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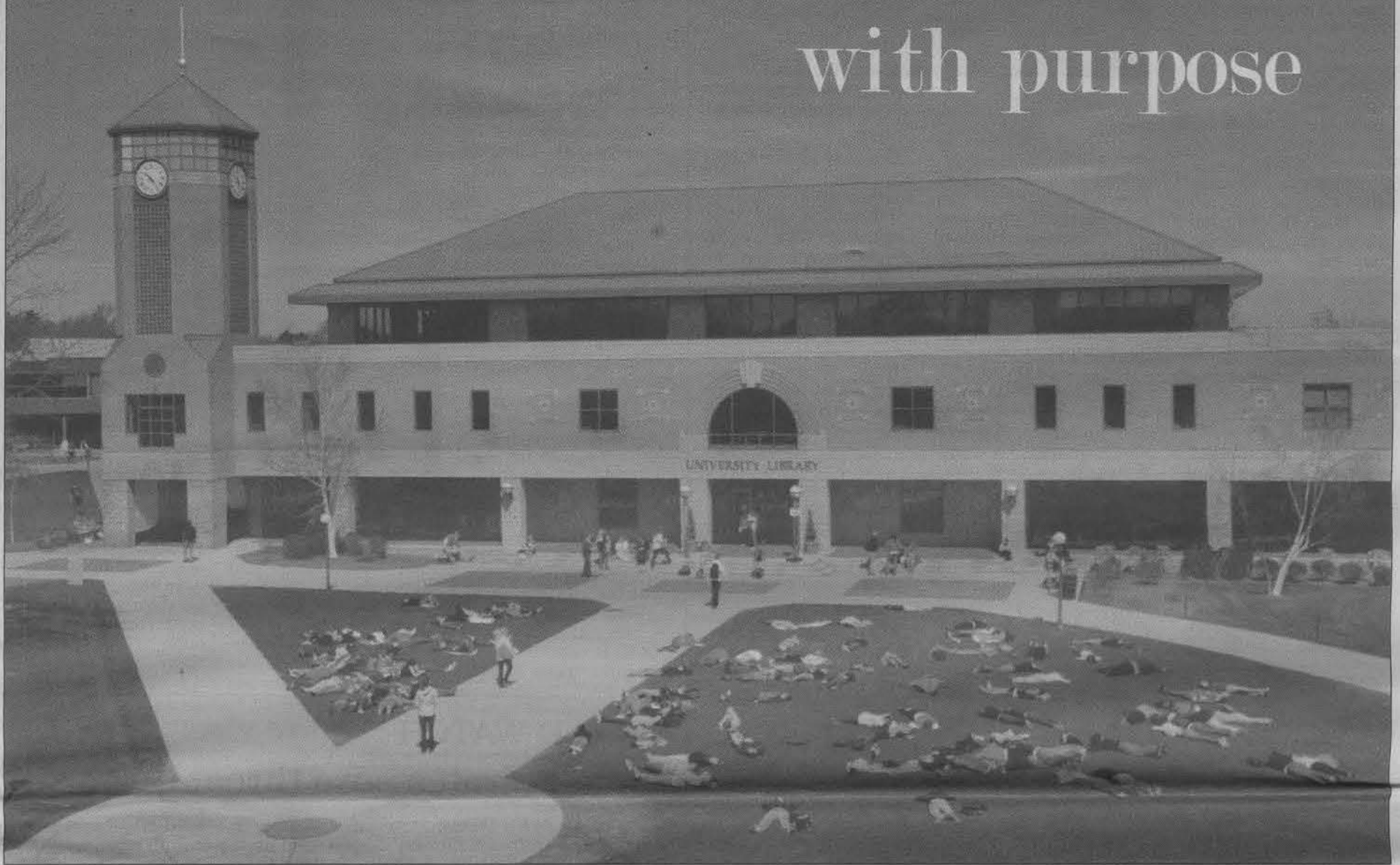
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playing dead with purpose



MARK FUSCO/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Students lie on the quad Wednesday afternoon to raise awareness of the problems plaguing Darfur, Sudan. The "die-in" was staged by STAND: An Anti-Genocide Coalition. For the full story and more photos, see [page 7](#).

Trouble in 'Man Town'

Laptop, cell phone among pricey items stolen from Cedar room; Public Safety still investigating

By THEODORE APPLEBAUM
Web Editor

A Cedar resident returned to campus from the long Easter weekend to find his X-box, games, a laptop and a cell phone missing from his dorm.

"It sucks," said Dean Bidgood, who lives in Two North or "Man Town," as it is affectionately known. "It was a terrible feeling."

Bidgood called Public Safety, who informed the Bristol Police of the crime. Police could be seen Monday afternoon fingerprinting the outside window of his ground level single.

"We're still looking into how somebody entered the room," said John Blessing, Director of Public Safety. "Someone entered the room either through the window or

through the door which was maybe unlocked."

According to Clery Crime Reports, burglary is rare at RWU but has increased over the last few years; seven incidents were reported in 2005, 11 in 2006 and 16 in 2007. Blessing attributed the spike in 2007 to a series of break-ins that occurred over winter break at Almeida, and said he expects numbers to be lower this year.

Though burglary is rare on reportedly rare on campus, residents say it has felt all too common in Two North.

"Man Town has been getting owned lately," said freshman Peter Dooley, who lives three doors down from Bidgood. "Three laptops in this hall have been stolen this semester."

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No Chameleon Club planned Paw Sox game outing to replace popular dance during Spring Weekend

By ALLISON COLLINS
Asst. News Editor

Chameleon Club will be absent from this year's Spring Weekend for the first time in many years.

"There will not be a Chameleon Club this spring," said Tamara Von George, Director of Student Programs and Leadership and Assistant Dean of Students.

"Based on the incidents that we've had at the previous Chameleon Clubs... transports, other behavior issues, we've determined that it's not an event that we want to move forward with in April," Von George said.

According to John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, Chameleon Club was not actually cancelled. It was just put on hold after incidents at previous Chameleon Clubs. The date for Chameleon Club would have been May 1, the Friday kickoff of CEN's Spring Weekend.

At Monday's Student Senate meeting, Jaclyn Calovine, the chair of

CEN, announced the organization is currently working out a deal for students to go to a Paw Sox game that night.

"The trip is completely free for all students and includes transportation, admission to the BBQ, admission to the game and fireworks afterwards," Calovine said.

CEN will bus 150 students to the game that Friday. Buses leave at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., according to Calovine.

"No students attending need to ride on the buses provided in order to be a part of the RWU Group seating and BBQ Tent," Calovine said.

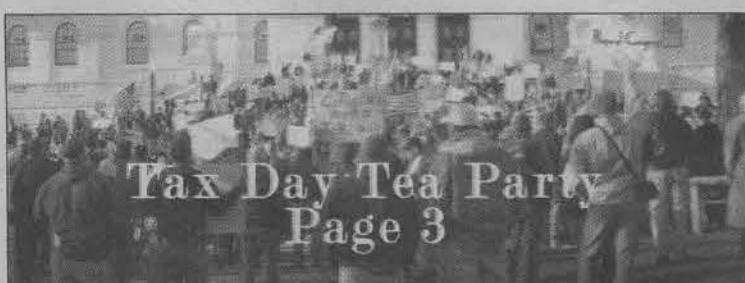
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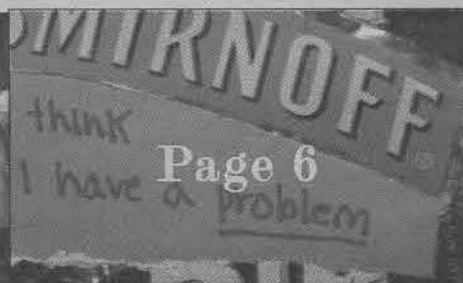
-Jaclyn Calovine,
CEN Chair

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EXTRA

Do you feel safe living in university housing? Log onto [hawksherald.com](#) and take the poll. Check out the online version of this story to see what other readers are saying.



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WQRI back on air after power surge

By ALLISON COLLINS
Herald staff writer

WQRI returned to the air on April 7 after a power surge apparently caused an audio processor to short out on April 3, causing the station to unexpectedly cease broadcasting, according to Henry Lindner, the general manager of the station.

The engineer who inspected the equipment said it appeared that the audio processor had shorted out because of a power surge, according to Lindner.

"He was able to find that something was not working in our audio processor ... [It] stopped our audio signal from being sent to our transmitter and being broadcast," Gregg Kelly, WQRI Systems Administrator said.

"Our engineer lent us an audio processor for the interim, however it is not functioning correctly and the station is coming in very faint," Lindner said.

"Currently none of our equipment is wired to a surge protector in the transmitter room," Lindner said.

WQRI is working to get "surge protection," according to Kelly.



PHIL DEVITT/THE HAWK'S HERALD

WQRI DJ Joe Ayala interviews a telephone guest in studio.

"The problem is that the transmitter requires a great deal of power and does not use a traditional plug like most electronic devices so we cannot just go out and buy any surge protector," Kelly said.

The audio processor was from the 1970's according to Lindner.

"A newer device would most likely have a higher tolerance to sudden losses of power and power surges. Since the audio processor is so old and since there appears to be something wrong with the electrical wiring in our transmitter room that is probably why our equipment experienced such a drastic malfunction," Kelly said.

