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Walk this way



MARK FUSCO

Changes to be made to CORE curriculum

VICTOR WONG | Herald Reporter

Members of Roger Williams University's administration are planning on imposing changes to the current CORE curriculum.

The current CORE curriculum's objectives are: "Breadth of knowledge and experience in exploring new areas," "Deep understanding of an area that you feel passionately about outside of your career," and "The ability to make connections and recognize the unity of knowledge," according to the RWU website.

It is a four-year requirement for all students, who begin their academic careers with classes such as Literature & Philosophy, Human Behavior, and Aesthetics. In their final year, students will select a topic for a senior seminar class, as the final CORE requirement.

The proposed changes that are to be made to the new CORE program are to be taught in the following themes: Sustainability, global interactions, communication, critical thinking, and problem solving.

RWU struts its stuff for womens' advocacy

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

Trading their tennis shoes for red, bejeweled high heels, 15 male students and staff, along with dozens of other supporters, took part in the Walk a Mile in

Her Shoes event. The event was co-sponsored by The Women's Center and The Locker Room.

"It's a walk to raise money to help the Rhode Island Crisis Assistance Center (RICAC),

which helps women who have been sexual assaulted or in situations such as sex slavery," said Laticia Walker, a senior and President of The Women's Center. "We thought this would be

a really nice way to get guys involved."

Laurel Dreher, Coordinator of Residence Education, agreed. "Walk a Mile is an event across

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Senior class gift revealed

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Eager seniors, underclassmen, and staff alike crowded the Global Heritage Hall atrium at 12 p.m. Wednesday to hear the announcement of the senior class gift.

Inter-Class Council's (ICC) Senior Class President, Stephanie Birch, took the podium first to welcome all in attendance and thank them for attending. After her introduction, Birch set about getting to the main event: the announcement.

"It is a tradition of the senior class officers to put the money [allotted] back into the university," Birch said. "We have split our gift into two parts: one part is tangible, the other is intangible. First, we bought a sports bench for the turf field, which

will be for the home team."

The second part of the gift was a "scholarship fund that would go back to university students.

"We want to help students who are currently doing unpaid internships so that they have the ability to support themselves while they do their internships," Birch said.

Interim President Ronald Champagne took the podium following Birch's announcement, commending the class on its generosity, thanking them "on behalf of the Roger Williams University on a job well done."

The senior class was also thanked by Lisa J. Raiola, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, who urged the soon-to-be alumni to continue giving back to the university, saying that

the class has already succeeded in "expressing [its] pride in the institution."

The announcement of the gift was well-received by the audience, who seemed particularly receptive about the scholarship fund.

Birch said that the decision, which was finalized at the beginning of the semester, was made collectively by the four senior class officers and the senior class committee.

"We all agreed that we wanted to go in a direction of something tangible and non-tangible," Birch said. "We decided to purchase a bench for the new turf field as our tangible contribution."

The bench will have a plaque

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MARK FUSCO

Senior Class President Stephanie Birch addressed the audience who gathered in GHH Wednesday to hear the announcement of the senior class gift.

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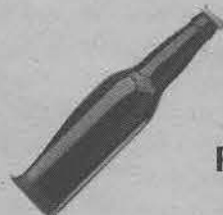
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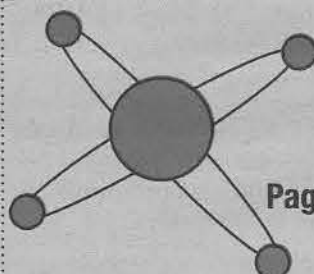
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Raising the roof: MNS develops eco-friendly garden

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

It is no secret that Roger Williams University regards sustainability as one of its priorities. During the construction and renovations done over last spring and summer to the Marine and Natural Sciences (MNS) building, a new feature was added that most students might not know about: a roof garden currently sits atop MNS, overlooking Mount Hope Bay.

"The garden was built as part of the original MNS addition to provide a sustainable method to hold on to the rainwater that falls on the roof of the building and prevents the water from directly entering the bay," said John Tameo, Director of Facilities. "It's a very good thing for the environment."

The garden features a drainage system, native plants, and

unique artwork. It was brought to the campus with the help of Ecotope, a Providence-based recycling and sustainability company.

"[Ecotope] worked together with the architect to make it happen, and the idea here was that we were creating an intensive roof system. So we actually created a garden here for the university that was environmentally friendly," said Charles Carberry, Ecotope Environmental Specialist.

The roof garden acts as an insulator for the building, helping to lower heating costs and conserve water.

"[The university] is going to experiment with native plants here, plants to attract wildlife, and also some vegetables, and we're working with the university to test certain plants to see if they'll work in a green roof

system," Carberry said.

The gardens also help to control rainwater on campus. "Other rainwater control methods on campus would be permeable pavers and holding ponds that let the rainwater seep into the ground, and not make its way into the Mount Hope Bay," Tameo said. The garden allows for water to be recycled as well as conserved.

Though Facilities takes care of the garden, students maintain the garden with the help of faculty.

"Students are learning about green practices and how they can integrate it into daily lives," Carberry said. The experience students gain from this opportunity could be beneficial to their careers in an eco-friendly industry.



LAUREN TIERNEY

The rooftop garden on the Marine and Natural Sciences (MNS) building are eco-friendly and looking to help the school in more ways than one.

RWU students take PRIDE to heart

University celebrates equality for all

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

Roger Williams University observed Pride Week last week, a time meant to celebrate the LGBT community and to educate others.

Sexuality Advocacy For Everyone (S.A.F.E.), RWU's gay-straight alliance, held events on campus all week, including the Day of Silence on Thursday. On this day, those participating did not speak all day in order to send a message of solidarity to others.

"It's a day where we use silence to protest the actual silencing of the LGBT community by those that commit themselves to discrimination and harassment," said Lisa Pellecchia, S.A.F.E.'s Vice-President. "The silence is supposed to speak louder than words."

Many in the LGBT community feel forced into silence by prejudice. Harassment, in schools, especially, has deeply affected many. Last fall there was a surge in suicides among homosexual youths nationally.

"I think there's definitely been a big push this year especially, since all the incidences in the fall with bullying and stuff like that, that we've tried to make it more of an event," said Charley Snellings, another S.A.F.E. member.

S.A.F.E. started the week off on Monday with a table in the commons where they encouraged people to stop using language offensive to the LGBT community.

On Tuesday, they were in-

spired by the online campaign Knockout Homophobia, where people submit photos to be posted of themselves holding up signs saying what they fight for in the struggle against homophobia. At RWU however, these pieces of paper were hung up on the Awareness Wall in the Recreation Center for students walking by to see.

Pellecchia said they did this, "to show that when we're trying to find solutions, there's no time to perpetuate homophobia."

On Wednesday, they had a trivia wheel with questions pertaining to the LGBT community. This was also the day they gave out the Day of Silence t-shirts.

There were both black and red t-shirts for Day of Silence participants. Those wearing black were showing that they were remaining silent throughout the day. However, others who wished to show their support in a different way wore the red shirts.

S.A.F.E. members commented that this, along with the whole week, sends the message to RWU students that anyone can be an ally to the LGBT community. This message seems to have been heard.

"We almost always run out of red shirts," Snellings said. This was true for both this year and the last.

After the Day of Silence, S.A.F.E. ended the week on Friday with a transgender comedian and an opportunity to tie-dye in the quad.

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

Coming in the fall semester, Sustained Dialogue, a student leadership program, will look to increase discourse among students on campus. Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students, along with Carol Sacchetti, Director of Student Programs and Leadership, Ande Diaz, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Intercultural Center, and Allison Chase Padula, Director of Conferences & Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs, wanted to bring this workshop to campus.

"This workshop is basically professional training in strategies for intercultural communication," Sacchetti said. "Sustained dialogue is at several schools across the country and its mission is to develop everyday leaders to engage differences and strengths to improve campuses, workplaces, and communities."

Sustained dialogue is a process created by Dr. Harold Saunders. In 2003, the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network (SDCN), with Saunders as president, was formed to offer support, initiate programs, train moderators, and to promote the actual program of dialogue among college-aged students. The SDCN mission statement explained Saunders created "this process for leading participants through dialogue over time to create conditions

in which relationship could change." Currently, the SDCN works with a network of 14 campuses nationally, including RWU.

Freshman Darci Lake has become very involved in starting this club. "Right now, we're in the preliminary stages where

"They can take action. They can just come and say, 'you know, this situation going on in the world has weighed a lot on me, I just want to process it'"

we're trying to create a community on campus where everyone can come together and communicate efficiently."

Lake and about 10 others are drafting the group's constitution, mission statement, and deciding what they want out of the club.

"We have a lot of great administrators behind us that are helping us out. We see it becoming a club early in the fall," Lake said. "We feel like there is a lot of promise to the club. There are a lot of kids who are interested in it."

To train students to become dialogue moderators, two rep-

resentatives from SDCN came up to RWU after Spring Break.

"They taught us what the club is all about and what sustained dialogue is, so we're just trying to take that idea and form it into a community on campus," Lake said.

Sacchetti agreed. "They talked to us and really had some eye opening exercises to have students learn a little bit more about diversity and inclusion."

The club would be completely student focused.

"We have the students that went through the training and then there's continual training that they can offer," Sacchetti said.

Once ready, students will have more time to have a dialogue about some topic that is going on that affects the campus community or the world as a whole.

"They can take action. They can just have a dialogue for students to come and say, 'you know this situation going on in the world has weighed a lot on me, I just want to process it,' so I think that is the main focus," Sacchetti.

McMahon said she is very excited for see this club begin in the fall. "There are a lot of students who don't feel engaged, McMahon said, "and we think this is a different avenue for them to feel heard, have a voice, talk about what matters to them."

CORE: Changes expected to have impact on liberal arts education

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Susan Bosco, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor in the School of Business, said the plan is still being finalized, but that it is very likely that these adjustments will be put in place.

It is not expected that the school will institute the scheme until the fall 2012, at the earliest, because the school administration still has some details to debate, Bosco said. The administration might hold a seminar during this summer on campus, to start practice teaching with the themes above.

Regarding the changes that will be instituted, future CORE classes would be taught with the themes above, and each class would have a different theme to focus on, which would be chosen by the professor. The amount of course work, and content taught would remain the same except the materials will be taught with that particular theme that the professor had decided would best suit the course.

CORE classes will be the first to be taught with those themes, but other electives are also eligible to be taught using these themes.

The idea of making changes to the school's CORE curriculum was brought up in the 2007-

2008 strategic planning meeting, and it called for reviewing the current CORE curriculum, according to Bosco. In the very beginning of the initiative, students, teachers, and the administration were involved in the planning of details of the new general education program (CORE), Bosco said.

Some members of RWU's administration are very supportive of the proposed new changes because it will be greatly beneficial to the student body, who are getting an education in an ever-changing global society.

In a recent poll, the Faculty Senate's curriculum committee voted on whether or not to pass the change to the new CORE. The faculty senators voted seven affirmatively, one negatively, with one senator abstaining from the vote.

However, there is still some opposition to this new scheme with the school's faculty, because these changes does not represent the teaching style of a traditional of a liberal arts college. And according to Douglas Koritz, Associate Provost for University Studies, the ideal liberal education changes along with the world around us.

A liberal arts education consists of high-level learning that

develops the capabilities and habits of mind required for a life of intellectual curiosity, local and global civic engagement, personal growth and professional development. According to June Speakman, a professor of 15 years who was a member of the first wave of faculty hired to teach the current CORE curriculum, her main concern about implementing these changes to the current CORE is the process. "I believe we are at least one year away from all of the details hammered out, so I think its too undefined at this point, and these changes has not been passed from the faculty senate," Speakman said.

Speakman also said that even though the Faculty Senate's curriculum committee has voted on this, the proposal has changed a number of times since it was first proposed and the school really needs to put their focus on the process of establishing the new CORE.

"This is probably the most significant change in the curriculum at Roger Williams in 15 years, some people say ever, and this really needs to be widely accepted by faculty and students. I don't think we spend enough time talking to students about this at all," Speakman said.

THIS JUST IN

NEWS BRIEFS

Facebook accidentally turns on all e-mail notifications for some users

If you let it, Facebook will e-mail you with just about any trivial bit of news: You just got a friend request! A friend just tagged you in a photo! A friend commented on a photo album after you did! Many users changed the name of one of your groups!

Many users choose to turn these e-mail alerts off--because, if you have more than about five Facebook friends, you might get e-mails from Facebook robots more often than from humans. Late Tuesday, however, some Facebook users apparently had all of these potentially irritating notifications turned back on --even if they'd tried to block them.

