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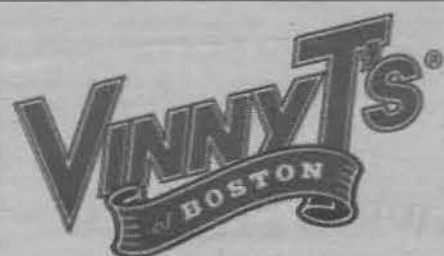


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Enough with the puff



Inner campus bans are expected to eliminate smoking on campus.

Sarah Cournoyer

Campus core expected to become smoke free

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

The next time you walk through a cloud of cigarette smoke, or puff a cigar on the library steps, take note of the experience. Come 2008 at RWU, it will be lights out for lighting up.

In a statement that caught many faculty, staff and students by surprise, President Roy Nirschel announced that beginning in January, RWU's "campus core" will become smoke-free.

At his State of the University address, Nirschel said that smoking will be restricted to "smoking shelters located in 'out of the way' places."

The "campus core" has yet to be defined by the university, although it

is almost certain to include the quadrangle, academic buildings and the areas surrounding many dorms on the main campus.

RWU's current smoking policy – which has been in effect since 2004 – requires that smoking occur at least 25 feet from all buildings, and relies on "community enforcement" to maintain adherence.

The new policy plans to broaden the restricted areas, making violations of it more obvious and easier to enforce. Vice president of Student Affairs John King said the updated policy will be more strongly enforced, though exactly how this will take place has yet to be decided.

"We don't want to turn it into a See SMOKING p. 3

Organizers consider leaving Chameleon Club doors open later

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

During the September Chameleon Club, five transports occurred, the same number as last September. Four of the transports were female and all were freshmen.

Vice President of Student Affairs John King also said that one arrest was made for possession of marijuana.

"He was very cooperative during the situation," King said.

CEN hopes that next Chameleon Club will be allowed to keep the door open until 12 a.m. They presented a proposal to extend the door time to King.

"We think that it is in a controlled environment with no access to alcohol once inside," co-chair of Chameleon Club Emily Chappell said. "We check the building, the club is on campus so no traveling is involved for students, and we check all IDs at the door."

The event also has high security.

Chappell claimed that "it [11 p.m. door time] doesn't give enough time for students to get back from work and get ready to go out." However, CEN is trying to come up with a compromise with Student Affairs to schedule a door time at 11:30 p.m.

The report, put together by Chappell and co-chair of CEN Rachel Clarke, stated that attendance was suffering due to the door time change. In Sept. of 2006, at least 1700 students attended, but at this year's Chameleon Club, only 1150 students were at the event.

"The attendance at Chameleon Club is decreasing, and prices are increasing. We are now paying

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Coming Out

National Coming Out Day celebrated on campus

Kelleigh Welch
Asst Features Editor

Dan Percopo, a junior at Roger Williams University, is 'out.' Junior Kevin Clark and fifth-year senior Rory Richards, who are dating, are too. To be 'out,' by definition, is to openly express your sexual orientation as being gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

On Oct. 11, the RWU club Sexuality Advocacy For Everyone (SAFE), sponsored an event called National Coming Out Day.

