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Community remembers Kristin Forget

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

After a long winter break, students arrived back to Roger Williams University to resume classes, clubs and meet up with old friends. The loss of one member of the RWU family just before winter break, however, put a damper on the reunions and busy schedules.

Freshman Architecture major Kristin Forget passed away December 13 due to complications of osteosarcoma, cancer of the bone. Forget was first diagnosed in January of 2003, when a tumor was found in her right upper arm bone.

Forget originally came to RWU as a member of the class of 2009.

"She left school after Halloween [last year]," said sophomore Megan Dumaine, who lived with Forget in Maple 12 last year. "We made her an honorary member of Maple 12, though. She came back to visit several times second semester. Kristin wanted to remain a normal person."

Even though Forget took the spring of 2006 off from school,

she was adamant about returning in the fall of 2006 and resuming her pursuit to become an architect.

"It's difficult majoring in architecture to begin with, but that girl was so strong," sophomore architecture student and friend, Brian Fontaine, said. "To stick to the major after all she had to endure showed so much dedication. Kristin loved architecture and had such a passion for it."

Others agreed that Forget never let anything get in the way of her goal to pursue architecture.

"It would be four in the morning and Kristin would be in studio doing her homework," Dumaine said. "Whatever was asked of other architecture students, Kristin did the same."

Carol Sacchetti, Assistant Director of Housing, also attested to her perseverance.

"She always tried to do as much as she could," Sacchetti said. "Even if she was sick, she was still in high spirits. Kristin tried to give 100 percent and was able to touch the lives and hearts of so many people in our campus community."

Freshman Jacques

Aubuchon, one of Forget's close friends, also touched on her dedication to everything she took on in life.

"Kristin would be at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence for an entire weekend, and she would leave the hospital early to come back and pull an all-nighter for an architecture project," Aubuchon said. "She always did what she wanted to do."

Not only did Forget dedicate herself to her architecture work, but she was also excited to get involved with the Mr. RWU Fall Spectacular, a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Children's Hospital.

"I met Kristin on one of my visits over to Children's Hospital in 2004," recalled Ely Dunn, manager of the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Children's Hospital. "After she participated in the Mr. RWU Spectacular [on November 18], she came home for Thanksgiving and passed away in December. She had to get that final event in to help raise money for Baystate Children's Hospital, and that was just remarkable."



Courtesy of Jacques Aubuchon

Freshman Kristin Forget passed away from complications of osteosarcoma on December 13, 2006.

Sophomore Michael Megarty, a contestant in the 2006 Mr. RWU Spectacular, met Forget at the event's rehearsals.

"At first I was confused why she was there, but after the first rehearsal, I understood completely," Megarty said. "She made me and the rest of the Mr. RWU con-

testants feel that what we were doing was much more important and such a great cause. Kristin actually personalized the cause."

Fontaine, also a Mr. RWU contestant, echoed those thoughts.

"Kristin came to all of our

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Marching for peace

Dominic Lombardi
Herald Staff

Let's take a trip down high school history lane. Come with me and be nostalgic, if even for a little while. Remember reading about the 1960s, the anti-war protests, the peace marches? I remember going through high school and thinking that I would never live to experience a political revolution of that magnitude.

Well, I was wrong. The war in Iraq has become the "new Vietnam" and this past weekend, at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., three Roger Williams University students and a woman from the Counseling Center were a part of a 500,000 person march to protest President Bush's decision to send an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq and to call for the withdrawal of troops from the Middle East. Politicians, celebrities and organizational leaders from around the world came to Washington to voice their opinions and let the government know that "the people refuse to be ignored any longer."

Over winter break I received

an email from Nancy Hood, director of the PEER program and counselor at RWU, asking if anybody was interested in going to Washington, D.C. to be a part of a peace march with her peace group from Bristol. At first, I was a little apprehensive about going. I asked myself if I had the time to go to D.C. for the weekend, if I wanted to be gone the

first weekend that all my friends were back at school and, most importantly, if I felt passionate enough, not just "hippie enough," to travel to our nation's capitol to voice my opinions.

I decided to talk to my 'free-spirited' friend Angela Ostrowski, a sophomore engineering major at RWU, to see if

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Dominic Lombardi

War protesters carry signs in Washington D.C. last weekend.

Rejected

WQRI turns down WRNI proposal

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

As the fall semester came to a close, the campus radio station WQRI voted to turn down a proposal from Providence-based WRNI that would have brought National Public Radio to the university's airwaves.

The five-year plan called for WQRI to broadcast NPR on its signal from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. In return, WRNI planned to, among other things, increase WQRI's signal power as well as offer internships to RWU Communications majors. The plan, had it been agreed upon by WQRI, would have gone into effect in the near future but was rejected by a vote of 7-3.

E-Board member Chris Sturk,

who voted against the proposal, said he thinks the decision maintains the individuality of the station and allows its members to gain important experience in the field.

"Had WRNI been allowed to come into the station and do so many things for us, like maintenance, or dealing with the licensing process, then our staff would have lost the opportunity to learn these important skills for themselves," Sturk said.

However, e-board member Angela Ostrowski, who voted for the partnership, was a little disappointed by the decision.

"I just felt like we could have reached so many more people and done so many more things had we voted for the deal," Ostrowski said.

Vice President of Student Affairs John King expressed his hope that the possibility of a deal will be revisited by the University in the years to come.

"This partnership has a lot of merit for [RWU] in the future with

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Remembering Barbera

"Obscure Characters by an Obscure Man"



Jim Dugan
Herald Staff

Welcome back everyone. I must say it feels good to be here again. I hope everyone had as good of a break as I did; well, at least up until about January 10 when suddenly everyone else was back at school and there was nothing left to do but go to the bar and drink alone with the weird locals.

But otherwise, it's always nice to see the old friends, eat home-cooked meals and celebrate the holidays.

The holidays, in fact, were going great for me until I checked the news online like I do every morning and saw the headline, "James Brown Dead at 73."

Suddenly, Christmas was ruined.

It is always strange when a random celebrity dies because, although you have never really known them, they still have had an impact on your life. For all the problems Brown had in life (he was known for beating his wife and was arrested several times), he will always be remembered as the 'Godfather of Soul' and as the hardest working man in show business.

Personally, I will remember him with his coat draped over his shoulders only to throw it off and come back out singing, as I often imitated this as a kid. Weird memories like that make losing a random celebrity feel so strange.

Brown was not the only one to pass over break. The world also lost Joseph Barbera on December 18. Now, the name may not sound all that familiar, but I guarantee he had an influence on your childhood in some way. After all, Barbera, along with his partner William Hanna, were the ones who brought Tom and Jerry, The Flintstones, The Jetsons, Yogi Bear and Scooby Doo to our world. I could not even imagine my Saturday mornings without these icons.

Although these shows will most likely be remembered for a long, long time, Barbera himself is a bit more obscure and mostly likely has already been forgotten by many. So, in honor of Barbera I compiled a list of random cartoons that may have been forgotten since their prime and, like Barbera, deserve to be remembered for at least a little while longer.

Gazoo - I thought it appropriate to start with one of Barbera's own. Gazoo was the annoying green alien that randomly appeared toward the end of the *Flintstones* series, right before it was canceled. He spent his time on the show screwing things up for Fred while insulting him at the same time. Gazoo has at least been able to stay around a little with

appearances in both *The Simpsons* and *Family Guy*.

The Beets - The favorite band of Doug Funnie, who of course is the main character on the former Nickelodeon show *Doug*, which produced such great hits as 'Killer Tofu' and 'I Need More Allowance.' The band supposedly broke up when the show moved to ABC, which is probably why the ABC *Doug* was never as good.

Kit Cloudkicker - a.k.a. the little bear on *Tailspin*. Although he was nowhere near as cool as Baloo on the show, he often hopped out the back of a plane with a rope and board and surfed the clouds, which I really, really wished I could do as a kid.

Howie Mandel's Mullet - Now famous for the show *Deal or No Deal*, Mandel originally gained notoriety for creating and starring as the father in *Bobby's World*.

The cartoon version looked exactly like him, including the sweet mullet that Mandel rocked at the time. I really wish he kept it for his new show. Oh well. Word is that there may be a new *Bobby's World* being made. No word on if the mullet is returning or not.

Miss Information - The not all too bright tour guide from *Histeria!* She filled our minds with such great information like that President Washington was named after the George Washington Monument and that Columbus Day is celebrated by shamrocks and leprechauns. I'm walking ... I'm walking ... I'm stopping.

Filburt - You wouldn't expect a character whose big catchphrase is "I'm nauseous, I'm nauseous..." to play a very big role in a show. This rule doesn't apply to Filburt, the always sick turtle on *Rocko's Modern Life*, however, he did once create a King Kong like tooth while trying to fill a cavity.

Speedy Gonzalez - Speedy taught me every single Spanish word I know during his time on *Looney Tunes* and is probably the most remembered of all the cartoons on this list. He makes it on the list for other reasons, too. I just found it kind of shocking that he was actually removed from television for three years after 1999 because he was criticized for being stereotypical. However, he returned to the air when the League of United Latin American Citizens lobbied for him, pointing out that Speedy was clever and saved people, which normally are not bad stereotypes.

Well, I hope this brought back some random memories, and hopefully brought back some once forgotten names. It sucks when someone like Joe Barbera leaves this world, but maybe if we all just remember a little part of what we grew up with, then he will not ever disappear completely.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm putting my money where my mouth is. In December 1989, I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Roger Williams University (then a college). Even with a dual major in business and political studies and a minor in education, I managed to graduate in three years. Up until this year I have made an annual contribution to my alma mater in grateful appreciation of the things I discovered there.

