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## “It’s a little cramped...” in here

Danielle Ameden  
News Editor

Freshman Caroline McCluskey has gotten used to swinging like a monkey every morning when dismounting from her nearly 6’ tall lofted bed. The floor space in her dorm room, one of Cedar’s 133 temporary triples, give McCluskey and her roommates no other options.

“When I get down from my bed — because it’s apparently six feet tall — I have to hang from the ceiling like a monkey and fall onto my chair [then] jump onto the floor,” she said.

Mackenzie Arsenault echoes the sentiment, saying that the towering mattress is an obstacle. “Sometimes it’s kinda dangerous in the morning when I’m half asleep

but other than that it’s not that bad.”

With a staggeringly large freshman class, director of housing Tony Montefusco was challenged to find creative solutions for the freshman housing assignments. Among them was making 133 of Cedar’s 134 double rooms into temporary triples to accommodate 133 additional students.

In order to fit three beds, three dressers, three desks and two closets into a double-sized room, the university purchased and utilized the “lofted” system for the temporary triple rooms.

Both McCluskey and Arsenault have the lofted bed in their dorm rooms, allowing them to store their own dresser and desk underneath the elevated bed’s frame.

Each of their two roommates sleep on bunk beds.

The lofted system, Cedar’s Head RA Bobbi-Lynn Anderson said, gives roommates the same amount of floor space as would be available in a traditional double room.

Only it’s for three people.

According to McCluskey, the tight quarters present inconveniences — like the monkey motions — but she says there’s enough room for she and her roommates. “It’s a little cramped but everything fits.”

That’s the general consensus among the tripled students. It’s tight, but they’re making the most of it. Of the triples, Anderson said: “To be perfectly honest,



Danielle Ameden

Freshman Drew Cameron surveys the arrangement that his lofted bunk gives him in his “temporary” Cedar triple.

I haven’t heard anything negative.”

In July, Montefusco worked with three staff assistants on the arduous task of housing assignments for the 1,180 freshmen students. He said placement took an

unprecedented two-and-half weeks, “the longest it has ever taken.” By comparison, last year’s freshman housing assignments, for an incoming class of 1,060 took a week.

Montefusco main-

tains that the arrangements are temporary. He anticipates that student withdrawals and upper-classmen’s study abroad programs will open up rooms for freshmen in

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## The Big not-so-Easy

Tulane University students wonder if they’ll ever see their school again after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans

Tracey Lemle  
Features Editor

Jessica Sarter, an incoming freshman at Tulane University, had to flee New Orleans after only arriving hours earlier to begin what she expected to be her 4-year education at Tulane.

“I had just finished unpacking my clothes, and setting up my computer when we all got the word. My parents were still around so we evacuated together but it was really disconcerting and scary, especially now because I was expecting Tulane for the next 4 years” Jessica exclaimed.

Students like



Barbara Davidson/DMN

Flooded homes ravaged by the catastrophic Katrina.

Jessica, who returned after a long summer, whether they were incoming freshman or seniors, were thoroughly shocked, scared, and disrupted as Hurricane Katrina was just hours away from destroying their belongings, their school, city and possibly

their lives. The stress and urgency that came with evacuation took a toll on everyone that was involved with the University.

Hurricane Katrina swept in so quickly that few had time to collect their belongings before evacuating. Students and

faculty alike are concerned about the status of their possessions since the city is basically shut down for an indefinite amount of time.

Emily Epstein, a senior at Tulane explained her situation. “I honestly thought I would be back in a few days so I took a couple things and my computer and that’s it. Everything I own is basically still there.”

Asked if she thought her belongings were ruined, Emily said, “it’s all in my apartment but I don’t know the condition of my apartment or anything but hopefully it’s not too bad. My car is

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## RWU PARKING SECURITY

The following color coding map explains the various colors of parking permits on the RWU campus. Pay close attention; mixing up your colors can land you a \$35 fine and a refresher course on ROYGBIV and the color wheel. For the story on the utterly confusing parking situation, see next week’s issue.

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# RWU a "second home" for eager PLUS students

Fatma Ghailan & Mohammed Imran  
Herald Staff

Roger Williams University enhanced its goal toward approaching a global perspective on State Department scholarships when it welcomed nine students from across the globe representing their respective countries. The students have started their academic year this fall full of determination to accomplish their vision to create excellence and to become leaders of their societies. Morocco, Syria, Jordan and India are just some of the countries that these newly qualified students hail from.

PLUS (Partnership for Learning Undergraduate Studies Program) attracts junior college students from North Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East.

They have proven to have outstanding academic and leadership skills as well as being devoted to promoting understanding between the United States and other countries.

When asked about their experience in the United States, many of RWU's international scholars say that it is a great opportunity and an honor for them to be in this learning platform and to interact with students from different cultures as there is a huge

difference between the West and East.

Hopefully, having already spent between three to five months in different states around the US for their pre-academic preparation, they are more experienced in how to communicate with Americans, making it easier for them to adjust to their new academic environment.

When asked if he misses home, Abdelkader Idrissi said, "I miss my family but it's alright. I enjoy my time eating and hanging out with my friends; moreover, I have put on 10 pounds, which is not good."

Amina Moustaine, from Morocco, finds the experience more of a challenging one. She stressed more about the academics here and how different they are from Morocco's schooling system. Most of all, they don't meet her basic interest, which is education.

On the other hand, Mohammed Imran, from India, speaks out with all the PLUSers' concern, which is the cut down on their monthly stipend which he and his fellow scholars believe to be unfair.

He said, "it's unfair that they promised for something and are doing something else, it is unjustified because we are following the terms

and they are not doing so."

Whatever the scenario, the students are generally happy with the University's approach towards the international community. The staff at The Office of International Students and Multicultural Affairs has been a second home inside the campus for these students as they hang out at the center and watch their regional films.

The center for Global and International Programs is also a home away from home for them as the staff arranges meetings with their host families in the United States. They take them out, and they are always there to answer the hundreds of questions they come with everyday with an amazingly friendly and loving smile.

"Rebecca [Leuchak] and Kevin [Hayden, in the Global and International Programs office] are very friendly and helpful to us throughout the days; moreover, Rebecca is our university advisor," Imran said.

