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Mark Fusco

Students, faculty, and administrators gathered together on the quad to ring in the season as a community at the eight annual Winter Illuminations. The event was put on by the Winter Illuminations committee, an ad-hoc Student Senate committee.

Annual tradition celebrated for eighth time at RWU

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

'Twas a cold, windy night in Bristol, but hearts all over campus were warm. Last night, students, adults, and children bundled up and braved the cold to gather in the quad at Roger Williams for the eight annual Winter Illuminations.

This event has become a tradition at the university. Student Senate, with the help of other organizations, has been running the event for eight years now, according to senator and Winter Illuminations committee member, Noor Alawayat. The holiday celebration also acts as a fundraiser.

This year, \$428.14 was raised for the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties during fundraisers that took place prior to Wednesday, according to Matt Paige, Student Senate Treasurer and chair of the Winter Illuminations committee. "We organized a date

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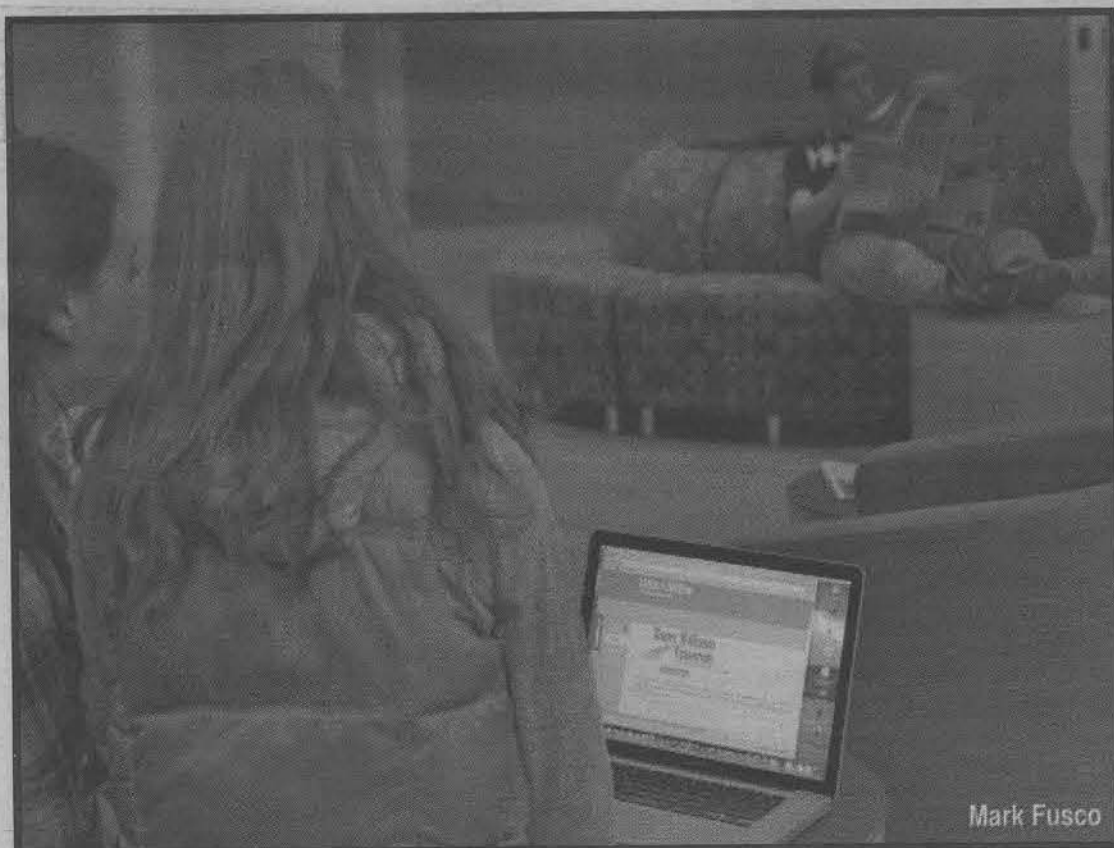
Safe Rides gears up for roll out

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

Student Senate's newest program, Safe Rides at RWU, is set to hit the road as early as next semester. Safe Rides at RWU is an emergency transportation service for the students of RWU. It will offer transportation back to campus for students who feel that it is not safe to drive or who have been stranded. This will hopefully cut down on drunk driving by students at RWU.

This program will operate on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Student Senate vans will be used to transport students back to campus. The vans will travel as far as four miles from campus, which covers nearly all of Bristol and Portsmouth. This service will be confidential and free of charge. The student drivers of the Safe Rides at RWU vehicles work on a volunteer basis. They must go through training sessions provided by

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Mark Fusco

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RWU likes it a lot

Engvall wins Professor of the Semester

Justice studies professor honored with award

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Professor Robert Engvall has been chosen as fall 2010's Professor of the Semester recipient.

Dev Lewis, senator and chair of Student Senate's Academic Affairs Committee, explained the process behind the selection.

"Each semester, students nominate the professors they'd like to see win the award," Lewis said. "[The Academic Affairs committee] sent around a survey to all students through email allowing them to write in the professor they wanted to nominate. We then printed the results, processed them, and then took the

top five nominees based on the numbers."

Lewis said that over 1,000 people voted in the survey, a number Lewis called "excellent."

The Academic Affairs committee formally announced the results in an all-student email yesterday. Speaking on behalf of the committee, Lewis said "The committee would like to publicly congratulate Engvall for his excellent work for the RWU community."

Engvall said that he is "honored" by the award.

"I certainly thank the students

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BRIEFS

Justices hear case over punishing businesses that hire illegal workers

The Supreme Court offered tenuous support Wednesday for an Arizona law that would punish businesses hiring illegal aliens, a law that opponents, including the Obama administration, say steps on traditional federal oversight over immigration matters. —CNN.com

New Jersey law sidelines student athletes who may have a brain injury

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is playing defense against brain injuries for student athletes. Christie signed a bill into law Tuesday requiring public and private school coaches to remove any athlete from play who shows signs of a concussion. Students who suffer a concussion will also need clearance from a physician before they can compete again. All New Jersey public and private school districts are required to develop policies to handle head injuries. —CNN.com

Dirty money: Tests detect chemical BPA on dollar bills

As if holiday shopping weren't stressful enough, a new report says the dwindling stash of cash in your wallet might be tainted with the controversial chemical BPA. Tests on a small sample of dollar bills found traces of bisphenol A, the hormone-mimicking chemical linked to health problems from infertility and cancer to early puberty and obesity, said Erika Schreder, a scientist who led the study. —msnbc.msn.com

McRib boosts McDonald's November sales

McDonald's Corp. says a key sales figure rose 4.8 percent in November, helped in the U.S. by the popularity of the limited-time McRib sandwich. The world's largest burger chain also said Wednesday weaker foreign currencies will hurt its fourth-quarter earnings.

FLASH dance



YouTube.com

At approximately 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, in the Upper Commons, a flash mob appeared, and proceeded to dance to the song "2012" by Jay Sean featuring Nicki Minaj. According to the YouTube video description, the mob was organized in response to a senior seminar project assigned by professor Brett McKenzie.



Amanda Newman

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for nominating me and I'm always pleased when students say kind things about professors ... There are so many wonderful professors at RWU, who impact the students' lives in positive ways, that it is always great when we get recognized." Student Senate Vice President and former student, Nick Tsimortos, spoke highly of Engvall. "Dr. Engvall is very well-respected," Tsimortos said. "... He's outgoing, friendly, and funny. I took the class at the time I did specifically so that I could have Engvall."

Tsimortos said he met Engvall by chance last fall during the URI vs. Narragansett trial at the RWU Law School, while he was trying into Engvall's class.

"He's someone you can go to — he's really there for students. He really cares," Tsimortos said.

Engvall has been teaching full-time at RWU since 1999 and was one of five student-nominated candidates vying for the title. He will be commemorated with a plaque that will bear his name with past winners.

SAFE: Program almost ready to hit the road

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the program and attend their team nights regularly.

Safe Rides at RWU is an ad-hoc committee of Senate. An ad-hoc committee is a committee created with or for a certain purpose, and once the purpose is served, the committee ends. As such, Student Senate will be funding the costs to run the program. The program should start sometime in the near future. When asked of the date, Safe Rides at RWU President Tim Gale said, "The program has claimed multiple start dates that have all been delayed; however,

it is safe to say that Safe Rides at RWU will start early next semester. This is not a promise, because the decision is ultimately up to the administration, but it is safe to say that it will start early next semester."

Safe Rides at RWU will help to provide RWU students an option to get back to campus safely on the weekends. Hopefully, students will not abuse the services provided by the program. This has the potential to improve the safety of the university and the surrounding communities.



RWU alum is dating Christina Aguilera

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

A Roger Williams University alumnus has been spotted by paparazzi out and about with singer/actress Christina Aguilera.

Matthew Rutler graduated from RWU in 2007 with a degree in business and a minor in music. He went on to work as a production assistant for movies such as

"The Social Network" and Aguilera's new movie "Burlesque," where the two reportedly met.

The couple were photographed together in Newport at the end of November.

Liliana Rutler, Matthew's sister, is a current RWU sophomore.

"[Matthew] is a good big brother who enjoyed his time at Roger and comes back often," Liliana said.



DailyMail.co.uk

Senate considers funding proposed turf field

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Roger Williams University's Student Senate will vote next Monday on whether or not they will contribute \$50,000 in funds to the university's recently proposed turf field project.

According to an all-student email dated November 29, Senate was to discuss the idea of contributing funds towards the proposed field at the December sixth senate meeting.

If passed, the money would be taken from the Senate's reserve account, which is only used to

fund "capital projects," according to Senate Treasurer Matt Paige, and given to the university.

Paige said that the Senate has been debating whether or not they should fund the turf field and if so, how much they should contribute. They eventually decided on a sum of \$50,000.

