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Bristol tells students "Be quiet!"

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

Bristol, Rhode Island, a quaint little sailing town on the peninsula of the smallest state in the U.S., has become victimized by a mix of cheap booze, litter, and blaring noise. Bristol is a small provincial town that has become a vacation destination as well as a typical "college town."

A desire for independence along with expensive and inefficient on-campus housing, forces many students to move off campus and into town. The students living off campus, in Bristol, threaten the town's peace and quiet for seven months out of the year, and local residents have decided to take action.

On Wednesday, Bristol's Town Council adopted a new noise ordinance that would hold residents, as well as owners, responsible for a disorderly house. The new noise ordinance will make it tougher for Roger Williams University students to continue partying without consequences.

"People want to enjoy the peace and tranquility of their home, and they have that right to do so," Bristol Town Council Chairman, Richard Ruggiero said.

The new ordinance defines a disorderly house as "a residence or dwelling in which two noise disturbances have occurred within a period of 12-months or less." The ordinance holds the owner, in

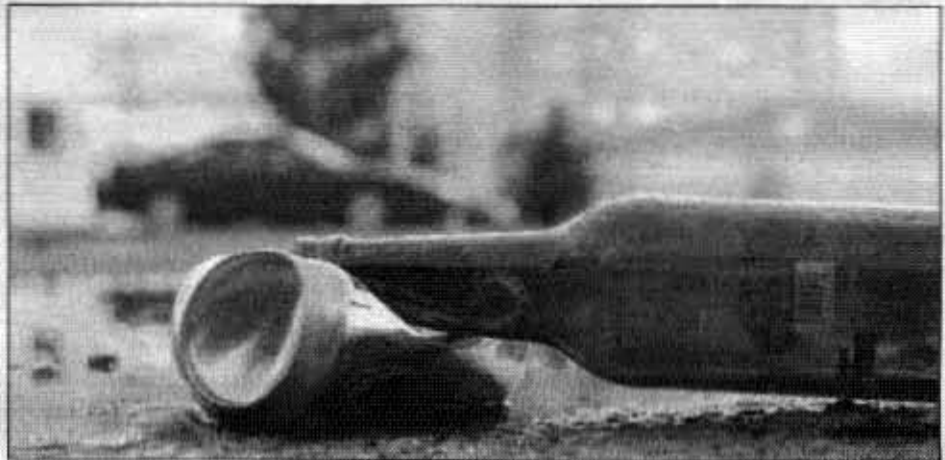
many cases the landlord, responsible for any noise complaints and gives them the right to initiate eviction proceedings if they so wish.

If police officers are called to a home due to a noise complaint, they cannot legally enter a home, unless the owner is present and gives permission. The ordinance will allow the police officers to call the landlords to come to the residence, if the officers feel they need to enter the dwelling.

The noise ordinance does not specifically target students. With many students residing off-campus, however, local residents have seen more and more partying. This was especially true at the beginning of the school year, which was when the ordinance was first proposed. Even residents who have no student neighbors this year have had past experiences with frustrating loud noise in the wee hours of the morning.

"They really weren't bad kids, and I can't even say it was every weekend, because it wasn't," Bristol resident Kathy Catalan said. "It was just once in a while on Saturdays there would be doors opening and closing and girls laughing and it was all at around 2 a.m."

Students have different opinions about the new noise ordinance. Some students believe they have every right to party, but most are apathetic toward the



Michael Hurley

The Party House Ordinance will attempt to cause less tension between RWU students and residents of Bristol.

ordinance.

"It's already in our lease that we can get kicked out if we get just one noise violation because I guess the people before us were real partiers. So I do not really care either way," student Mike Scheiderich said.

According to The Bristol Phoenix, the Bristol Police Department owns one noise meter, but officers do not bring it to every noise disturbance, because usually the decibel, or volume, of the noise isn't loud enough to violate the noise ordinance. Parties and gatherings are normally within legal limits, unless a band is playing, which could call for legal action to be

taken. The decibel levels set for the day are higher than those for the night.

If the noise level is high enough to violate the noise ordinance, the police can issue fines or tickets. Usually, however, when called to a party house, officers know that the meter would do no good, do not bring it, and use the mediation technique instead stated The Bristol Phoenix.

The Bristol Town Council stressed that officers need to bring the noise meter to every noise complaint. The noise meter is the only legal proof of a noise violation. The Town Council will also purchase more noise meters for the department, and

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Redefining "dishonor" killings

Husseini speaks on civil rights

Amy Torregrossa
Herald Staff

You're a reporter. You work for *The Jordan Times*. Your boss asks you to cover a story in town about a recent murder. This is your first hard news story. You find out the unimaginable:

After being raped by her 21-year-old brother and becoming pregnant, the victim's family forced her to get an abortion. After the abortion, the victim's family then forced her to marry a 50-year-old. The marriage did not last more than six months; once she was divorced, the brother killed her in order to cleanse the family's name.

As a reporter, you're stunned and confused. To get more information you contact a close relative of the victim, the girl's

uncle, who is your best source.

You meet him, and when you ask why the 16-year-old girl was killed, he replies, "She seduced her brother to sleep with her." You reply "Why would she sleep with her own brother when there are plenty of men other than her brother to sleep with?" The uncle simply reacts by criticizing your clothes and the fact you studied in the states, and asking you why you are asking such questions. You get uncomfortable; there are other men in the room. You leave.

Knowing that this so called honor killing is an issue in Jordan, knowing that this sort of crime accounts for over 1/3 of the killings in Jordan, and knowing that this subject is taboo, unspoken amongst Jordanians, would you report it?

Husseini did.

On Sunday October 1, 40 students watched as Husseini walked to the front of the lecture room, awaiting her much anticipated speech on Honor Killings. The room was silent, only broken by Husseini saying, "You know you can keep talking, I'm not a professor," followed by a laugh.

Husseini, a journalist for *The Jordan Times* and human rights activist, has shed some light on the dark and often overlooked issue of honor killings. Identified as an act of culture, these "so-called honor

killings" are practiced in Arab communities all over the world. Husseini has dedicated her life to help raise awareness to the national and international communities about the practices of honor killings.

Through speeches and newspaper articles, Husseini has accumulated six awards from the international community and helped the Jordanian government see what they have neglected to notice for decades.

The atmosphere was quite light considering the topic at hand. After being introduced by Jen Stanley, Director of Residence Life and Women's Center Advisor, as well as a formal introduction from the president of the women's center, Ellen Messali, Husseini began her speech.

The opening story above was the one Husseini used to begin her talk on Sunday. It was not a fabricated story to illustrate what could happen, this actually happened in the country of Jordan. It is a story that she later said she has told "more than 200 times." Since this event, it seems as though Husseini has made it her mission to shed some light on a topic that never saw the light of day.

The Human Rights Watch defines honor killings as, "...acts of violence, usu-

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Sarah Cournoyer

Jordanian journalist Rana Husseini came to speak at Roger Williams University about the atrocities that are occurring in some villages in Jordan. "Honor Killings" occurs when a woman has shamed her family. She is then brutally murdered

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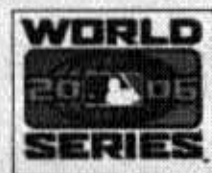
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“My Advice to Freshmen”

Stop acting like Freshmen

I will admit that I have done many, many stupid things during my time spent at college.

I mean I once tried to leap off one of those stone cliffs before a Chameleon Club while in sandals and wound up busting up my hands and knees and bleeding everywhere. That did not stop me from still going in and trying to dance for awhile before I realized that A. I was bleeding all over myself and other people and B. it hurt really, really badly.



Jim Dugan
Herald Staff

However, as bad as my decisions have been in the past, I can at least say that I have never knocked on the door of an off-duty R.A., woken them up, and then asked them if it was cool that the bottle of Gatorade I was holding was filled with Vodka.

You know why I wouldn't ever do this? Because I don't act like a freshman.

Yes, this really happened in one of the freshman dorms. Sadly, it is not even the half of it.

Every Sunday morning, I go to brunch and hear the stories all around me. One group got written up because they played beer pong with the window shades open.

Apparently some guy tried walking up and down the halls of Cedar with a 30 in his hands. I'm just waiting to hear of the next bush-jumping incident (although those are always hilarious to hear about, well, except when that kid fell like 18 feet down a pit behind one of the bushes. Actually, that was pretty funny too).

To these people I have one bit of advice.

Stop acting like freshmen.

Yes, it is true that many of you are actually freshmen, and there are some things you need to learn on your own. However, this is not a valid excuse, and I am really getting tired of hearing the ambulance pulling up to Cedar at 5 p.m.

But I'm not here to complain, I'm here to help. So freshmen, I'm giving you a golden opportunity here: an inside guide to make yourself, if not somewhat likeable, then at least tolerable, to upperclassmen.

First of all, if you get invited to the gathering of an upperclassman, do not try and change the music. You are no longer with your boys from high school and you do not get to control what plays at some-

one else's place.

Same thing goes for the ladies, especially those that I like to call the “my favorite...” girls. You can tell who they are because they scream out “This song is my favorite in the world!!!” after every single song. And since every song is their favorite, they need to crank the volume a little higher each time, with their most favorite song coming on at about R.A. roam time. Happens every time.

Ok, now to the drinking. There is an episode of *Family Guy* in which Peter goes for the world record of most nickels swallowed and winds up going blind. The moral of this being, just because you can swallow nickels, that doesn't mean you should.

The same thing goes, let's say, for Vodka. Sure you may be able to chug an entire handle, but that does not mean you should. However, in this case, instead of going blind you throw up all over my floor.

