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Graffiti controversy

Part of the graffiti near Stonewall was removed before Public Safety arrived, the culprit is still unidentified.

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

Black tape spelling out "ethnically diverse my ass" was discovered on a wall near Stonewall Terrace IV on Nov. 3.

When Public Safety officers arrived at the scene, the end of the mes-

sage had been removed, leaving only "ethnically diverse" on the wall.

Photographs, however, show the full message spelled out on the wall.

Director of Public Safety, John Blessing, wrote in an e-mail interview on Nov. 4 that the

graffiti said "ethnically diverse."

"It was later learned that the graffiti included the two additional words ... which were removed by unknown person(s) prior to the arrival of Public Safety," Blessing said.

see GRAFFITI p. 3

To view comments on this photograph after it was posted on Facebook, see page 7.

R.I. bans texting while driving

By LAURA KELLY
Herald Staff Writer

On Nov. 9, R.I. Governor Donald Carcieri signed a bill making it illegal to send, read or write text messages while driving in R.I.

The new law takes effect immediately and includes various fines. On first offense, drivers will receive a fine of \$85, on second offense, a \$100 fine and on third offense, a \$125 fine.

R.I. has previously prohibited R.I. drivers younger than 18 and school-bus drivers when driving children, except in an emergency, from using a cell phone while driving.

R.I. is now the 19th state, plus the District of Columbia, to prohibit texting while driving.



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Nirschel to address university's future

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

On Thursday, Nov. 12, President Nirschel will speak at a student forum about "RWU the next five years" in CAS 157 at 7 p.m.

Nirschel will discuss the state of the university, including opportunities and challenges facing Roger Williams University, progress made by academic affairs and faculty in developing learning outcomes, the status of general educa-

tion curriculum review and potential for enhancing the educational experience for students.

Student Senate President Brendan Boyle will provide an overview of issues being reviewed by Senate this year.

Provost and Sr. Vice President Laura D'Abruna, Sr. Vice President for Administration and Finance Jerry Williams, Sr. Vice

President for Enrollment Management and Advancement Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President of Student Affairs John King and Boyle will be available for questions.

Student Senate, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are sponsoring the forum.



Courtesy of rwu.edu

New subcommittee to establish student leader guidelines

By LAURA KELLY
Herald Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the new subcommittee dedicated to setting guidelines for RWU student leaders held its first meeting to share its expectations and policies.

In August 2009, the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Taskforce submitted a charge and recommendation involving the creation and enforcement of a student leader behavioral guidelines committee at RWU.

"Expectations from students were a part of a lot of the different discussions, but we also have students who are in leadership positions on campus and so that is the conversation we are going to have now," said Gretchen Streiff,

chair of the subcommittee and Assistant Director of Student Programs. "I think it's important because student leaders on campus set what the culture is and help influence it greatly."

Included in this conversation is the AOD

Taskforce recommendation of a differentiation between the behavioral guidelines set for elected, compensated and volunteer student leaders.

The subcommittee's first meeting was an informational one and has not yet made any conclusions, Streiff said.

"Our group still has a lot to talk about, as we were all coming up with many different viewpoints and behavioral scenarios," Streiff said.

"We're going to look over what the expectations already in place are for leadership positions. We're also looking at the expectations we can reasonably hold students leaders to."

--Gretchen Streiff

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The subcommittee currently consists of seven members, including a freshman and senior

Student Senate member, both of whom were asked to be on the committee. There are no current openings for students to join.

"The ultimate goal is to have a consistent policy across the board," Streiff said. "I want the students to feel like their voices have been heard."

Facilities deals with over 10,000 maintenance requests per year

by ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

The number of maintenance requests went up slightly after Halloween weekend, according to Facilities personnel.

On Tuesday they received 49 requests, but they have received up to 60 in one day, said Jim Finn, Associate Director of Maintenance Services.

As of Tuesday, 10,361 requests had been completed this year.

About 200 requests remain open at any given time.

"We like to get all of them done in five days at the most," said John Tameo, Director of Facilities.

About 40 percent of the requests are from students, Tameo said.

Health and safety concerns are dealt with first, Tameo said.

Students can make maintenance requests online.

Sometimes facilities will receive phone calls from parents before students have actually made requests, Finn said.

"We have to know before we can go out," Finn said.

Recently \$200,000 was spent updating the HVAC in Stonewall Terrace because of a mold problem, Finn said.

"Mold needs a specific environment to grow," Finn said. If the source of water is cut off, the mold will go away.

Response time to maintenance requests depends on what the request is, Montefusco said.

"It depends on the actual concern," Montefusco said.

A clogged toilet requires a faster response time than some other issues, according to Montefusco.

If Facilities responds to a maintenance request when students are not present, students may be unaware that an issue has been taken care of.

"Sometimes they may not know that they came," Montefusco said.

Sometimes Facilities may not be able to fix the problem right away, especially if they have to order a part, Montefusco said.

The budget for this year was \$2.5 million, Montefusco said, to fix and update things in the residence halls. This money paid for carpeting, renovations and HVAC, among other things.

This summer's projects included replacing the mortise lock bodies in Bayside so that students cannot leave their doors unlocked, Montefusco said.

"We made it so that when you shut the door, it's always locked," Montefusco said.

Bayside is different than the other residence halls because students walk directly into their apartments without walking through hallways or anything else, Montefusco said.

The Department of Residence Life and Housing (DRLH) is also working on updating the kitchens in Bayside, according to Montefusco.

"The refrigerator and freezer are ridiculous," Montefusco said.

see MAINTENANCE p. 7

This is part two of an examination of the housing and maintenance departments. If you have had good or bad experiences with either department, please contact The Hawk's Herald at hawksherald@gmail.com

Display board to promote campus events

By BEN WHITMORE
Asst. News Editor

Though at first it only displayed the time, date and a school spirit slogan, the new digital display board located on the south wall of the Recreation Center will soon advertise upcoming campus events.

The \$15,000 display board, installed Monday, is capable of displaying text, full-color JPG images and moving graphics. Administrators say the content it displays will be intended to promote large events, such as home athletic games, civil discourse series lectures, CEN events and other academic programs to students, faculty and staff.

The university installed the display board in lieu of students and faculty members commenting that they did not "know what was going on [on campus] with the constant flood of e-mails" sent from the university, said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs. For those in the campus community that "may have heard about an event," the new display board will put the upcoming programs "in the here and now," King said.

Campus clubs will not be able to advertise meetings times or small events, said Mike Gal-

lagher, Assistant Director of Athletics. Instead, advertising will be limited to only those events involving the entire campus community, Gallagher said.

In its first few days in operation, the board displayed text and graphics throughout the night. As of Thursday, the board was programmed to shut off between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. in order to conserve electricity, said King. The board runs on hardwired electricity.

The display board's location was chosen to optimize the number of viewers. People walking in the quad towards the Commons and people driving towards the center of campus will have clear sightlines to the board, said King.

"We felt that it was one of the most visible places to put it," Gallagher said.

If the display board receives enough positive feedback, administrators say they may consider purchasing another one. King said the university would consider installing a sign on the exterior of the Global Heritage Hall in order to serve south campus.




Mark Fusco

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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NEWS BRIEFS

Baypoint Warning

According to an e-mail sent to Baypoint Residence Hall residents, "the Department of Public Safety is investigating a report that an unknown male entered Baypoint Residence Hall and had suspicious contact with a student. The suspicious activity included seeking assistance in making phone calls along with requesting the student to follow him to another location to help find a missing item."

Public Safety and the Division of Student Affairs wrote that "any contact with suspicious persons at the University should be immediately reported to Public Safety," at campus extension 4357 (HELP) or 3611, or from outside lines at 401-254-3611.

Lower Commons extends hours

The Lower Commons will remain open overnight Sunday through Thursday nights to provide a late night and early morning study space venue, according to an e-mail sent to all students from Vice President of Student Affairs, John King. The area has wireless access and the bathrooms will be accessible throughout the night. King encouraged students to travel to the area in groups of two or more.

Turkey Basket Drive offers prizes

Those who would like to contribute to the Annual Turkey Basket Drive and Contest should RSVP to the Student Volunteer Association by Nov. 16. Baskets are due Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. in the Lower Commons. They should include non-perishable food items, a supermarket gift card for a turkey and decorations. The baskets go to families found through the Bristol/Warren Regional Schools who have financial need. Winners chosen for Creativity, Best in Show and a randomly drawn winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Pizza Wave to fund an end of the semester celebration.

Movember

RWU students are trying to raise money for men's health issues, specifically prostate and testicular cancer. Christian Archer, Austin Wirth and Kevin Higgins brought "Movember," an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache that highlights men's health issues to RWU this fall. For more information, go to www.movember.com.

Turkey Trot

The second annual 5k Turkey Trot will take place on Sunday Nov. 22. Cost \$15 for RWU students, staff or faculty and \$20 for non-RWU community members. The race begins at the Recreation Center and takes place on campus. Interested parties can register online. More information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.rwu.edu/athletics/recreation/race.htm>

GRAFFITI: Stonewall graffiti questions diversity on campus

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Despite the graffiti's message, the university is not considering it as a bias incident because "there is no information that it was directed at anyone, nor does it indicate bias of a group or persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, gender or sexual orientation," said Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students and co-chair of the Bias Incident Response Team.

Even after the administration saw the full message, the graffiti was not considered "biased."

"It's not a bias incident either way, it's just a really angry complaint that was made public," McMahon said.

"Whether it's a bias incident or not, it has an impact on the community," McMahon said.

"If further information comes to our attention we will certainly take



Kelleigh Welch

The graffiti, pictured here at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3, shows an "unbias" message according to Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, a statement now in question, as this original photo was missing the second part of the phrase, "my ass." Who removed this part of the sentence is unknown.

that into consideration," McMahon said.

"The picture of the incident is pretty clear, the question is who did it," McMahon said.