—CNN.com

Military to pursue first capital prosecution against terror suspect

Military prosecutors have recommended the death penalty for the accused mastermind of the deadly 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole.

The announcement Wednesday from the Defense Department is another signal the case against Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri will be moving closer to trial before a military commission. As one of 16 "high-value" detainees, he has been held for years at the U.S. Navy's detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. If approved, this would be the first death penalty trial in the reconfigured military trial system.

—CNN.com

Einstein's granddaughter dies

Evelyn Einstein, who spent the last years of her life trying to fight for money generated by her late grandfather Albert's estate, has died, her close friend said Wednesday.

The friend, Allen Wilkinson, said the two had just started to work on her memoirs. "She always said her grandfather wasn't this great god of science, to her, he was just Grandpa," Wilkinson said.

—CNN.com

Apple earnings nearly double, helped by iPhone

Apple Inc. on Wednesday reported another exceptional quarter, nearly doubling its net income and far exceeding analyst estimates on the strength of the seemingly unstoppable iPhone.

However, sales of Apple's big new product, the iPad tablet computer, came in below expectations. The second version of the tablet launched three weeks before the end of the quarter, and manufacturing constraints prevented Apple from selling more of them.

—msnbc.msn.com

Nissan will take new US orders for electric Leaf

Nissan Motor Co. will resume taking U.S. reservations for its Leaf electric car on May 1, Nissan America's Chairman Carlos Tavares said Wednesday.

Tavares said Leaf production remains on track despite the March 11 earthquake that devastated Japan and briefly closed the plant where the Leaf is made. The first shipment of Leafs made after the earthquake is due to arrive in Los Angeles next week, he said. There are 127 Leafs on that ship.

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WALK: Students, staff do lap for cause

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the country that men can do to raise awareness for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. This year we are raising money for the RICAC," Dreher said.

For the past two weeks, 10 main men were fundraising. Each were asked to raise a minimum of \$30 and donate \$10 to rent the shoes.

"I'm so excited. When I started here two years ago, it was one of my dreams to start a men's group, so we started the Locker Room two falls ago," Dreher said. "Had you told me two years ago, when we started and only had a membership of about three, that we would be doing Walk a Mile on campus with 15 guys wearing high heels, I would have told you you're crazy."

Before the walk, James Lawrence, a non-violence educator, had a few words of encouragement. "I started doing violence prevention work and what I found is that when I told people what I did, they started disclosing to me incidents of rape, sexual violence, sexual exploitation and abuse. The affect it had on me; it pissed me off, but I wasn't going to spend my life being miserable. I was going to do something about it. I was going to take a stand."

Sophomore Mike Diercksen was proud to be walking. "I'm going to walk a mile in high heels to support the women and to raise money. I'm not sure how [women] do it.

The whole heel-toe thing is not working for me but I find if you take short and sweet steps, that is the key to success."

Junior Jacob Fisher agreed, "You have to walk on your toes." During the walk, Sophomore Mark Deering, was still very positive. "I feel fantastic. I have milky-white legs, tight spandex, and a dollar in my shorts. I'm doing pretty good," Deering said.

All the shoes were donated by the RICAC. This is the first year The Women's Center and The Locker Room are running this event, but Dreher hopes it becomes an annual tradition.

"This is probably one of the happiest days I've had all year and that is not an understatement at all," Dreher said.

When everyone returned from the walk, awards were given out. Each guy received a certificate of participation in the first-ever RWU Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The Best Dressed and Best Team awards went to "Single Ladies," Mike Diercksen, Mark Deering, Jacob Fisher, and Jacob Daponte,

who all wore black leotards, black shorts, and bright red high heels. Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing, won the award for bringing the most and the loudest supporters. The last award, for the most money raised, went to Tony Montefusco, who brought in over \$250. In total, the participants earned \$705.

"This is the third time I've done this and this time was the most fun by far," Lawrence said, in closing remarks. "Congratulations to you gentlemen because you have now joined an elite group of people, those who are willing to take a stand, and those who will not only try but most definitely make a difference in this world. I applaud you for your efforts and you make my life worth while."



ALL PHOTOS BY MARK FUSCO

GIFT: Senior Class donates bench, creates scholarship fund

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that reads "Class of 2011" and will be big enough to seat any RWU team that will be playing on the turf field.

As for the non-tangible gift, Birch said the officers and committee evaluated what would be most beneficial to students when they were coming up with the idea for the scholarship.

"We feel that internships are so important in advancing one's career, so we wanted to put the money towards that. We understand students have financial

issues, and we wanted to open the window of opportunity for them," Birch said.

Birch said that the Class of 2011 evenly split their allocated funds of \$10,000 between the two gifts. The \$5,000 designated for the scholarship will fund seven individual scholarships: three \$1,000 scholarships and four \$500 scholarships.

The scholarship will provide money to students who are enrolled in an academic, unpaid scholarship for things such as

travel expenses, food, or rent, and priority will be given to students who demonstrate financial need for such things. Birch said that this was an especially important element, because the class wanted to ensure that students wouldn't be "geographically limited, so that they could go as far as they needed to do what's best for their education."

Any student who is currently enrolled in an unpaid academic scholarship will be eligible to apply for the scholarship. Ap-

plicants will be reviewed anonymously by the senior class committee, and the process will be headed by the senior class vice president. The scholarships would be awarded on an annual basis at the Student Involvement Recognition Banquet, ideally in advance of the internship.

The scholarship fund is currently being written into ICC's constitution and pending official adoption by the entire ICC general assembly, which

consists of all four classes and the Executive Board, who will be voting next Tuesday, according to Birch. If the scholarship is passed, ICC will annually allocate a portion of money from the senior class's gift budget into the senior class's gift scholarship fund. The remaining gift funds will be put towards gifts chosen at the senior class's discretion.

Birch said that she was very pleased with the gift and her class. "We're very excited," Birch said.

Military Ball serves as source of enjoyment and reward for ROTC members

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

Cadets of the Roger Williams University ROTC program attended the Army ROTC Military Ball on Saturday, April 16. It began promptly at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Downtown Providence Hotel. The Cramer's Saber Battalion was in attendance, which is made up of students from three separate schools: RWU, the University of Rhode Island (URI), and Salve Regina.

Kenneth Osborne, Coordinator for ROTC at Roger Williams, explained why this event happens annually: "The Cadet Ball is part of a training process."

When the Cadets graduate and become Lieutenants, and go on active duty, one of the events they will have to attend is a Dining-In, which is a formal

military event.

"They usually do it for change of command ceremonies or for award ceremonies. They are very formal events that require dress uniforms and everything else. So to prepare the ROTC Cadets to be able to handle themselves well in that type of environment, what we do is we have an annual Army ball so they are forced to be at tables with high-ranking officers and have to conduct themselves appropriately," Osborne said.

The Senior Cadets, MS (Military Science) 4's, are asked to put on the Ball. They have to book the facility, make all the arrangements, plan the punch bowl ceremony, and put a slide show together. "They take care of everything. That is part of their training, as well. They have to learn how to put to-

gether organizational programs. It is overseen by their Cadre, the Non-Commissioned Officers, and the Officers, so if they have any problems, they can go to them," Osborne said. "I thought it went very, very well."

The special guest speaker at the Ball was retired U.S. Army General Leon J. Laporte. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1968 prior to commissioning. He was deployed as part of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From February 2003 to 2006, he was Commander of the United States Forces Korea. Right after, he retired from the Army after 38 years of service.

Attending his third Military Ball was junior Tate Russack, MS3.

"General Laporte is a really funny guy. After retiring from

the Army, people usually get a sense of humor," Russack said.

Saturday was Osborne's twenty-second Military Ball.

"I oversee the ROTC program at Roger Williams. I facilitate the students coming into the program. I have to fill out forms. I track out each course students will take over the next four years to make sure that they graduate within four years," Osborne said.

Also attending the Ball were Major Troy Kennedy and Dorothy Cabral, the Administrative Assistant of the ROTC program. "They are part of the Cadre from URI but we have offices for them on the Bristol campus. They do the instruction, I do the administrative processes. I speak Army and I also speak academics, if you know what I mean that. I

can be a go-between for the University and the Army," Osborne said.

The Military Ball lasted until 11 p.m. All Cadets, dressed in their Military dress greens, were invited to bring a guest. Emceeding the event was senior Matthew Stein. He welcomed the attendees before dinner was served. Dinner consisted of salad, guest's choice of chicken, steak, or vegetables, and then dessert. A slideshow of pictures was shown, and everyone was sent home with a complimentary mug.

"I'm really excited to be a Senior Cadet and plan next year's Ball before I commission," Russack said before leaving the Ball.

Colt State Park offers respite from end-of-semester crunch

DARIELLE TERRY | Herald Reporter

After being cooped up inside for those long, cold, winter months, it is now warm enough to go outside and enjoy Bristol's gorgeous scenery. It is nice enough to sit outside, relax, and maybe do some homework. Here in Bristol, we have easy access to the biggest state park in Rhode Island. Colt State Park has 464 acres of open space for everyone to enjoy, for free.

"With the economy, the price of gas, and everything I think it will make parks much, much more popular than they ever were before," said Lou Roccaballo, the Regional Park Manager.

There is no end to the activities that students can participate in at the park to get their mind off school and approaching finals. Within Colt State Park's 464 acres, there are miles of bike paths for cycling, walking, running, and roller blading. The park borders Narragansett Bay, so besides the water front views, park-goers can unwind by fishing or boating. There is a public dock that anyone is free to use. Additionally there are public charcoal grills and picnic tables scattered throughout the park.

"There is tremendous open space for the people to come in and enjoy. They start when the weather gets a little warmer un-

til when the weather gets a little cooler," Roccaballo said.

The best part about enjoying Colt State Park is that it does not have to cost a penny. There are no entrance fees, year

ally what it's about," Roccaballo said.

There is an option of renting space, though. Fireplace sites, which include picnic tables, cost \$3 to \$4 a day. Gazebo

ing out, having a picnic, or barbecuing, all trash that comes into the park must be carried out. There are no trash cans anywhere outside at Colt State Park. And though the booth at

well, to be a more effective way of trying to keep it as clean as possible. That never works 100 percent. We're always working daily, picking up trash, litter and such, and it'll always be that way, but we believe that it is to a certain degree successful," Roccaballo said.

The carry in, carry out trash policy has been in effect for a long time. The former park manager found that other parks had issues with trash cans. Seagulls, raccoons, and squirrels would get into the cans and make a mess, so park managers decided to avoid that problem.

Colt State Park has been around and open to the public for almost 43 years. Before then, the Colt Church and Coggeshall families owned the land. They primarily used the space for their award winning jersey cattle or "jerseys," a breed of small dairy cows. Former Governor John Chafee, father of current Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee, dedicated the park to the public on August 21, 1968.

The public has been enjoying the park ever since. As the semester winds down, some students may feel free to make their way down to the park to get a break, some fresh air, and maybe even a Del's Lemonade.



JEREMY KING

Colt State Park's gorgeous shoreline offers park-goers access to Narragansett Bay. Entrance to Rhode Island's largest state park is free, and is open all summer, daily until sundown.

round. There are free picnic tables, benches and plenty of space to lay out in.

"You can spend an entire day from sunrise to sunset and it doesn't cost you any money to enjoy the park. That's re-

sites are a little more, they are \$100.00 day, but they include two grills and eight picnic tables. These sites cannot be rented over night, which means no camping in the park.

Whether spending a day lay-

the main entrance looks like it is there to collect entrance fees, it is actually a place for trash bag distribution.

"You put your trash in [the bags] and take it back with you. It always seemed to work

Bridges to Bristol Bargains

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COURTESY BRISTOL PHOENIX

Walter C. Bennett Jr., 25, of Bristol headbutted a Bristol Police officer arresting him for disorderly conduct. After chipping the officer's tooth, he faces charges of assault on a police officer.

Two cops assaulted during arrest

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

A rowdy bar patron intentionally grabbed at a police officer and wounded another with a headbutt when the officers responded to a fight he wasn't even involved in at a Bristol bar on Saturday, April 16.

Police responded to Gillary's Tavern on Thames Street 12:48 a.m. for a report that a man inside the bar was punched in the face by a jealous boyfriend. While there to respond to the dispute, Lieutenant Steven McNally and Patrolman Michael Viera were reportedly assaulted by Walter C. Bennett, Jr., 25,

of 2 Sandra Drive, who was not involved in the original altercation.