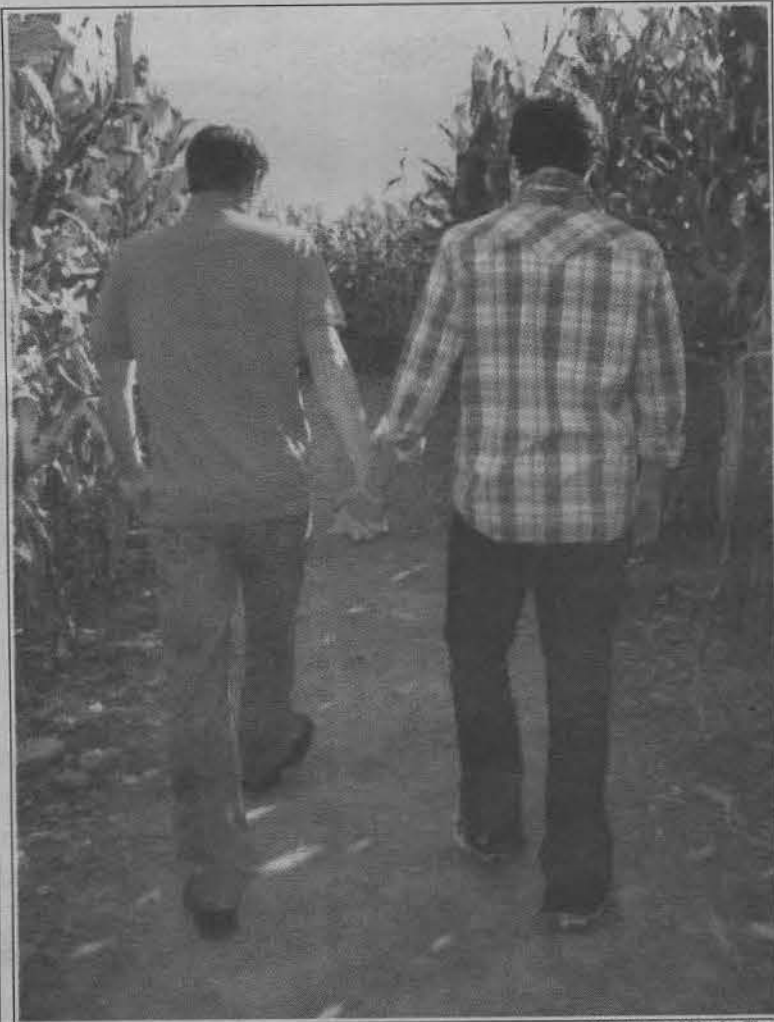
"National Coming Out Day is a national event for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals to have the opportunity to 'come out,'" SAFE president Samantha Law said.

"We had [gay pride] flags all around campus, such as in the Upper Commons, the quad, the Rec. Center, the Roger Statue was holding one, and we gave out ribbons at dinner."

Percopo, the vice president of SAFE, said he feels that National Coming Out Day is also meant to spread awareness and motivate other gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

"It [National Coming Out Day] shows [gay] students that they can feel more comfortable let them know that others feel the same as they do," Percopo said. "It helps raise awareness and tolerance and lets [people] know that [homosexuality] is appar-

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Courtesy of Kevin Clark

Students Kevin Clark and Rory Richards say RWU is open to homosexuality. "We can walk around campus holding hands and no one really says anything," he said.

Letters to Lorin

Dear Lorin,

I have been having this problem with one of my friends. We have been friends for many years, and last year we even lived together, but we don't anymore. The problem is we have horrible communication, and I am scared to talk to her. She keeps doing things to hurt me, like choosing friends she just met over me and ignoring me when my boyfriend visits. I don't want to lose her friendship but it's hard when she comes to me when she has a problem, but other than that ignores me. I don't want her to be mad at me, but I don't know how to approach her about this. What should I do?

-Lonely on the weekends :'(

Dear Lonely on the weekends,

It sounds like you are feeling some neglect from your friend, and since she lived with you it seems like you were really close at one time. Although it may be hard for you, the best thing to do is to approach her about the situation. It doesn't have to be scary, you can just remind her that you miss her and haven't seen her in a while. For example- "It's been a long time since we've hung out, and I miss having fun together." But this might not be enough, and it seems as if you feel like you have been taken granted of because you are there for her. When you sit down to talk, make sure that she is able to express the way that she might feel too, and tell her how you have felt neglected. If she is a true friend, when you confront her she will try to spend more time with you or be there for you. If she isn't- you should spend time with other friends that will be there for you and even join new organizations so you can meet new ones- best of luck!