Public Safety, which was responsible for removing the tape from the

wall, is investigating the incident, Blessing said.

Blessing said the act was not captured on security cameras.

"Who wrote the message is unknown," McMahon said.

"Any graffiti incident

on campus is treated as serious," Blessing said.

Those with additional information are urged to call Public Safety at Ex. 3611.

Students seek stress relief

By GRIFFIN LABBANCE
Herald Staff Writer

As Roger Williams University students walk through the library on a weekday night looking to find an empty desk to work at, all they notice are students with jumbo coffees, piles of papers, eyes that haven't slept in days, and of course, no open desks.

With the semester dwindling down to the end, students are finding themselves more stressed than they have ever been. Students are pulling all night long study sessions in hopes that they will pass a test the next day that will determine their final grade, studying late because their varsity team had an away game, or stressed over the general course load their teachers are assigning. According to the Director of the Counseling Center, Jim Azar, students are coming to the counseling center in much higher volumes than previous semesters at this same time. "Here at Roger Williams, students find that their semesters are backloaded, which makes for an non balanced semester."

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-- Jim Azar

With this type of scheduling, many students find that they have at least two papers a week due, along with other nightly homework. Azar commented that the counseling center sees

an increase in their appointments after a certain point in the semester.

"We find that from Columbus Day on, students start coming to us with more stress related issues," Azar said.

For Senior varsity athlete Justin Plourde, this is exactly the case. As a member of the men's varsity soccer team, Plourde found that participating in a sport helped relieve his stress. "Playing soccer helped to give

me a break; it helped to balance my academics," Plourde commented. With the soccer season over, Plourde

finds himself piled with work his current classes. "With my more difficult classes, I allot time for the more difficult subjects which helps me to plan out my semester better," Plourde said.

Varsity athletics aren't the only thing taking up time for students; many seniors and juniors are finding themselves busier than previous semesters as current internships are taking up large amounts

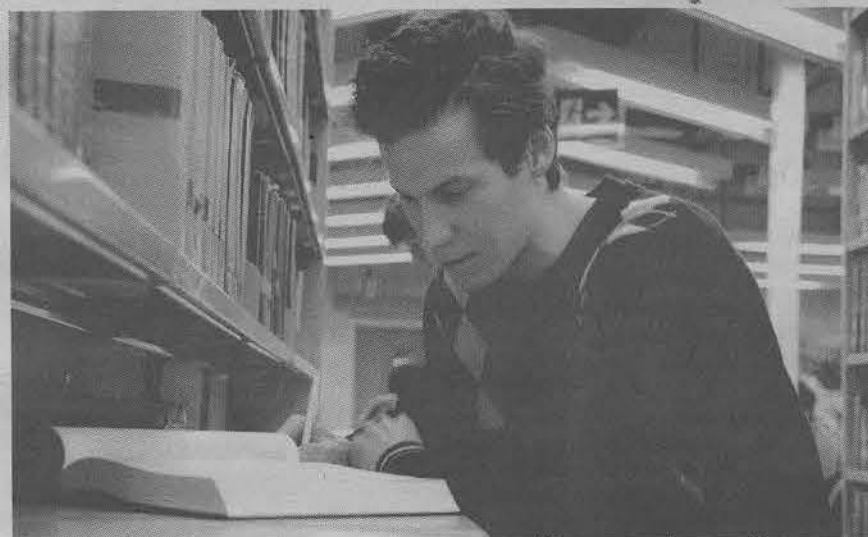
of time. Senior Ashley Portal has to fulfill her required internship hours this week along with a 10-12 page paper due before Thanksgiving break. Portal said that "[I] look ahead to the heavier parts of the semester and plan out my time accordingly." Along with planning out and organizing workloads and managing time, the counseling center, along with Azar, stress that sleep is the number-one stress reliever.

"Sleep does such a great thing to the immune system, and with the different illnesses traveling around, students need to rest," Azar commented. He added that without sleep, students couldn't concentrate or work to their highest potential. Azar noted that students need about seven or more hours of sleep each night to obtain full rest. He also encouraged that students find time in their day to take a nap or rest, as this will enhance work ability rather than staying up late to get work done. Sophomore Megan Kopf

commented that with her five classes and extra curricular activities, she tries to get at least six hours of sleep and tries and find free time during the day to nap.

Along with students and Azar, stress is coming from many different contributors. Azar commented that he believes students are experiencing stress from classes, roommate issues, final grades, money and other family issues.

The counseling center encourages students to find stress relievers, which work for them or speak to a counselor to figure out how to get through the remainder of the semester. All of these tips are posted on the Roger Williams website under the counseling center page. With only a few weeks left in the semester, students are encouraged to take a deep breath, figure out the work that needs to be accomplished, map out a reasonable schedule and most of all, understand that the stress won't last forever.



Courtesy of www.lboro.ac.uk

From the Editor:

By **KELLEIGH WELCH**
Editor

This is not a rant. This is not a scolding, not an angry editor letting out her frustrations in a public forum.

What this is is a recommendation. I'm writing to remind you, the students, of the resources you have to express your opinion. I'm writing to encourage you to speak out, to let your opinion be known, to act.

In the past four years of being part of *The Hawk's Herald* staff, I've been approached at least once a week (or once per issue) by a student about some sort of qualm that he or she has with an article in the paper.

Now, I'm not saying that this feedback is annoying, in fact, I enjoy hearing what the student body thinks about our newspaper, but I can guarantee that if someone approaches me in between classes, at the commons during lunch, or at any other random location that is irrelevant to the newspaper, his or her comments will not go farther than the present discussion.

For example, everyone has an opinion about student leaders on campus. This has been the topic of controversy at least once a semester, and the number of angry students who have approached me to tell me their opinion has reached a countless number.

And with every conversation, I give the same response: Write a letter to the editor.

According to the First Amendment of the United States, we have the freedom of the opinion, of speech, of the press, and of assembly, and *The Hawk's Herald* is a perfect example of this freedom.

As editor, all stories and opinion articles published in *The Hawk's Herald* must be approved by me before being placed into the layout. With every story, I've been able to justify its relevance and importance to our readership, and am fully prepared to defend any of my decisions.

But what good does standing and arguing over how you feel about that particular article benefit you? How does it benefit the student body? If you feel so strongly about the subject, you should not be ashamed to let everyone know.

I'm discouraged by the number of people who will verbally express their opinion to me or to one of the other editors on staff, but will end it at that. It is your opinion, and if it is important to you, you should talk about it.

I'm tired of people on this campus not taking action. I'm tired of students complaining and not doing anything about it. If you want things to change, start with the paper. Write your opinion, get it published. That way, you can let people know how you feel.

So write me a letter. Tell me what your opinion is, continue the conversation. If you don't, then maybe it wasn't that important.

Opinion

RWU Faculty Association supports maintenance union

October 24, 2009

To *The Hawk's Herald*: Faculty members read with great interest the page-one article on the negotiations between RWU and its maintenance workers' union in *Hawk's Herald* (Oct. 16, 2009). Speaking for the RWU Faculty Association, I wish to announce publicly our union's support for the maintenance workers in their negotiations.

According to the article, the key issue seems to be the university's insistence on a provision that would allow maintenance workers to be laid off if RWU's enrollment drops below a certain number. So, if the admissions staff admits just one student below a set number, the university can fire maintenance workers. There is apparently

no provision for rehiring these workers if admissions recover and exceed the magic number.

We understand that these are difficult and uncertain times for the university and our students' families. We should all do our best to ensure that students continue to be at-

The maintenance workers' union should not agree to this contract proposal.

-- June Speakman

tracted to the university, and once here, that they choose to stay. Should enrollments decline, however, the first reaction should not be to lay off essential workers. The number of buildings remains the same, the size of the grounds does not change,

the snow continues to fall, the grass continues to grow. A student body of 3499 requires the same amount of maintenance as a student body of 3500.

The maintenance workers' union should not agree to this contract proposal. The RWU Faculty Association urges the RWU administration to remove this proposal from the bargaining table, bargain in good faith, and reach a fair resolution of all outstanding contract issues.

The RWUFA supports its union brothers and sisters in the maintenance workers' union during this difficult round of negotiations.

June Speakman
President, RWUFA

Want to share your opinion?
Have a letter to the editor?

Send it to us at:

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ORIGINAL CARTOON



Should football grace RWU fields?

By **JENNA MULVEY**
Herald Staff Writer

At Roger Williams University, we may have a lot of wonderful sports from basketball to soccer, but there is one great sport that is missing: football. Many people that I have met agree with me that Roger Williams should have a football team. If we

had a football team, chances are that our school would have more school spirit.

In my hometown, my high school did not have too much spirit, but when it came to football games, everyone went to them. Football was an exciting event. It was fun to watch the games and have another place to go with my

friends. In fact, I'll be going to one of my high school's football games when I go home for Thanksgiving, because that's a popular and fun event for alumni to go to. When your football team wins, things get even more exciting, because everyone is in a great mood.

Many other colleges have football. If we were to have a football team at Roger Williams, then students would get more chances to see their friends who go to other schools by seeing them at the games.

Also, having a football team can help more students to apply to RWU. Not only would many football players want to apply here, but there are many students who look for schools that have football teams when they begin the application process.

In college, football is considered a big deal. So, should football definitely be a sport here at RWU? The answer is yes, because everyone would benefit from the new sport.



Courtesy of <http://www.berkshiresports.co.uk>

Roger Williams University Student Conduct Brief Fall 2009

In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlights selected student discipline statistics. The outcomes of cases during spring 2009 resulting in suspension or expulsion from RWU are listed below. Suspension from the University is typically for 1 semester up to an indefinite time and usually begins immediately. Expulsion is permanent and once found responsible, students are immediately withdrawn from their classes. Suspensions and expulsions are listed on students' academic transcripts. Students are responsible for all financial obligations for the semester

when the sanction occurred. During suspensions and expulsions, responsible individuals are banned from University property. In accordance with state and federal laws protecting the privacy of student records, identifying information in the following report, such as names and genders, is excluded.

