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RWU offers H1N1 flu vaccinations in Rec Center

By SEAN HAYES
Herald Staff Writer

Starting on Thursday, Dec. 3, Roger Williams University will begin the first round of H1N1 vaccinations. H1N1, also, called "swine flu", has gripped the globe over the past few months harder than the Farnese Atlas. With the widespread outbreak of the flu blustered around the United States, many colleges and universities are offering free vaccinations for H1N1.

"The CDC has given a 60 percent response rate for the vaccine for the college age general population throughout the United States. We're encouraging students to take full advantage of the vaccination clinic that's being provided," said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

As rumors have speculated, H1N1 has reached RWU in near indolent numbers.

"Based on clinical symptoms RWU has had 175 cases of the

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Mark Fusco

The H1N1 virus has affected about 175 people at RWU.

Student Senate forum answers questions

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

On Nov. 23, Student Senate held an open forum to answer any questions students had about issues on campus. Approximately 15-25 students attended, including members of administration, such as Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon and Director of Housing Tony Montefusco.

Among the topics addressed, the most prominent were about the issues with the Internet, the printing policy,

events on campus and sustainability.

Senate President Brendan Boyle met with Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Joseph Pangborn, the morning before in regards to the Internet. Boyle said the technological description of the issue was complicated, involving an increase in power, but assured the student body that the Internet would be running faster.

"We didn't have technology support until last Wednesday (Nov. 18).

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School changes study abroad options for next semester

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

Colette Blish, a Roger Williams University junior, planned to study abroad in Barcelona next year with the Lexia program. She was ready to

buy her plane tickets to leave on Jan. 7, when she got an e-mail from Kevin Hayden, the Coordinator of Study Abroad Programs telling her that the University had decided not to work with Lexia for next semester.

"I was shocked re-

ally," Blish said.

"I had just filed for my visa and was actually online finalizing flight plans with my parents and a friend who I'm traveling with," Blish said.

Blish was one of 10 students whose plans for next semester have been altered because they had been planning on studying abroad through Lexia's programs, according to Hayden. The programs were going to Cape Town, Buenos Aires, Berlin and Barcelona.

The possibility of

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Endowment stands at \$65.5 million

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

Roger Williams University's endowment is down over 22 percent, according to Vice President for Finance James Noonan.

"We were down 31 percent at one point," Noonan said.

RWU's endowment, as of Friday, Nov. 27, is \$65.5 million. The number has risen 7.83 percent this fiscal year, according to Noonan.

"This year's been pretty good," Noonan said.

At the end of the 2009 fiscal

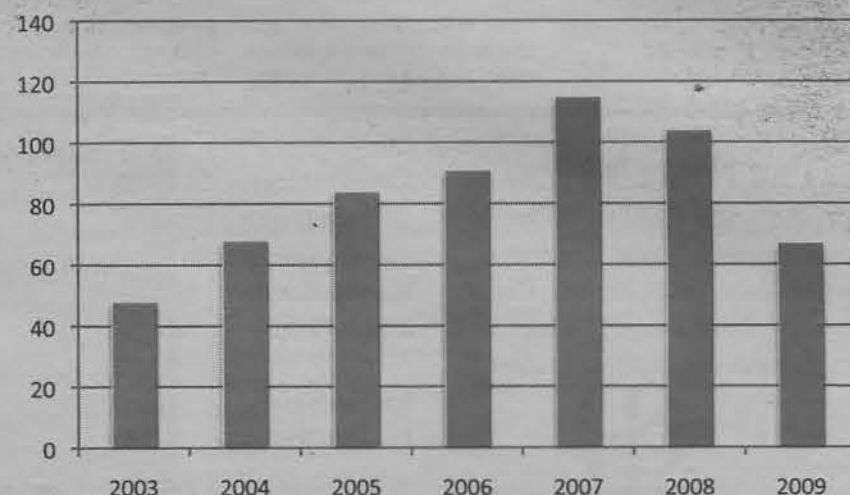
year, the endowment was \$67 million.

The current figure reflects \$3.5 million that was taken out to fund operations for this year and the \$14 million that was taken out for building expenses, Noonan said.

The building funds were kept in a cash account, Noonan said, meaning that they were not invested in the marketplace and were unaffected by market changes.

In 2003, the endowment was \$48 million. It peaked in the fiscal year of 2007 at \$115 million,

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This graph reflects the endowment in millions of dollars. \$14M of the 2009 endowment decline is due to capital projects funding.

LEXIA

Study Abroad Programs

Courtesy of lexiaintl.org

Senate Answers Your Questions

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Starting Thursday things have been running better and the amount has grown," Boyle said.

The printing policy, which has been discussed by the administration throughout the semester, is still having the details worked out. Students will, however, still be charged.

Senior Corey Konnick expressed his concern for paying for printing in regards to his Business class in the spring, which will require him to print hundreds of pages each week. The concern for architecture students was brought up as well in regards to paying to use the plotters.

One solution is to have printing for certain classes waived by requiring the professor to use swipe access cards during class time. This is still only an option to solve the problem. With architecture majors, plotters will not be charged, but for other printing, an e-

mailing method will be put into place.

The school bookstore is looking for a new way to be more environmentally friendly, and the option of electronic books has come into question, however no real proposal has been made.

One of the biggest issues was the concern with enough activities for students on weekends, and how students can access information on these events. In response, students felt that there are not enough options offered each week, and that there is a significant lack of advertising.

Senate will be looking into solutions for advertising events, and welcome any solutions students may have.

Students are encouraged to attend Senate meetings each week at 6:30 in the Senate Chambers if they would like to address any further concerns.

World Watch

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

Obama sets tone on Afghan issue

On Tuesday, President Obama delivered a speech outlining an 18 month initiative in regards to the war in Afghanistan, which would end with the drawdown of troops. According to the New York Times, the Obama administration and the Pentagon are reassuring senators that this drawdown will begin in July 2011, giving American military leaders the "discretion they need."