In the all-student email, the Senate said, "In an effort to facilitate the development of this turf field, the Student Senate has agreed to spend no more than \$175,000 from [the reserve account]."

Paige did note, however, that the money is for the turf field only,

meaning that if the University fails to approve the installation of the field, the \$50,000 will be returned to the reserve account.

"When we see an opportunity to push along a project that students want to see, we will consider it," Paige said.

Currently, the idea of funding the field is being processed through Senate in the form of a bill, which is expected to be voted on at the Dec. 13 Senate meeting, by which time the Senate hopes to have a decision formally made.

RWU Dance Theatre to hold winter dance show

Student dancers will perform pieces choreographed by guest artists, professors, and fellow students

Article Courtesy | Bristol Phoenix

The Roger Williams University Dance Theater will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11, and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, in Performing Arts Center, 1 Old Ferry Road. Dance students will perform works by guest artists Sean Curran, Kelley Donovan and Ashley Hinson and by dance faculty members Michael Bolger, Katie McNamara and Melody Ruffin Ward. Pieces by dance majors Kristen Majoros, Elizabeth Kelley, Emily Caputo and Courtney Stellmach also will be performed.

In the concert, dancers will perform a piece choreographed by Sean Curran during his residency with the RWU Dance and Performance Studies Program in November. Mr. Curran made his mark on the dance world as a leading dancer with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company. He received a New York Dance and Performance Besie Award for his performance in "Secret Pastures" and was an original member of the New

York City cast of the Off-Broadway percussion extravaganza "Stomp," performing in the show for four years. He began his college career in dance at Roger Williams University.

Kelley Donovan's choreography was selected by the New York Times as one of the six outstanding dance events of the 2009 season. Her choreography has been commissioned by World Music/Crasharts in Boston and the Duo Theater in New York City. The Boston Globe said of her work: "The choreographer ... enters midway like the eye of the cyclone that has been generating movement all the while. She is like a double helix in motion, constantly flipping perspective. She seems to reach out and coil inward at the same time, her body twisting and spiraling, arms curving forward and back with quick shifts of dynamics."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Seating is limited. For ticket inquiries, call the box office at 254-3626.



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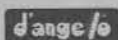
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Clockwise from top left: members of the Winter Illuminations committee pose for a photo-op with Swoop.



Students brave the cold to enjoy the treats provided by Bon Appetit.



President Champagne and Matt Paige, chair of the Winter Illuminations committee, present a check for \$428.14 to the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties.

WINTER: Community enjoys holiday tradition

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...auction made of volunteers from the Winter Illuminations committee, and held a silent auction, where we auctioned off a reggae show in Providence courtesy of WQRI, and Celtics tickets, which were donated by (senator and fellow Winter Illuminations committee member) Ryan Freed's father." Paige also noted that IRHA played an important role in fundraising by selling paper snowflakes and making a banner of support to present to the Women's Resource Center.

RWU President Dr. Ronald Champagne presented a giant

check with the fundraised sum to a representative from the Women's Resource Center at Winter Illuminations, giving a whole new meaning to his words, "This is a time when we celebrate gift-giving."

After President Champagne's presentation and a brief acknowledgement of thanks to various people by Paige, the main event took place: the lighting of the modest pine tree growing in the quad.

Champagne lead the crowd in a rousing countdown, and at the end, the tree began to glow a blue

ish white, which resulted in much cheering. Afterwards, Paige wished the students luck with finals and wished everyone happy holidays, and then the crowd was left to mingle and continue partaking in the other aspects of Winter Illuminations.

During the event, WQRI played music to get everyone in the holiday spirit, such as the very appropriate hit "Baby It's Cold Outside." Also, before the lighting, the university's Acappella group, Special Delivery, performed for the crowd.

There were other illuminations

around the quad besides the tree. Projections, such as one proclaiming "Happy Holiday" lit up the surrounding buildings. Other moving lights gave the still very green grass a more snowy appearance. Then there was the inflatable Santa Snoopy and the number of people in festive costumes, including the school mascot, Swoop.

Though there were recognizable aspects of various specific holidays, such as Santa hats, Alawayat specified that Winter Illuminations does not have an intended religious affiliation. It is

meant to celebrate all the holidays in this season.

"The whole purpose behind Winter Illuminations is to raise money, and it's also a good chance to bring the Bristol community together. It is not just for Roger Williams University," Alawayat said.

And sure enough, people of all ages lined up for the various food stands provided by Bon Appetit. When asked, most students responded that the food was their favorite part of Winter Illuminations. They loved the kettle corn and hot apple cider.

"Of course college students like this event, there's free food," said sophomore Izzy DuPont.

Even Alawayat exclaimed, "Good food!" when she was mentioning things she likes about Winter Illuminations. She also explained that Winter Illuminations is like "that one last hurrah before we break into finals, before we go off and start winter break."

When all was said and done, Paige expressed his happiness with the turnout.

"The event went really well! We had lots of people show up, and were able to present a check to the Women's Resource Center, who are very grateful for our efforts," Paige said. "I'd like to thank everyone for their help with the event. I'm especially grateful for the aid of the clubs, orgs, Student Programs and Leadership, Scott Yonin, and Dr. Champagne."

"Also, a big thank you to everyone who made it out despite in the cold!" Paige said.

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To those who know where to look, Manny's serves up value

Darielle Terry | Herald Reporter

The maroon awning reads, "Van's Spa," but the glass window advertises hot dogs and burgers. Inside, crates of Empire Soda bottles run down the store's center and the walls are lined with newspaper clippings. Customers can be seen walking behind the counter to help themselves refill their coffee mugs.

"It's only a little hole in the wall but it's a place for fun," Manuel J. Rego said, while flipping burgers behind the counter.

Rego is better known by his nickname Manny, and his diner, Van's Spa, is also better known as Manny's. It's a small restaurant located on Wood Street. Passing by it is easy to do, partially because of the small size and partially because of the misleading awning.

The restaurant does not offer any spa services.

"Young kid's don't understand that because you don't know what it is. Years ago, a spa was like a store that has a little bit of everything but it has a center point," Manny said.

Before Manny owned the restaurant, Van's Spa was a convenience store that sold magazines and some groceries. Eventually it turned into a coffee shop, which then turned

into a diner. In the past 4 years that Manny has been the owner, he has not changed the name or very much else about the diner. The only major renovations he

made were adding an air conditioning unit and decorating the walls.

This local restaurant's main draw is that they serve big portions of food at cheap prices. Manny's specializes in breakfast and lunch, in fact most days the diner closes at 4 p.m.

For breakfast, Manny personally serves large breakfast sandwiches with home fries, all for \$3.00. For the same price, he also serves

a cheeseburger and fries for lunch. Grilled cheese and french fries is only \$2.00 and these are just some of the unbelievable specials that Manny offers on a

daily basis.

"It's fairly priced. My expenses are low and I don't have any help. It's all family run," Manny said.

Manny works in his restaurant seven days per week and the only help he has is from his mother-in-law. The restaurant certainly has that family-owned feel: the atmosphere inside is very casual, which is probably why Manny's regular customers feel comfortable enough to walk behind the counter and pour themselves refills.

Beside's local Bristol residents, Manny's is a pretty popular place for Roger Williams University

students. With its large quantities of great food at great prices, Manny's is a college student's dream. Students can have a filling breakfast and/or lunch and still have extra money left over for books and drinks.

"The college kids are good to me and I mean that, I've made some friends. They're very nice to me despite my ways," Manny said.

RWU students make up a large percentage of Manny's customers, but he appreciates the students as more than just who helps keep him in business. He knows everyone and enjoys having the "college kids" in his restaurant; he trusts them.

Manny may not always show his love for everyone though.

"I'm Gruff. If you take me serious, you've got a problem," Manny said. Part of the charm of Manny's restaurant is Manny himself. He is a unique character that makes the whole Manny's dining experience fun. He never writes an order down because he can always remember them.

Manny has run several different restaurants throughout Rhode Island before owning Manny's, so he is use to the restaurant business.

"I do it my way and I can."



Darielle Terry

Manuel "Manny" J. Rego poses in front of the griddle. Manny's is a local favorite for its big portions served up meager prices.

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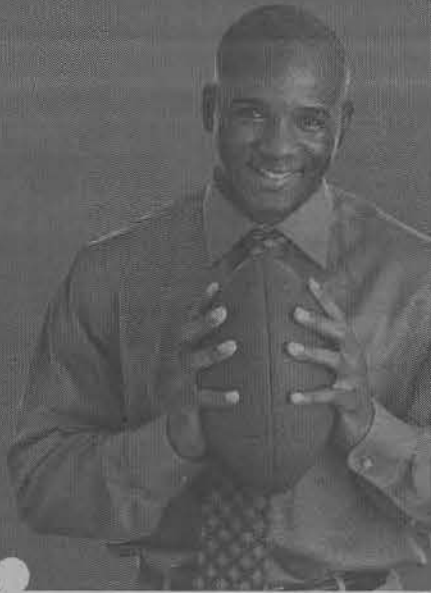
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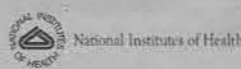
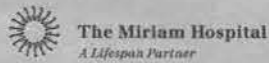
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'Christmas at Blithewold' open through Jan. 2

Article Courtesy | Bristol Phoenix

Once again, Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is transformed into a dazzling display celebrating the magic of Christmas. "Christmas at Blithewold — Tiffany, Tinsel & Toys" is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays through Sunday, Jan 2, at the mansion at 101 Ferry Road.

Visitors are greeted by an 18-foot Monroe Pine tree in the foyer, designed by artist Joanne Murrman and hung with origami swans made by local school children.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (55 plus) and college students, \$2 for children 6 to 17 years old, and free for children 5 and under. There are discounts for AAA members and military families.