Dear Lorin,

I'm a freshman and I hate this class I am taking. I'm currently failing, and I don't want to fail. I studied for hours, and I even spoke to my teacher, but he didn't do anything and I am freaking out. Help!

-Hating Statistics

Dear Hating Statistics,

This is a completely common problem that many people struggle with especially when entering a first year at school. Classes can be overwhelming. Plus, it doesn't help that your teacher didn't take the initiative to help you. But you have a few options. The first is the tutoring center, located on the second floor of the library (take a right when you get up the stairs). There you can set up an appointment with someone who will be able to help you study more effectively for the test. You might want to consider dropping the class, since we are already about halfway through the semester, but the choice is solely up to you. Dropping a class would give you a "W" right now, and fewer credits overall, but at the same time failing a class would bring your GPA down. Depending on the class you might eventually have to take it over again, so think about your options carefully before you make a choice. Also talk to your advisor. He or she can definitely help you make a decision.

Lorin Richardson is a junior communications major and a PEER in Cedar.
Got a letter for Lorin? E-mail us at
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Correction: Due to an editing error in last week's "News Briefs," the *Hawk's Herald* mistakenly reported that the students shot in a Cleveland school were killed. The gunman's suicide was the only death involved. The *Hawk's Herald* apologizes for the mistake.

RWU'S WTF OF THE WEEK



Every week, or couple of weeks, or month...or couple of months, college students decide it's time to do some laundry. While many students struggle to even operate the machines, some residents in Maple can't even get that far.

That is because their keys don't let them into the tower with the machines.

Somebody, anybody, please alleviate this problem, because there is nothing worse than sitting behind the smelly kid for three hours.

Got a suggestion? E-mail hawksherald@gmail.com

Dear Editor,

Suggestion: I need some more fun in my life, bring back the fun corner and couple of the month.

James Thatcher

James,

You will be happy to see that the fun corner has returned. Couple of the Moment will return in the next issue.

Thanks for your continued readership, and I hope you have some fun with the Hawk's Herald this week.

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

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News Briefs

Compiled by Eric Sullivan

Robbery in Cedar Hall

Several electronic items were stolen from Cedar Hall late Friday night, including laptop computers.

The RWU Department of Public Safety and Bristol Police Department are investigating the crime.

"We have a number of leads, and an unprecedented level of interest in this investigation," Public Safety Director David Smith said. "We are confident in our ability to solve the crime."

Smith also had words for the RWU student body.

"We ask students to be mindful, to lock their doors, even if they are just running down the hall for a minute. Students need to be vigilant of suspicious activity. No one knows their dorm better than a student. If you see something, notify the authorities."

Report finds toxins in iPhone

In a report released Monday, Greenpeace released findings that Apple's headsets for the iPhone contained the following poisons: brominated flame-retardants, phthalates plasticisers and chloride.

Greenpeace was also quick to point out that products made by competitors Nokia, Motorola and Sony did not contain such chemicals.

The Center for Environment Health (CEH) also announced that it would seek legal action against Apple,

with accordance to California state law, which prohibits certain levels of phthalates. "There is no reason to have these potentially hazardous chemicals in iPhones," said Michael Green, executive director of CEH.

Source Macnews World

Facebook bolsters security

Facebook users will now be able to report claims of pornography, harassment or inappropriate links or e-mails that are sent to specific usernames.

There is now an email address to contact if such offenses are committed, abuse@facebook.com. Facebook claims that the e-mail address was created to respond to claims 24 hours a day by an independent party approved by the New York Attorney General's Office.

This new security measure comes after several subpoenas were issued by Attorney Generals around the country. Some like Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal don't think the New York settlement was enough.

"New York's settlement with Facebook is a step forward, but giant strides are needed to make the site safer," Blumenthal said.

Blumenthal was referring to an 18-year-old age limit to access the site.

Source PC World

Birth Control enters Maine middle school

ABC News reported Wednesday a battle between parents and school of-

ficials as the administration at one Maine middle school decided to allow students to acquire contraceptives from the health department.