According to police, as Lt. McNally walked through the bar, Mr. Bennett intentionally bumped his shoulder into the lieutenant's chest and grabbed onto his jacket. Assuming Mr. Bennett was intoxicated, Lt. McNally escorted him from the bar and across the street to waiting police cars where he became combative.

Patrolman Michael Viera advised Mr. Bennett that he was under arrest. Mr. Bennett headbutted Officer Viera in the face, causing a chipped tooth and a

laceration to the officer's lip. As they struggled, Officer Viera was flipped over by Mr. Bennett, which resulted in Mr. Bennett also falling onto his face. After ignoring several warnings to cooperate, Mr. Bennett was subdued with pepper spray.

Mr. Bennett was taken to Rhode Island Hospital for injuries to the face from the fall. He was treated and released. Police charged him with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and two counts of assault of a police officer.

Officer Viera declined treatment and returned to work.

Rescue crew plays stork

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

During a recent routine medical call for abdominal pains, the rescue crew that picked up the woman who called for help found themselves with an unexpected and second patient.

On Wednesday, March 30, fire and rescue crews responded to a call at 7:23 a.m. for a woman who was experiencing abdominal pains. When the crews arrived, they

found the woman on the edge of her bed, sitting up and in obvious discomfort. After checking her condition, they

decided to transport her to the hospital. They eased her onto a stretcher and into the back of the ambulance and, minutes later, at 7:59 a.m., paramedic Lisa Heon, literally had her hands full.

By the time the rescue crossed into Warren from Bristol, the woman went into full labor. The crew prepared to deliver a baby. By the time they reached the Eskimo King near the intersection of Route 136 and Route 6, there were six people on board.

"We have everything we need" in the ambulance, said Joe Cabral, a cardiac EMT.

In his 48 years of service, this was only the second time he helped to deliver a baby. His role was to clamp and cut the umbilical cord while Ms. Heon cradled the baby in her arms. After suctioning the newborn's airway, the crew wrapped the baby boy in a blanket and handed him to his relieved mother. The mother held her 7-pound son close for the remainder of the ride to the hospital.

"This is the first time we've had something like this."

- Fire Chief Robert Martin

The crew said that even the mother was surprised at the sudden delivery, hearing her ask her son, "What's grandma going to say?"

For the others on board, driver Rob O'Neill and EMT Richard Rensehausen, they were glad to be there to help, but just as glad that Ms. Heon and Mr. Cabral had everything under control.

"This is the first time we've had something like this," said Fire Chief Robert Martin.

At Wednesday night's town council meeting the rescue crew was honored for the baby's safe delivery. Chief Martin shook hands with each member of the crew and handed them a blue stork pin to be worn on their uniform to signify they have successfully delivered a baby.

Knife, shovel brought to showdown over girl

ARTICLE COURTESY | Bristol Phoenix

The scene at a fishing area earlier this month of a stand-off between two men armed with a knife and a shovel could have come straight out of "West Side Story."

It started with a series of text-message exchanges from a young girl challenging her ex-boyfriend to fight her new boyfriend. Police report that on Friday, April 8, a 14-year-old Bristol girl and her 19-year-old ex-boyfriend, from Bristol, began an argument through texts. She then provoked a fight between him and her boyfriend by issuing the challenge, according to police.

The ex-boyfriend, Anthony M. Stravato, 19, of 159 Hopeworth Ave. reportedly agreed to the challenge and they said they would meet at

Mt. Hope Boat Ramp off Anawascutt Drive later that day. Mr. Stravato brought a friend, Timothy Dubois, 18, of Warren and the girl arrived with two unidentified men. During an exchange of words, police report that Mr. Stravato allegedly threatened to knife one of the men. His friend, Mr. Du-

bois, was armed with a shovel. But there was no fight, according to police. Everyone left the area with no physical assault taking place.

After questioning those involved, police charged Mr. Dubois with felony assault with a dangerous weapon at 11:52 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. Mr. Stravato was charged with felony assault with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy and disorderly conduct on Friday,

April 15 at 9:15 a.m. The pair were arraigned and released on personal recognizance.

Pizza shop stake-out nets two arrests

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

Acting on an anonymous tip that drugs were being sold through Pizza Wave restaurant on Metacom Avenue, police set up surveillance outside the business on Thursday, April 14, to monitor activities.

At 7:20 p.m., officers observed one of the employees, Cory A. Costa, 22, of Warren exit through a back door and get inside an awaiting car, then re-enter the restaurant. Several minutes later, the car returned and Mr. Costa again exited the

door and got into the car.

As officers watched, Mr. Costa allegedly accepted money in exchange for a small plastic soufflé cup used for restaurant food. Police immediately approached the car and questioned the occupants, who said the marijuana contained in the cup was purchased from Mr. Costa. A field test was positive for marijuana.

Police entered the restaurant and asked another employee for Mr. Costa's backpack. That other employee, Kyle Santos, 22, of 26A Wall St., reportedly

became visibly nervous about the officers' request. Believing the two acted together, police also asked to search Mr. Santos' backpack in which police allegedly found a smoking pipe, scale and other paraphernalia, as well as 28 grams of marijuana, 4 pills suspected to be Vicodin and \$400 in cash.

Police charged Mr. Costa with possession of marijuana. Mr. Santos was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and possession of a scheduled narcotic.



MARK FUSCO

Soldier fights for country, then for credits

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

For many college students, both at Roger Williams University and across the country, the war going on overseas is a distant thought. Yet, there is nightly coverage of it on the news, black headlines daily in the papers, and weekly lectures in political science classes. Some students have family or friends in the military and because of this, they think they have a strong grasp on what it is like to serve. But unless you have been there, all you have is your own ideas.

"I cannot watch the news without getting really angry," said Wes Isom, a RWU junior. "It seems to me that all the networks ever cover are the bad things that come out of here. Yeah, sometimes things happen that put us in a poor light, but for the other 99.9 percent of the time, everyone is doing what they need to do to get the mission accomplished the right way."

Isom is a creative writing major who was stationed in Yuma, Ariz., for three and a half years. Seven of those months were

spent in Iraq. Citing himself as a "poor student" in a place not suited for long-term stay, Isom chose the military.

"I did not have that many options when I graduated high school," Isom said. "I felt I had to stop depending on my parents and I was happy to get out on my own and be self-reliant."

Though he is the only one in his immediate family that has served, Isom's family was very supportive during his time on Active Duty. He recalls them providing everything he ever needed and constantly being there for help.

"I could not have asked for a better support system," he said.

Officially called the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, the G.I. Bill provides war veterans with college or vocational education as well as one year of unemployment compensation. In addition to this, it provides many different types of loans for returning veterans

to buy homes or to start businesses. It was the G.I. Bill that helped Isom choose RWU for his undergraduate degree.

"I wanted to get more out of my G.I. Bill than attending a state-funded school," Isom said. "I put in the time to get an education so I figured why not have Uncle Sam pay a little

schools and correspondence courses he took in the military, yet RWU did not accept a single one of them.

"The administration here is really doing a disservice to themselves and the veterans that attend Roger Williams by only offering one Yellow Ribbon spot for each of the six schools here,"

Isom said. "I believe they should give some type of credit for military service. Some veterans are eligible to get jobs with Boeing, Lockheed Martin and any number of other big Department of Defense contractors right when they get out, sometimes

making as much as six figures a year. So what is the incentive for them to come to college and not get any credit for their service?"

Other than losing credits, Isom's adjustment to college was virtually painless. Because of his only getting deployed once, rather than three or four times, his detachment from the outside was not as harsh as oth-

er veterans'.

"Each deployment kind of alienates you from the world and makes it harder to adjust when you get back because of the daily emotional highs and lows you go through," Isom said. "I had been back in the States about a year and a half before my contract ended, so it's not like I came home from Iraq and hopped on a bus for college."

Isom further explained that he was ready to take a break from working the 10- to 12-hour days that came with supporting all his training and that college became that break. He credits the people he met in the military for influencing him to succeed, and reflects that the four year sacrifice was "well worth" the experience gained and the benefits awarded.

"[Enlisting] has been the best decision I ever made," he said. "I have no idea where I would be right now if I had not enlisted. I know I am a better student because of the discipline and experience I gained in the Marine Corps."

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- Wes Isom

more. Plus with the benefits the G.I. Bill provides, I knew that I could move pretty much anywhere and be financially stable."

Isom first attended Purdue University, and lost an entire semester's worth of credits upon his transfer here due to RWU's non-acceptance of his credits earned while serving. He estimates his having somewhere around 130 credits from the

Green building workshop brightens student job prospects

MICHELLE LEE | Herald Reporter

It seems that "global warming" and "sustainability," words that were once not commonly used, are ones that are spoken about every day. Sustainability is the new "fad" that everyone wants to be a part of, even students at Roger Williams University.

Keith Doucot, a junior construction management major with a minor in sustainability, is helping RWU students becoming more knowledgeable on building green.

Starting April 4, Doucot and fellow construction management major, Kenny Ermann, ran six, one-hour workshops held in the School of Engineering building to teach students about the six main credit categories within the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The system allows for a third party to verify if the building or community was designed and built using the strategies to improve energy savings, water efficiency, and CO2 emissions reduction.

The workshops held were open to all students, but Doucot said that the 50 attendees were mostly made up of construction management and architecture majors as well as a few accounting and environmental science majors and some industry professionals.

The six main categories covered included: Sustainable Sites, Energy & Atmosphere, Water Efficiency, Materials & Re-

sources, Indoor Environmental Quality, and Innovation in Design.

The workshops were held by the RWU U.S. Green Building Council Student Group, an organization started on campus last year that is a student chapter of the national USGBC organization. Doucot and Ermann both ran the workshops under the supervision of Dr. Bilge Gokhan Celik, their construction management professor.

"I think that it's a big deal that

"We need to start taking care of where we live, otherwise we're going to run out of what we need to survive."

-Keith Doucot, LEED workshop leader

we have [the chapter] here at RWU," Doucot said.

Doucot said that the workshops fit well with the school because "the industry is moving so much into the green initiatives and where RWU is so progressive in that whole realm of sustainability, we thought that it would be a good idea to start the workshops."

Students who completed all six workshops were eligible to take the LEED Green Associate Exam. The exam, according to Doucot, gives people higher esteem in their field. The workshops are designed to teach the students the majority of the major information they need

to know for the exam, as well as directing them on the best way to further prepare.

"It's a pretty prestigious credential," Doucot said. "It's the first step in the LEED professional accreditation system. It's definitely a good thing to have and even just being able to put the Green Associate logo on your resume makes you stand out."

Buildings on campus, such as the Global Heritage Hall, are not LEED certified but are built to LEED or "green" standards.

"A lot more buildings are trying to be built green and not just necessarily LEED certified," said Doucot. "People are starting to realize that it's not just about the upfront cost of the building but the long run impacts of it as well."

Doucot and Ermann hope to continue to run the workshops every semester and also have hopes of bringing in speakers from the industry to give the students a better perspective of the work field.

Doucot said that it is still up in the air about how they will advertise for next semester's workshops, but that interested students should look out for an announcement for the meetings at a possible information table at the Involvement Fair and an announcement in the Daily Dose.

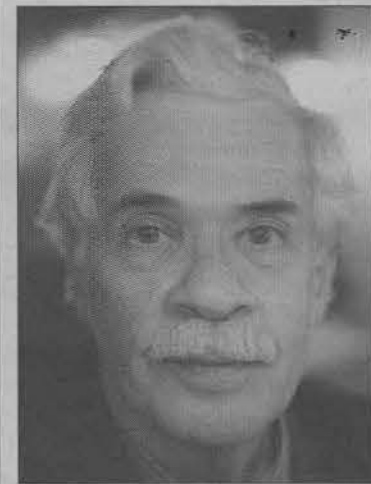
"There's scientific data out there that shows how much of an impact we have on the earth, whether it's talking about ozone depletion or aquifer depletion," Doucot said. "We just need to start taking care of where we live otherwise we're going to run out of what we need to survive."

Morbidly interesting: Professor's work acclaimed abroad, ignored at home

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

Jeffrey Silverthorne's office is cluttered.

Books, flyers, and posters line the walls. The desk is covered in paperwork and folders. His small MacBook sits serenely in the middle, the silver of it glinting from the midday sun. The space is small, no bigger than your favorite restaurant's bath-



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Professor Jeffrey Silverthorne is renowned for his photographs of bodies in morgues. Though his work is shown in many galleries abroad, his work has struggled to gain acclaim domestically.

room, but it's obvious that there is experience oozing from its very core.