Afternoon teas are at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays; children's holiday teas from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Dec. 13 and 20; children's storytimes at 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in the living room; and children's author Joan Klatil Creamer and her tale of "The Magic Sceptre: The Legend of Blue Santa Claus," followed by holiday treats, is on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

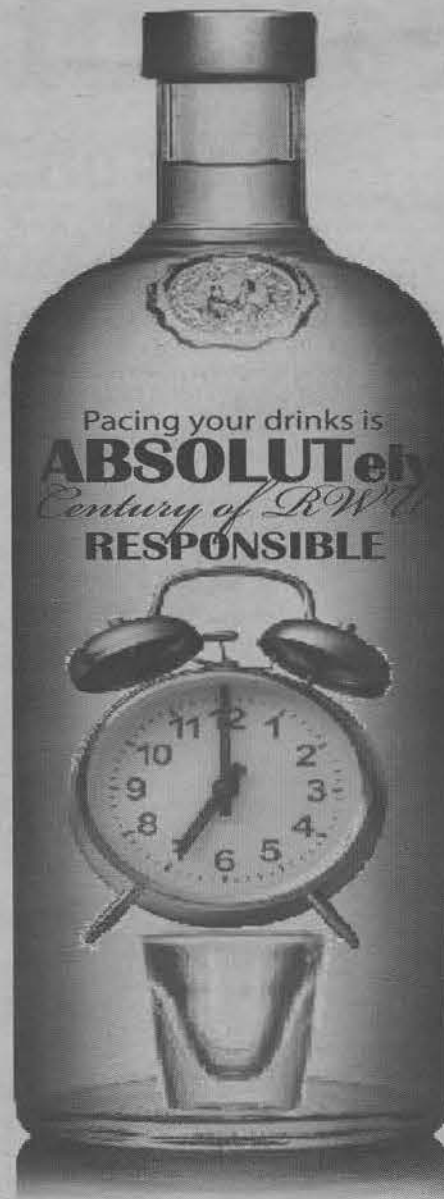
Concerts and storytimes are free with admission.

Teas are \$12 on a first come, first served basis. Reservations are not taken. Teas are not suitable for very young children. Tickets are sold in the mansion.

Children's holiday teas are \$30 per adult and \$23 per child. Tea, hot chocolate, desserts and savories are served.



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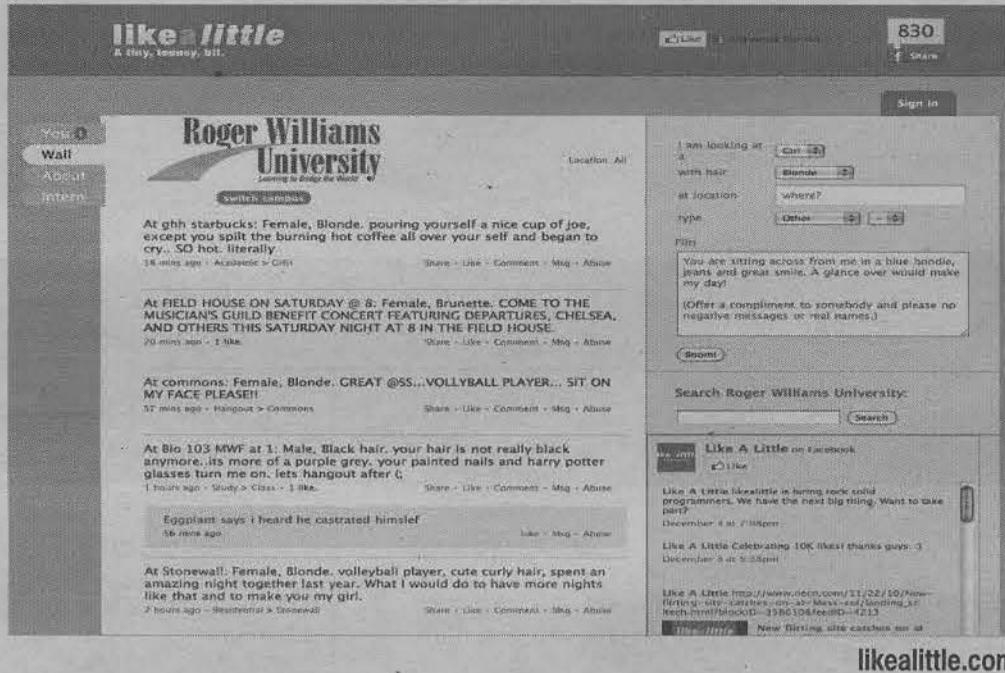
GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

Recently, Roger Williams University students began viewing and contributing to a new website called Like A Little.com. This site allows anyone with an Internet connection to post anonymously about anyone whom they see walking around, sitting in class or passing by on campus. Students will log on to the website and post something about someone they see and where they see them.

Co-Founder and CEO Evan Reas started the website with some friends as a site to communicate with people on an anonymous basis. The site was launched on Oct. 25, 2010, and now currently has over 50 colleges following and posting daily on the site. The Monday before Thanksgiving break, sophomore Sental Dickran heard about this site through friends who attended other universities and thought that it would be something that RWU could use. Dickran e-mailed Reas who then set up an account for the university. Dickran is now labeled at the Founding Member, meaning that she moderates the site for misuse of language or names.

As of the beginning of December, RWU was in the top seven college and universities to have the most postings. Reas and his co-founders saw a need for a way for peers to communicate with others without names being attached to posts.

"Myself and two co-founders wanted to create a way to let people anonymously communicate with people around the



Screen shot of the Roger Williams University Like A Little page.

globe while staying in real time," Reas said.

Reas said that in order to keep anonymity for the community, but also to allow conversations to be had, a fruit name is given to each post to make following a conversation easier. Students have seen posts being named by Guava, Cucumber, Melon, and many others depending on the amount of postings.

Students at RWU began hearing about this website only a few weeks ago. Freshman Kim Manikas said that she heard about the website through friends via Facebook and decided to check it out. "A lot of my friends 'liked' it on Facebook and told me that

I should look at all of the postings," Manikas stated.

Students can simply type in the web address and post something immediately about anyone that they wish. While some feel that this is a fun and a fast way to communicate, some disagree and think that its function should be questioned. Professor of History Mike Swanson thinks that "the final motive of the website should be put into question if all of the posts are anonymous." Swanson said he feels that a site such as Facebook allows users to connect with friends, groups and causes, while Like A Little keeps peoples' identities anonymous.

"I have to question the opportunity for good from this website, and if there isn't one, than you have to question the motive of the website," Swanson said.

Reas recognizes that having the posts on the website remain anonymous can cause for issues. "Some people have said that anonymity lets people be very offensive and abusive, but we are trying to be very proactive about keeping things positive," Reas said.

He added that every school is assigned five or more moderators who are in charge of banning certain words that are negative or offensive. "These assigned students can delete any post im-

mediately, so the community has full power to enforce the site," Reas said.

Some students feel that the website can be effective if used correctly. Freshman Carter Cyr thinks that there are two different sides to the website.

"Some people will just fool around with friends and use it as a joke, while some people use it to express their feelings," Cyr stated. Advertised on their site as a "flirting-facilitator platform," students around campus have begun to post hundreds of postings a day.

"I really don't know how many posts Roger Williams has actually posted, short of counting all of them; the best answer to how many would simply be a lot," Reas commented on the popularity of the site.

With the site reaching higher popularity each day, Reas and his team hope to create a location-based chat within the near future, which would allow for people in the same area, classroom, hallway or common area to chat with on another on the site. Reas understands that the website has the potential to be negative, but asks everyone to "be flirty and fun: everyone wins then."

As finals on campus begin, students can continue to post and comment information on their peers, but will always ask themselves the unanswerable question of "who is 'melon,' that just commented on my post."

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Professor's program embodies university's global spirit

RAY SCHREFFLER | Sponsoring Contributor

When Roger Williams University decided to move in the direction of "Bridging the World," Professor Sandra Schreffler was one of the first on board. Her Study Abroad program this coming summer will be her fifth-annual "study and acculturation" trip to Guatemala. She firmly believes that the students who have accompanied her have acquired a knowledge, understanding, and love of Spanish (and the Spanish speakers of Guatemala) that could not possibly have been gained in any other way.

"I love Guatemala, not only because I was born and spent my early years there, but also because the Guatemalan people are so open, cheerful and friendly, and because of the unparalleled natural beauty of the country," Schreffler said. "Being able to take a group of students there and helping them get acquainted with the country and the people has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life." She seems to have done an excellent job of communicating that love to the more than forty students who have participated in her program over the past four years.

"It was the most awesome and outstanding experience of my life," said junior Caitlin Studley, who traveled to Guatemala in 2010. "I could never have appreciated the unique charm of the country and its people without having actually gone there and met them. The way that they have managed to evolve a lifestyle by which they manage to live happy and fruitful lives, under extremely difficult conditions and with very little material wealth, just blew me away. And being able to actually meet and speak with the people there - who were very understanding and non-judgmental about my vocabulary and grammar mistakes - improved my Spanish more than any classroom course could possibly have done. I loved it!"