King Middle School has already provided students with condoms and after five of 135 students who visited health services last year revealed that they were sexually active. "We do certainly sit down and speak with them about why that's not a good choice," said Portland's school nurse coordinator Amanda Rowe.

The students who attend King Middle School range in age from 11 to 13.

"I don't think I would want my child in middle school to be getting birth control pills unless I had something to do with it," one parent said.

Not all parents are against the decision to add birth control for girls.

"I think that education at that age is appropriate because our culture is saturated with messages about sex," one mother said.

Source ABC News

World War looms if Iran gets Nuclear Armaments

President Bush warned the nation Wednesday that if Iran obtained nuclear weapons it could lead to "World War III." President Bush has constantly reaffirmed his policy that he would never allow Iran to become a nuclear power, especially when the

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Israel "will disappear soon."

These comments by the U.S. come after President Vladimir Putin of Russia visited Iran and cautioned the U.S. against using military action. President Putin said there was "no evidence" of a nuclear threat in Iran, and with Russia's veto power, could prevent France and the U.S. from obtaining military approval from the UN Security Council.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's presidential tenure will expire in 2009, something that the West and especially the U.S. should look at before making destabilizing decisions such as the use of military force. The Associated Press reported nine days ago of more than 100 Iranian student protestors chanting "Death to the dictator."

Last December, elections gave more seats to the reformists within the Iranian legislature, and Ahmadinejad's rival, former President Hashemi Rafsanjani was chosen as chairman of the Assembly of Experts, which was held by a close political companion of Ahmadinejad.

These domestic affairs will be closely watched by the western powers, and comments like the next "World War," could become mute if these domestic indicators are correct.

Source: AP, NY Times

SMOKING: Policies to restrict where students can smoke

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smoking police-state, but obviously there will be a warning and then on the second offense there will be some kind of elevated response," King said.

According to King, the stricter regulations come in response to widespread violation of the previous policy, the proliferation of cigarette butts littering the campus, as well as a broader initiative to increase the health of the campus community.

"We got very little cooperation with the 25-foot policy and the secondhand smoke is causing problems. Also, a lot of labor time is being spent picking up cigarette butts around campus," King said.

The university plans to build structures around the perimeter of the campus where smoking will be allowed. While the administration is still unsure of the location of these "smoking shelters," or what they will look like, they may resemble the gazebo near CAS, which is likely to become a designated smoking spot.

A committee is currently being formed whose purpose is to define smoking areas, enforcement methods, and will eventually implement the finished policy.

A 2006 survey of college students' substance abuse habits, conducted by the American College Health Association, found that 21 percent of students smoke cigarettes regularly, and that 35 percent have smoked at some point in their lives.

With around a fifth of the campus puffing, the policy is bound to be polarizing, something Nirschel acknowledged in his speech. "It won't be easy, it won't be popular, but it's the right thing to do," he said.

Response from the campus com-

munity has ranged from those in complete support of the policy to others who wonder if this is the best way to tackle the problem.

Freshman Eric Stephens, who is one of the many students who smoke as they walk between classes, considers the new restrictions to be unfair.

"It is a victimless crime," Stevens said. "We're not hurting anyone but ourselves, we know the risk, we choose to consent."

Stephens said that he needs to smoke to get through the day.

"For me, it's like my cup of coffee in the morning. I smoke on my way to class, and it gets me ready. Also, with my ADD, it sort of brings me down a little, it allows me to focus for class."

Stephens said that litter would be reduced on campus if more butt disposals were made available.

"Give us the ashcans. We're happy to use them. I've never met a smoker who says 'I flat out refuse to put it in the smoking disposal'."

Dave Herdin, a junior who has smoked for six years, is strongly in favor of the new policy which he sees as an incentive for people to quit.

"I don't mind walking a few extra feet to go have a cigarette, plus I probably won't smoke as much," Herdin said.

