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# THE HAWK'S HERALD

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## Alcohol violations on the rise

### RWU ranks below drinking trends at other local colleges

Ben Whitmore  
Herald Staff

At Roger Williams University, the number of liquor law violations are on the rise. According to crime statistics provided to Clery Crime Reports by the school, RWU had 405 reported liquor law violations that incurred disciplinary action in 2005. In 2006, the number was 421. By 2007, the number had risen to 531.

Compared to schools similar in location, programs offered, and those that compete in its athletic division conference, RWU has fewer alcohol violations, though.

The following statistics represent the number of reported liquor law violations per 100 students for the year 2007, according to each school's Clery crime reports.

In 2007, RWU had 14 violations of liquor laws per 100 students, Curry College had 18.5 violations per 100 students, Endicott College had a little more than 19 violations per 100 students, while Colby Sawyer College had 16.8 violations per 100 students.

However, despite the school's relation to other colleges regarding liquor law violations, RWU's ad-

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## 'Not the only one' Women's Center produces new play to empower and celebrate women

Courtney Nugent  
Features Editor

Every year, students support a number of worthy causes: they donate money, raise awareness and pour time and effort into an issue they feel passionately about.

This year, the Women's Center is again putting its efforts toward educating the campus about women's issues, only now it is a little different.

"A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer," edited by Eve Ensler, "is a collection of different people's stories," senior cast member Amanda Buckley said. "Some are memories, some monologues, some rants and some prayers. It is pretty amazing."

"It tells stories that are just like experiences that I have had and I am sure many people have had," Buckley said. "It almost makes you feel better about yourself- that you are not the only one out there who has had a sad or embarrassing moment."

With two student directors, seniors Casey Barber and Dee DeQuattro, the production is entirely student-run.

"We chose not to hire a director," senior Kari Pohl said. "Each of the students in the play is in charge of their own piece. Dee and Casey have been working diligently working to set the date,

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## School, police probe hate crime Swastika etched into shaving cream on Bayside door

Ben Whitmore  
Herald Staff

On a recent Friday night, a swastika was inscribed into shaving cream that was previously sprayed onto the door of an apartment in the 300s of Bayside Courts. One of the residents of that Bayside apartment is Jewish.

The incident was reported the next day, Feb. 14, to Public Safety, according to a campus-wide statement sent via e-mail

by Vice President of Student Affairs John King.

After conducting more than a dozen student interviews in the past two weeks, Public Safety and the Office of Student Conduct report that "at this time, there is not information that would lead us to charge any person," Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon said. "It is still an open investigation."

The Bristol Police Department is conducting an "open in-

vestigation" of the incident as well, McMahon said.

The Bias Response Team (BRT), Roger Williams University

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### ONLINE EXTRA

Is the swastika inscription a hate crime for which someone should be punished, or just a harmless, yet immature, prank? Take the poll at hawksherald.com

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



SARAH COURNOYER/THE HAWK'S HERALD  
Students in the "low-income" group at a Baypoint hunger banquet serve themselves from the community rice bowl. Students in the "high-income" group were served nutritious meals.

Sarah Cournoyer  
Managing Editor

"My name is Roberto. I am a 40-year old Columbian man and I came to America because of the political oppression in my native country. When I came, I spoke very little English, and I had lost all of my important papers when I was forced to flee on foot. Someone on the street told me to come to Boston because of the great economic opportunities. Through a local shelter, I have been able to receive food, medical care and ESL (English as a Second Language) courses; all of these have helped me regain my strength and the will to live after years of living in poverty. I still do not have work, but every day I know I'm getting closer."

Roberto, from the anecdote above, is like the billion people who suffer from poverty each year. Earlier this week, students gathered at a hunger banquet to raise awareness about the issue of global hunger and poverty.

As students, who donated \$3 to get in, entered the conference center at Baypoint Monday and divided into groups of income (low, middle and high), they were handed a short biography, like Roberto's, about a person in their income group. The high income group was led to a table with tablecloths, dining ware, and a centerpiece. Students served the high income group hot, prepared food including all the food groups.

The middle income group sat at chairs in a circle with no table

or dining ware. The middle income group got into line and was able to take one cheese and bread sandwich. All their dietary needs were not addressed.

The low income group of students was forced to sit on the floor. They took food last and the women were served last of the low income group. They served themselves from a community rice bowl (one spoonful) onto a napkin.

The number of students in each group reflected the number of people in the world who are in each income class. High income was marked by an income of more than \$10,726 per year or more. They have security and comfort in finances. The middle income

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### HUNGER STATS

1 billion people live in poverty

854 million people suffer from chronic hunger

Only 15 percent of the population makes \$10,726 dollars per capita income or more

One person dies of hunger every 3.6 seconds

857 people die of hunger during one 50-minute lecture

# HUNGER: Students learn lesson outside classroom

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class makes between \$876 and \$10,275 per year. They often spend time searching for food, water and shelter a up of day laborers and sweatshop workers. The low income family makes under \$876 dollars per year.

Fifty percent of the population falls into the low income group, 35 percent of the population falls into the middle income group and only 15 percent of the population is in the high income class and feel financial security.

Students reflected on their experience, noting that they still felt hungry. The low-income group grumbled about the higher groups and salivated over the high-income food.

Some designated low-income students hovered at the high-income group's table, with their napkins merely half full of rice, attempting to make the students feel uncomfortable about their over-abundance of food. Some high-income students chose to donate some of their food to the low-income.

The hovering illustrated the real-life situation when people are confronted with hunger and poverty that they feel uncomfortable enough to throw money or food at the situation. In the end, though, it only helps the immediate issue.

The program stressed the need to do something about the larger issue and donating money for programs and education to prevent future days and years of starvation.

Senior Ashley Camera brought the program, an Oxfam America-designed event, back from a community service conference she attended in fulfillment of her Americorps scholarships for service. Oxfam America works to end poverty, hunger and social injustice throughout the world.

"I am really pleased with the attendance this year," Camera said. "I hope in future years more students will participate and [it will] become an annual event."

According to Camera, the goal of the event was to raise awareness about global poverty but more importantly that poverty and hunger exists right here in Rhode Island.

According to the keynote speaker, Bernard Boudreau, who worked in the field of hunger since 1984, noted that 47,000 children in Rhode Island live in poverty.

"We just learn how to go past it,"

Boudreau said. "Maybe hunger is not enough in our self-interest, maybe our friends are not dying from hunger."

Student Volunteer Association and the ONE campaign cosponsored the event, asking students not to "go past it" and instead discuss and confront the issue of hunger and poverty.

Boudreau remarked that hunger is not about a lack of resources. The world grows and produces enough food for everyone to be sustained and well-fed.

"We can't be moral people and continue to live on this earth when so many are dying from hunger," Boudreau said. "If you are working, and making eight or nine dollars a year, that is not just."

According to the presentation,

child hunger is not getting better but rather, is worsening. In 2007, the number of children who went hungry doubled from 2006 to about 700,000 children.

"I really wanted this event to be a call to action for students," Camera said. "We also were able to raise \$500 for Oxfam America which was great."

For ways to get involved in fighting hunger and poverty, contact the Feinstein Service Learning Center.

*My name is Ismatullah. I am sixteen years old and work as a shopkeeper in the village of Qadis in Afghanistan... Of the 300 shops that used to be open in the town, only 20 are still in business. It is hard to see how I'm going to sell the packs of pasta and bars of Raana soap.*



SARAH COURNOYER/THE HAWK'S HERALD

(Above) Students from the low-income group sit on the floor and eat small portions of rice while (Top Left) students are served full, prepared meals on a table in the high-income class.

# ALCOHOL: Drinking culture questioned

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ministration is still conscious of its students' drinking habits.

"We are concerned at the number of students that drink alcohol underage and/or drink alcohol in quantities that render them in need of intervention via friends, Public Safety, Resident Assistants, and the Bristol Police Department," Heidi Hartzell, Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards said.

During the 2007 to 2008 academic year, RWU transported 29 students to the hospital for "sickness due to alcohol use," Hartzell said. However, this number does not include the 11 students transported to the hospital during last October's Chameleon Club. All 11 of those students reported using hard alcohol that night, Hartzell said.

"Based on my experience working at colleges in different parts of the country, I'd say we have a very different drinking culture here," Tamara Von George, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Programs and Leadership said.

Von George said that one of the issues affecting RWU students' drinking habits is the school's geography.

"Part of our issue is our location," Von George said. "If we picked up Roger Williams and put it in Boston, we would have a different kind of campus with different things to do."

"Our campus is beautiful, but it is isolated," Von George said.

One issue Von George sees is the lack of "comfortable places and spaces for students to go" on campus. The Hawk's Nest, the café and lounge area located in the Recreation Center, is one of the better options students have, Von George said.

However, the Hawk's Nest is only open until 11 p.m. most nights. "We are looking to extend the Hawk's Nest's hours" to midnight Von George said. "If there is a demand for it, then it is something we should look at."

The Recreation Center's other facilities are another source of student entertainment that, some students say, close too early to meet students' needs. The Recreation Center's facilities, including the fitness center, swimming pool, and Field House, close earlier than usual on the weekends. Sunday through Thursday, the Recreation Center remains open until 11 p.m. On Fridays, its doors close at 8 p.m.; on Saturdays, the center closes even earlier, shutting down at 6 p.m.

"It is frustrating that I cannot go to the gym on Friday or Saturday nights if I want to," sophomore Jon Crean said. "It is hard to find school-related things to do on weekends."

Freshman Michaela Ross agreed. "We are in a suburban area. There is not much else to do," Ross said.

Some said they believe that students who feel like there is nothing to do on campus are big drinking culprits.