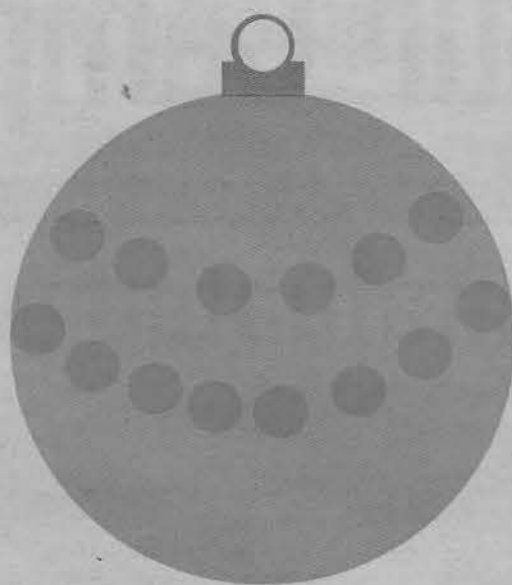
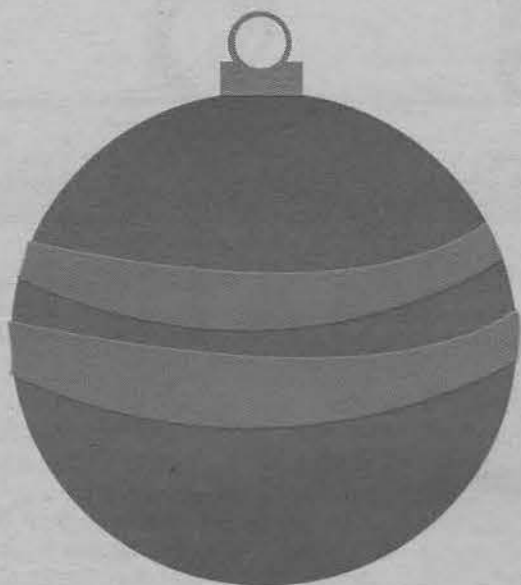
Schreffler's program offers two three-credit courses at the 300 level. She varies the content from year to year, and has, in the past, included such topics as Mayan Folk Tales, Mayan Children's Literature, Mayan Languages and History, and Contemporary Guatemala. The 2011 session will include courses in Mayan Folk Tales and Contemporary Guatemala. The program includes trav-



el to a number of sites, including the colonial capital of Antigua, Tikal, and other ancient Mayan sites, the black sand beaches of the Pacific coast, the caves of King Marcos, bird and wildlife sanctuaries in the mountains, and zip-lining in the tropical rainforest canopy.

The 2011 group will leave on May 28 and return on June 27. "We are able to accommodate a maximum of 12 students," Schreffler said, "and we already have most of those slots filled, so anyone interested in participating should contact me as soon as possible." To be eligible

for the program, a student must have successfully completed SPN 202 or its equivalent, or receive permission from Schreffler. Schreffler can be contacted in her office at GHH 110, at her office number, 254-3782, or by email at sschreffler@rwu.edu.



Where to shop for gifts in Bristol wi



Studio 6

259 Thames Street
 Monday- Saturday 10a.m. - 6p.m.
 Sunday 12p.m.-5p.m.

As its slogan implies, shopping for holiday gifts at Studio Six will most certainly "always be fun." The shop features a wide selection of light-hearted gifts for both children and adults. Kids would enjoy any number of the colorful toys and clothes featured for sale. For adults, Studio Six offers a variety of house warming gifts, from candles and napkins, to made-from-recyclables pasta strainers and knit monkey-shaped wine bottle covers.

Gifts under \$20.00: Puzzles, children's clothing, glassware, candles and candle holders, and "Bristol Rhode Island" sweat-shirts

Floral

573 Hope Street
 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This is not your average flower shop. Floral Symphony features a wide assortment of fresh cut flowers, holiday plants, and pre-potted plants. The designers are able and willing to create custom-crafted bouquets and gift baskets to meet any price. The shop also stocks an assortment of baskets, vases, and pots to enhance the arrangements' presentation. There are also a selection of chocolates and other treats to make up tasty gift baskets. Floral Symphony offers a 100-percent satisfaction guarantee on all their flowers, ensuring that all their creations stay as beautiful outside the shop as they were when they were first created. The shop will also arrange for out-of-state flower shops to create bouquets for customers who do not live locally.

Gifts under \$20.00: Roses, assorted fresh cut flowers, wreathes, poinsettias, and smaller custom-designed bouquets.

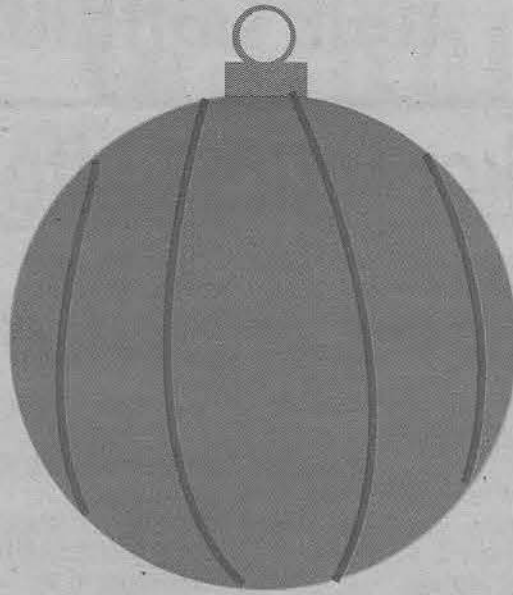
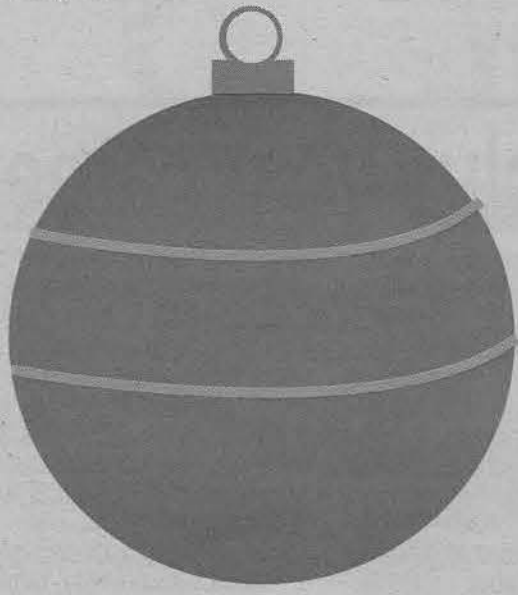
Harbor Bath & Body

251 Thames Street
 Monday-Tuesday 11a.m. - 4p.m.
 Wednesday-Saturday 10a.m. - 6p.m.
 Sunday 12p.m. - 4p.m.

Stop in by the Harbor Bath & Body shop for locally made soaps and body care products. The shop has sweet-smelling bar soaps and body lotions made with all-natural ingredients right here in Bristol. There are also facial care products for men, including aftershave balms and facial moisturizers. But besides beauty products, Harbor Bath & Body also has great stocking-stuffer gifts like packs of gum and tins of breath mints with tongue-in-cheek satirical labels. Plus, students who show their school I.D. earn a 15 percent discount on their purchases.

Gifts under \$20.00: All the bar soaps, men's soap-filled body sponges, lavender-scented eye masks, and kids soaps that smell like grass and cake.





without breaking your budget

Symphony



Time and Thyme Again

13 State Street
Monday-Saturday 11a.m. - 5p.m. Sunday 12p.m.- 5 p.m.



This boutique features an eclectic assortment of home decor. Shoppers may enjoy antique buttons that have been remade into rings, necklaces, and bracelets. There are also starfish and sea dollar ornaments and brushed-metal globes. The boutique also features a wide assortment of table runners, quilts, pillows, antique glassware and place settings. Time & Thyme Again stocks items that have a well-worn and well-loved feel that will compliment almost any home they end up in.

Gifts under \$20.00: Antique button earrings, hand-crafted soaps and dishes, and scarves.

Paper, Packaging and Panache

418 Hope Street
Monday-Saturday 10a.m.- 5p.m. Sunday 12p.m.-5p.m.

Head down to this Bristol boutique for everything paper – from calendars and stationary, to unique greeting cards and thank you notes. The triple-P features hard-to-find papers crafted into elegant journals and stationary sets. You'll also find a wide range of cards – from funny to sentimental – that are a step above the typical Hallmark variety. After you check out, one of the employees will gladly gift wrap your items free of charge, taking time to incorporate each of your gifts into a pleasing presentation.

Gifts under \$20.00: Headbands and other accessories featuring decorative buttons, notepads, pens, calendars, and cards.



Maintenance worker retires after 21 plus year career

NICHOLAS TOMEI | Copy Editor

Ed Brum, a custodian on campus, is planning to retire sometime in the first quarter of next year—that is, by March 2011. He has been working here for 21 and a half years. He is originally from Portugal, having immigrated to the United States in 1964 at the age of 19. He first moved to Bristol, where he still resides, and met his wife here, whom he married four years later in 1968. He has two children: one daughter who is a teacher—and who has a son that is five months old—and one son who is a technician.

Before working at Roger Williams University, Ed had two other occupations. His first job was construction work, which he did for 15 years. His second job was at Shamut Bank, where he worked for five years, as a maintenance worker.

About being a custodian, he said, "I decided to make less money [than in construction work], but the benefits are important for me and my family. Also, it is year-round work; with construction, I would have to stay home for months. I am also now close to my home. With that job [at Shamut Bank], I had to travel all over the state." In comparison to working at the bank, being a

custodian has provided better benefits and pay for him, Brum said.

Brum has enjoyed being in an educational institution. "The students are very educated: when a student comes to college, he or she has good grades and a strong family as support," he said. "These are better students than from any high school."

In regards to challenges in the past at RWU, he said he has had none. "Management treats me nice; I have no reason to complain: my co-workers are kind," Brum said.

Brum has also had good relations and communications with students. "I really enjoy how

pleasant the students are to me," he said.

However, Brum also notes that he could have been a good maintenance worker—as he had been while working for Shamut Bank—but the opportunity never came for night-shift, which he preferred to work. As for the custodial work on a daily basis: "[Maintenance] just explains to me what to do and I do what I need to," Brum said.

Brum remarks that he tries to come to work every day. "I only take a day off when I am really sick," he said. "I consider myself a good employee."

In regards to his plans for retirement, Brum is planning to travel

often to Rancho Mirage, Calif. and North Conway, N.H., having connections at both places. "I also do wallpapering for myself, which I have been doing for the past thirty-five years," he said. "I would work two to three days each week for this business, just to keep myself busy: it is a job that I really enjoy."