Programs are offered on campus to help students quit. These include one-on-one counseling and nicotine replacement therapy at reduced cost.

Anne Andres, Director of Health Services and a member of the smoking committee, said that only a few dozen students make use of these op-

portunities in a given year, a number she hopes will increase with the new policy.

While she thinks it is important that the school provide areas for smokers - who she points out have a legal right to smoke - she hopes some will decide to try and quit.

"I think ultimately it could have a positive impact on students who are on the fence about smoking," Andres said.

She said an increased effort will be made to inform students of the programs offered by Health Services, something she said was lacking with the old policy.

Anthony Hollingsworth, chair of the foreign language department, is in favor of the policy if its objective is to reduce smoking on campus.

"I support [Nirschel] for that, and I think he is sending the right message to young people on this campus," he said.

Hollingsworth, who regularly smokes cigars on campus, sees the policy as a continuation of a national movement pushing anti-smoking legislation.

"We don't smoke in restaurants now. Is that objectionable to people? Maybe, but that's the trend, and that's the way people want to be so - so be it."

With the implementation of the policy Hollingsworth says he will most likely stop smoking cigars on campus.

Senior Greg Bem, who has smoked on and off over the past four years, also sees the policy as a product of the times, though he considers it to be a form of discrimination.

"This is going to force all the smokers into this social stigma where there only going to be put in the non-popular areas, like in the gazebo, on the dark alleyways, or on the dark paths."

Bem questioned whether the university should partake in regulating people's freedom of choice.

"Smoking is inevitably going to become monstrous and grotesque, and is that what a liberal arts school wants? Shouldn't we be accepting of different styles?"

The issue with the new policy for many students is that unless it is seriously enforced, it will not be followed, making its impact little different than its predecessor.

Nick Slobodkin, the founder of the RWU Cigar Club, said he doubts the crackdown will succeed.

"I think it's going to be hard to enforce," Slobodkin said. "If people want to smoke they are going to smoke."

While a few smokers said they would make the trip to the designated areas, most admitted they would violate the policy unless forced to adhere to it.

"I probably won't abide by it. If I'm walking past somebody they can't follow me as I'm walking and tell me to put my cigarette out," sophomore Ashley Washington said.

One non-smoking student claimed that if the university enforces the policy seriously, he would go to extremes to violate it.

"I would purposely take up smoking and do it right in front of their faces, and then rip up anything they gave me to shreds," senior Brice Murray said.



Growing concern for R.I. bridges, safety

Diana DeQuattro
Herald Staff

On a summer rush hour afternoon in Minneapolis, Minn., the entire span of the 35W bridge collapsed 60 feet into the Mississippi River, killing eight and injuring 79 others.

On the same day, Aug. 1, 2007 the Rhode Island Department of Transportation declared a South Kingstown bridge, P State Stone Arch Bridge, unsafe to drive because the bridge had structural problems. The situation has existed for the past two years, but the lack of official RIDOT bridge inspectors hindered RIDOT's ability to fix the problem. Officials deny any connection to the Minnesota tragedy; however, within hours of the collapse the bridge in R.I. was closed down for immediate repairs.

Two days later, Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) said in a press release, "There is no excuse for Rhode Island bridges to be ranked the worst among states in the percentage of its bridges listed as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

"Anything that could potentially jeopardize safe travel through our state or shake the confidence of our citizens or visitors is completely unacceptable and something that must be addressed immediately. I would hope that the RIDOT recognize the urgency of this matter and take the necessary steps to rectify this dangerous oversight," he added.

On the other hand, R.I. governor Donald L. Carcieri, in an Aug. 2 press release, stated, "The good news is

that the Department of Transportation is largely up-to-date with its inspections of Rhode Island's road and highway bridges. As a result of these inspections, we have every reason to believe that every Rhode Island bridge currently open to traffic is safe and does not pose a threat to the driving public. Unfortunately, even though they are currently safe for use, many of our bridges are in less than perfect condition."