"Overwhelmingly, it is under-aged students who are drinking in their living areas or going to others' living areas and drinking there," Hartzell said.

According to Von George, American college culture plays a role in RWU students' drinking habits. "We can keep facilities open, but it is hard to [compete with] societal messages," Von George said. "There are so many messages out there saying that college is a game and that college is fun. We try to send messages like, 'Come to class' and 'Graduate.'"

Some students believe that their fellow classmates have drinking problems.

"I think it is" a problem, junior Matt O'Connor said. "I have been to

other schools and [drinking] is not the center of their nights."

Other students are more reluctant to say drinking is a problem on campus.

"I do not think there is a problem," Ross said. "I know people that drink every day of the week, but I also know people that do not drink at all."

To Von George, alcohol "is an issue here." "We are trying to address it from every angle, but I do not know of any campus that has effectively addressed the alcohol issue," she said.

"If you look at other institutions, you will find that RWU staff [the RAs and Public Safety Officers] are very diligent in the enforcement of campus policies," Hartzell said.

If Hartzell could tell RWU students just one thing about alcohol, she would tell them to "make good decisions that are safe and informed," she said.

Chameleon Club is scheduled to make its return tonight in the Field House.

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# Club helps students realize full potential

Courtney Nugent  
Features Editor

Puzzled about UR direction? While this is an appropriate question for RWU seniors looking for a career path in the economically uncertain United States, come May 23, members of the Bateman Team are asking high school students the same question and preparing them for life after high school.

Sponsored by PRSSA, five hand-picked RWU students, Kristina DelTufo, Erica Scranton, Kristie Schmitt, Ioana Hotnog and Ashlee Centrella, have worked to develop a new education initiative for public high schools in Rhode Island. Students serving on the Bateman Team said that the goal of the initiative is to increase college attendance among high school students.

The five team members have spent time in high schools and community centers in Rhode Island throughout the month of February. During these meetings, the members were able to play a movie they created, conduct an assembly to discuss college interested more fully and provide one-on-one interaction with the students about their academic and athletic interest.

The Bateman competition includes 90 schools. Each school is given a specific client (this year's client is the Consumers Bankers Association) and then asked to implement the new initiative during the month of February only.

Schmitt said that the five team members began planning last semester so that all the wheels were set in motion come Feb. 1.

Beginning last September, the Bateman Team met together to begin researching ways in which to reach high school students. They contacted guidance counselors to obtain information about their high school: college interest rate at the school and in-



COURTESY PRSSA

Kristie Schmitt, a member of the Bateman Team, helps two students as part of an initiative to increase college attendance among high school students.

formation about how factors, such as a student's income and ethnicity, influence college attendance.

The Bateman Team found that parental influence is often and important but overlooked factor in student's college interest.

They also found that the best way to connect with high school students is to speak with them one-on-one.

The Bateman Team also comes up with ways in which high school students can afford college, especially with the uncertain economy. Among the suggestions are scholarships, loans, work study and financial aid.

Scranton, a graphic design major who worked on all the publications for the team, said the real-life experience will serve her well post-graduation.

"This is the first time I have completed design work without a teacher mediating," Scranton said. "I know

that once I graduate, I will be able to work on my own and won't need someone guiding me every step of the way."

Overall, the Bateman Team wants to provide high school students with the opportunity to become more educated about their college choices.

"We are hoping that the students take us seriously. We are relatable," Centrella said. "Hopefully, we can change some of their minds and maybe one student will look into attending college a little bit more than they would before."

The final judging of the competition will take place May 14 and May 15 in Washington, D.C. Last year, RWU's Bateman Team received an honorable mention.

For more information about the Bateman Team, visit their Web site at [urdirection.com](http://urdirection.com).

## WORLD WATCH

Compiled by Julia Weiss, MSU Advertising and Outreach Liaison

### FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE

Three top rebel leaders were convicted in an international court for committing crimes against humanity in West Africa's 10-year civil war. Three Revolutionary United Front Leaders were found guilty on 16 to 18 counts, including mutilation, terrorism, rape, forced marriage, sexual slavery and enlistment of child soldiers. About half a million people were victims of such violence during the war, which ended in 2002. ([www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com))

### ROME, ITALY

Pope Benedict XVI has lifted a 20-year-old excommunication that was imposed on Bishop Richard Williamson who previously said that no Jews were gassed during the holocaust. Bishop, whose denial of the holocaust sparked controversy, has recently apologized for his remarks. Williamson said that he does not regret making such remarks, but didn't realize the harm they would cause to the church and victims of injustice under the Third Reich. (<http://news.yahoo.com>)

### SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

North Korea announced earlier this week that it was preparing to send a satellite in orbit as part of their space program. South Korea, The U.S., and other neighboring countries believe that the launch is a cover for a long-range missile test-fire. North Korea lashed out at critics warning them not to test a missile, reasoning that it would punish those trying to disrupt its plan to send the aforementioned satellite into orbit. (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com>)

### HARARE, ZIMBABWE

President Robert Mugabe recently asked neighboring countries for a two billion dollar loan package to aid his countries collapsed economy. Zimbabwe has had an economic meltdown and hyperinflation of 231 million percent. Zimbabwe wants one billion to initiate retail and other divisions, and will use the rest of the money to reopen schools and restore health and municipal services. An estimated two-thirds of Zimbabweans are in need of food aid and a cholera epidemic has made more than 80,000 people sick and killed more than 3,800 since the month of August. (<http://abcnews.go.com>)

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**IN OUR OPINION**

Real world, here we come: college values in American society

"College is the best four years of your life." It is something that every college student has heard at one time or another either from a recent graduate or maybe even a parent. And in some cases, in fact most cases, that is true. Every night has the potential to be a party and every day is spent with close friends. While there is work snuck in, paper deadlines, and challenging tests, life here is easier.

Some people question whether college students are ready to make the plunge into the cold reality of the "real world." These cynics wonder if students are prepared to lose their traditions like Thirsty Thursday and Sunday Fun Day to things such as working at 8 a.m. and sometimes having to work weekends.

Not all college students are always partying but, even still, not all students are ready to explore the world on their own either. Are we ready for the real world?

The truth right now is that the world is not a friendly place for a college graduate, job offerings are hard to come by and recent grads are feeling the pinch of college loans and the price of living on their own. The real world is not truly that appealing right now and for those of us that have a few more years in college are thankful that this is not our year to move on. So what are we learning to prepare us for this new real world?

People always say that college prepares you for life. Some things are structured to teach you about how to survive in the real world, living away from family or working in groups with clubs and orgs, as examples.

Our professors teach us to expand our knowledge base with things such as term papers and tests. With our peers we learn our "limits," learn how to be good friends, and experience all that life has to offer. However, there are other things that students can be exposed to on a college campus, including acts of hate and bias.

As featured on page 1 this week, another hate crime occurred on campus this week. In a letter to the campus community, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, informed us of an incident in which a "swastika was inscribed into shaving cream that had been sprayed previously on the door to a Bay-side room."

For some, it seemed like a stupid prank, not funny, but also not harmful. Others once again questioned the concept of hate existing on campus. Still, action was taken, and the incident was documented.

However, how often in the real world is hateful graffiti reported and the person responsible caught? Many people would not even give a second glance to offensive biased words. They might wash them away or cover them up, but rarely would people stand up and say that this kind of vandalism is not OK.

It seems as if the real world has become numb to bias and hate, and accepts it as an unfortunate part of the society. This, of course, is not the case everywhere or with every person, but it occurs frequently.

But we challenge you with a thought. Which world is better: the "unrealistic" world that we college students enjoy or the real world that has "real" challenges?

Because if the culture developing at Roger Williams is any indication of the world in which we could live, it would be a world in which no one had to fear being the target of hate.

We believe that maybe this unrealistic world we live in now should be a reality, that there is 'no place for hate' in society, or the world at large. Optimism for the future is not something that we should expect to have beaten out of us when we leave this place that many of us call home.

We should spread what we have learned and share what we have experienced.

The question might not be, "Are we ready for the real world?" but in fact, "Is it ready for us?"

**Opinion**

**COMMENTARY**

**Campus drinking problem? 'Crisis' seems ridiculous**



Dee DeQuattro  
Dec's Dish

You can't fix something that isn't broken.

Maybe it is the college atmosphere that makes everyone feel like they need to save the world, but I find all the hype about the campus having a drinking problem a little ridiculous. Yes, I agree. Eleven hospital transports in one night is a little outrageous, but when we look at the overall picture and compare

RWU to similar colleges [see Ben Whitmore's alcohol article also included in this issue] the figures show that the campus really is no different than other schools.

Yet, despite the facts, the school and some students are gung-ho about solving "the crisis" of the campus. Wait a minute, step back.

It should be expected that students, just discovering adulthood, are going to experiment and sometimes, unfortunately, that experimenting goes a little too far. Yes, I agree this is unsafe but I also think that some of the hospital transports could be avoided. Just because you feel a little sick and vomited once does not always mean you deserve a hospital trip but we OVERREACT. Students are just discovering alcohol and learning their limitations. This is part of life, this is part of youth.

Furthermore, if this campus did have a drinking problem, why would the administration not take the appropriate steps and mandate a dry campus? Then students could be written up before they even get passed the first beer. This seems like it might cut down on a huge portion of the "campus drinking problem." But wait ... If alcohol was banned from campus, who would want to live on campus? The school would lose revenue from the residence halls and we would all lose our close-knit campus community.

Let's not forget the funniest part of the whole situation. It is the "duty" of the student leaders to solve the campus drinking problem. It is the responsibility of the student leaders as "role models" to introduce a solution. This is hilarious to me. I think sometimes the administrators forget that the "leaders" are still college kids. If you go to a bar or a party on Friday night, guess what? The leaders are all there. In the words of Gomer Pile, "surprise, surprise, surprise."