Brum will also take care of his grandson with his wife, drinking coffee together and playing with him in the morning. Brum said he will in particular miss the good relationship that he has had with both the co-workers and the students.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?



SAM ECKEL

"I am most excited about decorating the house and the tree! It is my favorite part about the holidays. Seeing the house all decorated puts me in such a happy mood!"



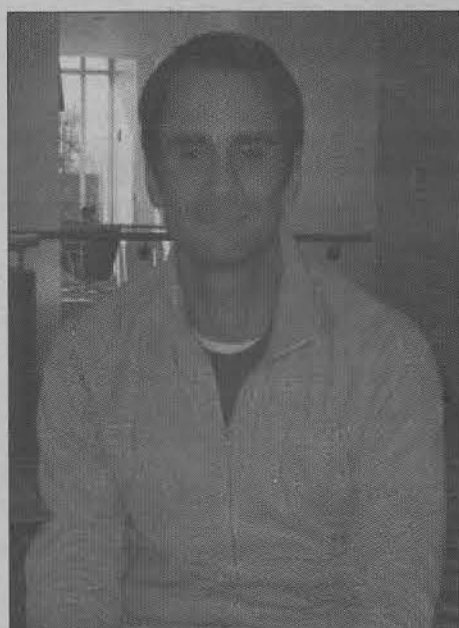
THEA ROWAN

"I'm excited to watch Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer with my family and the Hershey's candy cane kisses"



BRITTANY GALLIN

"I'm excited to hang out with my dog and my family and yeah, have a break from school, this week is probably going to kill me."



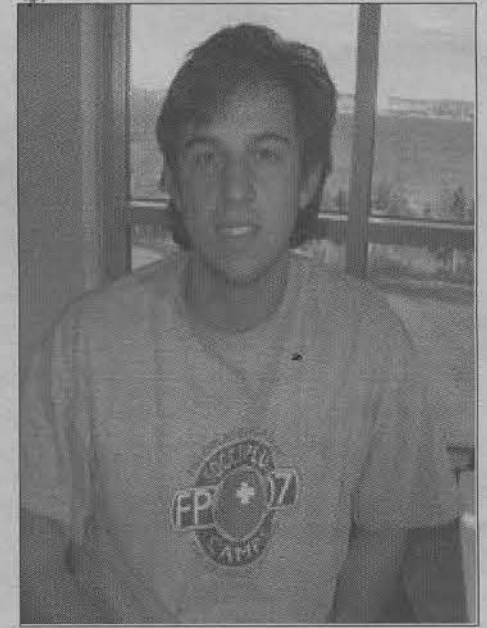
IAN DEMELLO

"I'm excited to take a little break from studies, enjoy some warm weather in Miami so I can start fresh next semester."



MELISSA AVERY

"I'm really excited to give gifts to everyone."



PAUL ARUTE

"I'm excited to see and be with my family."



Keep college dating light and fun; you don't need to be an Old Spice man



RACIE STACIE | Herald Contributor

We all love to watch those romantic movies where girl meets boy and boy surprises girl with a dozen red roses for no reason and spontaneously decides to take girl to Paris for the weekend, all while a slow song by some unknown Indie band (which will promptly become well-known) plays in the background.

Now, let's face reality ... that does not happen. Yes, we all like to pretend that it might happen to us as we stare glassy-eyed at our television screens on the couch with all the lights turned off, but deep down, we know better. Once the credits start rolling, the fantasy fades.

As many of us know, the dat-

ing scene on campuses is not quite so glamorous. But, once you come to terms with this little fact, you can discover that there is, in fact, room for romance and spontaneity in college dating. For example, how about the classic dinner and a movie routine? No, not a candle lit meal and a chick flick, but how about a film from the comedy or action genre? We all love to laugh until our eyes tear up, and if you choose the action genre, you can always ogle Mark Wahlberg while your beau whoops and hollers at the violent shootouts. There might even be dim lighting at the joint that you two get a burger at afterwards. I think of this date as the best of both worlds (however, I am more of a wing girl myself).

If you have been there and done that, you might have to put a little more effort into a date. If your friends prove to be no help, Google is a great aid in this situation. But just off the top of my head, I can think of a few things that are available in the Bristol area. For instance, you can head down to Newport (it is an inherently romantic location) or go indoor rock climbing. If you are lacking in the transportation department, there is always Rock Band or simply chilling out and watching a sports game. Sports fan or not, good conversations always occur in relaxed situations

and more girls play video games than you boys might think.

Dreaming about our "perfect date" is a lovely pastime, and I am not saying that the fairytale will never happen; I am just advocating what I like to call "light" dating while we are all young. Save the mushy stuff for when we are mature enough and monetarily able enough to handle it. Personally, if a guy showed up at the Commons on a horse and handed me a box of gourmet chocolates in front of everyone, I would start laughing and walk in the other direction. What Hollywood might call a grand romantic gesture, I call ridiculous.

Continue watching Jennifer Aniston and reading Nicholas Sparks novels, but do not be disappointed when your date does not have a set of armor. Have fun while you can and keep things to what my sister refers to as "light and frothy." There is no rush for dating to get serious, and if you go all-out too early in the game how do you top it? What do you have to look forward to?

For now, keep it low pressure, and you never know — one night you might fall asleep next to someone and suddenly hear a single from the Goo Goo Dolls start playing on his iTunes playlist. Seriously, it could happen.

Our athletes work hard, let's start supporting them

CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter

As a transfer student from a big school to Roger Williams University, one of my few disappointments upon arriving here was the lack of attendance at sporting events. During my first week at school, last spring semester, I saw an advertisement for a basketball game on the side of the recreation center, and asked the people that I lived with if they wanted to go to game. I was shocked to hear them respond, "Oh, no one goes to those."

Coming from URI, where the Ryan Center is packed with enthusiastic fans for every basketball game, I did not understand why people did not go to the games here at RWU. I realize that our school is a lot smaller than URI, but we could still fill our gym and fields with fans, and help cheer our teams to the championships.

Last week, I attended a women's basketball game to support one of my suite mates and her team, but was disappointed to see a more significant number of parents than students in the stands. The girls have a great record so far, so it's not as if they are not good, but why is it that more students are not showing their support for these ladies who work extremely hard to win game after game?

I asked Paige Congdon, one of the players, how she thought

that we could get more people to go to games, and she said that she thinks that during half time there should be competitions and items that are raffled off. Although I think that this is a great idea, and will definitely attract fans, do we really need to almost "bribe" students to come to games? Any athlete or friend of an athlete knows the amount of work that is put into every practice and game. The least that the rest of us can do is go to these games and support our classmates, friends, and fellow students.

When women's soccer made it to the championships, our field was lined with screaming fans supporting our women. The energy of the fans led the girls to win our conference championship. Why can we not have this spirit at all of our school's sporting events — not just at the championship games? Most athletes that I have talked to have said that they play much better when they have a bunch of enthusiastic fans cheering them on.

So, here is what you can do: go onto www.rwuhawks.com and look at the upcoming games that you could attend. The more people at the games, the more fun that they are for both the players and the students. The athletes put in their hard work. Now, it's time for the rest of us to step up our game.

Letters to the Editor

In response to "Feral cats thrive on campus thanks to human help" [from the Nov. 18 edition of *The Hawks' Herald*]:

We are two of the student feeders who have been monitoring and feeding the feral cat colonies now for 3-4 years. The article recently published in *The Hawk's Herald* did not accurately reflect what is happening on this campus. These cats are either animals that were previously kept as pets on campus and were illegally released or are offspring of these cats. Thanks to Dr. John King, Pawswatch, along with a group of RWU volunteers, these cats have all been trapped, vaccinated and fixed, and then returned to their environment. They are fed and maintained to make sure that they remain healthy and do not cause any problems on campus.

The campus community needs to understand that these cats

are wild animals and feral, which means that they are not household pets, and as adults are incapable of being tamed. These cats face a variety of daily struggles that include but are not limited to severe weather, traffic, and predators like coyotes and foxes.

Students should also know that abandoning an animal is against Rhode Island law and punishment for abandonment includes a \$50-\$500 fine and/or up to 11 months in prison.

If you have any questions about the feral cats, or would like to become involved in the group that maintains them, please email us at rwu_animalrights@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Kayla Cotter
Senior - Class of 2011
Kirstie Goodwin
Junior - Class of 2012

After reading the article on feral cats, I was disappointed that there was no mention of our discussion on the University's Pet Policy and the penalty for abandoning a pet (up to a \$500.00 fine or 11 months in jail.)

During the interview, I said

that it should not be a "feel good" article, but a reminder to students that the irresponsible act of abandoning animals is against the law.

Brenda Brouillette
November, 19, 2010

Dear Editor:

The article titled "Access Denied" in the Nov. 11 issue of *The Hawks' Herald* leaves readers with the distinct impression that Roger Williams University is an institution that does not adequately support students who are physically disabled. That allegation is grossly inaccurate — and had the University been offered a chance to respond to that broad characterization, perhaps some of the following points could have contributed to painting a more balanced picture.

First, the dedicated Public Safety team at Roger Williams offers courtesy transports to any student who requests assistance due to disability, injury, pregnancy or other physical limitation. Our officers use a fully accessible shuttle to transport students to and from residence halls, academic buildings, parking lots, the Dining Commons and other campus locations. At present, 15 students use the courtesy transport service to navigate the RWU campus on a daily basis; any student who needs help accessing campus facilities can contact Public Safety at any point in time for assistance.

Housing and Residence Life is another department that works

closely with physically disabled students to address accessibility issues. For many such students, conversations with Housing begin before they even arrive on the Roger Williams campus for freshman year. Students who need specific accommodations receive priority status in the housing selection process, and the Housing staff offers the chance to view potential living spaces in advance in order to identify arrangements with adequate accessibility. Housing has even worked with Facilities to raise the height of desks to accommodate wheelchair access and to specially fit restroom accommodations for students with physical disabilities.

