most crushing defeats in New England sports history, fans will be grateful to know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Baseball season is on its way. On Feb. 14, pitchers and catchers from around the league will brush the dust off their gloves and report to either the Arizona desert or the Florida sun to begin their preparation for the 2008 season.

Expect the American League East division to shake out very similar to last year's results. The Red Sox will be arriving in Florida with virtually all the major pieces in place from last year's World Series championship team and should still be the team to beat in the division, much to the chagrin of Yankee fans.

Both the Bo Sox and the Yanks lost the battle for Johan Santana who ended up signing a lucrative contract with the crosstown Mets. The Bombers from the Bronx will be returning every member of their formidable lineup that led the league in virtually every offensive category. However, the front office failed to do anything to fortify a pitching staff that will have to rely on young, unproven arms in the rotation. The story of the off-season has got to be the departure of long standing Yankees manager Joe Torre who elected not to take a pay cut and left the Big Apple for sunny Los Angeles where he will take over the as the Dodger's manager. Forty-Four year old bench coach and former Yankee catcher Joe Girardi will take the reigns this season and try to put an end to the team's seven-year World Series drought.

The Toronto Blue Jays made arguably the league's biggest splash of the off-season by acquiring...

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Women's basketball goes pink to raise money

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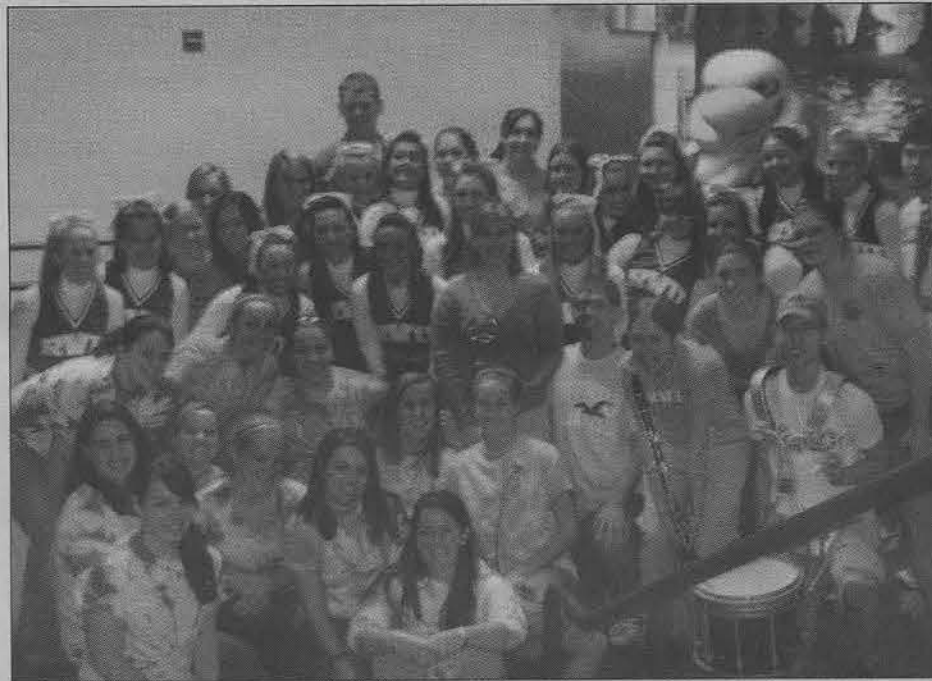
Pink carnations greeted the basketball fans at the entrance Saturday afternoon at one, a table draped in pink informed spectators of the dangers and facts of Breast Cancer.

Supportive fans included the women's softball team sporting pink attire, and the Hollerin' Hawks and Pep Band all came with good spirits for the cause. Even the cheerleaders wore pink ribbons and the basketball players sported pink headbands.

This past Saturday in the Student Recreational Center the Roger Williams women's basketball game against the University of New England was sponsored by the Women's Basketball Association Campaign for Breast Cancer: "Think Pink."

RWU was one of the 900 hundred schools across the country that participated in this event, which is usually held Feb. 8-17.

This whole day was linked to the "Calling for a Cure" campaign that the referees symbolized by using pink whistles during the game. In the mid-



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The cheerleading, basketball and softball teams as well as the Hollerin' Hawks and the pep band all dressed in pink Saturday to show their support for breast cancer research.

dle of halftime a free throw competition was also unfolding on the basketball court.

A Bristol family won a pink basketball after their younger daughter

and four other participants tried to make several free throws.

Women's softball coach, Steve Pappas, said that his team wanted to get involved in this project.

"Softball gets involved in community service so we focused around the basketball team and my players helped to coordinate the day," said Pappas

He was also happy with the overall outcome of the event and said it received a lot more support than last year.

Despite RWU's loss 64 to 52, they still won in the end with \$130 raised during the game to help fight against the breast cancer. The original inspiration for the "Think Pink" campaign is a woman named Kay Yow. She is a women's basketball coach and is still fighting a battle against breast cancer.

The 2008 initiative has already recruited more than 600 women's basketball teams for Think Pink. Go to

<http://www.wbca.org/releases/February2008ThinkPinkPR.htm> for more information.

Dear Meghan R,
I got something with
black bow wrapped
around it for you.
;-)
-Dills

Burns,
Buzz took me on a date
now it's your turn.

John,
You are my
Heroux.
-Roommate

McGarty,
Where is the cow under
your comforter...we
can't find it..
-Manny

Brenny Brenny BooBooBoo!
Don't kill our love
fern.
Love Ann &
Morgs

A.Das
I'm in mah
Jammies!
-Boyf