It is not fair to expect these students to not have a night out or ever drink because of their role on campus. Student leaders do seem to care more and might arguably be more responsible than the rest of the student body, but to take away their right to their youth because they have to solve "the crisis" is ridiculous.

Sometimes, it is like the campus forces student leaders to only hang out with each other and it's not fair. For fear of getting caught, having fun with their peers and maybe going to a bar or party with other students, student leaders are only able to hang out with each other because it is "safe." This divides the campus — the involved kids and the not so involved kids.

The RA's have it the worst. They are restricted to only being around each other for fear of losing their jobs. Think about it, though.

As long as college is college and it maintains the stigmatism that goes along with the college scene, there will always be drinking. Maybe the administration should go after the media for creating the image of college as a drinking party and not after the students.

All I am saying is that many 18 through 22 year olds are out partying, experimenting with alcohol, whether in college or not. In fact, college may be the safest place to experiment with alcohol because at least there is help available if needed. The RWU administration needs to face the facts: compared to other colleges, RWU does not have a drinking problem.

**YOUR VOICE**

**Controversial blogger makes good points during campus visit**

Last Thursday, conservative commentator and blogger Bob Parks, who runs his website "Black & Right" ([www.black-and-right.com](http://www.black-and-right.com)) and is co-owner of NMA TV ([www.nmatv.com](http://www.nmatv.com)), came in to visit, hosting the event, "What is Black Culture in America?"

Actually, Mr. Parks claimed, he didn't choose that topic or title. But when asked about it, he said that he saw "black culture in America" as unwed mothers, children being born out of wedlock, violence, etc. — in other words, this kind of counterculture which the black community has created for itself. He also didn't seem very fond of the idea of a "Black History Month" as we know it, and said that "every month should be 'Black History Month,'" and it should be the success of black people which should be celebrated, like those of black lawyers, black doctors, black businessman, and so on.

Mr. Parks also criticized affirmative action, saying that it was unfair to all those involved, even to the person who was hired because of the color of his/her skin instead of his/her merits. According to him, affirmative action had its day, but now needs to go.

He also went on to criticize the Democrat party, which he said has lied about its past, ranging from how it founded the Ku Klux Klan as a terrorist fraternity to how it actually voted against civil rights back in the 1960s (he named Al Gore's father as one of the people who voted against it).

These and other topics were discussed, and his presentation also included one of his videos as an example of the kind of work he does, blending facts and commentary, humor and seriousness.

Mr. Parks also enjoyed his visit, expressing a desire to return to campus someday, and you can read his thoughts about it here: <http://www.black-and-right.com/2009/02/19/a-heads-up-2/>

Craig Weinstein

**RWU'S WTF OF THE WEEK**

This week, The Hawk's Herald revives an old favorite, and we need your help. The WTF of the Week is a lighthearted look at the things on campus that make you scratch your head and shrug your shoulders. If you have a WTF in mind, send a photo and caption to [opinion.hawksherald@gmail.com](mailto:opinion.hawksherald@gmail.com) and you might just see it in print.



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COMMENTARY

# Smaller plates mean smaller portions

Theodore Applebaum  
Web Editor

Here's a joke: What's the difference between a quarter of a ton of food waste and a baby elephant? Answer: We don't have a baby elephant at our school. Funny, right? NO. That's because wasting food is no joke.

According to Bon Appétit, the company that manages RWU's dining hall, students carelessly toss out 500 pounds of excess food a day. In an effort to reduce that amount, dining hall staff began weighing wasted food last week in the hopes students would learn to throw away less.

Don't get me wrong — their intentions are good, but requiring students to empty their plates onto a series of yellow trays in front of a disapproving group of dining staff is not the best way to deal with the problem. In a couple of weeks, the "shame campaign" will be over and more than likely students will return to their old habits, piling their plates sky high with food only to find that their eyes are 10 times larger than their stomachs.

Let me offer up a simple solution: get smaller plates

Studies have shown that reducing plate size by only two inches causes people to eat 20 to 25 percent less than they normally would. Stick with me here. If people eat less with smaller plates, it logically follows that they take less food. Less food = less waste.

Didn't we learn anything from "Supersize Me?" Americans have an obsession with quantity. We have this strange tendency to take far more food than we need, and in turn end up eating far more than we require. So plate-size reduction works as a double edged sword, reducing both food waste and body weight. A study found that the average person lost 1.8 pounds per month simply by reducing the size of their plates.

Simple as it is, this is the magic bullet for weight loss: a paradigm shift in healthy and sustainable eating habits. Just one day after displaying students' food waste, dining staff reported a whopping 75 pounds, or 15 percent reduction in waste. Not bad, but if you could reduce food consumption by 20-25 percent that number could be far larger.

Wait; let me take this one step

further. Smaller portions not only = less waste but also = less money. If the dining staff can reduce consumption, they will spend less and could pass the savings onto us, the consumer. A one-time investment in smaller plates should pay for itself in a matter of months.

Don't get me wrong — the dining staff has the right idea in attempting to reduce waste. But it's time they thought outside the box and become a tad more proactive with their problem solving. Stop playing the shame game and join the so called "small plate revolution." As it turns out, size really does matter.



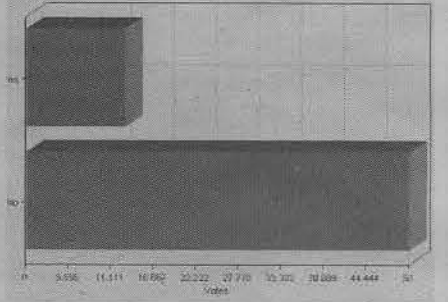
## POLL RESULTS

In our Feb. 13 poll question, we asked you if Public Safety officers should be allowed to carry guns on the job.

The overwhelming response was "no."

Of the people who took the poll, 50 said officers should not carry guns.

13 people said they thought officers should be allowed to carry guns.



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### Readers weigh in on 'Memo to law school athletes: Chill Out'

#### 'Healthy athletic competition'

The great Vince Lombardi once said if it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score? He went on to say "Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser." The key to any sport or any endeavor in life is not whether you had a good time, or if you really "felt good about yourself" but whether you won or you lost.

Throughout the thousands of years of human existence, all men and women can be categorized as winners or losers. The Jim Kellys will never be the Joe Montanas, the Clippers will never be the Celtics, and perhaps the undergrads will never be the law students.

In the cultural downturn of an "everyone gets a trophy," pat me on the shoulders "for trying" generation, the ambition and motivation for success and victory has seemingly disappeared from the vast majority of 20 something year olds.

Therefore, should such ambition and want for success be lambasted as excessive, or rather is it a breath of fresh air in an overly nervous, overly controlled, and overly constrictive environment? Perhaps the basketball courts are a forum where such fundamental building blocks of success and greatness can be established.

To quote the infamous Gordon Gecko, greed for success has marked the "upward surge of mankind." Thus to not belabor the argument any further, a few unhappy undergrad, underachieving, under athletic basketball players, should not feel so insulted by their law school brethren in crushing them in healthy athletic competition. To become the best, one must be beaten by the best.

While in law school we may not have pottery classes, creative writing courses, or interpretive dance recitals to express our innermost strife, we are left only with the basketball and the court to do so.

We therefore humbly request that our playing style does not further hurt your feelings and make you think any less of yourselves in the future.

Respectfully  
Arthur Petropoulis, School of Law

#### Response to 'Memo to Law School Athletes'

I'd like to briefly respond to the author who apparently feels that law students who participate in intramural athletics play too hard. As a lifelong athlete that is always an interesting criticism to hear, since so much of what an athlete learns can translate to real life, but I will try to be as academic about this as I can be.

In a brief note of perspective, I'm a 3rd year law student who takes part in both intramural soccer and flag football. First, a note to those who may have forgotten or are unaware. Law students have in fact already graduated from college.

Therefore many law students, including many of those who engage in intramurals, are former collegiate athletes, from Division I, II, and III schools, who are accustomed to playing at both a higher level of competition and physicality. Therefore intense play, for many, has nothing to do with frustration over studies or the Bar exam (which by the way we don't even get the chance to pass once until we have put in our three additional years and graduated), but stems from the innate qualities of the individual: the hunger for competition and the

heart to win.

As a former college soccer player, I can tell you that that competitive nature is not a mere switch to be turned on and off, even though one's college playing days are finished. That being said, there is definitely a line between intense play and unsporting conduct. I have always advocated, and tried to live up to, high standards of sportsmanship, but no matter where you go, be it on the playing field or in the real world (which, by the way, many law students also have had years of experience in), there will always be those who play dirty. Those are the individuals who need, and deserve, criticism.

However, a player who puts his or her all into a match is simply a good athlete. And let's not forget, all of you who are reading this, that the sports which the author commented on (soccer, basketball, football) are contact sports. Hence, there is going to inevitably be a good deal of, well, less than civil contact. Obviously excess is not a good thing, since it detracts from any athletic performance, but as the age-old saying goes: "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen." Not to say that one should expect to be beaten up on the playing field, but one should not think that bumps and bruises are uncommon; it goes with the territory.

As for the cheap shots the author alludes to, let's not blow things out of proportion. For every story the author would have about a law student, I'll counter with one or two of my own about an undergrad player. It's found in all of sport, at just about every level.

As a closing note, let's be sure we're making the proper distinction: between intense play and unsportsmanlike conduct. The intense player is merely a good student of his or her sport. The dirty player is the one at whom criticism should be leveled. From my experience in intramurals here at RWU, I can say I've seen my share of intense players, but only a few dirty ones scattered in there.