Last semester, in addition to the below information, multiple students were removed and banned from housing for 1 semester for alcohol related violations.

Spring 2009 Student Disciplinary Suspensions (6)

- 2 suspensions for multiple violations of the Conduct Code, including marijuana possession, violation of University probation and violation of campus event ban.
- 1 suspension for distribution of alcohol to minors and posses-

sion of cocaine; arrest occurred.

- 1 suspension for a bias-related assault under the influence of alcohol; arrest occurred.
- 1 suspension for credit card fraud and providing false information to University officials; arrest occurred.
- 1 suspension for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Spring and Summer 2009 Student Disciplinary Expulsions (4)

- 3 expulsions for sexual misconduct.
- 1 expulsion for misuse of prescription medication and distribution of marijuana; arrest occurred.

We often find that a number of students lose housing privileges during late fall and early spring semester due to probation violations and/or third alcohol violations. We hope to create an awareness

of response to community disruptions as well as to educate students to think before you act and please make good decisions that will benefit the community. Education, restoration, and protection are the intended outcomes of the Student Conduct system. We seek to enhance the educational missions of the University and the Division of Student Affairs by setting and promoting high standards while treating each student with dignity and respect. If there are questions about the process or behavioral concerns, please contact us at 401-254-3042 or contact an RA, Core, or Public Safety.

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Bayside apartment flooded: what really happened

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

At the beginning of the semester, a Bayside apartment in the 100s flooded. "It was because of a broken fire sprinkler pipe," said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing.

According to one of the residents of the apartment at the time, Bayside 132 flooded after "a certain drunken roommate apparently stumbled upon a sprinkler pipe in the attic and set the whole thing off."

The apartment that the sprinkler pipe broke in as well as the room underneath it suffered a lot of damage, Montefusco said.

"I was just hanging out watching TV that night when water just started spewing out of the ceiling," the resident, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

"Those two apartments are offline for the rest of the semester," Montefusco said.

The walls are all going to have to be replaced and the residents have been relocated within Bayside, Montefusco said.

The sprinklers pump 150 gallons of water per minute, according to Montefusco. "So there was a lot," Montefusco said.

"It's just disheartening when you spend all this time trying to make it better for the students," Montefusco said.

"Any time we can hold someone responsible, we will," Montefusco said.

Student chemistry society receives award

By JING AI
Herald Staff Writer

This October, the American Chemical Society (ACS) student chapter at Roger Williams University received the "Green Chemistry Student Chapter Award" from the ACS Green Chemistry Institute.

The ACS at RWU is a student-run organization dedicated to bringing students interested in chemistry together outside the classroom. Members meet each week to talk about chemistry and the ways to get involved in doing research.

The student chapter is an affiliate of the ACS, the world's largest scientific society and a nonprofit organization chartered by the United States Congress. Its Green Chemistry institute was incorporated in 1997 to promote and advance green chemistry.

When asked about reactions to this award given by the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, Dr. Shephen O'Shea, Associate Professor of Environmental Chemistry and the advisor of ACS student affiliate, said, "I am not surprised that we have won this award, since we have made great efforts last year in promoting greener Chemistry and raising awareness of environmental issues."

Another ACS advisor, Dr. Cliff Murphy, who joined the group since he came to RWU in 2007, observed that "the student affiliate have been recognized for their community outreach and educational activities in the past few years, but this is the first year for them to receive a Green Chemistry award."

O'Shea said that ACS members last year taught community members basic science ideas and explained

fundamental science properties during their trips to local communities, such as their visit to a high school in Barrington, RI and their participation in a "science night" with a local boy-scouts chapter in Bristol.

They have also hosted interesting activities on campus. Some, such as making ice cream and creating a giant periodic table, have attracted a lot of attention to the club; other activities, including raising awareness of the environmental policies of different presidential candi-

from used canola oil from the Commons by using sodium hydroxide, water, and ethanol.

They first tested the energy content of the biodiesel with a bomb calorimeter and then sent the excess biodiesel to Perkin Elmer, a local chemistry instrumentation company.

Perkin Elmer later published an application note including their finding that, comparing to the biodiesel made by their own company, the biodiesel made at RWU has a lower sulfur content

interesting to see the transformation of something that people would normally throw away into a fuel and how that transformation scaled up."

Senior Brian Dimarco, the current vice president of ACS, said that besides the above two activities, ACS has also run a program on how to reduce laboratory waste by using fewer solvents in experimentation and cleaning. He said he believes that their effort spent on these three programs are the main reason that they

have won this award. "ACS is a fantastic opportunity for people interested in chemistry of any kind to come together to talk about chemistry and to get involved in doing research," said Dimarco. "I think one of the best parts is that it isn't

search. "We are ahead of schools like Boston University, where I did my Post-doc."

This semester, members of ACS are promoting new Green Chemistry initiatives on Campus.

Senior Michelle Gladding is trying to raise the awareness of proper battery disposal. She said she got the idea from one of her neighbors.

"One of my neighbors had left one battery in a charger (despite not being rechargeable) and threw the other one arbitrarily in the trash. Well, the one in the charger exploded, getting acid on the floor and clothing (ruining both), whereas the one in the trash was sent off to a landfill to leak its acid into the environment.

"I don't think people realize the damage they are causing to the environment when they throw away plastics instead of recycle, or when they throw printer cartridges or batteries in the trash," Gladding said.

Gladding said ACS is trying to get more people to realize the damage that simple products can cause to the environment, and that is why they want to work in a way that those damages can be eliminated.

Other than that, ACS members have also come up with the idea to start the recycling of fluorescent light bulbs, which contain mercury. They are currently talking about setting up collection bins around campus and possibly in Bristol to collect the the light bulbs.

Dimarco said that he is currently heading to talks with the school's administrators. "I know myself and others are constantly trying to think of ways to improve the community around us in every way possible," he said.



ACS student chapter poses by giant periodic table

dates by partnering with the RWU marine biology club, have helped people gain knowledge on environmental issues.

In addition to their efforts in reaching out to the local communities, raising awareness about environmental issues, ACS members conducted green projects in labs.

Jack Fuller, last year's president of ACS, thought of the idea to promote greener fuels through synthesizing biodiesel. A few ACS members synthesized biodiesel

but a higher salt content, which can be improved by certain washing techniques.

In order to better understand the making of biodiesel, a few ACS members took a trip to a Newport biodiesel factory to find out how biodiesel is made in real life.

"The scale was awe-inspiring, but the methodology was very similar, apart from a slightly different washing technique," said senior Steve Davidowski, one of the participants of the making of biodiesel. "It was really in-

just chemists who are involved; we get all scientist from different fields, including biology, marine biology and engineering involved. ACS also provides us with great opportunities to present our work at nationally recognized meetings, which not only gives us time to explain the work we are so passionate about, but also gives us a fantastic resume booster."

Murphy added that he thinks one of the great things about RWU is the percentage of students who have participated in re-

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lous," Montefusco said. The size of the refrigerators that fit in Bayside apartments are not a standard size, so the university has to order special refrigerators. They are working on remodeling the kitchens so that they can replace the refrigerators with standard-sized and less expensive ones.

DRLH has replaced the cabinets in nine Bayside apartments, including 124, 126, 134, 138, 146, 153, 222 and 226, Montefusco said.

The university also spent \$197,000 on carpeting this summer, according to Montefusco. Not all of the carpets that needed to be replaced were, so some common areas will receive new carpeting over winter break, according to Montefusco.

Replacing a carpet can cost the university

over \$3,500, according to Montefusco.

Replacing the carpet in a quint in Bayside costs \$3,554; in an upper quad costs \$2,296; in a lower quad costs \$1,969; and in a double costs \$1,214, according to Montefusco.

"There was some carpet in Almeida that was 15 years old and it still looked good."

--Tony Montefusco

Montefusco said that there is no set time limit to how long a carpet can last.

"There was some carpet in Almeida that was 15 years old and it still looked good,"

Montefusco said.

To combat mold, Bayside residents should keep their air conditioners on when it is warm out, Montefusco said.

Graffiti triggers student comments on Facebook

Student 1: Has this been reported?

Student 2: idk. ben and i saw it yesterday afternoon. if someone reported it then chances are it'd be gone today

Student 3: Reported for what exactly?

Student 2: yo no se (IDK in Spanish)

Student 3: Imao

Student 2: Imao nice...btw i saw it this morning and its not there anymore

Student 4: i walked by and it was there again. this is a big problem in our community

Student 5: what it the gentleman or gentlewoman literally had an ethnically diverse ass...its isn't offensive then riight riight...i say the problem in our community is snitching however...like who tattles anymore??? we as adults made the decision to come to this campus and shouldve expected these types of situations. What is reporting going to do? Another news headline so next year they pass out more ila scholarships? Besides, I personally don't find it offensive...I mean its pretty accurate portrayal of this schools ethnic makeup. If anything its a politically correct statement...



do you have a facebook?

Student 3: yup. pretty much says it all.

< 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native

1% Asian/Pacific Islander

1% Black/Non Hispanic

3% Hispanic

71% White

3% non resident Alien

21% Race/Ethnicity unreported*

Student 5: I would even say those numbers are a little inflated for non-whites...3%Hispanic =/ riiiiighttt

Student 3: Lmao....i know.... i dont think these stats are accurate....but it still proves the lack ethnic diversity lol

Student 4: wow. 1%. smh

Student 6: haha i love this, its so true

*The Statistics shown are copied from the rwu.edu website



Mark Fusco

Celine Cousteau shares stories from the Amazon

By KATIE BOZEMAN
Herald Staff Writer

Celine Cousteau became the newest addition to the Roger Williams University Civil Discourse Lecture Series this past Tuesday evening. The marine and nature conservation advocate came to speak about sustainability and social change. More specifically, she discussed what she learned on these subjects based on her past two years in the Amazon.