"The only way to resolve this is to replace the entire processor," Lindner said.

Lindner said that replacing the audio processor will cost between \$3,500-4,000.

"The audio processor takes the audio from our booth, and makes it sound good to broadcast (think of the volume limiter on your iPod, except huge)," Lindner said.

"We definitely need a new one to return to full operating status," Lindner said.

"We will be in negotiations with the school to determine who will be responsible to pay for this unit," Lindner said.

CEDAR: Student reports stolen property

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While Blessing couldn't recall exactly where theft has occurred, he did confirm that Cedar had been hit.

"There has been some stolen property in Cedar in the past," said Blessing. "There have been several laptops taken over some time, not in the recent or immediate past, but over the last few months."

Blessing said the Bristol police—who are in charge of the criminal investigation—are considering the possibility that the thefts are linked. Their investigation could take months to complete.

In the meantime, Blessing stressed that students should take a number of precautions against burglary. "The first thing to do is lock your doors at all times," said Blessing. "When you're going away on break secure your windows, especially on lower floors."

Housing Director Tony Montefusco agreed. "Students need to take proper precautions," he said. "We are a very safe campus and I think sometimes students take that for granted."

If you see something suspicious, or have any information about the Cedar break-ins, call Public Safety.

CLUB: Paw Sox game to replace C-Club

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The game starts at 6:15 p.m. Students will have an all-you-can-eat barbeque under a tent at centerfield, according to Calovine.

The Paw Sox play at McCoy stadium in Pawtucket.

At the last Chameleon Club on Feb. 27, five students were transported to the hospital, two RWU students were arrested and one guest was arrested.

During the school year's first Chameleon Club in September, 11 students were transported to area hospitals, the largest number ever transported in one night. After that, the Halloween Chameleon Club was cancelled.

"While the news of Chameleon

Club is disappointing to CEN and in some respects, unsettling, we understand why this decision was made and we encourage the student body to express their concerns to us as we would be more than happy to bring those concerns to the administration," Calovine said.

"Despite this setback, CEN will continue to successfully program for the RWU community while doing our best to maintain the traditions we have established since 1991, the year our organization was founded."

Students can contact CEN at cen@hawks.rwu.edu or at 401-254-3248.

Spring Weekend will begin Wed. April 29 and last until Sat. May 2.

O.A.R. on the way

'Shattered' band to headline spring concert; tickets on sale Monday

By OWEN KAUPPILA
Herald staff writer

Spring has sprung yet again on the Roger Williams campus, and along with blooming flowers and active students, the change in weather means that it's time for the Campus Entertainment Network's anticipated Spring Concert.

Last year, CEN brought in Dropkick Murphys and Common to the Recreation Center Field House, and this year O.A.R. is hitting the stage along with Augustana and Parachute.

"The response from students thus far has been really positive," CEN Special Events Chair Dan Shea said.

The concert has been a hot topic among students for the past couple of weeks, making it clear that many are awaiting the big night with anticipation.

"I can't believe O.A.R. is coming here," said junior Leila Zahka.



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"It will be amazing."

The Spring Concert, with official name and theme to be released soon, will be held on Thursday, April 30, in the Field House beginning at 8 p.m.

Monday, April 20 at \$15 for undergraduate students and \$25 for graduate and law students.

"We're really looking forward to it and we hope to see everyone there," said Shea.

Tickets go on sale

WORLD WATCH

Somali pirates pose threat to world

Compiled by Julia Weiss, MSU Advertising and Outreach Liaison

MOMBASA, KENYA--Somalia's prime minister, Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, said that his government has identified many pirate leaders and would be willing to share the information with other countries in order to get the resources needed to go after them.

Sharmarke said the pirates have become wealthy and powerful, often earning approximately \$1 million or more in ransom for each hijacked ship, that the pirates threaten his own government. Forty-two ships were hijacked by Somali pirates last year, and 19 have been taken so far this year. (<http://news.yahoo.com>)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN--About 300 Afghan women protested against parliament to repeal a law that introduces a range of restrictions on women including marital rape. The new laws make it illegal for women to resist their husband's sexual advances.

The protesting women faced a mob of men about three times larger than their own screaming degrading remarks. Fatima Hussein, 26, one of the protesters said, "It means a

woman is a kind of property, to be used by the man in any way that he wants."

(<http://seattletimes.nwsources.com>)

IXTAPAN DE LA SAL, MEXICO--Salvador Vergara Cruz, the most recent mayor of central Mexico, was killed after being ambushed on a highway by six gunmen who opened fire with AK-47s and shotguns.

When Vergara's vehicle came to a stop, the gunmen poked their barrels inside and fired more rounds, killing Vergara and injuring three other city officials who were also inside the vehicle.

Vergara is among at least 11 Mexican mayors and ex-mayors who have either been killed or mysteriously disappeared during the last 15 months due to the country's war on drug trafficking. (www.latimes.com)

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN--Sixteen people were killed in a suicide bombing at a police checkpoint in northwestern Pakistan. According to police, the suicide bomber rammed the vehicle into the police checkpoint killing nine police officers and seven civilians and injuring several people. (www.cnn.com)

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in other news

Cut it out! Former 'Full House' star Coulier to headline night of comedy

Joey of "Full House" fame is set to take the RWU stage Saturday night.

Dave Coulier, widely known for his role on the popular 1990s sitcom, will perform his stand-up act in the latest installment of the Campus Entertainment Network's Hawk's



House of Comedy. The show is free and open to all RWU students, and one non-RWU guest per student.

Comedian Tim Young, best known for his performances in Jet-Blue commercials, will also perform.

The show starts at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Field House.

Sprint into Spring set for month's end

Lace up your running shoes for the first annual 5K Sprint into Spring on Sunday, April 26.

The sprint, which will wind throughout campus, kicks off at 10 a.m.

By bringing along your used running shoes or athletic equipment to be donated to One World Running, you will help prevent useful items from being deposited in landfills, according to organizers.

In the spirit of good stewardship, all proceeds from the race will go to support the alternative spring break community service programs for undergraduates and the School of Law.

The cost is \$15 for students, faculty and staff, \$20 for community members.

For more information or to register, visit

www.rwu.edu/athletics/recreation/race.htm

High school soph. wins full scholarship

By NICHOLAS WESTBROOK

Herald staff writer

Mersina Simanski, a sophomore at Middletown High School, recently participated in Roger Williams' GRRL Tech Exposition, where she received a scholarship equivalent to four years' tuition. Simanski is one of two recipients to ever receive this scholarship.

For four years, Roger Williams has hosted the GRRL (Girls Reaching Remarkable Levels) Tech Exposition. The program is designed to encourage young women to aspire toward science and math-oriented majors.

"Fourth to sixth grade girls are deterred from science and math. This is the time when girls decide not to go into science," Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President for Enrollment and Advancement, said.

The GRRL Tech program is designed to nurture young women interested in science, by offering a scholarship. Providing a scholarship for girls during high school offers the possibility for more scientifically oriented girls.

It is very rare, however, that a full tuition scholarship is distributed to one of the participants.

In order to receive her scholarship, Ms. Simanski had to complete an application and write an essay. Then, her application was presented to a committee of seven people and chosen from the 60 other applicants going to the scholarship. The committee is made up of internal staff, as well as tech collaborative and industry individuals.

When not considering the scholarship, this group organizes the GRRL Tech exposition.

"The scholarship is just an offer," said Fawthrop. "If she doesn't decide to take the scholarship, then the scholarship money goes back into the 'pot'" and is set aside for the next scholarship acceptant.

Tax Day turns protest day in Providence

By DEE DEQUATTRO
News Editor

Tax Day became protest day across the nation this year. A grassroots movement to protest government spending and higher taxes drew over 70,000 people nationwide to their state capitals on Wednesday.

Rhode Island participated, attracting more than 2,000 angry tax payers to the State House between 3 and 6 p.m. Among the protestors were strands of youth organizations that rejected the government's bailout and stimulus plans.

Fourteen Roger Williams College Republicans attended the event. Barry Lucier, chair of the group, said, "I can speak for everyone when I say that we felt real pride yesterday for our movement and our country. We were returning to our roots and principles of limited government and fiscal responsibility. Everyone had fun and is coming away from this event feeling more motivated than ever before. We think that we had our voices heard and the drive-by media has no idea what to do."

In addition to the Roger Williams representation, College Republicans from Rhode Island College, Brown University, University of Rhode Island, Providence College and Bryant College also attended. The Young Republicans of Rhode Island also attracted young people from the state to the event.

The rally was organized by Colleen Connelly and a core group of volunteers. Connelly said she organized the event after she noticed that Rhode Island was not listed on the national Tea Party Web site. "I called up the leaders of the national movement and asked who was organizing the Rhode Island movement. They were like, 'You are,'" she said.

"This is a way that people can have their voices heard and say that



KRISTEN MAYNARD/FOR THE HAWK'S HERALD

About 2,000 people gathered at the State House Wednesday for the Tax Day Tea Party.

we have had enough of the government's irresponsible spending."

Bill Felkner of the Rhode Island Institute on Policy Research arranged for about 30 speakers to address the crowd during the three-hour event. Among the speakers was Jason Mattera, a former student who made national headlines while a College Republican at RWU with the creation of a "whites only" scholarship. Mattera currently works for Young America's Foundation in Washington. He spoke about a bout he had with Charlie Rangel in Washington over taxes.

