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Sweetest thing

Cake Off iced in charity, frosting

BEN WHITMORE

Sophomore Samantha Casale works on her team's second-place-winning cake, WALL-E, while judge and Director of Housing Tony Montefusco looks onward at the Cake Off on Saturday.

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They're watching you

Cameras installed behind Willow, Cedar

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Copy Editor

New cameras have recently been installed behind Cedar Hall and Willow Hall, and they have residents feeling uneasy rather than secure.

John Blessing, Director of Public Safety, said that the cameras aren't a punishment or cause of worry; rather, they are merely an additional security measure. Blessing says the cameras are part of a security initiative that the university began undergoing a few years ago. "We brought in a consultant company to review the campus, existing cameras, and blue lights, and determine what we'd need moving forward for security," Blessing said.

Blessing said that cameras can be found in the most public or "common" areas of the campus, such as entrances and exits, near residence halls, and the Commons. These common areas also include smoking gazebos, which are known to be popular on campus. "The smoking gazebos have been a major help on campus. They tend to be a so

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Delta Sig grants wish

RWU business frat seeks to make dreams come true

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

Delta Sigma Pi's Nu Sigma chapter, the professional business fraternity at Roger Williams University, is looking to grant a wish for a child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They will be hosting fundraising events throughout the spring and fall semesters in the hopes of raising enough money to grant one wish in its entirety.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980. Their mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The first wish was granted to a boy who was diagnosed with leukemia. His one wish was to become a police officer. Because the wish was granted in April, April is now known as Make-A-Wish Month. The organization has granted over 200,000 wishes to date.

According to the Make-A-

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RWU uses one year anniversary to reflect on Deepwater Horizon disaster

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

The "Blowout: The Legal Legacy of the Deepwater Horizon Catastrophe" conference is being held at Roger Williams University on April 13.

The speakers at this event will be covering many aspects and effects of the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig that occurred on April 20, 2010. This disaster killed 11 people and injured 17 others. It also resulted in millions of gallons of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

"We've got scientists, we've got a reporter from The Washington Post, we've got 9/11 lawyers, we've really got a nice array of speakers," said Susan Farady, the director of the Marine Affairs Institute at the RWU School of Law, who played a big role in organizing the conference.

The School of Law is holding the event, so although many aspects of the catastrophe will be covered, the focus will be on different legal aspects of the situation and the year that has followed it.

"We realized a year ago when the Gulf of Mexico oil spill was unfolding that this was going to be a big deal and that it was going to be worth looking at. We're a law school and we're one of the very few law schools in the country that has a specialty in ocean, coastal, and maritime law. So it was sort of a no-brainer that we had to pay attention to this," Farady said.

The RWU School of Law is one of five law schools in the country to have a specialty like the Marine Affairs Institute. It is one of four schools that offer a Master in Marine Affairs with a joint law degree.

"It's really a very unique area of expertise that we have. We're one of the national leaders in this field," said Farady.

Another school with this expertise is University of Rhode Island. Dennis Nixon, Associate Dean and Professor at URI, will be moderating one of the panels at the conference.

"We simply must do a better job of protecting the environment while we are pursuing ocean energy. The conference will explore some of the legal mechanisms to make that happen," Nixon said.

"A lot of what has to do with this issue is it's not just law. It's science and it's business," Farady said.

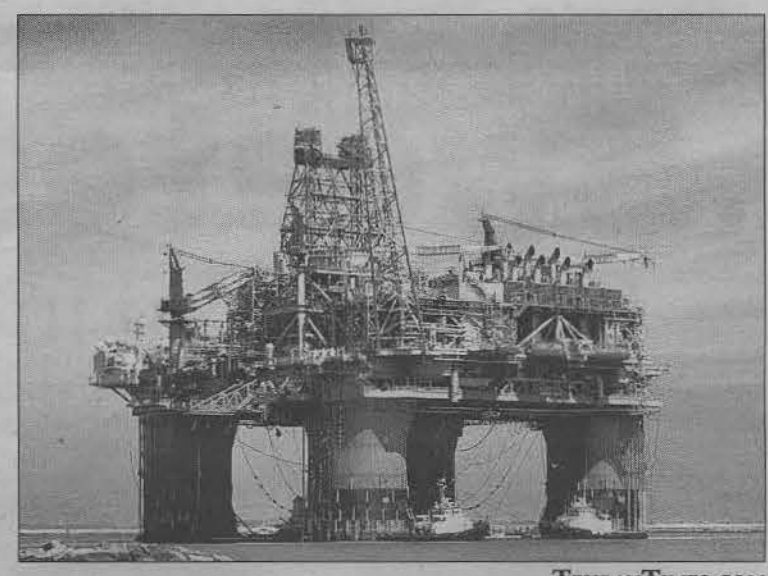
Christopher Reddy, Senior Scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, will be speaking at the conference. He will be focusing on the overall science of the spill.

"My pitch is that I'm a scientist. I don't make policy, I just try to bring information to the table," Reddy said.

Not only will there be a wide array of speakers at the event, but also a wide variety of people attending. So far undergraduate, graduate, and law students from RWU and other schools in the region are registered to come, as well as law and policy professionals, and even Coast Guards.

"We really invite anybody from the Roger Williams community and the Bristol community to come and attend. This is a really fabulous opportunity to have this range of expertise convened here at our little campus in Rhode Island," Farady said.

"We chose to use the one-year anniversary as a point to pause and reflect and say, 'So what have we learned? What are we doing differently? What are we not doing differently?'" Farady said.



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The Deepwater Horizon oil rig as it stood prior to the disaster.

This is because the issues that this calamity raised are still very relevant and important and probably will be for a while.

"We must continue to explore and exploit offshore oil resources as long as we remain an oil-dependant society, and we cannot afford another catastrophic accident like Deepwater Horizon," Nixon said.

"A year ago you couldn't pick up a newspaper, or listen to the news, or look up anything on a computer without this oil spill being front and center news for probably five months straight, and then it just kind of dropped of the edge," Farady said.

However, RWU, along with many others, is not about to forget the disaster so quickly.

"If you think that a good way to avoid the mistakes of the past is to learn from them, then that's exactly what this event is about," Farady said. "Let's see what we can learn about this going forward and hopefully make some better informed decisions in the future, because nobody wants another disaster like the Deepwater to happen."

Accused cannibal to be set free from prison in August

WILL FOLEY | Herald Reporter

A convicted murderer and alleged cannibal is slated to be released from prison in August due to good behavior.

Michael Woodmansee, now 52, was convicted in 1983 of the murder of five-year-old Jason Foreman and attempted murder of 14-year-old Dale Sherman.

Foreman's disappearance was a mystery to police until 1982, when Woodmansee tried to lure Sherman into his house. Sherman escaped and went to the police, who began questioning Woodmansee about Foreman's disappearance, according to reports. When police searched his house, they found several lacquered bones and a journal detailing how he killed the five-year-old. Public record stated that Woodmansee admitted to wanting to know "what it was like to kill someone."

According to reports, Woodmansee pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. His plea was part of a plea bargain negotiated to try and prevent the Foreman family from the grisly details of their son's death.

R.I. residents have expressed their outrage at Woodmansee's premature release. Residents have voiced their anger on various web forums; there are even Facebook groups opposing Woodmansee's release. However, the most furious person is John Foreman, Jason's father, who, in an interview with WPRO, said that "... if this man is released anywhere in my vicinity, or if I can find him after the fact, I do intend to kill this man."

Woodmansee is being released 12 years earlier than his initial mandated sentence.

Driver who killed RWU student sentenced to 15 years

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

The driver in the 2008 car crash that killed a Roger Williams University senior received a fifteen year sentence earlier this month.

Jamie Pretti, of Plymouth, Mass., who was 21 years-old at the time of the accident, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol with death resulting and leaving the scene of the accident. Pretti plead nolo contendre (no contention) to his charges. If he had not plead nolo contendre, Pretti would have gone to trial, and would have been subject to a jury's "guilty" or "not guilty" sentence.

Timothy MacLeod, of Plymouth, Mass., an RWU senior then 21, was riding in the front passenger seat of Pretti's Subaru on Sept. 12, 2008, when Pretti lost control of the vehicle, slamming into both sidewalls of the Mt. Hope Bridge, hitting an oncoming vehicle. MacLeod was ejected from the vehicle, fatally wounding him, according to a police report.

Pretti and the driver of the other vehicle were not injured, police said. Pretti, who consented to a Breathalyzer test, registered as having twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

MacLeod was a construction management major at RWU, who had taken time off during the semester of the accident. He was planning to return the following semester, a university official said.

At the time of the accident, Pretti and MacLeod were on their way to a campus party, Pretti told police.

Pretti was sentenced to 15 years, with three-and-a-half years to serve at Rhode Island's Adult Correctional Institute and three-and-a-half years in home confinement, with eight years suspended with probation, said Amy Kempe, Public Information Officer at Office of the Attorney General of Rhode Island.

Upon his release, he will face a five-year license suspension and a $5,000 fine.

"It is a significant sentence in a DUI case," Kempe said.

All reporting, except for attributions to Kempe, derived from an articled titled "Driver in fatal DUI crash sentenced to 15 years" published on EastBayRI.com.

CAMERAS: School puts more security in place

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cial place for students. We have had an assault at a gazebo in the past, though, and of course that is something we take very seriously. Occasionally we'll have some vandalism at the gazebos, and cameras could be beneficial [with that].

"We're not going to have cameras everywhere. We're just slowly adding more to increase safety and security," Blessing said.

Blessing said the university is looking at where cameras are needed and evaluating where the public areas are. "We've had complaints in terms of certain parking areas, like, 'Why wasn't there a camera? My car was vandalized.' That's why we're in a process of installing cameras. These cameras can do a lot of good," Blessing said.

"For some of the camera systems, we're having a software put in. It can show erratic behavior, like if someone fell down in a parking lot, it would send an alarm to Public Safety, so it's like an extra set of eyes. Or, if a large group formed, and it was a problem, the dispatcher would be alerted, notice, and check the cameras," Blessing said. An upgraded system was installed a couple years ago when the wiring to run a live feed directly to Public Safety became available. Cameras have also expanded since Roger Williams went through a period of building growth.

"I think we're in an age of technology, and we're always looking for ways to improve the safety and security of our community, especially for students, and I think we'd be remiss if we didn't have this equipment on campus," Blessing said.

Another security precaution the university takes is the checking of bags in the Cedar vestibule, a practice which has been taking place for three years - and which will remain in effect. Tony Montefusco, Executive Director of University Housing Operations and Planning, supports the bag checking in an effort to keep south campus alcohol-free. "Cedar Hall is the only residence hall that affords us the opportunity to be able and try to do that. We've advertised to the Cedar residents. They can bring water bottles in and out, unless the seal is broken. We've learned that what they've been doing is pouring out the water and pouring vodka in," Montefusco said. There are even plans to expand the Cedar vestibule to make it more of a common area similar to North Campus, where they are able to have the entrance and couches, according to Montefusco.

Blessing thinks that these combined practices will continue providing a sense of security for everyone on campus.

Like Blessing, Montefusco supports the additional cameras. "They're put in place to provide a safe environment to all of our students," Montefusco said.

Green grades

Students' grades become newest thing on campus to join eco-friendly ranks

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Copy Editor

Grades are the newest thing to go green at Roger Williams University.

At the end of this semester, students will have to check their grades on myRWU because they will no longer be receiving their grades in the mail.

Rogers O'Neill, the Interim Registrar at RWU, explained how the grading system currently works-and why it's not working out. "Right now, electronic grade sheets are sent out to the instructors. They fill in the grades and return them to us. We take a quick look at them to make sure they look okay, and then we process them in the computer system, which is called Datatel. It costs [the university] around $8,500 a year to purchase postage and mail grades. Going paperless will save us that revenue," O'Neill said.

O'Neill spent a month with the previous registrar, NAME HERE, who had wanted to implement a paperless grading system for a number of years. Before retiring, NAME was able to get the process rolling.

O'Neill supported the idea, saying that he hasn't "seen a school with paper grades in probably 10 years."

The process of inputting grades itself will not be changed; teachers will still go through the same steps, except the last step of physically printing will be omitted.

"It is a redundant situation now, because as soon as the grades are posted by the instructor and we run them into the system, they're immediately available to the students on the web, and we're sending out grades seven to 10 days later. It's really unnecessary," O'Neill said.