Cousteau is the granddaughter of famed scientist and explorer Jacques Cousteau and daughter of ocean explorer Jean-Michel. Despite family ties to her current profession, Cousteau took a round-about way of entering the field. She went to school to be a psychologist and spent several years working for a halfway house for mentally ill men. She then tried her hand at jewelry design before moving on to work in Intercultural Relations.

As Cousteau puts it, the road that led her to where she is now was "like a tree; I had gone off on many different branches just to eventually get back to my roots."

The research that Cousteau conducted in the Amazon was particularly special to her because it was an area that she had visited with her grandfather when she was only 9 years old.

"In the Amazon, there is an incredible independence early on in life which leads to a greater connection with the environment," Cousteau said.

It was this connection that Cousteau stressed as incredibly important in the quest for sustainability.

While at their various research destinations throughout the Brazilian and Peruvian Amazon, Cousteau and her crew worked with indigenous people of each area to learn and teach all at the same time. The American crew would help by sharing various information related to marine life or medicine, while the indigenous people would share their own knowledge on each subject in return. The main goal was to learn how

"How does it feel being back to reality?"

"That was reality."

--Celine Cousteau

these people worked with nature and help, but not change, their unique culture.

The research group that Cousteau was a part of discovered many areas that sometimes needed medical assistance or scientific aid, but for the most part were making their lives work by living in harmony with the land. One such man that was discussed in the lecture didn't understand the meaning of sustainability.

"He made it seem so obvious, 'If you cut a tree, plant a tree. Only hunt what you need to survive'... We have invented a word and a movement for something that was once com-

mon sense," said Cousteau.

One of the largest lessons that Cousteau said she learned throughout her explorations was that each area's needs must remain in the forefront of a researcher's mind. In doing so, she could not only spread knowledge through her films but also make the kind of impact that was needed for each place she visited.

In addition to her work in the Amazon, Cousteau discussed her research and documentation of marine sanctuaries in the United States, of which there are currently 14. On a recent trip to one of these sanctuaries, Cousteau was able to swim with a group of whales.

During this experience, she said there was "a connection with the animals but not only nature, and therefore so special." It is connections, such as these that Cousteau labels

her passion, and motivates her to continue exploration and research on sustainability and culture.

The final slide of Cousteau's presentation contained the quote "you are not apart from nature, you are a part of nature." When discussing this concept, she brought up a question that a friend asked on her return to the United States, specifically to her home in Brooklyn. That question was, "How does it feel being back to reality?"

Her response? "That was reality."

Student poetry

When it comes to poetry, RWU students prove they are pros

By NICK WESTBROOK
Herald Staff Writer

Outside the doors to Roger Williams University's first ever poetry slam, students gathered around the doorway, an air of excitement filling the empty space in the Global Heritage Hall. As the doors open and the eager crowd filed in, master of ceremonies Omar Reyes took the stage to begin the event.

The rules for the contest were simple: no props, no costumes and no censorship. The poets were to be scored by five judges, consisting of faculty members and representatives of MSU (Multicultural Student Union), in addition to a tutor from

the Writing Center. At the end of the night, the three highest scoring participants were to be the winners. The final rule for the evening—applaud the poet, not the score.

The poetry slam consisted of ten poets, each performing in two rounds. In the first round, the poets performed in no particular order, starting with what was referred to as "The Sacrificial Poet," a position meant to set a standard for the evening. After the first round of slam poetry, the order for the next round was determined on the scores from the previous round, highest scoring going first. In

the end, the winners were Aimee Curran in first place, Matt Berry in second place and Patrick Burns in third place.

After the slam was over, Reyes, who had organized the whole event, said he was very pleased.

"It was an idea that passed on by the writing center," Reyes said.

Reyes had put up fliers to promote the event and spoke to classes about coming and performing in the event. Relying mostly on word of mouth for the event, Reyes was very pleased with the outcome.

Before seeing the size of his audience, Reyes was confident in

the success of his event. "I was scared this morning, I thought they weren't all going to fit in the room."

Reyes was also impressed by the attentiveness of the audience. "They were good and they were loud and they stayed for the whole thing. Usually at college events people leave, but they stayed for the whole thing—that means the event was going good. I was really pleased."

Reyes said he feels that poetry is a good form of therapy; he prefers spoken word because spoken word poets often aren't afraid to speak their feelings to a larger crowd.

First place winner of the event, Aimee Curran, a junior creative writing major, was excited when she first found out that there would be a poetry slam. "Then I realized, oh, I have to perform it in front of people," she said. "But I really wrote about what I cared about. It came from my heart."

"The scores, honestly, don't matter," Curran said. "I told everyone that before I came. It's about the message you have to bring."

Curran feels that speaking poetry is really different from just writing it on paper. "I get real stage fright," Curran said, "but I think it's really impor-

tant that when you have a message, that you want people to know that you get up and perform. So many people don't know what I have. There's no cause, no cure, there's just nothing we can do."

Curran was diagnosed this summer with PCOS (Polycystic Ovary Disease). This was the fuel for her passion that evening, she said.

"I wouldn't change anything," Reyes said about the slam. "Maybe have a bigger room, just in case. But the event was good, a lot of the poets were good and everybody respected each other."



Photos by Mark Fusco

Slam hits the spot

First place: Aimee Curran

"It's not like you're going to die."
That was Dr. Campbell's optimism shining
through this horrifying diagnosis
I had no idea the certainty of her prognosis
What the hell was a cyst anyway?
Buck up, get the facts, get 'em fast before the
dread catches up and strangles those once
nimble fingers
Ink drying up like your tears before they can even
fall
No weakness
It doesn't really matter if my muscles SQUEEZE
and CRUSH
Teeth LEECH and CRUNCH
Nerves asphyxiate on the hypertension born into
this dirty bloodstream
This chronic illness is my new reality
Accept
PCOS
Polycystic Ovarian Disease
I've got a serious decision to make
Climbed up the cliff, toed the edge, stood silently
as loose pebbles broke off suicidally and stumbled
down to the rocky danger below
Shit happens, some of us just fall off the edge
Reaching back too late for a rough ledge
Not me
I flung myself off into a life sentence of medica-
tion not approved by the FDA
Needles, hospitals, a diet minus flour, potatoes,

and corn
Metabolic syndrome just can't cope
I feel like I'm being dragged by a rope
Grabbing at feet that aren't there
Yelling for compassion - - ya don't care
The agenda for my bodily fluids demanding and
grappling with the medication slowly
decomposing in my system
Covering up those raging wars with Vera denim
Nails breaking
Hair thinning
Hair?
What about hair.
Collect it in a jar maybe they can weave a nice
wig for ya
I'm only two decades old - - no remainder
I'm up to 5 pills a day
Please don't triple that Metformin dose
My stomach might burst into a dust of crying
stars
Showering my aching system with doubt
Gotta get those vitamins
Never stop taking Biotin
Wanna keep my hair until I walk down that aisle
Got a 6% chance of passing it onto a child
Keep up that chin
I'm just begging my ovum to let that swimmer in
Maybe if Doc C. puts me on Clomiphene I'll get
twins
We'll worry about IVF, cytoplasm, and that tricky



D-chiro-insostinol at a later date
Chronic pain and struggle just happens to be my
fate
Amenorrhea?
Yep, that's how it all started
Days turn into weeks, weeks into months
And you wonder where the time went
Could have been diagnosed years ago if they
knew what they were looking for
Now, I'm just making it through each day
An empty vial of loneliness and crippling fear
It's not like I'm going to die
I'm already dead waiting to be revived.

Second Place: Matthew Berry



I wonder sometimes how the
Pass of an hour could
Erase the nights and days of
a romance we played you see
an afternoon idly we decided
to break the thin line barrier
chiding me with coy looks she
almost innocent I thought we
had a shot at this
when I rolled to kiss that tear I missed
she turned to say, I just want to lay
with you...
a touch that one time
a smile for one rhyme
she drew me past
comfort zone, accident prone
my game was wrong the scene was
wrong
I was mean cuz the man has needs but
it was that one time, a first for us
4 years gone the chats we had see
I knew her she knew me
gone now, contracts...
I go to speak but I choke on her cheek
it remains inside that mistake we
made
we can't go forward a friend no more
she cuts me off, no glances no more
chances I just want to talk

and they say its my mistake
her heart I brake I am a man they say
I took it away I broke the spell they
say
tight she was I don't mean that but
she was tight and I was phat but
flying above I was a dove a lonely
branch she
I went to land it broke now gone
why did a fall to snap this
I slip to remiss, the friendship gone
the two dots blinkin digital clock
sinkin
tickin away this hour
liberty taken to enjoy our discourse
intercourse remorse no chance for re-
course
trip wire snapped the risk fell flat i
didn't think she didn't think that
we could do that, see... she I blamed
that game we played she
drew me in I couldn't win
the rhythm of our interaction
many actions but one action
in the eyes of the outside
you see everyone but we knew
just what she went through cuz
judgement carries more weight than
participation
and anticipation of the reaction I give
they pass it down on me I cried I tried
to return
soft sheets laughing pressed pillows
gaspin
under our weight, which brought down
tons
it wasn't just two bodies but
thoughts and dreams and talks of
years and
their cries and their times and their
fears
and there is only one, first time

Third place: Patrick Byrne



"Red, White and Blue Sox"

Interracial baby born of two parents whose hues are too different to
be allowed to live together.
They wear no rings on their fingers because hanging out together can
lead to hanging from a tree.
Instead they wear scars from the hate filled beer bottles fueled and
thrown by the unspoken side of "southern comfort".
Interracial baby your homeland is red white and blue, but your skin
tone is red white and brown.
So those waving stars and bars appear more like prison cells to those
mocha colored eyes
that sit above that proud Cherokee nose to smell the blood in that
Mohegan Sun lobby
on a face that is framed by that hair the same color of the buses that
rolled through Dorchester and Southie.
Interracial baby, at what point in our twisted American History to I
get to stop calling you interracial baby and starting calling you my
baby?
Cause i can't see if you're white, brown, black, yellow, green, red, pin
stripe, polka dotted or pink like the snow cone from Fenway Park the
day I fell in love with you.
A place where 9 innings felt like 9 minutes in heaven just watching
you rue the damned Yankees.
Because I know Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier baby, but I
forget what color is every time I see you.