This withdrawal will take place after sending 30,000 troops to Afghanistan. "I'm pleased that the president has set a goal for when we'll begin reducing troop levels," Senator Russell D. Feingold, Democrat of Wisconsin, said to the New York Times. Feingold did say he was disappointed that Obama "did not give any goal or time frame for when our massive military operation in Afghanistan will actually end."

South Africa issues new AIDS therapy

Johannesburg: South African President Jacob Zuma announced Tuesday in a National Address for World AIDS Day that drug therapy for HIV-positive pregnant women and babies will be made available sooner than expected. This new policy would assure that babies could be born healthy in a country that is one in four where the mortality rate of children has decreased since 1990 according to the New York Times.

Bomb attacks Somali graduation; kills 16

According to CNN.com, a male suicide bomber in women's clothing attacked a graduation ceremony at Hotel Shamo for Banadir University's medical school in Somalia's capital.

The blast killed 16 people, including two doctors and nine students.

According to U.N. Security Council, this is a criminal act and the incident is under investigation.



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ABROAD: Students still studying, not with Lexia

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canceled excursions was a main reason that RWU decided to evaluate their relationship with Lexia.

"When we heard about the possible cancellations of the excursions by our students, we contacted Lexia and were informed that they were in fact restored," Hayden said.

"After hearing about this instance though, this is what caused us some concern for the spring students and had us take a semester to evaluate their programs," Hayden said.

RWU has had a fairly good relationship with Lexia over the past six years, Hayden said, but rapid personnel turnover and past students' concerns about housing added to the decision to reevaluate the relationship.

Senior administrators and the study abroad office staff made the joint decision

to reevaluate RWU's relationship with Lexia, according to Hayden.

"It was a frustrating situation, it wasn't like a crisis, it wasn't like students were in danger ... it was more about institutional relations," Hayden said.

Hayden sent out an e-mail to the affected students and they had a meeting to discuss options.

"I think that the late notice was somewhat inappropriate. I had a friend who already had plane tickets. And at that point we were scheduled to leave in a little more than a month," Blish said.

"They had options for us within two days and tried to answer as many questions as possible," Blish said.

All 10 students are still studying abroad next semester, most of them in the same location, they are just going

through different programs, Hayden said.

Two students decided to study in Florence instead of their original study abroad locations because the academics went with their majors better than the new program's academics would have, according to Hayden.

These students are now studying abroad through Acadia and Council on International Education Exchange programs, Hayden said.

"The biggest difference with the alternate programs is that a lot of them are direct enroll programs," Hayden said.

Students will have more classes to choose from, Hayden said.

"They have more options basically," Hayden said.

"With the original program it was four set classes which seemed interesting but I didn't

have any choices. With the new program I have many more class options and there are some that I'm definitely looking forward to," Blish said.

Blish said she is excited about the new

program, and with the change in departure date, she will be able to spend more time with her family over winter break.

"Most of my friends from other schools went with Acadia (the

new program) and really loved it so I'm excited," Blish said.

Hayden said the relationship evaluation would continue through next semester.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Nirschel published

On Monday, President Roy, J. Nirschel had an opinion piece published in the Pittsburgh Post in regards to a new tax proposal on college students. His response was for Pittsburgh and its colleges to "do what we did" and find ways to keep colleges tax-exempt while still benefiting and maintaining a positive relationship with the surrounding community.

To view this article, refer to www.post-gazette.com.

Dance Theater Performance

Tonight at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, performances of Dance Theater will be done by guest artists A'Keitha Carey, Elizabeth Spatz and Angela Conte, and by RWU dance faculty members Michael Bolger, Gary Shore, Kathy Gordon Smith and Melody Ruffin Ward. Pieces by senior dance majors Adrienne Crombie and Kristie Harrington will also be performed.

Extended Library Hours

In lieu of Finals, the Main Library will be open for extended hours starting Dec. 4th. For hours, check the library website.

Donate to Lucy's Hearth

Dining is collecting warm winter clothing to donate to Lucy's Hearth. You can drop off items in the Lower Commons in the box located in the café area.

H1N1: vaccines offered this month

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seasonal or 'swine' flu. Though, only a dozen cases have been confirmed through testing by the RI Department of Health as H1N1," said Anne Andrade, Director of Health Services.

Since the arrival of the first few cases, the University has been anticipating the arrival of H1N1 vaccination. With a population of roughly 4,500 undergraduate students at RWU, it's an impossibility to vaccinate everyone in the first round of vaccinations.

"Based on the National Strategic Stockpile of state by state population that is Federally run, RWU will be given 2,700 doses for the first round of vaccinations. This comes to 900 doses per week over the courses of 3 weeks," Andrade said.

The vaccines will be administered in two fashions. The most readily available will be the intranasal vaccine. The vaccine is a mist that is administered through the nose using a weak form of the live virus. A smaller dose of the vaccine will be available for students with weak immune systems or asthma through an injection.

"810 intranasal vaccinations are obtainable each week, while only 90 doses of the injection are

obtainable for students who are not fit to receive the intranasal form. Persons medical history and nurse screening will verify which students should receive the injection," Andrade said.

The order of which the vaccine will be administered to students is based solely upon those who are at high risk.

"No negative feedback has arisen from the method of which the vaccinations are being administered."

-- John King

High-risk students are freshmen and sophomores living in close quarters such as Maple and Cedar.

For those still under the age of 18, a consent form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Juniors and seniors and those living in looser living environments or off-campus apartments are next on the list.

"No negative feedback has arisen from the method of which the vaccinations are being administered. The population that's most at risk is the highest priority," King said.

RWU is not a POD (point of distribution) for this round of vaccinations. That means that RWU will be providing the clinic for its students

and not the general population of Bristol. The R.I. Department of Health is putting school-age children at the highest priority. They've provided vaccinations for elementary and high school students and now college age students (18 to 24) up for this round.