Another reason to eliminate paper grades is to be consistent with other schools, including schools already on campus. "The RWU Law School stopped sending paper grades out several years ago. We also surveyed sister institutions that we compare ourselves to. We contacted 39 different schools to see if they're still using grade mailers. We received responses from 23. None of them are using grade mailers," O'Neill said.

Though the paperless grading system has received the go-ahead and is set to be implemented, some balked at the idea of getting rid of paper grades. The Student Senate also raised concerns that some parents prefer a physical copy of the grades. Under current law, parents aren't allowed to access students' grades without the student's permission. O'Neill acknowledged that some parents see the grades come into the house and will sometimes open them, despite their being addressed to the student.The new paperless method would ensure that the grades were only accessible to the student to which they belonged.

"There's nothing that we can do about that unless the student signs a Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release to permit the parents to do that. I am working with Information Technology (IT) now to determine if, when we get one of those student-signed forms, we would then send a email to the parents giving them the grades," O'Neill said.

So say goodbye to paper grades, because they are soon to be out the window and on the web.

CORRECTION

In the March 31 article "No go on HBO: channel is gone forever," it was stated that "...4,000-5,000 undergraduates ... attend RWU." That figure is incorrect.
The actual number of undergraduates attending RWU is around 3,675.

THIS JUST IN — *News Briefs*

Boeing alters its estimate for plane inspections

Boeing this week issued a bulletin advising operators of similar aircraft to inspect the planes for subsurface skin cracks after only 30,000 cycles. The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday mandated the earlier inspections and took it one step further, ordering the inspections be repeated every 500 cycles thereafter, at least until the cause of the April 1 rupture can be determined.

–CNN.com

Seawater radiation levels drop off crippled nuclear plant

Radioactive iodine in seawater around the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant dropped sharply even before workers plugged a water leak believed to be from its crippled No. 2 reactor, the plant's owner said Wednesday night. Stopping the flow of highly radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean was a key victory for workers who have struggled to keep the earthquake-damaged plant's reactors from overheating for nearly four weeks. But the Tokyo Electric Power Co. and a top Japenese official warned the fight was far from over.

–CNN.com

Microsoft teams with Toyota to power smart cars

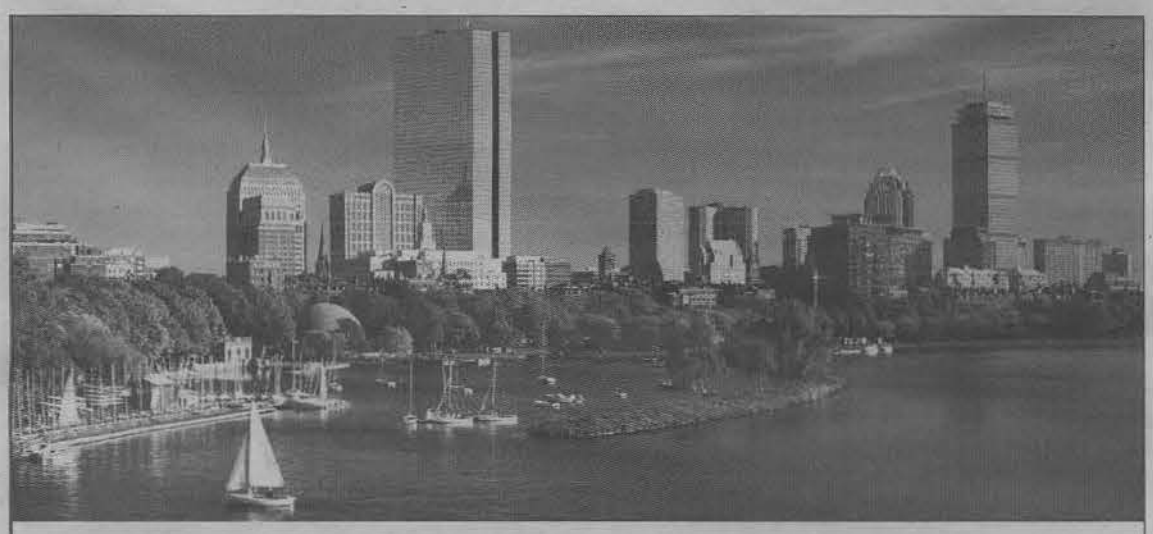
Microsoft and Toyota on Wednesday announced a $12 million partnership through which the companies will create an advanced digital information and communication system for the Japanese automaker's cars. The joint-venture will deply 'telematics' in Toyota (TM) vehicles. That's the catch-all term for car communication technology, including GPS, multimedia and telecommunications services.

–CNN.com

Gadhafi to Obama: Please end airstrikes

Moammar Gadhafi has appealed directly to President Barack Obama to halt what the Libyan leader called 'an unjust war' and wished Obama good luck in his bid for re-election next year. In a rambling, three-page letter to Obama obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, Gadhafi implored Obama to stop the NATO-led air campaign, which the Libyan called an 'unjust war against a small people of a developing country.'

–msnbc.msn.com



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WISH: Chapter looks to raise $6,500 for child

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Wish Foundation's website, a wish is granted through a four-step process, which includes referral, medical eligibility, finding the true wish, and creating joy. The average wish for the foundation costs about $6,500 to grant, and nearly all of the wish's revenue is generated through donations. Delta Sigma Pi is looking to raise the full $6,500 in the next year.

Delta Sigma Pi plans to hold a few events over the course of the remaining semester to raise funds. The first event they intend to hold is a game at Spring Weekend, which will be at the tail end of Make-A-Wish Month.

"Delta Sig will charge $2 for students to play and the prize will be a Make-A-Wish bracelet," said Jennah Ziolo, Vice President of Community Service for Delta Sigma Pi's Nu Sigma chapter. Ziolo said the Nu Sigma chapter is then going to co-sponsor a telethon with WQRI. They also plan to team up with Leo's Ristorante and receive a percentage of the restaurant's profits on a given night.

The dates of these events will be announced at a later time.

CAKE OFF: Orgs, campus, community come together for cause

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1st place: "Ace of Cakes"
2nd place: "Sweet"
3rd place: "Hawks in a Half Shell" & "Half Caked"
Most Valuable Cake (MVC): "The Purple Cows"
Cake for Cancer: "Recess"
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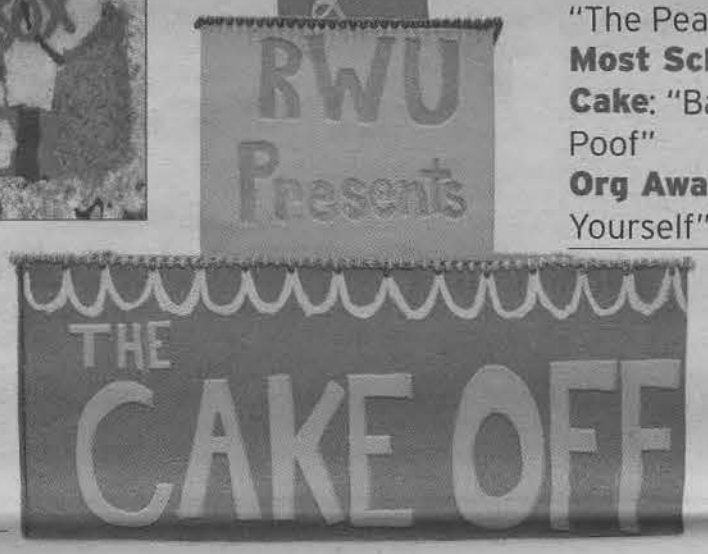

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NEW YORK TIMES to start charging for online services

WILL FOLEY | Herald Reporter

When the popularity of printed newspapers began to decline, new sources started turning to the Internet as a medium through which to inform the public.

Many papers have several stories available online, and typically charge for the entirety of the paper. Some newspapers, such as the New York Times, have relied on web advertisements in order to profit from web content rather than institute a subscription fee. Now, however, the Times is encouraging more frequent readers to pay a subscription fee.

Subscribers will have virtually unlimited access to archieved stories, videos and slideshows through both the NYtimes.com and the NYTimes app for smart phones. However ,for more casual readers of the paper, there are ways to side-step the fee. While online, should a site redirect a reader to the Times, they will not be stopped or charged for access. Rather, only those who go online and directly to the Times website will be charged. Essentially, the editors of the Times are hoping that die-hard readers will want to subscribe to the Times.

Should a Roger Williams University student want access to the Times website directly, they too will have to pay. The university's subscription to the Times was only on a trial basis, and as of now. Senate is unsure if they will be continuing the service.

AMANDA NEWMAN

THE NEW YORK TIMES will still be available online - for a price.

Alum thrives as editor of web-only news publication

DARIELLE TERRY | Herald Reporter

With the school year coming to end, many students are on the hunt for jobs. Whether you are looking for a full-time job after graduation or a summer job, it can be a stressful process. However, alumna, Sara Bagwell gives hope to our student body. Only a year after graduation and she is the editor of the online local news site, Patch.com.

"I never would have expected to be an editor at 22 years old!" Bagwell said.

Patch is a relatively new, interactive, hyper local news site that is community based. The website is a little different from other news outlets, though, because they only publish electronically. Patch does not produce a print paper or have a broadcast station; the only way to access patch is to go online. It is a new form of a media that has been created for the changing media market.

"Were online because a lot of people are online and unfortunately print media is dying," Bagwell said.

Bagwell is the editor for the Bristol/Warren Patch website. Since Patch is a hyper local site, there are several throughout Rhode Island for different individual communities. These Patches cover everything in the towns from news to events, and they have question answer sections where anyone can post whatever they want. The sites encourage interaction.

"I think [visitors] like the fact that they can comment on the stories, post their own announcements, and I think another benefit to it is the fact that we do update so frequently," Bagwell said.

The website can be updated as soon as breaking news hits, which keeps Bagwell very busy. It helps that she is very familiar with the town, she said.

Bagwell grew up in Bristol, went to RWU, and still lives in town. When she discovered that the Bristol/Warren Patch was looking for an editor, she jumped at the opportunity, saying, "This is my town, no body else can have this!" Bagwell said.

Bagwell said that in her opinion, Patch has grown vastly over the past year. New local sites have been emerging and the popularity of existing sites has been growing. Bagwell said that the Bristol/Warren community has been accepting of this new news outlet. She said that people come up to her all the time saying how much they love Patch.

According to Bagwell, the only concern from the community is that Patch is going to put East Bay Newspapers out of business, but she says that is not what Patch is here for.

"I think it is good that we're here and East Bay Newspapers is here because a more informed community, more outlets for information makes a better community," Bagwell said.

Bagwell's efforts at Patch have been helping to keep the community in-the-know. She writes, edits, manages, and gets involved in the town. As busy as this keeps her, she said she is loving her first professional job after graduation.

"It's fun. Personally, it has exceeded my expectations for a first job, for any job. It can get stressful, like any job, but the self-gratification that you get out of it in the end is completely worth any stress that you would get put through," Bagwell said.

After graduating from RWU with a degree in communication, concentrating in journalism, Bagwell said that she has found a job that makes her happy. She feels as though she is getting more experience then she ever would never be able to learn in the classroom.

"It's just opened my eyes to so many other things that I didn't know about in my own town, so it's been a very enlightening experience," Bagwell said.

Sarah Bagwell, Editor of the Bristol/Warren Patch, works on her laptop in Sip N' Dip.