The students are ready to share their cultures and any questions regarding them. They believe that this is the era of globalization and the whole globe is considered as a single platform so everyone needs to know other cultures.



ASK MEG & ASH

Dear Meg & Ash-  
It's only been a week and I'm already missing home like crazy! I'm a sophomore and this happened last year, but I feel like it's even worse now! What am I going to do if I'm already homesick?  
-Missing Home

Dear Missing-  
You said it yourself ... this happened last year. How did you cope with it then? Did you become more active to get your mind off it? What about spending more time with friends or in social activities? You should really consider the reasons why you're "missing home." What's going on with your school life that isn't fulfilling your emotional needs? It sounds like you need to form more bonds and relationships so that coming back to school is an exciting time. You should consider talking to your parents as well and maybe even the school counselor. If you absolutely can't stand being away from home then maybe living at school isn't the right choice for you. Either way, try and stick it out and become more active with what the school has to offer. Before you know it you'll be having a great time!

MEG & ASH

Dear Meg & Ash-  
I've been dating this guy for about a year now and I suspect he may be cheating on me. Everything was going well until we got back to school. Now I hardly see him because he keeps making up excuses as to why he's not around. How do I deal with this situation?

-Hurt and Confused

Dear Hurt-  
You clearly need to confront your guy! Find a time where you can sit down with him and tell him your concerns. Don't jump to conclusions just yet. Maybe life is completely chaotic right now for him and he's just trying to sort things out. Ask him what's been going on and why he hasn't made an effort to see you. After dating him for a year you should be able to tell if his response is genuine. Tell him he needs to make time for you a couple nights a week (or whatever you're comfortable with). If he refuses to follow through then maybe you should rethink this relationship. If he's not willing to put in the effort, than he's not for you. We hope the two of you can work this out.

MEG & ASH

Meg and Ash are RWU's own personal advice gurus. These experienced advice columnists have contributed to the Hawks Herald for a year and are ready to take on more of your emotional challenges. Write to Meg and Ash at [askmeg\\_ash@hotmail.com](mailto:askmeg_ash@hotmail.com).



Staff Photo

Students from nine different countries have been given the opportunity to study at Roger Williams University as part of the school's PLUS program.

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# Community Connections '05: 1,400 people, 800 trash bags, 40 buses, one brave idea

Timothy Mannion  
Editor

The lemon yellow T-shirts were seen 150 yards away. Passing drivers slowed. Joggers padded down to a walk. Walkers moseyed down to a stroll. All of Bristol got an early glimpse of the Class of 2009 on Monday, August 29 as the new freshmen got their first chance to bridge the world. Or better put: clean the bridge.

The nearly 1,200 freshman volunteered a day of their time to help clean up locations across the state of Rhode Island, as part of the colossal Community Connections program created by the Feinstein Learning Service program.

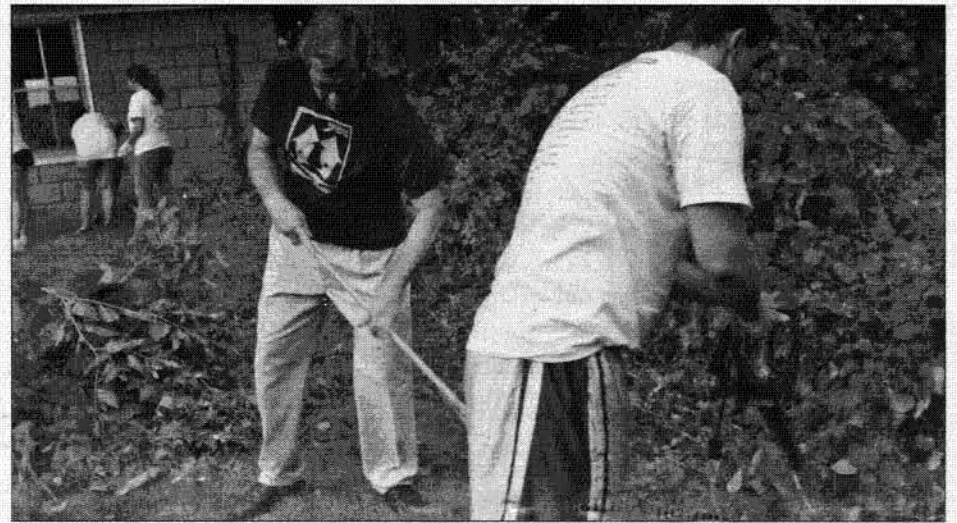
"This has been a year in the making. The idea of an all freshman based community service project was a goal of ours since last fall," project coordinator Suzanne Alba said. The idea — which was brought to RWU by Vice President of Student Affairs, John King — was organized by Associate Dean of Students Affairs Allison Chase Padula and Service Learning Coordinator KC Ferrara.

Another prominent person who helped Ferrara is junior Jasmine Lopez, who spent her summer helping out the Community Connections staff. She basically put the wheels on the community service bus.

That Monday morning started like any other

— with breakfast. All of the freshmen were up and out of their dorms by 7 a.m. and on the buses by mid-morning. Forty yellow school buses shipped the students and site leaders to 105 locations to benefit 65 organizations and private individuals. The freshmen did various jobs ranging from garbage pickup to lawn mowing. "The [students] were able to interact with the community, elderly and each other. I think the students really bonded. They really got to be part of the community for the day," Alba said.

Ferrara is trying to take the momentum from the day and aim the community service program in the right direction. "The whole point of



Kim Fuller

RWU President Roy Nirschel (above) rakes leaves in a local yard, while students (below, left) collected trash as part of the University's first ever Community Connections program.

the program was instead of chasing you while you're a senior, it's getting you while you're a freshman when you have enthusiasm and you're not super-involved."

One of the 40 groups, led by Director of the Center for Academic Development Laura Choiniere, went to the Christian Church in Swansea.

"We had a great group. [The kids] didn't even want to take a lunch break. The kids had to rebuild a stone wall and do some weed whacking. After we got done with the day the church leader, Kathy Reid, took the whole group to Somerset Creamery for ice cream."