Among the other young people who spoke was Dan Reilly, a 19-year-old Providence College student, who lost the 2009 race for state representative to incumbent Amy Rice. Reilly got fired up and told the crowd, "The real change will come in the November election."

Many of the protestors carried

signs reflecting those of the United States Revolution with slogans like "Don't Tread On Me" and some even dressed up like English colonists. Other signs included, "Honk if I am paying your mortgage," "I've been porked again," "Enough" and "Save the trees. Stop printing money."

The protest also attracted counter-protestors who sat in the crowd with their own signs. Two of the most apparent counter-protestors held "Bush-Carcieri is to blame," and "I'm not with stupid...morons."

The Tea Party movement began after CNBC's Rick Santelli went off on a rant about the government's unprecedented spending.

That rant became a popular YouTube video that drove many people to organize just as he suggested.

Famed lawyer reflects on 'Roe v. Wade'

By ALYSSA PERSINGER
Asst. Web Editor

At 10 a.m. the court Marshall asked everyone to rise and face the court. There was a hush as the room stood and the curtains behind the bench parted. Judges silhouetted in black robes marched in and took their seats. As soon as they were settled, Justice Burger looked up and said, "Ms. Weddington, if you're ready, you may begin."

As Sarah Weddington began her oral argument to legalize abortion in the Roe v. Wade case, her nerves wore off and she gained confidence, describing the feeling as "an out of body experience." She didn't find out the result until January 22, 1973, when a New York Times reporter called to get a quote.

"No one would have predicted that I would've been the one to win the opinion," said Weddington, 64, winning attorney of Roe v. Wade. "No one would've predicted we would be talking about it this much longer."

Last Thursday, Weddington spoke at the School of Law to more than 100 people about winning her case to legalize abortion, how she got there, and what she's doing now.



With a Texas accent and a sense of humor, Weddington easily captured and held the audience's attention.

She began by showing the audience a 2003 issue of Time Magazine, in which she was one of 80 people — 10 women, 70 men — to be featured in a piece called 80 Days that Changed the World. In the piece, she wrote about her own history, opening with how she became a lawyer.

"I thought, my last year of undergraduate [school], I was going to make eighth graders love Beowulf," said Weddington. "And then I thought, you know, I think I better find something else...I started thinking about lawyers...and things I wanted to be changed."

And there was a great deal she wanted changed.

When Weddington tried applying for a credit card, the bank wouldn't give her one without her husband's signature, even though her husband had just come back from war and she was the breadwinner. So she ran for legislature, won, and passed a bill for credit equality — she then got her credit card.

After graduating the University of Texas School of Law in 1967, only men were paid to fly out to law firms for interviews. Weddington argued that women's flights should also be paid for, won her argument and was the first woman to have her flight to an interview fully paid. Her progress for women's rights was only beginning.

"Law has been a way for me to change things I care about and thought was wrong," said Weddington.

There was a policy in Texas health centers that wouldn't allow women to receive birth control unless it was six weeks prior to their marriage. The problem was that people were getting pregnant, sometimes resulting in illegal and unsafe abortions.

"Doctors wanted to know if they

could tell women where to go to have an abortion, or if they would be accomplices," said Weddington. "So I went to the law library, and the result was Roe v. Wade."

In the years during and after the case, Weddington showed her strong support for the abortion rights by wearing her symbol: a button of a coat-hanger with a slash on it. After a flight attendant saw the button on a plane and asked Weddington what she had against coat-hangers, Weddington decided she needed to explain the history.

The result was her book, "A Question of Choice," in which she explains the battle for abortion rights and what life was like before abortion was legalized.

"I don't think Roe v. Wade will be overturned," said Weddington. "I'm more worried that it will be chipped away at so much, that you have the right to make your own decision but there's no way to effectuate it."

Today, among many other things, Weddington is fighting a new battle: the battle against breast cancer. Her sister died of breast cancer, and Weddington is a survivor, putting the fight close to her heart. One of the benefits she is helping with is the "Bra Benefit." Different well-known people design a bra and then have it modeled by others. Weddington's bra was modeled by a woman in front of the Capitol.

Yet, however many battles Weddington may fight, women's rights, specifically abortion, will always be on the top of her list, giving speeches and writing books to continue to spread her word. She ended her speech at RWU by looking back at "how much impact people with legal skills can have," and voiced her hopes for the law students in the room.

"I'm very happy to have won [Roe v. Wade] and held it," said Weddington. "But now it's a gift to a younger generation, and the future is up to you."

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COMMENTARY

Students in need of rides home should be taken more seriously

Dear Director Blessing and Student Affairs,

While the majority of Roger Williams students traveled home for Easter, or a sumptuous Passover feast, a few friends and I remained on campus, content to watch tumbleweeds blow idly by deserted dorms. To temper the loneliness, we took a trip to Jacky's Galaxy.

While we didn't intend to get drunk, we ordered their famous scorpion bowl, a potent punch with a sting more venomous than its namesake. As you might expect, we became mildly inebriated, and somewhere in the midst of sucking liquid death out of a ceramic pineapple, the conversation turned to how we were going to get home.

We had driven to Jacky's in two cars, but after three scorpion bowls we were feeling too drunk to drive. In my four years at RWU, I have made a point of never getting in the car with somebody drunk, and at every opportunity, I have attempted to persuade my friends to do the same. It is not always an easy task either: from my experience, I would estimate that a large percentage of RWU students have driven drunk or been in the car with a driver who was under the influence. Well, Thursday night was no different, so I suggested that my

friends and I leave the cars overnight, and walk across the street to King Philip to grab the shuttle.

As luck would have it, a shuttle idled calmly in the parking lot. We sprinted across the street and began waving our arms to make sure the shuttle could see us. The driver made eye-contact with us, and though we were close enough to literally bang the sides of his windows, he began to drive off. We yelled and jumped up and down as he drove by but he didn't stop - in fact, he made an ill-advised turn into the traffic of Metacom to the chagrin of a line of drivers who beeped angrily.

We were shocked and upset, but still striving to be responsible, I got on the phone and called up Public Safety — the recorded line.

The conversation was as follows:
 Me: Hi, I'm with a few other students who just got done drinking at Jacky's Galaxy. We decided to be responsible and not drive drunk, so we walked across the street to get the shuttle at King Philip. Your driver clearly saw us but decided to ignore us and drove off.

Him: (He said, laughing) He did?
 Me: Yup, and we don't want to drive tonight, so do you mind sending the shuttle back to pick us up?

Him: (laughing) OK, we'll send

somebody over.

At this point, I made the false assumption that he was laughing because he thought it was absurd that the driver would go off without us; at this point, I was under the false impression that Public Safety gave a damn about keeping students from driving drunk. So we waited.

It was a relatively cold night, but we only expected to be outside for a few minutes. After all, I have had many good experiences with the shuttle and Public Safety. About 40 minutes later, the shuttle had yet to come.

In fact, the shuttle never came.

I would like to hope that our situation is unique, but from the stories I have been told over the years, I doubt it is. Roger Williams claims to be a school that cares about drunk driving. My orientation featured a presentation by a student who lost her mother in a drunk-driving incident, and many of my friends remember being told that Public Safety would pick them up anytime, anywhere. Unfortunately, the rhetoric doesn't seem to resemble the reality.

I don't intend to make mountains of molehills, but even one preventable tragedy is too much. If we had driven that night and injured ourselves, or somebody else, the blood would be on

Public Safety's hands. If students like us, so intent on doing the right and safe thing failed in our effort, why would somebody already predisposed to drive drunk even consider not driving?

We have no Safe-Ride program, though I heard at one point Student Senate was debating one. We are not in an urban setting where a taxi can easily be called, and at night it is nearly impossible to safely walk back from a bar to campus. That leaves the shuttle and Public Safety. If we can't rely on either of these choices, then driving is the only option, and driving is an option that kills.

So please, Director, review the tape of Thursday night's "recorded line." Look to see who was driving that night and find out what happened. But more importantly, review your system as a whole. Make sure this doesn't happen again. When somebody calls in drunk asking for a ride, take them seriously and tell them not to get behind the wheel because you are definitely coming.

After all, this can be a matter of life and death.

Sincerely,
 Teddy Applebaum

YOUR VOICE - send letters to the editor at hawksherald.com

YouTube 'Top 5' was insensitive

Dear Hawk's Herald Staff,
 In reading the latest issue of the Hawk's Herald, there was a column that stuck out to us as students. The YouTube Top 5 opinion piece highlights the "Top 60 Ghetto Black Names" as the number four video that students at RWU "have to watch." We brought this to the discussion section of our MSU meeting, and had a strong discussion regarding what place this opinion piece has in our school newspaper.

The Hawk's Herald is, in many ways, a representative for the students at RWU, and as a group we felt as though this type of video should not have been endorsed by your organization.

Although unintentional, and an opinion piece, the implications of having an editor of the school paper advertise for this video is promoting this type of stereotyping towards the

African-American community. We do understand that each and every editor and student at RWU is entitled to his/her own opinion, however we feel as though the Hawk's Herald, in making the decision to publish this piece, is endorsing this stereotyping and oppressive behavior.