As a professional photographer, Silverthorne sees the world through a cultured eye, digging beneath the obvious and extracting something much more poignant. His camera has

produced pictures of female impersonators, of the deceased in morgues, of horses up for slaughter in a Massachusetts slaughterhouse and of scenes from the Texas-Mexico border.

"There's a long history and tradition of photographing points of friction," Silverthorne said, "whether they're psychological or physical or whether they're mortal like life and death. To me, [my subjects] seemed like the breaking points of the culture where the relationship between action and cultural standards fell apart."

Silverthorne, 65, received both his B.F.A. and M.F.A. in Photography and his M.A. in Education from the Rhode Island School of Design. He is represented by five different galleries in four different countries and has taught at nine different universities. His work has been showcased in Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovenia, and all over the United States. But while the U.S. has seen his work and credentials plenty of times, his main support still comes from overseas.

"In general, there has been very little receptivity to my work [in the U.S.]," Silverthorne said. "In 1973 there was a show in New York City at one of the two photo galleries at that time and there was a mention of the exhibition in the New York Times and then nothing happened. It was this kind of underground body of

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Alcohol policy changes have students talking

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter



Lauren Prior, 21, senior

"I think that it's making it almost more dangerous for students. It's pushing them off campus so more students are likely to drink and drive rather than just stay on campus and have safe fun. We're in college and I think it's naïve for people to think that we're not going to drink as college students."

Lauren Flannery, 21, senior

"I remember when I was a freshman it seemed like you could get away with everything. I don't know if that's a good or bad thing, but it's definitely more lenient. I feel like my junior year it was a lot stricter even than it is now. It seems like they just really put in a lot of rules. It was terrifying to go to any kind of party. Even now I get scared even though I'm 21."



Violet Dixon, 22, senior



"I lived in Stonewall my freshman year and even there, that was an honors dorm, there was still a lot of alcohol that was around. I feel like they were strict about it, but we could pretty much get away with anything. ... I feel like the policies they've put into place have been well-minded; they meant well, but I think there's kind of a counter current of what students expected when they came here. Roger Williams doesn't want to be seen as a party school, but students see it as a party school still, I guess. I definitely resent being 22 years old and being told I'm not allowed to have a beer on my balcony. I feel like by now I know how to drink responsibly."

MacKenzie Wasson, 22, senior

"I don't really recall it from freshman year because it didn't really apply to us back then. We just sort of snuck everything in. I was never really worried about getting caught or anything. ... I think that they handle it very immaturely. It's like, I guess you could make an analogy to a soccer game. A soccer game has a referee, and the referee's job is to make sure the game is played according to the rules. But they're not out there specifically to hand out red cards. There's some give and there's some take. There's some mutual understanding as to what's acceptable and what's not. To be honest, they pound it into your head that it's so socially unacceptable that instead of making kids stop, they just resent the authority who makes the rules."



Students observe many changes during their four years away at college. In the event of a campus-wide change, such as a newly implemented policy, some students hardly seem to make note of the change due to the flurry of homework, classes, and socializing. Yet, in some cases, the change causes a uniformed outcry of major disagreement.

The class of 2011 has been with the university for most of the changes in regards to the drinking policies on campus. Yet, administrators put much consideration into each and every change that Roger Williams University has seen over the years.

"[The Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force] (AOD) presented in 2009 at a national conference to show other schools the process that our university takes to make changes campus wide," said Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students. RWU works hard to make sure that the campus is safe and educated, she said. Sometimes with the changing culture and student turnover, policies must be changed or added in order to effectively reach the student body and create a safe environment.

"There are many what we call 'second-hand effects' from drinking that affect the student body," McMahon said. Second-hand effects take place when students who are intoxicated cause harm in the community, which affects the general learning and safety of students.

"We try and prevent these effects from happening as we have seen through our data that many students affected by this tend to consider leaving the university," McMahon said.

Currently, the university has a group of students and faculty who are in charge of reviewing different policies, both current and new, that affect students in terms of alcohol and drug consumption. The AOD Task Force is comprised of 13 staff, faculty members, and students who help to make recommendations to the university on different policy changes.

The AOD Task Force is behind the large changes that students see take place on campus, some of which take many months to be implemented. In May 2010, RWU experienced a change in a policy that some students refer to as one of the biggest policy changes they have ever seen on campus. The Medical Amnesty policy allows students who request medical assistance either on their own or through a friend who stays with them to be eligible to not be sanctioned any judicial punishments.

"We worked a long time on this change and tried to work out all the details before we brought it to the student body," McMahon said. The planning of the policy was started in January of 2010, benchmarked against other institutions and then a formal proposal was drafted. This proposal was then brought to Student Senate for student input.

RWU Alcohol Statistics Timeline

2006	2007
Residence Hall Damage Costs: \$176,417	Residence Hall Damage Costs: \$133,678
Alcohol Abstinence Rate: 12%	Alcohol Abstinence Rate: 13%
Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): 401 violations	Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): 290 violations
Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): 61%	Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): 61%

Myths vs. Facts

Information provided by Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students

"We try and get student input on policies before they are formalized," McMahon said. After five months of planning and work, the policy was implemented on campus and publicized to the student body.

With many large campus-wide changes taking affect over the past four years, the current senior class has experienced most of the changes that the university has implemented.

Alex Skerry, a senior, said she feels that many of the changes are very positive but some could use some small details worked out. "The Medical Amnesty policy has been a very positive change for the university but I still disagree with some of the finer points in the policy," Skerry said.

McMahon said that she has seen many of the policies on campus being well received by the student body. "Students don't like policies where they feel as though their freedom is being infringed upon," McMahon said.

Over the past few years, RWU has seen many numbers and statistics decrease and although some students have negative attitudes towards the policy changes, many positive outcomes are coming from them. In 2009, the surveyed alcohol abstinence rate was at 17 percent, which was up from 14 percent in 2005.

McMahon said that implemented policies that target alcohol consumption have secondary affects that help with other violations around campus. In 2006, the university recorded 401 violations on campus. With policy change and an increase on educational sanctioning, the university saw that number drop to 223 in 2010, almost half of the number of violations committed on campus.

Along with policy changes and on campus educational measures, the university has implemented an online course for the incoming freshmen class called AlcoholEdu. Through this course, students are asked questions and provided feedback, which will give RWU information on current student drinking trends.

"We have heard a lot of students talk about how we are seen as a major partying school which is why it was good to see freshmen students, when asked before they attend the university, how often do they think students on campus consume alcohol. Forty-four percent say about the same as other schools, and 40 percent say that they don't know," McMahon said.

Through proactive measures and education on policies on campus, the university hopes to lower incidents and generally increase the knowledge on campus policies.

McMahon said the university has seen improvement in the drinking culture on campus and feels that because of new policies and implementations, the image of the university is also increasing. According to the most recent AlcoholEdu data, less than 1 percent of the class of 2014 attended the university because they had heard it was considered a party school.

In the end, McMahon said she feels as though the work done by the university, administration, the AOD Task Force and the student body has accomplished the intended result.

"The work being done is paying off in helping to create a healthy campus community."

The town of Bristol had a spike in DUIs last year.

FALSE: Last year there was only one DUI in the town of Bristol - it was a non-residential student. So DUIs were actually down last year.

FALSE: We had more BPD violations cited last year but this is primarily due to a grant funded party patrol that BPD instated that targets underage drinking. They did not have this the year before. And the funding is over this year and incidences of student alcohol violations off campus this year hadve decreased considerably.

More students are drinking off campus.

The alcohol policy was changed again this year.

FALSE: There were no major changes to the alcohol policy this year - same quantity policy, 3 strike rule etc... The only change is the Medical Amnesty policy was put into effect.

FALSE: Alcohol documentations are actually down from last year and from four years ago (2006) down 25 percent. Last semester - Fall 2010 - alcohol documentations have decreased considerably.

Documented alcohol violations have increased.

There have been more transfers due to alcohol policy changes.

FALSE: Transfer rate from 2009-2010 had 10 less students transfer from the university than the 2008-2009 school year.

2008

2009

2010

Residence Hall Damage Costs: **\$115,241**
 Alcohol Abstinence Rate: **13%**
 Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): **345 violations**
 Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): **58%**

Residence Hall Damage Costs: Not available
 Alcohol Abstinence Rate: **17%**
 Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): **275 violations**
 Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): **51%**

Residence Hall Damage Costs: Not available
 Alcohol Abstinence Rate: Not available
 Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): **223 violations**
 Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): **52%**

DION: Now is the time to include Islam in the American mainstream

Final installment: 'Ignorance is not an excuse'

ERYN DION | Herald Contributor

Many say it time to do away with the "us" and "them" mentality pervading the American consciousness and accept Muslims into the mainstream fold. Slowly, Muslims are attaining high profile positions in the government, which allows for greater exposure. Keith Ellison from Minnesota was elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, becoming the first Muslim elected to the United States Congress. André Carson became the second Muslim elected to the House of Representatives in 2008 when he won the seat for Indiana's 7th congressional district. There are also several Muslims serving as Senators and Representatives on the State level. These elected officials work together to promote Muslim causes on a national level, which have been traditionally ignored.

More recently, it seems that a stronger wave of 'Islamaphobia' has hit, infecting not only the media, but lawmakers as well. Several states, including Oklahoma and Missouri, have introduced bills into their local leg-

islature banning the use of laws from other nations or cultures, often singling out Shariah, the Islamic religious law. Proponents of the bills often say they are protecting freedoms and liberties granted under the First Amendment, and protecting America from foreign interests. Some politicians have taken this a step further. Congressman Peter King, the Republican Representative from New York, held a Congressional hearing on the "radicalization of American Muslims." His conclusion? That "Muslim Americans must do more to combat Islamic radicalization" in their communities, that they were not cooperating with law enforcement, and that preaching in mosques was leading to radicalization. These hearings signal that Muslims in America are being viewed through a biased and uneducated lens.

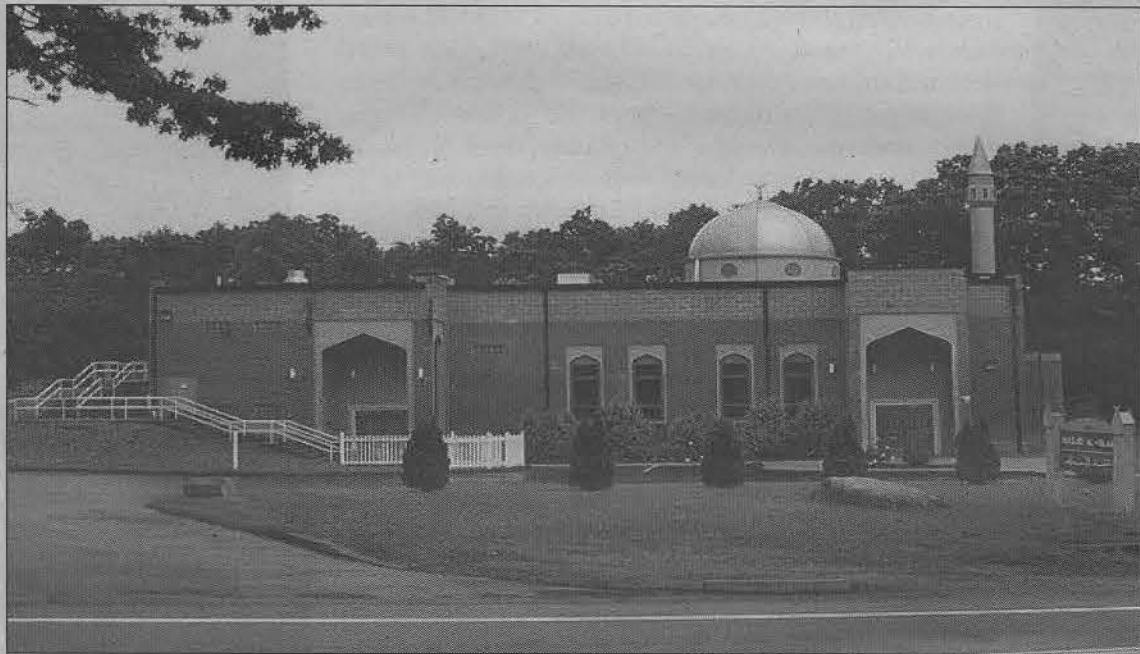
Things are looking up for the Muslim community, though. Senator Richard Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, held a hearing in the U.S. Senate on anti-Muslim bigotry in March. Senator Durbin said the hear-

ing was responding to "recent incidents targeting Muslims such as Koran burnings and restrictions on Mosque construction." He is referencing Pastor Terry Jones' plan to burn a copy of the Quran on the anniversary of the September 11,

2001 terrorist attacks, and the controversy over a proposed Muslim community center to be built two blocks from the World Trade Center site in Lower Manhattan.