The plan seemingly went off with few hitches. "There were definitely some challenges that day," Padula said. "Any time you get that many people involved in anything it's hard to get people where they need to be.

The first year students came out in droves in the morning. We didn't anticipate it was going to be so difficult getting students into their groups and getting them on the buses. But when they finally got to work it really made an impact."

While an impressive percentage of the incoming freshman class participated in the project, some were not as enthused as others.

Adam, a freshman who currently lives in Cedar, summed it up by saying, "It wasn't my ideal day but I guess it was good for the community."

The plan for next year is to have more students involved in the program, and to start the project later in the morning.

For this year, the three women in charge all gave the day a B+ grade. "People keep congratulating me, and it wasn't me. I was a part of it. There were a lot of people involved. Student Programs and Leadership, Orientation leaders, and the Career Center," Ferrara said.

An A+ will not be out of the question for next year's class.



Kim Fuller

## KATRINA: Tulane students resume life after their school was lost

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down there too, so I'm pretty anxious to get down there and see. I'm hoping that people haven't broken into my house too, since there is so much theft going on."

The students of Tulane University must find other colleges and universities to attend for this semester for it is impossible for the school to conduct classes due to the extremely unhealthy conditions of the city.

Senior Brynne Sarter (older sister of Jessica), was hopeful that she would eventually return to her school. "After flying to Houston then back to my hometown in New York, I was deciding between

University of Pennsylvania and New York University. There was so much pressure and anxiety but I finally decided on Penn, where I can take my necessary

credits to graduate on time. I'm hoping to get back to Tulane for my

final semester, though. I already really miss it."

As for next semester and Tulane's plans, it is really impossible to know. "As of now they're telling us school will be open for next semester, but I don't know for sure. It really depends on the condition of the city and how fast it can recover," Epstein explained.

Although it seems that the University as a whole hasn't been too affected, how long it will take to restore the damage.

Some of the schools that current Tulane students have been accepted into (not by their academic status but purely because of their situation) have been

University of Pennsylvania, Boston University, Syracuse University and others throughout the country.

Colleges have been welcoming these students and have helped to expedite the process since school has already

been in session for a few weeks at most colleges and universities.

Although the East Coast is far from the horrible disasters that plague our country in the South, it is still disconcerting to know that there are so many vic-

tims and even survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Tulane itself may still be standing, but the damages are everlasting for the students, faculty, and for the future of the university as it plans to rebuild and become a stronger place.

**"I'm hoping to get back to Tulane for my final semester, though. I already really miss it."**

*-Tulane senior Brynne Sarter*

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# TRIPLES: For some freshmen, there's no need for personal space

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Maple, Willow, Stonewall, and Baypoint.

"At this particular point, we expect to have everyone de-tripled at the end of the [fall] semester," he said. "We are still optimistic for that."

Students who stay in their triples through September 12 will receive a \$650 credit on their room charges.

In the meantime, most of the freshmen in Cedar's triple rooms agree that while the situation isn't necessarily ideal, it's at least endurable. Some freshmen, like Havadine Stone, are even embracing the situation.

"I consider myself really lucky," she said. "I got some real chill roommates. So even if we were given the option to de-triple, I don't think we would."

Tripled roommates Natalie Armano, Laura Andreasson, and Jen Vessella agree, "I think if they asked us to change, I don't think we would," they said.

The Housing office is prepared to accommodate students like these, allowing them to remain in the triples if they so wish. That was the situation for Montefusco himself during his college days — he and his roommates remained in the triple room after given the option to de-triple.

While most of the students are easy-going about the triples, some students are finding the accommodations to be impossible.

"This is the worst thing that could have happened to me," an exasperated Alex Felton said.

Felton, with roommates Taylor Sullivan and Jack Bunn, juggled the standard dorm furniture to make room for an entertainment center in one corner, which takes up a considerable amount of space. While they prefer this arrangement, it's still problematic.

"I think it's pretty awful," Sullivan concurred. "It's really small and cramped. We have no room to do anything.

I can't really be at my desk [under the lofted bed] for very long because there's not enough oxygen in that area of the room because it's so cramped. We have to leave the door open and the windows cracked because it's so hot in here."

Frank McGovern, the university's Director for Health and Environmental Safety, said the tripling of double rooms doesn't jeopardize our compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, last modified in 2003.

The code mandates every dormitory room meeting or exceeding 70 sq. feet in habitable

Talk" newsletter in August in which he provided answers and reminded students that good things come in threes, like the winning trios Charlie's Angels, the Hanson Brothers, and The Three Musketeers.

The department's countdown, "The Top Ten Reasons to Live in a Triple at RWU," is evocative of David Letterman's nightly Top Ten list, and listed the advantages of living in a triple and having two roommates.

The number 8 reason: Slumber Parties every night. Number 4 read: "When ordering out, splitting the bill three ways is cheaper."

The Department of Residence Life & Housing's

## Top Ten Reasons to Live in a Triple at RWU

10. You have two people to go to the dining hall with.
9. You have less to bring to school (who needs 3 TVs, 3 stereos, etc.!!!)
8. Slumber Parties every night
7. Chance to compete in Triple Challenge
6. Two more people to help you move in
5. Just think... two people to help you carry all those textbooks from the bookstore
4. When ordering out, splitting the bill three ways is cheaper
3. Because three is a magical number
2. Can you say extended closet, music, & movie opportunities?
1. The chance to make two new friends really fast.

space, with one dimension of the room being at least 7 feet in width. "The rooms we have triples in stay within those dimensions. The numbers meet the code requirements," he said.

For the Cedar freshmen in temporary triples, it's just a matter of how to best use the limited space they're given.

Drew Cameron arrived on campus early and helped advise his roommates on what to bring. "He [nudging his roommate, Justin] wanted to bring a futon and I was like 'absolutely no room for a futon!' [The space is] actually not that bad. We made it work pretty well."

Anticipating the questions and concerns of tripled students, Montefusco and his staff published the "Triple

And, the number 1 reason: "The chance to make two new friends really fast."

Less than two weeks into the semester, Cedar students are, for the most part, finding all these reasons to make sense. They're content with the temporary triples.