Many law students display an admirable level of not only ability, but heart, when they step onto the field. Perhaps that might explain why law school intramural teams consistently do so well against our undergrad counterparts. And by the way, for those of you reading this who don't think that the real world can be intensely competitive, and that people won't throw the occasional "cheap shot" to get ahead of you in life, the shortsightedness, I'm sorry to say, is yours.

Ian Nuno, '09

#### 'Mayhem on the courts': Where are the intramural refs?

I agree with Michael Paronich's editorial in your Feb. 13 issue that IM basketball games have gotten out of hand. However, it can hardly be said that law students are solely to blame for the mayhem on the court. Anyone who has seen one of these games could tell you that the undergraduates are just as responsible- if not more so. The real issue is where are the refs?

From my personal observances of these games, I have seen fouls run rampant and uncalled- and when they are called, the penalty is usually not the appropriate one. The undergrad refs have taken a laissez-faire approach to officiating that has resulted in unruly and downright dangerous play on the court.

Perhaps these kid-refs think they are doing

their fellow comrades a favor, but their plan has backfired and law school teams have shown that they cannot be beat by biased refereeing. Maybe Mr. Paronich would like to put on his stripes and come demonstrate proper officiating- it certainly couldn't hurt.

Competition is the purpose of IM league basketball. The ultimate goal is getting to the finals and winning the league. Who would want to play a game where each side isn't intent on winning? Isn't that what makes the games fun? I assure you that the real world is rife with competition, and from the looks and sounds of it, at this rate- you are bound to get crushed.

Degrading the law school that bears your own university's name is ignorant and disrespectful- not only to the students, but to the entire faculty and administration of the law school. Furthermore, if you had checked your facts you would have seen (and maybe even felt some pride) that over 90 percent of our graduates pass the bar the first time after they graduate of course.

Vanessa Stevenson, School of Law, '11

## WEB WORDS

The following reader comments were posted on www.hawksherald.com. Log on for more.

"When you entered the University you signed a housing contract agreeing to the terms set forth within it and thereby accepting the possibility of fines for such violations. Instead of complaining about everyone else right away, maybe you should take the initiative to properly handle things and remember the binding document that you signed."

Posted in response to a letter to the editor suggesting students should be allowed to keep pets in university housing

"One important facet of arming public safety officers you've ignored is the danger being armed presents to the officers. Even if the person doesn't fire it, a gun in the hands of someone unprepared to use it can be very deadly."

Posted in response to a Dee's Dish column arguing that Public Safety officers should carry guns."

"Great long term update story. Hopefully the team can continue to improve"

Posted in response to a wrestling story

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SATURDAY NIGHT  
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PRESENTS  
**ROOTS  
DOWN BELOW**  
PEACE-LOVE-RESPECT-EQUALITY  
With Schmoozle & Rythem Mafia

**8:30PM  
IN THE FIELD HOUSE  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28th**

COLLEGE DEMS  
IRHA-MSU-WORI-STAND-HAWK'S  
HERALD-ONE CAMPAIGN-  
STUDENT SENATE-ALTERNATIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT-MUSICIANS  
GUILD

## Concert wraps up Black History Month

Laura Kelly  
Herald Staff

A concert Saturday night sponsored by several campus organizations will mark the end of Black History Month, which students celebrated at a variety of events.

Roots Down Below, a concert of "peace, love, respect and equality" takes place in the Field House at 8:30.

Eighty-two years ago, Dr. Carter G. Woodson designated the second week of February Negro History Week. Later, February became Black History Month and today, communities throughout the country and at the university spend the month recognizing African American accomplishments.

In the 1920s, Woodson, a historian and educator, noticed African Americans were excluded from or belittled in history books and decided to begin a tradition. He first chose the second week of February for celebration because it holds the birthdays of two inspirational men in the black community: abolitionists Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

February is also the month in which it became legal for blacks to vote in the U.S.

Some well-known, and not-so-well known, honorable African Americans include Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play on a major league team; James Farmer, the founder of the Congress of Racial Inequality which helped end discrim-

ination; Jesse Jackson, the founder of People United to Save Humanity to encourage black voting and most recently, President Barack Obama, the first African American president.

This February, the Multicultural Student Union hosted several events to increase the knowledge of black history. A "soul food" dinner and showings of "The Color Purple" and "The Great Debaters" were among the highlights.

"I am sure they [RWU students] know Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, but I don't think they know enough," Jerrel Burgo, MSU president, said.

"A lot of people just assume black history is slavery and that's about it, but there's a lot more to it and I think

it's important for people to understand that," he said.

The purpose of MSU is to "promote global awareness and cultural diversity on campus" and this month, 10 events were held in honor of black history month. From movie nights to banquets, Burgo said his main goal was to affect at least one person.

"We definitely have been working really hard all year for Black History Month," he said earlier this month. "Come to our events, learn something new, step outside your comfort zone, and I'm sure that you'll walk out more educated than you did when you walked in."

MSU meetings are Tuesdays at 5:30 in the Intercultural Center, Burgo said.

"Alcohol, drugs, weed...you are bombarded with all this information... and for some reason eating disorders are just completely looked over and are on the lower burner."

- Cora Tetreault, junior RA

# A WEIGHTY ISSUE

"There's a lot of pressure here about how you look. I think women are particularly hard on each other here."

- James Azar, Counseling Center

Ashley Willox  
Asst. Features Editor

Pennsylvania State University sees it. So does Brown University. The University of Vermont and Dartmouth College are right up there too. Even the less familiar Bryn Mawr College recognizes the need to address and help prevent the silent monster that's becoming all too common on college campuses today- eating disorders.

It is probably not a stretch to say that most RWU students are oblivious to the fact that Feb. 22 through Feb. 28 is recognized across the country as National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, according to the National Eating Disorder Organization, NEDA. Throughout this week, many colleges across the country will spend time hosting a variety of speakers and events to raise campus awareness and support the eating disorder cause.

But what about at RWU? Just how aware are students of the reality of eating disorders, and is it really an issue on campus?

According to James Azar, the Director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development, this reality of eating disorders on campus does not hit very far from home. He believes anywhere from five to 10 percent of students at RWU suffer from an eating disorder.

"I view it clearly as a significant problem," Azar said. "I've been here since 1990, and for the past 18, 19 years, it has been a steady problem... however, usually folks don't come forward if they're having a problem with an eating disorder- it's pretty secretive. They tend to be forced into treatment. So, the numbers of what we see don't match exactly what's going on out there."

According to the National Eating Disorder Organization's website, 91 percent of women recently surveyed on a college campus had attempted to control their weight through dieting and 22 percent dieted "often" or "always." The University of Maryland's Health Center further expands, saying that three out of four college women struggle with some type of disordered eating behavior or though problems.

Perhaps most startling of all is that 4.5 percent of female college students and even 1.4 percent of male college students are actual victims of full-blown eating disorders, as stated

by the American College Health Association.

"I think that it's obviously a cultural problem nationally," Azar said. "But is there something about RWU that can make it a little worse than usual? I would say yes. There's a lot of pressure here about how you look. I think women are particularly hard on each other here. I think they're hard on each other nationally, but at RWU there's definitely some pressure about body image and everything that gets associated with it."

And certain incidents, occurring at the close of the fall semester, only prove that there absolutely is something going on out there.

Pro-anorexia and pro-bulimia groups, created by RWU students, have even surfaced on the now defunct controversial website, Juicy-Campus.com. These groups have received over 1,056 hits combined, with post topics ranging from anorexia and bulimia tips, to planning to synchronize an "anorexic fast," and post individual "progress" on the site. One person even posted "10 Commandments of Anorexia," which includes statements such as "Being thin and not eating are signs of true will power and success," and "Being thin is more important than being healthy."

Regarding the number of posts about eating disorders and views on the site, Azar said, "I am surprised with the volume. That's my biggest shock with the whole thing."

Cora Tetreault, a junior RA, and a recovered eating disorder victim, was also troubled by the site.

"I looked at it and saw an-emia, which is the pet name for anorexia and bulimia when they don't want people to know what it is. But I knew what it was immediately. There were so many posts on it, so it's obvious that people are suffering and those who are involved in the disease are looking for the outlets to speak to other people who understand what they're going through," Tetreault

said. "And JuicyCampus.com, although it definitely isn't the most positive way of doing it, that alone makes it clear that there are students who are looking for support and for some kind of support group and who are looking to speak openly about it without judgment."

Tetreault also says that as an RA, she sees the unfortunate problem with eating disorders quite often.

"Just this year, I've had five referrals," Tetreault said. "And they aren't just from my residents; they are referrals from completely unrelated people."

The fact that the media constantly bombards society with messages about attractiveness, dieting, and weight, prompting America to spend over \$40 billion a year on the diet industry, according to the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network, only exacerbates the problem. For this reason, many colleges are cracking down on the negative messages society sends its students, by creating a variety of support groups and providing education about eating disorders.

For instance, according to each of the following university's Health Center websites, Bryn Mawr College has a Body Image Council, which is open to everyone, and hosts a variety of events promoting positive body image and even brings in speakers who have recovered from eating disorders to address the students.

The University of Vermont's "HOPE" Program (Help Overcome Problem Eating) was recognized as one of four top college eating disorder programs. Dartmouth College offers groups such as the EDPA (Eating Disorder Peer Advisors) and SAFE (Students Against the Abuse of Food and Exercise). Pennsylvania State hosts a conference known as Eating Disorders on Campus: The Institutional Response, to educate health professionals, Brown University coordinates with doctors from Rhode Is-

land Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital for treatment and support programs, and the University of Maryland has an Eating Disorder Peer Program directed at helping newly diagnosed sufferers.