Bridges to Bristol Bargains

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401-253-1130

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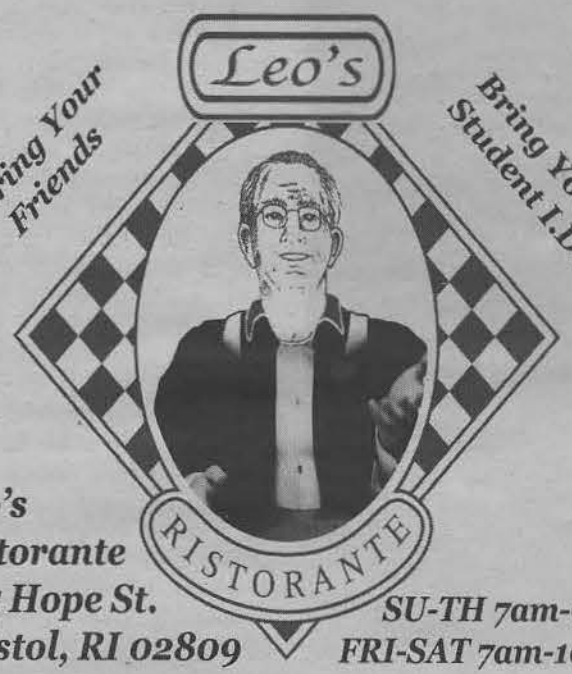

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News briefs from Bristol

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Goose trouble

Fecal matter from geese has become a major concern in Bristol, says Walter Burke, director of the town's parks and recreation department, causing more beach closings in town than any other pollutant. The Eastern Rhode Island Conservation Commission (ERICC) has offered to help all towns control the goose population. Silver Creek marsh has been identified as a major breeding area for wild Canadian geese, so that's where the ERICC will begin to cover goose eggs in cooking oil, a process that kills the embryo inside. The group will also spray Flight Away, a substance made from concentrated grape juice, on fields often overrun by geese. When sprayed, the product is unpleasant to the birds, causing them to leave the area. The ERICC has offered to provide the services for free, waiving the $5,000 fee.

After beating dogs with metal pot, police say man hit their rescuer

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

Police received a report at 11:45 p.m. that an ongoing beating inflicted on dogs in a Bay View Avenue apartment could be heard through the walls. Loud banging also was heard coming from the second-floor residence by the officers who responded.

According to police, Christopher M. Loman, 26, of 36 Bay View Ave. had allegedly used a metal pot to beat at least one of his dogs, either a pit bull mix or a Lab mix, for urinating on the kitchen floor. A witness to the incident reported Mr. Loman had also picked up a dog and body-slammed it onto the floor. A woman inside the residence had tried to stop the beating by getting the dogs out of the apartment, Lt. Steven Contente said. But, when she attempted to rescue the dogs, police say Mr. Loman punched her in the face three times.

There was blood on the kitchen and bathroom floors, according to police, and inside the apartment was a pot with a broken handle that police believe was used to beat the dogs. Police also found marijuana and a smoking pipe on the counter.

Mr. Loman was charged with domestic simple assault and battery, mistreatment of animals, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana. He was arraigned and released on $4,000 bail.

Water authority audit extended

The audit of the Bristol County Water Authority missed its March deadline, announced Town Council Chairman Ken Marshall at the council's March 31 meeting. The reason given was that the auditors, B&E Consulting, ran into "a number of issues and a lot of things had to be put together from scratch." Auditors had to go through a number of ratepayers' cards manually because the information had not been entered into a computerized filing system. Mr. Marshall said there would not be any additional cost to the towns for the extra work.

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Resident athletic trainers honored in March

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

The month of March is most often associated with the beginning of spring, NCAA basketball, and exotic destinations for college spring breaks. But for the sect of professionals in the sports medicine field, March is about more than Irish holidays and the start of baseball: it is about gaining awareness for a job that not many give credit to.

For athletic trainers across the country, the third month of the year is not just March, but rather as National Athletic Training Month.

"A lot of people call us trainers and don't understand what kind of impact we have on the community and the impact we have on the schools we work for," said Josh King, head athletic trainer for Roger Williams University. "So National Athletic Training Month is really good because we focus in on a lot of PR (Public Relations) as an entire group throughout the nation."

National Athletic Training Month is sponsored by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and the Rhode Island Athletic Training Association is what RWU goes through when they give back to the Rhode Island community.

"Last year we had a monster food drive between all of the schools in Rhode Island," King said. "That [was] anywhere from high schools to secondary schools to colleges and [even] the corporate side of things. We all got together at Brown and filled a mini van of food that I dropped off at the Bristol Food Pantry."

The Rhode Island Athletic Training Association advertises throughout the state, getting recognition at Providence Bruins games and sponsoring canned food drives at community events like blood drives. While the point of the food drive that RWU puts on is to give back to the surrounding community, it also lets the campus community get a better look at the athletic trainers that oftentimes go unnoticed.

MARK FUSCO

Head Athletic Trainer Joshua King poses in from of an athetics Wall of Fame in the Roger Williams University Recreation Center.

"We work seven days a week," King said. "Sometimes on the weekends we're here anywhere from 10 to15 hours a day. We're here 8 to 10 hours a day during the week. We're here on campus a lot even though people don't see us."

King, himself, started as a marine biology major and then moved onto being an education major before "stumbling" upon sports management and athletic training at the University of New England. A year ago, King received his Masters in kinesiology from the University of Rhode Island, and was published during his time there in a national newsletter, lending his thesis on kinesiology to a study done on the role of collagen in the structure of the heart when put under stress.

King expresses that while the athletic training department is funded by RWU to work with the varsity athletes specifically, they also deal frequently with non-varsity students, staff, and faculty that need assistance. The department might not always have the most time for non-athletes, but they consistently make time to sit down with students and try to help them get on the right path to getting help.

"We're still here as a reference," King said. "We're still health care professionals."

'Ignorance is not an excuse'

Local Muslims hope to end stigma

ERYN DION | Herald Contributor

Part 1:

It is a calm, cool spring night, standing in the parking lot of the Masjid-al Islam mosque in North Smithfield, R.I. The sun is setting: the last remnants of its light cling to the horizon as the metal minaret of the mosque punctured the sky like a dark needle. The wooden playground behind the mosque stands still, save for a single swing swaying in the warm breeze.

The building is constructed of red brick with huge windows and wooden double-doors framed in stone ogee arches.

Then, as the clock hits 7:30, a voice pierces the silence, projected through the loudspeakers mounted on the four corners of the mosque. "Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar," the voice calls in a soothing tone. The phrase, meaning "God is bigger than everyone else", starts off the traditional call-to-prayer, which is broadcast every day before each of the five daily prayers. By the time the closing phrase is sung, "Gat gamat al sala," it is time for prayer, and everyone heads inside.

Before entering the prayer room, there are several customs that must be observed. Shoes are removed and women cover their hair with a scarf out of respect. Before praying, the face, hands, and feet must be washed. The mosque has separate washrooms for men and women. The men's is located right outside the door to the prayer room, while the women's is located up a set of wooden stairs, out of sight.

The room itself is a large, open square, big enough to hold at least two hundred people comfortably, with enough room to allow them space to kneel and bend over. Protruding from the ceiling is a medium sized dome, a staple of mosque architecture. The walls are painted white, and the floor is covered in a luxurious red carpet with a repeating arch design.

But the room looks strangely empty tonight, and even though the 12 worshipers, all men, have plenty of room to spread out, they all form a line in front of the Imam at the front of the room. In front of them is a large digital clock, displaying the exact time, military time, and Mecca time. All 12 men bow to the Imam and the prayer begins.

Scenes like this play out all over the world. With over 1.5 billion practitioners, Islam is the second largest religion in the world and is growing rapidly. However, despite this,

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Alumna spreads hope at Haitian camp

MICHELLE LEE | Herald Reporter

When Leah Beidler is asked what she does for fun on vacations from her busy workdays with the Making Roots organization, her answer usually involves her meaningful and inspiring trip to Haiti. This Roger Williams University alumna, graduate of the class of 2005, has travelled in and out of Haiti since 2006 and tries to go back at least two to three times a year.

Graduating with a major in elementary education and a minor in psychology, Beidler had an initial idea that she wanted to go overseas and work, but she didn't know what that dream exactly looked like.

One Thanksgiving, Beidler's father came home with an advertisement for a teacher in Haiti. The downfall was that it wouldn't be paid.

"It took me a year to think and pray about it," she said, before she finally committed to live in Haiti for a year.

"I felt this needing to go," Beidler said.

Yet, Beidler's decision to go to Haiti didn't have the support from everyone that she would have liked.

"It was at a time where kidnapping [in Haiti] was on the rise," Beidler said. "A lot of people didn't support me. I thought: Lord, if I go there and don't come home, then okay."

Living by herself in the mountains of Haiti, the Vermont native taught herself the country's language.

"It was intimidating," she said, about being one of the few Americans for miles around her.

From 2008 to 2009, Beidler and her sister, Caitlin, who is the Assistant Director of Making Roots, started a summer camp called "Camp Hope" as a trial and error project. The camp was used as a platform to branch out and work with the people in the community. And from the camp's successes, the two sisters started sending Haitian children to school through a program called "The Planting Project."

LEAH BEIDLER

Beidler poses with one of her students.

"In Haiti, you have to pay for school," Beidler said. "The average Haitian makes about two dollars a day. If you look at those facts and make a total, you would never be able to support a child in school."

As of now, the Making Roots organization sends about 17 Haitian children to school each year. Beidler and her sister personally sent one boy, whom they check on weekly.

"The organization has a lot of people who step up and individually sponsor one child," Beidler said. One of the goals of the organization is fundraising to help support those children.

On March 29, the RWU Athletics sports teams had their fourth annual "RWU Athlete

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

BREAKING THE SEAL CAMPAIGN
AN EFFORT TO ENFORCE THE OPEN CONTAINER POLICY

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

MARK FUSCO

One of the many "Breaking the Seal" campaign advertisements around campus.

Beer cans, wine bottles; bottles and cups were images that the Roger Williams University woke up to early last week.

Students awoke from their residence halls and faculty drove onto campus to start a routine day. But it wasn't the sunrise that caught people's attention, it was the over 300 campus-wide alcohol-based campaign posters.

"We were approached by the administration to address open containers on campus through a unique marketing strategy," said one of the campaign's co-creators. Early in the fall semester, two RWU community members, who wish not to be named, were approached by the upper administration to create and publicize the controversial issue of open containers on this campus.

"We feel this is an all campus message, not one that should be coming from any specific department," said one of the creators on why they wish to remain anonymous.

After setting the preliminary plans for the campaign, both creators began the lengthy process of approval to be able to post flyers and posters around campus. "We finished the actual designs in late October, but we were still working to get banner space approved," the creators said.

They also commented that the timing of the posters needed to be factored in, saying, "the university tends to see more open containers in the fall and spring when it is warmer out, which is why we waited until now for them to go up."

After a long night of taping up 280 11-inch by 17-inch flyers and over 50 banner size posters all around campus, students were confronted with statements such as, "If the seal is broken, the can is open" and "This isn't school spirit," picturing an RWU mug with hard liquor being poured into it.

Throughout the day, students, faculty and staff began to discuss the campaign posters and a mixture of reactions to the campaign surfaced.

Junior Daren Swenson, a marketing major, first saw the posters in his residence hall. "I didn't know at first who had put them up but now that I have seen them around campus, I think that it is a really cool way to promote a message to the student body," Swenson said.

Although students had varying feelings on the newly posted banners, the creators said they felt as though their goal was accomplished.

"We posted the banners knowing that they would be received with mixed messages and we knew that they would be taken down, but if students take the time to read and talk about them, the message was conveyed to them," the creators said.

Over the course of the day, many students began to feel that the message of the posters was not being received as the creators' intended. Sophomore Megan Colvin agreed that although the posters intended to send a message, students were "making a joke out of them" rather than taking them seriously.

"I just don't think that they came off as a serious campaign message, as most students found them to be humorous and found a way to make them into a joke," Colvin said. She also added that she knew about the open container policy before the posters went up.

Both of the creators of the posters said that they anticipated the reaction that the students were giving the posters. "People will either love them or hate them, but if they are reading them, then they are absorbing the message which was our goal," they said.

Some students, such as sophomore Lenny Carlucci, had mixed reactions to the posters. Referencing the slogan, "If its just water, than why are you getting mad," Carlucci said he finds students being chided about something they may not be doing.

"Asking all students why they are getting angry is calling them out on their reaction. The school should not be seen as a group that makes students feel bad about what they are doing," Carlucci said.

"The school should be letting students know what policies are, such as my favorite slogan, 'If the seal is broken, your drink is open," Carlucci added.

With campaigns posted around campus in many different areas, the creators said that they tried to post certain campaigns in specific areas.

"We targeted themes in each poster that were specific to the location they were hung," one of the creators said.

Athletic Director Dave Kemmy described the placement of the campaigns posters as 'smart.'

"Students frequent all of the locations that the posters were placed daily," Kemmy said. "Thousands of students walk through the Recreation Center each day, making it very smart for the [creators] to place the posters where they did."

Junior Nick Tsimortos said he saw the posters a little differently. "The message is very important, but the posters may not be the best way to reach students," Tsimortos said.