"I think, obviously, it would be more comfortable if there were just two people," said Lindsey Capelli. "It's kinda tight; it really is. But you learn to deal with it."

**Editor's Note:** This is the first in a three-part series. Next week: 40 freshmen in Baypoint without cars? What's going on here?

## Three's company in Cedar's "temporary" triples



Danielle Ameden

Roommates Jack Bunn, Alex Felton, and Taylor Sullivan.



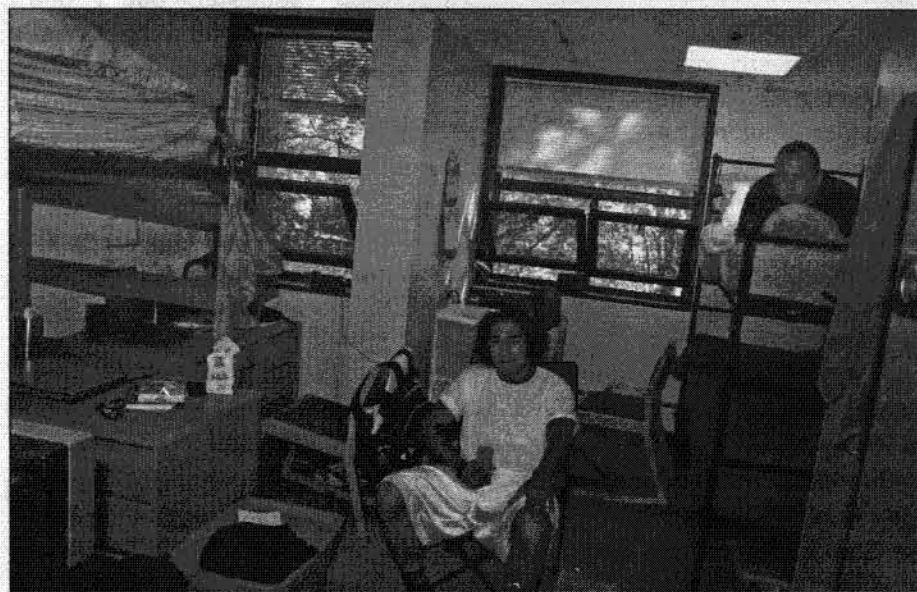
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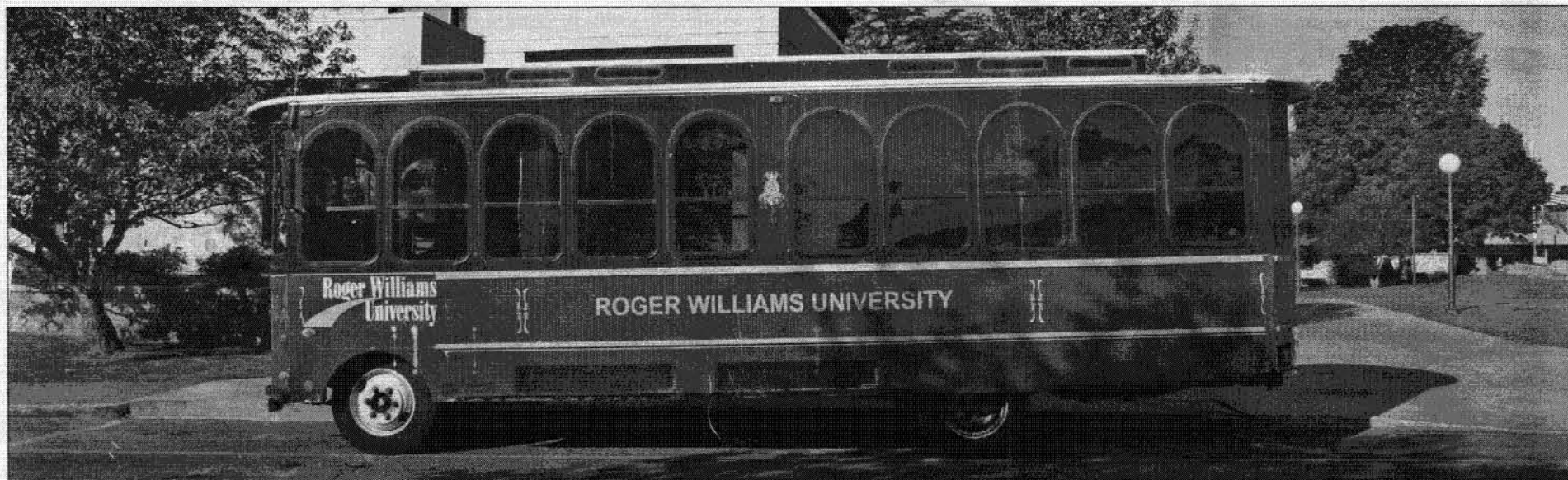
Ryan Stewart, Justin Anderson, and Drew Cameron.



Danielle Ameden

Mario Rey and Greg Clauson.

# We love you, Molly Trolley



Timothy Mannion

RWU's beloved trolley takes a break outside the Gabelli School of Business to wait for boarding students before continuing its loop around the Bristol campus.

Danielle Ameden  
News Editor

The brassy, bell-clanging Molly trolley that tootles through campus 45 times a day has become — like the Barn and clock tower, the sailboats and cherry blossoms — one of the classic campus elements that sell the school.

To seasoned students, it's just a roof when it rains, and a chute back to campus from J lot, but more than that, the trolley is charming and fun.

Besides shuttling students between north and south campus, the trolley is transportation for important university happenings.

"We use it for a lot for special events because it's so attractive," said Public Safety's Transportation and Parking Coordinator Kate Tobin.

"It's old world. And it looks very nice."

"I really think it's so cute on Accepted Students Day and stuff when they can travel around on the trolley through the school," said

'05 alumna Michelle Moore. "I really think it adds to the character of our university."

Last April, Elizabeth Sargent, an accepted student from Albany,

thought the trolley looked like a fun ride. "It's kind of nostalgic. If I had a choice, I'd rather get on a trolley. I'd definitely be more apt to grab it if I was walking somewhere and I knew it was going where I was going. I'd jump on."

to ride it. Would you?" she asked her son. He shook his head 'no,' saying, "It's nice." He liked it's "classic design."