When asking students around campus about the vaccination there were mixed reviews. Many claimed they weren't going to receive the vaccination.

Fifth year student, Peter Vishnia claims, "I will not be getting the vaccine because in the past, whenever I've received a flu shot I got the flu shortly thereafter."

"The vaccine contains chemicals that should not enter the human body. Type H1N1 vaccination and Google and read about it," Vishnia said.

All skepticism aside, H1N1 has shown itself at RWU and is circulating around the population.

The easiest way to access answers to any additional questions on H1N1 and the clinics can be acquired at www.rwu.edu under announcements ti-

Bristol residents invent anti-H1N1 hand sanitizer

By KELLIE FOX
Herald Staff Writer

The Swine Flu pandemic is something that many people fear. Many want to know how they can avoid contracting the 2009 H1N1 virus.

Recently, Mike Smith and Samy Ashkar of Bristol, R.I. created a hand sanitizer that protects against H1N1, called staSafe Hand Sanitizer.

The difference between staSafe and other hand sanitizers is that it contains the active ingredient "Argenius". Argenius is a "silver-zinc coplex" that was discovered by Smith and Ashkar.

Unlike other sanitizers, staSafe is non-drying and works with the skin's natural oils to protect it against harmful germs.

Sherry Dionne, an Argenius Worldwide LLC employee, says, "staSafe is the first all natural, non-toxic hand sanitizer that not only kills germs on contact but also protects for hours."

StaSafe is available through local retailers and online at stasafesanitizer.com.

titled, "Informational Update: H1N1 (Swine) Flu".

ENDOWMENT: investment portfolio adjusted

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Noonan said. It hit its lowest point since the fiscal year 2003 on March 2, 2009, when it sunk to \$54 million, according to Noonan.

"We've still almost doubled in the past seven years, so it's not terrible," Noonan said.

Noonan cited the stock market and economy as the main reasons for the drop.

The endowment consists of the schools' investment portfolio and endowed funds.

About seven percent of the endowment is permanently restricted, meaning the same amount of money must always be there. This money is used for endowed scholarships. The university also has temporarily restricted funds, which they can't touch, according to Noonan, and are used to replenish the permanently restricted funds should the amount decrease.

"The more we get of the permanently restricted endowed scholarships, the better off we are, because those provide scholarship money for students," Noonan said.

The university can spend four to five percent of the three-year average of the endowment for operating expenses, according to Noonan.

"So we have about \$4 million in our operating budget from the endowment," Noonan said.

"What's going to happen next year, is it's probably

going to be more like \$3 million ... that means we've either got to raise tuition to get that million dollars or reduce expenses," Noonan said.

"What we've done is we've reduced expenses, and you can do that in the short term, but in the long term that becomes more difficult to do, so then if we had a continuation of that situation, then we'd have to go back and get that money through a tuition increase," Noonan said.

RWU is invested in U.S. equities, international equities, hedge funds, real estate funds, real assets, hot assets and other things, according to Noonan.

"Investing in hedge funds can be a good play as long as the hedge fund manager divulges all of his or her information," said Michael Melton, Director of the Center for Advanced Financial Education and Associate Professor of Finance.

"What we need to understand is in this new market hedge funds, like all investments, aren't going to show the excessively high returns that we saw in the mid-90s up until 2007," Melton said.

The university also has treasury bills, which are paying zero percent interest.

Noonan said. "It's the equivalent of putting it into a mattress," he said.

Individuals can buy gov-

ernment bonds and expect to get some interest in the end, Melton said.

"The government has kept interest rates so low so that institutions can borrow cheaply ... the bad news is endowments don't want to invest in them because they're not getting a big return," Melton said.

"Historically, endowments invest in not only equities, but also bonds (debt) and other various instruments such as real estate or commercial properties, or commercial investments and government securities," Melton said.

"We've been reconstructing the portfolio, adjusting the asset allocation to a more diverse portfolio so we can take the bumps in the road a little bit better," Noonan said.

"Diversity is everything as we move forward," Melton said.

"Today, to diversify a portfolio you need to be invested in a multitude of financial assets

but also you need to diversify globally," Melton said.

"Even when the U.S. market isn't doing well, it doesn't mean that other markets aren't doing well," Melton said. There are other countries that are going to perform well when we're not performing well."

"We were tracking right with the market," Noonan said. We were slightly better than the market."

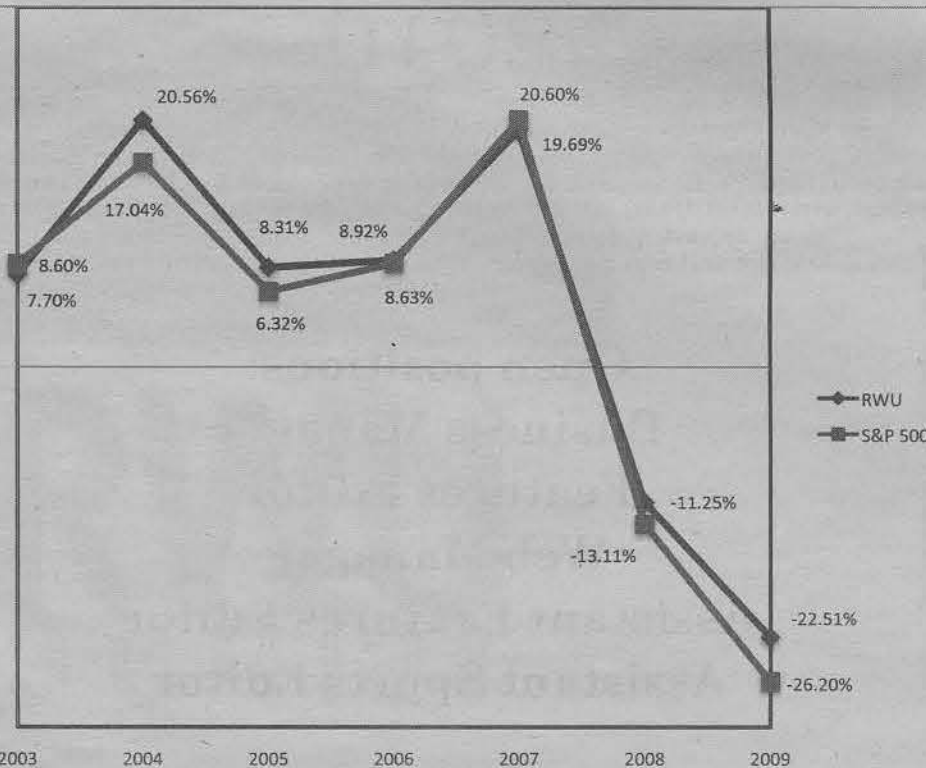
Noonan cited the diversification of the portfolio as the main reason the endow-