In no way do we believe that this is the fault of the author of this piece alone, as we are under the impression that there are several editors that must approve a piece of writing prior to publishing.

We simply ask that more careful consideration be put forth to all articles before publication and that sensitivity is taken into account. Thank you for your time and we look forward to the next issue of the Hawk's Herald.

Sincerely,
 The Multicultural Student Union

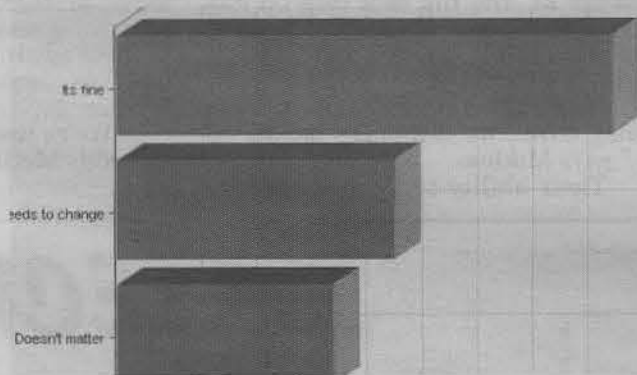
POLL RESULTS

In the April 3 edition of The Hawk's Herald, we asked you what you thought about the campus drinking climate.

16 of you said you had no problem with it.

8 of you said it needs to change.

7 of you said you didn't care.



Log onto hawksherald.com for this week's poll and to view poll results as they come in.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

ALEX FELDMAN



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a continuing series on the economy

Money makes their world go round

By ALLIE CONN
Herald staff writer

As dawn approaches, the darkness disperses and the sun illuminates the sky, reflecting off the gentle lapping water of Narragansett Bay. The majority of the RWU student population sleeps soundly in twin XXL beds. Andrew Haycock and Ryan McGinn don't. Instead, they greet the arrival of a new day in the Center for Advanced Financial Education, donning suits and ties wrinkled from a sleepless night of research and analysis.

"We watched the sun come up," says Haycock. He jokes, "We hugged. We were so tired."

Ten other seniors at RWU often spend their nights in similar manners in the Gabelli School of Business' CAFE, a small room with walls lined with more than 16 computers and a flat-screen Sony TV. That's because they're all enrolled in the Finance capstone course, FNCE 450, Portfolio Analysis.

Created in 2004 under the direction of Michael Melton, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Finance and the Director of the CAFE, this class provides an environment where students are afforded the opportunity to partake in every aspect of fund management. With the use of the latest security analysis technology, Student Investment Management Fund managers are allotted \$100,000 in real money to invest in companies they deem the most promising.

"We simulate a real world environment," explains Melton. "It's a real time trading platform."

Not just anyone can be a member of this class; interested students must submit applications in order to be considered. In the Fall 2008 semester approximately 60 students underwent what Melton refers to as an "intense" application process. He only accepted 12, and they've since been trusted to invest the University's money in the stock market. They take this responsibility seriously, acting as if they're employees of a legitimate investment company.

"You lose your own money, that sucks. But if you lose someone else's... It's incredibly stressful," comments Finance major Erin McCarthy.

Haycock, another Finance major, mentions how "We have Jim Noonan, the Vice President for Finance, breathing down our necks to make sure we don't lose \$100,000 from the endowment fund."

"The pressure's continuous," says McGinn, Finance major and Associate Director of the CAFE.

In order to meet the pressure and expectations set forth by the University and Melton, the S.I.M.F. man-

agers truly do regard this course as their employer. Even though the class technically only meets on Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m., most students clock into the CAFE at 8 in the morning and don't leave until 5 at night nearly every day. Even on days when Melton himself can't attend class, all 12 students arrive on time, or earlier, dressed impeccably in business suits and shined shoes.

When asked how much time they spend each week doing CAFE related work, McCarthy proclaims that 40-60 hours is an "understatement." They spend that much time in the CAFE itself, and they're constantly doing independent research outside of the CAFE on the latest market conditions.

"I haven't changed the channel from CNBC since September," says McCarthy. She also hasn't "slept since September," notes Melton.

That might be, in part, because of the nightly updates. These reports summarize the latest news in the national and international markets and include 3-D market maps and interpretations. Fund managers, chosen on a rotational basis to do the updates, must submit them Sunday through Thursday at 11 p.m. And 2 a.m. And 4 a.m.

Sarcastically referred to as "fun" by some students, the updates help to get them running on industry time. Another aspect of running on industry time: devoting the majority of your day to investments. For the FNCE 450 students, this means giving precedence to the CAFE over just about everything else.

"We have to skip class all the time. I skipped my 8 a.m. this morning," admits McCarthy.

"It's our life," says fifth year Finance major, Michelle Miklus.

"We beat [Dean of School of Business Jerry Dauterive] here on Saturday mornings," says Haycock.

"The best is when you get here before him, and then leave after him," adds McCarthy.

And the current economy has only increased their workload. With a recession that's comparable to the Great Depression and the stock market crash of 1987, Melton says that CAFE students have "never seen anything like this before. It's actually great for the kids."

RWU S.I.M.F. managers have spent the last year learning how to respond to market volatility. Some of them even went abroad, to London, Hong Kong, and Beijing, to learn the techniques investors overseas are using to handle the economy. They spent their days speaking to industry professionals and visiting, amongst others, international stock exchanges



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Students in Portfolio Analysis have a lot of material to work with this semester, with the economy in shambles.

and investment banks. So what'd they learn?

No matter where someone's working in right now, "everyone wants to kill themselves," says McCarthy.

Melton adds that, as a result of the terrible global economy, "every one over there's drinking themselves to death."

In fact, the economy is so depressing that "the people in London go out to pubs everyday after work."

CAFE students are feeling similar stress; the fall semester saw two of the top 10 most volatile days in the Dow Jones since 1928. According to Haycock, these days had the fund managers "pulling [their] hair out."

Regardless, Melton says that CAFE students are responding extremely well to the market. They've re-evaluated their strategies and essentially restructured their investment approach. They detailed the changes they've made in their 2008 performance report, which Haycock and McGinn presented at the Redefining Investment Strategy Education (R.I.S.E.) Symposium in Ohio at the end of last month, where they placed third of out 257 schools. Some of the main changes include investing domestically rather than internationally, incorporating a bottom-up analysis approach, and holding their markets primarily in cash.

And even though the market can change at "the flip of a coin on any given day," says Haycock, the fund managers have learned how to use it to their advantage.

"If we can anticipate the market going down, we can make money off it," says Miklus.

Their ability to foresee good in-

vestment decisions is apparent by their 2008 performance: a negative 13.85% return, holding approximately \$96,000 from their original \$107,000 (passed down from the previous year). Though it's the only time the class has lost money since its creation, it still exceeded the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and other comparative benchmarks for 2008. In fact, the S.I.M.F. managers beat the market by approximately 20%.

"We're still destroying the market," says Melton.

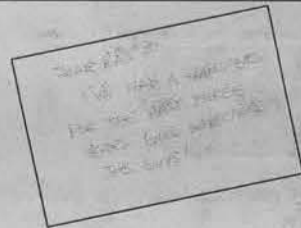
"The students have responded to the pressure quite well, and I am sure that they are having an incredible learning experience this year," says Dauterive. "While I know they would much rather have an opportunity to manage the fund during a period of growth, I believe that they have done a wonderful job - as evidenced by the performance of our portfolio relative to the overall performance of the stock market during the past six months."

Their success in this economy should translate well into their future careers in the business world. As International Business major Peter Campbell put it, "learning in such a volatile time will prepare us for when the markets improve."

But they'll keep dedicating themselves to FNCE 450 until that time comes. They'll spend late nights and early mornings in the CAFE, researching ways to play the economy to their advantage.

"We don't get senioritis," says Miklus.

"We're just the dorks in the closet," adds McGinn.



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'Hidden Truth' display unveils

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Managing Editor

You've seen the black boxes around campus, the white postcards begging to be decorated, and finally, the secret is revealed. Thursday night, CEN unveiled its event, "The Hidden Truth," which asked students to anonymously write secrets onto postcards to eventually be displayed on posters in the Hawk's Hangout during Expression Sessions.

"I'm a huge fan of Post Secret (started as a Web site by Frank Warren, and then turned into a series of books), so I decided to bring it to cam-

pus," coordinator Jill Zalewski said. "If you see someone's secret, especially on a smaller campus, you can see that you may have similar problems as someone else. It gives you the sense that you're not alone, and gives you more compassion towards people on campus."

The event began on April 3, and throughout the duration of the event, Zalewski posted some of the secrets on the event blog, <http://rwuhiddentruth.blogspot.com>. The majority were added to the posters, which were placed in a gallery form and revealed yesterday.

Students lie down to STAND up

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

Students lay in silence on D'Angelo Common Wednesday, demonstrating on behalf of the Sudanese people affected by the genocide in the country's Darfur region.

Students posed as corpses for almost an hour during peak, mid-day pedestrian traffic outside the library. Their visually arresting message aimed to make the deaths in East Africa more relevant in the daily lives of students at the university.

RWU campus's branch of activist group STAND, the student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network, organized the Die-In for Darfur.

"We wanted to bring what is happening on the ground [in Darfur] to the attention of the campus," Amy Torregrossa, President of RWU's STAND branch, said.