"It's got character — more than a blue bus,"

Francisco trolleys where you just jump on the side."

"Well, you can't really do that here because of the weather and all."

arrival lay in parking's move toward north campus. Barkett said the inner-campus trolley program was started for the fall 2003 semester, when the north class-

loop at 7:15 a.m. and running through the day and into the night.

Tobin says the shuttle back to south campus may be packed to the 34-passenger max this semester because of the new parking platform added at J Lot.

The deck, providing 330 new parking spaces, accommodates on- and off-campus residents parking at north campus and taking the trolley to their classes or dorms.

Last year, students waited idly at the top of Old Ferry Road for a B Lot parking spot, a lot which is now for faculty and administrators only.

The grueling stop-and-go track around campus isn't ideal for a vehicle, but according to Noonan, the trolley is holding up well.

"It's not good for it, but that's what happens in Providence and Newport with those things. They drive around on side streets, and they stop and they go. They don't spend a lot of time on the highways.

"That's the nature of the beast."

**"You wouldn't be embarrassed to ride it. Would you?" she asked her son. He shook his head 'no,' saying, "It's nice." He liked its 'classic design.'"**

It was RWU's board chairman Ralph R. Papitto who visualized a more pedestrian-friendly campus with circling trolleys providing transportation, said Vice President of Finance James Noonan.

"He had a vision of getting all the parking away from the main part of campus to make it pedestrian," said Noonan, "and having shuttles running regularly for faculty, staff, students, everyone—he had a vision of like the San

said sophomore Mike Hurley.

"It's nicer seeing that coming through 10, 15, 20 times a day than seeing a yellow school bus," said Deputy Director of Public Safety Ely Barkett.

room became home plate for the communications department.

Noonan worked with the university's head of purchasing and the director of public safety to find the right vehicle for the inner-campus loop.

"RIPTA emailed us photos of several vehicles that they had available. That was one of them. We looked at it and said, 'that one looks really attractive. Let's take it out for a test run.'"

According to Noonan, the university bought the nine-year-old trolley for about \$50,000 in 2003. He added, new trolleys retail for around \$120,000.

The trolley's schedule runs almost like clockwork, beginning its

the eleven-year old trolley hails from Ogunquit, Maine, where it was built by the Molly Trolley company out of rust-resistant aluminum.

Before traversing the RWU campus, the trolley was owned by Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA).

One of the reasons behind the trolley's

These are the ones with the 2.6 GPA. Street smart. Pure and simple thinkers.

Without that type of thinking I wouldn't have made it to where I am today. And today I am here, on this sheet of paper. Right here in this ink. And I have demands for this year.

1. Just once I would like the issue of this

paper to be treated with respect. If you pick it up and take a glance at it but don't want to keep it, put it back down. Someone might want a copy. Don't throw it away.

2. Anyone who wants to write for the paper but don't think they are talented enough should really question their attitude. Why not try? I have people every

day saying they want to write but never actually do. Write about something. Anything really. Just make it creative. That's all I ask.

3. Enjoy the year. I know I will- I stole pink bed sheets from my sister (which currently swarm my mattress) and I have a whole lot of Oreo cookies to munch on. That's all I need.

## A message from your editor

Good morning, RWU. My name is Tim Mannion and I'm your new Editor in Chief of the Hawks Herald.

This is an important time for us. The freshmen have almost had enough time on campus to be fully adjusted. By now they understand how to steal the drinks from the snack bar, laundry detergent from the

person who left it on top of the dryer, and ketchup and mustard from the café. They have learned how to use picnic tables for Beirut games.

A few students have learned the value of plastic as they have been spotted putting milk and Gatorade into a bottle and (oh no!) bringing it out of the building! These are the survivors.

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Timothy Mannion  
Editor

# Can't buy me G-Love



Tracey Lemle, Timothy Mannion, Danielle Ameden  
Editors

On Sunday, Sept. 4, G-Love and Special Sauce came to the Paolino Field to play for the CEN/WQRI Outdoor Concert and BBQ.

The band put on a great show that included lots of freestyling, which gave the large crowd something to dance to all afternoon.

While playing frisbee, students enjoyed a BBQ, good weather, and great music. They seemed completely content as G-Love continuously called them "Students of Rogers of the Williams."

Senior Dan Conte smiled as he recapped his afternoon. "Although I got there a little too late to enjoy all the food, the band played a great set. I'm pretty familiar with G-Love and Special Sauces' music and they definitely performed some of my favorites. It was fabulous."

## RWU tops Salve in college rankings

U.S. News & World Report lists RWU at #13 in its tier

Will Grapentine  
Contributing Writer

Every gambler has a lucky number, and if Roger Williams was a Vegas high roller, his lucky number would be 13. In the recent college issue of U.S. News and World Report, a highly prominent weekly news magazine, a showcase of the nation's best colleges

had RWU ranking in at number 13 among Northern comprehensive bachelor colleges.

RWU outranked the likes of Endicott College (at 20), New England College (at 34), and Salve Regina University (at 44).

Rankings, highly esteemed in the academic world, were established with a set of criteria

that included: Peer assessment, Average Freshman retention rate, graduation & retention rate, and student/faculty ratio.

The announcement of RWU receiving such a high rating has caused quite a stir on campus.

"We are thrilled," said Jeffrey Brown Martin, Interim Provost at RWU. "It reflects

what we've become as an institution." He attributed our ranking to the university's strengths in "strong students, hard-working faculty, and extraordinary work."

Martin said that until now, RWU has been a "well-kept secret." But now, because of the school's recognition, what was once a school with "no libraries, no

law school, and buildings half this size" has flourished into something much greater.

Martin continued to say how this ranking isn't just "good for recruiting students and faculty," but also "good for raising money and various donations."

So where will the school be in five years? "Selective growth

on various graduate and undergraduate programs will increase the enrollment without a spike in tuition," said Martin. Indeed, this rating brings an array of opportunities to Roger Williams University. "We are not Brown yet," Martin conceded. But, he said, RWU will "keep striving to be better every year."