ment has not dropped to the same percentage level as the marketplace.

He credits Cambridge Associates, the company that handles RWU's portfolio, with keeping the endowment as stable as possible.

"Cambridge Associates reallocated the portfolio to mitigate risk in the future," Noonan said.

Endowment data beginning in 2003 is available in The Roger Williams University 2008-2009 President's Report.



WQRI DJs of the week

WQRI 88.3 FM

Will Boshes and Tim McKone

Show Name: "The Wednesday Night Throw Down"

Show Time: Wednesday 6-8 p.m.

Description: Two hours of sports talk and sweet jams.

Top Five Favorite Songs:

1. Phish "Punch You in the Eye"
2. Nelly featuring Kanye West "So Sick Remix"
3. Disco Biscuits "Space Bird Mating Call"
4. Cascada "Evacuate the Dance Floor"
5. Lady Gaga "Poker Face"



Hawk's Herald Seeks Editors for Spring 2010

For the Spring 2010 semester, *The Hawk's Herald* is looking for ambitious, dedicated and intelligent editors to fill the open positions on the Editorial Board. This is a great opportunity for all students looking to get more involved in the world of college journalism. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, or have questions about the positions, please e-mail us at hawksherald@gmail.com, or stop by *The Hawk's Herald's* office to pick up an application.

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Mock Trial wins second tournament

By JING AI
Herald Staff Writer

At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, the Roger Williams Mock Trial Team started their first group meeting after winning their second tournament this fall.

Before celebrating their great news last weekend, the team members and advisor Professor Lisa Newcity spent about two hours discussing about their earlier tournament performances, upcoming plans and future competing strategies.

So far, the team has a record of 19 wins, zero losses, and two ties. In this earlier tournament, they had an undefeated record in a field of teams from Brown, Tufts, Brandeis, Seton Hall, Boston College, Fordham University and others. Also, Senior Lauren Carlotto won a "Best Attorney" award and sophomore Nick Tsimortos won both a "Best Attorney" and "Best Witness" award.

Carlotto, the Captain of the team, and Sophomore Nicole Verdi, Co-Captain of the team, both said that they expected the team to do well because they have worked very hard this year, and they started practicing even before the semester began, but neither of them expected the team to win.

Professor Newcity, the teams advisor, also an associate professor in the school of justice studies and the program coordinator for the Legal Studies Program, gives her comment on their winning:

"I am impressed with the fact that each member of this team exemplifies the mission and core values of this university. They approach this process with a sincere desire to learn about the judicial system, to engage in collaboration with faculty and with fellow students, to improve their knowledge and their craft. They have a commitment to public service and to civil discourse. They represent our university with such dignity and grace."

The team members also include sophomore Kate Dumeer, who has won a "Best Attorney" in a previous tournament, sophomore Leigh Wilmot and Kesley Force,

and freshman Robert Cabral and Kara Moreau.

According to Newcity, every year the varsity team members are chosen after a Mock Trial try-out after the involvement fair, and the other interested students would be in another team to accumulate more experience.

Most of the varsity team members are planning to going to law school, and many are majoring in legal studies.

Senior Lauren Carlotto, the Captain

"They approach this process with a sincere desire to learn about the judicial system..."

-- Lisa Newcity

of the team, said that she wanted to practice law since she was in 5th grade.

Newcity said that during her experience at the Admissions open house, she found that many prospective students of legal studies have already participated in Mock Trial in high school.

Verdi is one of the examples. However, she argues that, "the Mock Trial Team is not just a club for future lawyers. Mock Trial helps students perfect their public speaking skills, and teaches students how to think on their feet and respond professionally under pressure. Mock Trial helps students learn skills that will be needed in many careers."

Newcity adds that the Mock Trial also help students practice their critical thinking and gain their confidence. "It's not just about winning, the purpose of Mock Trial is to provide the students a learning experience for the justice system."

The team gathers every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and occasionally on weekends before tournaments to practice.

Members also meet individually to discuss strategies for different roles. Carlotto said that they would spend about 5 hours every week practicing, and sometimes up to 10 hours before tournaments. "It's just like a sport, except it's academic."

Newcity adds that sometimes they would meet with other faculty members of the school of justice and she appreciates their support very much.

While team members sacrifices a lot of free time for practices, they enjoy the experience as well.

Dumeer, the treasurer of the team, said that she has met her best friend through Mock Trial. "Over time, this team has become like a second family. We win, lose and learn together. I know that without a doubt, each member comes to practice and tournaments wearing their game faces and are ready to battle to win. I truly love the people that I am fortunate enough to call my co council and teammates," Dumeer said.

Force said that this is her first year on the team. "The entire team has worked so hard throughout the first half of our season, and every returning member has really made it easy to both understand the material and fit into the team. I am honored to be a part of such a hardworking and talented team and I can't wait for the rest of the season."

Advisor Newcity gave high praise to the team. "I have honestly never coached a team that has such a strong work ethic and such a selfless devotion to the good of the team rather than to their own personal benefit or ego," she said. "I have always been so honored to have the opportunity to work with students in this capacity. I continue to learn as much from them as I hope that they may learn from me."