This past year I withheld that contribution and instead gave the same money to a college I have never visited and with which I have no connection: Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

As a parent of two elementary aged children, I struggle relentlessly to act as a buffer between them and the senseless test-driven "accountability" culture strangling our public schools. As the editor of a local education related website, <http://readingtonparents.org>, I strive to inform other parents about these issues.

I know first hand what poorly designed and executed educational policy can do. I am a high-school drop-out.

Today my alma mater would not accept me as a freshman student. When I was accepted at Roger Williams I had not taken the SAT test and I had no academic record worthy of the college level. However, the admissions office had the wherewithal and the ambition to look deeper than simplistic test scores and into life potential.

Bates College, on the other hand, has been at the forefront of the growing movement to look beyond often meaningless test scores. Bates does not require SAT or ACT scores for admission, but it does examine these scores so as to study what they mean in relation to long term academic success. They have found over the past two decades that test scores are not a good predictor of student achievement. That certainly confirms my own experience.

My money has gone to Bates College this past year. When my own children seek the benefits of higher education I don't want them to be leashed to a crude test score but, rather, I want them free to discover a match with an institution based on truth and human insight. Sadly, Roger Williams University, where this former dropout had the opportunity to explore such principles, is no longer the same progressive institution.

When my own children are high school seniors I don't want them caught up in the pointless and stressful horse race of private tutoring, test-taking and score comparisons with their misfortunate and misinformed classmates. Bates College supports my vision, Roger Williams University currently does not.

I urge students at RWU to engage in this debate and to examine their own experience with the admissions process. Did the test scores you submitted to RWU accurately reflect all that you are and all that you can become? Could the student body be richer and hold more depth if some students who did not or could not submit test scores were accepted too? Finally, when you graduate and consider giving to the university, or when your parents consider a gift now, make certain you ask the question: will Roger Williams University consider joining the growing list of over 700 institutions of higher learning that do not require simplistic test scores for admission?

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OP-ED:

Taking responsibility for Iraq

Michael Daly

On January 10, 2007, President Bush ordered an additional 21,000 soldiers to be deployed to Iraq to help secure Baghdad. This move, like the entire war itself, has met with stiff opposition. It is heavily opposed because it is seen as an escalation whereas many think that the United States should lessen its role in Iraq, not increase it.

Many people think we were lied to and the entire war was wrong to begin with and that we should pull out of Iraq while

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we still have a chance. I almost agree with that stance. I was opposed to this war going in, and I think the occupation has been seriously mismanaged, but I don't agree with the idea that the United States should leave Iraq. This is now a matter of taking responsibility for our mistakes.

I know this is hard to accept but we as a people are responsible for this war and its consequences. Sure, it would be easy to blame this entirely on the Bush administra-

tion, but more often than not the mistakes of the few are the responsibility of the many. I was a staunch anti-war critic when this foray into Iraq began. I still am, but we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. The current situation in Iraq is untenable and there is no denying that the war has been severely mismanaged, but we simply can't leave. The alternative is far worse.

We must increase troop levels and escalate our own presence in Iraq immediately. The suggested 21,000 isn't nearly enough to provide any sort of secure environment. The 21,000 probably won't even be enough to secure Baghdad as the president hopes it will. We need to secure the Sunni Triangle as soon as possible in order to at least stop the sectarian violence for even a moment. In order to do this we need a dramatic increase in American presence in Iraq, even as much as double our current

deployment.

Assume we do leave Iraq right now. What would happen? Firstly, the sectarian violence between Sunni and Shi'a will rise to the level of a full-blown civil war.

It has been suggested that these two groups will fight each other regardless and that we should stop policing a civil war, and I would almost entirely agree with that position. If Iraq was anywhere else in the world, I would agree that withdrawal would be the best option for the current situation, but Iraq is in a particularly volatile and important part of the world. If Africa has taught us anything, we know ethnic warfare rarely stays within a country's borders. If we were to leave Iraq now, a full-blown civil war is inevitable, but that is not the big threat here.

This is a civil war that has been brewing for centuries between Shi'as and Sunnis and it is bound to pull in the entire region. It will probably start small with one country aligned one way or the other entering Iraq to protect their group but it will expand upon that. There's a very real

potential for a regional war. Also, if this was anywhere else in the world, I would say let it happen. If people want to fight, let them. But, to put this bluntly, too much of the world's oil supply is in the Middle East. If the Middle East falls into chaos, it won't cause shifts in the oil market and this will cause a great deal of economic chaos, particularly in second and third world countries.

There's a very real potential for not only a massive war between Shi'a and Sunni groups that could make the 30 Years War look like a picnic but there's also the real threat to the world's economy at a whole (with inflation and collapse of second world markets). We are responsible for this mess. We cannot just leave Iraq and wash our hands of this situation and if we do the blood will be on our hands.

Have an opinion?

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she was interested in coming with me and Nancy to D.C. and as soon as I mentioned it, she leapt out of her seat in the Commons and said that she definitely wanted to go. I introduced Angie to Nancy and we picked up our tickets. Ten minutes later, we were going to Washington. Later that Saturday afternoon, Lindsey Fresta, a fellow PEER, told me that she was coming along for the experience and a few days later, Angie, Lindsey and I found out that one of Nancy's friends Ray, a 72 year old Korean War Veteran and drumming instructor, would also be going down to D.C. with the Rhode Island Peace group. Although I didn't know my reason for going to Washington, we had our group—our four-some amongst many—warriors for peace who were going to be heard.

"Before this war will end, man, it needs to come from the will of the people.

Cause those checks and balances aren't focused on the right issues," Keith Wylie, a manager of security for a company in Washington, said.

Our group met Wylie while we were waiting for the train to take us from Maryland to D.C. He was unaware that there was a march scheduled in Washington that day and seemed surprised to see the train station packed at 7:45 on a Saturday morning. As he spoke, Wylie grew more agitated and upset that he had to go into work and could not join us on our march. He exclaimed that "[the government] just pass us off for dope-smoking hippies, they just don't get it, man. They are so out of touch with how educated and informed we are about these issues."

After discussing some political ideologies with Wylie, my thoughts about my role in this march had transformed to a

much larger and scarier question of "Where do I fit into all of this?" Ray continued to talk to Wylie about anything and everything as we boarded the train. Meanwhile, Angie, Lindsey and I began to look at all the different kinds of people that surrounded us, engulfed us, and accepted us as their own.

"We are an international conspiracy, a revolution without guns," said Cleo, one of the five Raging Grannies, a group that would become the second group of people I questioned, still in search of why I was in D.C. and what I had to do with the bigger picture.

While I was formulating questions in my mind the Grannies burst out into song, professing their views throughout our cable car. "We are the aging grannies and we come to take a stand." They belted out lyrics that were riddled with political satire and called for reform. One of the distinguishing features of the Grannies includes their fashionable sunhats, decorated with peace buttons and flowers. When I asked Beth about the significance of the flower, she responded that, "They stood for a great deal. They stand for happiness and light in a world filled with darkness and despair," but she stressed that "the flowers aren't a symbol of the Grannies, we are the symbol." Now I've always been raised to listen and respect the elderly but I will never forget being told to "listen to my Grannie."

"The only way this war will end is if the Democrats in Congress begin to feel the continuous heat from the street," proclaimed Robbie Leppzer, the director of the film *Peace Patriots*. Well, when the people began to pour in from across the country filling up the National Mall—their signs, chants and numbers definitely turned up the heat on a mild January day. The creativity of some of the signs stunned spectators. Some read, "18 year-olds are not a renewable resource." Others said "women say 'Just pull out.'" And my personal favorite, "You can bomb the world to pieces but you can't bomb the world to PEACE." The rally began at approximately 11:00 in the morning with guest speakers preaching until about 1:00 in the afternoon. After celebrities like Sean Penn, Jane Fonda, Tim Robbins and Susan

Sarandon called for change and criticized some for their "blind obedience of bad leadership under the black veil of patriotism," the Reverend Jesse Jackson stood up and delivered an extremely emotive speech that brought many to tears. Jackson proclaimed the "necessity to keep hope alive" and no matter what has been done in the past, "it's now time for a new day, a new vision, with new principles." After the speeches, it was time to march.

Although we only marched about five blocks, the energy was palpable. Throughout my life I have encountered a great deal of life-changing experiences but this march was the first time that I truly felt a part of something bigger and legitimately important.

For the first time in my life, I was proud to be considered a statistic. I was one out of 500,000 who marched on Washington, D.C. in order to show support for the brave men and women fighting for my freedom halfway across the globe and for this, I was proud. I still don't know where I fall into the "bigger picture" in life and I may not know for a long time but what's important is that I went. I experienced something that I will be able to tell my children and grandchildren about and be proud of.

The entire trip was an amazing experience, but I left feeling upset. Of the 500,000 people who were present at this march, a majority of them were men and women over the age of 50. This enormous age gap between me and a majority of the protestors troubled me and forced me to ask the question: "What's happening to my generation?" How is it that the majority of the future leaders of the world are so apathetic when issues don't directly affect them? It's very scary to think that college campuses that were once a sanctuary for reform and rebellion have declined to an area where students float blindly through life, unconcerned with issues that "don't directly affect them." I may not have found my place in the world after this experience but I've learned that nobody will ever take away my ability to think, question and rebel. Can you say the same?