While it is unclear what the future might hold for Muslims

in America, this hearing represents a step in the right direction: an effort to identify and correct problems, and defend the civil rights of a marginalized group. After all, isn't that what this country is all about?



The mosque located in North Smithfield, R.I. where many local Muslims pray.

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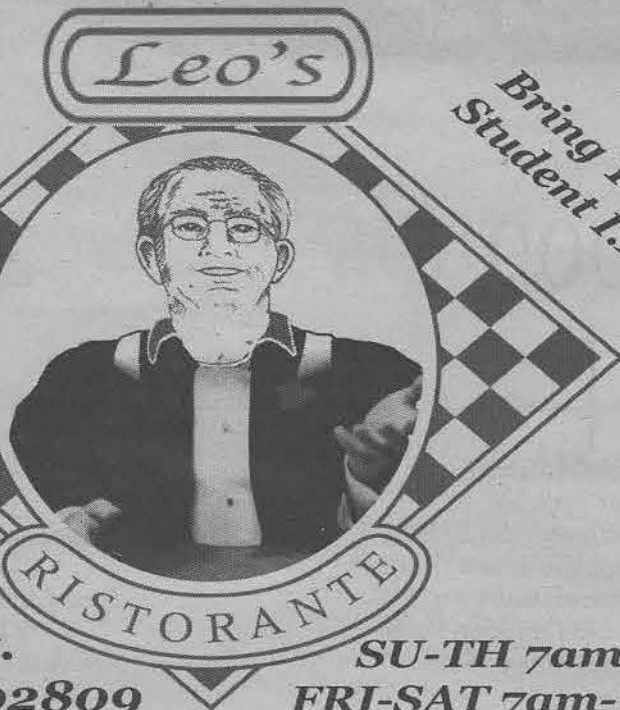
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PHOTO: Artist fed up with lack of stateside respect

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work, [and] I never intended it to be underground."

Silverthorne has been teaching at Roger Williams University since 2002, becoming an Associate Professor in 2005. He teaches the Core Curriculum class Aesthetics, along with a handful of photography classes that deal with both film and digital photography. While he is a modest and soft-spoken man, his work and achievements are not lost on his colleagues.

"Jeffrey Silverthorne's photographic work is an unflinching look at some of the most profound and disturbing subjects that humans face: sexuality, death, poverty, relationships and self-identity," said Randall Van Schepen, an Associate Professor of Art and Architectural History at RWU.

When looking at his body of work, one subject matter that jumps out is his work portraying bodies in morgues. Silverthorne's shooting of corpses started in 1972, at the tail end of the Vietnam War. The bodies that he photographed were of no importance - they were just people, and only one of the

subjects was a war veteran. Silverthorne received permission from the District Attorney to photograph the bodies. Though the subject matter, which some found shocking, made a bold impression on viewers, Silverthorne says that he doesn't need that anymore.

"I don't need the dead people anymore," he said. "I can work with the idea of mortality, and the idea of death in ways that don't embody the physical content matter. I don't need to have the dead body to address that."

On May 27, a show dealing specifically with his work will open in Groningen, Netherlands, entitled "Travel Plans."

Though a domestic opening is not included among the numerous international showings, Silverthorne is not deterred.

"I didn't put that much effort into getting my work out," he said. "And in this country after awhile I just figured, you know f*** it. I don't care. F*** them. Why bother? If there's not going to be a response, why banging my head against the wall?"

Editorial: Don't underestimate veganism

On Earth Day, a reflection on struggle to give up animal products

ALEXANDRA ARTIANO | Opinions Editor

Last night, I found myself watching a video documenting butcher Larry Althiser's process of taking a live animal and turning into the product you end up eating. The difference between him and factory farmers is that Althiser cares about the animals he butchers.

I know that sounds ironic, but he really does. In the video, he said that the first steer he brought through his plant was his own, and even though that was hard, he still thought it was the right thing to do.

Watching this made me think about how this is what meat processing should be: happy cows that are humanely killed with no pain or suffering and then processed in a completely transparent and human way.

This is not how the biggest meat processors of the United States run.

Earlier this year, I found myself watching a documentary (this seems to often happen late at night) called *FOOD, INC.*, which follows reporter Robert Kenner exploring the U.S. food industry to find out how the food he buys in the supermarket is produced. This documentary showed me the reality of American factory farms. The facts are that animals are not treated humanely and the way that these few companies that have monopolized the food industry is not healthy for its

consumers.

"Cows are not designed by evolution to eat corn. They're designed by evolution to eat grass. And the only reason we feed them corn is because corn is really cheap and corn makes them fat quickly ..." said Michael Pollan, author of *IN DEFENSE OF FOOD: AN EATER'S MANIFESTO*.

"The industrial food system is always looking for greater efficiency. But each new step in efficiency leads to problems. If you take feedlot cattle off their corn diet, give them grass for five days, they will shed eighty percent of the *E. coli* in their gut," Pollan said.

Prior to watching this documentary, I was not that into meat, but it was an undeniable part of my culture; it's safe to say it's a part of most Americans' culture. Once I got to college, I found myself choosing to eat less and less meat. Once I watched this documentary and started to educate myself on the subject, I cut red meat totally out of my diet. It was so hard to give up white meat, and my parents were convinced that I wouldn't be able to get protein without it. As time went on, I found myself completely grossed out by the thought of eating an animal that had gone through that process.

While Roger Williams University has a great cafeteria and

great ethics when it comes to purchasing food, I still couldn't stomach it any longer. I came to the conclusion that it is completely unethical and unhealthy to mass-produce meat.

I don't want you to think I am an extremist; I really am not — all of this happened over time and almost without me even noticing. When watching that video of the butcher, I thought to myself, 'Wow, I've come a long way,' and I really started to think about the choices I made and why. I feel so much healthier now, and I am on my way to cutting out all dairy, and then hopefully all animal products. Most days it's really easy for me, but some days when I watch someone eating Taco Bell it gets really hard. It's also hard to explain myself to people: everyone seems to have this misconception that if you give up meat, you give up your health, but really it's the opposite. Try convincing your grandfather of that, I dare you.

Looking back now, I feel proud of myself for being able to reject the social norms of my family and culture to do what I think is right, and while I would never force anyone to understand or agree, I thought it was important to put out there that not every vegetarian or vegan is an extremist or a hippie; sometimes they are just regular people.

TOP FIVE MYTHS ABOUT VEGANS

1. Vegans do not get enough protein

Protein does not only come from animals; plant protein is actually better than animal protein as it is high-fiber, low-fat, and cholesterol-free. As long as you have a variety of plant foods in your diet it should be no problem to get 50 grams of protein a day.

2. It is too hard to figure out what can and cannot be eaten as a vegan

If you keep yourself to buying non-processed foods it really is not hard to be vegan. When you try to eat at a fast food restaurant, it might be a little more iffy. The fact of the matter is that most foods that are produced contain some form of animal products. As veganism is becoming more popular vegan options are starting to appear on restaurant menus and there is even a vegan option for pre-made frozen food now.

3. It is unnatural for humans to not eat meat

By becoming a vegetarian or vegan you can eliminate digesting all of the chemicals and hormones that are put in the meat from factory farms. If you are going to eat meat you should buy it from a local butcher.

4. Vegans care more about animals than humans

Taking meat out of your diet actually helps the environment which in turn helps humans. According to *The Washington Post*, "In fact, eating vegan one day a week lowers your carbon footprint more than eating local every day of the week."

5. It's inconvenient and expensive to be a vegan

It really depends where you live in the United States. Los Angeles is known for having a variety of vegan restaurants and options but if you live in a rural Midwest town, it might be harder and more expensive to find vegan-friendly food.

Student froze, starved, stressed for Lupe tickets

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Last Monday, 1,400 dedicated Roger Williams University students waited in the blustery cold for up to four hours to purchase their Lupe Fiasco and Third Eye Blind Spring Concert ticket. Some people took to the extreme of camping out in the Rec Center so that they could be first in line. But for people who came any later than eight in the morning, the day was a disaster.

Tickets went on sale at 11 a.m., so my friend and I

thought it would be safe to get in line at 10:30. We immediately regretted that decision. As we walked from New Res to the gym we were shocked to see the line to purchase tickets wrap all the way around the gym to the point where we had to get in line on the hill right passed the baseball field. I also immediately regretted wearing flip-flops.

11:30 a.m. I finally move from the hill of the baseball field to the windows of the gym where the treadmills are.

As I watch people let their friends cut in line in front of me I become more and more aggravated, and more and more worried that I may not get a ticket. Everyone around me is becoming feisty, and I am afraid a fight will break out over the amount of people cutting in line. I naively believe that I will be able to eat lunch at 12:30 with my friends who were smart enough to not wait in line and make other plans for next Thursday.

12:30 p.m. I have moved so far that I am now in front of the weights side of the gym! I still cannot see the beginning of the line, and my friend and I stand in line making predictions as to which number ticket we will receive. As my other friends are in the warmth of the Commons, I call them begging for a grilled cheese. They walk out of the Commons and laugh at me for wasting so much time in line. As I unwrap the grilled cheese and take the first bite I am instantly more dedicated to staying in this line. The only problem is that I have class at 1:00.

1:00 p.m. Do I wait in line or do I go to class? I talked with the people in the back of me in line, and they say that they would not be upset if I get out of line and then come back in. Although I am thankful that they are allowing me to go to class, I sit through the class tapping my pencil on my desk obnoxiously because I am so anxious. All I can think about is that my friend will get her ticket, and I will have waited hours and not have gotten a ticket. Finally 1:50 rolls around.

1:50 p.m. I run from Gabelli in search of my friend, who luckily is wearing a yellow backpack, so I spot her easily. She is in front of the stop sign in four-way intersection

in front of campus. I went to a whole class and she only moved a good 10 feet! Frustrated and cold, she goes into Lower Commons and brings us back two hot chocolates. As our hands grasp the cups they tingle from finally having feeling in them for the first time all day. Finally the line is cut off and we hear that everyone in line at this point is guaranteed tickets! What a relief. I finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.

3:10 p.m. I GOT MY TICKET! From the embarrassing dance that I did after receiving my ticket, you would have thought that I won the lottery. My friend and I immediately run into Lower Commons and order soup.

For the next few days people could not stop talking about how ridiculous the whole process of getting a ticket for our spring concert was. Courtney Dennis said she got in line at 10 a.m. and did not get her ticket until 2:30 p.m.

"It was absolutely insane. For \$40,000 a year, you think that RWU could hire someone who could use their brain and think of a better process," Dennis said.

Katie Jackson suggests that RWU should have used the Commons' "swipey things" to swipe our IDs, and if they could not use that technology

then they "should have at least have had a hot dog stand for nourishment."

People were starving, seeing as tickets were on sale right at lunchtime, but were too nervous to leave the line to get food. Not only were they hungry, but also the sky was grey and the air was brisk. Martha Pulsifer said she was upset that she had to waste \$34.99 on a blanket from the school store just so she would stop shivering.

Although most people were angry at the day, there were some people who tried to see the cup as half full.

"I met some new friends while waiting in line and we even contemplated ordering pizza from dominos together and having it delivered to us in line," said Ashlee Williams.

People were desperate for food and warmth, but through this common need, people also came together and realized that we were all in the same boat.

"The line for Lupe was outlandish, but it also showed how successful this years spring concert will be unlike last year. Who likes the Fray anyways?" said Jonny Glisci.

After hours of dedication from a little over a thousand RWU's students, this concert better be the best concert that ever came to our school, and I have hope that it will be.



BEN WHITMORE

Students camped out at 9 a.m. for tickets.

Racy Stacy: A tale of two pities

The double standard of dating in college that ain't your mama's drama



RACY STACY | Herald Contributor

Spring break 2011: Somewhere south of Rhode Island, where rain boots are not required, I enjoyed my time sprawled out on the beach with sand in between my toes and the protection of my best friends and Banana Boat SPF 30. I smiled coyly at guys I had never seen before with their tan, not-half-bad abs and salt water soaked hair. An endless amount of hope and unknown romantic adventures lay fluttering in the humid air.