Submitted Photo

Male pageant raises money for Children's Miracle Network

By ABIGAIL SPRAGUE
Herald Staff Writer

John Walsh, a junior, was crowned Mr. RWU on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the 8th annual Mr. RWU pageant, which raised funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

Paul Pettini raised the most funds, with a total of \$3,278.

Judges, including Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Vice President of Student Affairs John J. King, Donnie Fitting, and Mr. RWU's 2008 winners, Tom Maybury and Phil DiCanzio voted Paul Doolan and Griffin Labbance Mr. Congeniality.

The 10 male contestants kicked off the night with a Michael Jackson tribute dance routine to a number of his all time favorite hits, which immediately excited the audience. Next, the emcees for the night, Jerrel Burgo and Mike Murphy, introduced the contestants in their sportswear. Each contestant brought a "little escort" on stage with them, who were given gifts in front of the audience. The smiles on each of the children's faces made the night even more unforgettable.

The next portion included a slideshow featuring baby pictures of each of the boys, followed up by the talent acts. Though some contestants, such as Pettini on the drums and Brian LeDuc singing and playing guitar, exhibited their musical abilities to the audience, others cracked up the audience with their hilarious acts. Ian Powers, for example, opened up the talent acts with his rendition of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive", complete with falsetto and roller skates. Tim Miodonka gracefully transformed a complete light saber fight into a 90s dance party with songs by The Backstreet Boys, N*SYNC and the Spice Girls. Jerome Pikor, a freshman, successfully awed the crowd with his perfect pitch in the extremely high octave song, "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness. Overall, the talent portion completely entertained the audience, who cheered loudly for their favorite contestants.

Immediately following Intermission, the contestants and their beautiful personal assistants (PA), Blair Carroll, Amy Catanese,

Mary Kate Burns, Samantha Eckel, Kelleigh Welch, Catherine Stines, Madi Crocker, Ali Murphy, Sarah Beron and Emma DeGregorio graced the stage in their formal wear. The boys showed off their PA's by giving them each a single rose and thanking the ladies for all of their hard work and patience in helping the contestants raise their funds, learn the routines and pick out what to wear.

Next, the boys and their PA's all gathered on stage for the interview session. Questions ranged from funny to serious, but all were answered in great taste and gathered a few chuckles from the crowd. After hearing from Hasbro Children's Hospital's own Pamela Mayer, who explained the significance of this fundraiser and thanked RWU for helping a great cause, it was time to announce the winners.

John Walsh was crowned 2009's Mr. RWU, raising \$2,711 for this amazing event. Overall, the fundraiser raised a grand total of \$21,100. President Nirschel then matched a 5% donation, which only added more to the cause.

Contestant:	Funds Raised(\$):
Paul Pettini	3,278.86
John Walsh	2,711.95
Ian Powers	2,484.70
Paul Doolan	2,269.94
Griffin Labbance	1,922.32
Tim Miodonka	1,622.17
Brian LeDuc	1,262.50
Jerome Pikor	1,131.69
Jacob Fisher	1,112.91
Chris Green	787.26



Mark Fusco



MR. RWU

Spectacular

Lending a helping hand, one spotlight at a time

Professor lives without technology

By LAURA KELLY
Herald Staff Writer

At 4:50 a.m., as he fills his cup of water, he does not switch on the TV. He does not log onto the computer and he does not turn on a cell phone. Instead, he sits down to an elaborate breakfast containing oats and milk, homegrown apples, a banana and a grapefruit, because he can't stand boxed cereal. Once he walks out of his 19th century home, he drives his diesel-powered car to campus where he takes a half-hour long walk along the beach. He then continues his day, and every other day, free from the complications of modern technologies.

For 27 years, Professor Dr. Richard Heavers has been teaching Physics at Roger Williams University computer-less. He has never owned a computer and only rarely uses one when it's required for his profession, simply because he never learned how to type.

"The kids I went to high school with didn't know how to type and many of the kids I went to college with didn't know how to type. When I did my dissertation, I used the punch cards to control the computer, but I really got tired of that stuff," Heavers said.

Neglecting this device that may seem so integral in the teaching profession has

actually posed little challenge for Heavers. He enthusiastically handwrites all of his tests in pencil and happily uses a projector instead of the PowerPoint program, which he describes as too plastic and perfect anyway.

In fact, in a nation where more than 70 million households have at least one computer, 69 million have Internet access. Professor Heavers is a bit of an anomaly having elected to do without these electronic tools.

Instead, his wife owns a computer and conveys his important e-mail messages and Math and Natural Sciences secretary Patricia Kennedy occasionally helps him type his professional development papers.

"I just set up his passwords. I'll also help him with his papers, just formatting them. All technology is a negative thing when it comes to him, but it's not such a bad idea," said Kennedy.

Heavers enjoys the "heavy thinking" that results from the absence of a computer and television and he tries to share this concept with his students and friends.

"I think many of us have a reaction to technological change as 'enough is enough.' I think Dr. Heavers has a little bit of

that in him. He's a low-technology, low-impact man," said long-time colleague and friend, Professor Jim Tackach, who teaches English Literature.

Watching TV, surfing web pages, and constantly answering unimportant cell phone calls would not only disrupt Heaver's critical thinking skills, but it would also take time away from him renovating his house, mending his garden, traveling for professional development, and taking care of his cats, dogs, geese, and 25 sheep on his 300-year-old farm.

Thirty years ago, Heavers and his wife settled into one of the oldest colonial homesteads in Charlestown, RI. After roughly 30 jobs, Heavers found an opening at RWU and applied for the Physics professor position with his bachelors degree in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Soon after, he received his Electro-physics masters degree from Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn and then eventually his physical oceanography Ph.D. degree at URI.

As the years went on, Heavers and his wife had three children and rebuilt his main house and added two barns with all of their own lumber using carpentry skills Heavers learned as a child.