Due to recent events "on the ground," life is looking bleaker for Darfurians. Earlier this year, the International Criminal Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Sudan's President Omar Al Bashir. In spite of his newly criminalized status, Bashir ordered the expulsion of several aid groups operating inside the country, which were assisting citizens.

According to Torregrossa, STAND held the die-in in order to raise awareness of this latest development in Darfur.

"It is hard on a campus to get students to take notice of issues so removed from them," Torregrossa said. "If we take a more conventional route, you would get students who walk by and ask themselves, 'What does this have to do with me?' But if those same students walk by and see their best friend lying out in the middle of the quad, they will ask questions."

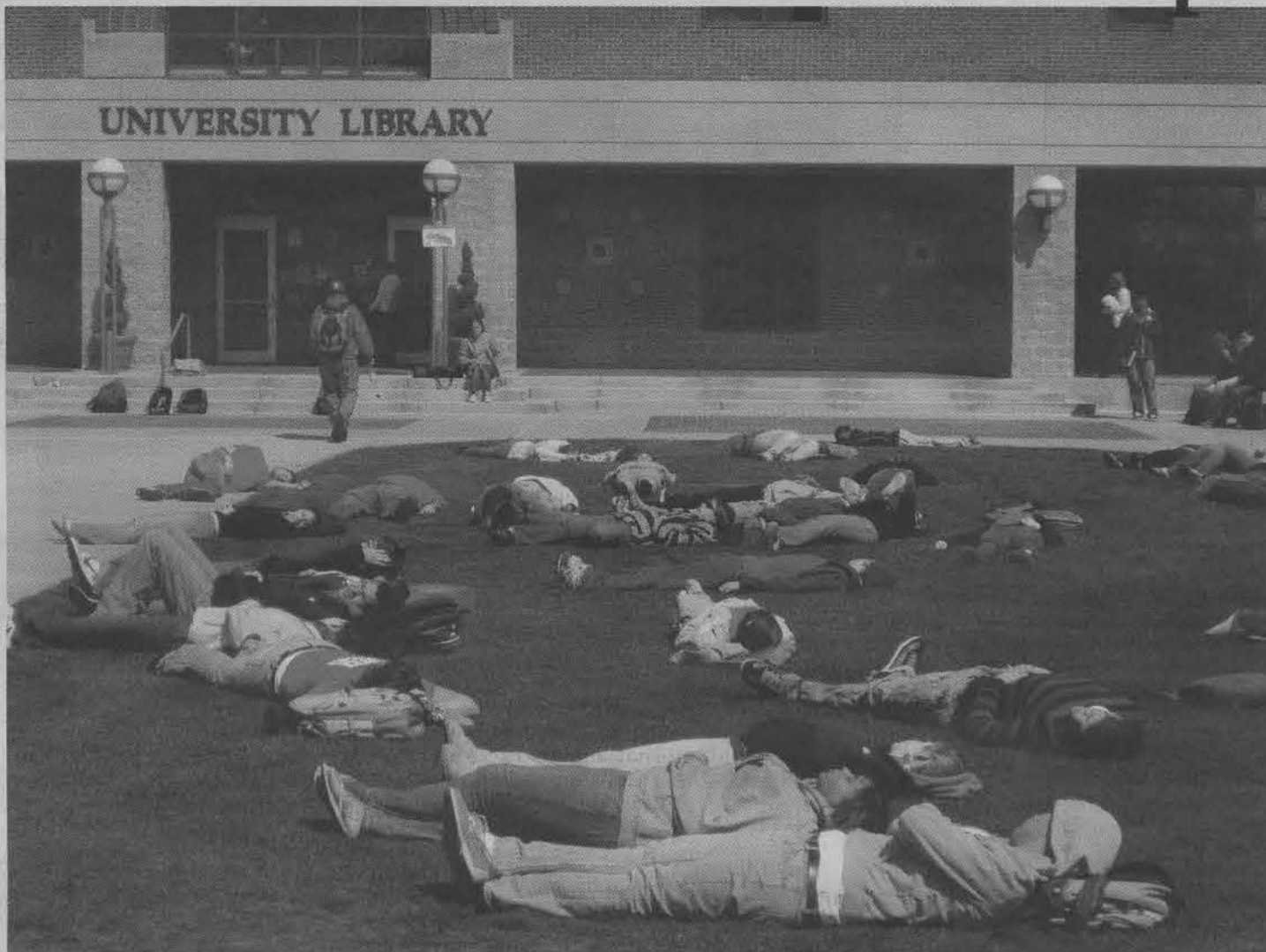
Torregrossa said that almost all students walking past the demonstration asked the on-site STAND representatives about the die-in. This was exactly the response the die-in was created to spark, Torregrossa said. "Even if one student learned about what is going on in Darfur, then I view it as a successful program," Torregrossa said.

Besides the spectators' interest, Torregrossa said she was also "really impressed by the turnout" of students taking part in the demonstration.

"When you ask students to participate in something like this, students are usually apathetic," Torregrossa said.

Torregrossa expressed her frustration with students who show interest in an upcoming event, but do not follow through with the commitment.

The die-in was different. "We had



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Students lay "dead" on the quad in front of the library Wednesday, as part of STAND's "die-in" to raise awareness about events unfolding in Sudan. "It is hard on a campus to get students to take notice of issues so removed from them," STAND President Amy Torregrossa said. "...But if those same students walk by and see their best friend lying out in the middle of the quad, they will ask questions."

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STAND President Amy Torregrossa

people say yes [to getting involved] and actually show up," Torregrossa said.

Some students passing by the demonstration were confused at first glance.

"I thought it was just a ton of people lying outside because it was a nice day," senior Jill Petelle said.

"I think it would have been effective if I knew what it was for," Junior Dave Bennett said.

"It probably should have been advertised better," freshman Bradley Bermont said.

Bermont also said that the subject of Darfur is becoming commonplace on campus. "I think at this

point, everyone is aware of [the Darfur genocide]," Bermont said, "But it is a nice gesture."

Fellow student Bobby Connor, a senior, said he liked the idea of the die-in. "I think it is a creative way to express a cause," Connor said. "Anyone can hold a sign, but lying down is unique in that it raises curiosity."

"There are never really protests on campus," Torregrossa said. One of Torregrossa's goals she purposed to accomplish through the die-in was to "show the campus that there can be activism at Roger Williams."

"I do not think students know how loud of a voice they can have," Torregrossa said.



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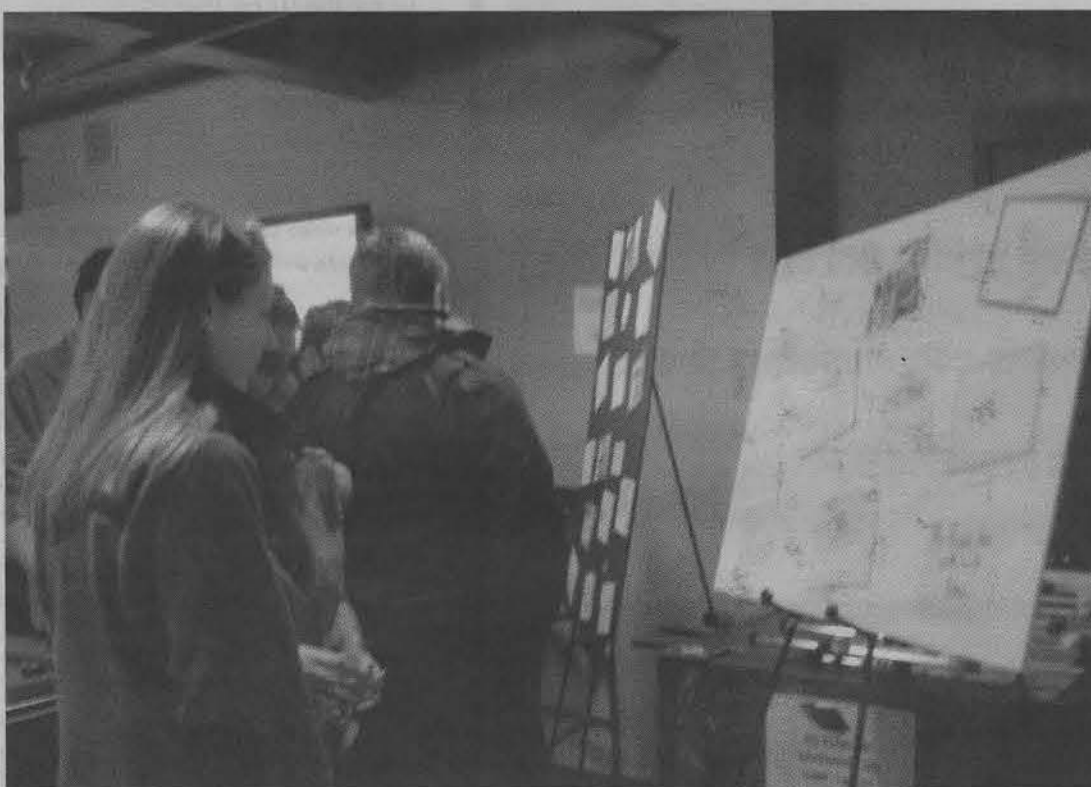
Student confessions

"It (collecting the secrets) was weird. With the first two I ever read, one was absolutely hilarious, and then the second one was the saddest I got. It was weird to go from one side of the emotional spectrum to the other," Zalewski said.