I know you are trying to do it to impress you are friends or that girl whose name you don't even know, but trust me, this is not the way to do it. It will only single you out as the biggest laughingstock of the night and have your friends laughing at you for weeks (or months or even years depending on how bad it gets – trust me, I know) and the girl will never talk to you again.

Seriously – you just drank a whole bottle of Vodka and then vomited on the floor. That creepy guy who sat in the corner all night without talking to anyone has a better chance now than you. If you are lucky, you will just wake up with black marker covering every inch of your body. Don't get mad. You earned it.

Next issue: do not bring an army of your friends. You may have been lucky enough to have been invited to the party, but that does not mean your roommate, her neighbor, his girlfriend, her cousin, his friend Sebastian, his squash partner, and her pen pal from Canada all can come too. Being invited is a privilege, and it can just as easily be taken away.

(Note: this rule can be bent if the party is hosted by a guy and all your friends are smoking hot girls).

If you can follow these rules you'll gain an advantage over the rest of your class. Maybe some of the upperclassmen will even start to enjoy having you around. Now I'm not saying don't go have a fun and crazy night. All that I am asking from you freshmen is to please, please, stop acting like freshmen.

Amy's Advice



Amy Smith
Herald Staff

Dear Amy,

Q. I am a sophomore here at RWU and I am feeling very stressed out. I thought that this year would be less stressful than when I was a freshman, but it just seems like there is even more to be stressed about now. I just feel so overwhelmed with work and classes. What are some ways that I could deal with this?

A. The first thing that you should realize, and maybe you already have, is that you are not at all alone in feeling stressed out about your busy life at school. We all have times where we just feel like there is no end to all the tasks that need to be accomplished. However, there are healthy ways of coping with stress.

I went to our campus Center for Counseling and Student Development to get some professional tips for you. There were some tips for dealing with short term stress as well as long term stress.

A great way to start coping with stress is to make a list or plan on paper of the tasks that you need to accomplish or whatever in your life is stressing you out. This could be a simple list, keeping a day planner, or keeping a journal.

Sometimes, if you just write down your feelings something will appear to you that was not so obvious before. For example, if you just start writing about how you feel you may realize that it was not all the homework you had that stressed you out, but you were stressing because of something that was happening with a friend or roommate that you just could not pinpoint before. Making a list is helpful because you put your tasks in perspective and you can check them off as you complete them.

One technique that was listed is to “Get away from it for a while,” which I personally find very helpful. This entails just taking a short break from whatever it is that is making you feel tense and doing something that you find relaxing. I like to take a walk or cook to clear my mind. You could just listen to a few songs that you enjoy or take a long shower to get your mind back in balance.

Another way to help yourself cope with stress is to use your head in a positive way. For example, visualizing the relief that you will feel once your homework is done, or thinking about the paycheck you will receive after going to work may make these tasks seem less daunting. You could also use your mind to relax through meditation. The Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals (P.E.E.R.) will be running a meditation and stress reduction workshop in the near future. A date has not been scheduled for this yet, but you can always go to your residential P.E.E.R. for any stress related problems that you are having.

Lastly, there is an anonymous depression and anxiety screening on the RWU website that may be of help. You may not be depressed or have anxiety but sometimes stress can lead to depression or anxiety. Also, there is a possibility that your stress stems from an underlying issue that you have not yet identified. If the tips I recommended do not seem to work then you may want to do the screening or go to the Center for Counseling and Student Development to schedule an appointment with a professional.

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Students split on potential casino

What is the Casino?

Sarah Smith

Rhode Island voters will have several important decisions to make as they cast their ballots in the 2006 Midterm Election.

This year's Rhode Island election has drawn a significant amount of National attention, with the highly contested Senate race that could play a part in a giving the democrats control of the Senate. On a local level, the state hopes to finally solve an issue that has been heavily debated since the mid 1990s: should the Narragansett Indian Tribe be allowed to run a casino in West Warwick?

Gambling debates have resurged in state midterm elections since the early 1970s, when the state constitution was amended to allow the State to establish the State Lottery. In 1996 the U.S Congress passed what would be known as "the Chaffee amendment" created by the late Rhode Island Senator John H. Chaffee.

The amendment exempted the Narragansett Indian tribe from the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, thus bar-

ring the tribe to build and maintain casinos on their own land without state approval. The Narragansett tribe declared the amendment racist, but was not able to persuade a federal court they faced in 1997; the court upheld the Chaffee Amendment.

In 1998, Providence proposed a casino at Field's Point involving the Narragansett tribe and Capital Gaming International, a gaming company based out of Arizona. Once Capital Gaming came to odds with the General Assembly of Rhode Island, the company bowed out of the plan.

The Narragansett Tribe joined forces with a new company, the Las Vegas Company Harrah's Entertainment. They turned their focus toward creating a casino in West Warwick, an issue that would cause a stir in both the 2004 and 2006 elections.

In 2004 a bill was passed that allowed a question on the general election ballot that asked voters whether or not a Narragansett-run Casino should be built in West Warwick. Three months before the election the Supreme Court overturned the bill, saying it interfered with the State's right to operate all "lotteries" as stated in the early 1970s amendment.

This year, voters will be asked if they support a constitutional amendment that

will "authorize a resort casino in the town of West Warwick, to be privately owned and privately operated in association with the Narragansett Indian Tribe," as quoted in the Providence Journal.

Harrah's Entertainment, the company working with the Narragansetts, has put an unusual twist in the campaign trail; the company has rented out a 40 foot luxury tour bus that will tour across the state, encouraging voters to support the casino.

Opponents to the amendment have been quiet until recently, airing their first TV ad in early September. A major argument against the casino is the uncertainty of it all- what if it does not live up to expectations? There's no guarantee that the casino will bring in that much money and that many jobs?

One of the leading opponents, former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln G. Almond, argues that a casino would hurt local businesses' and ruin the quality of life for Rhode Islanders.

In an interview with the *Providence Journal*, Almond implies that the state needs to pick its battles, asking "do we worry when people go skiing in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine in the winter? Are we going to build a mountain?" You can't win them all.

OP-ED: Anti-Casino

Michael Daly

There is a referendum on the ballot in November on whether the State's Constitution should be changed to allow the construction of a Narragansett Indian Casino in West Warwick. This has created a rift in the local political scene. The debate has even created an ideological divide within me. I completely support the idea of organized gambling. I see the idea of building a casino to be a very positive thing for the state; it would bring more jobs, tourism and tax dollars to the State.

The only problem I have with this proposal is that it is racist.

I know whenever someone sees the word racist he or she may automatically link it with the idea of one group oppressing another, but this is not always the case. The casino proposal is racist in this case because it favors the Narragansett Indians for no reason other than their race. If this referendum would pass, it would allow the *only* the Narragansett Indians to construct a full-fledged resort-type casino.

My question is why is it that only the Narragansett Indians who deserve to construct the casino while others do not? Other organizations, such as The Newport Grand and Lincoln Park, have asked the State for the right to build a full-fledge casino in the state before but they were turned down. The only reason I can see why the Narragansett Indians would be given this right is the fact of their racial identity, which is the only thing that makes them different. Doesn't that seem wrong? What if there was a referendum on the ballot that favored a white group and the only reason provided was the fact that they were white? I think there would be no question on the matter that it was indeed racist.

Why are things so different when it is a Native American casino?

Some may point out that according to federal law and precedent that a federally recognized Indian tribe, on their land, is in itself an independent sub-nation and are thus autonomous. According to the law and precedent, the Narragansett Indians only have to answer to Federal law so they can do essentially what they want, including building a casino. There is no federal law against gambling so a federally recognized Indian tribe can build one.

I do not have a problem with this because they are not being given special rights. My problem arises with the fact that the Narragansett Indians are not a federally recognized tribe on federally recognized land. Because of this, they are not a sovereign nation and State law applies to them. They want the law changed for their own benefit.

Even though I support gambling, I find I cannot support this proposed referendum. It is racist and wrong to change a law, any law, on the grounds of race.

Rhode Island Wins
with a
Harrah's
Narragansett Indian
Casino

OP-ED: Pro-Casino

Steve Almeida

By now, you have probably seen the commercials. Quick thirty-second to one-minute ads touting the benefits of a proposed casino in West Warwick, RI, or the anti-casino ads urging you to "save our state" and vote against the casino amendment. So what is the truth in this matter? The truth will have to be determined by you, but I'm here to give you my take on this proposition.

I was recently given the opportunity to work for Rhode Islanders for Jobs and Tax Relief, the casino-backed group that is responsible for those ads that you see. I was excited to get this job because I was already a proponent of the casino, and since working for RIJTR and learning more about the casino, I support this project even more strongly (and not just because of a sweet paycheck). The Narragansett Indian Casino will provide millions of dollars in annual property tax relief, millions of dollars to local businesses through increased tourism, and thousands of both direct and indirect jobs.

Rhode Island currently has the fifth highest property tax rate in the United States. This high tax rate makes RI less appealing to working, yet struggling families, and especially for younger home-buy-

ers and renters---like you.

According to Harrah's Entertainment estimates, if enough RWU students and other RI citizens vote yes on Question 1 on November 7, 144 million dollars will be generated annually through the casino that will be directed toward lowering property tax rates in Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns 2.6 million dollars to Bristol, alone. Voting yes on Question 1 will be a major step toward making RI a more liveable state.

The next major benefit that the proposed casino can offer is the increased tourism that will be brought to the state, and those tourists' impact on local businesses. An estimated three million tourists a year will be brought to Rhode Island.

According to Christiansen Capital Advisors, LLC, these new tourists will bring over 200 million dollars to local businesses in Rhode Island within the first years of operation. The Narragansett Indian Casino has the ability to be one of the largest investments in Rhode Island history. It will be a great boost to the economy, and it will make RI an easier place in which to live.