**THE HAWKS OF HAZZARD**  
Weeks of Welcome 2005



Fri. 9/9

CEN Comedy: Mark Saldana (Student Union Snack Bar)

9:00 p.m.

Sat. 9/10

'80's Dance (Dining Hall)

9:00 p.m.

Wed. 9/14

Student Involvement Fair (D'Angelo Common)

11:00 a.m.

Fri. 9/16

CEN Bonfire with Mocktails from IRHA (North Field)

7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9/17

CEN Film: The Longest Yard (Dining Hall)

8:00 p.m.

Wed. 9/21

Community Service Fair (D'Angelo Common)

8:00 p.m.

Sat. 9/24

CEN Chameleon Club: 2005 Hawk Pride

10:00 p.m.

Tues. 9/27

Speaker: Tobias Wolff (Gymnasium)

7:30 p.m.

**This Week  
in Sports****9/10**Men's Soccer  
vs. Curry, noonCross Country  
@ Connecticut  
College  
InvitationalWomen's  
Soccer vs.  
Curry, 2:30pmWomen's  
Tennis vs.  
Nichols, 1pmWomen's  
Volleyball vs.  
WIT and UNE,  
11am**9/11**  
Men's Soccer  
vs. Amherst,  
2pm**9/13**  
Women's  
Soccer @ WIT,  
7pmWomen's  
Tennis @  
WIT, 4pmWomen's  
Volleyball @  
Connecticut  
College, 7pm**9/14**  
Men's Soccer  
@WIT, 7pm**9/15**  
Women's  
Volleyball @  
Suffolk, 7pm**9/16**  
BONFIRE,  
7:30pm

# New athletic staffers and coaches highlight 2005/2006 school year

By Christopher Parish  
Sports Editor

A lot has changed around the Athletic Department at RWU for this school year, and it's not just the construction and parking.

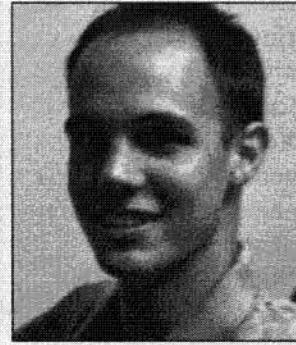
Over the course of the summer, Athletic Director George Kolb replaced voids on the women's volleyball team and the equestrian team as well as hired a new Sports Information Intern.

Bret Stothart, the new volleyball coach, will also serve as the

Director of Intramurals and Recreation for the university. Stothart, a 1998 graduate of Springfield University, was at one time the National Division III Player of the Year in men's volleyball and led his team to a national championship in 1997. Stothart has served at his alma mater as an assistant to the men's program as well as the women's volleyball team at Niagra as a graduate assistant.

Sarah Stavely O'Carroll will be the Head Equestrian Coach

for the university this season. O'Carroll graduated magna cum laude



Christopher Parish  
New Head Volleyball  
coach Bret Stothart.

from Brown University in May 2003 and was a member of the equestrian team all four years,

serving as team social chair and press secretary. During her time at Brown, the team captured four straight regional championships, two Ivy League titles (2000 and 2002) and placed in the top 10 nationally twice. O'Carroll has also served as Barn Manager at Peak Rock Farm in South Dartmouth, Mass. and as a riding instructor at Quansett Farm in Westport, Mass.

Kolb has also hired the Sports Information Intern for the coming year, Shaun Russell. Russell, who graduated from Springfield College earlier this year, has vast experience in Sports Information as he served in the Springfield College Sports Information Office. Russell was also on the college indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

## GAME OF THE WEEK Men's Soccer kicks off season with home win

By Christopher Parish  
Sports Editor

The RWU men's soccer team opened its season amid sunny skies and a healthy crowd with great defense and just enough offense in a 2-0 victory over LaSalle College in the Roger Williams Invitational last Wednesday at Bayside Field.

Neither team established a rhythm but the Hawks put together the most scoring opportunities while holding LaSalle to just 14 shots, six on net, all stopped by Hawks' junior goalkeeper Kevin Deegan. Deegan was only truly tested once in the game on a shot that hit the crossbar midway through the first half. The Laser players began

celebrating as RWU defensemen looked on as though stunned, but referees ruled that the ball never crossed the goal line.

The Hawks' defense would seldom budge again. After a scoreless first half, Shohei Okubo netted the first goal of the season in the 66th minute, assisted by freshman Brandon O'Donovan.

Not long after, sophomore Chris Kissane added an insurance goal, assisted by Jamie Pereira, to cap the scoring. Both teams played a clean game, with very few free kicks and no cards issued.

RWU coach Jim Cook was satisfied with his team's performance, but

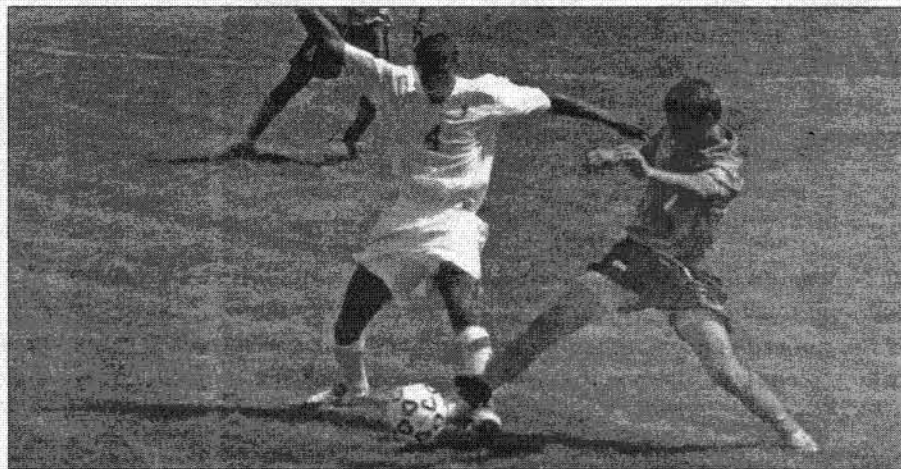
he stressed that the team didn't play perfectly.