"We took most of the house down and rebuilt it with native materials and a lot of hand tools. The one we're in still isn't completed and we've been working on it for 30 years," he said.

His small farm in the middle of the woods includes a magnificent stonewall created mostly by his three children over a five-year time period and gardens that grow lettuce, spinach, corn, squash, apples, and pears. The farm is also sus-

tainable with only solar hot water.

At 2:15 p.m., Heavers reaches for a shiny object strewn across his desk and places the gleaming tubular tin-whistle to his gray-bearded face.

He plays various high-pitch notes to form a self-taught song. Once he finishes his cheerful melody, he discusses his future plans independent of technology.

"Explore, enjoy, and learn," he says. "I think it's an inspiration to my students."



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What Really Grinds My Gears

Creepers. They come in all shapes, sizes... and intelligence levels.

Now, you've got your standard bar creepers; the older townie-looking guy with a gapped-tooth grin who winks at you over a frothy pitcher of 'gansett. You've also got the typical everybody-knows your-a-creeper creeper, who prides himself on chatting it up with as many fine ladies as possible, much to their dismay. (He typically peruses the library computers or will nonchalantly "bump into you" while getting a coffee in the lower commons.)

These types of creepers usually flood you with flowery compliments and sly smiles. They do their best to appear as suave as possible, but deep down I'm pretty sure they're aware that they are creepers.

But what do you do when you have a stage-five creeper crisis, and the culprit seems so completely unaware that

they're actually partaking in creeping?

I've seen this happen more and more frequently as my years here at RWU have progressed, this sudden increase in creepers who are so clueless they don't even seem to know that they make the recipient so unbearably uncomfortable.

These poor souls are the ones who sit and wait for a way to reconnect with you and set a little spark. Maybe they see you stressing over a paper in a second floor cubicle, so he walks by (after watching your for 20 minutes or so) and puts his giant clammy hand on your back, mumbles some reproachful comment and goes along his way. 'Well, that was awkward,' you think, but you're sure the worst is over, until he shows up with two large coffees an hour later and pulls up a seat.

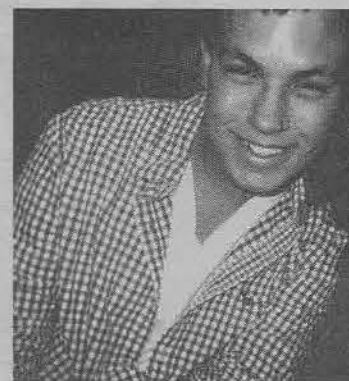
Or maybe his actions are a little less physical and are trapped within the confines of

the world-wide-web. I'm talking the Facebook creepers.

He thinks he can hide his creeper-like ways as he sits behind his computer screen, but that is a false hope. The minute you update your status or load an album of pictures that little red box pops up notifying you that your creeper is aware. He leaves you some playful little comment he hopes will make you crack a smile but instead you want to crack open a bottle of Chianti.

All in all, creepers are everywhere, and there really is little one can do to escape them. You can try to ignore it, but usually they don't seem to pick up on the hint. I guess all I can really say, is to all the creepers out there, think twice before you type, and try and find some new stomping ground; the library's getting kinda old... and we can feel you watching.

I'mma let you finish...



by OWEN KAUPPILA
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It's hard to deny my incessant love for Lady Gaga. It's equally as hard to deny my love for Beyoncé.

Both are powerful, multitalented singing artists who bring with them a unique view into the world of entertainment. Just YouTube their recent performances and one can see how engaging and truly interesting they are. They are true entertainers.

Whether it be singing personally to a young girl with Leukemia during a world tour or hanging above a crowded theater with blood streaming down her stomach, both Beyoncé and Gaga have proven themselves to be different from others in their profession.

They take originality to new heights and break the mold of what being a performing artist entails by separating themselves from the norm.

Well, for fans like me, dreams transformed into reality when these wonder-women joined forces and unveiled two beautifully crafted singles to bless our Gagoncé-lovin' ears. Beyoncé's 'Video Phone' featuring Lady Gaga and Lady Gaga's 'Telephone' featuring Beyoncé are undeniably trance-inducing melodies.

'Video Phone' is pretty risk-ay when analyzing the lyrics, and the music video is a little out-there as well, but Beyoncé did an excellent job at combining Gaga and her styles into one song.

Gaga brought her quirky attitude to the video and adopted some of Beyoncé's classic sass, whereas 'Sasha Fierce' changed from voluptuous vixen to futuristic flirt in order to complement the Gaganian image. It's a great collaboration, in summary.

'Telephone' is a

great song based on its musicality in general, but with the hip-hop styling of Beyoncé added in, this jam could be fairly popular among Gaga fans in the future. No video accompanied this song; however, it might be advantageous of Gaga to throw one together.

In an interview with New York's Z100 radio station, Gaga commented on the process behind shooting the 'Video Phone' music video with Beyoncé.

"When I was doing her video with her, she called me and she said, 'What do you want to do?'" Gaga explained. "And I'm like, 'I don't want to show up in some frickin' hair bow and be fashion Gaga in your video.' I said, 'I want to do you.'"

An unlikely pair as far as musical style and genre is concerned, but with their combined talent and impact on the music scene, this duet is sure to please if they decide to extend their partnership to tour status.

Clearly the creative juices are flowing between the two show-stoppers. I'm just hoping that that creative river continues to take over the music industry and lead to more interesting collaborations between artists.

Let's bring together country and electronica or rap and indie. Heck, let's even throw together some pop and jazz. Let's get creative, people.

Music is a blank canvas when it comes to being original and creative. Take some risks, invent some new beats or melodies, and have fun with what has become a repetitive collection of sampled songs.

I'mma let you finish, but I'm really sick of hearing Lil' Wayne scratchily assembling similes in everyone's new singles.