Meet the Boys

Contestants of IRHA's MR. RWU event share their stories to get ready for their performance on Nov. 21. You can read each of the ten contestants' profiles each week in The Hawk's Herald. -Kelleigh Welch, Editor

Brian LeDuc Senior



Brian Leduc is a senior psychology major here at RWU. Originally from Rutland, MA, Brian grew up playing baseball, soccer and basketball. He also ran track in high school. Once he arrived at RWU, Brian began to build his school pride through involvement on campus, including the SOAR leadership program and serving as Freshman Class President through the Inter-Class Council (ICC.) Since, Brian has served as the Chair of ICC for three years, represented RWU as both an Orientation Advisor and Coordinator, became a co-facilitator for the 'Emerge' tier of SOAR, participated in the cast of 'Drawnig the Shades,' is a Resident Assistant, and represented RWU at the regional level with the National Association of Campus Activities as the Foundations fundraiser. Involvement has been a huge part of his career at RWU, but he also found personal fulfillment playing guitar, hanging out with friends, listening to music and watching Scrubs in his free time. Brian has always loved the Mr. RWU program, and was ecstatic about the opportunity to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and Hasbro's Children's Hospital with his fantastic PA, Cat Stines.

Paul Pettini Senior

Hi, I'm Paul Pettini, a senior political science major. I'm involved on campus with WQRI, the student radio station, as well as on the e-board of STAND. However, what I really enjoy most is long walks on the beach and a nice sunset depending on the mood.



Ian Powers Freshman



Ian Kimball Powers was born on January 19, 1991 in Worcester, MA. The son of Michael and Noreen Powers, Powers spent the first 18 years of his young life in nearby Shrewsbury. Along with his parents, Powers' family includes his younger brother, Devin. The boys have had some rough patches but generally they are close. Powers had a happy childhood, much of which e shared with his best friend, Casey Sefton. After spending much of their lives together, the boys now attend Roger Williams University and share a room. Powers is a biology major and also enjoys playing lacrosse. During his senior year of high school, Powers was not only captain of the Shrewsbury lacross team, but also was honored as an All-American lacrosse player. He was a varsity hockey player and was even a member of the state championship winning team this past year. When he is not studying or playing sports, Powers enjoys watching movies, playing Mario Kart and just hanging around with his friends. He is very concerned about giving back to his community and helping others. For example, Powers has used his free time over the past three summers to share his many athletic talents with the youth by teaching them different sports such as soccer, football and other basic skills. Powers is ecstatic to be a part of the Mr. RWU pageant and is really looking forward to be able to help the Children's Miracle Network.

MR. RWU Spectacular

Lending a helping hand, one spotlight at a time

Griffin Labbance Sophomore

Hey what's up Roger Williams, my name is Griffin Labbance. I grew up in Montpelier, VT, which for anyone who doesn't know (which is surprisingly a large number), it is the capital. I am currently an elementary education major with a core concentration in environmental science. I love golf, soccer, biking, cooking and just hanging out, doing nothing. I am very excited to be involved with Mr. RWU this year, I feel that it is a great experience for an even better cause. Quick shout out to my fabulous personal assistant, Sarah Beron, who has been keeping me on top of everything regarding the show and also my life. On campus, I'm involved in a lot of different things. I am the National Communications Coordinator for the Inter-Residence Hall Council, and an RA all the way down in Willow 23. I don't really have any cool fun facts about my life, which makes it sound boring, but I seem to keep busy and with help from Sarah this fall, I hpoee to put most of my time and efforts into the pageant and fundraising. So I guess whenever you see a blue jar, just put some change or dollar bills in it!



Courtesy of the Mr. RWU Spectacular Facebook page

Tanning where the sun don't shine

RWU student struggles with skin cancer from indoor tanning

By OWEN KAUPPILA
Web Manager

Summertime memories are slowly drifting to the backs of students' minds at Roger Williams University as the leaves fall and the temperature plummets. With those memories goes the bronzed skin tone that so many students worked tirelessly to achieve during the peak summer months.

Some students accept their predictable fair tone until the next warm season rolls around while others attempt to regain their summer glow by using the services of tanning salons.

RWU senior Ashlee Soares was one of those students. Soares tanned two to three times per week in preparation for important events during high school and frequented her vacation home in Florida twice a year, exposing her body to immense amounts of sunlight annually. These bursts of tanning ceased come fall of this year.

"I was diagnosed with Stage I Melanoma skin cancer in September 2009," Soares said. "Doctors were pretty sure indoor tanning was the main cause."

Stage I Melanomas are referred to as 'localized tumors,' meaning the cancer hasn't spread

to surrounding lymph nodes or other areas in the body. Although this form of Melanoma is fairly low-risk, it is still dangerous and had to be taken seriously in Soares' case.

"When the results came back that I had Melanoma, my heart dropped," Soares said.

"I knew my life would change and that it was something I had to protect myself from forever. I never thought I would get skin cancer. Everyone thinks 'it won't happen to me,' but

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-- Ashlee Soares

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The light bulbs used in most tanning beds and tanning booths emit UVA rays. UVB rays are considered more harmful for the sole reason that they are prone to produce burning, most commonly known as sunburns. However, it could be argued that UVA rays are as bad or worse than UVB because they penetrate deeper into the skin, which leads to consequences that appear further into life.

This ultraviolet radiation is what causes the changes in cell DNA, and in combination with excessive exposure, eventually can develop into cancer.

The Nemours Foundation reported that "according to a recent study, radiation from just 10 indoor-tanning sessions in two weeks can suppress a person's cancer-fighting immune system."

Amy Pimentel, manager of the Bristol and Newport Hot Bodeez tanning franchises, said, "I do try to educate and make our customers aware of the risks as much as possible."

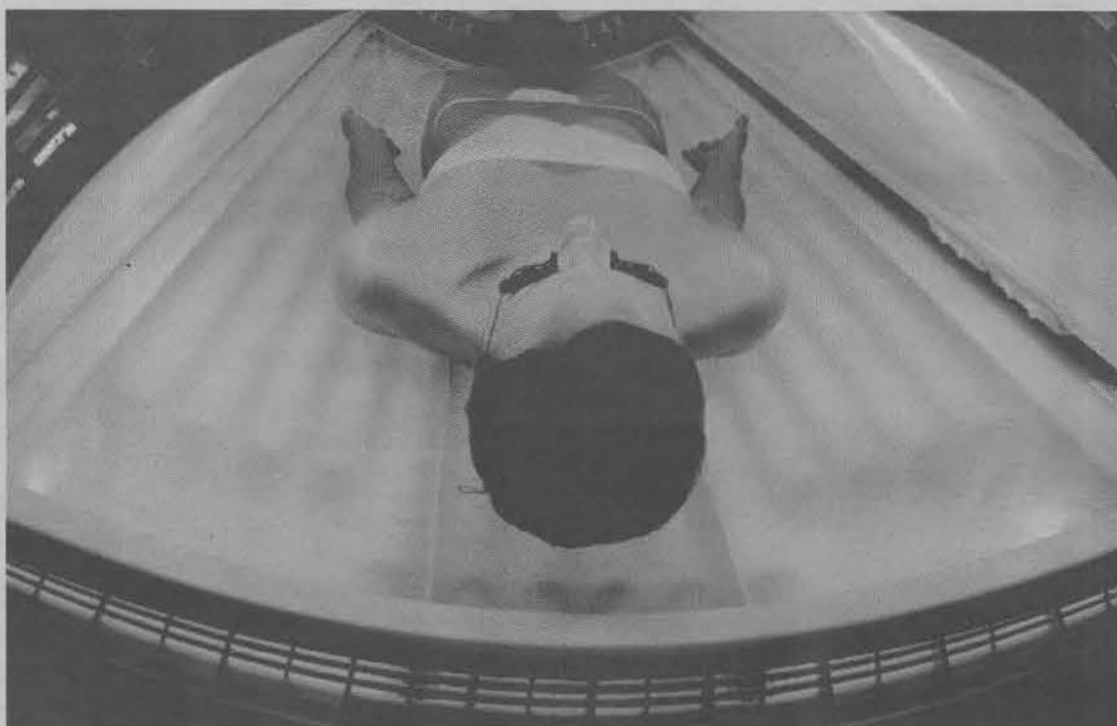
When asked if there was a limit to how much an individual could tan per day, she responded, "customers are limited to one tanning session every 24 hours."

"Do I suggest it? Absolutely not," she said, "but if they absolutely wanted to they could tan seven days a week."

Risks of getting cancer from indoor tanning are common sense to those who use tanning salons. Articles published about survivors or patients dealing with skin cancers are lit-

tered throughout teen magazines and health booklets; even tanning salons publicize the effects of tanning to their customers.

Soares said that she was aware of the risks.



Courtesy of www.youthradio.us

"The salons keep a posted sign in each room that warns of the risks of tanning and skin cancer," she said, "but not many people go in there to read them when they are using a salon."

Most employees of tanning salons are required to read up on the latest research and data collected about the effects of tanning indoors during their training. Pamphlets, flyers and newsletters are mailed to salons in order to raise awareness behind the dangers of UV radiation and tanning in general, which Pimentel "makes all of [her] employees read."

Whether or not the consequences of tanning are clearly delivered to the public, teenagers, adults and even some elderly continue to visit salons such as Hot Bodeez to build up their bronzed tone.