Finally, an entire department — Disability Support Services — serves students with disabilities of all types (physical, learning, psychiatric and others) on a daily basis. DSS offers students weekly one-on-one check-in sessions to help meet students' needs and works with students to secure appropriate academic accommodations as needed. And while DSS does not oversee Facilities issues related to access, the staff is nothing short of action-driven — if any student raises any concern that needs to be addressed, the DSS staff facilitates timely conversations with the appropri-

ate staff in Housing, Facilities or other departments.

The decision to public a piece alleging a campus-wide problem yet based on a single source seems misrepresentative at best. And while the Herald did interview the director of facilities about buildings access and query DSS about the number of physically disabled students on campus, the chance to offer a response to the general characterization of Roger Williams as an institution that inadequately supports students with disabilities was never granted. Hopefully this letter will clarify for your readers the approach we take.

In the end, the simple fact remains that the University is unable to make any accommodation for any disability unless it is aware that an issue exists. Though it is impossible to guarantee that physically disabled students can access every classroom, residence hall suite or other space on campus, I would venture to say that there are few — if any — accessibility problems that can't be solved with creative thinking and the dedicated approach the University promises.

Sincerely,
Brian E. Clark
Executive Director of Public Affairs

Democrat & Republican:



Courtney Costello | Herald Contributor

While the concept of Wikileaks is new to this generation, the idea of leaking important secret government information is not. Those willing to rebel and gather government secrets have their own reasons to do so, while others have reasons to put a stop to it. I believe that Wikileaks gives us a reason why we should be questioning our government's actions throughout the international community and in the two wars that we are currently fighting.

The fact that a member of our United States military went rogue and downloaded classified information onto a Lady Gaga CD beats me. Why more people are not talking about the fact that a person in our own military stole classified secrets, who knows.

But it is that simple realization that this was not an "anti-American" move: this was to share information that our government has kept from us. Wikileaks and its members/affiliates/etc. cut their work out for them when they decided to take this on.

When these cables were leaked, I found myself sifting through the information trying to find something that uncovered the latest secret. To my disbelief, there is nothing in Wikileaks that will cause a catastrophic event against the U.S. What is more damaging is the view of our U.S. military that no one is

Wikileaks: real threat or real censorship?

discussing.

With such a complex and disentangling topic, there can never be a complete understanding of the information.

As a political science major, I know that Wikileaks is bad for our country's foreign policy. No real good can come out of private cables between the U.S. State Department and our foreign embassies being leaked, sharing what some would say is our entire foreign policy. This probably is not the best move to strengthen our relationships with other nations, but I do not think that the world is going to go boom from this.

But, as a Journalism major, it is the publications' First Amendment right to publish what they believe is important information for our understanding of our government's foreign policy. It is in their nature to make public what they feel is important for us to know, and while many do not agree with this concept, it is something that has happened before. Just look at the Pentagon Papers. An insider distributed classified information to the New York Times and they went ahead and published it. What the New York Times did that I commend (and they did this for Wikileaks too) is that they checked the safety of the information with the State Department before ever publishing any article.

There is no clear and concise answer to the debate about Wikileaks and I can guarantee the public either a.) feels the same way or b.) has no clue what Wikileaks are, that they exist and that anyone can find out what our government's "secret" actions are.

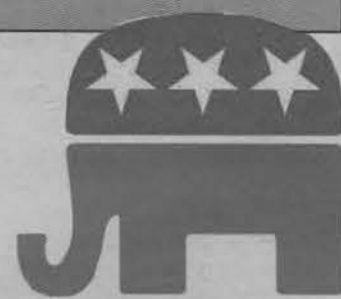
I believe that it is once more time to say that while we begin to enter the work force in the coming years, it will become our responsibility to take care of the well being of our country. I'd ask for everyone to open their eyes and ears to the world, see it differently several times, form an opinion on some things, and get busy living. Happy Holidays to all.

How easy is it for one man to become despised on a worldwide scale, as Julian Assange has? In a rather short period of time, this Australian investigative journalist has risen from obscurity to infamy – the hacking of government servers and the distribution of classified documents will surely do that. The question everyone is asking is whether or not the actions of this man are immoral or an act of bravery.

Julian Assange has taken the muckraking roots of investigative journalism and perverted them in order to embarrass and upset the international community. The majority of the files that Assange has acquired have thought to be obtained via the illegal hacking of government servers around the globe; the rest, he obtained through outside sources who also find unethical means of information attainment. Assange was the mastermind behind the release of controversial documents revealing high civilian casualties, Iranian border skirmishes, and a growing insurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan. These documents were all stolen by a U.S. Army specialist who was subsequently arrested. I guess you can't take a USB from a superior officer's office, then publish its files and expect to get away with it.

In the past, Assange has done excellent work in proving corruption in elections or uncovering ethnic conflicts in Africa, in other words, true investigative journalism. Releasing documents that reveal that the U.S. knows that Canada is disgruntled about being overshadowed by the U.S., or articles revealing that the U.S. finds Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi untrustworthy, are embarrassing. There is no groundbreaking news occurring. We all know that Canada wants to be the United States, and if the world was a school, we would be homecoming king.

The danger in Assange's work originates in his release of documents that injure international relations. Posting articles confirming U.S. knowledge that Iran has been secretly sending Hamas missiles, or that Putin represents the return of fascism to Russia, is dangerous. Peace is fragile, war is natural, and revealing to the negative forces in the world that they



Andy Plocica | Herald Contributor

are being watched is a serious offense. A Russian return to good ol' fashion oppressive government rule is something that the free world would like to avoid, and Putin does not appear to be the bastion of liberty that Russia needs to promote democracy. Likewise, I'm sure that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad appreciated reading that Israel and the U.S. are onto his secret "send ambulances with guns and ammo inside to Hamas" scheme. The phrase is "don't rock the boat," and that applies to suspect nuclear-arms developing nations, too.

The international community isn't all honky-dory. Ladies and gentleman: we live in a real world where diplomacy is a thin shield from war. Freedom of press, or whatever Assange claims he is doing, is a great thing as long as a nuclear fallout isn't hindering your readers' ability to read. War is costly with regards to human and natural resources, and the avoidance of large scale wars is preferable. As such, Interpol's arrest of Assange is a blessing for us and him. Assange is, for the time being, no longer able to disrupt day-to-day international relations, and he has survived this ordeal. His next set of documents to release concerned some of the world's largest firms and banks, and I'm sure that they would have found a slightly more destructive and permanent way to silence him. On that note, everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

New wing at MFA Boston is worth checking out

ALEXANDRA ARTIANO | Asst. Opinions Editor

On Thanksgiving weekend, I found myself faced with the chance to take a trip into Boston and visit the new wing at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Boston. To say that I was excited is an understatement. I had heard all of the hype about it and had witnessed the construction going on for years, but I still didn't let myself hold too high of expectations. I rationalized that because the economy is so horrible, there would be no way this new wing would blow my mind.

I was completely wrong to say the least. They went through so much to construct these four levels of space and made an experience that was dense, yet still very organized.

The wing consists of their Art of the Americas collection, chronologically ordered from Native Americans and early settlers to Modern Art, up until the 1970s. I was there for a solid five to six hours and I still do not feel like I experienced everything this new wing has to offer; it was almost like a whole other museum. What was unique to me was that the walls of the galleries were not simply white like most museums, but each room was decorated to fit the pieces that it held. When I first heard about this, I wasn't sure if it was a good idea: might it distract or be ugly and dated? I just wasn't sure. But then, once I saw the context it was placed in, it felt more right. They put art, furniture, and sculpture all in the same room, truly immersing you



Theresa Gormley
Alexandra Artiano poses in front of "Passage of Delaware" by Thomas Sully in the new Art of the Americas wing at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston.

in the epoch that you were experiencing; and the walls seemed to fit, which would not have happened if they were simply white walls.

The most impressive of the paintings to me was the "Passage of Delaware" by Thomas Sully, which was roughly 12 by 17 feet and was hung in an enormous gold frame. Standing in front of this painting was truly an experience, and the story behind it was very interesting. Also, on the ground floor they had the actual framing of a house from the early settlers that you could actually run your hands on and stand inside.

One criticism that I had was that the Native American art section of the new wing was not complete enough; the majority of the

art focused on the European settlers of North America, while the Native Americans of North, Central and South America were not represented well. What they did have for Native American art was all in one area and not chronologically spaced throughout the exhibit. This was probably a choice of consistency in viewing, but it was almost offensive.

Even with this criticism, the museum was something to really cherish and much more than I expected in these hard financial times. I encourage everyone to take the trip up to Boston—scary, I know—and go to this wing. You'll get a student discount and also if you have a Bank Of America card, you can get in for free on the first full weekend of every month. It's really worth the trip.

PROCTOR: Turn your Like a Little flirting into real-life courting

KATLYN PROCTOR | Opinions Editor

I will admit it: I was obsessed. Upon discovering the Roger Williams University Like a Little page, I could not help but creep. But I also hoped that maybe someone would write one about me, just so I could say that I had something posted about me. How I would distinguish between the other posts in regards to the other tall, female blondes was unknown to me, but that was beside the point.

This website, with its greatness, yet its faults, brought creeping to an entire new level – and introduced a completely different social media to light. On one hand, you can compliment a crush that you have had for a while without fear of rejection since it is anonymous. The purpose of the site was simply for that and other schools have joined the website as well. It is exactly as the website states: "likealittle is a danger-

ously exciting anonymous flirting experience." Although I became obsessed, I realized that I had a few concerns with the site.

The whole idea is tad creepy. There are not really any limitations to what can be said, unless it is names. Occasionally, names have gotten past the site administrators. Regardless, I commend the administrators behind the scenes for the RWU site. For the most part, the removal of such content has been immediate. But a few unfortunate names were posted and were not removed for quite some time. They were exposed during the prime popularity of the site. How embarrassing is that?