RWU does offer an extremely comprehensive eating disorder treatment program, closely following the programs at Brown University, Dartmouth College, and Northern Illinois University.

According to Brenda Bishop, an RWU Nurse Practitioner who treats eating disorder patients here, the university continually updates its eating disorder manual and has a specific and highly strict medical protocol, offers nutrition assistance, and even optional counseling.

"I think the responsibility on the school's part is to monitor and to make sure that the student is safe," Bishop said. "And that's the bottom line. And if they're not safe, we are as a university, knowing about a problem and the student is not safe. We just want to serve to make sure the patient is safe medically and also in that respect to the university, so that the student isn't at risk for the university and the student themselves. It's always about the student's best interest."

But the question is, however, whether RWU is providing enough care for students on all levels, specifically in terms of support groups.

"There's not enough," Azar said. "I think that one shift, and its an unfortunate shift, is that health educators used to do a lot of work around body image and wellness and because of the alcohol problem on campus, much of their focus has changed dramatically over the last three or four years."

Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education & Alcohol/Drug Prevention Coordinator agrees.

"More can always be done...more should be done," Darmody said. "It's

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## WQRI birthday bash a success

Dave Hurwitz  
Herald Staff

It was just hours before Louis Logic would headline WQRI's Hip Hop Birthday Bash and there was a problem.

Logic, who would later declare his love for covering girls in his "nut," was unable to find a salad that didn't include meat products. The crisis was quickly averted, however, when Logic came upon pizza as a suitable vegetarian alternative.

"It's all good, I've been taking care of myself for years," said Logic, 34, a veteran of the underground hip hop circuit and long time favorite of Josef Ayala, who organized the concert with WQRI Q Concert Coordinator Kelly Ahern.

Ayala was given the task of finding groups to perform at the Birthday Bash and drew on his prior experience. He was also assisted by Ahern as well as Promotions Director Allie Conn, who both helped with the heavy advertising campaign.

"After last year's concert (Hip Hop Annoymous), I was given the chance to put together a show for this semester," said Ayala, who also enlisted R&B band Bad Rabbits and Math Panda to join Logic on the bill.

"Last year, we didn't really promote the show as well as we could have... This time, thanks to people like Kelly and Allie, QRI did a much better job of getting the word out."

As people waited outside the door, shutter shades were handed out along with raffle tickets for the chance to win custom made WQRI grills.

WQRI was able to get the word out, and after a delay the doors finally opened to a remarkably large crowd, despite being close to 10 p.m. on a Friday night.

The concert opened with the high energy of the Bad Rabbits, a self described "crack swing music" band from Boston, and was able to get the crowd involved immediately. Not only did the band sound tight throughout the set, but most impressive was the guitar work of Salim Akram and range of singer Dua Boakye. The crowd, which peaked at more than 100 people, was unprecedented for a WQRI concert.

After the Bad Rabbits finished their set, Math Panda, a hip hop trio from D.C. took the stage. Despite the fact that some had left in favor of "getting hammahd" as one person told me, Math Panda brought tremendous energy to the stage for those who stayed or simply shot-gunned beers in the men's room between sets.

Finally, it was time for Louis Logic to perform.

Many had left, but for those who stayed, Logic provided the most entertaining performance in Roger Williams history, or at least since the fall of 2005.

"If this was a live show, I'd probably get



dragged from the stage, handcuffed & caged for cursin' and spittin' at 5-0" rapped Logic in the song entitled "Diablo". Logic, who went beyond strictly rap and included songs on keyboard, went on a twisted lyrical odyssey featuring the verbal images of Judge Judy performing oral sex (as featured in the song "Coochie Coup").

Other highlights included a cover of Biz Markie's "Just a Friend" which the crowd enthusiastically sang along to and the song "Freak Show," in which he takes the role of a carnival barker describing a whole circus of freaks:

"Step right up! Welcome to the Freakshow. Boys and girls of all ages, if you like smut, we got pedophiles, rapists, cannibals and racists, perverts who have sex with animals and sadists..."

While many of his songs were over the top sexually and otherwise, what also showed in Logic's performance was a highly talented artist whose skills as a song writer are enormous.

Finally, as the concert came to a close, there was one final surprise in store. Rumors had been going around about Ayala and whether or not he would rap during the show.

"Get up here Joe," said Logic as he put on a beat.

After Logic finished up a freestyle, Joe was handed the mic and spat out a rap he'd written and memorized. It was a fitting end to a hip hop bash, with the guy who'd started it all spitting out the final rhyme.

## WQRI music picks of the week

Tim Hollan  
WQRI Music Director

Some of the new music currently rocking my world:

**Morrissey**  
"Years of Refusal"  
Rock

If You Like: Belle and Sebastian, Tiger Army, My Chemical Romance  
Listen to: "I'm Throwing My Arms Around Paris," "It's Not Your Birthday Anymore"  
Grade: A-

After a disappointing follow up to his come back record, "You Are the Quarry," one could wonder if Morrissey's career resurgence was a fluke. However, "Years of Refusal" proves that Morrissey can still sting with a biting vitality that demands your attention. His backing band plays more muscularly than they have in years, matching the lyrical intensity on many of the songs. The late Jerry Finn's production is tight without being overly compressed and glossy.

Until the very end, the songs are back into fine form. Instead of "Ringleader of the Tormentors" detached attacks on abstract characters and self-pitying introspection, Morrissey returns to the formula that works best: a tongue-in-cheek attack of everyone and anyone.

Where his last record was too serious, this album quickly sets the tone on the opening track, when he snarls "drop dead," you know he's doing so with a smile on his face. And for those of us on this scaffold called Planet Earth, it should do the same.

**Ward**  
"Hold Time"  
Folk

If You Like: She and Him, Dave Matthews Band, Johnny Cash, Billy Bragg  
Listen to: "For Beginners," "Epistemology"  
Grade: B-

My biggest problem with acoustic music is that too

often, the musicians forget to make a memorable melody. I've heard too many albums of acoustic music where at the end of the disc, I realized that I stopped noticing when songs stopped and started. After a great "Post War," M. Ward's follow up, "Hold Time," lacks any vitality or tunefulness that made the last one work.

Too many of the songs sound too similar to each other that except for the very beginning and end of the album, you might be forgiven for thinking it is one really long track.

When Ward remembers to bring the hooks, like on "For Beginners" or "Epistemology," you cannot help but pay attention. Too bad he just meanders for most of the rest of the record.

**Animal Collect**  
"Merriweather Post Pavilion"  
Art-pop

If You Like: Frank Zappa, Brian Wilson and "Pet Sounds" era Beach Boys, Philip Glass  
Listen to: "Guy Eyes," "My Girls"  
Grade: A+

To make some truly beautiful music, you have to be able to make some of the weirdest noise possible. Animal Collective's previous album, "Strawberry Jam," was a noisy and sometimes brutal affair. Where the previous record weirdness attracted your attention, "Merriweather" keeps your attention thanks to a striking and hypnotic beauty that begins on the cover with the optical illusion.

The record becomes a collection of pop songs created by looping and repeated sounds, which makes it simplistically complex. Underneath all the layers of sound, are some great tunes.

But it is those layers of sound that make the album so hypnotic and addicting. Sure, it might still be very weird, but I prefer to call this record eccentric: it is a welcoming weirdness, one that lulls you in before blowing your mind.

## WEIGHT: Eating disorders often overlooked

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whose going to do to and where's the time that's the factor...An eating disorder exists in one person but recovery also involves eating disorder groups. And really, that's what's missing, in the form of either support groups or therapy groups. When the Counseling Center talks about putting together a group, they're talking about a therapy group. But there is no reason why we can't have a support group. What it is, are people supporting each other, but it takes a student initiative."

The one formal program RWU does sponsor takes place during the spring semester. The PEERS put on the Body Awareness Week which is meant to promote healthy body image. However, Tetreault, who spoke last year during the programming as a recovered eating disorder sufferer, still thinks there is room for improvement.

"Alcohol, drugs, weed...you are bombarded with all this information and speakers and flyers and everything about them, and for some reason eating disorders are just completely looked over and are on the lower burner," Tetreault says. "But I think when people are bombarded with all this information, they just assume that they're going to be getting

all the information they need about important things, so the fact that students are not getting the information and facts on eating disorders can make people think it's not important."

Dr. Suzanne Riggs, an eating disorder specialist at Hasbro Children's Hospital explains that eating disorders are a mix of physical, emotional, social, and familial issues, all of which need to be addressed for effective prevention and treatment and that support groups and therapy are important aspects of prevention and recovery.

Tetreault is also a firm believer in the informational and therapy aspect of recovery from an eating disorder, and agrees that support groups may be a helpful addition to the university.

"I think girls that are on the cusp, or may be prone to an eating disorder, if they are given the information to understand what it truly is, they can control it more from getting into a full blown one. I do think RWU has a great treatment program. Problem is, is that its based on girls going and seeking it out themselves. And as anyone with a full-blown eating disorder knows that's not going to happen nine times out of 10.

"I don't think there's enough prevention in place. I think its more after

the fact, that once you have an eating disorder, all right, well now we'll try to help you fix it, but at that point it could be too late and they may need medical leave. I feel there should definitely be a lot more in between. I mean, medical leave and getting to that point where you need medical leave should be the final straw. It shouldn't be the first time you're approached with the situation."