"There were mistakes on both sides," said Cook. "But we played well defensively. There were five kids looking at their first start. We got contributions from two freshmen, two sophomores and a transfer student.

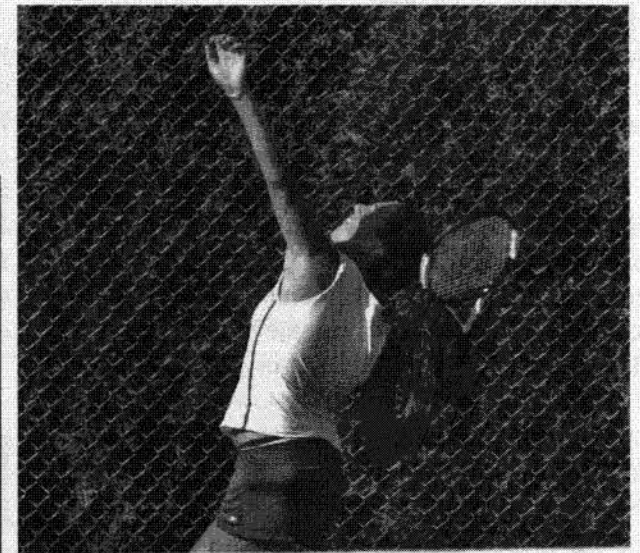
"I'm happy with the 2-0 result; I thought we were the better team."

The game was the first of five straight home contests to open the season.

The team played without last year's leading scorer, sophomore Nate Boucher, to a one-game suspension and various injuries. Boucher is expected to rejoin the team this weekend.



Christopher Parish  
Ardy Jagne (4) battles a LaSalle defender for possession during the Hawks' 2-0 victory in their season opener last Wednesday.



Christopher Parish  
An RWU women's tennis player serves during her match vs. UMass-Dartmouth on Tuesday.

## Roundup: volleyball loses a close match

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Coast Guard.

The women's volleyball team took Babson to five games but lost in the end, 30-28, 25-30, 30-28, 16-30, 15-12.

The Hawks led 27-23 in the first match of the game before finally falling, losing the last four points in a row. RWU kept the game close, tying the score and dropping another game before rallying in large fashion to send the match to a fifth game, 15-point tiebreak but fell in the end. The match was the first home game for the team this season as they dropped to 2-3.

In other news:

**WEDNESDAY, 9/7:**

Junior goaltender Kevin Deegan kept his shutout streak intact at three straight games, but the Hawks couldn't find the net in a scoreless draw at home against

Deegan, who has not yet allowed a goal this season, made six saves through two regulation halves and two 10-minute overtimes but RWU managed only seven total shots, four on goal. Freshman Brandon O'Donovan narrowly missed a goal just ten seconds into the first overtime.

**TUESDAY, 9/6:**

Freshman Kristen O'Gorman netted the first goal of her college career and Caitlyn Mayo added another second half goal, but the Hawks fell to Rhode Island College, 3-2.

Mayo's goal, the second of the season, pulled the Hawks to one late in the game but the Anchorwomen held off a late RWU charge to improve to 2-0. The Hawks fell to 1-2.

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## Roundup: Deegan's shutout streak still intact; harriers place first and second at NEC Invite

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### TUESDAY, 9/6:

Caitlyn Leone won her #1 singles and doubles matches, as the Hawks cruised past UMass-Dartmouth in women's tennis, 8-1.

Leone and partner Jess Manners won their doubles match 8-1 before Leone cruised to a 6-3, 6-4 victory in her singles match. Manners also won her singles match in straight sets. Freshman Maghan Cornell stayed perfect in singles and added a win in doubles as well.

### SATURDAY, 9/3:

Not even mismatched uniforms could slow down the Hawks in their first race of the season at New England College in Henniker, NH.

Freshman sensation Emily Bome won the women's race in 20:41 as the women's team cruised to victory. Seniors Marybeth McLaughlin and Katie Parise, sophomores Michelle Buechner and Sarah Chrapek, and freshman Meghan Fish all placed in the top

seven for the Hawks. The men's team was nearly as successful, finishing second behind the University of Southern Maine. Senior Jon Buell tripped midway through the race but still managed to place fifth overall in 29:01. Freshman Kevin Clark and senior Jim Dugan followed closely behind, and freshman Tim O'Koren and junior Jim Maznio rounded out the scoring. The Hawks will travel to Connecticut College next Saturday.

### SATURDAY, 9/3:

The men's soccer team capped off their RWU Fall Classic by defeating UMass-Dartmouth, 1-0.

Junior midfielder Jamie Pereira scored the game's only goal and Kevin Deegan made five saves for his second shutout in a row.

### SATURDAY, 9/3:

Sophomore Amy Mauer earned All-Tournament honors as the women's volleyball team finished in a tie for second place at the Springfield Invitational Tournament.

The Hawks defeated

Rhode Island College on Friday evening but lost to Brandeis. On Saturday, RWU fell to Springfield College in straight games but rebounded to beat Suffolk University. The matches were the first for new head coach Bret Stothart.

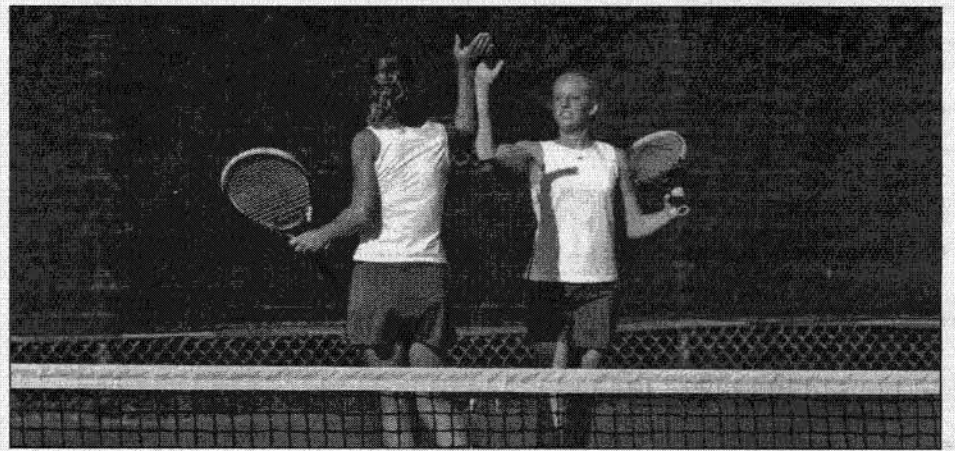
### SATURDAY, 9/3:

The co-ed sailing team began their season with the Harry Anderson Regatta, hosted by Yale University.