Dominic Lombardi

500,000 people protested at the National Mall in Washington D.C. to voice their opposition to the announced deployment of more troops to Iraq.

Amy's Advice

Dear Amy,

I am a senior who is going to be graduating in May and I am freaking out! I do not know what I am going to be doing after that, and I cannot seem to focus on much else. I am scared that once I start getting more assignments from teachers, as the semester progresses, I will forget to take care of things like preparing for the workforce. On the other hand, I am also worried that the stress of graduating and all that comes with it will begin to affect my grades for this last semester. Do you have any tips on how I can organize my future while also maintaining my school life this semester?

Sincerely,
Suffering from Senioritis



Amy Smith
Herald Staff

Dear Suffering from Senioritis

I am going to give you a "holla" and an "Amen" because I am also a graduating senior who is totally feeling the same way as you are. First, you should know that your feelings are completely normal and valid. In fact, I would go so far as to assume that most of our class is feeling this way, so do not worry that you are the only one feeling this way.

Secondly, you should step back from your situation and take a moment to look at it as a whole, rather than a hole that you are stuck in. What I mean is that you should not let your head get in a swarm over everything that you are thinking about.

I wrote a column earlier this year on how to combat stress, but just in case you may have missed it or forgotten some, I will reiterate the main points. The number one way that I combat stress is by writing down what I am thinking about or what is bothering me and then doing something relaxing. Writing down your problems and feelings will help you clarify and prioritize your goals. Also, if you have things written down you will feel more organized and less forgetful - I promise.

Maybe part of your problem is not knowing your goals. If this is the case, then make it one of your first goals to talk to someone who can help you narrow down your job search or graduate school applications and also help you prepare for where to go from there. The RWU Career Center is a great place for that. In fact, I will use this opportunity to name drop my friends Dan and Kristen, who will be glad to help you out at the Career Center. Keep a look out for programs and events on campus that are directed toward seniors and write them into your schedule whether you are sure about attending or not. Do not feel overwhelmed by the tasks at hand. Instead, feel motivated by the opportunities that you have to help you.

Once you have started to write down your plans and feelings, you may also want to do something that can help you relax. You do deserve to relax, no matter how much you may have on your plate. Go for a walk or to the gym, give yourself a shoulder or hand massage, or just take a nap. You know what to do to relax yourself by now I am sure, so do it!

Flo's Fashion

How To: Staying warm and looking fashionable

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

If you're anything like me, then you have been freezing your butt off ever since you got back to campus. It's a lot colder than when we left, and the wind chill makes it so cold that it actually hurts.

So you might be thinking that this is the definite time a year that you don't have to be fashionable, because it's too cold to even consider fashion. On one hand this is true. It's harder to care when you are bundling up anyway, and most of our nice clothes are for warmer weather. There are a few things you can do to stay warm though and still look good.

First off, you have to layer, layer, layer. And the good news is, layering was a huge fashion trend this fall. So throw a tank or cami under all your clothes, because it will keep your core warm. Wear leggings, tights, or knee-highs to shield your legs from the wind and then wear boots for an extra layer of warmth.

Also layer on tops, try a long sleeved shirt instead of a t-shirt under a zip-up so that if you get too warm when you enter the inferno that is CAS, you can just take off the zip-up to cool down from your trek across campus.

Now, this isn't just for girls. You young men should layer too. It's not "manly" to wear hardly anything, pretend you're not cold, and then get sick. Guys

should go for tanks under long-sleeved t-shirts under hoodies to keep warm.

The great thing about the cold is that you can wear lots of cool accessories that, while looking awesome, actually have a function too. Break out those colorful scarves, hats and gloves. If you have a neutral colored coat then add some color to it with bright accessories, but make sure that your scarf doesn't scratch you. If wool bothers you, make sure you get something like a fleece scarf that is soft against your skin.

The topper to all this is a coat. The coats in vogue for women are your classic wool coats, long or short, trench coats and long but slim puffer coats. Make sure you can move in your coat and layer under it, but don't wear one that you become lost in. Huge puffer jackets are a no-no. Get slim cut ones that accentuate your feminine figure.

For all the guys, I'd have to say a nice wool peacoat looks exceptional. Classic and mature, it's always a definite yes, and not just for thespians. Other options are just your regular cotton jackets with warm fleece or flannel lining or a jacket with a warm lining and wind-proof plastic shell, which will help you on all those windy days. Stay away from puffer jackets; they're not really in style anymore for men. Down is really warm, but for the sake of fashion I have to say that unless you somehow make it look really good, it's a don't.

The only other thing you can do to stay warm is to drink really hot coffee or tea and hope that spring comes soon. I won't focus on any winter fashions any more—they just depress me. So from now on, I'll let you know what's hot for this spring so you dream of bikinis and beaches.

Winter woes: Students struggle to readjust

Phil Devitt
News Editor

Ben Lefebvre was busy last semester. He registered for six classes ranging from Aesthetics to U.S. History, took on a lab for his Preservation Research course and worked up to 10 hours a week in the Architecture Library's Visual Resources department.

After grinding through five final exams and a 12-page paper, the sophomore Historic Preservation major was ready to recharge over winter vacation. But when Lefebvre returned to campus last week, he found it hard to adjust.

"Winter break was great, but I really saw no point of being home a week before we went back," Lefebvre said. "All my friends from home went back a week before me which made me ready to leave home for school. Coming back was like coming back after summer break—just long and I was out of the rhythm with things."

Returning from winter vacation can be challenging for various reasons. Some freshmen continue to struggle with homesickness second semester. Seniors must make final preparations for graduation and the working world. Other students, such as Lefebvre, have trouble restarting the college routine.

"I just had to get back into the habit of getting up early, studying, having homework and remembering to be places," Lefebvre said.

To go from relaxation, home-cooked meals and the luxury of sleeping late back

to 8 a.m. classes, sports and other activities is not necessarily easy, according to Jim Azar, Director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

Azar said many students dismiss the importance of staying physically healthy early in the semester and are more prone to getting sick.

"The first couple months, you're wiped out because you're not getting enough sleep, not on a good diet and not getting enough exercise," Azar said. "People need sleep, but in college, that doesn't always happen. It's easy to fall behind and get sick, and emotionally, you feel like crap."

Azar said students can readjust to campus life smoothly by setting schedules not just for classes, but their free time as well.

"Students should pick a relatively okay time to go to bed, wake up at a certain time and develop a pattern around studying every day," Azar said.

Azar recommended that students should sleep at least eight hours a night and refrain from excessive drinking during the week and on weekends.

Some students started their routines over winter vacation to make the transition back to school less stressful. Students in English Professor Loretta Shelton's British Literature class were assigned Charles Dickens's *Our Mutual Friend*, while students in her Continental Literature class were assigned Gottfried von Strassburg's *Tristan*.

Shelton said the reading loads for

English classes are heavy and that many students are eager to get work done between semesters.

"I do hear comments that suggest that as a result of reading over the breaks—summer or winter—students feel less overwhelmed and more confident," Shelton said, adding that doing work while away from school also keeps the mind active.

"Staying connected to intellectual habits, ideas and interests formed during the semester probably keeps the intellectual muscle strong," she said. "There is probably less learning lost and more retained as a result. Having said this, however, I would point out that the pre-reading for my courses reinforces skills that are in place. It does not ask students to apply skills that they have not yet learned."

Homesickness is another problem some students face second semester. According to Azar, it can surface in students as late as January, but rarely resurfaces in students who dealt with it first semester.

"Freshmen had to adjust when they got to campus in September and after they go home for five or six weeks, they have to adjust all over again," Azar said. "It's difficult for some to do that because they miss home. They have a delayed reaction second semester."

The Student Advocacy Office, located in the Administration Building, often assists students who have trouble adapting to campus life. Director of Advising Support Services Susan Hammond said some students are overwhelmed both by

their course load and college culture in general.

"It's not hard to understand that a single child who had his own bedroom and his own bathroom suddenly finds himself here and sometimes is just not prepared for it," Hammond said.

Freshman Kristin Durinick, a Creative Writing major, said spending more than a month at her Connecticut home did not make it easier to come back to Bristol.

"Having time to write and such was absolutely wonderful and I knew it would be difficult adjusting to Rhode Island again after spending so much time in good old Connecticut," Durinick said. "Besides, I knew what to expect this time around as opposed to when I first moved in back in August so there wasn't that burst of 'first move-in' excitement."

Durinick said she looked forward to starting spring semester and that home probably will seem "more desirable" as classes get more stressful. She visits home frequently, which she said makes it easier to get through the time she spends on campus.

"I go home almost every weekend and I wouldn't be the happiest person if I didn't," Durinick said. "My roommate goes home every weekend so it's very lonely here when I do stay. Going home keeps me balanced."

Students who need guidance can contact the Student Advocacy Office at (401) 254-3390 and the Center for Counseling and Student Development at (401) 254-3124.

The majority of
RWU students
do it.

Do what? More information coming soon...

Couple of the Moment:

Interview with Lindsey

Lindsey Spinella & Chris Toussaint

How long have you been with Chris?

Chris and I have been together for nine months today.

How did the two of you meet?

I'm sure he'll tell you a different story, but I was actually going to the gym with a friend and we were standing at the kiosk. She was talking to someone, and he was working and happened to be standing there and said hi to me. I thought he was being sarcastic, because I didn't say hi to him first, but he wasn't at all. We started talking, laughed a bit and then eventually later that week, he asked me on our first date.

What is your favorite thing to do together?