While I was soaking up the façade of premature summer heat, my friend was feeling a different sort of heat. Miles away, somewhere north of Rhode Island, two people were sitting inside watching the rain and planning their future together.

That same night, as I was primping to venture into the unpredictable world of single mingling, I received a text message informing me that my friend had just received a very important accessory: an engagement ring that would be sparkling on her finger until death do them part. It was followed by another text asking me to be a bridesmaid.

Jaw hanging open, I somehow managed to type out the word "Congratulations," and proceeded to convince myself that no one that was my age could be ready to be that committed. But somehow seeing them together, it made sense: they were madly in love, and I was perpetually single. That's when the irony set in. Here she was totally confident about the person that she wanted to spend the rest of her life with, while I couldn't even decide which pair of shoes to wear. How could two people that were essentially the same age be at such different stages in their lives?

People in college don't "date" anymore. You are either single, or in a committed relationship. There is no in-between, no middle ground. If you are causally "talking" to more than one guy, people act like you are cheating. In fact, people rarely even go on dates anymore.

When our parents were in college, it was perfectly acceptable to date multiple people at once, without being exclusive right away. This gave them the chance to find someone they really cared about before gliding full speed ahead to relationship station.

The Dating Dilemma [thee-dacht-ing-dil-ema] (n): 1 a quandary that college students face when parents, relatives, friends, and teachers either think that they are lonely, pathetic and unattached or loosing "valuable life experience" by dating one person in an exclusive, long-term relationship

Nowadays, you have to pick between single and taken, and regardless of which one you are, people think it's wrong. They give you those gigantic eyes that widen slowly, matched with eyebrows that cause a ripple effect on a normally tranquil forehead, as they nod like psychiatrists and tell you what you "need." One of the worst feelings in the world is knowing that people pity you. An even worse feeling is knowing that you are not supported by the people whose opinions matter to you most. Even when you are sincerely happy with your love life, it seems like one ounce of doubt

from an outside party can shake up your emotions.

Society seems to have gotten together in a private, underground discussion group and deemed it appropriate to split up acceptable romantic situations into two tracks:

Track 1—Lonesome or looking for some: This type of disapproval usually comes from people who are in relationships or from overbearing mothers that value traditional lifestyles. If you are single and in college, people seem to think that you are either indecisively tramping around, or sitting in your room all alone daydreaming about your perfect lover, and stuffing your face with Dominos pizza. In reality you are finding yourself by making mistakes and hanging out with other guys, or working on your relationship with yourself.

Track 2—Devastatingly devoted: Although not every college student is taking their relationship to the altar before graduation, there are lots of students who are in serious relationships. When you tell someone you are in a committed relationship and you hear things like, "You are wasting your college years by staying with one person," or, "You are too young to know who you

want to be with." People that say things like this to you are either commitment-phobes, have never been in a functioning, loving relationship, or are parents who are worried that their baby is going to make a big mistake.

It seems like no matter what we do we are told that we are doing it wrong. From the time we are young, we are taught not to judge or discriminate against others, regardless of race, religion, lifestyle, or background. So why do so many people find it acceptable to judge another person's relationship?

Society tells us what we should think about love while regarding the appropriate age and time in life when we should settle down. Statistics tell us that the average age woman gets married at 26.5 years old. If we follow the rules, and become "average" we may miss our chance at true love.

My verdict: Screw society, screw statistics, and stopping letting others' opinions dictate your idea of dating. The key is confidence in yourself and your choice of lifestyle. Although it is difficult to clear your mind of the words that your friends and family say, sometimes you have to be a cliché to be happy, which means following your heart.

Conservative anti-gay marriage priest: 'I now support full civil marriage equality'

YAMILEH DURE | Herald Reporter

Louis J. Marinelli is a priest that, up until very recently, was known for standing adamantly up against rights for the homosexual community — specifically against giving the right of marriage to same-sex couples. Marinelli was the man behind the Summer for Marriage Tour sponsored by National Organization for Marriage in 2010, which traveled the nation hosting rallies for traditional marriage. However it was this tour against same-sex marriage that sparked Marinelli's later change of heart.

In a testimony in his personal blog, he explains that a huge part of why he has changed his way of thinking was the exposure he got, starting with this tour, to the real people behind the cause he was fighting against. He was forced to speak to and recognize real gay and lesbian people. Their heart-wrenching stories touched him, making him feel empathy for his opposition for the first time. He ends his blog saying, "My name is Louis J. Marinelli, a conservative-Republican and I now support full civil marriage equality. The constitution calls for nothing less." This bold statement sent

ripples across the nation.

This man, who was once an enemy to gay and lesbian people everywhere, is now a point of hope. If a man that was and is devout in his faith, who spoke outwardly against these people, can willingly change his way of thinking after being confronted by the people behind the "cause," there is hope that others can follow behind him. Marinelli seems to me to be the long-awaited light at the end of the tunnel.

"It's a sickening concept that people constantly have to be reminded that everyone should be treated equally."

- Louis J. Marinelli

For centuries those who have been deemed 'abnormal' or 'inferior' by the majority of our society have been forced to fight for their rights. First, we fought for the freedom of being an American, then we fought for the right to be allowed to practice any desired religion freely — without persecution. Then, the fight progressed to the issue of African-American rights, pushing for equality and freedom of slaves. Next, the battle was brought forth on the topic of women, who'd been treated as inferior beings

for centuries. Now, when each of these battles have been won, for the most part, here in the United States a new one has come out full force: it's the fight for those who don't fit into the traditional heterosexual box that dominates us.

Although I understand that this fight is incredibly important and worthy of our attention and support, it's one that we shouldn't have to have at all. It's a sickening concept that people constantly have to be

reminded that everyone should be treated equally, that no one should be discriminated against because of something so superficial as race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. The fact that an example like Marinelli is necessary boggles my mind. I used to like to think that we are all good reasonable people at the core, but situations like this make me seriously second-guess myself.

Thank you, Louis J. Marinelli. I sincerely hope everyone else can hop off of their ignorance horses and follow in your footsteps.

Open your minds and hearts world, people are people. No matter what.

SPRING CONCERT SHOULD BE HELD OUTSIDE

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Last Monday when I got in line with my friend to buy a ticket to see Lupe Fiasco and Third Eye Blind at the Roger Williams University spring concert, a thought came to me. Why don't we have the spring concert outside? The tickets for the spring concert sold out on the first day and many students who wanted a ticket didn't get one. Part of me feels like more students would be able to go to the event if it was held outdoors instead of in the field house.

I decided to do some research and I found out that Bristol doesn't allow the spring concert to be held outdoors. "The reason that the Spring Concert is never held outside is predominantly due to a Bristol town noise ordinance that prohibits such events from taking place after a certain time in the evening," said Dan Shea, a Traditions co-chair member on the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) who puts on the annual Spring Concert. According to Shea, the weather, and other factors can make having the concert outside difficult.

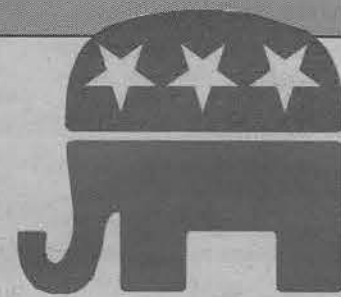
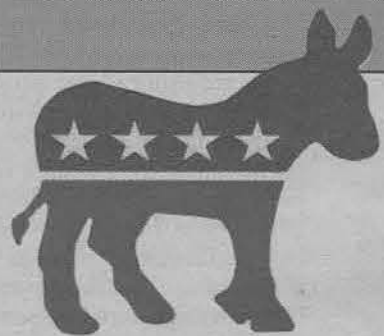
"Because the Spring Concert costs money, security would have to be heightened to dissuade any acts that could interfere with the show. Obviously,

with an enclosed venue such as the Field House, we are able to pinpoint any areas that may present difficulties for the artists. In years past, we have had some difficulty in dealing with artist/student exchange during the Fall Concert because of the openness of the event and the inability to control the entire space," he said.

If the concert were held outdoors, students would not be stressing out about getting a ticket, and waiting in line for hours. A solution to this would be to have the spring concert at an earlier time in the day so that the noise wouldn't happen at night, especially a week-night. RWU could also talk to Diane Mederos, Bristol Town Administrator, and ask for a compromise to allow us to have a concert outside once every spring, and to make it worth her effort, we would open up ticket sales to Bristol residents.

Some positive things that would come out of the spring concert being held outdoors is that more money would probably be made on the event because more tickets would sell, people would be able to have a good experience with all of their friends, and it would probably be a better experience for the performer rather than being in a packed into a hot indoor setting.

Democrat vs Republican:



Government shutdown would have been good wake-up call

The phrase "government shutdown" can conjure up the image of a nation coming to a stand still. This isn't true, though. Many of the services that are put on hold during a government shutdown are deemed to be non-essential. So what does this mean? Does it mean that if a government shutdown would have occurred a few weeks ago it would not of been a big deal?

No, not at all. Even though nothing that would be affected is truly needed, a shutdown results in hundreds of thousands of people being out of work, whether it be for a day or longer.

What I wonder, though, is why do we let ourselves become so divided politically that we end up in a situation like this. We shouldn't. If the Democrats and the Republicans hadn't agreed on something before midnight, this would have been the case. We would have been living in a country where two parties couldn't get it together enough to at least keep the country running.

Even though the government services are deemed non-essential, they are still jobs that are being filled by real people who need their paycheck to support themselves and their families. A national budget is obviously difficult to work out, especially one for a country our size; but whatever differences people hold, they should at least have an end goal of keeping the government from shutting down. Congress was eventually able to do this, but what if they couldn't have?

Bipartisanship needs to exist if we

want anything to get done. A government shutdown would have been the ultimate sign that the two parties needed to get it together and start to agree on some issues. Although Republicans want something one way, they may not be able to get it because they are not the party in charge. Although the Democrats want something one way, they may not be able to get it because of the number of Republicans in Congress. Either way, though, things should be able to get done no matter what the political make up of the government.

A shutdown would have been a wake up call that both parties needed to realize that we are living together in the same country, and because of that we will need to work out our differences.

Of course I would much rather have the Republicans making

more concessions than the Democrats, but that won't always be the case. There will come a point for both parties to sit back and allow something they know will be passed anyway to pass, instead of holding up the entire production of it. Both parties should at one point be able to get what they want, and that will most likely come when they are the party that is in charge.

So at the moment, the Democrats should be able to give it a go, and not be held up by stubborn Republicans who are looking only to slow down the inevitable, when they are back in office, it will be their turn.

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Elephants, and Asses, and government shutdowns, oh my! So we successfully avoided a government shutdown, but I for one totally wish that we got to experience a world without the U.S. government in its entirety. Over the past decades, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, the size of the United States government has grown to that of an enormous and insatiable leviathan that has lost its ability to manage money.

The U.S. government under George Bush was a spending mess, and I for one was unhappy with the amount of spending as well as the expansion of executive branch powers. The U.S. government under Barack Obama has been on a spending spree that makes Bush look like a penny-pincher. Bush's spending, especially on the War in Iraq, was deemed "dangerous"

to our society and to our economy. I mean, after all, in 2008 alone he added \$500 billion to our national debt. What sort of idiot would do that? Good question. The answer is someone who knows better than to add \$1.5 trillion to our debt in 2010.

So what if Barack has been spending a lot of money? I mean we had the stimulus bill that fixed the economy and then Obamacare, which fixed our healthcare system. Is my sarcasm picked up easily through text?

So I did see the government shutdown as a good thing, because it would have served as an excellent wake-up call to the U.S. government that we can't keep spending like we have. Folks, if you have 10 bucks and you want something that costs 12, what do you

do? No, you do not sell the financial future of your children to China. You don't buy it, because you can't! Our economy, although recovering slowly, is still in poor condition and spending and higher taxes is not the answer. The Republican-dominated House of Representatives isn't evil for wanting to cut down our spending; they are representatives of the U.S. people of you and me. The American people are sick of the taxes funding a bureaucratic monstrosity whose efficiency is best represented by the Department of Motor Vehicles!

I have to admit, I was concerned about who still gets paid during a government shutdown and who does not.

Millions of government workers lose their pay for a week or two – a tragedy because then all of those folks can't spend that money at Wal-Mart and boost our

economy. How about the fact that Congress still gets paid? The dumb f***s that gave us this problem and who managed our money poorly still get paid when we have to suffer? Most of all, I'm concerned of the impacts that a government shutdown would have on our soldiers. All U.S. military personnel deserve our support and our thanks, I'm sure paying them would be a nice start.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the U.S. government is spending too much money to achieve way too little and it needs to stop. The road to economic recovery starts with American consumers buying what they want and what they need, not paying more in taxes. Good luck and God bless.