Corrosion and other structural problems have been discovered along the Sakonnet River Bridge, forcing RIDOT to lower the maximum load capacity from 38 tons to 22 tons. In the P State Stone Arch Bridge RIDOT had offered a similar remedy; reducing the bridge load from 15 to 10 tons and keeping the bridge opened to traffic despite the massive corrosion of the bridge.

RIDOT claims they will begin to build a replacement for the Sakonnet River Bridge, however they have not made it clear when and how the bridge will be constructed. Until those plans are finalized, the structurally unsound Sakonnet will remain open to traffic. Kazem Farhoumand, Deputy Chief Engineer at RIDOT said, "Safety is paramount at the RIDOT," but yet went on to say, "We have designed two types of bridges. One is a steel bridge and the other is a concrete bridge... They are both going to kind of look the same but whatever is the cheaper one is the one they are going to [use]."

Another area of concern for some

observers is the policy of hiring outside contractors to do official RIDOT work. RIDOT currently hires these outside contractors as bridge and material inspectors.

Although David Fish, Managing Engineer/Bridge Design, claims that the state does have RIDOT personnel inspecting the work of the consultants, saying, "We randomly send out our bridge inspectors to the site where a consultant is working and compare their reports with previously prepared inspection reports."

Despite these efforts, there have been some setbacks.

On Aug. 20, one week after the Route 295 overpass near exit 10 was inspected, concrete fell onto 3 cars and forced the closure of two lanes, as well as a RIDOT re-inspection.

RIDOT officials considered the incident on 295 as minor. Trying to emphasize the small impact of the situation, Fish said, "A small piece of concrete cracked and eventually separated from the concrete deck."

Skeptics inside RIDOT said the incident is a result of consultants not doing their jobs. "Some of them do their jobs but others just stop by the site, sit in their cars, and then leave," Brenda Mackay, a local union foreman, said.

Farhoumand admitted that

bridges are not given a final inspection before they are opened to traffic. Instead, RIDOT expects that the material and site inspectors have double-checked their work and made sure the job was done correctly and, therefore the bridge is safe, according to Farhoumand.

"Unfortunately...many of our bridges are in less than perfect condition."

- R.I. Governor Donald Carcieri

The Route 195 onramp in providence is scheduled to open this month without final inspection. However,

Farhoumand was confident that the material inspectors had done their jobs sufficiently and the bridge will be safe.

On the other hand, Fish emphasized the significance of bridge inspection before a bridge is open to traffic. "It is important in that it establishes the baseline condition of the structure."

No one inside RIDOT said that the added pressure from the Minnesota bridge collapse had changed anything they were doing to keep Rhode Islanders safe. But Farhoumand did say, "We put a list together of the bridges [in need of work]... We looked at the inspection reports and some of them needed to be inspected and we re-inspected them just to be on the safe side."

Presumably, the flaws in the RIDOTs policies and procedures are under study but as of yet no revisions have been reported.

COMING OUT: SAFE place for gays and lesbians to come out

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ent on campus and in the community."

However, the act of 'coming out' is not always easy. Today, people have mixed reactions toward gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Some view being gay as a negative characteristic, while others are more accepting.

So why is it worth 'coming out'?

"After a while, it's hard to play anymore," Percopo said. "It's difficult to be fake to people because you want them to know who the real person is, and you can't do that if they don't know everything about you. To be in the closet is so much more difficult because you can't get involved in the environment that is out there and do things in the gay community."

Homosexuality has also received more positive publicity in more recent years.

Law said, "Homosexuality has been present since [the beginning of] life, but now, through the media, like [the shows] 'Will and Grace' and 'The L Word', it is given more positive images and makes people more comfortable with being who they are."

The effects of 'coming out' are not always the hardest things to face. Many times, getting to the point of coming out is harder. Many gays, lesbians and bisexuals worry whether friends or even family will treat them differently, or how the community will react.