That's difficult to answer since I absolutely love every minute we spend together. But I'd have to say that I love the way we laugh together and can just be ourselves. He's my best friend, and we can just be total goofs around each other. We have so many inside jokes and memories that we can look back upon and smile and laugh. It's a really great feeling. I also love when we go out to eat, and we share our meals. That's kind of a favorite thing of ours!

With Valentine's Day coming up, do you have any special plans?

This is the first Valentine's Day that I'll actually have a real valentine, but I don't really know if we're doing anything. I'm sure that we'll spend some time together, but we're a real low-key couple and I'm not very high maintenance, so a simple movie in our sweats and a bag of popcorn sounds good to me.

If you could describe him in one word, what would that word be?

I always call him a nerd and he always calls me a punk. So if I had to describe Chris in one word, it would be 'nerd.' And I mean that with all the love in my heart!!

What was the most embarrassing thing you did to impress him?

I don't think I ever did anything embarrassing to impress him, but I would try to impress him when we were first dating by always dressing nice and acting like a perfect lady. As for embarrassing, over the summer I had gotten a new cell phone and I wanted to record a new ring tone. So while we were in the car, we had put a CD in and I wanted to have one of the songs as my ring tone. So instead of putting the phone up to the car speakers, I held it up to the actual radio and thought the sound would come out of there. When I realized what I was doing, all I could do was laugh, I was so embarrassed. He just looked at me like it was the cutest thing in the world.

Reporting by: Kristen Kades

Interview with Chris

How did the two of you meet?

She was smiling at me while I was working in the Rec center. She has a really great smile.

What is your favorite thing to do together?

I like doing a lot of different things with her. Sometimes we'll go hiking or just hang out, other times we'll hit up Providence, or even do spontaneous day trips to Block Island. Whatever it is, she always makes it fun and memorable.

With Valentine's Day coming up, do you have any special plans?

Nope. We're both on a pretty limited budget during the school year.

I'll make up for her this summer. She understands.

If you could describe her in one word, what would that word be?

Beautiful.

What was the most embarrassing thing you did to impress her?

I don't think either one of us has ever done anything embarrassing to impress each other.



WQRI: Decides against NPR programming

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potential to link academic and co-curricular learning experiences" said King, but he added "we always like to see student involvement in the decision making process, and at the moment it does not have the student support to go forward."

Though King was appreciative of the effort and thoroughness the E-board put into making their decision, he felt that this time through was a learning experience for the administration. "This was the first time we have looked at this partnership and I

tration to ask us, and then not take what we said seriously."

According to LeComte, the e-board also spoke with the other members of the club to see what the general consensus of the group. They too felt that WRNI would take a lot of the control away from the students.

According to WQRI DJ Greg Kelly, he is happy about the way things worked out. "My show happens during the hours NPR would have been broadcast so I'm glad they voted the way that they did."

WQRI will begin new programming this week, and students can be sure to hear their fellow classmates broadcasting throughout the day.

"I'm glad they let us decide. It is our station and we run it."

**-Keri LeComte
General Manager**

think we learned the pros and cons of doing it the way we did. "The decision has ramifications for the entire campus and therefore the involvement in the decision may be broadened so it is more of a community decision.

According to general manager Keri LeComte, until the school offers a broad

To make their decision, the WQRI e-board members spent months debating the deal while visiting the WRNI station and having their questions answered by staff members there.

"I'm glad they [administration] let us decide. It is our station and we run it," general manager Keri LeComte said. "I would feel let down if they had overrode our decision. They are not the type of adminis-



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RWU's Food Critic

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

Have you ever driven down Route 136 in Warren and seen the gray building with the red sign that says Country Inn Restaurant and Lounge? Personally, I thought it was a fancy restaurant, however, it's actually much more like a diner than anything else.

Every other restaurant my friends and I tried had already closed, so we decided to go to the Country Inn Restaurant just to see how fancy it was, and what we ended up finding was that it's really a diner, with fancier food.

To start out with, while looking at the menu the hostess tried to help us find out what we were in the mood for, and told us that the place had almost anything we could want. She was right, it has almost everything from BLTs to seafood and from chicken and cheeseburgers to veal, this place has it all. So she convinced us to stay.

The whole place has a diner feel, though the furniture is darker to go with the "country inn" idea. There are mostly booths and paper placemats.

Now to the food. Like I said, the selection is phenomenal and not only did they have the normal menu, but there were also Friday's Specials, which included another almost 20 dishes to choose from. I ended up getting Chicken Francaise and my friends got Chicken Roma and Surf and Turf. All our food came with a salad and a side. I chose pasta.

Before we received our salads we got bread and butter, which I'm always a fan of. I do have to say the crust was a little too hard for my liking, but at least it kept me from eating the entire loaf of bread.

The food came pretty fast and when we got it, my friend and I just decide that

Country Inn's ratings

Service: 5

Food: 5

Price 4.5

we should have shared something. The portions were huge. I didn't get one chicken breast, I got two big ones. And just because the portions were huge it didn't mean the food was bad- it was amazing! We all were so glad we went here for dinner. The food has lots of flavor, large portions, and came fast. There was nothing to complain about.

The price of the food is pretty normal. The sandwiches, including cheeseburgers, are cheaper ranging from about 5 dollars to about 8 dollars, and the entrees are a bit more expensive ranging from about 10 dollars to 15 dollars. Steak and seafood was more expensive reaching all the way up to 22 dollars. The menu isn't priced higher than your normal chain restaurant.

The service was also exceptional. The hostess was friendly and convinced us to stay, and the food lived up to what she said. On the way out she asked us what we ordered and how we enjoyed our food. She also remembered that my friend Steve had said he was hungry from surfing and cautioned him to stay warm in the water.

I was really impressed with how confident she was with the food. This is probably one of the first restaurants I've done for the food critic that I am personally recommending to people. Maybe because it reminds me a little of the diners in New Jersey, but probably more so because I loved the food that much. And I was able to get a whole two meals out of it.

The Country Inn Restaurant and Lounge is located at 382 Market Street in Warren.

MEMORIAL: Never forget

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practices, raised money, and she spoke about her experience with the Baystate Medical Center and the Children's Miracle Network at the show. She did such an amazing job."

Even though Forget's situation would be difficult for any student to overcome, according to her friends, she never let cancer get her down.

"Kristin never hesitated to give her all to everything she did," Aubuchon added. "Whether it was to a project or to a friend, she was always doing her best."

With all of her dedication and hard work, it comes to no surprise that before she passed away, Forget was able to accomplish one of her life long goals with the help of Aubuchon.

"Out of all the things in life you can

do, Kristin really wanted to go skydiving. After she told me how severe her cancer was, I decided to take her since I had gone over the summer," Aubuchon said. "It was amazing to see Kristin on that incredible high: sky diving gives you this invincibility and it must have been a great feeling for her."

Although many of her friends look back on their memories with Forget and smile, many say that she left the world too soon.

"I only knew Kristin for 3 1/2 months, but it felt like 3 1/2 years," Aubuchon said. "I just wish I had more time with her."

Dumaine agreed.

"Kristin was able to take any situation and turn it into something positive; she was never without a smile. She never wanted to be treated any different than anyone else and she left such an impact on the lives of everyone she met."

According to anyone who met and knew Forget, she lived by the quote, "Life should not be measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breaths away."

"In my freshman year, I only did the required material and tended not to take advantage of all the opportunities I could use from RWU," close friend and sophomore Lindsay Breeding said. "After knowing Kristin, I have started to take advantage of opportunities, either academic or social, that have come my way."

A memorial service is going to be held for Forget on Thursday, February 8 at 5 p.m. in the Architecture Building Lobby to remember Forget's life.

"Thanks to Kristin, I have learned to live my life to the fullest and take advantage of every opportunity that is thrown at me," Fontaine said. "Just like she did."



Courtesy of Jacques Aubuchon



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Review: Not-so *Smokin' Aces*

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

Two words: gratuitous violence, but then I guess that's what you'd expect from a movie whose plot revolves around a group of abnormally photogenic hitmen.

The premise of *Smokin' Aces* is simple... really simple: Aces Isreal (played by Jeremy Piven, commonly known for his role as Ari Gold on HBO's *Entourage*), a former mobster turned government snitch, is being hunted by the world's most ruthless and absurd hitmen who are all hoping to take the one million dollar bounty the mob has placed on his head.

Throw in a few plot twists, a bail bondsman (played by Ben Affleck) and a government bent on protecting their star

witness, and you have the makings of an explosive situation. The plot sounds simple enough, and for the most part, it is.

The problem is that if you were drawn in by the intriguing trailer that asks "How many ruthless, degenerate, psychotic, determined hitmen does it take to kill one drugged-out snitch?" then you have already seen the best of the movie.

What is supposed to breathe some life into the simple story are the supposedly lively assortment of characters that make up the hit squad. The squad includes a gun-toting feminist, a torture-loving sociopath, and a face changing creep who reminds me of that yellow guy in *Sin City*, among others.

Everything begins nicely enough with

a great introduction scene that truly gets you excited for the rest of the movie. Then, all of a sudden, the creativity stops and the carnage begins. This is one of those wonderful movies where there is so much blood and over-the-top violence that at some point you stop being shocked by it and begin to laugh.

The bloodshed is not

entirely devoid of creativity, however, and the hitmen each come equipped with their own unique styles of destruction.

Whether it's chainsaws or stilettos, the violence is relatively well choreographed and after the first 20 minutes, literally non-stop.