"I am disappointed that the posters came out of no where with no prior knowledge to the student body," he added.

Both of the campaign's creators encourage students to discuss the posters and to take the time to read them. Both of the creators feel that their goal was accomplished and stated that, "the posters went up more than a week ago and students are still talking about them, which was our main goal."

Students will have a chance to share their opinions on an online survey that will be sent out via e-mail within the next few weeks.

AN INTERVIEW WITH DEAN MCMAHON

Q: Why did you choose to post scores of posters, in seemingly unprecedented numbers, to get across your message?

A: The reasoning was that we wanted to put a strong message out in a creative manner that would attract the attention of the entire university community about open containers containing alcohol.

Q: Who came up with the theme of the campaign and who designed the posters?

A: The images were all corrected by members of the university community, but who created the posters is to remain anonymous.

Q: Why did you choose to roll out the campaign in early April? Is the timing of the campaign significant?

A: The timing was intentional for the beginning of spring when students tend to be outside more. We're trying to be preventative of what might be coming ahead in the spring.

Q: What is the main point that you wanted students and other members of the campus community to take away from the campaign?

A: We wanted to educate people about our policy regarding open containers regarding alcohol so that we have fewer violations and a safer campus.

Q: Why did you choose the messages and the images that you did to convey your message?

A: These are tailored to the specific types of situations that are happening on campus. We went to Student Senate in the fall and talked to them about this. There's a connection between the amount of alcohol on campus and high-level incidents that are a risk to community. The more high-level intoxication you have with students, the more fights, the more aggravated assaults, sexual assaults, and transports occur, which are all very high-risk things to be happening here with our students. We were also trying to get at some social marketing ideas, such as health and school spirit. I came to campus in the fall on a Friday night and many students were so upset when I asked them to dump their water, hence the poster "If it's just water, why are you getting mad?"

EDITORIAL: CAMPAIGN IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FLOP FOR ADMIN

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

At around 10 p.m. last Wednesday night, I was surprised to find a crowded men's bathroom in the Rec Center. The normally serenely empty porcelain chamber was bustling with four zealous Residence Life staff members, busily ripping off generous strips of blue painter's tape, affixing posters to the walls. In about 30 seconds, they were gone, leaving four different posted banners in their wake.

"Don't break the seal" posters in the bathroom? Was this a joke?

No.

The sun rose the following morning, shining clarifying light on what I witnessed the night before: the Student Life office had launched another anti-drinking campaign. Yet, this one was different. Unprecedented numbers of posters adorned the exteriors of buildings, the screens of electronic display boards, and the walls outside of classrooms. These things were everywhere.

The campaign's message was in my face, blaring at me everywhere I looked. "Don't pour your booze into different containers, because we'll still write you up," was the message I kept hearing.

The message wasn't inherently offensive to me. I think the Student Life department is warranted in admonishing the student body like children; students do make pretty terrible drinking decisions fairly regularly.

But, as my day progressed, and Student Life's omnipresent waggling finger confronted me at every turn, my disposition soured.

While I think that its reactive, negative-reinforcement, punitive methods are backwards, alienating, and counterproductive, I respect Student Life's prerogative to try to prevent students from drinking themselves into oblivion.

But this campaign was too much. Posters by the hundreds plastered the campus. The scale of the claustrophobic campaign was abnormally large. Student Life displayed bad taste.

On a campus where getting a highly-regulated and censored bulletin board was a big deal, posting banners about the open container policy on every bare inch of campus real estate was like swatting a fly with a sledgehammer; yes, student's pesky binge drinking behaviors are bothersome, but this campaign to squash the problem was overkill.

Rather than seeming witty and down-with-the-kids, Student Life came off looking like the University Ministry of Propaganda, flooding the land with slogans and imagery to smooth student society's wrinkles.

Does Student Life even have the right to post that many flyers, indoctrinating the student body with the latest Party line overnight?

Technically, yes.

According to the student handbook, "The Department of Student Programs & Leadership has authority over all advertising with the exception of the Office of University Communications and the Department of Residence Life and Housing."

The Student Life department encompasses the Residence Life department, and therefore was able to autonomously post the campaign advertisements.

Being able to approve one's own campus advertisement is a rare and precious ability on this campus. It should not be.

Any student, faculty, staff, or administrator should be able to post any flyer or advertisement that they are inclined to post. Does the Student Life administration think that they are the sole proprietors of good taste? If any member of the campus community were able to post a flyer, do they fear that the content would irreparably damage the sensibilities of the flyer's readers? Do they think that little of the entire campus community?

Instead of playing defense, trying to prevent students from making unhealthy decisions, the Student Life department should play offense, encouraging students to succeed in making smart, healthy choices. A Student Life-sponsored water pong tournament would be a sure hit; having better supervised, smaller-scale dances could also provide students with a compelling alternative to dorm drinking.

Student Life proactively helping students to see that pouring vodka into water bottles is stupid? Now that would be something to advertise.

STUDENTS SPEAK ON CONTROVERSIAL CAMPAIGN

Max Kaskons
Sophomore business major

"I think the posters are pretty ridiculous. I think that the whole crack down on alcohol policy here has gotten a little out of hand. I know the school is trying to build a good reputation, but at the same time I feel like they're trying to shut down the social aspect. People are allowed to drink, 21+, and we have plenty of kids here who are legally allowed to do it. I just don't think that the school is going about it the right way with the posters. I saw one that was like 'It's only water, why are you getting mad?' I just don't think that anyone has the right to come up to me and tell me to pour something out. It's a little ridiculous."

Kate Swenson
Junior biology and psych double major

"I think I really like the general idea. I think it's imperative that students know the difference between what's an open container and what's not because I've seen a lot of questionable things on campus where you see kids walking around with a red Poland Springs bottle. You know something's not right. I've also heard a lot of backlash about them. I think they're a little abrasive. Maybe [students] should have been aware about the campaign coming out or at least who put it out. There has been a lot of talk about was it the HAWES or Res Life. I think that was a little confusing."

Ashley Aliengena
Junior english major

"Well, the first time I saw them I started seeing them up in New Res and I didn't even really know the point that they were trying to get across. They weren't really clear, they were just like 'you broke the seal' but like what does that even mean? I feel like they're kind of attacking the students. They seem kind of confrontational. That same idea like, why the scare tactics? They could be going about it in a different angle. I get the fact that they are trying to make a statement but they could be doing it in a different way. Maybe even putting more information on the posters. They were so simple that they don't even make a point."

Swoop: Behind the beak

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

Students may be surprised to hear that the identity of the largest, most spirited bird on campus is being kept top secret.

Roger Williams University's mascot, better known to the student body as Swoop, is one of the most well-known figures on campus, appearing at sporting events, social gatherings, and different themed weekends. Overseen by Student Programs and Leadership, and more specifically, senior Kim Salvato and sophomore Amanda Studley, the school's mascot is shown through a select group of students' personalities.

"Currently we have six students serving as Swoop," Salvato said. She added that each student has an opportunity to apply for the position of the school mascot.

"We release applications to the student body at the beginning of each semester and then conduct a interview with each student who returns an application. From there we choose whomever seems to fit the role and is full of school spirit," Salvato said.

Currently, Swoop is a well-known addition to varsity athletic pep rallies, and university-hosted community gatherings, but Salvato said that the department and she encourage other clubs and groups on campus to request Swoop for their programs.

> "We choose whoever seems to fit the role and is full of school spirit."
>
> -Kim Salvato

"You can request Swoop through OrgSync, an online networking site," Salvato said.

Although Swoop is open to much of the campus, some students feel that the mascot should be seen at major sporting events. Junior and Varsity athlete Danica Delia said she feels that Swoop should be making appearances at the weekend sporting events.

"This past weekend there was a lacrosse doubleheader and it would have been a great place to see him," Delia said.

Any suggestions or comments regarding swoop are welcome to be posted on Student Programs and Leadership's Facebook page, Salvato said.

Salvato commented that the department is utilizing the page much more for publicizing events and is currently having a give-away for the 500th person to 'like' the page on Facebook.

If you think you have what it takes to be the next Swoop, be on the look out for applications this coming fall.

HOPE: Sisters empower Hatians

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Date Auction," which helped raise $1,500 dollars to send two Haitian boys to school.

"The [RWU] students are always great," Beidler said. "I love their effort and joy."

The organization tries to do at least four fundraisers a year, Beidler said.

"It's definitely hard because we're very small and still working on networking," said Beidler.

The Making Roots organization is made up of four branches, two being Camp Hope and The Planting Project. The other two are: Redemption Art Community Mural Projects, a program Beidler's sister runs to bring communities together through painting murals and providing jobs. There is also Mercy Relief, who provides help to the Haitian people in times of epidemics and disasters.

Beidler said over the past few years it has been hard to watch a great number of young boys join gangs as a sort of rescue from their poverty.

"I think specifically boys [join these gangs] because we've seen a lack of male leadership in Haiti," Beidler said.

Beidler hopes in the near future to build a home for street boys in Cité Soleil, a city five minutes outside of Port-Au-Prince. The city, which is considered to be a part of the slums, is "unimaginable," Beidler said.

"I don't even know how to explain it in words," she said.

Her hopes for the home is to "equip and empower" she said, and to continue working with leadership development.

Even before the earthquake in 2010, Haiti was already in a constant struggle.

"I remind myself that a lot of them are in a relief mode for life," Beidler said. "What I love about Haiti and one thing I think will always capture me is in the midst of this misery and hardship, there's such a sense of love and community and people who truly love to embrace each other."

Beidler's next trip back to Haiti will be this July, when she will look for land to build the home for street boys and run Camp Hope for four weeks.

"Haiti has done more for me then I could ever do for it,"

ISLAM: Mosque welcomes guests

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foreign, strange, and something they will never come in contact with. But that is slowly changing as Islam becomes more mainstream. In the United States alone there are 2.4 million Muslims, which is a sizeable population. With this growing population, mosques, like the one in North Smithfield, are becoming a familiar sight as members become prominent fixtures in the community. One of their main functions, besides being a place of worship, is to be a place where people can learn about Islam. Masjid-al Islam welcomes all non-Muslims to attend daily prayers, ask questions, and attend lectures on Islam and Koran given twice a week. They even offer a copy of the Koran for guests as a gift. For Muslims, religion is a huge part of their life. The word Muslim means "one who submits to God". They are identified not by their country of origin, but their religion and they want to share this important part of their lives with other people.

One of these people is Shahbaz Raja, the assistant Imam at Masjid-al Islam, who leads the daily prayers and gives lectures. Originally from Pakistan, Shahbaz has devoted his life to Islam, memorizing the entire Koran, an impressive feat considering Arabic is not his first language. "The Koran is the only book in history people have memorized all the way through," he says. "We do this to prove that it hasn't changed. Islam and its rules can never be changed." Shahbaz is surprisingly soft spoken, considering his position. He is humble, wearing a gitra, or white hat, similar to a Jewish yarmulke, white baggy pants, and black slippers that can be worn in the prayer room. But as shy as he seems, he greets every man coming to worship like family, with a friendly handshake and warm smile, sometimes kissing them lightly on the cheek. The mosque draws in Muslims from all over Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts, but Shahbaz is familiar with all of the regulars. "We usually have about seven or ten people coming in for regular, daily prayers," he explains. "But on Fridays, for Jum'ah prayer, we can get up to 200." The mosque is always open, and Shahbaz is there before sunrise, when the first daily prayer takes place, and leaves after the last prayer takes place after nine at night. With a fairly large Muslim population in the area, he tries to create a sense of community within the mosque and its followers. "We have a very strong community here, and we try to set up activities to build on that."

Islam, especially since 9/11, has not gotten a fair shake in the media. It is often the case that the only Muslims Americans see on TV are extremists, fundamentalists, or terrorists. These groups in no way represent the majority of Muslims and their reactionary ideas often go against what many Muslims are working towards. Osama Syed, a student of Shahbaz at Masjid-al Islam, explains that, as in every religion, there are fringe groups in Islam. "There are some people who are distorting the message," he says. "And some who are sticking to the correct beliefs."