Another benefit the casino can bring to RI is the thousands of jobs that will be created. 3,800 permanent jobs will be created. 3,500 non-permanent construction jobs will be created. 2,000 indirect jobs will be created through the casino's use of local vendors (i.e. landscapers, furnishing companies, food services, etc. . . .). Just think how these jobs will not only affect the overall quality of life for Rhode Islanders, but how they may affect you. Resort/casinos need security personnel, business managers, hotel managers, mar-

keting professionals, public relations professionals, and many other jobs that require college-educated young adults.

You may wonder why anyone would not want this casino and the benefits it will bring to RI and the previously screwed-over Narragansett Indian Tribe (a story I will leave out for now). Well, some people argue that there was no competitive process for other companies to try to get their casino proposal approved; however, this is untrue. Only the Tribe with their partner, Harrah's, has been through the necessary steps to get their proposal this far in the first place, where no other companies stepped forward with their own proposal. I think the real problem people have with the casino is their fear of change. They hear "casino" and they think about a large, unsightly, grimy den of sin. The truth is, the proposed casino is designed with local areas' privacy and safety in mind. The casino will be set back from local residences and has a nature theme, using local, pre-existing landscapes as a design model.

The proposed Narragansett Indian Casino can be a great investment in Rhode Island, and maybe even your future employment, or enjoyment. But in the face of opposition from a public who has been scared by misleading anti-casino ads, this proposition may not pass. That is why it is up to students like you---the informed public---to voice your opinion, and to make your vote count towards a prosperous future for Rhode Island. It will be up to you to vote "Yes" on Question number 1 on November 7. This cannot happen without your help, so get registered and vote for a better future for Rhode Island.

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ally murder, committed by a male family member against female relatives who are perceived to have brought dishonor upon the family...for refusing to enter into an arranged marriage, being the victim of sexual assault, seeking a divorce, or allegedly committing adultery."

Although the talk was more a focus on the female victims, Hussein made a point to talk about the killers at the end of here speech.

"I really think the killers are victims...no one wants to kill a loved one," said Hussein. She pointed out that there is more than one victim when a so called "honor killing" occurs. "You are a young boy and you kill your sister and you change forever."

Hussein also spoke about her life in Jordan, not only what it was like to be working in a world dominated by men, but also what it was like writing on such a taboo subject.

She explained that she in no way started reporting on this subject in order to get recognized by the international or national community.

When asked how her family has reacted to her accomplishments, she began by saying that her family has been behind her one hundred percent. She then spoke about receiving the Reebok Human Rights

Award with her proud brother by her side. She was granted the award for reporting on violence against women in 1998. She was further honored when Glenn Close was the one who presented the award to her.

Though the press in Jordan has finally started to acknowledge "honor killings" there are still, Hussein said, about 20 to 25 a year that Hussein is able to report on. These murders go virtually unpunished; an average sentence for an honor killing is less than one year, if any jail time at all.

Many of those who kill the women are juveniles and go to a juvenile detention center. There, they learn a trade and are released with a clean record at age 18.

According to Hussein, if the woman does not die, or a police officer steps in before she is murdered, the woman goes to jail. They claim that it is for her protection from her family. However, the woman will not be released unless the family bails her out. Primarily, they bail her out to kill her.

Before finishing her speech, Hussein gave an explanation on why it is good to bring these issues to light. Not just "honor killings" but violence against women in general.

"I think that each person can make a change...if you put your mind into something you can do it...the women they had no voice, and I wanted to be their voice. You are their voice, by just being here."

Laura DiVeglia
Herald Staff

Nearly all college students have heard of the obesity epidemic. We have been warned about the freshman fifteen, and we know about the value of exercise.

These all have been presented as positive steps, but it is becoming more and more apparent that our culture is not promoting health; it is promoting obsession. This weight obsession is contributing to low self-esteem, unhealthy eating habits, and even eating disorders in many college students. So what happens when the same information college students are bombarded with is presented to children as young as five?

Most young children know about healthy food. They know that they should go outside and play. However, in the last few years, most young children have come to know about the obesity epidemic. They are being warned about "getting fat." There are exercise videos for young children that lead them in a work-out, rather than just encouraging them to go outside and play. Children are learning about calories in school and from their friends and parents. Many young children even know about body mass index, or BMI. Shows like "Honey, We're Killing the Kids" warn parents that they need to get their children on a healthy track to help them later. However, again, the focus here has shifted from promoting health to promoting calorie-counting and near obsession.

When did the shift occur? When did we go from teaching our children to be healthy to teaching our children to fear food and be obsessed with weight, and what can we do to change it? There is no clear-cut answer, but certainly the recent

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focus on the "obesity epidemic" has fueled an "epidemic" of fear and obsession in adults. Children mimic their first role models, and their first role models are almost always their parents. While parents may be trying to protect their children from illnesses such as diabetes, there is a point where focusing too much on being "healthy" becomes unhealthy in and of itself.

What can be done to change this? One Roger Williams student who was interviewed pointed out that television programs such as Sesame Street, with its new focus on being healthy, has achieved a balance between promoting good nutrition and exercise and reassuring children it is okay to have "treats" and to sometimes spend a day reading instead of running around.

Another university student interviewed, Jennifer Miller, said, "I think that parents should be gentle with this. They should tell the kid, 'You have to eat your meat, vegetables, and grains before you have a treat.' They should make fruit and veggies available for snacking, but allow the kid a few cookies if that's what they want." Miller said. "I grew up with parents who were really strict about that stuff. No snacks. My parents were really conscious of what they were eating and how much they were exercising, and I grew up with this total fear instilled in me — that if I didn't follow the 'rules,' whatever they were, something really horrible would happen to me. I wish they had encouraged me to eat more healthy things instead of just saying eat less. Maybe I would be more healthy about food and stuff today." Heeding advice like Jennifer's may be the solution that we need.

BRISTOL: Noisy parties, no more

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stressed that the meters need to be standard procedure and all officers need to be trained in using it.

Councilwoman, Mary Parella, expressed concern with the ordinance. So the council agreed to review the ordinance periodically to make sure it is effective. This will also ensure that it will not be damaging to people's everyday life.

The noise problems do not arise from legal aged students having parties, but from the noise associated with the parties and the students being outside, as well as parking violations and littering. Noise complaints have also been made about Almeida Apartments, which are in the vicinity of a residential area.

"The important message for students living off campus and for the students who visit them is to remember that they are entering a community where people live and work full time and their expectations for noise, litter, and parking are very similar to their parents' expectations back in their own neighborhood," Vice President of Student Affairs, John J. King said.

According to King, RWU supports the local ordinances "so long as they are enforced fairly across all population demographics." Administrators encourage students to be good neighbors and respect those in the community around them.

If the university receives complaints from the Bristol Police Department or from discouraged residents, the school has the authority to bring students in for a conversation and consider any student code of conduct charges.

Students are brought to the Center for Student Development after a complaint to discuss the "Good Neighbor Policy" Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards, Heidi Hartzell said.

"There's no assumption of responsibility on or off campus," Hartzell said. "Typically the reports off campus are created by the police department. We review the report and then ask the students to come meet with us in an educational inter-

vention. We have a conversation with the students to find out what brought the police to their residence. Usually, students would take responsibility, and we would discuss things they would do differently such as communicating with their neighbors ahead of time, proactively."

There are actually very few off-campus students brought in for an intervention, and only about one student or group of students a year is brought in a second time. The school works independently from the police when handling underage drinking. If there were information that would lead the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards to believe that minors were served alcohol or that there was an environment with a lack of control, the students would receive a formal warning and documentation.

"I think that the fundamental problem is the context in which the parties are occurring," junior Patti Behen said. "The concept of quaint downtown Bristol being flooded with kegs is probably not something that is bothersome to the students because they haven't adapted to their living environments. Living in campus dorms for three years and then moving into a neighborhood with families can cause friction because of the common conflicts of interest between the residents, and therefore it is not a smooth transition."

The university recognized this problem and has developed a response to the issue.

"We [RWU] will be hosting a meeting of off-campus residents in the coming weeks in order to facilitate pro-active conversations with our staff and the Bristol Police relative to noise ordinances, working cooperatively with neighbors, and mutual expectations," said King.

There will also be educational programs about the rights and responsibilities facing students wishing to live off campus before this coming Spring's housing lottery. Ideally, the program will help students realize that they do live in a town of local residents who deserve respect and Saturday nights that do not involve having to call the police just to get some shut-eye.

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Discussion of Cuba's future, after Castro

Scholar looks toward social, political shift

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

With the health of long time socialist leader Fidel Castro in serious question, Cuba has recently garnered international focus about its current and future state.

Bearing this in mind, the Roger Williams Multicultural Center sponsored a lecture held in the Mary Tefft White Center Tuesday night by prominent Cuban studies scholar, Margaret Crahan, of Hunter College and the City University of New York.

Associate Dean of Diversity Jason Pina, who introduced Crahan, is also a former student of hers.

"I have worked on five campuses and this is the first one I have brought Dr. Crahan to speak at. I thought with Cuba's recent presence in the news it would be a topic that students would show up to hear about," Pina said.

Crahan has extensive personal experience with Cuba, having visited the country a total of twenty-seven times over her career. With the United States' current travel restrictions to Cuba such personal experience is a rare commodity in this country.

Crahan's lecture was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, laced with photographs that showed slices of political and

cultural life in Cuba.

Crahan began her lecture by discussing Cuba's current relevance due to Castro's health. Fidel Castro who has been in power since 1959 recently underwent intestinal surgery forcing him to temporarily transfer authority to his brother Raul Castro. Crahan said that the focus on Castro's poor health might be somewhat overstated.