An underlying issue with the movie is that even as the fighting reaches a comical level, the director Joe Carnahan wants you to care about every character. You are supposed to share their emotions as they pick their way through the mayhem, and each other, towards their common goal. But in truth, there is such little characterization that their pain and suffering washes over your head along with the waves of mutilation and gore.

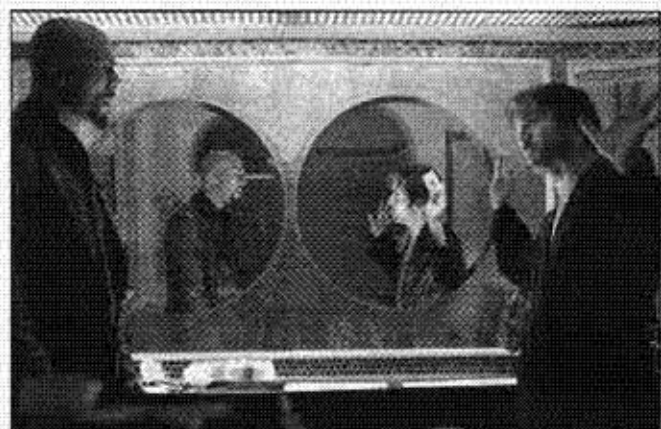
In truth, the overall style of the movie seemed to emulate, if not rip off, that of the movie *Snatch*. Like *Snatch*, which was directed by Guy Richie, and Quentin Tarrantino's *Pulp Fiction* before it, the script builds fun little quirks into the characters to add some depth to what could easily be another mundane action movie.

But the balancing act of character development and senseless violence tips far too much in favor of the latter. The director banks on Ritalin-popping psychotic children and neo-nazi degenerates who, for whatever reason, spend far too much time on their hair, to make up for the fact

that this movie lacks the cleverness of its predecessors, a gamble that seems ill advised in retrospect.

Overall I can't say I didn't enjoy the movie because I did, but if you hope that *Smokin' Aces*' stellar preview is a hint of great things to come then, like me, you will most likely find yourself disappointed.

The movie was everything I expected and less.



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Housing Deposits Due!

Time to plan ahead for Fall of 2007.

The \$350 Housing Deposit is due as follows:

Current Freshmen—Due February 12th

Current Sophomores—Due February 16th

Current Juniors and Seniors—Due February 23rd

All students must be financially cleared by February 23rd in order to participate in the hall selection process.

Campus Events

Ongoing
Birss Lecture Memorial Exhibition
Jack Kerouac
Main Library

Friday, February 2
"A Weekend Near Madison"
A Senior Acting Project
RWU Performance Art Center
8 p.m.

CEN Common Ground
Visual Impact with Richard Hights
Hawk's Hangout
9 p.m.

Check out the local upcoming events

Saturday, February 3
"A Weekend Near Madison"
A Senior Acting Project
RWU Performance Art Center
8 p.m.
CEN Film
The Departed
Upper Commons
9 p.m.

Sunday, February 4
Music Series with Eric Christensen and William Maker: "Three Centuries of Guitar Duets"
Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6
CEN/MSU Movie
Upper Commons
9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Birss Memorial Lecture Event: "Jack Kerouac's Literary Children"
Michael Gizzi
CAS 152
3 p.m.

Socrates Cafe "Do you really love me?"
Becky Spritz
Library - Mary Tefft White Center
7 p.m.

Friday, February 9
Think Pink Chameleon Club
Recreation Center
10 p.m.

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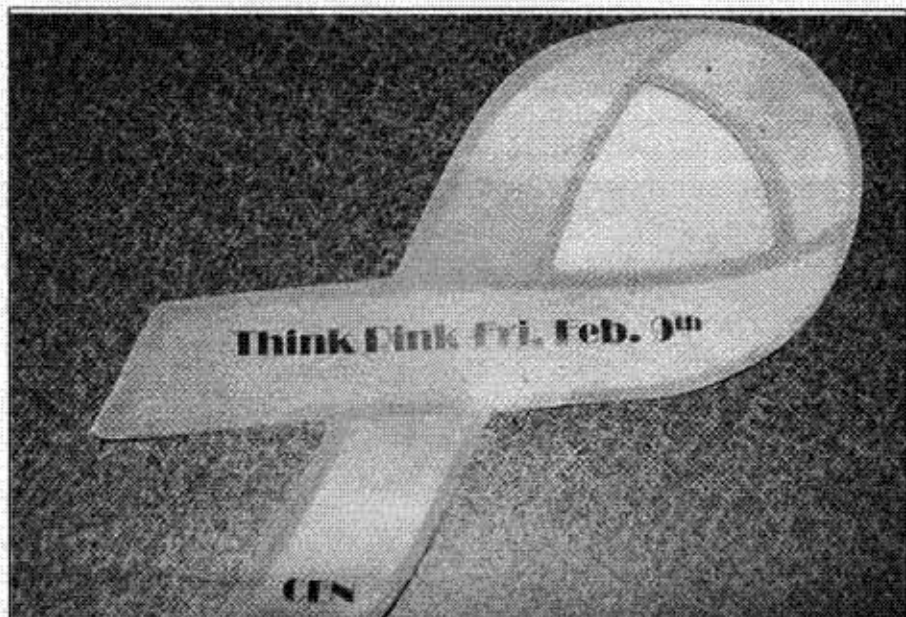
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The Messengers
Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller, Kristen Stewart
Rated PG-13

Because I Said So
Diane Keaton, Mandy Moore, Gabriel Macht and Lauren Graham
Rated PG-13

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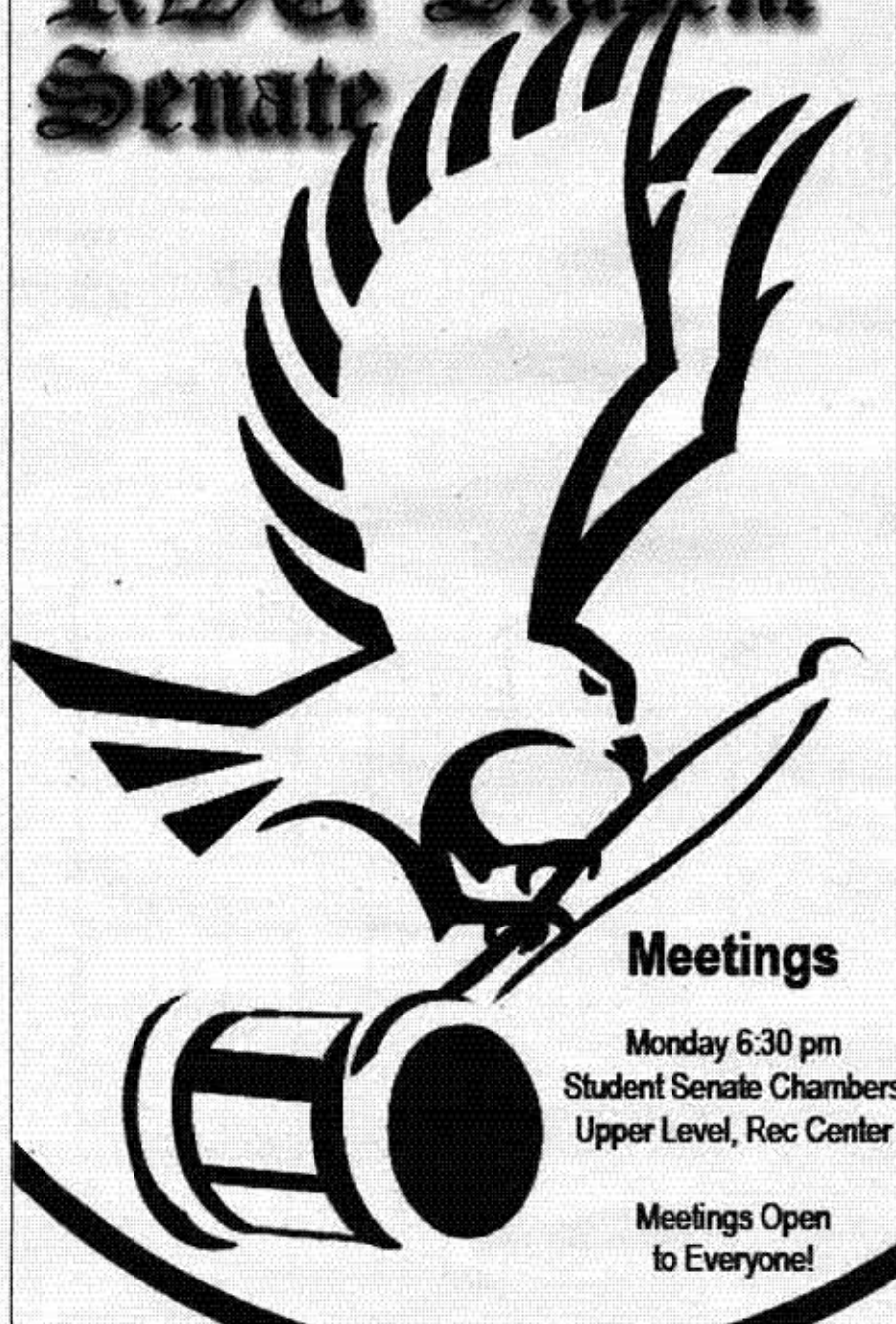
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Jim Dugan
Herald Staff

I think it is safe to say that most people here at Roger Williams University are either fans of New England or a team from New York. Thus it is understandable as to why it seems like no one really cares about the Super Bowl. Let us face it; it is a pretty unexciting match up, and I'm sure many of you do not even have a side that you really want to root for.