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Negative Ions scam? Students at RWU not sure

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Many students may have seen athletes sporting the new negative ion bracelets and necklaces, but this recently hot trend has people wondering if the whole idea of negative ions is a scam. Some swear that they have seen an improvement in their balance, while others are skeptical and believe that people who notice a change are just imagining it in their heads. Before judging the bracelets and necklaces, people should first understand the science behind the bracelets.

How Negative Ions Work

Kiflow.com states that negative ions, "neutralize free radicals, revitalize metabolism, and enhance immune function" and "purify the blood and balance the autonomic nervous system, promoting deep sleep and healthy digestion." People who are nervous about these ions being so close to the body should know that negative ions are found in the air and are already in our body; wearing accessories with negative ions on them only help to improve our source of ions. Negative ions help circulate more oxygen into the body which helps athletes fight the fatigue of exercise and by adding more oxygen to the brain. This helps people feel

more relaxed.

Who Needs Negative Ions?

Although most people think that these bracelets are only for athletes, they may actually be beneficial for anyone looking to improve his or her health. In 1975, a medical clinic in Japan researched negative ion therapy and found that it treated high blood pressure and even helped slow the aging process. Brazilian hospitals use negative ion treatment to treat children with asthma. Negative ion bracelets have been spotted in the PGA Tour and LPGA tour by renowned golfers who swear by the product. The bracelets have been proved to restore golfer's balance, warm cold hands and feet, help recovery from sports fatigue, and improve concentration and focus. Josh Beckett, pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, also wears negative ions in a necklace form to help him keep his balance on the mound.

What Do Roger Williams Students Think?

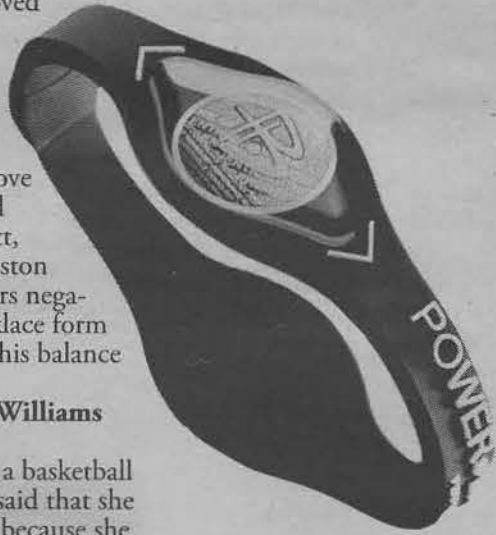
Paige Congdon, a basketball player for RWU, said that she bought a bracelet because she saw a lot of other people wear-

ing them so she wanted to try one out.

"I would wear it when I played basketball, but it didn't really make a difference when I played or worked out," Congdon said.

On the other hand Meghan Perez, a runner for RWU, took part in balance tests before buying her bracelet, and noticed her that her bracelet abundantly improved her balance.

So are these bracelets a scam or do they actually improve people's health and balance? The only way to decide is to try one out for yourself.



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Auto column: In modern automotive industry, cars' national heritages are diluted

JEREMY KING | Business Manager

What does it mean to be an American car? What does it mean to be a domestic or an import? Where are our cars made? Where are they designed?

Once upon a time, a car said a lot about the country it came from. American cars were known for their excessive size and muscular V8's. Italian cars were designed with form before function, not known for their reliability. Cars coming out of Germany were engineered and re-engineered to push the boundaries of mechanical potential. Those days, I'm afraid, are long forgotten.




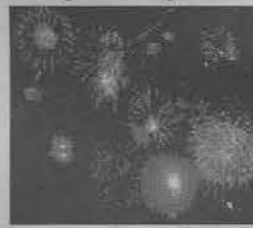

Today, all cars are technical marvels. Due to strict emissions regulations, safety requirements, and a high consumer standard for in-car amenities, nearly all new cars are well-made machines. Throw in robotic manufacturing and extremely narrow margins of error and the build quality on

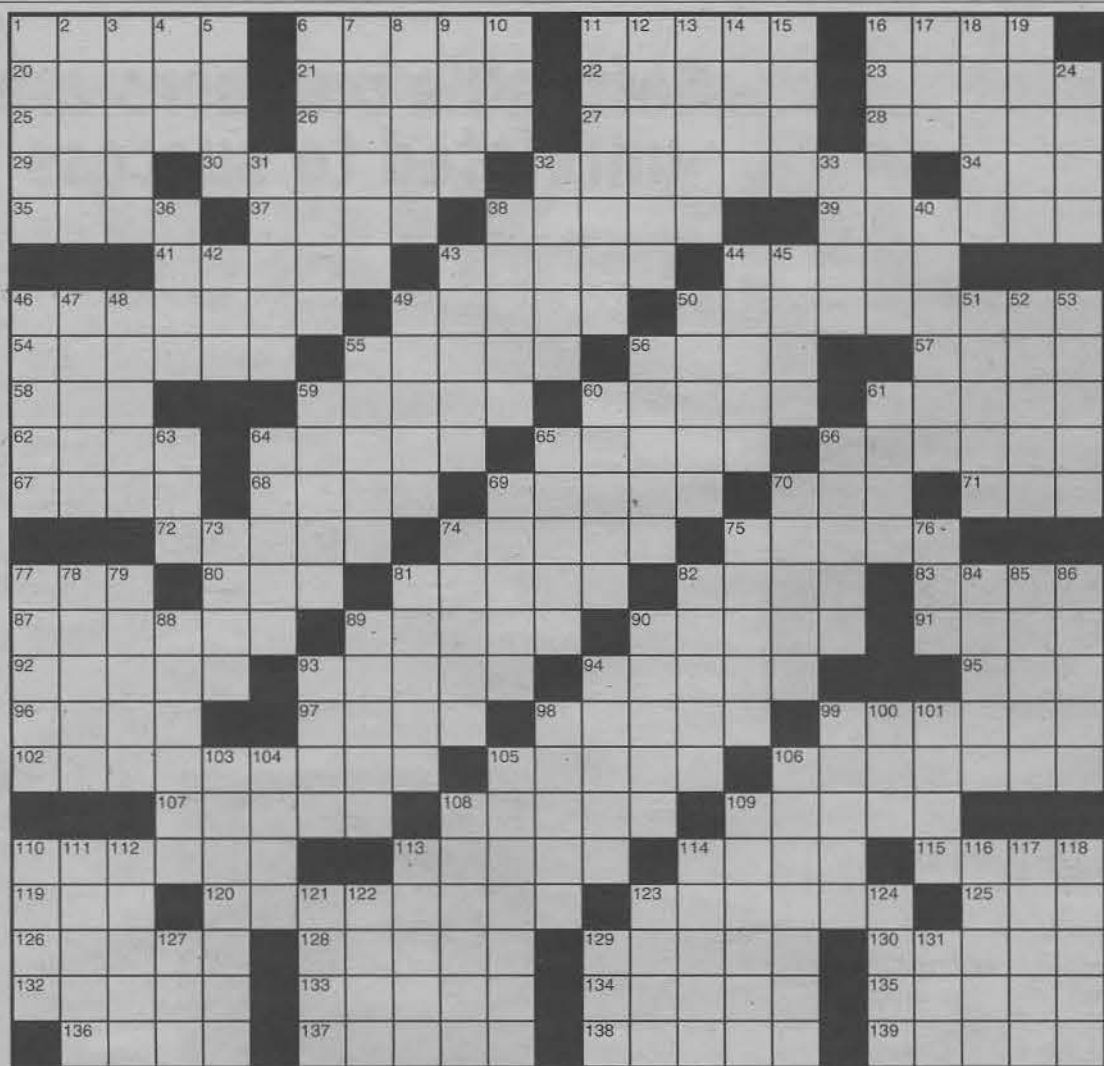
inexpensive cars rivals that of the best. The cars on the road today are really all the same. German-made BMW sources their electronic systems from Japan. Nissan, a Japanese company, builds their new Rogue crossover in Tennessee. Cadillac's performance oriented CTS V derives its handling from German engineered suspension. Italian Fiat owns American Chrysler; Dutch Spyker owns ex-American (originally Swedish) Saab. You get the point.

So how do you judge what a car is or what a car should be? I say all bets are off. Cars have entered a new age where they must be judged as stand-alone products. They can no longer rest on their laurels. We hear it all the time, "the world is flat," and the saying surely holds true in the automotive world. A car's heritage is really only worth so much, but from there you have to appreciate it just for what it is, a car.



per Campus Entertainment Network **SPRING WEEKEND** per

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27 Spring Weekend  Post Secret Social Hawks Nest 7 pm	28 Spring Weekend  Spring Concert Field House 8 pm	29 Spring Weekend Quad Fest Quad 2 pm  Red Sox Game Buses leave @ 4:00pm	30 Spring Weekend Block Party North Campus 1pm-4pm  Fireworks Behind MNS, 8 pm
1	2	3	4 Co-Sponsorship w/ IRHA  Dave and Ethan 8pm CAS 157	5	6	7



SUNDAY PUZZLER

ACROSS

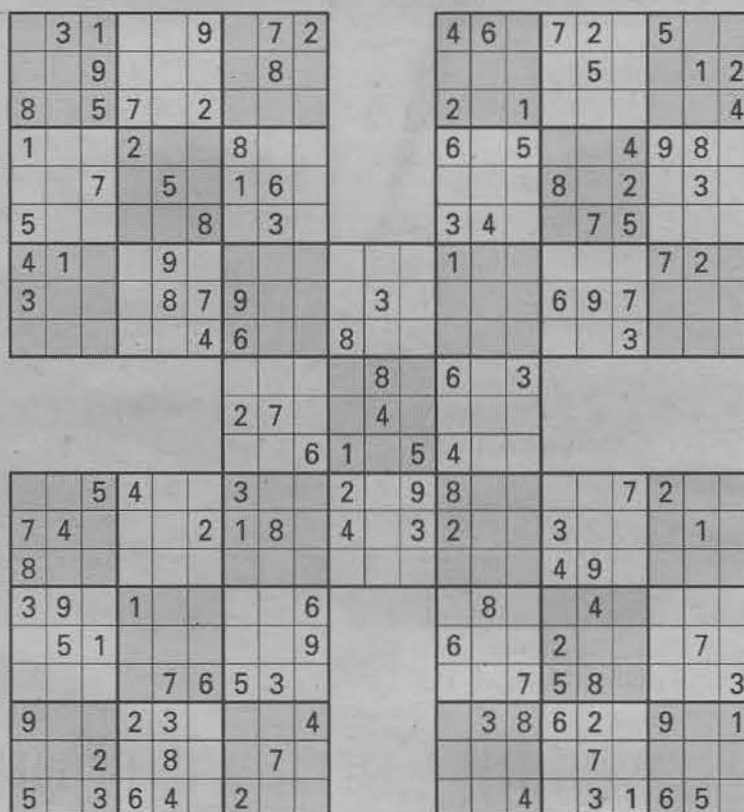
- 1 Sped
- 6 Dazzling effect
- 11 Blackboard
- 16 Bygone
- 20 Worship as divine
- 21 Porcelain
- 22 Was in a blue funk
- 23 Communion table
- 25 Bond or Dean
- 26 Relish
- 27 Sweet topping
- 28 A Founding Father
- 29 Epoch
- 30 Young feline
- 32 Windy
- 34 Caustic substance
- 35 Protagonist
- 37 Horse feed
- 38 Hibernian
- 39 Trial
- 41 Very informative
- 43 Direct
- 44 Publish
- 46 Place of entry
- 49 Adhere
- 50 Relative of a bistro
- 54 Gone up
- 55 Swindle
- 56 Wooden idol
- 57 Skillets
- 58 Sch. in Cambridge
- 59 Released
- 60 Looked a long time
- 61 Las —
- 62 Become liquid
- 64 Fastened a certain way
- 65 Used a stopwatch
- 66 Calm
- 67 Bewildered
- 68 Smell strongly
- 69 Yearn to have
- 70 American writer
- 71 — Moines
- 72 Thin porridge
- 74 Was concerned
- 75 Densely foggy
- 77 Snake
- 80 Newt
- 81 Commenced
- 82 Sticky lump
- 83 Chinese gelatin
- 87 Alleviation
- 89 Is bold enough
- 90 Sofa
- 91 Beast of burden
- 92 Pulverize
- 93 Went wrong
- 94 Rubbish
- 95 “— had it!”
- 96 Kiln
- 97 Ventilates
- 98 Offensively bold