"Castro is recovering very quickly," Crahan said implying that the 80-year-old communist leader may yet return to power.

Crahan used Castro's health to segue into the broader question of what will happen to the country when the leader does eventually relinquish power. Unlike the United States government's position that the Cuban people are itching to democratize, Crahan feels that the people may be less ready for abrupt change.

"The opinion of the Bush administration that if Fidel dies people will run in the streets and leap to liberal democracy is incorrect," Crahan said. "Cubans are not necessarily anti socialism, they may want change but maybe not to what we see as a model democracy."

Crahan cited a lack of strong civil society and organized dissident movements as reasons why the country might not jump at the chance to democratize.

While there have been public anti-socialist protests in Cuba, Crahan said that these came mostly from the country's impoverished Afro-Cuban minority. Crahan also discussed how Raul Castro, who would likely assume power from Fidel, is nearly as hardened as his brother when it comes to enforcing socialist rule.

Raul, 75, has run Cuba's military forces since the revolution. While Raul is not considered to be particularly charismatic, he has been the catalyst for many of Cuba's most noteworthy relationships.

only foreigners are allowed to stay at these plush spots.

Crahan concluded her lecture with a brief question and answer session. Questions ranged from Cuba's education

"I knew a couple who worked as very capable doctors by day but moonlighted as very successful cake bakers. They made far more money baking cakes than practicing medicine."

~Margaret Crahan

Raul, not Fidel, befriended iconic socialist Che Guevara and sparked the brothers strong relationship with Soviet Russia.

Yet Crahan also spent time pointing out places where Cuba is becoming less socialist. For instance she said all organized religions are gaining in size. Another major difference in the country is the development of what she called Cuba's "informal society." While the government still employs 90 percent of the Cuban work force, many people find additional non-government jobs to make ends meet. Crahan spoke about friends of hers who are in just this situation.

"I knew a couple who worked as very capable doctors by day but moonlighted as very successful cake bakers," Crahan said. "They made far more money baking cakes than practicing medicine."

This informal society has grown with the wide range of business opportunities created by a recent influx of tourism to the country. Cuba has become a popular travel destination for Europeans leading to the construction of fancy resorts. Ironically

system to the countries recent economic friendship with Venezuela.

Sandra Schreffler, professor of Latin American history at Roger Williams wondered if Crahan might be a bit out of touch with some of the Cuban people.

"Its not that I doubt that she talked about her observations, I just wonder if she might be not accurately representing the views of those people at the street level," Scheffler said.

Many of Crahan's friends and contacts in Cuba are high-ranking ministry officials or well-educated academic types. Scheffler has herself visited Cuba three times in the last four years and found a large contingent of the people she encountered to be impoverished and hungry.

However Sophomore Christopher Riendeau found the lecture to very informative.

"You hear a lot of rumors floating around and it was good to hear somebody who has been to the country as much as she has confirm or dispel some of them," said Riendeau.



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Editors' Picks: College Discounts

Fire & Ice serves up fresh, delicious buffet

Editorial Staff

After watching a beautiful film about India, the editors were starving for a good meal. Being at the mall, the options for cheap dining are fairly limited. Food court was not going to cut it for us that evening and we could not afford to blow 20 dollars on a meal at Cheesecake Factory.

Then we realized, "It's Monday night - college night at Fire & Ice." All a student can eat for only about 10 dollars. We enter the colorfully decorated dining room and sit in a comfortable and quiet booth. For college night, it was not rowdy or crowded at all.

Mike Hurley had never been to Fire & Ice before, so our server kindly showed us exactly how the process worked. You can begin with a salad or skip straight to the main meal. Mike decided to begin with a Classic Caesar Salad which was not impressive because the dressing was too thick for his liking. The waiter also brought us over some tortilla chips and salsa to munch on with our meals. They were delicious.

The next step was to grab a bowl and pile different raw foods into it in order to make the best concoction. Mike astutely pointed out that Fire & Ice is the perfect place to try new things such as Mahi Mahi, which he was too afraid to try.

Fire & Ice Ratings (1-5)
Food: 3.5
Service: 5
Price: 4.5 ... on college night

The various foods ranged from snow crabs to pastas, to fresh fruits and vegetables to meats - Fire & Ice had everything one could ask for. However, Mike was upset that there were no full steaks to choose from. Shaved steak was available, but that just didn't cut it for Mike.

After choosing different items to put into a bowl, you pick a sauce. There were about 16 sauces but they were pretty basic: marinara sauce, honey mustard. Nothing especially caught our attention; they were average.

After planning out the meal, the next step is bringing it up to the large grille station, similar to the grille station in the upper commons.

Sarah Cournoyer, Editor, chose a ground beef patty to make a cheeseburger with on her first trip. After finishing the burger, she went back up for a grilled chicken and pasta combination. She had no complaints with anything she ate. The meats were not too dry and were very flavorful.

Courtney Nugent, Features Editor chose a combination of tofu, egg noodles, broccoli and mushrooms - all sautéed together in a sweet and sour sauce. She enjoyed it thoroughly but held off on going up for seconds.

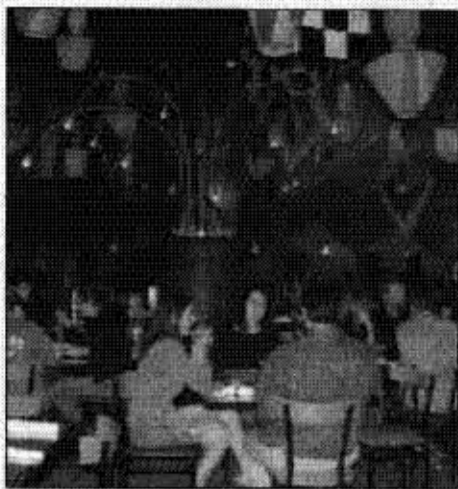
Mike, Sports Editor, went for small portions so he was to be able to get a variety of dishes. The first trip was shaved steak, pasta, and peppers with one of the

16 unmemorable sauces they offered. For his second trip, Mike went for chicken and pasta. He threw in jalapeno peppers to add flavor that the sauce was lacking.

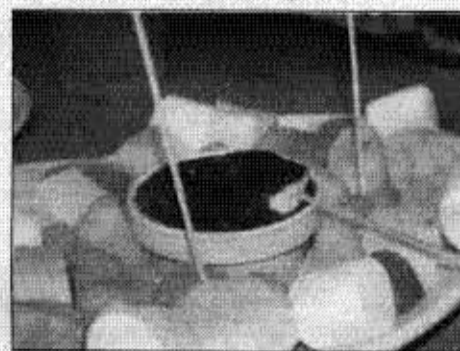
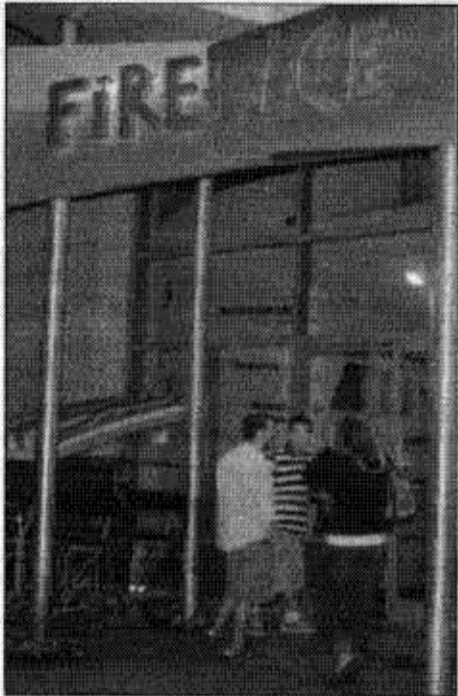
Phil Devitt, News Editor, chose noodles, meatballs, vegetables and threw a zesty pamadora, a type of marinara sauce, over it. He highly recommends it.

Mike almost cried when his order of peanut butter pie was rejected; they were out. However, he mustered up the strength to order turtle cheesecake, which, according to Phil, "did not make my pallet want to party." Mike's advice: walk down the street to the Cheesecake Factory for a delectable cheesecake.

Sarah and Courtney decided to split the chocolate fondue. It was delicious - minus the melon - which neither of them like. Marshmallows, pound cake, strawberries and bananas were all sliced up surrounding a dish of hot chocolate sauce. Overall, it was an amazing dessert.



Sarah Cournoyer



Michael Hurley

(Bottom Left) The editors walk into the Fire & Ice restaurant located at the Providence Place Mall. (Above) The delicious chocolate fondue consumed for dessert. (Top Left) The restaurant has a variety of colors and an eclectic design.



mysticindia.com

Scenes from the movie are pictured above and below. The vibrancy of Indian colors the screen throughout the entire film, which is now playing at the Feinstein IMAX Theatre



The Devitt Review: IMAX Mystic India

Phil Devitt
 News Editor

Mystic India does exactly what great films are supposed to do. It entertains, informs and pulls the viewer into a different world. Of course, no film can truly dissolve the barrier between audience and screen, but this one comes pretty close.

On the massive IMAX screen at Providence Place Mall, *Mystic India* achieves breathtaking realism. The film provides crisp, sweeping views of over 100 locations throughout India, from the frosty peaks of the Himalayas to the steamy soil of the jungles.

Cameras soar effortlessly over cliffs, past ancient temples and through crowded villages, revealing visually stunning scenes geography textbooks simply cannot convey. Vivid earth tones pop off the screen, immersing the viewer in the landscape and culture of the country.

Above all else, this film is a feast for the eyes.