But do not worry, that is why I am here. Sure Chicago and Indianapolis are less than 200 miles apart, but there are still a ton of differences between them and multiple ways for you to pick a team to root for in the Super Bowl.

First and most importantly, who would win a fight between the two logos for each team? Hmmm, a horse against a giant grizzly bear... Yeah I am going to have to lean towards the bears on this one.

You could also look at the actual cities if you prefer. Chicago is known as the "Windy City" because, I assume, it is windy there. Indianapolis is sometimes referred to as "Nap Town", and I do not care why. Any student knows that naps are far better than the wind (well maybe not the sailing team), so Indy wins there.

If that is not enough city wise, remember that Indianapolis is the capital of its state, something Chicago can not say.

Each city has also been home to many famous people. Indianapolis was the home to Benjamin Harrison (psst, He was a President) as well as NBA great Oscar Robertson. Chicago, on the other hand is only home to Pat Sajak and John Cusack. Clear advantage to Indy here. No, just kidding. Chicago raised some of the greatest comedians, rappers, and actors known to the world. And if that's not enough, Both Oprah and Hugh Hefner got their big breaks there. Enough said.

Both cities have produced their share of big name movies as well, especially

with sports. Chicago had *Rookie of the Year*, starring Gary Busey as an old Cubs pitcher. Indy, however, has one of the greatest sports movies of all time, *Hoosiers*. Edge to Indy.

For the ladies, and guys forgive me for this paragraph, things may depend on who the best looking quarterback is in the game. Peyton Manning was apparently voted the best looking quarterback in the league (I'm sure the Victoria Secret model dating Tom Brady would debate this), and besides that, Rex Grossman looks like he is 12 years old still.

Getting back to actual football, both teams have had great players in their past. Chicago had Walter Payton, one of the greatest running backs ever. The Colts had Johnny Unitas, one of the greatest quarterbacks ever. However, Unitas played when the team was still in Baltimore, giving Chicago the win.

Since most people at the school are Pat fans, you can draw connections to both teams from them. The Colts have Adam Vinatieri, the most clutch kicker in NFL playoff history. He was a complete rock and anchor for the Patriots through all their Super Bowls. As much as it hurts to see him on another team, it is almost impossible to not still want to see him do well.

The Bears, on the other hand, have everyone not named Manning. Let us be honest, New Englanders pretty much all hate Peyton and hope he gets broken in half during this game. Wait, wait, the Bears have two players named Manning? Wow, I hope no Patriot fans are drinking during the game and suddenly get really confused.

If all else fails and you still haven't decided yet, ask your self this, as SNL would ask, "Who would win in a race, a driver from the Indy 500, or da Bears' Bus? Well what if the Bears' bus was being driven by one Mike Ditka?" Oh then I take da Bears' bus. Da Bears.

BBALL: Atop CCC standings

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were unable to get off the right shot and

Salve grabbed the rebound. But sophomore Michael Wooley came up with a huge steal and was fouled by Goodridge on a layup attempt.

Wooley hit one free throw to stretch the lead to six before Salve took the ball. With each possession, the "De-Fense" cheers from the crowd got increasingly louder.

The Hawks finally put the game away on a great display of individual effort from sophomore Billy Barrett. After he nearly lost the ball in the offensive end, Barrett fell back onto the ball and made a great pass from the ground to find Bashaw open under the net.

Now leading 73-65, Baranger added another block for good measure.

The Hawks showed discipline in the second half, committing only five fouls and controlling the ball.

Kolb said that he is looking forward to the upcoming weeks, as both basketball teams will be headed toward the playoffs.

"We're going to have some really

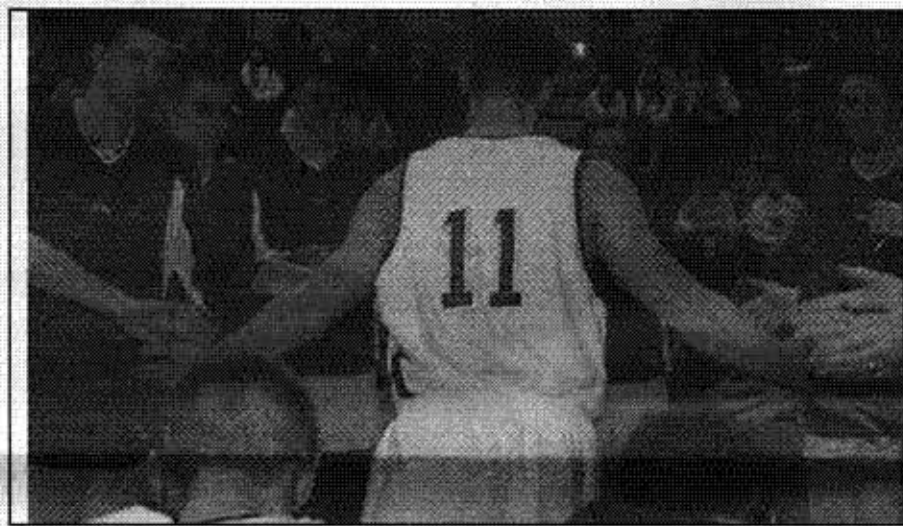
meaningful basketball games in the next three to four weeks. I just want people to come out and not take for granted what's going on here, because I think there's terrific competition going on."

While remaining optimistic, Kolb insisted that fans that cross the line will not be tolerated.

"We definitely want students to come to the games and be able to blow off steam and have a blast and be loud, but there are certain lines that we're not going to be able to cross," he said. "Profanity, taunts at other players, taunts at the officials, that's what we're going to call people on and that's what we have tried to do in the past."

"But overall, I think our students are terrific and I think people are getting more and more into the games," he added. "But I think it's just a matter of making them realize that [sportsmanship] is what we stand for."

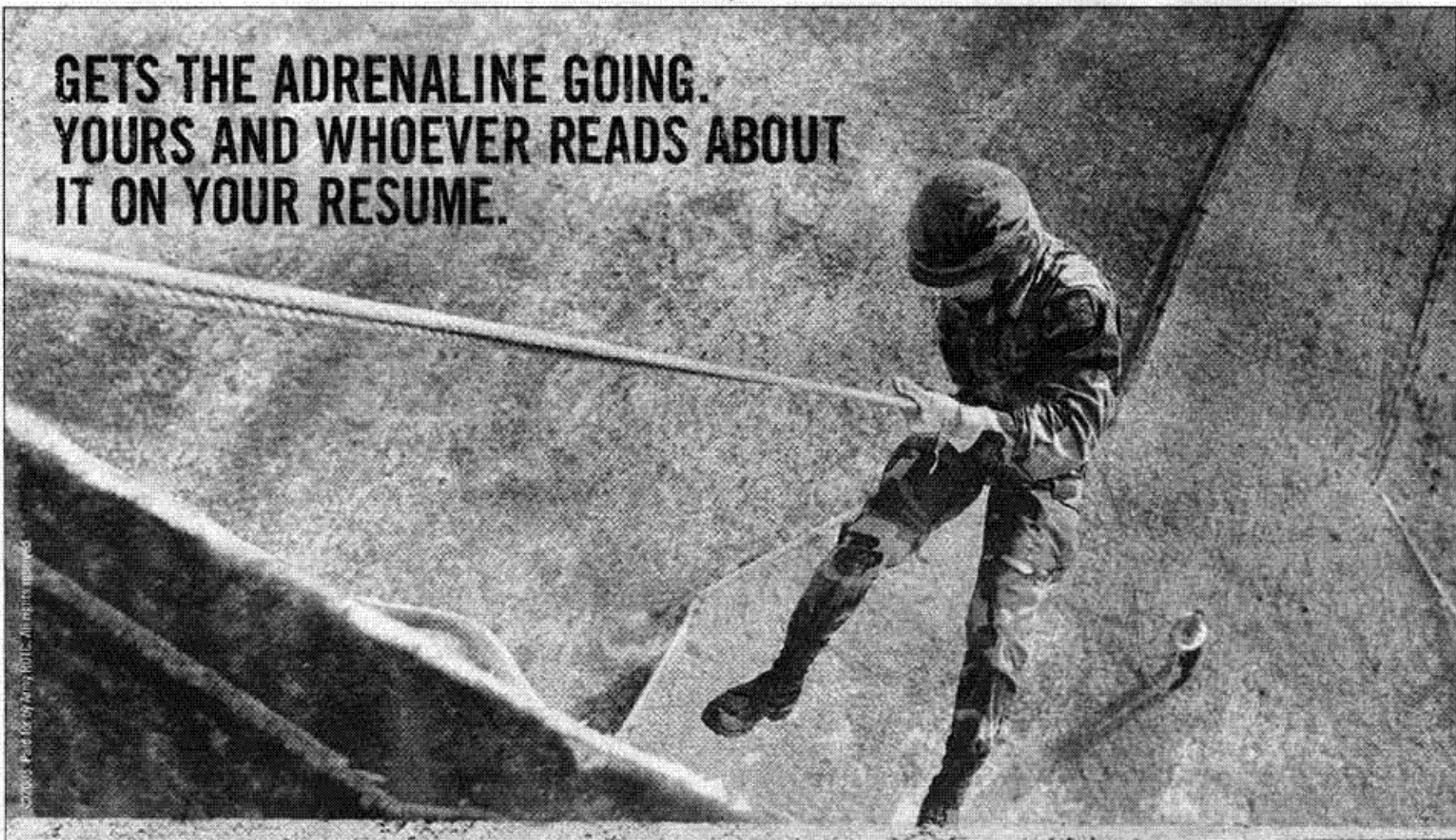
The men return to action this Saturday at home against conference-foe Endicott College at 3 p.m. Senior Brandon Parish needs just 17 points Saturday to become the 19th man in school history to reach 1,000 points.