According to the National Eating Disorder Organization, "Whenever possible, prevention programs for schools, community organizations, (etc.), should be coordinated with opportunities for participants to speak confidentially with a trained professional with expertise in the field of eating disorders, and, when appropriate, receive referrals to sources of competent, specialized care... [and that] effective prevention programs must also address our cultural obsession with slenderness as a physical, psychological and moral issue, the roles of men and women in our society, [and] the development of people's self-esteem and self respect in a variety of areas [school, work, community service, hobbies] that transcend physical appearance."

Azar is quick to agree that the school and the Counseling Center would be very open to suggestions re-

garding student support groups on campus; however, he does have some reservations regarding group turnout.

"A group on body image, I think would be a great idea. But we have offered so many groups, and people do not like groups on this campus...but, the way I would look at it is, one of the core values of the university is wellness, so I think there's an appreciation that we would try and provide whatever is necessary as well as education and treatment for our students, and I kind of view that consistent with the university's mission."

Darmody also said her department would be open to the suggestion of a support group by students, and that doing such we be beneficial to the student body and the university as a whole.

"I think what's lacking more than anything at RWU and among the students is... that there's not that caretaking of each other and caring enough," Darmody said. "A campus is as strong as its weakest link. If we have an alcohol problem, if we have men and women with eating disorders, then that's what we are if we're not reaching out and helping those individuals. It's everyone's business."

# PLAY: Women's Center production in works

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lighting and microphone situation."

Like years in the past, the production centers around women empowerment through accounts of a number of different authors, ranging from Maya Angelou, to Susan Miller, to Eve Ensler herself.

This year, however, the play also includes two male cast members: Greg Emanuele and Mike McGarty, something new for the cast of the V-Day spring play. Both men said that their roles in the production meant something important.

"As for a guy being in the play, I think it makes a big statement to our audience that we are just one of many taking a stand against domestic violence," Emanuele said.

McGarty agreed. "[The play] acknowledges that there are issues women face, but these women could very well be someone in our lives. And even if these are the issues of women, everyone should have a hand in solving and dealing with them."

Those cast members who have experienced the V-Day play's dynamic without men are also excited for the addition to the cast.

"It is no longer just about connecting with females," Buckley said. "Now males can understand and connect with the show, too."

"A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant and a Prayer" will take place Saturday, March 7 at 8:30 p.m.



The cast of "A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant and a Prayer" jump for joy in front of the Mount Hope Bridge as their March 7 show time draws near.

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# BIAS RESPONSE: Students, staff are 'outraged'

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ty's community discourse watchdog group, classifies the hate crime as a "bias incident." As defined by the BRT, a bias incident is "an event that has the effect of demeaning or degrading an individual or group and is motivated in whole or in part by the perpetrator's bias of a group or persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, gender or sexual orientation."

"I know that some students are outraged as staff and faculty are as well," McMahon said. "[The bias incident] affects the whole community, not just the people living in that particular area."

"I cannot believe students on a college campus still exhibit that level of hate and ignorance, in jest or seri-

ousness," junior Kyle Warner said. Warner lives two doors away from the apartment where the incident occurred. "After what happened last semester, with an upperclassman and hate mail, to see it happen again is disappointing," Warner said.

Due to the timing and location of the bias incident, some students say that alcohol intoxication most likely provided the impetus for the crime. "I think it is mainly drunken stupidity, which is still no excuse for ignorance and hate," he said.

McMahon had a similar view. "Regardless of [the perpetrator's] motivation, it is not allowed on our campus. The history of that symbol is hateful and oppressive to all of us."

"To minimize it at all because it is in shaving cream or at Bayside on a

Friday night is to overlook the seriousness of an act of hate," McMahon said.

The best course of action for students to take now is to commiserate with each other and establish "peer accountability," McMahon said. "It is important for students, faculty and staff to be talking about it."

However, not enough people are speaking up, according to Warner. "I have not heard anybody really talk about it. Unfortunately, I feel people tend to dismiss it as another drunken act and forget about it. They do not see how truly offensive it is," he said.

In order to identify the culprit and give the campus closure, McMahon stressed the need for student-produced tips.

"It is very important for people to

know that the person who did it is identified and held accountable," McMahon said. "I can imagine that some people feel unsafe [knowing the culprit has not been brought to justice.] This is a common reaction after incidents like this."

"I'm hoping that somebody feels a responsibility to let us know who did this," McMahon said.

Students who have information regarding the bias incident that occurred on Feb. 13, or who wish to collaborate with the BRT in organizing a community discussion about bias incidents on campus, can contact either of the BRT's co-chairs: Kathleen McMahon at kmcmahon@rwu.edu or Associate Director of Public Safety Pam Moffatt at pmoffatt@rwu.edu.

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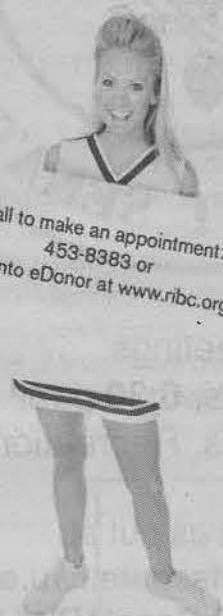
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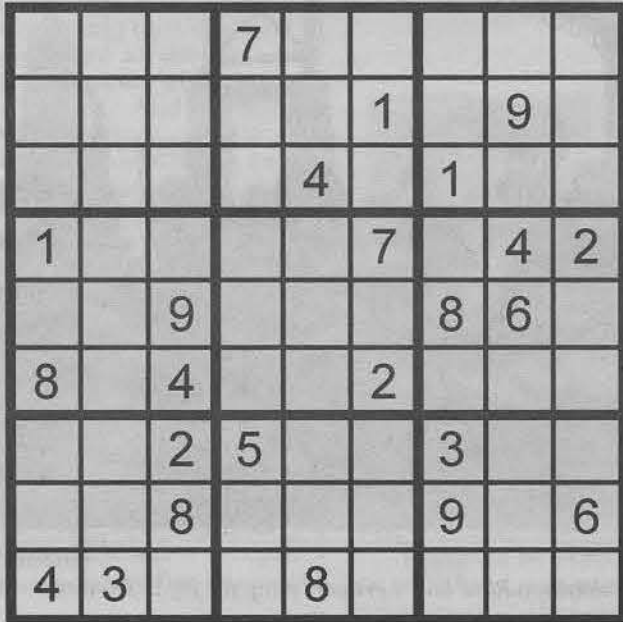
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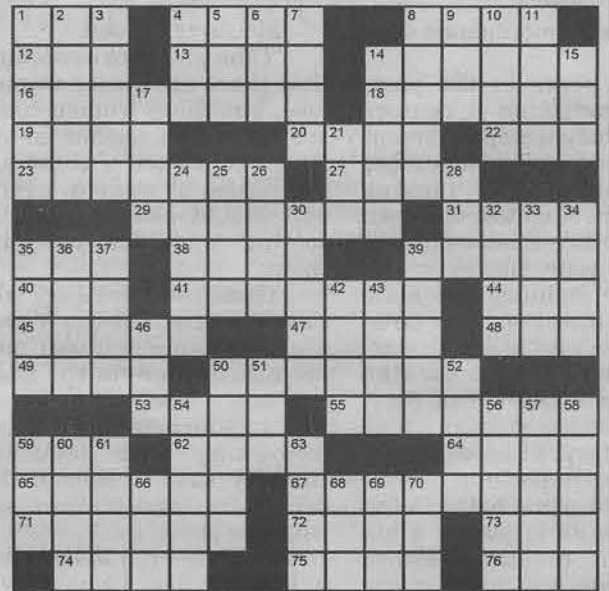


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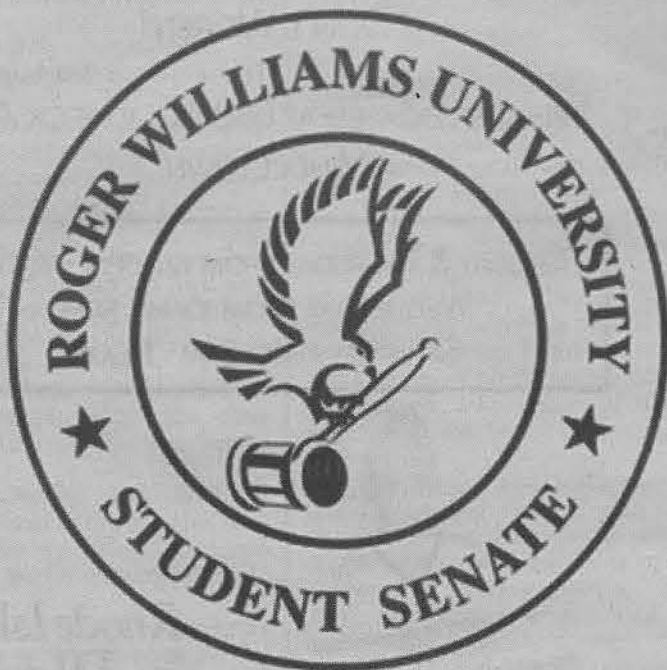
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## Hatchery encounters setbacks

Nick Westbrook  
Herald Staff

The addition to the Marine and Natural Science Building has fallen behind schedule due to unexpected setbacks.

"The schedule has been altered in order to accommodate the removal of an extraordinary amount of ledge while shoring the existing building to prevent movement due to its design and geotechnical conditions," said Joe Pangborn, Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Roger Williams.

According to Pangborn, this is a minor setback that will have no serious effect on the university's capital projects. "It [the MNS addition] was and still is scheduled to be in operation in the fall of '09. The only impact is the move of equipment and staff into the facility is to be later in the summer than envisioned."

At the conclusion of last semester, the contractors were working to prep the site for the future construction. The initial stages involved clearing out dirt and leveling the construction site.