In an early scene, thousands of natives run excitedly through the countryside, their cheers pumping through the theater's wrap-around digital speakers. When the crowd releases hundreds of green, white and orange balloons, the camera floats up into the sky with the balloons. The screen is so encompassing and the scene is so vivid, you feel as though you are floating, too.

In an equally powerful scene, colossal wooden chariots roll down a street as part of Rath Yatra (Festival of Chariots), a typical Indian tradition. Thousands of citizens

swarm the chariots in celebration, many of them chanting, some playing instruments. As the camera pans over the chariots, the rumbling of the wheels on the earth blasts through the speakers and shakes the theater floor.

Mystic India also goes beyond the visual aspects by providing the viewer with a very interesting history lesson. It delves into the life of Neelkanth, an 11 year old boy who, in the late 18th century, leaves his family on a quest for inner peace. He travels alone for seven years, making his way across India's quiet countryside, humid rainforests and frigid mountaintops with nothing more than a cloth wrapped around his waist.

Neelkanth quickly builds a reputation for being remarkably determined and dedicated. He demonstrates to others the benefits of yoga and meditation. He practices humility by working for meals and shelter. And he proves himself as the epitome of centeredness by coming face to face with a wild lion and petting it as though it is a domestic cat.

Early in Neelkanth's journey, a concerned man asks him why he does not turn around and go home.

"I am home," Neelkanth replies. "It is others who are lost."

Mystic India, narrated by Peter O'Toole, depicts India as a harmonious nation whose citizens live contemplative, spiritual lives. My only complaint is that the film, which runs 45 minutes, sugarcoats India more than it should, dressing the nation up as though the film is a tourist infomercial rather than a documentary.

But would I book a hotel in this strange, beautiful land after seeing this movie? In a heartbeat.

The Feinstein IMAX Theatre is currently the only New England venue to carry *Mystic India*. The film opens today. The IMAX Theater is now offering student discounts for films at six dollars a ticket.

Mr. RWU takes stage for fifth year

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

In the last five years, 50,000 dollars has been raised by ten Roger Williams studs and their personal assistants who not only participate in a beauty pageant, but also raise funds for The Children's Miracle Network.

The program was started as a prototype of a high school "spectacular" mostly located on the West Coast. A student wanted to bring the program to RWU and in November of 2002, the Mr. RWU Spectacular premiered.

According to the Children's Miracle Network website (CMN.com), they are an alliance of premier hospitals for children. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America.

"The 170 Children's Miracle Network hospitals are there 24 hours a day to help kids of every age and background overcome every imaginable disease and injury—from asthma and broken bones to cancer, sickle cell anemia, pediatric AIDS, muscular dystrophy and serious injuries. This year alone Children's Miracle Network hospitals will provide charity care worth billions, yet these non-profit children's hospitals depend on community support to help fund their vital services."

Throughout campus, the students involved, the contestants, their personal assistants and the chairs of the event, carry around decorated water bottles to collect donations.

The students are planning a date-auction for the homecoming ball. In the event, contestants and their personal assistants

will be auctioned off.

"I think it is a really clever idea and a good way to make money, but I am a little nervous," Ahni Mooradian, personal assistant to Kevin Clark, said. "I'm hoping its one of my friends and not a stranger."

Co-chair sophomore Alyssa Jacobson agreed.

"It's amazing how we help children in need and it's all fun. We raise money in a way that other activities don't," said Jacobson.

In addition, students will be able to buy bracelets donated by the hospitals or can purchase a "Helping Hand" which is a cut out of a contestants hand. They can then write words of encouragement on the hand. Contestants will also be a part of putting together a calendar of pictures of themselves which they will save to raise funds.

The major fundraiser, of course, is the tickets sold for the show.

To participate in Mr. RWU, one must be nominated and then those who choose to accept and participate then choose a personal assistant. A personal assistant is the brains of the activity. She makes sure that the contestant knows deadlines, makes it to rehearsals and is staying on top of fundraising. Mostly, the PA is there for support and encouragement.

"Junior Greg Emanuelle asked me to work with him, and I agreed even though I had no idea what I agreed to," senior Meghan Prossel said. "I thought it sounded like a good cause and it was for Greg who is like my little brother."

Freshman Evan Page also did not know much about the program before he

agreed to participate.

"It is so crazy how people nominated me for such a good cause," Page said. "Even though I didn't know much about it at first, I am really enjoying doing this, and I look forward to the different activities."

One of the activities is actually visiting a Children's Miracle Network hospital.

"During the weeks leading up to the show, we go to Baystate Medical Center and their Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, where all the money we raise goes during the weeks leading up to the show. It's an experience hard to explain – but its so cool to watch the contestants change as they realize what they are really a part of."

According to Rebecca Ribe, one of the co-chairs of the event, the best part of Mr. RWU is "helping out such a great cause and having so much fun while doing it."

Mooradian, who was also involved with Mr. RWU last year, said that it was so much fun that she had to do it again. "We have so much fun helping a good cause and it is just a really good feeling," said Mooradian. "Also seeing how much the guys were affected by it last year, I was really inspired."

Look for more stories on Mr. RWU with bios of all the contestants to come.



Ahni Mooradian

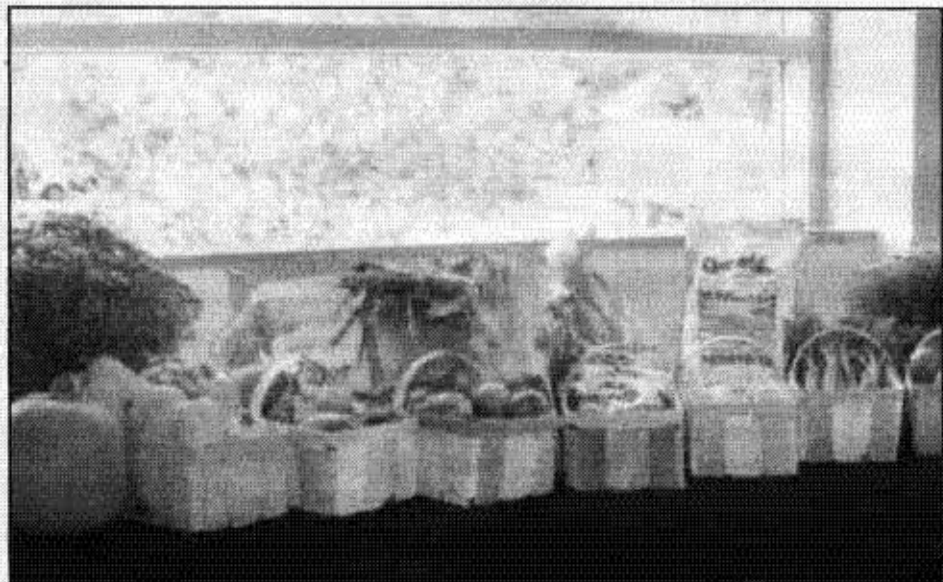
Contestants from last year's Mr. RWU pose in preparation of that evening's Mr. RWU spectacular.

Eat Local Challenge



Elizabeth Nye

RWU campus community took part in the "Eat Local Challenge" Tuesday, October 3 in the Upper Commons. All the food served was grown in a 150 mile radius of campus. They served Crystal Springs Water and bottled soda and juice from the area. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and seafood was also available for consumption.



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SOAR, emerge, lead!

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

In high school, many students were involved in activities such as student government, athletics and other community service opportunities. Coming to college, these students wish to stay active and continue to participate in leadership positions. They can do this by joining SOAR.

SOAR, a program that was created two years ago to further student's leadership abilities, gives students who were involved in high school an opportunity to tweak their leadership skills.

Based on the social change model, SOAR's objective is for students to realize that anyone can be a leader and effect change within their society.

"[The Student Programs and Leadership faculty] were looking at leadership on campus, as well as what our name was as a department," Tamara Von George, Associate Dean/Director of Student Programs and Leadership, said. "We wanted to change how we looked at leadership. Our students have huge leadership potential, and we wanted for them to tweak their abilities."

The program SOAR has three basic steps: Emerge, Develop and Lead. The desired response is that a student begins the program in Emerge, where they learn about themselves as a leader. Develop focuses on how students can work to strengthen their leadership skills, as well as work with other student leaders, while Lead will require students to take their skills and apply them to other groups on campus and the community.

Last year, the program had 119 applicants and 28 students were selected to participate. This year, over 300 students applied for 47 spots. About 12-15 students are participating in Develop this year.

"Last year was the first year students took part in the program, and we really took their feedback into consideration," Orientation Coordinator Heather Cantwell said. "It was a great foundation year, but we have made a lot of improvements to it this year."

Many students find that the program is beneficial in their leadership abilities.

"I hope to sharpen my skills as a leader and then be apply to apply those skills to situations both in and out of college [as a member of Develop]," junior Phil Cormier said.

Freshman Brian LeDuc agreed. "I not only think that Emerge is a great way to meet new people and gain some insight for leadership positions in the future, but I think I will use the skills I learn for the rest of my life."

Not only does SOAR help students hone their leadership skills, but it also relates to the ideals of RWU.

"If you look at the way SOAR is set up, it relates closely to the core values," Associate Director of Student Programs and Leadership John Lindsay said.

Lindsay also emphasized a diverse community of student leaders. "We hope that students realize it takes all different types of leaders to make things work," Lindsay said. "Students should not have to change their values to become the leader they think they have to be."

On top of the skills and confidence SOAR gives to students, one of its main focuses is to ensure that each student leader knows their importance on campus.

"The student body president is important in terms of leadership on a college campus, but so is a tutor or someone involved in community service," Von George said. "All students have the potential to partake in leadership positions."

Flo's Fashion: Leggings

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

Leggings. Leggings. Leggings. It's all about dressing in leggings and time-warping back to the 80's. This new trend makes me laugh, because it reminds me of when I was little and had the little stirrup leggings and the big oversized t-shirt, and don't you doubt, I thought I was the coolest girl on the planet.