"College students are a good 85 percent of our clientele," said Pimentel. "People ages 18 to 25 make up our market group, but you'd be surprised at the number of older men who come in."

For high school and college students like Soares, other factors affect their decisions to tan, such as friends, proms, other school-related events, self-confidence and the overall comfort.

"Friends' influences in high school was a major factor," said Soares. "Everyone thought tan meant pretty; the darker you are, the better."

"When it comes time for the weekend and everyone's going out," Pimentel said, "they want to look good."

There's no doubt that image plays a large role in swaying teens and adults to tan under UV lights, but some people tan for more less materialistic and more enjoyable reasons: it feels nice.

"Tanning is comforting in the colder months during the winter," said RWU senior Joelle Riccio, "especially living in Rhode Island."

No matter the reason behind using indoor salons to develop a tan, students should consider less-harmful options that some tanning salons offer, such as spray tanning.

Spray tanning is a healthy alternative to attain a sun-kissed glow without the harmful effects of ultraviolet rays. The active ingredient in spray tans, DHA, reacts with cells on the surface of your skin to darken the skin temporarily. Although a spray tan doesn't always last as long as a UV-produced tan, customers can avoid the long-term effects associated with indoor tanning.

According to RWU sophomore Katelyn Galvin, "spray tanning gives more dramatic color, and I don't have to be afraid of getting skin cancer."

When asked why she chose spray tanning over normal indoor tanning, Galvin said, "Statistics."

And statistics truly are stacked against the UVA rays used in tanning salons. Pimentel noted that too many people focus on the negative aspects of tanning rather than the positives, such as the fact that "[customers] get more vitamin D production out of one tanning session than from spending a day out in the sun."

This could be based on the fact that tanning beds are controlled areas that force the UV rays directly to your skin without obstacles such as clouds or the Ozone layer.

Soares' choice to use tanning beds throughout her high school career led to negative consequences that now restrict her ability to expose herself to the sun.

"I can never go in the sun for long periods of time," Soares said. "I have to continuously get checked by my dermatologist every 4 months, and I always need SPF 50 when coming into contact with the sun."

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University sees rise in students studying abroad

By GRIFFIN LABBANCE
Herald Staff Writer

As students prepare to end the semester and pack their bags to head home for winter break, a select group of students prepare to take the trip of a life time out of the country.

At the end of each semester, a group of students who have been studying abroad during said semester return home. Meanwhile another group disperses around the globe to spend the second semester studying in a foreign country. The Peggy and Mark Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs (CGIP) at Roger Williams University offers 44 different study abroad programs in 26 different countries. CGIP strives to find the "perfect" fit for any study interested in applying. Program Coordinator Kevin Hayden stated that, "we have many different programs that

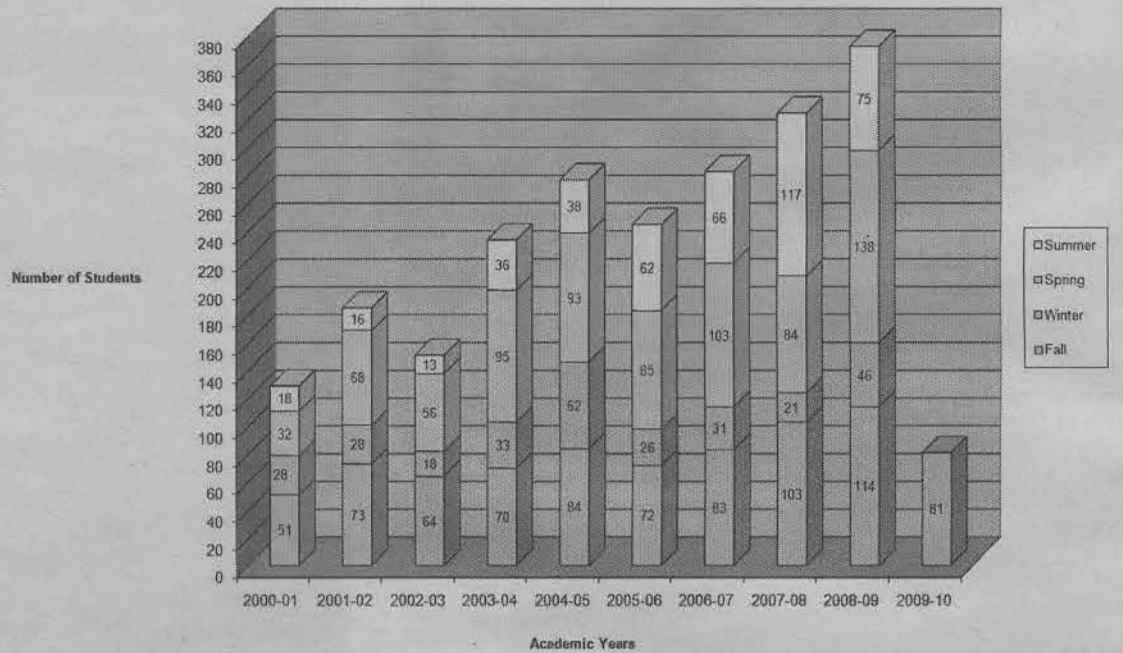
work for different interests and academic requirements." He also commented that the university "emphasizes that anyone interested in the program apply or look into the opportunities offered"

Hayden explained the process as a process in which a student starts planning early. "We like to have students start planning their trip during their freshmen year and study abroad either spring semester or their sophomore year or during their junior year." Hayden commented. Along with an application process, students must meet a minimum g.p.a requirement set by the specific program. Over the past 10 years, Roger Williams has seen the number of programs offered rise from 5 to their expansive 44 programs currently offered. "Throughout the application process, we like to meet with each student to sit down with them and understand their personal interests along with environments which will match with their major." Hayden commented on the

process. Over the past 5 years, the university has seen a 48% increase in the number of students studying abroad. Currently, the most popular destination for the program

is the study abroad in Florence, Italy with Australia and England close behind. As students return from winter break and say hello to the new semester here at Roger Williams, a different

group of students will have said goodbye to Roger Williams and hello to a life changing experience in a new country.



Bias Response Team Report to RWU Community Fall 2009 (reporting on spring 09 data)

The Bias Response Team, a University committee comprised of students, faculty and staff, will be reporting each semester on the bias related incidents that are reported and investigated in the prior semester. Our goal is to educate, increase knowledge about bias incidents and to provide information about what happens in our community. During the Spring 2009 semester six bias incidents were reported. Each was investigated and, where appropriate, was adjudicated through our student conduct system. The University protocol requires reporting of such incidents even when it is unclear if an offensive message was meant to be hurtful or not. As an educational institution we realize that students may feel that it is okay to joke around using words or symbols that are offensive, but when it involves threatening, harassing, intimidating, discriminatory or hostile behavior it is important that we as a community learn what is acceptable and what is not.

A bias incident, as defined by the Office of Student Affairs Bias Response Team, is "an event that has the effect of demeaning or degrading an individual or a group and is motivated in whole or in part by the perpetrator's bias of a group or persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, gender or sexual orientation."

The following is a summary of reported bias incidents from the Spring 2009 semester:

- Incident of written bias based on religion at Bayside Courts
- Incident of written bias based on sexual orientation and race at King Philip
- Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Bayside Courts
- Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Willow
- Incident of written bias based on race at Willow
- Incident of written bias based on sexual orientation at Stonewall

The Bias Response Team affirms the University's mission to promote a respectful community and is committed to fostering a healthy and safe environment for everyone. In addition, the Team is committed to preventing further acts of bias by educating the RWU community about the effects of bias actions and the impact on all of us. In our spring semester report, the BRT will also summarize educational efforts and training opportunities offered during the academic year.

If you are a victim of or witness to a bias related incident please report this to Public Safety or any one of the resources listed on the Bias Response Team web site
<http://www.rwu.edu/about/administration/publicsafety/biashatecrime/report.htm>. *advertisement

"Overheard at Roger Williams"

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

Think about your morning routine. You wake up, roll out of bed, avoid the sight of your incredibly ridiculous hair in the mirror, and saunter over to your computer. Name the top three things you check: e-mail, Facebook, and weather.

However, this list is being added to, with the popularity of website blogs such as 'Texts from Last Night,' 'People at Wal-Mart,' and 'Overheard in the Newsroom.' These sights, open to the public to publish on, are collections of quotes and images pertaining to the blog subject.

Now the RWU community has been provided with their own forum, a group established on Facebook called "Overheard at Roger Williams," which collects quotes of funny moments and phrases that students have heard around campus.

Although some quotes pertain to unruly behavior taking place on campus, many of the quotes are heard in passing. "I think it's funny to hear people talking about random stuff," senior Bryan Korzen said.

"I think it's funny and I think that when you're walking around campus those are things that you could hear on campus," freshman Kerry Nugent said. However, some of the opinions on the group are not as positive.

"I feel that the idea is great, but the actual stories don't seem that interesting," junior D.J. Sevi-gny said. "I can very easily go on 'fmylife.com', 'texts-fromlastnight' and 'ruminations.com' for stories like that."

"I think it's funny, but some people try too hard and will put anything on there just to be on there," junior Kim Salvato said.

"Overheard at Roger Williams" also needs to be aware of the consequences that could come from the site, such as its similarity to these popular sites.

"As it compares to other websites, it's cool, but I don't check it as often as the others. It's kind of like 'Juicycampus,' but no names are attached, and it's a lot like 'Texts from Last Night,'" sophomore Henry Lindner said.



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Student recalls life in Saudi Arabia

By SARAH MAMULA
Herald Staff Writer

Laura Studebaker is 19. She has blonde hair, blue eyes and she was born in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Dhahran is most commonly known for its proximity to the 1996 Khobar Tower terrorist bombings. But Studebaker does not think of terrorist violence when she thinks of home.

To Studebaker, Dhahran is simply the headquarters of Saudi Aramco, the national oil company where her father works.