In the "A" division, junior Dave Hyler and sophomore Alex Boudrew placed 7th out of 24 teams, while seniors Drew Hamilton and Kristen Pappas were 19th of 24 in the "B" division. Overall the team placed 15th.

### FRIDAY, 9/2:

The women's soccer



Christopher Parish

Christina Consoles and Caitlyn Codding celebrate a point in their match against UMass-Dartmouth on Tuesday. Cornell won as the Hawks cruised 8-1.

team began their season with a tournament loss to Eastern Menonite College, 3-1. Caitlyn May scored the Hawks' only goal at 25:05 of the first half.

The Hawks did rebound, however, with a dramatic 3-2 overtime win over Marymount.

In Saturday's consola-

tion match, sophomore Mary DaChuna struck first, junior Stephanie Johnson gave the Hawks a 2-1 lead going into halftime, and after a game-tying goal from Marymount, junior Kayla Leonard netted the game-winning goal.

### FRIDAY, 9/2:

The women's tennis

team opened their season with a disappointing loss to Babson, 7-2.

Freshmen Meghan Cornell and Christina Consoles won their singles matches to contribute to the Hawks' scoring. Cornell won her #3 singles match 6-1, 6-3 and Consoles triumphed 7-5, 2-6, 10-8.

## Sports, My Way

By Christopher Parish  
Sports Editor

Before the first story for the Hawks Herald was even written, I was offered a promotion from my Sports Editor position to Co-Editor.

I turned it down.

Why, after seven years of grunt work both at my high school paper, at my hometown paper, in my internship, and in my fourth year at RWU would I turn down the prestigious title of Editor? Simple: at a university where chaos is around every corner, the single-most well-operated department is the Athletic Department. Where as other departments (dare I say "Administration?") No, of course not...) can seem like bumbled messes at times, the Athletic Department remains as smooth as ever.

Not seeing the inherent flaws? Virtually every room in Cedar is a


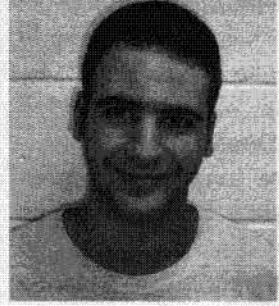
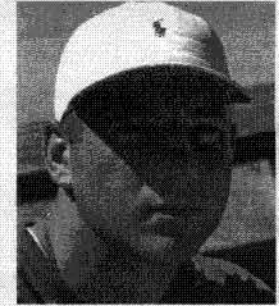

forced triple. Over 30 freshmen are in Baypoint without cars. The parking situation is a jumbled mess. The Provost was demoted and we have an "Interim Provost" which, no matter how you read it, sounds like "temporary Provost" which is never a sign of stability. Professors and department heads have come and gone like the changing of the seasons.

Meanwhile, the only stories coming out of Athletics are the seamless transition of new names and faces, advancement and growth that doesn't overlap and cause major rifts through the campus. The sour stories are buried so well I have a hard time sniffing them out and when I do find them, they're handled with class, thanks to a well run Athletic Administration, headed by the best Athletic Director I've ever met in George Kolb.

## RWU Class Sports Trivia

*Rules: Each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) will have one representative who will answer in 50 words or less the question of the week. The class with the best answer will receive one point. Judging responses is based on creativity, bold predictions, and insightful statistics. Which class has the best sports smarts? It's time to find out...*

**This week's question:**  
*Football season has begun! Which AFC and NFC team are your favorites for Super Bowl XL???*

			
<b>Tim O'Koren</b> Freshman	<b>Nick Michienzi</b> Sophomore	<b>Ryan Varney</b> Junior	<b>Alex DaLuz</b> Senior

The Patriots still have Tom Brady and their defense is still good so they'll make it back easily. As for the NFC, I'm picking the Giants. Eli Manning will be better than his brother and the Giants will be the sleeper team, mark my words.

The Patriots and the Falcons will be in the Super Bowl. Although the Patriots lost some key players and coaches, they will win the AFC under the leadership of Tom Brady and Bill Belichick. The Falcons will win the NFC after a promising finish last year, led by Michael Vick.

The Patriots have enough for come back. They have everybody they need with Belichick, Brady, and Harrison. The NFC is more up in the air but I'd like to see Atlanta. Their defense got better and they have the best player in the league in Michael Vick.

It isn't as obvious this year as it was last, but the Patriots are the favorites to represent the AFC. The NFC, or the NIT as I like to call it, is a little tougher to predict but the Eagles will make it to the Super Bowl. McNabb and T.O. are too good to bet against.

**Answer:**  
*Way to jump on the Patriots' bandwagon, everyone, but this is what senior leadership is all about. Way to go Alex; Vick can't run the West Coast Offense, and I'm not even commenting on the Giants. The frosh were poorly represented this week; who's going to make up for their errors? If you'd like to answer next week's question, "Will the Yankees make the playoffs?" email your 50 word-question to hawksherald@yahoo.com with your name and class.*

**WEEK 1 SCORES**  
Freshmen - 0  
Sophomores - 0  
Juniors - 1  
Seniors - 0

The short-term and long term goals of Athletics are clear and well-stated. Are they perfect? No. Are they easier to cover? Absolutely.

Maybe it's me taking the easy road, a simple case of senioritis, or the fact that I don't have the tolerance to deal with why it takes the school six months to pave a

couple of sidewalks. But when it comes to the choice between covering another bungled issue on campus or standing on the shore at 5 a.m. on some 30-

degree morning taking photos of the sailing team, I'll take the latter. Given everything else that's going on around this campus, it's a welcome distraction.