Leggings are now tight cotton pants. My roommate, Patti, and I recently had an argument about what leggings actually were! Oh you better believe it. See she argued that they were cut-off tights. I argued that they were tight cotton pants. I still think (no, I know) I was right.

So, let's start off with cut-off or footless tights. These are your normal tights made out of nylon and spandex. They're usually a bit sheer and well, in this case, footless. These should never, I repeat, never be worn without a skirt, shorts, or dress over them. These are not leggings, and should not be worn with just a tunic (or worse: a regular length top), because they are just...tights. Not to mention, they are also skintight and you don't want to look like Robin Hood or Peter Pan.

So, you may ask, "what the hell are leggings then?" Well, I classify leggings as fitted pants made of cotton and spandex. They are your typical "older women at the gym" pants. Leggings can be long, cropped like footless tights, or even have stirrups if they're cool enough.

Cropped leggings are what most stores sell now in addition to or instead of footless tights. They're thicker and thus warmer and not sheer, and can be worn with a tunic sweater. Though I would not suggest wearing them with any short top, I

personally wouldn't wear them without a skirt, but to each their own.


Normal leggings, as we know them from our elementary school days, are thick, not sheer, tight cotton pants. They can be worn with skirts or dresses but also with tunics and long sweaters, but again I would keep your butt hidden.

Now that I've discussed how to wear these two different items (key word: different), let me explain my pet peeve. Prints. I can't say how much I hate prints on either footless tights or leggings, but mostly the former. Unless the print is something that reminds you of a sweater (like argyle or woven mono-color) and on tights (that means no skin showing) they're a no-no. Prints (stripes, polka dots, stupid little cartoon pictures like hearts) equal Halloween costume. They should not be worn out into public except on October 31 or any other costume occasion. I mean really, they make you look completely ridiculous. Wear footless tights and leggings, but wear them well.

Flo's Personal "so you wanna try this trend" Fashion Advice

- Footless tights are not leggings.
- Leggings usually come in black, dark blue, brown, gray, and white for a reason. Footless tights or leggings with prints are heinous.
- I learn from my own mistakes: don't wear light, flowing tunics or skirts that may stick to your tights or leggings and get stuck between your legs. They will not stop sticking and you will have to pull on it every five seconds.
- Dark tights or leggings under a skirt make your legs look slimmer.


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Meet the music man, WQRI's Sean Moran

Dom Lombardi
Herald Staff

All new members of WQRI are required to join a particular committee and "put in dues" to show the E-Board members and the staff that he is dedicated to produce an apex of music or talk radio.

Sean Moran has been a member of the campus radio station since his freshman year. As a senior, he is the Music Director and a role model for new DJs to emulate, although he will never admit to it.

My initial impression of Sean was that he was soft-spoken, at least comparatively to other E-Board members that I know, and had fervent knowledge on a wide array of music but I was not aware of the expansiveness of his knowledge nor the passion that he brings to WQRI.

How did you get involved with WQRI?

Sean: I wasn't involved in anything beforehand and when I got to [Roger Williams University] I just kind of fell into it. I went to, I guess the equivalent of the Involvement Fair, and one of the members said "Nice shirt," cause I was wearing some band shirt that I was into at the time and then it just all fell into place after that.

I love working in music and I changed my major to communications, specifically public relations, because I enjoy working with the radio so much.

Do you play any instruments?

Sean: I've played the guitar since my freshman year of high school. I was in a band then, but we went our separate ways when we got to college. If I were to start a

band now I would want to play mid-90's emo, which is so different from what emo is today. I don't want to play pop-punk, more melodic and creative than that.

What is your favorite type of music?

Sean: That's so hard... I guess my favorites would be classified as punk, emo, some hip-hop and hardcore. I'm not into all that, "Hey, waddup my foo" and "Look at all my money" kind of hip-hop but some of it's really amazing like the Non-Phophets *Hope* album.

That blew me away and it wasn't all about gang violence. Being the Music Director I get to see all the new CDs that come into the booth before we play them on the air and I find new bands that I really enjoy then I go back and listen to the music and bands that inspired them. I guess you could say I have a very eclectic taste in music.

If you were on a deserted island and you only could bring five albums, what would they be?

Sean: I knew you were going to ask me this! (During the interview to see if new DJs could have a show, Sean asked this question)

Umm, I would have to say: The Impossibles - *Anthology*, F Sharp A Sharp Infinity's - *God Speed You Black Emperor*, Saves the Day's - *Through Being Cool* because that record pretty much sums up my entire high school experience, Elvis Costello's - *My Aim is True*, and Suicide File's - *Some Mistakes You Never Stop Paying For*.

Check out the upcoming events

Campus Events

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

No Classes

Tuesday, October 10

Monday Classes Meet

Penny Arcade

Friday Night Lights

7 p.m. CAS 157

Ping Pong Tournament

Hawk's Hangout 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Penny Arcade

American History X

7 p.m. CAS 157

Thursday, October 12

Penny Arcade

Rudy

7 p.m. CAS 157

Friday, October 13

"As You Like It"

8 p.m. Performing Arts Center

Running through October 21

CEN Comedy

9 - 11 p.m. Commons

Faculty/Student Jeopardy

6 p.m. Law School 283

Saturday, October 14

CEN Film

Superman Returns

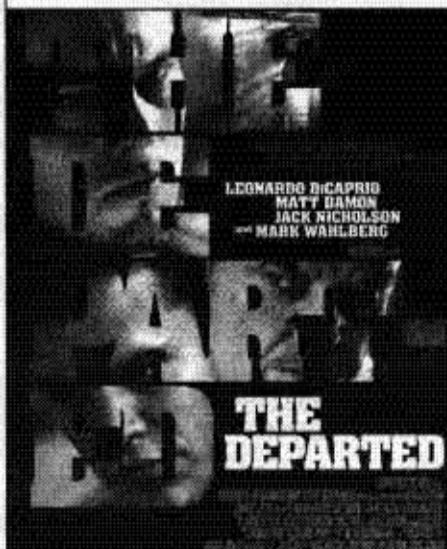
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Friday, October 20

Homecoming Family Weekend

Casino Night

Midnight Madness



Theater Releases

Friday, October 6

The Departed

Starring: Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jack Nicholson

Rated R

Employee of the Month

Starring: Jessica Simpson, Dane

Cook, Dax Shepard

Rated PG-13

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning

Starring: Jordana Brewster,

Matthew Bomer, Dora Baird

Rated R

Friday, October 13

The Grudge 2

Starring: Amber Tamblyn, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Edison Chen

Rated PG-13

Man of the Year

Starring: Robin Williams, Laura Linney, Lewis Black

Rated PG-13

The Marine

Starring: John Cena, Kelly Carlson, Robert Patrick

Rated PG-13

Lupos Shows

Friday, October 6

Less than Jake

Tickets: \$17.50

Doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

The Saw Doctors

Tickets: \$20

Doors 9 p.m., show 9:30 p.m.

Monday, October 9

95.5 BRU presents The Strokes with South

Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 day of

Doors 8 p.m., show 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

KT Tunstall with special guest Kevin Devine

Tickets: \$17.50 advanced, \$20 day of, \$25 reserved seating

Doors 8 p.m. show 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 12

Great Big Sea

Doors Open: 6pm - Show Starts: 7 p.m. Tickets: 25 dollars

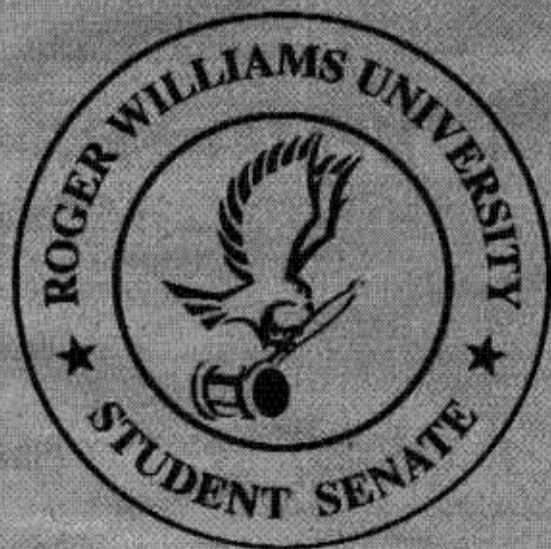
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Good Charlotte - Doors Open: 6pm - Show Starts: 7pm - Tickets: Advance 20 dollars, at the door: 22 dollars

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RWU Student Senate

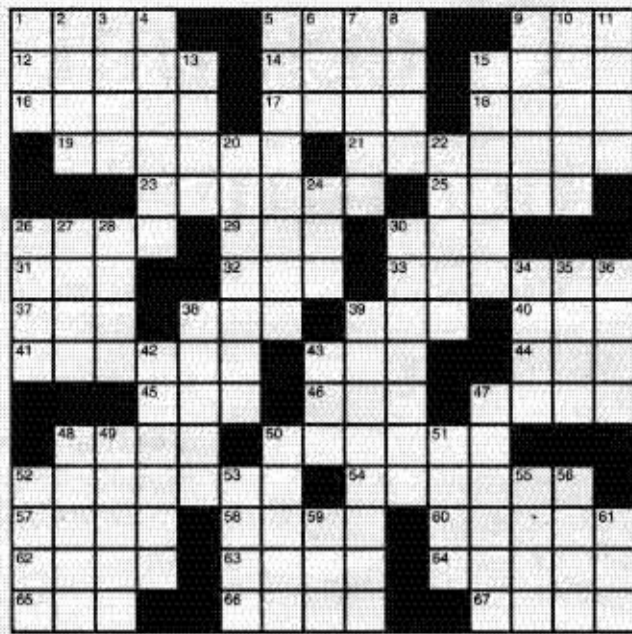
Meetings

Monday 6:30 pm
Student Senate Chambers
Upper Level, Rec Center

Meetings Open
To Everyone!