WTFS OF THE WEEK

The Weather on Dec. 3



What's wrong with this conversation: "Dang son, it's hot out." "I think I know why." "Allie, tell me why it's hot out." "It's the winter time." Yeah, that doesn't sound too 'correct' if you ask me. It's December 4th and the temperature spiked to a toasty 66 degrees in Bristol, R.I. yesterday. It is beautiful weather, of course, but not at all fitting for the time of year. Where are the cold winds, the brisk ice-rain showers and the slippery pathways? Roger Williams University feels incomplete without the sudden shift from summery-fall weather to intensely horrible winter weather. Something to complain about or something to be happy with? Your choice...but WTF Mother Nature?

Owen Kauppila, Web Manager

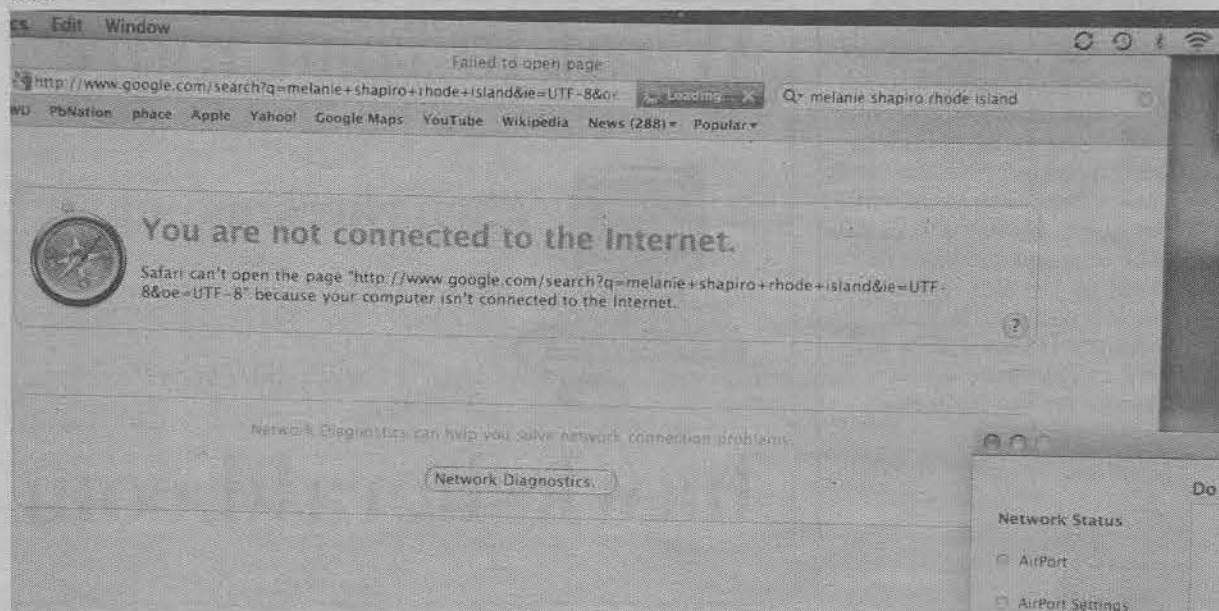
Residence Hall Wireless Internet

I suppose this WTF is a long time coming, but I often find myself yelling and cursing at our school's wonderful internet. More specifically the residential network RWU has set up in our dorms. My personal cuss word vocabulary has ever increased since the "RWURESNET" entered my life and though it may sound like a benefit, I must contest it isn't. The connection itself is rarely quick and that's assuming you have not stopped to reconnect every time you change web-pages. What kind of world do we attend school in that the idea of having to use our home internet for research or to view and submit work has become more daunting than the actual research? In this high-tech day and age it is essential that we as students are able to connect to the rest of the university from our living areas and the resnet is failing miserably. The late Edgar Allen Poe said it best while describing his internet folies:

"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I websurfed, weak and weary, Over many a strange and spurious website of hot chicks galore, While I clicked my fav'rite bookmark, suddenly there came a warning, And my heart was filled with mourning, mourning for my dear amour. 'Tis not possible, I muttered, give me back my cheap hardcore! — Quoth the server, '404'."

Once again I ask WTF RWU?

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WQRI broadcasts first basketball game live

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WQRI 88.3 FM, Roger Williams University's student-run radio station, is now broadcasting live coverage of select men's and women's basketball games.

Two WQRI commentators provide play-by-play and color commentary during "key matchups" in the RWU men's and women's basketball teams' schedules, according to Tucker Silva, WQRI Program Director and play-by-play commentator.

"I've been pushing for this since last spring and we finally got it off the ground," Silva said. "And so far it's a big success."

From their perch sitting behind a WQRI banner hung on the balcony overlooking the Hawk's home court, Silva and a partner commentator broadcast over the airwaves thanks to a new remote broadcasting unit, which was purchased last semester. The unit allows WQRI to broadcast over the airwaves from any location with an electrical outlet and a phone jack nearby. This new hardware allows WQRI

deejays to get outside the sound booth and provide live coverage events in the campus community.

The basketball broadcasts represent the first utilization of the station's new mobile capability.

"It sounds amazing," Silva said. "And then I have people in the booth to add to the flow of it, to add sweepers when there's a timeout and to actually bring you music instead of promotional like professional stations do. It's a really nice flow."

Though he has sports broadcasting experience, manning the cameras at Red Sox games for NESN, doing the play-by-play for the Hawks' games is Silva's first on-air broadcasting experience.

"At first you're nervous as hell, but right now I'm really comfortable doing it," Silva said, "mainly because I know the Roger Williams roster; I know the players."

Silva takes his pre-broadcast preparation duties seriously, partly because Silva learned from the pros.

"With my internship with NESN, I saw Don [Orsillo] and Jerry [Remy] for a seven o'clock game, they were preparing at two o'clock in the afternoon every

single game just going over stats. I mean, if you don't go in prepared, you're going to fail with the broadcast," Silva said.