Read next week's issue of THE HAWKS' HERALD *to read Part 2 of "Ignorance is not an excuse."*

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EDITORIAL: Pool of talent dissipates as tides of music change

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

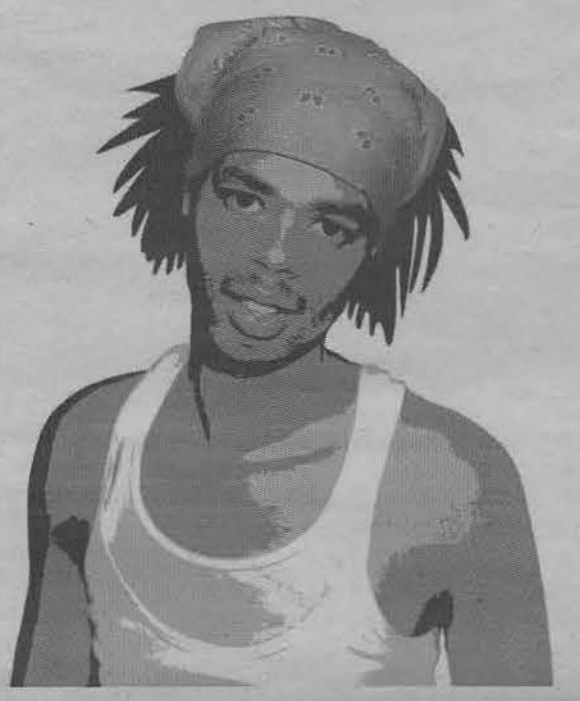
Realizing a dream is the ultimate reward for anyone aspiring toward success. It can be the culmination of a season, a year, or a decade. It is truly individual. Regardless of what one is interested in, however, there are a few things that anyone looking to succeed must put forth. Hours of practice, good work ethic, and a love for one's craft are the prerequisites to reaching any pinnacle. Indeed, success and fame in any area are the end results of hard work.

Or is it? Though this may have long been the case, it appears that the tide is turning, at least in the music field. What was once an industry based on auditions, record deals and the talent of one's voice seems to be deviating towards YouTube views, word-of-mouth, and hilarity. Indeed, it could be argued that the quality of the American music industry has declined drastically in recent times.

Who's to blame? There are many culprits, but I think there is but one platform that everyone can point fingers at: YouTube. Think about it. For starters, it used to be that aspiring artists would attempt to get their work known by auditioning through talent services and playing in bars in order to get noticed. If – and only if – they were deemed good enough for a record deal, they would be noticed by the general public. This made for a much more selective process, whereas nowadays everyone and their brother can upload a video to YouTube and find their song a hit – some of them "accidental" or "unintentional."

Let's look at two hallmark examples of "songs" that would never have made it out of a talent office ten years ago: "Friday" by Rebecca Black and "The Bed Intruder Song," by the Gregory Brothers.

First up: Friday. I may love the day, but I can't stand "Friday" the song. For those who are lucky enough to have not discovered this unfortunate excuse for a song - don't bother finding it. Containing lyrics such as "Everyone's getting ready for the weekend, weekend" and "Lookin' forward to the weekend, weekend," this internet 'hit' is quite possibly one of the more ear-clawing, headache-inducing, monotonous pieces of garbage that I have ever had the misfortune of running across. This girl is, for lack of a better word, BAD. Had she written artful lyrics about her relief of the weekend's arrival and combined it with a great voice, I would have been more inclined to give her song a second listen. However, the song had the exact opposite effect, solidifying my view that it is way too easy to get noticed. It is really sad to think that YouTube has become a platform in which all have equal access to notoriety. The fact that songs like "Friday" can rank higher than a song from someone like Bob Dylan on the iTunes chart is, quite frankly, pathetic.



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Antoine Dodson became an overnight Internet sensation this summer.

On the flip side, there's "The Bed Intruder Song." Unlike Black, who put "Friday" on YouTube, 24-year-old Antoine Dodson had no idea he would become an Internet celebrity following a home intrusion where his sister was nearly raped. However, when news cameras showed up at his house to ask him what had happened, the curly-haired, bandana-wearing Dodson proceeded to address the television cameras directly. He spoke right into the camera, telling the residents of his Huntsville, Ala. housing project (who he presumed would be watching) "OBVIOUSLY we have a rapist in Lincoln Park. He's climbin' in yo windows, snatchin' yo people up, so y'all need to hide yo kids, hide yo wife, and hide yo husband 'cause they raping everyone up in here."

While Dodson himself didn't upload the video, The Gregory Brothers, a "band" that specializes in Autotuning news clips, found Dodson's interview and turned it into a video that racked up 56 million views in five months, raising enough money through iTunes downloads to move Dodson and his family into a better home.

Contrary to my feelings on "Friday," I find this accidental song hilarious to the point that I dressed up as Dodson for Halloween. He may not have been the most talented "singer" in the world, but Antoine Dodson was able to get a good laugh from many light-hearted Americans.

Music used to be about talent. Names like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones were synonymous with aptitude. However, many deserving individuals who try to land record deals today often find themselves outdone by people who, I believe, quite frankly don't deserve to be there. It's sad to think that the girl with the great voice has less of a chance nowadays of becoming famous because the kid who wrote a few thoughts on paper and recorded a video of himself "singing" will take her spot.

It has been said that one gets what they deserve; let's hope that's still true.

WTF of the week
RWU's greenest?

MARK FUSCO | Photo Editor

Crisis strikes. You spill you much needed morning coffee, or maybe the person sitting next to you in class is a gifted sneezer (God forbid). Regardless, you find yourself in desperate need of a tissue or paper towel. Naturally you dash to the nearest restroom only to have your hopes and dreams squashed. Nothing but the suspicious looking toilet paper in the stall is there to welcome you.

Ever since starting my time here at Roger Williams University, the school has been going to great lengths to become a "green" institution. "Green" of course refers to being eco-friendly and attempting to reduce the amount of waste produced by the University and its students. However, going green is not a quick process; it is very gradual and requires heavy commitment.

Many changes have taken place since my freshman year. Printing now features a payment system to help save ink and paper, and all the paper towel dispensers have been replaced with brand new air hand dryers. Our beloved university has even gone as far as to dispose of most of their paper billing. That's right; RWU no longer mails the majority of its tuition bills. Don't get too excited, though, the bills still exist, simply online.

Going green is only one of the many, major endeavors our school has recently embarked on. Just last year we cut the ribbons on two brand spanking new buildings; a new residence hall and an academic building, Global Heritage Hall (GHH).

GHH plays home to the university's communication department and some of the most technologically advanced gadgets on campus. GHH is designed from the ground up to be a very efficient building, utilizing specialized Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and other green solutions to help cut costs and save energy. Though it isn't actually green in appearance, GHH is one of the greenest (eco-friendly) buildings to grace our fine campus. However, the university has overlooked on small detail.

Despite being the newest building on our campus, GHH is the only academic building on campus without hand dryers. Though I am much more a fan of paper towels, it does make you scratch your head at our whole green initiative. WTF RWU?

MARK FUSCO

A paper towel dispenser mounted in GHH.

Videos of tsunami inspire change

JENNA MULVEY | Herald Contributor

In March, a powerful earthquake occurred in Japan that lasted for five long, grueling minutes. I remember turning on the news and watching footage ranging from subways shaking to people trying to take cover in an office. The subway scene made me remember a ride I went on in Disney World, where you experience what it is like to be in California during an earthquake. I remember the sympathy I had and the appreciation I felt for the fact that I would not experience that on the east coast. The footage of the tsunami in Japan was terrible to watch, especially when I saw people screaming in terror. The destruction in Japan was so awful that it was hard to believe that something like that could happen. The television screen was filled with huge waves that struck the coasts of Japan, simply picking up everything, from houses to cars, in its path.

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The footage of the aftermath showing the destruction of the earthquake and tsunami was even worse. An assortment of things had been tossed everywhere and houses were unrecognizable. I will never forget seeing a reporter going through a pile of random items and finding an old photo album. He mentioned that no one would ever know who it belonged to because the house where it came from could be miles away.

This footage could definitely have a big impact on viewers when aired. If someone used to live in Japan or has family members who currently live there, the footage could be harrowing to watch. The footage could even be upsetting to people not personally involved. I think that the footage emotionally connects the viewer to the disaster in a way that a news report would not be able to.

This new way of seeing a disaster is very beneficial in that way. No matter how the footage affects people, it can inspire people to help to raise awareness of what actually happened in Japan. When people hear about what the Japanese went through, the news is so crazy that it is almost impossible to believe. Some people need to see something to actually believe it, and in this case, that is exactly what the footage does.

Ariz.'s new health care law punishes unfairly

KAITLIN ROANE | Herald Contributor

Recently Phoenix, Ariz. has proposed making substantial changes regarding healthcare throughout the state. Members of Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System have suggested that the state take after some private health plans and begin charging members who smoke or engage in other "unhealthy behavior." Though in theory it could potentially save Arizona a lot of money, in practice, the plan has some flaws.

To begin, Arizona's motive here is all wrong. The state is not making these changes with its residents' best interests in mind or in order to improve their quality of life. Rather, last year, Arizona's Medicaid program was criticized when it halted several organ transplants in order to save money. Thus this is simply an effort for the state to save a few bucks while giving off the impression that they want their residents to live a longer, healthier life.

The plan would entail charging smokers $50 a year and applying a similar fee to diabetes patients who do not follow their doctor's orders to lose weight. Though I support Arizona's effort to charge smokers simply because smoking can also put non-smokers in danger, this idea raises some concerns. Not everyone smokes the same amount, so how could the state charge someone who smokes a pack a day the same fee they charge someone who smokes once a month? A standard fee would definitely provoke controversy and it would be impossible for Arizona to keep track of every single person in the state that may pick up a cigarette.

Similarly, how could the state possibly charge someone who was urged to lose weight for medical reasons, but failed to do so? According to Monica Coury, a spokeswoman for the state Medicaid agency, the state doesn't care "how much you weigh [but whether] you're doing something you should be doing to manage your disease."

"In my opinion, Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System should not fine people for engaging in 'unhealthy behavior.'"

Our weight is largely predetermined by our genes, which also determine our energy levels, feelings of hunger and satisfaction, and the way our bodies absorb sugar and fat. Health problems associated with being overweight, such as diabetes in this case, are a result of metabolic processes, such as our insulin levels, that are meant to protect us in times of privation. In other words, body weight is more than a physical trait because our genes essentially influence it. Therefore, how could the state charge someone a fine for not being able to lose weight, when it is predominately out of his or her control?

I could see if Arizona wanted to charge every diabetes patient for not getting an adequate amount of exercise or indulging in foods that could put him or her in danger, but that is unrealistic. I believe it is wrong to force someone to pay for his or her inability to lose weight.

In my opinion, Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System should not fine people for engaging in "unhealthy behavior." This plan is based off of the assumption that everyone's bodies work equally well and have the ability to burn off calories in the same way. Further, how does one even define unhealthy behavior? If the state sees it as something that could put one's life in danger and should therefore make them pay more, does that mean they're going to start charging people for driving or walking across the street?

Though I do support charging smokers, it would be absurd to charge all smokers the same rate and would be impossible to determine who should pay less or more, based on the amount of cigarettes they smoke.

I see many flaws in this plan and I believe it is largely unfair to diabetes patients in the state of Arizona.

Religion is becoming extinct

JARED WOLF | Herald Reporter

A recent study done by researchers at Northwestern University and University of Arizona showed that religion may be withering away in a handful of countries. Census data from Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Switzerland all indicate that the number of people with a religious affiliation has been going down compared to previous years.

"For societies in which the perceived utility of not adhering is greater than the utility of adhering, religion will be driven toward extinction," the study said. "People no longer see the slate of benefits as being as great as they probably did 100 years ago. It's become less socially useful."

Personally, I agree. I understand the role that religion has had in society and how it once had a purpose. It explained our origins; it answered the why are we here question. It relieved people of the fear of death by providing the prospect of an afterlife. But with the advancement of science and reason, I think that the time of religion has come and gone.

What I see religion doing now is holding society back. I see religion corrupting the school systems, teaching the hypothesis of Intelligent Design as if it were as valid as the well-established science of Darwinian Evolution. I see abstinence-only sex education producing teenagers that are ignorant of the real risks of sex. Almost one-third of the total sex education programs in our country teach abstinence exclusively. Is it really a surprise that teenage pregnancy rates, and likewise, abortion rates, are four- to five-times higher here compared to countries where abstinence-only sex education is virtually nonexistent?