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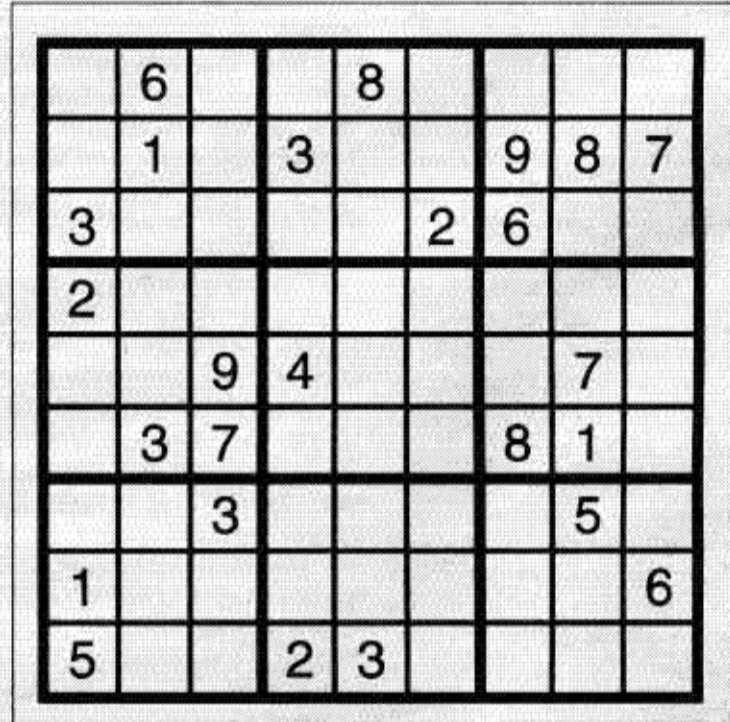
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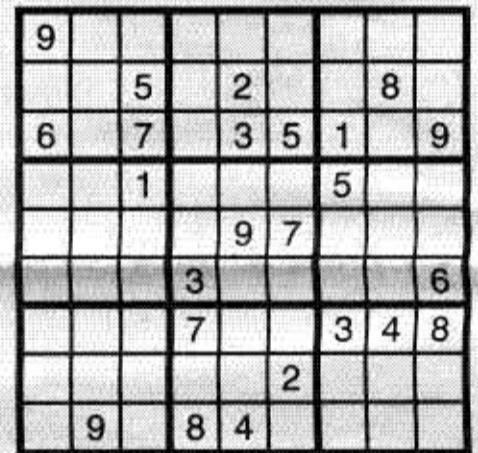
Sudoku



Last week's solution



Last week's solution



Fiction: Curses, Sideshowes and The Brother's Grimm

Heather Clink
Herald Staff

Todd Robbins, a famous sideshow actor, defines the sideshow as "a display of people with physical abnormalities, performers with exotic abilities, unusual objects or combinations of any or all three." Throughout history, sideshows have been used to entice people into giving up their spare change in exchange for being given the opportunity to see a giant, an abominable snowman, or a woman who is able to swallow a sword. We must wonder, "What could the fascination be? Why are we so eager to spend our money observing people prostituting their abnormal talents and birth defects?" People are drawn to the unusual and the difficult to explain. Though science and technology are now able to explain away many of the "freaks" previously featured in shows such as these, sideshows are all but extinct. They are constantly advertising their upcoming shows and scouting for new acts. It is in this way that my life changed forever the day after my seventeenth birthday. To understand where I am now, you have to understand where I was before all of this.

Just as there are people who exist who always seem to be in the right place at the right time, there are also people who are the opposite of that. They never seem to be in the right place. Any luck I once possessed, I lost when I turned seventeen. As one unfortunate event ran into another, I began to feel uneasy. The events began on

a small scale just a few days after my birthday. I went home to do math homework and found that the chapter I needed had been torn out of my textbook. My mother asked me to go to the store to get milk, and only after I returned did I realize that the milk had expired. When I went back to exchange it, the store had closed early, due to a flu that was circulating its staff. My cat ran away. Individually, these problems might seem inconsequential, however from there, my luck didn't get better, it actually worsened. I suppose that is where the story really begins.

To celebrate the "Month of Birthdays" (interestingly enough, everyone in my entire extended family has a birthday in October), my aunts, uncles, and cousins were all driving to New Hampshire to have a somewhat impromptu family reunion. We're the kind of family that is the best when we're all together. I couldn't wait. We laughed until we cried, ate way too much of everyone's cooking, and played games. It was a perfect way to spend a weekend. Our family reunions were so rare and so anticipated, everyone had been thrilled when my parents offered to host one by us.

The cousins arrived late in the morning. My mom was running around in an apron, attempting to get the last minute cooking done before the house was so stuffed that we could barely move. My dad was mowing the lawn and simultaneously keeping an eye on my younger brother Ty, who was fourteen and autistic. Ty was playing gameboy in the hammock on the

side of the yard, completely lost in his own world. I watched him, imagining what kind of thoughts went through his head and what he thought about his life. Ty was the most successful human being I'd ever met. No one I know is so peacefully content with himself as Ty.

I watched my family, feeling a sense of togetherness. I'd always been prepped for college, but I knew in the back of my mind that I'd never end up there. My life held different plans for me. I smiled, peaceful and happy, without a thought about bad luck or curses. When I heard our dogs start barking and Ty yell, I knew the cousins had arrived. My mom came out of the house, looking excited and frazzled, and my dad turned off the mower to greet the cousins, who wrapped us in bear hugs and gave Ty some penny candy they'd brought from home. Mostly, they had come from Pennsylvania, but some were coming from Vermont, North Carolina, and Maine, as well. As more cars rolled in, the catching up could be heard all the way down the block. Whenever its hard for me now, I think about that time. I think about those few moments when I thought I was just having a streak of bad luck.

We drove from our house in many cars to the park, Stratham Hill park, which had a bunch of covered picnicking areas, a bunch of baseball and soccer fields, and playground equipment. We ate and laughed and talked, just like I thought we would. It lasted until it began to look stormy. We began to pack things up, but we couldn't get to the cars in time before

the storm hit. There was little warning. Tornadoes are completely unusual for New Hampshire, though New England weather can be excruciating to predict. I lost seven cousins, an aunt, three uncles, and my grandma that day.

The meteorologists didn't pretend to apologize. They did use our story to get viewers.

"Well, I'll tell you Ben" one man said to the other. "What are the chances that on the one day a tornado strikes, there happens to be a family reunion happening. Out of the fifty people killed, twelve were from this family." A picture of us flashed onto the screen. The men continued to talk. "This is such a million to one chance," the other said. They didn't even sound upset.

The tornado was the final straw. I knew after that that I was, without a doubt, irrevocably cursed. I waited around, hoping that I was being overly dramatic. I waited until my home burned down due to faulty wiring one night a month later, killing my little brother. I packed my bags, snipped a newspaper clipping advertising a traveling carnival, and left my home. There was never a doubt in my mind that it was my fault, (though I know differently now). From that point on, my life got really strange.

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of parts of a short fiction story. Turn to page 10 each week to read the next chapter of *Curses, Sideshowes and The Brother's Grimm*.

ROUND-UP: This week in sports



Michael Hurley

Maxin Fantl of ECSU heads a ball away from Antoine Bell during Wednesday's game.

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and settled for a scoreless tie. The Hawks piled up 25 shots, while New England College managed 13 shots. Both goalies, however, could not be beaten.

NEC's Kerry Hughes stopped an incredible 19 shots to keep the Hawks off the scoreboard. Meanwhile for RWU, **Jen Garside** had nine saves to record the shutout.

Sailing toward success

RWU had another successful weekend of sailing, which was highlighted by the performance of the women's team.

The women finished fourth at the Regis Bowl hosted by Boston University. In A division, **Sarah Mease** and **Alexandria**

Boudreau held first place for both days, while **Elise Swartwood** and **Lindsay Smith** finished seventh in Division B.

At the Smith Trophy, hosted by the Mass. Institute of Technology, **James Unsworth** and **Melissa Lambalot** sailed in Division A, while **Jon Enright** and **Jackie Roche** sailed B. The Hawks crossed the line first in a few races in both divisions. Overall, the Hawks finished seventh in the event.

In other action, at a Southern Series at Yale, RWU finished fourth. **Mike Spark** and **Nick DeKwiatkowski** sailed in Division A and **Todd Riccardi** and **Sarah Tuvim** sailed in Division B.

The Hawks also took fifth at the Metro Series 4 at Boston College. **Matt Muhlenkamp** and **Morgan Hilyard** sailed in A Division, while **Dan Pino** and **Peter Wizotski** sailed in B Division.

HURLEY: MLB playoffs

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showdowns such as Boof Bonser (7-6) going against Esteban Loaiza (11-9) in game 2. Needless to say, there will be some laughers when Johan or Zito are on the bench.

Neither team has a huge edge: Oakland counters AL Batting Champ Joe Mauer with Frank Thomas, who, I'm pretty sure, has two full skulls. Both teams have questionable rotations (aside from the aces). Neither team has a wealth of offensive firepower (Mauer is the only position player from either team to play in the All-Star game.) So, how do you predict who wins? By looking at the mascot, obviously. Elephant versus a bear. Elephant wins.

Prediction: Oakland in 4.