The MNS construction continues in the initial stages while the campus is watching as the Global Heritage Hall, New Residence Hall and New Administration Building start to take shape.

According to John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, the Marine and Natural Science building is the only setback in the campus construction. All other capital projects are on schedule.

Weather has proven to be an ongoing nuisance challenging the construction of the shellfish hatchery. "The weather has made it difficult to accomplish certain things in the most desired order but the contractors have adjusted work and altered operations as necessary to minimize the impact of the weather thus far. As the building get 'tight' there will be less impact un-

less there is a stretch of severe weather," Pangborn said.

Timothy Scott, who runs the wet lab in the Marine and Natural Science building said he is not worried.

"Once the hatchery moves into the new facility, we can streamline the operation of the wet lab and provide additional space to faculty and student research projects that require running sea water."

- Timothy Scott

The contractors ran into some rock ledge which slowed production down [but] couldn't be avoided. The timing will be fine. Hatcheries are at their busiest during the spring and summer, when young shellfish are being produced. The new facility was scheduled for the beginning of the fall semester, so a brief delay won't really affect our use. We'll still be able to use it fully for the 2010 production season."

Scott said the students should be excited about the construction of the shellfish hatchery.

"This will expand and improve the efficiency of the hatchery and allow us to reallocate space in the existing wet lab to additional projects. For instance, we're already updating the floor plan of the existing wet lab to accommodate projects based on our success with tropical fish research and our new affiliation with the New England Aquarium."

"Once the hatchery moves into the new facility, we can streamline the operation of the wet lab and provide additional space to faculty and student research projects that require running sea water."

# Baseball Bits: Offseason Winners

Tucker Silva  
BASEBALL BITS

After one of the slowest moving off seasons, players are finally arriving to their team's respective spring training facilities to officially begin the 2009 season.

Besides the New York Yankees, who nearly spent \$450 million, teams across the league were hesitant to sign free agents mainly due to the struggling economy. Even big name free agents, such as C Jason Varitek, 1B Jason Giambi, and OF Bobby Abreu, were signed to smaller contracts than they are familiar with, each signing one-year deals between \$4 to \$5 million.

Below are teams whom I crowned winners for this past off season. The winners are based on their success on the amount of money wisely spent and the areas each team needed to address.

Winners:

**New York Yankees**

The Yankees did what they normally do every off season: spend, spend, and spend. Only this winter, they went beyond the norm and spent close to \$450 million. The Yankees signed ace C.C. Sabathia (who might as well have been slotted into their rotation the day the Yankees 2008 season concluded to a mammoth seven-year \$161 million deal. The 28-year-old lefty is a major addition and will be a great upgrade to the pitching rotation.

Also, the Yankees jumped in to snag prized free agent 1B Mark Teixeira. The 28-year-old switch-hitter signed an eight-year \$180 million deal. Teixeira is a major weapon added to an already lethal Yankees line-up. Glancing at a line-up already filled with offensive sparks such as Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, and Robinson Cano already had pitchers paranoid. Adding Teixeira in the middle of that line-up? Just deadly.

The single move which nearly persuaded me to place them in the "losers" category was the signing of AJ Burnett. Not taking anything from Burnett, but a five-year \$82 million contract for an injury prone pitcher who posted a 4.07 ERA last season? The Yankees had the money and they utilized it. Even if the Burnett signing doesn't pan out, it will not hurt them financially in the future. Given the huge additions made, the New York Yankees will be back to their elite status to compete for the World Series.

**Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim**

Let's get this straight. Mark Teixeira was not going to re-sign with the Angels. Zero chance. Teixeira stated towards the beginning of the winter that he wanted to play near his home in Baltimore on the east coast. The Angels grew impatient waiting for his decision and ultimately moved on.

The Angels are winners simply because they didn't break the bank on Teixeira and rather signed OF Bobby Abreu at a one-year \$5 million deal. That is the bargain of the off season. Abreu posted a .296 Avg 20 HR 100 RBIs line during the 2008 season. Also, the team extended young ace Ervin Santana to a four-year \$30 million contract. At those prices, the Angels are instant winners.

**New York Mets**

The Mets certainly have had the offense and the starting pitching the past couple of seasons. The glaring problem for the Mets has been the bullpen, which have cost the Mets a playoff birth in past seasons.

Not only did they sign CL Francisco Rodriguez to a three-year \$36 million contract to fill the shoes of injured CL Billy Wagner,

but they acquired another huge asset to the bullpen in RP JJ Putz. Putz, who was traded to the Mets from the Seattle Mariners, will serve as the Mets set-up man in the eighth inning. If the Mets are ahead towards the end of the game, it will be lights out for the opponent.

**Kansas City Royals**

This team will not be in the 2009 post season. Why are they winners? The Royals took a big step this off season towards building a better team for the future. They acquired OF Coco Crisp, providing defense and speed, and 1B Mike Jacobs, providing an impact bat. With the low budget they have, this team had a productive off season.

The Royals also extended 25-year-old hurler Zach Greinke to a four-year \$38 million contract. This is a strong move to insure an ace in the future pitching rotation and is financially sound with their low-budget.

Even though the Royals aren't quite there yet, they are building a team that will be a competitor within a couple of years.

**Boston Red Sox**

Everyone knows the Red Sox were lusting after top free agent 1B Mark Teixeira. Having lost out to the New York Yankees, they were wise in standing their ground at an eight-year \$168 million contract offer to the 28-year-old slugger.

However, they did improve their team with low-risk, high reward signings in SP Brad Penny (reported to be in the best shape of his career), SP John Smoltz, RP Takashi Saito, and OF Rocco Baldelli.

One need that wasn't addressed was adding an impact bat to the lineup. This will be the first full season without Manny Ramirez batting behind David Ortiz. Can the Sox still be a dangerous offensive without Ramirez? If JD Drew is not healthy this season (there are reports he already has a stiff back at spring training), look for the Sox to deal for a big bat (Matt Holliday? Lance Berkman?).

Keep in mind, the Sox locked MVP Dustin Pedroia to a six-year \$40.5 million contract and 1B Kevin Youkilis to a four-year \$41 million contract. Both of those contracts are major discounts considering the value they provide.

With the free agent signings and the development of young talent, the Red Sox have developed the deepest rotation in baseball. Will that be enough to get them past the Rays and the Yankees?

**Oakland Athletics**

The Athletics off season has been underrated. The biggest move the team made was acquiring OF Matt Holliday from the Colorado Rockies. Some critics state Holliday will struggle away from hitter-friendly Coors Field in Colorado. I must disagree. Holliday batted .308 on the road during the 2008 season with the Rockies. The 28-year-old is a pure hitter for both contact and power. He will succeed with the Athletics.

Even if the Athletics do not produce a successful record, the team has the option to deal Holliday to another team because Holliday is in the last year of his contract. If he is dealt, the Athletics will receive serious young prospects in return. In either situation, it is a win-win for the Athletics.

Turn to the back page in next week Hawk's Herald for my "losers" edition of the off season.

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# SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES

*"The Inter-Class Council's Senior Class Officers and the Hawk's Herald will highlight the graduating members of all Varsity athletic teams. From now until the end of the year, there will be a column showcasing several seniors and their athletic achievements.*

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**Kevin Clark**  
From Feeding Hills, Ma, Kevin is one of

*the three Captains for the men's Varsity Cross Country team. Kevin has been noted as the fastest runner in school history. He was named TCCC Runner of the Year and received All-New England Recognition. Kevin holds the school record in the 5 mile run.*



**Kyle Murphy**  
From Antrim, N.H, Kyle's senior

*year was his first year being on the Varsity Cross Country team. He was notably a very determined and dedicated teammate. He improved over the course of the season very much.*



**Timothy O'Koren**  
From Franklin, Ma, Timothy is a fourth year letter winner for the Hawks and was named tri-captain of the 2008 season. He was named to All-TCCC team. This is his 8th and final season running competitively for cross country.



**Alex Parulis**  
From East Lyme, Conn, Alex was named tri-captain of the men's Cross Country team. He was named to All-CCC team. He has been one of the top runners all four years of his career.

# WRESTLING: Team ends season strong

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ner, Kyle D'Urso, and Kevin Edward.

The squad also placed wrestlers in four other weight classes, including Ryan DeWolfe, Bennett Kissane, Dillion Lawler and Brett Poirier.

After the extremely impressive championship competition, the Hawks traveled

to Springfield College to take part in the New England Division III Championships. Many of the team's wrestlers had very impressive showings throughout the competition starting with the strong play of Dan Woods.

Woods finished in third place in the 197 pound division, which was the highest finish for any Hawk wrestler

throughout the weekend.

In the end, the team finished with a seventh place showing at the Championships. Roger Williams brought home 67 total points on the weekend. The tournament was eventually won by Williams College. As the season came to a close, the team finished with a final record of 15-8 on the season.

## Wrestling closes out season with pair of strong tournaments

Dan Malkin  
Asst. Sports Editor

On the last week of regular season play, the wrestling team is beginning to compete at a high level while starting an impressive winning streak. The team hosted a three team competition against both WPI and Bryant University last Wednesday for their final season match before heading into the playoffs.