I see religion restricting HIV vaccines, letting not thousands but millions die unnecessarily each year. Similarly, stem-cell research, which could lead to cures for a very long list of serious ailments, is being resisted, because the interests of a three day old blastocyst, which can neither think nor feel, apparently trump the interests of a father of three in endless agony because of his pancreatic cancer.

I think, as a society, we have fooled ourselves into thinking that the rather regrettable results of religion, the intolerance and oppression, are behind us. But if one is so inclined to look, they will see that we still have a long way to go.

If the researcher's predictions are accurate, and the religious demographic will continue to shrink significantly, I think it's safe to say that many of these problems will not-so-mysteriously vanish.

In my opinion, it's encouraging.

Racy Stacy: Fishy online dating, confessions of Charley Prinn

RACY STACY | Herald Contributor

For the past month, I have been partaking in a self-created social experiment. On March 3, I created an account on plentyoffish.com, a free online dating service that has become very popular lately. Under the alias of a 19-year-old female named Charley Prinn (inspired by Hester Prynne from The Scarlett Letter) who lives in Bristol, R.I. and is studying psychology at URI, I began the investigation to see if love really could only be a click away.

I found a picture on Tumblr of a hot, blonde chick that looked pretty amateur and posted a fake profile that said I was an avid snowboarder, who was aspiring to open her own Dance Therapy Clinic upon graduation and was double jointed in both her thumbs. Just to be safe, I also specified that I "didn't believe in Facebook," just so I wouldn't have to make yet another fake account.

Pros: It seems like every time I am at a club or party, some awkward kid, reeking of beer, stumbles over and starts rubbing all up on my junk. Or even worse, tries to make forced conversation, usually ending with me giving him my phone number out of pity and then having to deal with his pestering texts for the next two weeks. The bright side of people creeping you out online is that you can ignore them completely – without the guilt. It's like eating fat-free ice cream after 11 p.m.!

Cons: I think it has depleted my confidence in society. After reviewing over 200 messages that were sent to my fake profile, I have calculated that only 13 of these guys are people that I would actually consider going on a date with … and I was still skeptical. Five guys blatantly asked me to hook up with them, even though I clearly said I was looking for a relationship. I even got two marriage proposals. A lot of the people messaged me just to say how beautiful they thought the random girl that they thought was I was, which is sad because I always thought that one of the perks of online dating was that you really get to know the person. However, that is not the case. Just like window-shopping, the store isn't going to be crowded if the displays look disheveled from the street. Unfortunately, looks are still judged, even if they are just on a screen with thoughtful words typed below.

If you find that you have too much free time on your hands and are considering adopting an extracurricular activity into your schedule, try opening an account on Plenty of Fish, because it provides hours of entertainment, and may even be more fun than Facebook stalking. Here is a brief log of my most interest findings:

3/8; 10:11 a.m. – This one was actually pretty creative: "I have already married you and then divorced you in my head. You get the dog; I get the couch. Sincerely, Your Distressed Ex-husband."

3/11; 6:17 p.m. – A 40-year-old man told me that he would like to take me shopping and I could "buy whatever I wanted." After reading that message, I strongly considered contacting the producers of How to Catch a Predator.

3/16; 5:20 p.m. – A 36-year-old man wrote me three strangely worded paragraphs about his two children. Although it was interesting to learn that his son was a "cuddle bug" and his daughter was a "brat," I'm not sure that any girl in college is ready to help raise children with someone nearly twice her age.

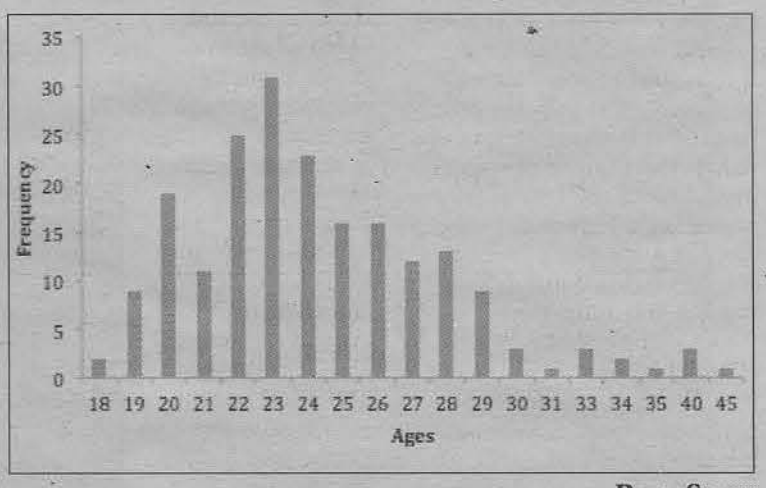
3/23; 8:06 p.m. – A very good looking couple invited me to have a threesome with them, complete with pictures and a personalized message that said, "We could have so much fun together."

3/23; 10:08 p.m. – "Sweetheart, how about we have a night full of wild and intimate sex. No introduction, just strangers. It'll be fun and awkward. I'll pay for everything."

4/4; 1:25 a.m. – Subject: "Hi," Message: "Sup." Wow, what an endearing way to start a conversation! I wanted to respond to that one right away! Actually, embarrassingly enough I did because he was really cute and was actually my age. He replied instantly with another sparkling two whole words: "Whaddup sexi." Needless to say, I couldn't justify talking to someone who probably couldn't pass an I.Q. Test.

4/4; 2:32 a.m. – One of my favorites: "So, do you have a job? I need a woman who can support me while I play video games all day." He was 27 and didn't have an employer listed, so I think he might have been serious.

For me, there were too many fish in the sea, and most of them were minnows that I did not want to catch. I think I will take my chances with the sometimes-awkward human interactions of the real world, meeting people the old-fashioned way.



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Above is a graph of the ages of the first 200 guys who contacted me; the average was 23 years old, but the ages ranged from high schoolers to fathers.

Democrat VS Republican:

Has Obama lived up to his promise of change?

One of the greatest attributes to the word change is just how many degrees it has. It can mean having a different attitude about an idea, altering a routine, or transforming the face of a nation. One thing is sure, though: change doesn't come easily.

In 2008 the county clung to this word, hoping that it would be the first step to a better tomorrow after almost a decade of mistakes. The person that embodied it was President Barack Obama, and so far he's done a decent job with the follow through. The problem, though, is that the expectations of the country were just too high at the time. Of course a president should be able to make his or her country better, but the public needs to understand that it takes time.

"Obama has begun to bring that former image of the United States back."

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When Obama was inaugurated in January 2009 most people, supporters of his or not, thought from that moment on things were going to get better, and fast. Anything less would be unacceptable. I think the average voter needs to gauge the situation a bit. He inherited two wars, an economic crisis, and an international image of our country that was anything but pleasant. Now even I admit, just because he has a lot on his plate doesn't mean that his presidential honeymoon phase is going to last all four years. He hasn't followed through with all of his campaign promises, but what president can say that they did?

What is most important, though, is that he has begun to reshape our country into something we all can appreciate. In 2008, just before the election, the United States was at a point in its history where it was almost unrecognizable from what it had been just 10 years before. Obama has begun to bring that former image of the United States back. Coming into office, he campaigned heavily on bringing the war in Iraq to an end, and this August he did this. In 2010 the war was officially ended, and slowly but surely, troops have started to come home. Our time in Iraq isn't over yet, but the steps to its end have been laid out and are being followed. Another example would be his promise to end the military policy Don't Ask Don't Tell, which forbade gays and lesbians from serving in the armed forces. This was a major campaign issue that affected a large community within our country, and on the election trail, Obama pledged to bring this policy to an end, which he did.

There have been bumps, such as the closing of the Guantanamo Bay, but these have mostly happened because of some sort of government policy or Congressional issue that stopped them from being fulfilled. The fact of the matter is that he is sticking to his promises. The problem is that he is not doing it at the God-like pace that was expected. This is the reason why so many people have changed their minds about Obama. The public had huge expectations of him that were made up of two parts, a list of promises to keep, and to take care of all of them at a rapid speed. This, though, was not possible to do because we live in the real world. He has been able to stick to many of the promises he made while campaigning to be president, but the people aren't getting the instant gratification they are used to in all other parts of their lives.

Being a president is obviously tough, so before complaining, ask yourself if you could do a better job.

Change we can believe in! WOO-HOO. Unfortunately, most of Obama's campaign promises were lies that the American people ate up like cheese fries (that's right, America, we not only elected an idiot but we are also fat). On Nov. 4, 2008, I saw a nation vote for a man who made promises of great change and as I write this now, I see a man whose approval rating is hovering just above 45 percent. Change we can believe in was a lie, but let us track these failed promises in this week's breakdown!

Obama promised that he would increase the taxes on the wealthy, but he upheld the Bush tax cuts instead. I liked this, so I'm not going to complain, but if you were a self-righteous skeptic of the trickle down economic system then you should not.

"Unfortunately, most of Obama's campaign promises were lies that the American people ate up like cheese fries"

ANDY PLOCICA
Herald Contributor

Obama promised to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, but instead, he has decided that its existence might be useful for the holding of suspected terrorists. How about his promise to stop torturing suspected terrorists? We still waterboard and ship folks off to Eastern Europe and Pakistan to get worked over so I guess that promise is broken.

A lucid government, where the people will know what is going on and be able to review bills and legislation before they are passed, was one of his big promises. Insert a big middle-finger here from the Obama administration to everyone who believed that malarkey. Remember that 1,073-page Stimulus bill that cost us nearly $4,000,000,000,000 (four trillion for those confused by all the zeros) that the government passed without reading, let alone let the public see it. Surely, he would have taken efforts to reduce the ability of private firms to lobby Congress? Nope, lobbying firms are stronger now, just in case you have not been following the news.

How about LGBT supporters? Are you glad that while the courts argued about the right of homosexuals to join the army he sat by when he could have simply made an executive order to do away with "Don't ask, Don't tell?"

How about his promise to reduce earmarks? Nope, the Republicans are the leaders in trying to push through anti-earmark legislation.

My favorite promise was to make the government use plug-in electric vehicles, which he decided to break when he realized his own car would then be prohibited.

How is healthcare? Is that fixed yet? Nope. The economy? Nope. How about his promise to end the War in Iraq? Wait he did! OMG! Never mind, he just sent troops to Afghanistan and the jets to Libya. Now, how about never starting a war without congressional approval?

I'm going to run for president. Everyone will get jetpacks and free food for life and I promise world peace! I cannot promise those things in good conscience because I can't follow through. Just like in 2008, Obama made a freaking million promises to everyone and their mother all in the name of "hope" and "change," and he has broken nearly all of them.

It doesn't matter though, because some people think he can't do wrong because he is a demi-god or something. Change we can believe can go f*** itself, because it most certainly f***ed us. Accountability in 2012 anyone? Good luck and God bless.

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Some tips to improve your health near finals

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After a long weekend with minimal hours of sleep, Mondays can be extremely hard to get through. This week, try these ten natural ways of boosting your energy, and tackle the week ahead of you. Some people binge drink coffee, others turn to illegal substances, but the best ways to increase energy are as follows:

Breathe. Yes, it's that easy. Stress can wear us down and cause us to feel sluggish. Try taking three deep breaths in and out and you will naturally regain some of the energy lost due to stress.

Chlorophyll. Much like plants, we can gain energy from an intake of chlorophyll. Surprisingly, many drinks have chlorophyll in them, but if you really want a boost, look for drinks that also have alfalfa, spirulina, and barley grass in them.

Eat Healthy. After all, you are what you eat! Don't be like the little kids in those commercials who look like French fries slouching down the soccer field. A healthy meal should consist of vegetables and proteins like those found in chicken.

Bee Pollen. Although it is hard to come across, bee pollen boosts your energy and also has anti-cancer properties. The ancient Greeks used to eat bee pollen so that they could become stronger for their athletic games. Bee pollen has even been mentioned in the bible as a source of perpetual youth.

Siberian Ginseng Extract. (This is different than the ginseng found in most energy drinks) This extract has been used for the past two thousand years to fight depression. Since it lowers people's stress, it also allows for an increase in energy since stress takes away from the amount of energy one inquires.

Acai Berry. This berry is being marketed more and more and is becoming a popular berry across America. Because of this, many popular fruit drink brands like Fuze now have acai flavors. It increases your endurance, while also serving as an antioxidant and a good source of protein.