NLDS: St. Louis at San Diego

Now, while I believe momentum is important, and while I know that St. Louis finished the season on a 25-36 stretch, this team is simply too good to lose in the playoffs. The pitching and defense is always solid, and should either of them falter, the offense, starring Albert Pujols, is capable of putting up enough runs to cover for it.

The Padres just don't have the pitching and defense to keep up with the Cards. I just hope Dave Roberts steals some bases.

Prediction: St. Louis Sweep

NLDS: LA Dodgers at NY Mets

In keeping with the momentum theme, the Dodgers rattled off 7 straight wins to close the season and also won one of the most dramatic baseball games in history on September 18 against the Padres, hitting four consecutive homeruns in the 9th inning and a two-run walkoff homerun

by Nomar Garciaparra in the 10th. While that game won't have a direct effect on these playoffs, the spirit of the Dodger club is certainly at a high.

But spirit is nothing without pitching, and LA is sure to get huge performances from Greg Maddux and Derek Lowe - both proven postseason performers. In the other dugout, the Mets are dealing with the loss of Pedro Martinez, who will miss the post-season and half of next season.

Now, while the Mets are known for their powerful offense, the truth is that they only put up 14 more runs this season than LA. There's just too much going LA's way for the Mets to have a chance.

Prediction: Dodgers in 4

ALCS: NY Yankees vs. Oakland A's

The Athletics' management philosophy is to build a team that is good enough to make the playoffs; the Yankees build teams that are supposed to win championships.

Prediction: Yankees in 5

NLCS: St. Louis Cardinals vs. LA Dodgers

Grady Little.

Prediction: Cards in 6.

World Series: NY Yankees vs. St. Louis Cardinals

I can picture it now: Jeter's obnoxious fist pump, Joe Torre crying (again), Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield in the most awkward man-hug in history.

Championship number 27 is on its way, and I feel a little bit sick.

Yankees in 6.

CCC Standings

As of Oct. 4

Men's Soccer

Conf. Records

School	W	L	T
1. Wentworth	4	0	1
2. Salve Regina	6	1	1
3. RWU	4	1	1
4. Gordon	3	2	1
4. NEC	3	2	1
6. Colby-Sawyer	3	2	2
7. Curry	3	3	1
8. Nichols	3	4	0
8. Anna Maria	3	4	0
10. Endicott	2	5	0
11. UNE	0	5	1
11. Endicott	0	4	0
12. E. Nazarene	0	5	1

Women's Soccer

Conference Records

School	W	L	T
1. Endicott	8	0	0
2. Gordon	6	1	0
3. RWU	5	1	1
4. Curry	4	2	1
5. NEC	3	2	1
6. Salve Regina	4	3	0
7. Colby-Sawyer	3	3	1
8. Anna Maria	3	4	0
9. Regis	2	4	1
10. Wentworth	2	4	0
11. UNE	1	4	1
12. Nichols	0	6	2
13. E. Nazarene	0	7	0

Women's Volleyball

Conference Records

School	W	L
1. Endicott	8	0
2. Gordon	7	1
3. UNE	5	2
3. Colby-Sawyer	5	2
5. E. Nazarene	3	4
6. RWU	3	5
7. Wentworth	2	4
8. Salve Regina	2	5
9. Regis	1	7
10. Anna Maria	0	6

Women's Tennis

Conference Records

School	W	L
1. Salve Regina	7	1
2. Colby-Sawyer	6	1
2. Gordon	6	1
4. RWU	4	2
5. Endicott	3	2
6. Nichols	4	3
7. Curry	2	6
8. Eastern Nazarene	1	6
8. Regis	1	6
10. Wentworth	1	7

Hawks on the Horizon

Upcoming Matchups

Men's Soccer

Saturday
at Gordon* - 2:30 p.m.

Monday
Babson - 4 p.m.

Thursday
at Anna Maria* - 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Saturday
at Gordon* - 12 p.m.

Sunday
at St Joseph's (ME) - 2 p.m.

Wednesday
at Anna Maria* - 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Saturday
Emmanuel - 12 p.m.

at UMass Dartmouth - 2 p.m.

Thursday
Suffolk - 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Saturday
Wentworth - 1 p.m.

Tuesday
Playoffs TBD

Cross Country

RWU Invitational
Colt State Park
Men - 11 a.m.
Women - 12 p.m.

NFL

Miami at NE Patriots
Sunday, 1 p.m.
CBS

Washington at NY Giants
Sunday, 1 p.m.
Fox

Dallas at Philadelphia
Sunday, 4:15 p.m.
FOX

NY Jets at Jacksonville
Sunday, 4:05 p.m.
Not televised locally

*indicates CCC matchup
BOLD indicates home match

Men's soccer drops first CCC match

Women's teams hold ground in CCC standings

Herald Staff Reports

The men's soccer team lost their first conference game of the year as they fell to New England College by a score of 2-0.

NEC's James Palumbo scored on a direct kick at 17:12 as NEC took the early lead.

Each team tallied 12 shots, but the Hawks were unable to get past goaltender Nick Kropelin, who made nine saves on the day.

In the second half, James Colonese made it 2-0, when he tallied on a pass from teammate Michael Vieira.

Kevin Deegan made seven saves for the Hawks.

The Hawks fell for the second straight game as they lost 1-0 to Eastern Connecticut State University at Bayside Field on Wednesday afternoon.

Maxim Fantl scored following a corner kick at 65:24 to give ECSU the lead and that was all they would need.

The best chance for RWU came in the 26th minute when Joel Montgomery fired a point blank shot, but ECSU goalie Jay Barney made a terrific save to keep the Hawks off of the board.

Dan Ruscigno had three saves for the Hawks in his first career start.



Michael Hurley

Freshman Ted Farra gets up after being knocked down by an Eastern Connecticut State defender. The Hawks were unable to penetrate the defense and goaltending of the Warriors, losing by a score of 1-0.

Tennis dominates Curry and Endicott

The Hawks earned a CCC win as they beat Endicott 7-2 last Saturday. Caitlyn Leone and Jessica Manners were victorious 8-1 in no. 1 doubles. Leone and Manners also won at no. 1 and no. 2 singles, respectively. Kim Spencer improved to 8-0 on the season with her 6-0, 6-4 vic-

tory at no. 5 singles. Joanna Nettlefield and Meghan Cornell also won at no. 3 doubles by a score of 8-3.

The team rolled to another CCC win as they beat Curry 9-0. Caitlyn Leone earned a 6-1, 6-3 victory at no. 1 singles. Leone also teamed up with Jessica Manners to win 8-1 at no. 1 doubles as the pair improved to 9-1 on the year. Manners was also victorious 6-1, 6-0 at no. 2 singles.

RWU (7-3, 5-2 CCC) also got a win

from Kim Spencer as she improved to 9-0 on the season with a win at no. 5 singles. Meghan Cornell played no. 4 singles and improved to 7-3 on the season with a win.

Women end in 0-0 tie

Despite a relentless offensive attack, the women's soccer team could not score

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Playoffs '06: Predictions

Michael Hurley
Sports Editor

Don't be surprised if you turn on the TV this week and see an action-packed commercial on Fox advertising a new show called "Playoffs." Based on the torrent of shows over the past few years having one-worded names (*Lost*, *Bones*, *Numbers*, *House*, *Jericho*, *Heroes*, *Shark*, *Vanished*, *Medium*, *Kidnapped*, *Runaway*...there are more. Many more.), I wouldn't put it past Fox to take a stab at adding to the mono-worded mayhem.

So, in honor of *Playoffs* and the madness that is sure to ensue, here are the predictions of your humble sports editor. While I can't guarantee I'll be correct, I can guarantee that mine will be less expensive and more accurate than those of Lady Cleo.

Note: This issue is released on Friday, October 6. Obviously, the playoffs will have already started by the time this is read. You will have to trust my word that I am writing this on Tuesday afternoon in the library, paying no attention to the Twins/A's game that I'd love to be watching right now.

ALDS: Detroit at NY Yankees

If I learned anything in 2004 (my first year of college, coincidentally), it was that momentum matters. The Red Sox went 42-18 from August to October, including a 10-game winning streak from August 24 to September 3. Why bring up the '04 Sox? Well, because it's always good to mention 2004 when discussing the Yankees, but also because that team was absolutely rolling into the postseason, and there was



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no way that they were going to lose.

Unfortunately, this year's Tigers team is the exact opposite. Their improbable 62-29 first half was followed by a lackluster 33-38. By getting swept by the Kansas City Royals on the final weekend of the regular season, they allowed the Twins - who were 12 games out of first place on July 15 - to pass them for the lead in the AL Central.

So, instead of facing Oakland in the first round, Detroit has to go into Yankee Stadium and beat Chien-Ming Wang, who just happened to tie for the league lead in wins with 19. Then they have to beat Mike Mussina, who went 9-2 at home this sea-

son. Game three, due to Randy Johnson hurting his back (ha!), will not feature two over-40 starters, which, if I had the reference tools, I would research. But my guess is that this hasn't happened in a while. Detroit is too good to get swept, but New York is just too powerful.

Prediction: Yankees in 4

ALDS: Oakland at Minnesota

This series would be much more attractive if, somehow, each game featured Johan Santana vs. Barry Zito. Unfortunately, we'll have to watch epic

See HURLEY, p. 11

Last Week's Results

Men's Soccer

RWU - 0 E. Conn. - 1
NEC - 2 RWU - 0

Women's Soccer

RWU - 0
NEC - 0

Women's Tennis

RWU - 7 RWU - 9
Endicott - 2 Curry - 0

Volleyball

Endicott - 3 E. Nazarene - 3
RWU - 2 RWU - 0

Cross Country

Men: Finished 2nd
Women: Finished 2nd