Studebaker's father is not the first in her family to work for the world's largest oil corporation. A life in Saudi Arabia began for the Studebakers when her paternal grandfather left Maryland to work in Dhahran. Mr. Studebaker continued in his father's footsteps, and met an English nurse, the future Mrs. Studebaker, on the compound.

Studebaker was born on Apr. 17, 1990, and lived in Dhahran full-time until she left for boarding school. Schooling in the compound (with English-speaking teachers) only goes up to 8th grade. After that, students have the option of going to a high school outside of the compound or abroad. Many choose to go to school outside of Saudi Arabia. Studebaker chose Foxcroft Academy in Maine. "It is an all-girls school," Studebaker said, "I think some Kennedys went there. It's very preppy."

After finishing high school, Studebaker knew she wanted to stay in New England, but also wanted a college with a solid Elementary Education program. Roger Williams University fulfilled both of these requirements.

Upon starting freshman year, Studebaker had no issues adjusting. She was, however, shocked at how little her peers knew about Saudi Arabia. Studebaker says, "I was once asked if Saudi Arabia was a town in Idaho. I cannot believe people do not know where the country is. I mean, have they ever turned on a TV?"

Misconceptions about Saudi Arabia continue outside of RWU. "Americans in general believe that Saudi Arabia is very primitive," laments Studebaker. Furthermore, Studebaker and her family are always stopped at U.S. Customs in airports, and experience discrimination because of their background. Studebaker recalls, "One time the secu-

rity guards thought my brother was a terrorist because he had a baseball bat. He was traveling with the rest of the team and their families to a baseball tournament. It can be utterly ridiculous."

In Saudi Arabia, Studebaker acts like most normal 19-year-olds. She hangs out with friends and "just chills." However, some might say Studebaker's life is a bit more like a vacation. On a regular basis, she has the option of frequenting one of four pools, the 18-hole golf course, or the movie theater. Only when Studebaker leaves the compound do the differences between life in Saudi Arabia and life in Bristol, R.I. manifest themselves.

When going out to the mall, Studebaker wears an "abaya." An abaya is a loose-fitting black dress that covers the chest, arms, and legs of a woman. Studebaker wears no head covering and at times her blonde hair draws unwanted attention from men. Despite this, she hardly ever feels frightened.

"Saudi Arabian guys have no experience with girls. They are socially awkward because their only interaction with women is usually with the one they are going to marry," Studebaker said.

Like any big city, Studebaker knows which parts to stay away from. Coming back into the compound, Studebaker goes through two checkpoints where her identification card is checked. Walls, Saudi Arabian police and dogs protect the Saudi Aramco compound. "I always feel safe," Studebaker said, "If there is ever a time to be a worried, a warning is sent out via e-mail to everyone on the compound."

This is not at all like life in Bristol, R.I. Nevertheless, Studebaker prefers Dhahran to the United States. "I can't explain it," admits Studebaker. "You just need to experience it."



Mark Fusco

World Watch

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

Somali Pirates Strike Again

According to CNN.com, a Greek-owned bulk carrier was hijacked by Somali pirates Wednesday. The ship was headed to Durban, South Africa carrying 22 crewmembers and a deadweight of 23,000 tons.

In the past year, there have been over 100 pirate attacks off the coast of Africa, including the hostage of a British couple, the Chandlers, who demanded a ransom of \$7 million.



German Soccer Star Steps in Front of Train

Germany. German goalkeeper Robert Enke, killed himself Tuesday by jumping in front of a train, only months after adopting a daughter with his wife.

Enke, 32, was captain of the German top-division soccer club Hannover 96, and was expected to play for Germany in the 2010 World Cup, according to CNN.com.

According to Enke's wife Teresa, Enke left a suicide note and had been battling depression for six years.

FWI: Flying While Intoxicated

London, England. Police stopped a pilot at the London Heathrow airport for intoxication Monday.

The pilot, Erwin Vermont Washington, 51, was over the legal limit of blood-alcohol content and has been released on bail.

According to United spokeswoman, Megan McCarthy, during an interview with CNN, "the pilot has been removed from service. United's alcohol policy is among the strictest in the industry, and we have no tolerance for violation of this well-established policy."



Power Failure Leaves Brazil in Dark

Rio de Janeiro. Over 75 percent of Brazil and parts of Paraguay suffered from a major power failure late Tuesday following the malfunction of three transmission lines at Itaipu, the largest operating power plant in the world.

This power outage effected 18 of the 26 states in Brazil, and included São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, putting over 60 million people in the dark for over two hours.

This was the first time in 25 years that Brazil had experienced a power failure this extreme, according to energy officials in an interview with *The New York Times*.



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High 55°F
Low 49°F
PM Showers / Wind

SATURDAY

High 56°F
Low 49°F
Showers / Wind

SUNDAY

High 58°F
Low 42°F
Cloudy

The Hawk's Herald's Recipe of the Week

Ants on a Log

It's Ants on a Log! Who can resist enticingly creamy peanut butter, crisp celery and juicy, flavorful raisins? This childhood favorite, often found in lunchboxes adorned with Power Rangers and Barbie images, is a fun and easy snack to whip-up. Its simple recipe, classic flavors and whimsical name hits home with most every person in the United States. Enjoy this snack while watching Care Bears, on the go to Toys 'R Us or simply relaxing at home in your favorite bean bag chair; it's perfect for any situation and satisfies all the needs of hungry college students. Radical.

1 celery rib, washed, ends trimmed

2 tablespoons creamy or chunky peanut butter

10 raisins

Fill celery with peanut butter

Press raisins into peanut butter.



Courtesy of Home Baked Memories

RWU honors veterans with memorial

Fallen alumnus remembered with family present

By Julia Weiss
Herald Staff Writer

Approximately 300 people gathered in front of the admissions building at Roger Williams University on November 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. The University hosted a commemorative ceremony for 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin, an alumnus of Cramer's Saber Battalion ROTC program and a 2008 Roger Williams graduate who died in action on Aug. 23, 2009 while serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division in Muhallah, Iraq.

Both the American flag and the Roger Williams University flag were waving at half-staff, blowing wildly in the cold wind, as the service started on Veteran's Day. A few rows of chairs were spread out in front of the grass, while everybody else stood in a half circle behind them. Many students, alumni and staff were in their militia uniforms paying their respects to the veterans and current men and women overseas today.

Kenneth T. Osborne, Dean of the Roger Williams University ROTC program, opened the ceremony by welcoming Fortin's family, the entire Roger Williams community and University President Dr. Roy J. Nirschel.

"This is not a day to debate foreign policy, but to recognize veterans," said President Nirschel. "We would not be here today without their courage and their leadership. I believe that everyday should be Veteran's Day."

President Nirschel spoke of his own parents and grandparents, who have served their country, and thanked those who also served in the armed forces, extending his deepest sympathy to individuals who have lost their friends and family in the service.

2nd Lt. Nicholas Pelletier, a 2009 RWU and

ROTC alumni, and 1st Lt. Sam Albahari, a 2008 RWU and ROTC alumni, both spoke on behalf of their friend.

"There are no words to describe the pain that runs through us," said Lt. Albahari. "Joe is within our hearts and minds everyday."

Lt. Albahari proceeded to tell the crowd what a hero his friend Fortin truly is. Albahari spoke of how Fortin went into battle without fear or indecision as well as Fortin's many accomplishments in Iraq, which includes doubling the amount of drinking water and electricity, saving the lives of four American soldiers, and supplying safety and security to the region he was stationed in.

The last to speak was Fortin's wife, Nicquelle Fortin, who thanked everyone for the truly amazing support she and Fortin's family has received, and expressed with incredible grace her husband's story and the wonderful life he lived. Nicquelle spoke of how much Fortin had accomplished in such a short time, how he is loved by so many, and has loved so many back with his whole heart.

"Joe would do anything for you if you so mentioned your need," said Nicquelle Fortin. "Joe always made the best lemonade out of lemons, and he would want us to do the same."

The American flag was raised all the way up to the top of the flagpole, along with the Roger Williams flag, which was then taken down and folded by seven Roger Williams faculty who all previously served our country. President Nirschel then handed the Roger Williams flag, which has never been given away before in our University's history, to Fortin's mother and father in memory of their son. Two ROTC members and Joe's academic adviser

for his time at Roger Williams, presented the Fortin family with a wreath in Fortin's honor, which they laid down under the flag pole, the American flag waving high above it. A 21-gun salute, consisting of three shots, was heard followed by the Roger Williams a cappella group, who sang a rendition of the National Anthem, as the soldiers saluted the flag. Dean Osborne announced the conclusion of the ceremony, and many people started passing out yellow ribbons in memory of Fortin and all the veteran's who have bravely allowed our country to earn the land of the free, and remain so.

By 12:05 p.m., only about 15 people were still gathered in the same spot in front of the admissions building, the plastic chairs already taken down. But the words of Joseph

Fortin's friends and family still remain fresh in our minds.

"We are privileged to have our own personal angel," Nicquelle Fortin said

of her husband during the ceremony. "Don't we owe it to Joe just to have a little faith?"

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Smooth sailing for RWU students at nationals

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

Two members of the Roger Williams University sailing team went to Corpus Christi, Texas to compete in the ICSA Singlehanded National Championship.

"The guys qualified to represent RWU at the ICSA Singlehanded National Championship," coach Amanda Callahan said.

Cy Thompson, the defending champion, finished 5th, 3 points out of 3rd and freshman Luke Lawrence finished 8th.

The team was also racing at the Crews Regatta at MIT, where they had a 9th place overall finish with 90 points and the R.I. State

Championships hosted by Salve Regina University, where they finished 10th overall with 229 points.

At the State Championships, George Saunders and Robert Devens scored 100 points, and Zack Shapiro and Megan Carison scored 129 points.

This season, the sailing team won 1st at the Navy Fall Intersectional and 2nd at the Schell Trophy, according to Callahan.