Eat those carbs. Diets like the Atkin's Diet have convinced America that carbohydrates are the enemy, but in moderation, carbohydrates can help give you energy and keep you alert longer during the day. If you are worried about the calories in carb-filled foods like pasta and bread, try eating fruit such as bananas. They have carbohydrates along with fibers and other essential vitamins.

Cayenne. This pepper moves your blood the fastest out of all the herbs discovered on earth. This allows for oxygen to race through your body causing a boost in your metabolism and causing you to feel lighter and rejuvenated for the day.

Research. Peruvians make smoothies with a powder called Maca, which is similar to Ginseng. People in Pohnpei, a small island in Micronesia, drink cava to feel relaxed and rejuvenated. Although these are not easy to come across, these natural sources of energy, if you do come across them you will know that it works.

Exercise. By using energy, you will gain energy from endorphins. Endorphins work with the brain and act similarly to morphine or codeine. If the gym is not your favorite place in the world, try meditating, having (safe) sex, or eating chocolate: all of which have been proven to secrete endorphins.

Instead of wasting money on three cups of coffee or taking illegal drugs just to feel alive, try these natural ways to wake up and re-energize. Most ways are cheap and easy to come across. Start living healthy today.

Auto Column: Fiat is back

JEREMY KING | Business Manager

Senior year can be a pretty stressful time for soon to be graduates. Whether eagerly seeking employment orawaiting grad school admission letters, it is a time of transition.

I am one of the many Roger Williams University students soon to enter the workforce. I've been fortunate enough to secure a sales position at Metro Fiat of Johnston, in Johnston, R.I. Though not necessarily my ideal choice of aw careers, this job certainly suites me. My first vehicle, a car I bought when I was just 15 was a 1982 Fiat spider, a small 2-seater convertible. I had no idea then, that six years later I'd be selling the same name.

For those of you who don't know Fiat, it is an Italian automotive company that for many years has been absent from this country. The last time Fiat sold cars in the states was 27 years ago. Since the late 1980s, the United States has been deprived of Italian cars; less the select few who are rich enough to own the likes of Maseratis, Ferraris, and Lamborghinis.

Yet, we are on the dawn of a new era; Fiat is making its comeback. It stopped exporting its car, way back when, due to awful reliability. The company's nickname was "Fix It Again Tony;" there were even reports of cars rusting out before leaving a dealer's lot. Thankfully Fiat has put that reputation behind them and have returned stronger than ever. Fiat is now the eleventh-largest brand of car globally. They own most of the automotive manufactures of Italy. Maserati, Ferrari, Alpha Romeo, and Lancia are all Fiat-owned enterprises. And if their European popularity is any indicator, the U.S. is in for a treat.

The fist Fiat to hit our shores is the adorable Fiat 500, a car that some say make the Mini Cooper look big. The 500 has won tons of awards since it's release in 2007, including the European car of the year in 2008. The car is among the smallest on the road today, but that is to its advantage. It's lightweight and needs very little power to drive. Though it might not be fast by today's standards, its measly 1.4l, 101-hp engine, certainly isn't slow.

This 500 could mark the start of a new era in America. We could finally see the shift from gas-guzzling SUVs to smaller, European-inspired vehicles that meet our needs in a whole new way.

Campus Entertainment Network April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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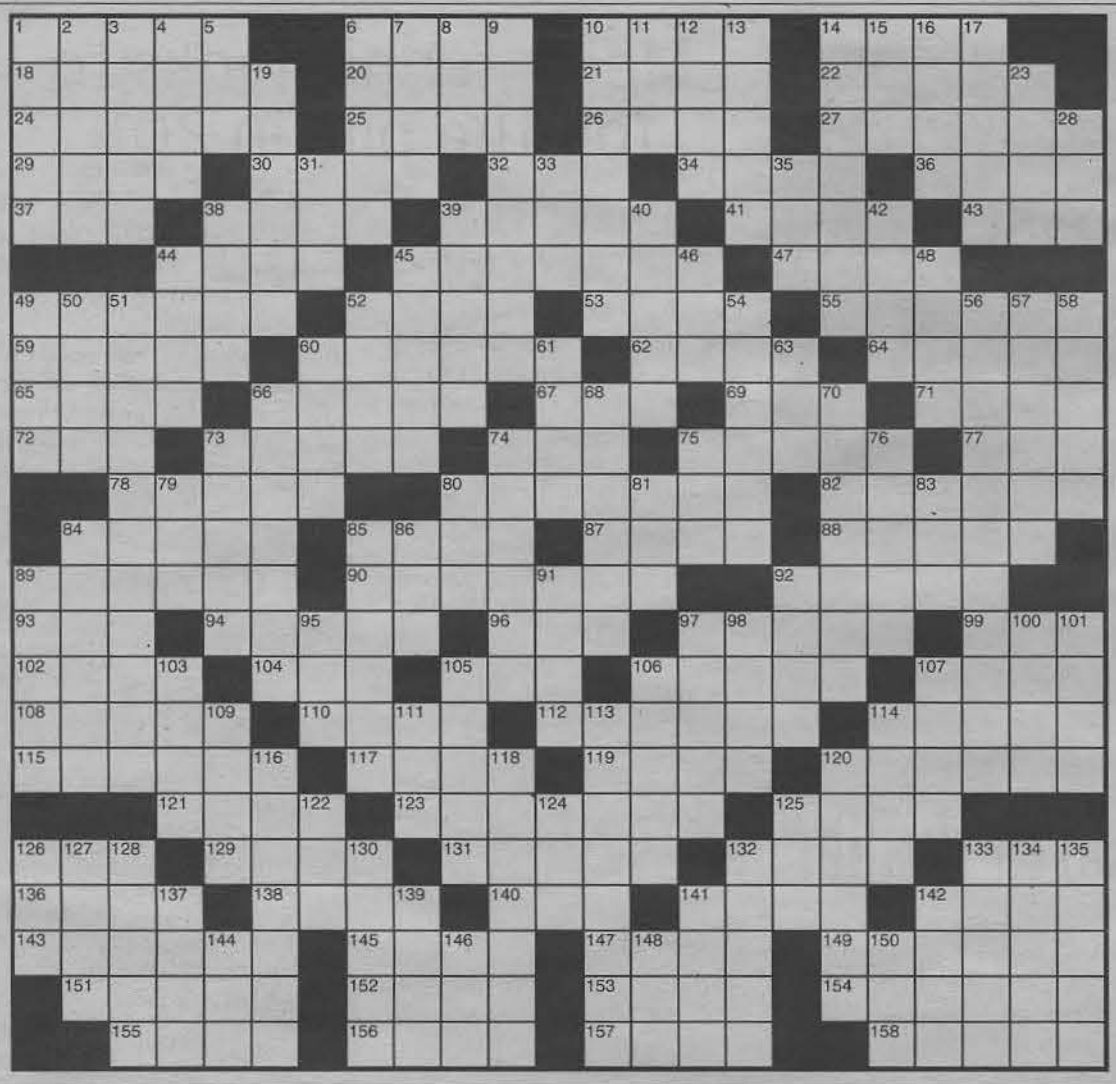
3	4	5 Film: No Strings Attached CAS 157	6 Wax Hands Hawks Nest 7 pm	7	8	9 End of the Year Comedian Field House
10	11 Concert Ticket Sales 11pm-2pm 5pm-7pm	12 Concert Ticket Sales 11am-2am 5pm-7pm	13 Concert Ticket Sales 11am-2pm Flowers for Dancers Hawks Nest 7 pm	14 Concert Ticket Sales 11am-2pm 5pm-7pm	15 Concert Ticket Sales 11am-2pm Rachel P. Acoustic Guitarist Upper Commons 9 pm	16
17	18	19 Film TBA CAS 157 8 pm	20 Coloring Easter Eggs Hawks Nest 7 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Spring Weekend Post Secret Lower Com., 11-2 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 TBA	30 Spring Weekend Block Party North Camp., 1-4 Fireworks Behind MNS, 8



SUNDAY PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Cancel
6 Ali —
10 Spurt
14 Sudden sharp pain
18 Hindu god's incarnation
20 Indigo
21 — of Wight
22 Thin candle
24 Pulpy fruit
25 Word in a telegram
26 Post
27 Hire
29 Graven image
30 Seeger or Sampras
32 Bad actor
34 Farm implement
36 Book
37 Dictionary entry (abbr.)
38 Penalty
39 One of the mass media
41 Fall birthstone
43 Pallid
44 Toboggan
45 Utter failure
47 "Star —"
49 Burrowing creature
52 Wind
53 Highlander's skirt
55 Allergen from pets
59 Concur
60 Hole
62 Small bottle
64 Metal workshop
65 Grain
66 Subject
67 Playing card
69 Make imperfect
71 Ripped
72 "For — a jolly good fellow..."
73 Roman goddess
74 Insect
75 Church areas
77 Encountered
78 Ill-tempered one
80 Quiver
82 Means of entering
84 Musical sound
85 Affectation
87 Lager
88 Oodles
89 Fall of rain
90 Disgraceful event
92 Terra —
93 Dove's cry
94 Country in Asia
96 Food-energy unit (abbr.)
97 Utter
99 Territory (abbr.)
102 Function
104 Dobbs or Gehrig
105 Greek letter
106 The non-clergy
107 Beach resort
108 Consumers
110 Smell
112 Climbs
114 Tierra del —
115 City in Germany
117 The Buckeye State
119 Furrows
120 Swore
121 Use a blue pencil
123 Liquid metal
125 Cupola
126 Family member
129 Black
131 Brownish pigment
132 Silent performer
133 Abbr. in recipes
136 Eager
138 Navy —
140 Fuel for cars
141 Beget
142 Circle of light
143 Rejection
145 Permit to enter
147 English school
149 A Barrymore
151 Boldness
152 Shortly
153 Floating platform
154 New York player
155 Marsh plant
156 Jay of TV
157 Remain
158 Aeries

DOWN

1 Fanatical
2 Sidestep
3 "— — La Mancha"
4 Type style (abbr.)
5 Beige
6 Sew
7 Poker stake
8 Life story, for short
9 Kind of soup
10 Advertising ploy
11 Mex. neighbor
12 Error
13 "—, Dolly!"
14 Ship's officer
15 Cap
16 Date (abbr.)
17 Further down
19 Sword
23 Italia's capital
28 Hankering
31 Terminate
33 Town in Oklahoma
35 Choose
38 Run away
39 Object from ages past
40 Martini fruit
42 Frond
44 Molt
45 Bette or Jefferson
46 Whitney or Wallach
48 Tangle
49 Cut
50 Pointed arch
51 Young child
52 Stand wide open
54 Meddle
56 One-humped camels
57 Means of exiting
58 Lets
60 Bottle stopper
61 Ivy League college
63 — Vegas
66 Plant part
68 Part of a drum kit
70 Kind of TV show
73 Insert mark
74 — toast
75 Pub drink
76 Make points
79 Tier
80 Air-safety org.
81 — canto
83 Machine part
84 Select
85 False
86 Fall mo.
89 Scour
91 Platform in an auditorium
92 Waller or Domino
95 Scary yell
97 Like brine
98 Fastens
100 Brink
101 Well-behaved
103 — Stanley Gardner
105 Exclaims
106 Dern or Linney
107 Enticement
109 Aspect
111 Electrical unit
113 Police cars
114 Be in a rage
116 Ate a little of
118 Flavoring plant
120 Attractive
122 Foot digit
124 Books pro (abbr.)
125 SSE, e.g.
126 Insane
127 Microwave
128 Worker below ground
130 Of warships
132 Like a julep
133 Cisterns
134 Icy rain
135 Warsaw natives
137 Terrible
139 Workday's start
141 Couch
142 Sharpen
144 — Maria
146 Favorite —
148 Make lace
150 Form of "John"

SUDOKU High Fives

	5	6	8				3	
	1	9		3		2		
2	4	3			1			
				4		3	9	
4		7			5			2
	6					5		7
3			1	9	4			
		2	6		8			
	7		2					

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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

4/7/11 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.***

beauty+ popularity+ essay+ 7 → _____+

+Hammer +Myers +Tyson 4 → _____+

+Reserve +government +agent 7 → _____+

FINAL ANSWER 5 _____

ANSWERS (TOP TO BOTTOM): CONTEST, MIKE, FEDERAL, JUDGE

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ASTRO-GRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) - You might want to keep your options open, because some unexpected but good news is on its way to you. Its message will give you a clear idea the best path to follow.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) - Take the time to analyze your present circumstances from every angle. Once you do, you might change your mind and go off in a totally different direction from what you originally intended.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) - Your friends will notice your pronounced leadership abilities, and they will automatically look to you to take charge of what's at hand. Be prepared.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) - If there is something you had loaned out a while back that hasn't been returned yet, don't let it slide. Asking for what is justifiably yours is your right.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) - Unique benefits could come your way through two different contacts that you have in distant places. If you haven't heard from them lately, touch base to see what they're up to.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) - Know that anything realistic that you desire strongly enough can be achieved if you do something about it. Check out all of your sources that can help bring your desires about.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23) - Get in sync with your mate or partner if he or she has something enterprising in mind. It may only be doable if each of you puts forth equal effort.