Zalewski said she saw a lot of similarities between people on campus, and for the most part, people wrote good things.

"I only had to throw out one or two," she said.

At the moment, the secrets from "The Hidden Truth" are available in the CEN office, however Zalewski hopes to get them displayed around campus during the remainder of the semester.



He refuses to acknowledge the fact that I do still love him. He doesn't understand that he has so much making and growing up to do before our relationship could ever be healthy again.

Jim testified that in a drunken stupor he is going to fuck up and do something that I will never be able to forgive him for.

He is still my best friend.

Decemberists still have magic touch

By **TIM HOLLAN**
WQRI Music Director

Artist: The Decemberists
Album: Hazards of Love
Indie Rock
Grade: A-

One should approach the Decemberists new album with trepidation. When they said they were going to do a bookish rock opera, that meant that they were staying away from their strengths while playing up their weaknesses. Simply put, the Decemberists doing a rock opera could easily be an album full of "The Tain" rather than "On the Bus Mall," pretentious exercises in telling epic pastoral stories with lyrics straight from a bad musical rather than engaging character sketches.

Like any concept album, or at least the good ones, the story is unimportant. Seriously. Who pays attention to or even knows the story of Tommy or American Idiot? We remember the songs, but we don't care about what happens. The story is some abstract tale about Margaret who apparently angers some queen or something. It's incredibly difficult to follow and really is better of ignoring in favor of the songs.

Like their past album, The Crane Wife, the center piece of the album is a multipart track called "The Hazards of Love." The four songs show off a heavy folk rock influence, throwing medieval rhythms into the mix, while throwing in heavy metal riffs here and there, serving as a guide to the sounds and themes that the band employs on this album. These songs are possibly the best on the record since these tend not to advance the plot, but rather reinforce points.

Paradoxically, like most rock operas, the best songs are the ones that provide either a detailed sketch of a character or a single scene. For in-



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stance, the "Rake's Song" provides an incredibly interesting character sketch of a man who gets into a marriage and is overcome with children, whom he murders because he can't take care of them because his wife died in childbirth. It's darkly humorous, and clever without being forced or overly pretentious. Unfortunately, the songs more focused on the story, the lyrics are clumsy, inorganic, and stilted.

Fortunately, when the lyrics don't work, the music picks up the slack. The band really shows off their chops. "The Queen's Rebuke" features what may be the best guitar solo found in a Decemberist record laid over what may some of the heaviest music they ever laid down, reminiscent of British heavy metal and blues.

Ultimately, the Decemberists provide us with a good record, but

they don't give us any gems like "O Valencia" or "July, July!". The songs are very good, but they're never genius or catchy. Although, it is their most consistent album, never hitting the lows that peppered their previous releases. Compared to their previous work, the record just doesn't stand up on its own. It's swallowed by the quality of their previous works. However, removed from the context of The Crane Wife or the Bridesmaid single series, it is an album with many charms that you will learn to appreciate and love, without any of the weaknesses of their previous work, but also never giving us a song that could stand up against their best songs.

But, if you're new to the band, check out their earlier work first before you give their new one a try, because you will end up here, I'd just

rather you see some of the better sights first.

Artist: Black Joe Lewis
Album: Tell 'Em What Your Name Is
R&B, Soul
Grade: A

In a world that's gone completely digital, where music is created in a studio setting with layers upon layers of processed sound, where anything done by a human being is corrected and manipulated to a sheen, where talent comes next to good looks and aerobic abilities, where live concerts are essentially the artist playing a tape for you while they parade around stage, in a world where music has become so impersonal and loveless, to hear a love letter to Motown and Stax record from a group of real musicians instantly makes this stand out.

Black Joe Lewis, with his backing band the Honey Bears, could easily fit next to your James Brown records, and you might not know that it was released in 2009. The band is tight, as guitarists trade lines with the horn players, and the drummer keeps a mean rhythm, and the bassist provides a backbone to the jam. The songs feature heavy doses of humor, adding to the jubilant music. The production stays hands off, only capturing the lively performances. The songs are short and brief, and clearly refined to the most exciting version they could possibly be. The lyrics are either forgettable, which is perfectly fine for an album where the focus is on the rhythm and the music, or humorous, which adds some magic and spice to tracks like "Get Yo Shit."

Although brief, only lasting 30 minutes, "Tell 'Em What Your Name Is" will liven up any party for years to come and will always give you a reason to make a brief return.

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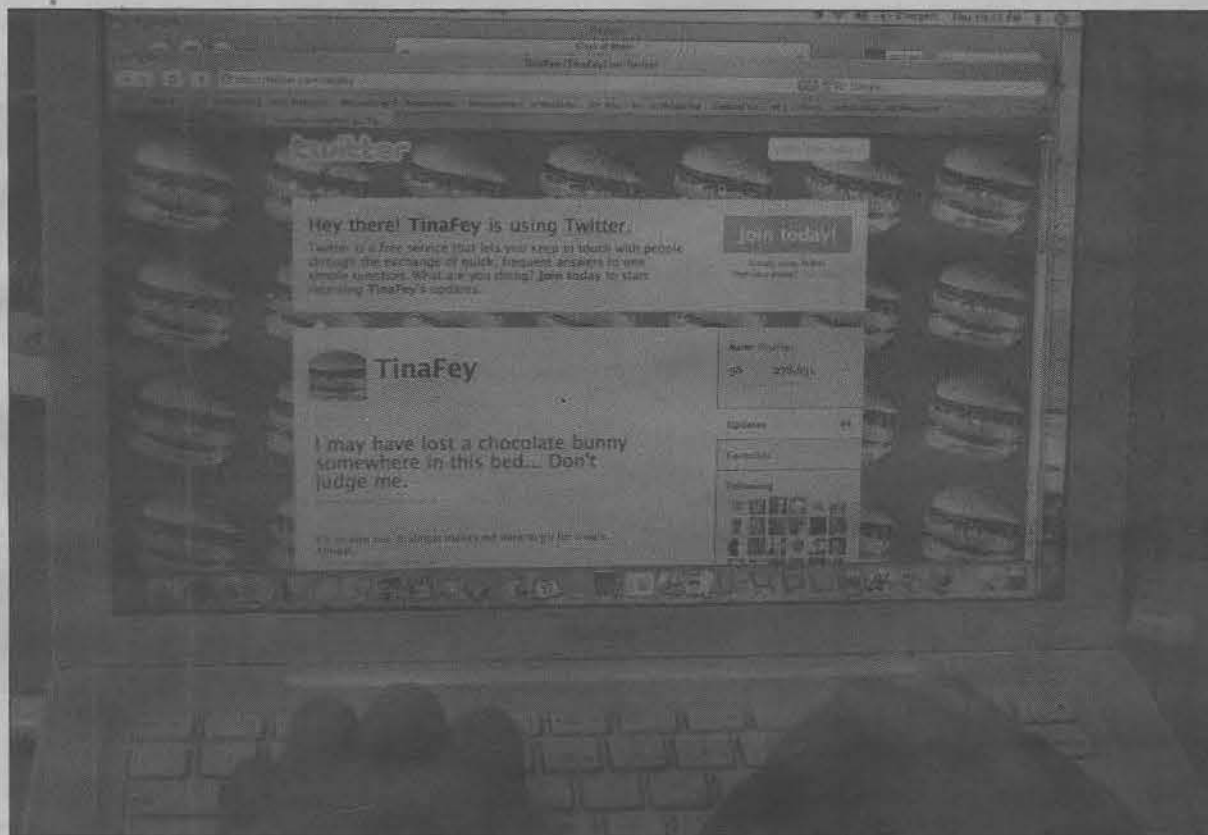


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Twitter, the latest craze in online social networking, might be catching on at RWU. The site allows users to keep others informed about their lives through one or two-sentence status updates.

Social-networking site generating big buzz

By ALLIE CONN
Herald staff writer

Stalkers everywhere rejoice. A new means for keeping tabs on your subjects has surfaced, and it's called Twitter. All you have to do is create an account and sit back while your homepage constantly refreshes with the latest updates from the people you've chosen to monitor.

Say, for example, you've decided to follow RWU sophomore Meagan Amylon. As of 11:07 p.m., on April 7th, you'd know that she "Went out to eat tonight. Ended up with food poisoning. Also, got a phone number from a man on the RIPTA and a new piercing."

Let's hope that no stalkers are actually obsessing over Amylon's, or anyone's, Twitter accounts. But with more than 14 million users, who logged into Twitter 99 million times just last month, it's safe to say that people are definitely interested in what this site and its users have to offer.

According to its Web site, Twitter began in March of 2006 and is quickly gaining prominence in the online community. Similar to Facebook's status updates, this social-network-

ing site allows its members to post updates containing up to 140 characters. These updates, referred to as tweets, appear to all of a particular users' followers, or people who subscribe to their account. According to the "About Twitter" Web site, tweets can be sent via the web, instant messaging, or mobile texting.

Tweets usually detail someone's current activity, but there's no limit placed on their content or frequency.

"I probably update my status once a day," says Amylon. "I write about what I'm doing or some deep thought I've had... It's fun to come up with random witty comments as well."