- 99 Piece of scholarly writing
- 102 Tiresomely
- 105 Brute
- 106 Actress Dietrich
- 107 Kind of orange
- 108 Toboggans
- 109 City in Oklahoma
- 110 Refugee
- 113 Supply
- 114 Building locale
- 115 Specify
- 119 Table part
- 120 Inviolability
- 123 Beat
- 125 Energy
- 126 Winston- —
- 128 Skyward
- 129 Special pleasure
- 130 Banded stone
- 132 Battery terminal
- 133 Norman Vincent —
- 134 Leather
- 135 Garment part
- 136 Before long
- 137 Subsequently
- 138 “For — sake!”
- 139 Sweepstakes submission

DOWN

- 1 Indian noble
- 2 Saw
- 3 One with promise
- 4 “... — I saw Elba”
- 5 Escritoire
- 6 Bliss
- 7 Talkative
- 8 Dwells
- 9 Name unknown (abbr.)
- 10 Sailor
- 11 Showing pleasure
- 12 Grasshopper
- 13 Simian
- 14 Big top
- 15 Brink
- 16 Old Egyptian paper
- 17 Wing
- 18 Set of steps
- 19 Country singer Tucker
- 24 Scottish dance
- 31 Hawkeye State native
- 32 Main force
- 33 Betsy or Diana
- 36 Singles
- 38 Greek epic
- 40 More profound
- 42 Sheep
- 43 Hemorrhage
- 44 Annoyed
- 45 “You — it!”
- 46 Greek letter
- 47 Zodiac sign
- 48 Name
- 49 Disrespectful behavior
- 50 “Carmen” composer
- 51 Stormed
- 52 Pointless
- 53 Letters for pluralizing
- 55 Heartless
- 56 Domesticated
- 59 Swift
- 60 Taken for granted
- 61 DC VIP, for short
- 63 Schoolyard game
- 64 Curmudgeonly
- 65 Donut shape
- 66 Bridge position
- 69 Imprisoned
- 70 Doggie
- 73 Woodwind instrument
- 74 Harvest deity
- 75 Watery snow
- 76 Root vegetable
- 77 Jargon
- 78 Function
- 79 Worked at
- 81 Gibb or Manilow
- 82 Seashore
- 84 False appearance
- 85 One of the Chipmunks
- 86 Della or Pee Wee
- 88 Game period
- 89 Bore
- 90 Boorish
- 93 Facilitate
- 94 Kind of show
- 98 Like a tavern
- 99 “The Canterbury —”
- 100 Time periods (abbr.)
- 101 Ardor
- 103 Rowers
- 104 Part of the eye
- 105 Piece of absorbent paper
- 106 Changes genetically
- 108 Suppress
- 109 Rant
- 110 “Born Free” lioness
- 111 Intends
- 112 Domed structure
- 113 Ermine
- 114 White sale item
- 116 —-garde
- 117 Bishop's headdress
- 118 — board
- 121 Wine region
- 122 Musical symbol
- 123 Genuine
- 124 Patriot Nathan
- 127 Tokyo, years ago
- 129 Recipe meas.
- 131 Liquor

SUDOKU High Fives



HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids, sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

WORD WARP

4/21/11 by Bill Biggar and Tom Gauer

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position.
Example: The solution to +flower, Wailing+ and Berlin+ is Wall.

immediate+ chain+ chemical+	8	+	
+groovy +alive +nauseous	7	+	
bad+ bed+ certified+	5	+	
FINAL ANSWER		3	

ANSWERS (LOG TO FOLLOW): BEVCLION' LEEING' CHECK' CUL

ASTRO-GRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) – Don't hesitate to get involved in a joint commercial endeavor, especially if your partners are excited about the subject. Enthusiasm heightens your possibilities of success.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) – Someone for whom you recently performed a kindness has filed it away in his or her memory bank to make sure that it isn't easily forgotten. It could be the day that he or she reciprocates.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) – You'll get a lot further if you aren't hard-nosed in business-related situations. Keep your behavior warm and friendly and you'll generate the type of response you desire.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) – Although an idea with which you've been toying may have a short shelf life, you should be able to utilize it successfully by getting it to the right people. Strike while the griddle is smoking.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) – It's an excellent day to get together with a few choice friends of yours, if you find you have the time to do so. The good mood everybody's in will stimulate the warmth of friendship.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23) – Find an appropriate buddy to collectively go after something meaningful to you both. You'll be luckier doing things in tandem rather than forging a solitary path.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-Nov. 22) – There are strong indications that you will be rewarded for something you did for another in the past. It won't necessarily be a material gift; it could just as well be a service or a kindness.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21) – If colleagues offer you some good ideas, you should consider them, but without discounting your own notions. You may unconsciously know certain facts that others don't.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) – Unknowingly to you, friends who have your best interests at heart may be working on something that could improve your lot in life. It might concern the romance department.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 19) – There is something in the works that could benefit you in some manner, so don't get impatient and rock the boat. Let things unfold in their own way and in their own time.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20) – Lady Luck might be working on something that would be more palatable for you than anything you could put together. Give her plenty of room to operate and do her thing.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) – Noticeable improvements in overall conditions should put you in an upbeat mood. This should help you tremendously in accomplishing whatever it is you want to do.



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Chris Comeau, 21, knocks a few balls into the outfield during pre-game warm ups.

Hawks hit Curry with double-whammy

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

Swinging bats. Flying balls. Excited fans.

While baseball's Saturday doubleheader against Curry College featured the prerequisites of any memorable baseball clash, the fact that the Hawks managed two victories against their conference rivals will have made the occasion all the more memorable. Add in the fact that the postseason is just around the corner, and one has to feel that the Hawks are hitting their stride at just the right time.

The wins improved the squad's record to 17-15, 11-5 within Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) play, while Curry falls to 12-18, 7-11 TCCC.

Curry would go up 2-0 in the first inning of the opening clash, thanks to RBI's from Brad Hawn and Matt Drew, but the Hawks would cut the deficit in half thanks to Zach Porter's RBI of his own. And though the supporters "root, root, rooting for the home team" may have been encouraged by their team's response to Curry's early strength, they would get one better in

witnessing their squad's eruption for six second-inning runs to blow the game wide open.

It is often said in sports that the most vulnerable time for a team to concede is right after they've scored. This would prove to be true in this particular encounter, as, despite being dominated in that period of the game, the Colonels would rally to tie it up at seven-all, blasting in two runs in the third inning followed by three more in the fourth. Needless to say, the game was filled with the sort of palpitating, topsy-turvy nature that every sports fan relishes, even if it was making the home supporters' hearts beat a little faster than they would've liked.

Thankfully for the home team, however, the game would end in their favor. While the fifth inning may have held plenty of uncertainty—especially with the visitors having rebounded from a six-run setback—the Hawks put the game beyond doubt with a seven-run inning, highlighted by TJ Oliver's three-run homer. Josh Orosz earned the win on the hill, possessing a perfect 5-0 record on the year.

Having emerged victorious from the first affair, RWU's nerves would not have been helped by the fact that the teams were still tied at zero after four innings of play. However, the Hawks would manage consecutive doubles from Eric Bransfield and Mike Pascarella allowed the former to score the first run of the game. RWU then replicated their second-inning performance from the first game, exploding for four more runs, stretching their advantage to five. Sean Boyle managed to hold on in the final two innings, striking out the final two batters to earn the shutout and the win, completing the Hawks' sweep of their conference rivals.

Despite tough games still on the horizon, including a Thursday tilt against Brandeis University (Coach Derek Carlson's Alma Mater), the season has gone well for the Hawks. And with these men picking up another pair of victories against foes Endicott College on Monday, one would have to think that these men have the potential to go far in the tournament.

Softball's numbers are unrelated to success

BRAD SHAPIRO | Herald Contributor

You may not know many of the women on the softball team here at Roger Williams University. The reason is not because they lack in talent or determination, but simply because they lack in size.

The team's current roster stands at 13 women. Yes, 13: just four more players than what is needed to be on the field. While this deficiency in players would hinder most teams from competing at the same level of their opponents, Women's Softball has already shown this season they do not see their minimal depth as a shortcoming, but rather as a point of motivation.

To the Lady Hawks, 13 is only a number when it comes to finding a way to win.

Joyce Maudie, first-year coach, is making the transition to RWU after spending eight seasons as Head Softball Coach at Division I Tennessee State University.

When asked about the most notable differences between the two schools and athletic divisions, Maudie remarked that besides the cold New England-weather, the student athletes at the Division III level are "equally as competitive, play with a passion, and want to be successful." She also has been impressed by her own group of women, saying they have been "very coachable and done everything they've been asked to do."

When Maudie was hired as the head coach of the Women's Softball team, she knew the

women had "a lot of talent and a pretty good nucleus in place," but they would have to fill the voids left by five seniors, including Captain Michelle Caprice.

Both Erica Castro and Sarah Grill, the lone senior on the team, were chosen unanimously by their fellow teammates to be the captains of their small, yet determined group.

Maudie noted, however, that even though there are officially only two captains, the team is full of leaders who guide the team in different ways, whether it be vocally, inspirationally, or by example.

In a game where players can fail seven out of 10 times and still be considered great, Maudie knows that softball is truly a game of failures. She says that one of her team's greatest weaknesses is that they are too hard on themselves. In order to be successful, Maudie says they must be able to "bounce back from their mis-



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takes" and play "pitch to pitch," rather than dwell on the past or worry about the next game on their schedule.

Coach Maudie believes that there are three things these women need to have in order for these ladies to have success and make a run in this year's playoffs: "heart, teamwork, and desire."

And while opponents of this driven team may look at the the squad's youth as something to "pounce" on in competition, they should note that these women will be successful for years to come.

Triumph can come from even the unlikeliest of sources

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

Accomplishing a goal in athletics can be a great feeling. Happiness, passion, and joy, submerged during competition, surface. After achieving the unlikely, I'm on top of the world. I feel like I am—as the famous R. Kelly song is titled—"The World's Greatest."

However, despite my competitive streak, the best memory from my athletic career that spans since freshman year was something unusual. It wasn't the day my Nordic ski team won the State Championship. It wasn't crossing the finish line of my first half-marathon. It wasn't anything that I accomplished. It was, however, a day that I learned the lesson that anything is possible.

Having shown up to a meeting for lacrosse players our freshman year, I saw a kid with his father. We'll call him "Marc." Marc was "different." He had

Asperger's syndrome, a form of Autism characterized by a lack of understanding of social situations. He was always "that" kid who didn't really fit in. He was just "there."

"How will the other guys treat him?" I wondered. "Will they make fun of him? Exclude him? Haze him?" Having a family member with Asperger's, I knew I would make an effort to treat him well, but I didn't know about my teammates. I'd just have to hope that they would treat him at least somewhat equal to the other members of the team.

To my relief, Marc was well liked by everyone. It may have taken him a bit to get down the little things, like putting his jersey over his shoulder pads rather than vice-versa, but he slowly

learned the basics of lacrosse. We learned that he had his talents of his own, like telling us



the day of the week we were born and knowing the release dates to any Disney movie ever

made. He didn't get much playing time, but "Marc-attack" was accepted as "one of the guys."

Fast-forward to the last game of the season. Five minutes left, down by four goals. There was no hope for a comeback; no motivation to win; no Knute Rockne "Win one for the Gipper" speech. It was, however, the perfect time for Marc to enter the fray.

Marc got the ball. He tried to shoot it from a distance, but instead forced it straight into the ground. He tried again, but that yielded the same result. Though I realized I was probably pushing my luck quite a bit in hoping for Marc to score, I figured that I'd dare to dream.

What happened next was nothing short of incredible. One of our teammates named

Jack, known as a ball-hog, unselfishly gave the ball to Marc. Standing right in front of the goal, he unleashed a shot. Though the goalie (unaware of Marc's disability) made a valiant attempt to stop the ball, he could do nothing to keep it from hitting the back of the net.

As if a switch had been flipped, pandemonium was released upon the net rippling. Our team mobbed Marc, lifting him up in the air. Spectators, aware of Marc's disability, exulted. The scoreboard operator, a man who was well-acquainted with Marc, jumped for joy. The game was called, allowing Marc to revel in the celebrations.

Even if just for that moment, Marc was "The World's Greatest." He surpassed the expectations of many; he proved the doubters wrong. He had achieved what others didn't think was possible. His example is one I will never forget.