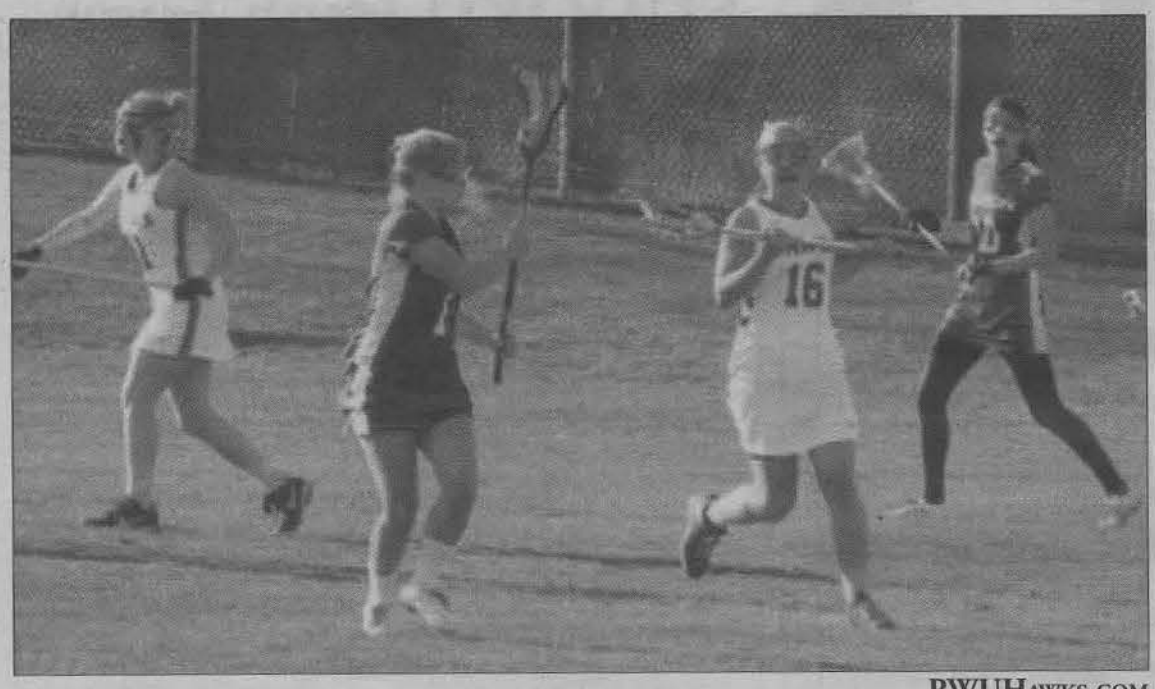
SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22) - Look for a new channel to open up for you, one that could provide you with additional income. However, don't expect something for nothing; be prepared to work for it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21) - Even if it requires a last-minute adjustment in your social plans, be sure to include an old pal who just hit town. Something extremely fortunate will come out of it.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) - Don't fail to oversee any work or repairs, even if a professional is doing the job. There's a good chance a misunderstanding can occur.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 19) - When involved in a fun, competitive activity with friends, play to win, but whether you meet with victory or defeat, be gracious. In either case, it will help your image tremendously.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20) - Opportunities of a financial nature are stirring about you; one windfall might even come from a family source. Don't yawn when old Uncle Elmer talks about a big possibility.



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Senior Nicole Papasergiou was at the center of the action in the Hawks' 15-11 victory.

Women's lacrosse edges Gordon in thriller

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

A late four-goal surge saw the Roger Williams University Women's Lacrosse team see off The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) rivals Gordon College 15-11 on Saturday afternoon at Bayside Field.

The win improves RWU to 5-4 overall, 3-1 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC), while Gordon fell to 6-4, 4-2 in the TCCC.

The game started at a fiery pace, as just 36 seconds in the Hawks had the ball in the net. Claire Halliday dished the ball off to Kate Malenczak who made no mistake in firing past Gordon net minder Danielle Maguire to give RWU a 1-0 advantage. Halliday would find herself on the score sheet just 1:02 later, finding the net with a free-position shot to double the Hawks' lead.

After successive goals from Danica Delia, Dana Wilfahrt and Halliday, it seemed that RWU would run away with the game. However, Gordon went on a run of their own, scoring three consecutive goals to cut the lead to 5-3. The transition of a position of comfort to that of peril was becoming a reality for the Lady Hawks, as the previously dormant Scots proved that they were up for this game just as much as the hosts.

The rest of the first half proved very volatile in terms of score. After Malenczak found the net, Gordon responded back with a tally through Jordan Alexander. Malenczak scored again just a minute later, but Gordon's Alana Woods was equal to the task, sending a shot past RWU goalie Justine Sullivan, who had saved two point-blank efforts from free position shots following Alexander's goal. Stephanie Fitzgerald then cut the deficit to 7-6, putting the game well and truly in the balance. Though Malenczak earned a free position with a second left in the half, she was denied by Maguire, as the hosts went into the break one goal to the good.

Gordon would deadlock the game just 1:12 into the second half, as Alexander finished off a beautiful move, beating two defenders before firing past Sullivan. They would then capture the lead just 31 seconds later, as Kari Christensen and Fitzgerald scored to give Gordon a 9-7 advantage. Christensen then hit the post with a free-position shot, as the Scots threatened to make a run of their own. Delia was responsible for the next two tallies, first pulling a goal back from close range before going on a mazy run through the Gordon defense that culminated in her tying the game with 22 minutes left. Things were about to get interesting.

After Sullivan denied Christensen from a free-position, the Hawks went down the other end of the field where Malenczak found the net with 14:15 to make it 10-9. However, it became a case of "anything you can do," as Christensen scored just 30 seconds later tie it at 10-all. Soon after, Tina Carpenter fired a high shot past Maguire to put the Hawks on top, before Jessica Searl scored four goals in a row to make it 15-10 with 2:56 left. Woods brought the deficit back to four with exactly two minutes remaining, but the Hawks stayed tight and ran out the clock on a 15-11 victory.

Malenczak and Searl led the scoring for RWU, finishing the game with four goals apiece, while Christensen led Gordon with three tallies. Sullivan compiled 10 saves in earning the win, whereas Maguire stopped 14 shots in the loss.

RWU were to visit rivals Salve Regina on Wednesday (too late for press time). And while the season is still young, the character and poise the team has displayed thus far could prove to make a difference in the destination of the conference title.

Men's tennis looks to top the pile in 2011

BRAD SHAPIRO | Herald Contributor

For the second consecutive season, the Roger Williams University Men's Tennis team was picked as the favorite to win The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC). Last year, the Hawks lived up to those preseason expectations by posting an undefeated 11-0 conference record in the regular season. However, they fell short of their ultimate goal by one match in their loss to Salve Regina in the TCCC Championship by a score of 5-4. Despite losing their senior captain, Kyle Baker, the team not only looks to maintain their regular season dominance in 2011, but more importantly, to accomplish what they could not a year ago: win in the conference finals.

Nate Rohman, a returning sophomore, believes the team has been making all of the necessary adjustments to do just that. Rohman pointed out that in 2009, the season the Hawks captured their first TCCC Championship, the team's phenomenal singles played a big part in their title run. In the finals of that year, the team won all six of its singles matches. Rohman said that, under second-year coach Neil Caniga, the Hawks have made it a priority to improve their play at doubles in order to be a more balanced team. So far this season, the team has gone 22-17 in doubles overall and an impressive 9-3 in conference play.

In addition to the improvement of doubles play, Rohman indicated that another change the team has made from last season pertains to their level of conditioning, which has been vastly improved by new assistant coach Josh King.

King, having played, coached, recruited, and trained at the college level, has brought new drills and a different physical approach to the team. Rohman said he believes this will allow his team to compete at a higher level in longer matches. Along with a new conditioning routine, King has helped the mental aspect of the team's game as well, which Rohman knows can play a big role in determining the outcome of a match.

This past Tuesday, the team was defeated 5-4 by Nichols College, which was ranked second in the aforementioned pre-season poll. Rohman said they came out flat in the match, which was reminiscent of last year's title game. Though Nichols handed the team its first conference loss of the year, the sophomore looked at it as a "good wakeup call." Rohman believes that not only will the Hawks reach the finals, but he plans on them facing Nichols again and exacting their revenge.

The team will face another tough test this week when they take on Salve Regina in Newport, a rematch of last year's TCCC Championship. However, as far as getting back to the title game goes, Rohman remains optimistic. "We want a championship. It doesn't matter how we get there, just as long as we get there."

Kevin Erikson (L) and Jeff DeNunzio (R) are strong for the Hawks.

Sox slump shouldn't startle supporters

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

No matter what the sport, it is definitely tough to start off a new campaign without a win.

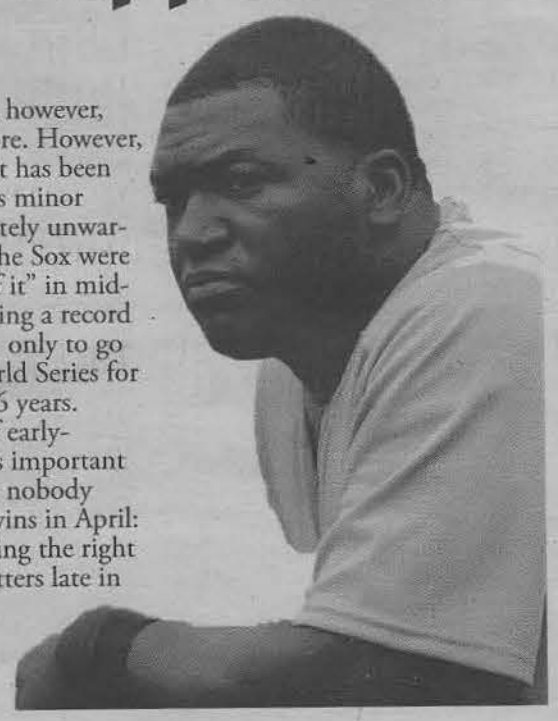
Yes, zero-for-three is a position no team wants to be in. After all, losing the first game of a season is enough of a confidence blow; never mind dropping the next two.

It may have been a small consolation that these defeats came to the defending American League Champion Texas Rangers, but a winless start to the season is not a great way to ring in the new term.

To make matters worse, the poor form displayed in these early days has apparently caused several big-wigs in the sports journalism industry to portray this as a crisis, using words like "doomed" and phrases like "it's all over." This is not what many would have wanted to hear a few days back.

Despite the current plight of the Red Sox, I don't see a cause for concern. After all, like I said, the Red Sox are only in the first week of the season! If the Sox were on a winless streak after, say, two weeks, then I might be a little worried. However, with the signing of players like Carl Crawford, a deal worth $142 million, and the emergence of young players like Jose Iglesias, currently in the minor leagues, one has to be at least somewhat optimistic about the strength of the team. After all, the latter player was given praise by Alex Rodriguez: that is saying something!

If the team needs any additional motivation, then they should look no further than Friday, when the Yankees visit Fenway. There is no doubt that each player finds additional impetus when the old rivals come to town, and this occasion is no different. Any player will tell you that the best remedy for defeat is victory, and who better to get it against than your worst enemies?

I agree that the Sox are off to a poor start and were hopeful that the first loss was just a blip on the radar. Alas, however, they lost twice more. However, the mini-crisis that has been generated over this minor stumble is completely unwarranted. After all, the Sox were considered "out of it" in mid-July of 2004, posting a record barely above .500, only to go on to win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

Yet, regardless of early-season results, it is important to remember this: nobody remembers who wins in April: it is all about getting the right result when it matters late in the season.