Although average people constitute the majority of Twitter's users, they're not the only ones. Schools, clothing stores, politician and celebrities have Twitter accounts, too. Even RWU has its own account. The school uses it to, amongst other things, publicize upcoming speakers, summarize sporting events and share general news.

RWU followers could read that on March 11, at 11:16 a.m., the school updated that "Students raised \$695 at Hunger Banquet which was sent to

Oxfam International and the Bristol Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen. Good Job!!"

Tropical Gangsta, a women's boutique located in Newport, is just one of the many clothing stores that has its own site. This store uses its Twitter as a marketing tool, offering special sales and coupons to its followers.

Several politicians and celebrities have Twitter accounts as well. They're able to use it as a means to interact with their supporters, keeping them updated on their daily activities. President Barack Obama, blogger Mario Lavandeira, better known as Perez Hilton, actor Seth Rogen and rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs all stay in close contact with their fan followers.

Anyone following Obama knows that on Jan. 19, he was updating his Twitter account, "asking you to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by volunteering in your area. Visit <http://USAservice.org> or text SERVE to 56333 for info."

Twitter also has a feature that allows people to directly respond to others' tweets. A link to the right of the tweet automatically redirects users to their own update boxes, where they're

prompted to type their responses.

For example, when Combs wrote on the evening of April 13th, "im tryin to stay off of twitter today because im sick but it keeps calling ME!!!! lol," Rogen posted a direct response tweet.

"Diddy is off so should you.... Today is Twitter in 3D day," wrote Rogen. "Go to a bar shout what your doing you'll meet lots of people that way. LOCK IN!"

This site's popularity continues to increase. Amylon joined just a few weeks ago, in order to follow one of her favorite bands, and she's noticed the website's growth.

"When I first made a Twitter I couldn't find any friends on it," says Amylon. "But now it's getting more popular and I'm getting new follows everyday."

Why is this site growing so rapidly? The Twitter team believes that "simplicity has played an important role in Twitter's success. People are eager to connect with other people and Twitter makes that simple. Twitter asks one question, 'What are you doing?'"

For Amylon, it's even simpler. "It's fun, and another way to procrastinate."

S.A.F.E. hosts first annual 'Pride Week'

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Managing Editor

Last week, S.A.F.E. (Sexuality Advocacy for Everyone) sponsored the first annual Pride Week, meant to advocate and raise awareness of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community at RWU.

"We want the climate here to be supportive enough for those (GLBT) to come out comfortably," S.A.F.E. president, Arianne Soleymanloo. "You don't have to be part of the GLBT community to show support."

Pride week started with an arrangement of flags in a rainbow on the quad along with a banner (which unfortunately was taken by the wind) explaining the meaning of the colors.

"When I personally see the flag I get excited about it," Soleymanloo said. "It was also really great to see people who don't always come to S.A.F.E. meetings to show their support."

That night, S.A.F.E. held a bingo night to raise money for the AIDS Care Ocean State charity, where by the end of the night over \$200 was raised. The event was hosted by two drag queens involved closely with the charity, included the popular Miss Kitty Litter.

Other events for Pride Week included a "Day of Silence," where participants wore black shirts and chose not to talk in reverence to those who have been harassed, hurt, abused, etc. because they



were GLBT, while supporters wore red. To end the day, a breaking of silence was held, which allowed participants to speak about their experience with the day.

"We were hoping to show the campus that there is a gay community on campus and that it is not ok for some things to happen on campus," So-

leymanloo said.

On Wednesday students were welcome to tie-dye a Pride Week t-shirt, which replaced the original "Rainbows for Rights" water balloon fight, due to rain earlier in the week. Fortunately, S.A.F.E. plans on holding the "Rainbow for Rights" event later in the semester sometime in May when the weather is warmer.

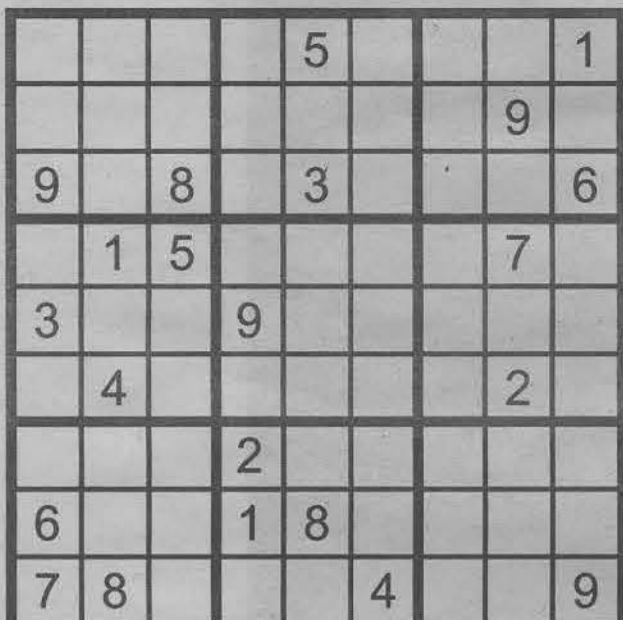
Finally, to end the week, S.A.F.E. showed the film "If These Walls Could Talk 2," which follows the lives of three lesbians who lived in a home at different times.

In the future, S.A.F.E. hopes to continue holding Pride Week, along with sponsoring other events throughout the year. Among these events, S.A.F.E. hopes to provide students with "Safe Zone Training," which is a program designed to train people to become "safe zone certified," meaning they are someone who is safe for GLBT to talk to without worrying about discomfort.

"I hope that when I graduate S.A.F.E. will as strong, if not stronger, as it is now," Soleymanloo said. "It's indescribable how it feels to see Pride Week a reality."

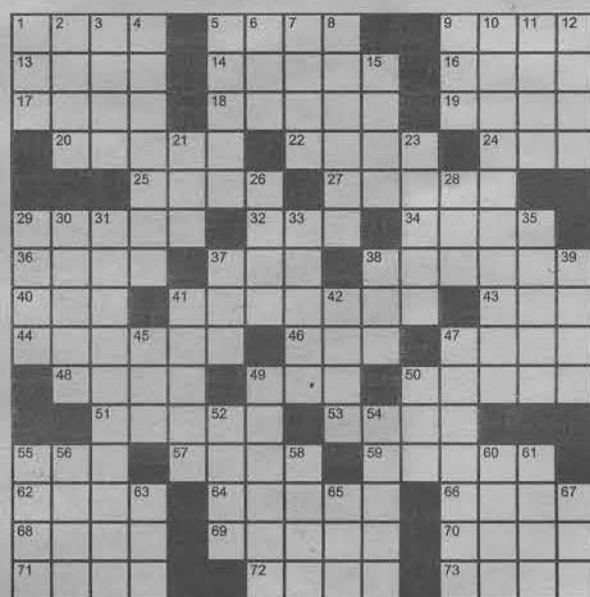
Soleymanloo wanted to thank IRHA, MSU, and the PEERS for helping with Pride Week, but especially wanted to thank the members of S.A.F.E., whom without, the event could not happen.

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Ten games into the season, women's lacrosse holds an 8-2 overall record, and a 4-1 record in conference. With those numbers, the Hawks find themselves tied for 2nd in the CCC with Gordon College. The team started off strong with a four game win streak early, then caught a snag with the Endicott Gulls, who are in 1st in the conference. The Hawks lost that game 13-6, and haven't looked back.

Since they're loss to Endicott that hawks are enjoying a 4 game win streak. In those for games, the team has beaten their opponents by no less than 6 goals.

In the first game after the loss, they faced the Western New England College Bears. After quick scores by the Bears, the hawks found themselves down 3-1, but eight minutes later that score was 6-3 Hawks. The WNEC Bears never regained the lead, resulting in a 17-7 Hawks victory.

In their next match, the hawks travelled to West Hartford CT. Saint Joseph College saw the offensive skill of the Hawks early, with a score of 4-0 just ten minutes into the game. It was up hill from there for Roger Williams, scoring 14 more times, and only allowing 1 goal against.

6 Days later, after a postponed game, the Hawks played the Chargers of Colby-Sawyer College in their second home game on a cold rainy day. The Hawks put 14 shots into the net by halftime and allowed only 3. But the Chargers came back strong in the second half, scoring 6 of the 7 first goals in the second half. With just under five minutes left to play, the Hawks holding back a strong surge by the Chargers at a score of 17-11, the officials deemed the field of play too dangerous as rain soaked

the field, ending the game.

The Hawks most recent win came against the Bridgewater State Bears. Roger Williams started off strong, scoring the first 4 goals, and having a 7-4 lead at the end of the first half. But Bridgewater came out swinging in the second, scoring two quick goals to make the game 7-6. Then it was the Hawks turn again, scoring the next 7 goals to make it 14-6. After another handful of goals from the Bears, and some counter scores by the Hawks, the game ended at 18-9 in favor of the Hawks.

During the win streak, the Hawks have scored a total of 70 goals and have allowed only 28. Sophomore Claire Halliday posted 15 goals and a total of 23 points. In the same streak, Junior Goalie Amanda Magee was awarded TCCC Defensive player of the week, and freshmen attacker Jillian Colley was awarded Rookie of the Week with 13 goals on the season. There have been 17 different Hawks who have netted a goal, and 5 of them have double digit goals this year

Good offense and goal keeping are the keys to the Hawks success this season, scoring ten or more goals in all of their wins and have had four 18 point games so far this season.