The Roger Williams University Sailing team is currently ranked 2nd in the nation.

This coming weekend, the sailing team will compete in the coed Atlantic Coast Championship at Harvard.

Women's soccer scores a victory on senior day

by ABBY CUNNINGHAM
Herald Staff Writer

Senior Day proved to be a success for the Roger Williams women's soccer team. Not only did they honor Carey Baldwin, Amanda deCunha, and Jen Garside for their excellent careers, they also defeated Curry College by a 3-0 score on Homecoming Weekend.

The Hawks' excellent offense allowed the women to advance in regular season play. The score remained tied at 0-0 until Laurin Pendleton netted one for the Hawks. deCunha assisted Maddy Howard with a ball that she converted for the Hawks' second goal of the game in the 75th minute.

Pendleton netted a ball from teammate Carey Baldwin for the Hawks' third and last goal of the game. Garside made a couple impressive stops to prohibit Curry from scoring in the Hawks' shut out. The RWU women's soccer team continued their success into their next game against NEC.

Within the first 15 minutes of the game, Baldwin scored off of a nice cross ball from Howard. This pushed the Hawks' up to a short-lived 1-0 lead. Pendleton took off

down the field for an unassisted goal in the 29th minute. The Hawks exploded in the second half with six goals. Devon Leighton contributed one of the six goals for the Hawks. Baldwin, Pendleton, and Leighton scored their second goals of the game that made up the six the Hawks impressively scored. Jen Garside finished with four saves and Katie Fusaro racked up two assists.

The Hawks ended the game with an 8-1 win over the Pilgrims. This game ended the women's regular season play as they advanced to opening round of the TCCC playoffs.

Number three-seeded Roger Williams took on number six-seeded Western New England College in the first round of the TCCC playoffs.

Unfortunately, the game progressed to a shootout.

Alexa Maher tied the shootout at 3-3 when Kristen Culver of WNEC scored the game winning shot at WNEC's

fifth and final attempt. Both teams struggled in regulation, as well as overtime periods. Neither team was able to score, but the Golden Bears prevailed in the end in an unexpected upset.

Despite the loss, five women from the RWU women's soccer team received All-TCCC Honors.

Laurin Pendleton, Michelle Meagher, and Jen Garside were named to the All-TCCC first team. Amanda deCunha and Julie Moody both received All-TCCC Honorable Mention status. The Hawks ended their impressive season with an overall record of 11-5-3 and 9-3-1 in the TCCC.



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MIND: Who will play in the BCS championship?

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Since Iowa has already beaten the Nittany Lions they currently have a leg up against Joe Paterno's squad.

I believe Penn St will beat Ohio St at home and win their final two games. This will leave them with an 11-1 record. The Hawkeyes on the other hand will lose to Ohio St and also finish the season with an 11-1 record.

With this said, Iowa will win the tiebreaker against Penn St and will make the trip to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl. However, with an 11-1 record, the Nittany Lions will still be in position to play for a BCS bowl game.

The ACC and the Big East are pretty easy to project. Cincinnati will win in the Big East while Georgia Tech will win in the ACC. This means that both of these teams will be rewarded with a BCS bowl game berth.

If the Bearcats go undefeated, they could have a chance at playing for the national title. If two of the top three teams lose one game I don't see why the Bearcats should not be in the discussion for the BCS title. However, I don't see that happening, which should leave them playing for

the Sugar Bowl.

TCU and Boise St are both mid-major schools with undefeated records. They both need to remain undefeated or they will fall from all BCS talks. TCU has a more difficult schedule, as they will have to beat Utah to remain undefeated.

However, I believe both the Horned Frogs and the Broncos will prevail and force themselves into a BCS title game. It should be interesting to see how both teams match up against school form powerhouse conferences.

We are nearing the most exciting time in the college football season. So sit back and enjoy some amazing matchups leading up to the bowl games in January.

BCS Bowl Projections-

Rose Bowl- Iowa vs. Oregon

Sugar Bowl- Alabama vs. Cincinnati

Fiesta Bowl- Boise St vs. Penn St.

Orange Bowl- Georgia Tech vs. TCU

National Championship- Florida vs. Texas

Women's and men's cross country win conference championship

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

The women and men's cross-country teams both won their conference championships last weekend.

This was the 10th year in a row that the women's team has won the championship. The team beat Salve Regina by one point on Saturday.

Freshman Lily Rutler finished in fourth place, but probably could have finished second if she had not taken a wrong turn, coach Sean Livingston said. Sophomore Katie Crowley finished seventh, earned All Conference and passed two runners in the last 150 meters.

Juliana Fernandes passed a University of New England runner steps before the finish line to secure the win.

The senior group of girls "just refused to lose," Livingston said.

"They worked very hard all season and saw that work pay off with the biggest of those ten Conference titles," Livingston said.

"After the mid-way point of the season (and after getting beaten by three conference

teams in the same meet for the first time in 10 years), I knew we were up against it. But they all continued fighting, never feeling sorry for themselves," Livingston said.

The team battled a multitude of injuries this season.

Potential number one runner, freshman Rutler suffered from an infected blister that turned into the MRSA infection, Livingston said. She had to miss almost four weeks of training.

Emily Tran, who was third overall at the conference, missed some key workouts because has been dealing with knee problems, Livingston said.

Returning All Conference runners Susan Thaxter and Fernandes also suffered from injuries and illnesses, Livingston said.

Other runners also suffered injuries.

"They all absolutely ran their hearts out though and did just enough to get the win. It was a total team effort," Livingston said.

The men's team

won their 10th overall conference title, and ninth in a row on Saturday. They were given the Conference Sportsmanship Award, said Livingston.

The team was co-favored with Gordon College going into the meet, as the men's team narrowly beat Gordon College last year.

Freshman Mitch Leveille came in second, junior Jon Ellis came in third and Tom Maybury came in fourth. They were All-Conference.

It was Maybury's best race of the year, Livingston said.

"He blew by three runners over the last 200 meters in order to finish fourth individually," Livingston said.

Junior Andrew Gallant finished 10th and freshman Matt Carney was the team's final scorer.

"I think they really wanted it a little more than Gordon," Livingston said.

"As with the women's team, I was looking for the guys to leave it all on the course and have no regrets about how they were going to race," Livingston said.

Women's volleyball wins TCCC

By DAN MALKIN
Sports Editor

At Western New England College (WNEC) last week the women's volleyball team took the court for the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship. The Lady Hawks got out to an early lead, pushing the score to 13-6. WNEC fought back and began to play at a higher level bringing the score to a more respectable 16-12.

After the quick comeback by WNEC, Brittney Sullivan came to the service line and took over the game. Sullivan quickly served four straight points to lead the Hawks to a 25-17 victory.

In the second set the Hawks did not see the same scoring and started off in a deep hole. Katha-

rina Boes of WNEC was dominating for the service line and gave her team the early lead. The Hawks were able to play better towards the end of the set, but eventually lost with a final score of 25-16.

The third set was by far the most interesting and compelling set with a tight score throughout. The score was very close early on and remained that way until the Hawks scored seven straight points. This gave them the advantage 23-14. A nine point lead was too much for WNEC and the Hawks took the third game to lead the set 2-1.

In the fourth and what could be the final game, the Hawks raced out to an early lead. The game would eventually end in a landslide when

Emily Lebowitz scored the final point.

Everyone on the team played at a very high level and the victory brought their record to an impressive 21-10. The victory also earns them a place in the NCAA National tournament for the first time ever in the history of the program.

The volleyball program has been on a role as of late and this season 20 win record gives them two 20-game season's back-to-back. They won the conference title for the first time in eleven years. The team will now travel to New York, where the National tournament will be held. They will be placed in a bracket of 62 teams.



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Malkin's Mind

by DAN MALKIN
Sports Editor

We are currently a little more than

halfway through the college football season, and it has been quite an exciting and thrilling start. The real question at this point in time is, who will earn the right to play in this year's BCS bowl games. As usual, this is a difficult question because there are sure to be upsets along the way, which will cause major changes to the rankings as the weeks unfold.

Anyways, let's break down the contenders and predict the championship game.

Texas is currently ranked as the number two team in the country atop the Big 12 after their huge wins against Oklahoma and Oklahoma St. Texas is in an unbelievable position at this point because they have beaten the strong teams in their division and should be able to win their final four games.

Their trip to College Station to take on Texas A&M is their only true test remaining, but I believe Colt McCoy and his Longhorns squad will come away with the victory. They will then play the Big 12 North winner and again I don't see Texas having any problem beating whoever wins that side of the conference.

In the SEC, Alabama is currently ranked as the number three team in the country and has been playing some great football. They took care of Virginia Tech, Ole Miss and South Carolina with ease and were able to escape with a win against an underrated Tennessee team. They have stepped up against their

strongest competitors and have shown the country that they are for real.

For the most part their schedule is favorable—I see them taking care of Mississippi State, Chattanooga and Auburn with ease. That leaves their showdown against LSU as the final test. If they can beat LSU, they will go undefeated and win a trip to the SEC Championship to take on Florida which as usual will be an unbelievable game.

The Florida Gators have risen to the occasion as of late and are currently playing their best football. Tim Tebow is starting to look great again, the defense is unstoppable and the Gators won't have any trouble with their four remaining games.

After their upset of USC in Eugene on Halloween night, Oregon is in the driver's seat for the Pac-10 title championship. It's as simple as this, if the Ducks win their final four games; they win the title and punch a ticket to the Rose Bowl.

They play four teams from the conference which makes the road somewhat difficult for the Ducks. However they are clearly the best Pac-10 team at this point and I don't see what they can't win all of their games. Their trip to Arizona on the 21st should be a very exciting game with a lot on the line for both schools.

The Big 10 will have the most big games to end the season and is by far the hardest of all the conferences to predict. The race seems to be between Iowa and Penn St for the conference and an eventual trip to the Rose Bowl.

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