Does it remain a compliment when it becomes embarrassing? Does it now make the switch from 'dangerous flirting' to cyber bullying? The website asks for flirtations and compliments, not rude remarks. Here is a post that

reflects how the site is supposed to work:

"At bball game and around: Female, blonde. Always want to get you to notice me, saw you again tonight with your incredible smile. your athletic, funny, beautiful and its so easy to get lost in your blue eyes. We make eye contact from time to time and smile. but how perfect you are I feel like I could never live up to what your looking for. I wanna get to know you so bad, just having you say hi to me would make my life that much better =)."

Some may argue that this is creepy, but every girl out there is pining for a post just like this. At the same time, there are annoying posts; ones that serve no purpose other than to help students procrastinate from final papers and exams. Here is a post that reflects mere procrastination:

"At ghh: Female blonde. Lady on the television. You're famous

and you make my heart throb. My emotions flare like a kid in a candy store. I just saw you in rat race and I want to make naughty to your body."

Highly entertaining, I agree, but at the same time, very unnecessary. Comments like these overpowered the site and now, its popularity has already decreased. Most of all, the site takes away from the idea of traditional chivalry and the mere act of approaching someone in order to get to know them. Instead, society is now afraid to approach someone for fear of rejection. Or is it because we have deemed it to be too awkward and uncool?

Unfortunately, we live in a society where modern technologies and various social media networks consume our lives. Don't get me wrong, I love Facebook. But let me pose a scenario to you: Someone wrote a cute post about you – how willing would

you ACTUALLY be to meet the author of the post? Is it out of the question to assume that no one would meet? I am interested in knowing if anyone has actually met up for coffee.

Personalizing compliments to make people blush and produce warm smiles have long since been replaced with abbreviated text messages and word-processed smiley faces. People will smile into their phone but stare somberly as they walk past a slew of people.

I predict the downfall of the site to be very soon, but I would personally like to see some good come out of the site, even with all the awkwardness it entails. If someone tells you to approach him or her, then do it! You only live once, so why not? Other than cyber-bullying and immature jokes, the relationship that you have always wanted could be staring you right in the face.

A freshman's view one semester in

KATIE ROANE | Herald Reporter

One of the things that I hated the most about high school was that every day was exactly the same: get up, sit in class for six and a half hours, work for five hours, go home and do homework, go to bed, and repeat. So, that is why I was so excited to finally be going to college to break my every day cycle and enjoy all the liberty that I had been hearing so much about. Yet, I'm finding myself in the exact same position again, with an even stricter schedule this time. At least being at home, I had my car and I could go out any time that my schedule would allow it. But here, I don't have that luxury. Being a college freshman, "going out" implies heading over to the commons to get a bite to eat, going to class, and that's pretty much it. One semester in, I can definitely say that for me, college life is not all that it's cracked up to be.

Yet even though that I was disappointed about that aspect of college, I find the overall education to be much more exciting

than high school. As a senior last year, I just signed up for a plethora of classes to give me a little bit of knowledge about a variety of subjects—a process that seems so overwhelming now that I look back. At Roger Williams University, I now feel established and all of the classes that I'm taking are working me towards one goal, Anthropology/Sociology, which is my major. Upon selecting this major, I wasn't really sure if it's the direction that I wanted to head in and to be honest, I didn't really know much about it at all. But after taking a few introductory courses, I feel more confident that I made the correct decision and I even have a possible career in mind.

So, although I still get homesick from time to time, I'm happy to finally be a college student and have all the independence that goes along with it. It's a shame that I don't enjoy college life as much as I thought I would, but regardless, I'm happy to be out of high school and to move on with my life.

Christmas music in Nov. is too soon

ALEXANDRA ARTIANO | Asst. Opinions Editor

I think that it should be a rule that anything Christmas should not happen until after Thanksgiving, music included. I personally am not even ready for Thanksgiving when it happens, never mind ready to be thinking about Christmas. Some people like to do their Christmas shopping year-round; so that it is "less stressful," but I'm one of those people that just likes to get it over with. After Thanksgiving weekend, I went out and bought all my presents for friends and family at once; now, I don't have to think about it until it's actually time to celebrate. In every single store, there was Christmas music playing, but it wasn't even December yet. It was almost tolerable because I was doing my Christmas shopping, but I can't imagine how annoyed I would have been going into the store shopping for myself in November and hearing it.

When I was younger, I remember being in the car with my dad and him going from channel to channel on the radio complaining

about how early the Christmas music was playing that year, but honestly that isn't so relevant now. Most people listen to their iPods in their car instead of having to deal with static and commercials on the radio and having to sit through bad songs.

On the note of bad songs, why do modern musicians always only cover old Christmas songs? If I have to hear Mariah Carey and Jessica Simpson sing cutesy Christmas songs that I've heard a thousand times again, I might cry. It seems like every mainstream musician has come out with a Christmas album, even Bob Dylan, who happens to be Jewish. Yes, it is a safe, easy, light-hearted thing to sell, but do we really need to hear all of these songs again and again? How hard would it be to come up with your own Christmas song? You just need bells and

an upbeat tune with lyrics about being jolly: it doesn't seem that difficult to me.

Even so, when it does come around to the last couple of days before Christmas, it is kind of nice to hype yourself up with holiday spirit, but I just can't bring myself to be that in love with Christmas until it's actually going to happen and I feel the same way every year. Please don't start the Christmas music until it's at least December.



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Roger Williams University '12
Major: Marine Biology
Hometown: Carmel, N.Y.
Birthday: December 29, 1989

Information
Relationship Status: In a Relationship
Current City: Bristol, RI



When and how did you guys meet?

BG: My freshman year, my friends lived in her Willow dorm so I used to hang out there a lot. We just kind of hung out a lot.
NM: I was getting ready at the vanity in the common area and we just met one day.
BG: And, we've been dating for 2 years as of last Sunday.

What has been your favorite date so far?

NM: Well, we've taken a lot of vacations together. We've been to Key Largo, Florida, Cape Cod, Aruba and the Bahamas. Either one of those or the Boston Aquarium.

How do you balance your relationship and school?

BG: We don't see each other too much during the week. I live in New Res and she lives in Bayside but on weekends we generally try to see each other a lot.

What's the quirkiest thing about one another that you love?

BG: She's neurotic and always fidgets with her hands. It's funny when we sleep together because she's constantly moving around. She can't sit still.
NM: He's not really quirky. He's also always relaxed.

What was the best Christmas present you've gotten for one another?

NM: The Aruba trip was actually for me.
BG: It was kind of grouped together for her birthday too.

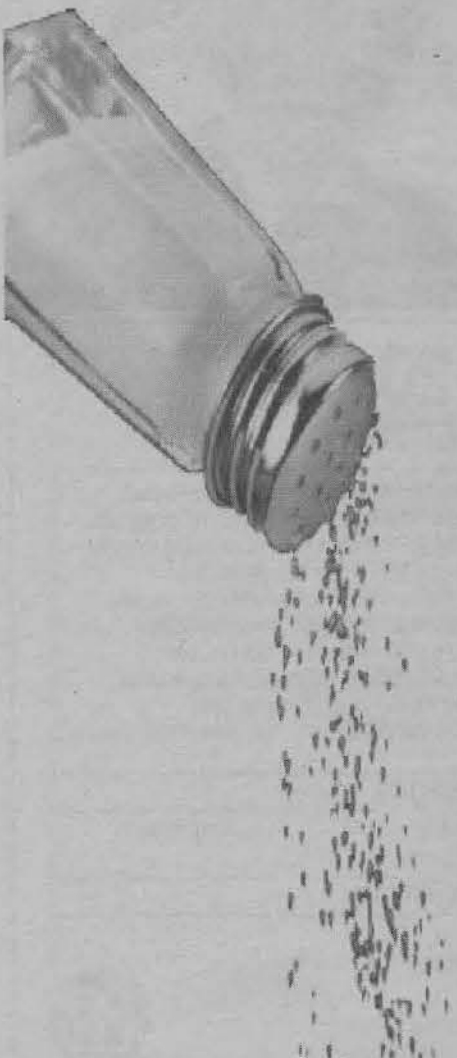
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Let's Talk About Sodium:

Effects of salt on your body



KATLYN PROCTOR | Opinions Editor

Believe it or not, salt is unavoidable in our everyday diet. It not only acts as flavoring, but it also pre-serves the freshness of food. It is important to consume 1.5 grams of sodium (equal to 1/3 teaspoon) per day, which can be done easily with one meal. This alone is the reason why sodium is so dangerous to our diets. Sodium is important for our health for a few reasons: it helps maintain a balance of fluids and influences whether your muscles are tight or relaxed. A high level of sodium is dangerous: if the kidneys can't process the sodium you consume, it causes the element to accumulate in your blood. This is bad for two reasons: it will increase the pressure in arteries, which causes the heart to work harder. Also, it will cause the retention of water, sometimes noticed with swollen fingers.

Be aware of foods that are high in sodium. If you tend to divulge in Ramen for a late night snack, you may want to consider eating something else. McDonald's is a common choice for foods containing lots of sodium. It would be best to eliminate foods from this location all together. Instead of heating up packaged snacks, reach for an apple: it will provide more energy any-ways.