Michael Hurley

Brandon Parish finished the game with 10 points, just 17 shy of 1,000 in his career.

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News & Notes

• In a meeting with the editors of the *Hawk's Herald* in early November, RWU's own football expert, **President Roy Nirschel**, predicted the Bears and the Colts would be playing in this year's Super Bowl. His pick for the big game? Colts by 14.

• The RWU Athletics Department has released information regarding its new athletic fields campaign. A PowerPoint presentation is available at <http://www.rwuhawks.com/fieldscampaign>. The information is not definite, but expect more news in the coming weeks and months.

• After starting the season at 0-4, the **women's basketball team** made a charge over the past two months, winning 6 in a row to begin the new year. The midseason surge propelled the Hawks from the bottom of the CCC South Division right into the play-off hunt.

• Four men's soccer players were named to the NSCAA/adidas Division III All-New England Team. Junior forward **Antoine Bell** was named to second team, senior keeper **Kevin Deegan** earned third-team for the third straight year, and seniors **Rich Reddington** and **Brandon Cavanaugh** earned fourth-team honors.

• Senior wrestler **Andy Lacroix** and junior **Anthony Nicolichia** were invited to participate with 26 of the nation's top collegiate wrestlers in Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday, December 30. Both wrestlers lost their respective matches by way of decision. Nicolichia was matched up against the second-ranked wrestler in the country, Richard Byrd of Embry-Riddle College, while Lacroix faced Terrence Almond of Dana College, who was ranked third in the NAIA at 141 pounds.

• Three Hawks were named honorable mentions as Scholar Athletes by the NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-East Regional Team. Senior soccer players **Stephanie Johnson** (3.62 GPA, criminal justice), **Brittany Naylor** (3.38 GPA, architecture), and **Kevin Deegan** (3.74 GPA, business management) represented RWU.

• At the end of December, the women's basketball team traveled to Nassau to compete in the Bahamas Sunshine Shootout. In the first game, the Hawks fell to Master's College 79-58. Though they kept the score closer in the second game, they lost to Westminster College 58-50. Junior **Caitlyn Leone** was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The new Boston Blues

After a devastating loss to the Indianapolis Colts last Sunday evening, Patriots fans have fallen into post-playoff depression. Offering their opinions are two new writers to the Hawk's Herald, Rob D'Angelo - a Pats fan - and Kevin Fennell, an outsider with some advice to New Englanders.

Rob D'Angelo
Herald Staff

Is this *really* what it's like to be a Boston sports fan? It's more like scoring a date to prom with the homecoming queen, just to have her leave you waiting in front of your fireplace with your parents taking pictures. Just you, that damn corsage, and your mom raving that you're still going to be the best looking guy at the prom; sheer disappointment. Thanks, but no thanks.

I know that probably just about any other big sports market city would trade those four championships (Red Sox and Pats), and mild playoff success by the two other teams, their names escape me at the moment, (I'm just kidding, I love the Celts and Bruins. They are just going

in the wrong direction management wise, but that's a whole other article) for just about anything. This is not good enough for me.

I get a queasy feeling when I bring myself back to last Sunday night. After the first half I had enough hubris and bravado in my chest to fill a blimp. By the end of the fourth, I felt like the Hindenburg going down in Lakehurst, "Oh the humanity of it all!"

It wasn't that the Patriots lost this one, or the manner in which they lost it. Growing up a Boston fan you have to listen to dads, uncles, aunts, grandfathers tell you all the heart breakers. Whether it was Bucky "bleepin'" Dent, Bill [insert expletive here] Buckner, or my own rendition of the Red Sox family tradition Aaron (break down crying... recover) Ba- Ba- Boooooonee. I couldn't help but think to myself, "Are we heading down this heart-breaking path with the

Patriots?"

Maybe it's just that we've just had this string of incredible seasons and finally now Bill Belichick and the boys seem to be mere mortals.

Maybe those sixth round draft choices won't turn into shoe-ins for the Hall of Fame. Maybe they won't be able to pick up so-called "league outcasts" from their jobs at Wal-Mart and plug them into a system where they can become Pro Bowlers.

Is it now the die-hard Patriots fans that will endure 86 years of sports fandom hell? Nah, I think I have more confidence as a

Patriots fan now, more than ever.

For a team that was in some deep stuff at the end of training camp, they did alright for themselves right up until the last three

minutes of the luckiest game of Peyton's career (still bitter, sorry).

I know on this campus we have football fans from all over: Jets (copying the Patriots), Giants (Oh boy, do they wish they could figure out how to copy the Patriots), and yes, even the occasional Colt fan. Even though I have blasted just about every football team in the AFC East and one in the South (I don't consider Buffalo or Miami real teams at the moment), I hope everyone reading this little rant, whether you're from Boston or Long Island, gets a little chuckle from Patriot onset depression. But we will persevere, and begin to focus on things even more important than the Patriots winning another Superbowl. GO SOX!!

Questions, Comments, Concerns, Death Threats?

Rob would love to hear from you...

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Kevin Fennell
Herald Staff

Two minutes after the great and powerful New England Patriots lost to the Indianapolis Colts in one of the best football games in recent memory, I went on AOL Instant Messenger to see the away messages of my friends in New England.

I took some time to copy and paste a few (carefully edited, of course):

"**#@\$!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"Peyton Manning is a little (female dog)!"

"That was complete BS!"

"I want to go out and find Reche Caldwell and kill him, he should not be alive anymore."

Now, as a Philadelphia Eagle fan I definitely know how they feel. My team has lost a championship game - three times in a row in fact - and I've had to get through a loss in the Super Bowl by a certain team led by Tom Brady. So I have these sage words of advice:

1. Breathe.

2. Do not punch things (after losing to the Panthers I broke my hand after punching a door.)

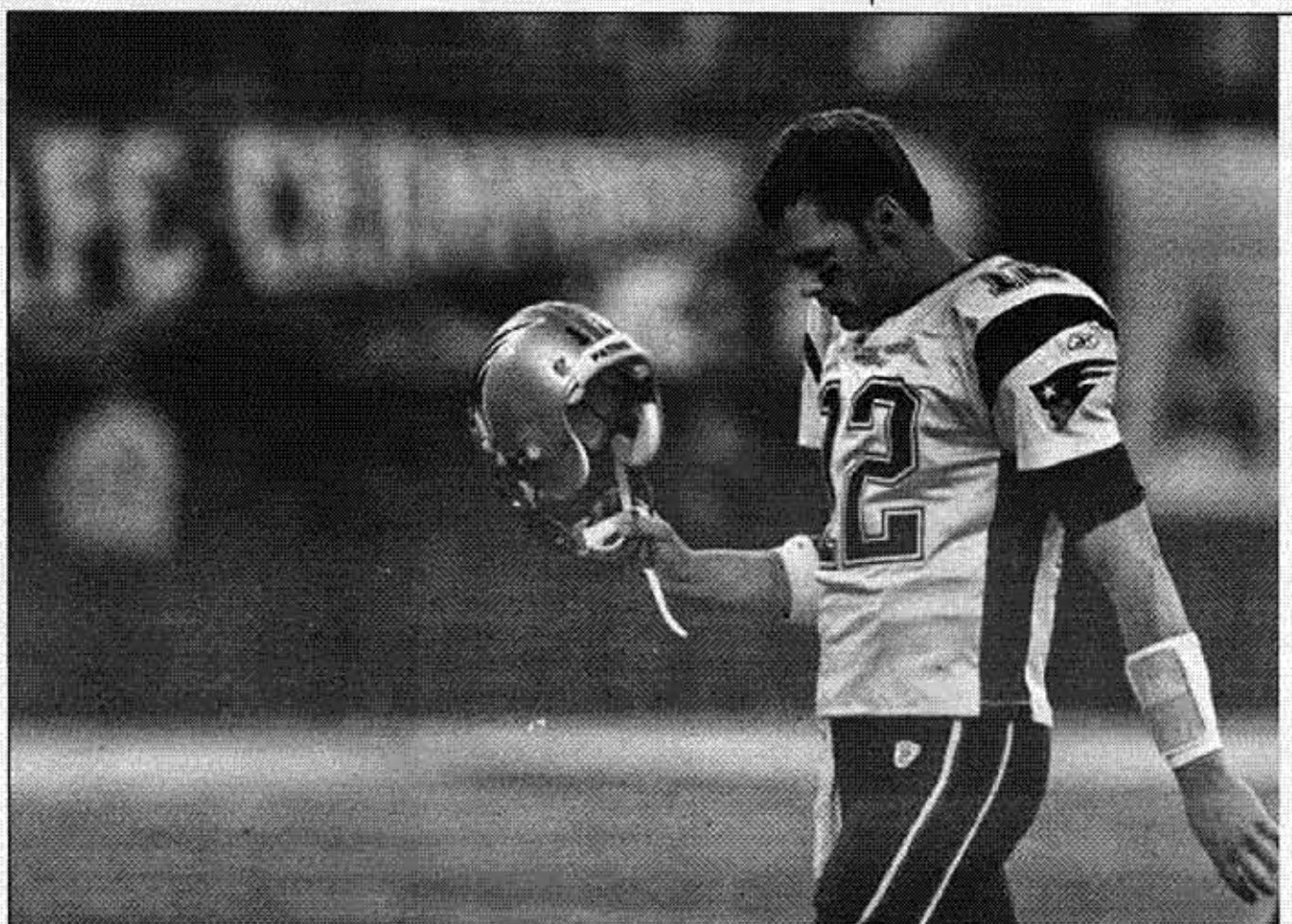
3. Look back at your Super Bowl victories; you know those things you won that the Eagles, Panthers, Jaguars, Seahawks, Texans, Lions, Saints, Cardinals, Bills, Bengals, Browns, Titans, Chargers, and Falcons haven't EVER won.