The team has five more regular scheduled games to play before the start of the playoffs. The team played Rhode Island College on Thursday, and will play the University of New England at home this Saturday at 1pm. The team then plays Salve Regina University and Curry College on the road on the 20th and 21st, then close out the season at home on the 25th at 3pm against Gordon College.

SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES

SOFTBALL



Christine Bean

2009: Bean has started in all 32 games as catcher for the Hawks. She has a .172 batting average with 9 runs scored. She has thrown out 26 opponents while stealing. She is currently student teaching at Portsmouth High school.

2008: As the primary catcher for the Hawks, Bean started in all 41 games for the Hawks...Bean finished the season with a batting average of .265...Notched 27 hits with three doubles, two triples, and 13 RBIs...Scored 20 runs and stole nine bases without being thrown out.

2007: On the softball field, Christine scored 19 runs and had 16 walks...Stole nine bases without getting thrown out...Performed numerous community service activities.

2006: Never got caught stealing...Obtained a fielding percent of .971 with 32 putouts...A member of the Future Teachers of America.



Renee Bilotti

2009: Bilotti has started in 30 of 32 games with a batting average of .208, with 13 runs scored for the Hawks. She is tied for 4th in the Conference with 11 stolen bases.

2008: Bilotti played for the Hawks in 31 games and started in 19 as an infielder...Batted .208 with 11 hits, including one double and seven RBIs...Scored 18 runs and went 4-6 in stolen bases...Also a member of the Dean's List, Class President, and Health Educator.

2007: Had a .300 batting average in softball in 10 at bats...Scored 11 runs in 27 games... Elected Class President for 2007-08 school year.

2006: Posted a batting average of .375 with eight at bats in 25 games...Had a .444 on base percentage...Served as an active member of the community through her positions on campus.



Adrianna Sicari

2009: Sicari has a .143 batting average in 7 at bats this season. She is a strong contributor to the team and is looked up to by her peers both on and off the field. A member of the Biology society, she recently was accepted into Boston University for a very rigorous grad school program in the medical field.

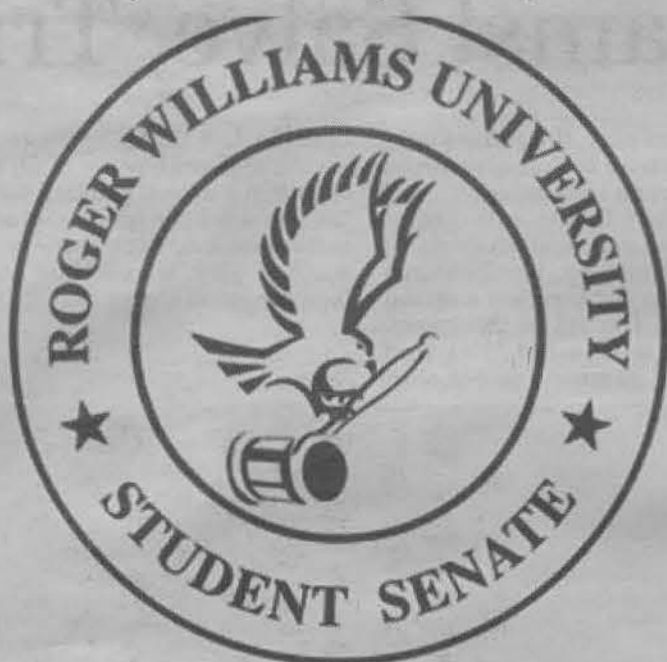
2008: Played at three different positions for the Hawks (Catcher, First and Third Base)...Sicari ended the 2008 season batting .308 in 24 games with two doubles and six RBIs...Scored seven runs with 104 putouts, third best on the team.

2007: Played in 11 games in her first season at RWU...Performed community service at Pen-Pals Program and Guiteras School.

RWU STUDENT SENATE

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Softball continues hot streak, wins pair against conference opponent WIT

By DAN MALKIN
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The Roger Williams University softball team kicked off their season into a high gear and has been playing at a very high level as of late. After getting off to a successful start, the team had cooled down a bit, before heating it up during their last week of competition while rising to the occasion.

The team started the week with a home double header against the Wentworth Institute of Technology. The Hawks went into the game with an impressive 11-game winning streak and were looking to extend that mark to the next level. Christine Bean got the scoring going for the Hawks by garnering a walk, stealing a base and then registering a run off a Samantha Teves single. Renee Bilotti was then able to drive in Teves with a single of her own to extend the Hawks lead.

Wentworth was able to score a run in the next inning, however the Hawks caught on fire and scored numerous runs in the innings to follow. Jaclyn Doolin was strong on the mound and was able to cash in on the win for her team. She was able to strikeout an impressive 10 Wentworth batters while only allowing one run throughout seven strong innings of play.

The second game was a bit different for the Hawks as the Leopards got out to an early and commanding leading by scoring quickly. By the end of the first inning the Hawks found themselves trailing 4-0 and knew they had a lot of work ahead of themselves. The Hawks had a successful fifth inning where they scored three consecutive runs to pull themselves within one of the Leopards. However, the Leopards stepped up to the competition with strong pitching and defense towards the end of the game to snap the Hawks winning streak at an impressive 12 games.

Next up for the team was a road trip to take on Anna Marie College in another double header

league matchup. Jaclyn Doolin took the mound and had yet another very impressive performance for her squad. She pitched a complete game shutout and once again showed opposing teams that she remains a force to be reckoned with. Teves registered three hits, four RBI's and an impressive solo home run.

In the end the team was able to win both of their games and hopefully kick off another winning streak to build upon. The wins improve the ladies a strong 18-12 combined record with a 10-6 in the TCCC conference.

The team will next host Nichols College at home on Sunday for yet another very important league game. On Monday they will be on the road once again where they will travel to Massachusetts to take on North Dartmouth College.



RWU ATHLETICS

Baseball peaks at right time

By TIM MCKONE
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Having won five of its last eight conference games, the Roger Williams baseball team appears to be peaking at the right time, with two pivotal weeks of conference baseball ahead.

Despite dropping both games of a double header this past week to conference rival Endicott College, Roger Williams has experienced recent success in the conference, including two game sweeps over Anna Maria College and Eastern Nazarene College, while also tallying a win against Gordon College. Currently the Hawk's find themselves in fourth place in the conference.

Picked in the preseason by the coaches to finish second in The Commonwealth Coast Conference the Hawk's have had an up and down year with an overall record of 13-12-1. The 12 losses already matches the number of losses that the Hawk's had all of last year, a season in which they won 13 of 14 games at one point. "We have been inconsistent this year," said junior pitcher Billy Dunn. "We have shown flashes of the team we can be recently but for a while there we just weren't able to string anything together."

Although the Hawk's haven't had a streak of winning baseball like last year, they are by no means out of contention this year. They have yet to play the top two teams in the conference Curry College (15-1 in conference) and Western New England College (11-5 in conference). Only a game out of third place, if the Hawk's can take care of business against Western New England and Curry as well as lesser conference competition such as Salve Regina and New England College they will put themselves in great position for the conference tournament.

"The great thing about baseball is that since it is such a long season a lot of things can change," said Dunn. "If we have a great next two weeks which we are more than capable of doing we can completely change the conference standings, the key for us is to just take it one game at a time."

The Hawk's are at home all week where they first take on out of conference foe Wheaton College on Thursday at 3:30 p.m., followed by the important double header against Western New England on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Men's lacrosse maintains solid record after tough games against Salve, Trinity

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The Roger Williams University men's lacrosse team was back on the field this week with another two game stretch of play. After an up and down week for the team where they saw a few losses as well as a few wins, the squad was looking to get back on track and win a few consecutive games.

The team traveled across the state to Newport where they would take on Salve Regina College. The Seahawks came into the game riding an eight game winning streak while remaining perfect in league play. The Hawks got out to a strong start and immediately attacked the Seahawks on all levels of play. The defense as well as the offense was playing extremely well and for the most part took control of the game. Going into the fourth quarter, the Hawks were up by three and felt good about how they had been playing throughout the game. Out of nowhere, the Seahawks scored three unanswered goals to tie the score up at eight.

This would force the game to go into a sudden death overtime quarter. With only 32 seconds into the overtime period, Packy Markham scored an overtime goal to bring his team to victory. Markham ended his stellar day with three goals. Joe Healy was also able to send three shots past the goal keeper for a hat-trick of his own.

After the impressive victory against a strong Salve Regina team, the Hawks were again on the road for their second game of the week. The team traveled to Connecticut to go up against Trinity College in an out of league game. The Trinity Bantams got out to an early 1-0 lead by scoring a quick goal in the beginning of the first period. Through-

out the next three quarters of play, the game would be a back and forth battle where both teams would continue trading goals between each other.

In the fourth quarter, Dave Hurley took control of the game and scored two consecutive goals to give his team a 6-5 lead. However, the Bantams fought back and were able to put together a string of goals to eventually take control of the game. Hurley finished the game with a hat trick and Tyler Roebuck had a strong game in the net with

nine blocked shots.

As the week came to an end, the Hawks were sitting in a decent position with an overall record of 7-4 and a 3-2 conference record. The team is happy to have back-to-back home games during their next week of play, where they will host University of New England Curry College.