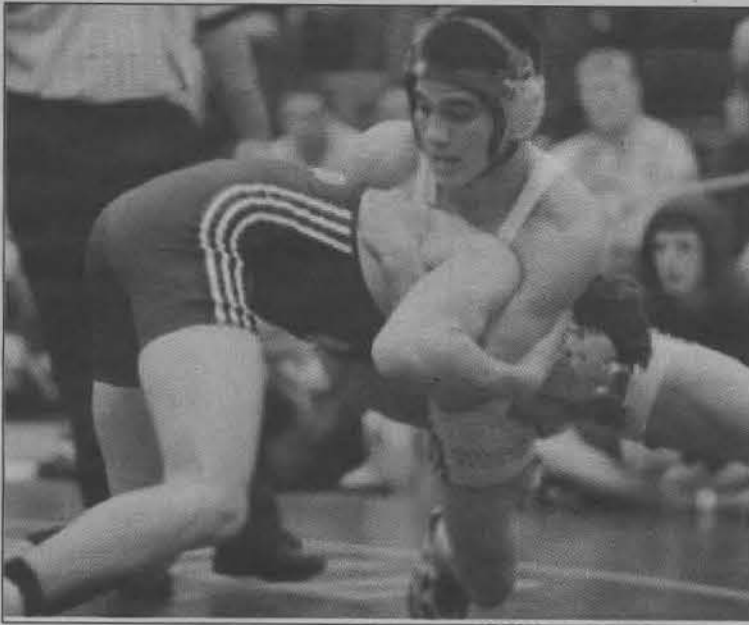
In the match against WPI, the squad was determined to end the season on a high note and continue their strong play. The team got down to business early by winning the first two matches of the evening. The wrestling team is beginning to compete at a high level while starting Mike Trayser and Jeremy Mahohney both had notable victories while competing at the 125 and 133 pound divisions.

WPI was able to settle in after the early defeats and came back strong by winning three straight matches. The score read 12-8, when Robbie Crothers took the match in the 165 pound competition. Crothers kicked off a streak for the Hawks by notching the win which was followed up in impressive style by Ken Ford in the 174 pound bout.

James Woods and Dan Woods followed up with yet another victory to add to their impressive seasons at both the 184 and 197 pound divisions. In the end the Hawks took the victory with a final score of 28-12.

Next up was Bryant and the Hawks were immediately competing at a completely different level than the Bulldogs. Roger Williams won all five of their matches against Bryant while finishing their day at 2-0. Dustin Conner, Chris Nadeau, and Phil Kelly all recorded pins for their team while Jonathan Lemoine and Diller Lawler both registered wins by decision.

The three team meet brought the Hawks regular season record to an end, while closing out their season with a record of 16-8. The season ended strong for Roger



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Williams after a somewhat up and down season. After starting the season in strong fashion, the team was tripped up slightly over break with a few back-to-back losses. However, all members of the team fought back and will enter all levels of the playoffs in a very positive way.

The team next traveled to Springfield, MA for the New England Sub-Varsity Championships. The team had an extremely successful day at all levels and numerous wrestlers registered impressive victories. The team saw ten wrestlers place in the event which marked the second highest total in school history.

Chris Nadeau who was competing at the 174 pound division became the first wrestler in New England Association history to win three sub-varsity championships. Chris O'Shea also won his conference for the second straight season at the 141 pound weight class.

There were 17 wrestlers competing at the 149 pound weight class for all teams involved in the competition. The Hawks ended the day by having three of their athletes place in the top four, including Dustin Con-

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## Equestrian starts off spring with a bang

Dan Malkin  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University Equestrian team traveled to Connecticut to compete in the Wesleyan University show. Seven of the usual schools from the New England were in attendance for the event and everyone came prepared and ready to compete.

This was the first event for the Hawks in their spring season and all of the ladies were prepared to get off to a strong start. Everything was aligned for the event to begin and all of the teams were ready for the competition.

The squad got off to a nice start while competing in the novice flat division. Olivia Cornell led off the afternoon by bringing home an early win for the squad. Alicia Milch and Alicia Levy also registered wins for their team while competing at a pristine level.

In the Walk-Trot-Canter division the remaining ladies also had a very successful afternoon. Emily Hamilton, Karen Quinn, and Erin DeMarco all were also able to bring home wins for their team. The Hawks looked good very early on and the coaches quickly felt that the team could make a run at first place.

Next up for the team were the Open Fences and Intermediate Flat competitions. Kayla Waskiewicz earned the first place victory in the Open Fences division, while Sam "The Tapir" Taylor cashed in on gold while competing in the Intermediate Flats.

Sarah Cholewa, Miranda Downing and Danielle Stucchi dropped the Canter and all performed well in the Walk-Trot event. Cholewa took home second, while Downing and Stucchi both finished in third.

Brittany Cornell, Abby Hanc and Emily Pammet each were able to keep their teams streak alive and record runner up finishes while participating in the Walk-Trot-Canter. Shannon O'Keefe and Jacqui Allred each received a third place ribbon in Open fences and Novice flat.

Taylor and her horse were once again in the zone as they rode to a third place finish in Novice Fences. This capped off an impressive day for Taylor who completed her afternoon with a pair of top three finishes.

"It was a great way to kick off the spring season," said Taylor. "We had an impressive showing and we are all looking forward to competing at a high level throughout the year."

In the end the ladies finished in a tie for second place with the University of Rhode Island, while registering 33 total points. Rhode Island College proved to be the strongest team on the day finishing in first place with a total of 36 points. It was a successful day for the team and it is easy to see that this will be a successful spring season for the equestrian squad.

## The next steps in fixing a steroid-tainted game

Jason Carey  
Herald Staff

Since the late 1990s, the infectious steroid plague has snowballed through Major League Baseball, and is now worse than ever. On February 7th, Sports Illustrated featured a story claiming that New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, the youngest player to hit 500 Home Runs used an illegal substance from 2001-2003, while he was with the Texas Rangers.

Rodriguez sat down with ESPN's Peter Gammons to talk about the report, three days after its release. In the 35 minute interview, Alex stated that he had felt an "enormous amount of pressure," that he was "young, stupid, and naive" in the period of time in which he took anabolic steroids and testosterone. However, Alex claimed that he was not sure of exactly what he was taking, and that he still has not seen the test results. A week later on February 17th, he stated that he had acquired the steroids from his cousin, which he got over the counter while in the Dominican Republic. He also stated that they did not know how to correctly use the steroids, and kept the matter completely to themselves, not involving any other players.

Fans are unsure if they believe his time table of steroid use, solely between 2001 and 2003, because three years ago in an interview, he had stated that he has never thought of using steroids. Rodriguez has stated firmly that those are the only years he was injected, and did so in his later

interview. Rodriguez has stated several times that the use of steroids was "the culture at that time," meaning that there must have been plenty of others who were using Performance Enhancing Drugs. The question now is who are the other players?

The U.S. Congress knows the answer to that question. In an investigation by the government, involving Steroids in baseball, they uncovered a list containing 104 players who tested positive for Performance Enhancing Drugs, found in a Comprehensive Drug Testing facility in California. Alex Rodriguez was one of them. The list, which was supposed to remain confidential, has been in the hands of the government ever since. Players who were tested had been told that the results were to remain secret, and not released to the press. Nobody seems to know how Rodriguez was leaked to the media, but people are now calling for the release of the 103 other names. This could determine how much longer steroids black plague hangs over baseball.

If the list of names is slowly revealed one-by-one, baseball is on a long road to recovery, possibly stretching into the next decade, ruining more careers, and diminishing more possible Hall of Fame berths. A majority of the media press writers, who vote on the Hall of Fame ballots, have said they will not vote for players who have used steroids, and recently that has been shown. Mark McGwire, who allegedly used steroids, in the same season he hit 70 Home Runs (then a record), has been on the ballot for 2 years and has yet to

receive nearly enough votes needed to enter.

Jose Canseco, a 6 time all-star and 2 time World Series champion, has had the exact same fate as McGwire, but with a slightly more complicated background. Canseco wrote a book in 2005 entitled Juiced, claiming he was one of the first athletes to introduce MLB to steroids. In one chapter of the book, he predicts up to 85% of players were using steroids. If that percentage is correct, that would mean about 640 players were using steroids if that percentage is based on the 25 starters on each team.

Despite the use of steroids throughout the sport, Hall of Fame Voters have said, that if a player were to admit their use of steroids, that their Hall of Fame chances are far greater than those who deny the use of steroids.

That's good news if your Jason Giambi or Andy Pettitte. They are the only big name players to date who have publicly confirmed the use of steroids and have found their names out of the steroid spotlight in time. Giambi made his admission in the early 2000s, while Pettitte stated only a year ago, before the start of the 2008 season, which he used steroids to help him rebound from an arm injury in 2002. Despite chants from opposing crowds, they rarely hear their names brought up with steroids anymore. Alex Rodriguez learned from both Pettitte and Giambi, and came forth quickly with his statement saying he has used steroids. The only difference is that Alex has nine more seasons with the Yankees to redeem

himself and his name, while Giambi and Pettitte are close to the end of their respective careers.

It looks like those who admit to the use of steroids do have an easier road to redemption, than those who deny any use of steroids. We will know soon since Rodriguez, hopes to "turn the page" in this chapter of his life and move on. Something baseball has been unable to do.

Baseball needs to confront its past and prepare for its future, where ever it may be. Last week, Boston Red Sox designated hitter, David Ortiz said, he would like to see a 'season-long ban' for those who test positive for steroids. Many players agree that it is in the games' best interest to impose harsher penalties for the use of Performance Enhancing Drugs.

Bud Selig, MLB's commissioner, has been looking into the possibility of a more severe punishment. Selig has also been quoted as possibly removing stats from players' records in the years they allegedly used steroids. More specifically, in the case of Alex Rodriguez, Selig has said he will have "a lot to think about" in his decision to possibly strip Rodriguez of hundreds of Hits, RBIs, and Home Runs, that he acquired in the 2001-2003 seasons.

Numerous fans' and players' would like to see that step taken, in order to clean the era of steroids which has tainted the game. It's time to show the fans across the nation, the ones that love the game, that there is no place for steroids in baseball's future.