4. Breathe.

5. Never forget that you guys got away with the "tuck rule," which still doesn't make any sense to me.

6. Remember some of the great moments in the last six years about which you were the positive part.

7. Finally, remember that next year you still have Tom Brady and Bill Belichick on your team, therefore anything can happen.



Patriots fans aren't used to seeing Tom Brady walk off the field like this, and they're having trouble dealing with the aftermath of the 38-34 loss to the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC Championship Game.

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Men prevail in battle of Hawks

Michael Hurley
Managing Editor

Playing at home in front of a capacity crowd, The Roger Williams University men's basketball team was able to avenge last week's conference loss to Salve Regina University by defeating the Seahawks 74-67 Tuesday night.

With the win, RWU remains in first place in the CCC's South Division with an overall record of 13-5 (9-2 CCC).

RWU got off to the quick lead, going on a 14-0 run early in the first half, giving them the 21-7 lead.

RWU Athletic Director George Kolb believes the home crowd gives the Hawks

a distinct advantage.

"The thing that I think about a lot is school spirit," Kolb said. "That people come out and support their team and be loud and give us a home court advantage and be into it."

The crowd celebrated each of sophomore Tucker Bashaw's trio of three pointers in the first, and the Hawks went into the locker room leading 50-35.

Junior Jeff Baranger came out on fire in the second half, collecting rebounds, forcing jump balls, scoring points and drawing fouls. His pair of blocks earned him the loudest response from the crowd all night.

However, RWU's lead started to slowly slip away. Salve's Chris Goodridge hit a shot from behind the arc with five minutes left in the game, cutting the Hawks' lead to eight.

Salve caught another break when Baranger was called for a charge. The Hawks followed that call with a big defensive stop, before giving the ball right back to Salve.

The Seahawks responded with a Joe DeSantis three-pointer, bringing the score to 66-61.

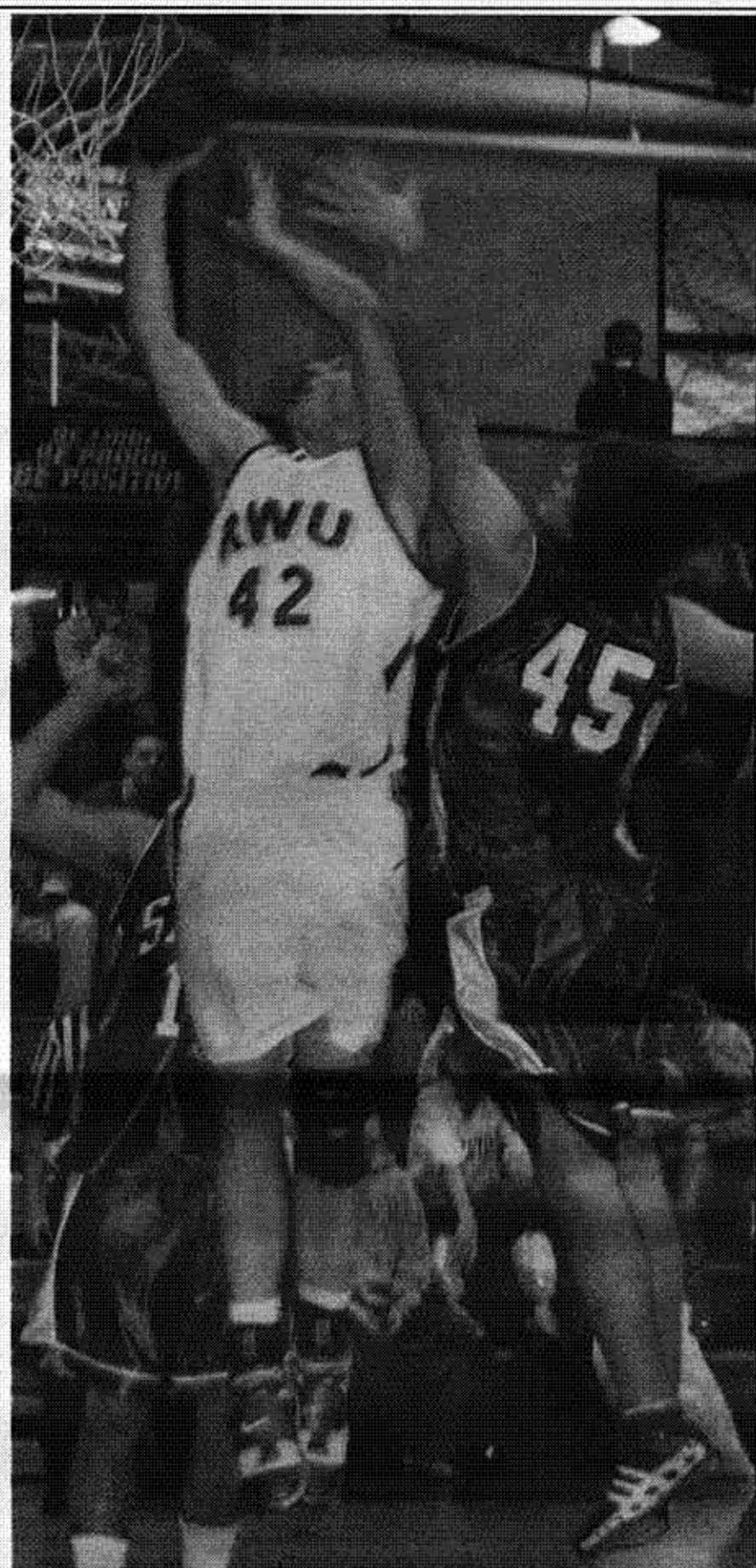
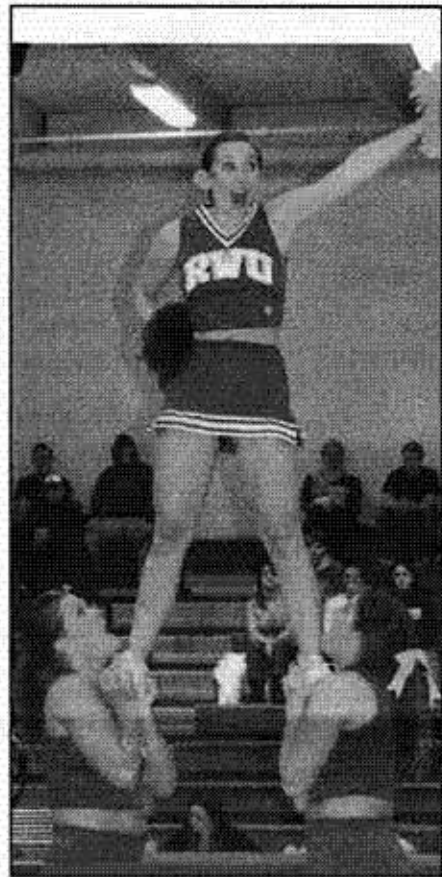
With 3:38 remaining, senior Brandon Parish missed two free throws and the lead remained at five.

After taking a full timeout, Salve had the ball, down by five, with 3:29 remaining. Parish seemed to have come up with a huge block, but was instead called for a foul. Salve's Sean Worth hit both shots to cut the lead to three.

Parish made up for his foul by hitting two free throws with 2:48 left in the game, which brought the score to 68-63. Parish then made a big defensive stop, giving RWU the ball with 2:13 remaining and a five-point lead.

After taking a full timeout, the Hawks

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Michael Hurley

(Above) Junior Jeff Baranger drives home a basket in Tuesday's victory over Salve Regina. (Left) The cheerleaders and dance team helped pump up the home crowd.

Women's basketball falls at home to first-place Salve Regina

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The women's basketball team (8-10, 6-5) lost to Salve Regina 66-49, just five days after Salve Regina beat RWU 60-40 in Newport.

Sophomore Jackie Criss tallied 11 points to lead the Hawks and sophomore Casey Anderson finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

The Hawks shot 38.3 percent from the floor, but struggled from the line shooting just 7-16. The Seahawks capitalized at the line, and had twice as many chances, finishing 24-32.

The Seahawks had four players in double-figures. Allegra Lovoy and Megan Barry each had 13 points to lead all scorers. Margaret O'Brien had 11 points and Allison Moen had ten points to give SRU a balanced attack.

For the Hawks, sophomore Jennifer Youngquist had eight points and junior Katie Toye finished with five points and eight rebounds. Toye, the 6'2" RWU center, got the Hawks within seven points (40-33) with her second career three-pointer. The Hawks would never get closer than that, however, as SRU extended their lead with a 26-16 run to close the game.

The loss was the women's fourth in a row. After starting the new year on a six-game winning streak, the team dropped road games to the University of New England, Salve, and New England College before Tuesday's home loss.

Results from Thursday night's home game against Regis were not available at press time.

The Hawks return to the court Saturday at 1 p.m. when they host the Gulls of Endicott.



Sarah Cournoyer

Senior Caitlyn Elnitsky defends Salve's Allegra Lovoy in Tuesday night's 66-49 loss.