"I try to get there an hour before the game. I'll just sit there and I'll go over the stats," Silva said. "We print out stats prior to the games and we highlight key stats, whether that's on the Roger Williams team or for the visiting team. Every game we have to learn names just because of the visiting team. You just got to train your eyes to match the number with the name and stuff."

"It's basically like preparing a script for your mind ahead of time," Silva said.

Though for the rest of the basketball season Silva's broadcasting partner may change, for the first two broadcasts, freshman international business major AJ Fitzgerald has performed color commentary duties.

Fitzgerald, who has no other prior radio experience to his time as a WQRI deejay, said he enjoys being a color man.

"It's fun. I get to go to all the games and I'm usually

the highest one up in the crowd so I get to see everything on the court," Fitzgerald said. "I'm an avid Celtics fan and love college basketball. I mean, it's a perfect job for me."

Broadcasts of the games will continue through the end of the semester and into the winter break. Many of Silva's co-broadcasters live locally, enabling WQRI's continued coverage of Hawks' basketball, even after classes are over, Silva said.

Coming in January, WQRI will be re-implementing their live Internet stream of their broadcasts, according to Silva. Friends, family, and Hawks' fans will be able to listen to WQRI's coverage of the games, as well as all other WQRI programming from any internet-connected computer, Silva said.

Silva said he hopes the broadcasts will have positive effects on not only listeners but the communications curriculum, as well.

"The communications program has taken some big steps

this past year obviously with the building and what not, but there's zero broadcasting curriculum on campus, and I feel like there is interest out there. I feel like nobody else has taken the steps so I'm going to give it a try."

"The other part of that is supporting this station and publicizing it and utilizing it more because it is a major media outlet," Silva said.

"Hopefully steering WQRI and the Roger Williams communication department in the right direction with the addition of broadcasting."



by DAN MALKIN
Sports Editor

Malkin's Mind Oregon-Oregon St battle in the Civil War for a ticket to the Rose Bowl

When Oregon State goes into Autzen Stadium to do battle with the Oregon Ducks on Thursday night, it will be an epic showdown for the ages. It might not award either team a berth in the National Title game, but it will punch a ticket to the second biggest bowl there is—the Rose Bowl.

Besides this weekend's SEC Championship game between Alabama and Florida, there is no bigger game than the "Civil War." In fact Oregon-Oregon State might be the second best college football game all season long.

Oregon is 9-2 with only one of those losses coming in the very talented Pac-10 to Stanford and the other was to the undefeated Boise State Broncos.

Oregon State has three losses, two of them have come against Pac-10 opponents; USC and Arizona. Their other loss was early on in the season to the undefeated Cincinnati Bearcats.

Both teams have gone

through very difficult schedules, only losing to other top conference teams and undefeated outside of the Pac-10.

Both teams feature exciting and fast running backs who can change the game at anytime. Last years Pac-10 player of the year, Jaquizz Rodgers leads the way for the Beavers while LaMichael James has been on fire lately for the Ducks.

The teams are pretty equal at running back, however the edge goes to the Ducks at the quarterback position. Jeremiah Masoli is an absolute gamer and has been able to take over games all season long. Beavers quarterback Sean Canfield has also had an impressive season.

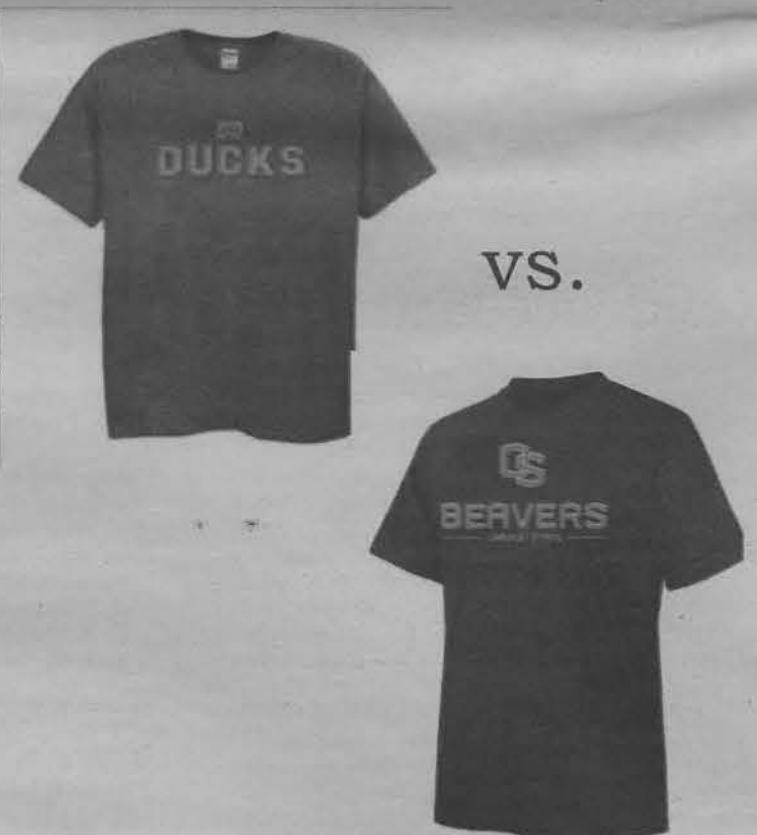
Canfield rarely makes mistakes and has been playing his best football as of late. He and James Rodgers have great chemistry, so expect a big game out of the other Rodgers brother as well.

Masoli on the other

hand can make things happen through the air as well rushing the ball. He had a spectacular game in his last performance at Arizona, accounting for three touchdowns through the air and on the ground.

This is definitely a game that could go either way. Oregon has the home-field advantage, but the Beavers are playing better. Oregon has struggled as of late against some tough teams, while the Beavers have been playing weaker competition.

The Ducks will come out firing on all cylinders and quickly prove that they are a dominate team while at home. Masoli will control the ball and continue to beat up the Beavers defense as the game rolls on. In the end the Ducks will be playing in Pasadena on New Year's for the Rose Bowl.



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