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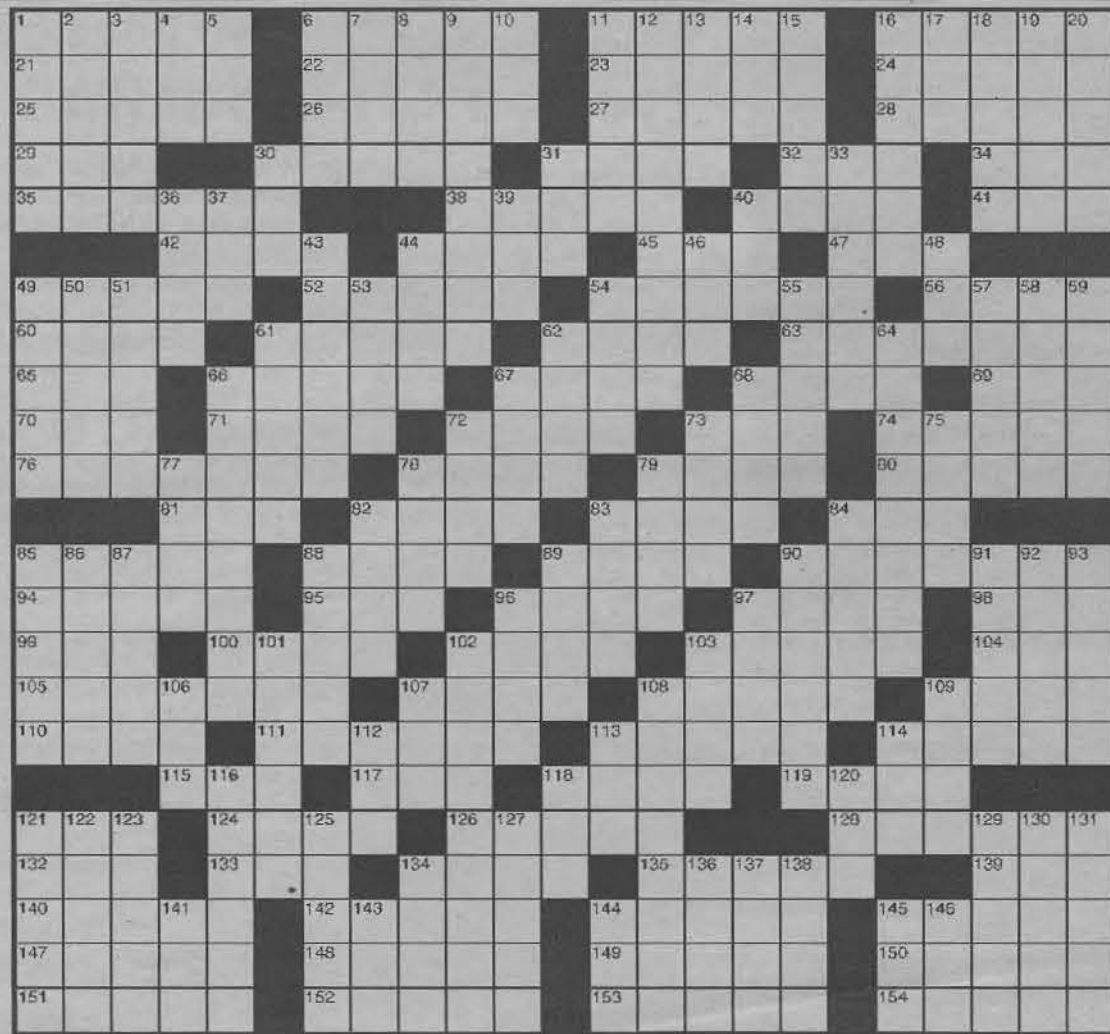
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Puzzles

Some good ol' mental exercise



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What do you think?

The Hawks' Herald created a short survey to give its valued readers a chance to sound off on the things they love about their school paper, and the things that they could do without. Completed surveys are welcomed to be passed in at drop boxes in the upper commons and at the library. We appreciate your time and thoughtfulness.

1. Would you prefer to read more hard news or soft features stories in the paper?

Hard news

Soft features

2. Do you prefer to read the Herald online or in paper form?

I read more online

I read the physical paper more

3. What is your favorite improvement in the Herald? (Check all that apply)

16 page issues

Puzzles

More news stories

Better sports coverage

Better copy editing

Bristol coverage

Other _____

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Larger weekly issues

More national news

Improved website

More sports coverage

Investigative news

Fewer features stories

Other _____



Samy Ramadan, President and Founder of the RWU Parkour Club, performs a "gainer," a parkour trick, in front of the Marine and Natural Sciences building.

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Parkour club flies high in first year

Dan Keefe | Herald Reporter

Billy Keeley takes a deep breath and glances over the edge. He looks down to see a drop of about 25 feet before taking a few steps back for a running start. Without fear, without hesitation, he propels his body off the edge of the building.

Keeley takes a leap of faith in the name of the sport. He jumps for parkour.

"Parkour is the art of moving from point A to point B as quickly and efficiently as possible," Keeley said, who is Vice President of the Parkour Club at Roger Williams University.

Efficiently is the most modest interpretation possible. To an outside observer of the acrobatic, stunt man-esque act of parkour, another definition would go something like this: Care-free dare devils bend their bodies like soft pretzels as they risk almost certain injury by launching themselves over and above obstacles.

The athletes perform acts of such athleticism that one would think he or she was watching a scene straight out of *The Matrix*.

As Keeley explains it, parkour is a sport that requires absolute dedication, practice, patience, and luck — luck that an athlete does not come down wrong when landing a trick and sustain an injury. When asked about his worst injury, Keeley took a moment to contemplate all of the possible answers, then said: "I was doing a wall flip off a tree that was a foot wide and my foot slipped off the side of it and I landed on my shoulder and pretty much broke it. Never went to a doctor."

Reading about such reckless examples of physical abandon prompts only one question: How would a stranger to the art of parkour feel being instructed to attempt a front flip or a wall run for the first time?

"I wasn't feeling too confident" said freshman Matt Gallagher. "Terrified would actually sum it

up better, but once I tried and realized that I wasn't going to break my neck, I started to practice more, and I started to take more risks."

Gallagher, also a volleyball player on the RWU club team, was asked how preparing for volleyball compares with comparing himself mentally for parkour.

"I think when you're doing parkour you have to be more focused. Volleyball is a team sport so you can rely on your teammates for support, but parkour is all you. One slip, one mistake and you're gonna look like an idiot or get hurt."

A beginner at the start of the year, Gallagher is now one of the more accomplished members of the parkour club. Still progressing, Gallagher is proof that anyone with a desire to improve in the sport of parkour can do so if they put in the necessary practice and take the necessary risks.

Olympic softball players to speak, hold clinic at RWU

Article Courtesy | RWUHawks.com

Members of the United States Olympic Softball Team, Natasha Watley and Vicky Galindo, both will be on the Roger Williams University campus Jan. 8 and 9. Saturday evening, fans have the opportunity to join Watley and Galindo for an autograph and photo session before enjoying dinner and keynote speeches from each athlete. Sunday morning, Watley and Galindo will conduct a youth players' clinic alongside RWU head coach Joyce Maudie and the RWU Hawks Softball team.

Watley is a four-time World Cup Champion, two-time Pan American Gold Medalist, three-time World Champion, 2004 Olympic Gold medalist and 2008 Olympic Silver medalist. She earned the 2003 Honda Broderick Cup as the nation's top collegiate female athlete and also earned Pac-10 Player of the Year after a stellar career at UCLA. She has competed in the National Pro Fast-pitch professional league since 2005 and currently plays in the Japan League for Team Toyota.

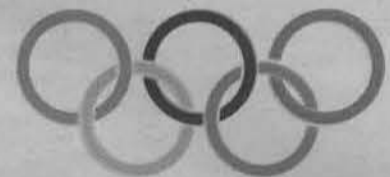
Galindo earned an Olympic Silver medal as a member of the 2008 U.S. National Team. She is a three-time World Cup Champion and two-time World Champion, while also earning the gold medal at the Pan American Games in 2007. While competing at Cal-Berkeley she was twice named a First Team All-American and is a three-time All-Pac-10 recipient. She currently serves as head softball coach

at West Valley College in Saratoga, Calif. and has been an active member of the NPF Chicago Bandits since 2006.

The two athletes will join RWU first-year head softball coach Joyce Maudie in coaching the players' clinic both Saturday and Sunday. Maudie joins RWU after receiving Coach of the Year awards in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, East Coast Athletic Conference, Carolina Intercollegiate Athletics Conference and Ohio Valley Conference.

Saturday's dinner, held on the campus of RWU in the Global Heritage Hall, is limited to the first 100 registered and paid fans. Doors open at 4 p.m. for an autograph and photo session, along with a silent auction featuring various sports memorabilia. At 5 p.m. Galindo will deliver her speech entitled, "Journey to the Olympics," followed by dinner and Watley's speech, "Living the Dream." Afterward, fans have the opportunity to join in a question and answer session with both Olympians.

Sunday's clinic features two sessions with the first beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. The Olympians and Maudie will be assisted by the RWU Hawks Softball team in running various skills sessions concluding with an autograph session from 12-12:30 p.m. The second session begins with registration at 1:30 p.m. and runs through 5:30 p.m.



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Fall sports teams' recent results

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Men's Basketball

12.7.10 | 7:00 p.m.
vs Wesleyan University
L 38-62

12.4.10 | 1:00 p.m.
at Salve Regina University
W 72-69

12.2.10 | 7:00 p.m.
at Wheaton College (Mass.)
W 64-60

Men's Swimming & Diving

12.4.10 | 10:00 a.m.
vs Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational
1st / 565 pts.

12.3.10 | 6:00 p.m.

vs Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational
1st / 214 pts.

Wrestling

12.4.10 | 6:00 p.m.
vs Johnson & Wales University
L 13-26

Women's Basketball

12.7.10 | 8:00 p.m.
at Connecticut College
W - 65-58 (OT)

12.4.10 | 1:00 p.m.
at Brandeis University
L 53-62

12.2.10 | 7:00 p.m.

vs Johnson & Wales University
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Women's Swimming & Diving

12.4.10 | 10:00 a.m.
vs Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational
1st / 543 pts.

12.3.10 | 6:00 p.m.
vs Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational
1st / 257 pts