"The hardest part of [coming out] is saying it and accepting it,"

Percopo said. "Once it's out there, it's kind of like 'I don't care anymore, it's who I am and I'm still the same person I've always been.'"

"My biggest concern was my friends from back home," Clark said. "I always hated classifications and when people at home asked me if I was gay, I would reply with 'I'm open.'"

For Richards, 'coming out' is sometimes still an issue.

He said, "I still haven't officially 'come out' to my parents. I'm from South Dakota, where [being gay] is not that accepted, so I kind of live two different lives."

A comfortable and accepting community is a must when 'coming out'. Homosexuality is not something to be ashamed of, however it does help to feel comfortable when the environment you are in is accepting.

Here at RWU, the community is for the most part very accepting.

"We [Clark and Richards] can walk around campus holding hands and no one really says anything," Richards said. "When I first arrived here at RWU, it wasn't anti-gay, but there were some College Republicans who were very anti-gay and that was tough. However, after the extremist College Republicans left, it has gotten better."

Sometimes 'coming out' gives individuals reactions they did not expect.

"People you think will judge you the worst actually end up being really

cool with it," Richards said.

RWU also offers ways to feel more comfortable on campus. For example, SAFE is a club where gays, lesbians and bisexuals are able to share feelings openly.

"SAFE is pretty much the equivalent to a gay/straight alliance on campus," Law said. "We try to develop programs that spread awareness and make gay, lesbians, and bisexuals feel safe on campus."

Besides celebrating National Coming Out Day, SAFE is also planning on a Rocky Horror Picture Show event on October 30 and plan to bring more events to spread awareness on campus.

"I think we need to have a university sponsored event. I think this [homosexuality] is something that needs to be realized and noticed because I don't think people really understand what it means [to be homosexual]," Clark said.

For Richards, comfort is the key thing to promote.

"What we need is a bigger program to make some of the quieter gay students at Roger Williams, or those that just haven't 'come out' yet, to have the opportunity to, and to understand that this is a safe place and they can be comfortable being themselves. There are so many people that come to RWU, and I was one of them, that are scared as hell to 'come out', because they don't know what the reaction will be."

CHAMELEON CLUB: Changes discussed

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more per person for the event," the proposal stated.

In order to address the issues of safety, the CEN Chameleon Club committee is looking into working with another group on alcohol educational activities.

King also said that Student Affairs would like to work with CEN in providing a small alternative event in the lower commons.

"An event such as an acoustic guitarist which has minimal setup and takedown would be ideal," King said. Quizno's also remained open until 2 a.m. in the lower commons on the night of the event.

According to King, many students took advantage of the open space, hanging out and getting something to eat after the event or instead of going to the event.

King also said he was looking into students who are transported being required to act as a volunteer at the following Chameleon Club.

"They will look like the other volunteers, we don't want them to be ostracized," King said. "We want them to see what goes into running an event and dealing with drunk students."

Despite rumors, according to King, cancellation of the event is not being considered.

"CEN continually puts on a safe and well-run event," King said.

The CEN's next Chameleon Club is scheduled over wicked weekend and the theme will be related to aliens and Area 51.

Bayside barbers: Making the cut

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

It's just another Friday afternoon in Bayside 309.

Overpowering the rhymes of Nas spitting from a small pair of speakers, is the incessant buzzing of electronic clippers. Junior Mike Staples sits in front of a mirror, a smock draped over his body.

"Do you want it finger length?" asks his roommate Brandon Boisvert.

"Yeah, finger-length sounds good," Staples says. "I don't really care what you do I just want my hair cut."

Some students spend their free time tossing Frisbees on the quad, or playing cards with their buddies, but Boisvert, a senior, and his friend Julian Lewis, a sophomore, cut hair.

What began as a hobby for the two has grown into a full-fledged side business, drawing a steady stream of clients who shell out the \$7 charge for a haircut. The room has even got a name: 'Freshcuts.'

The two - who have been cutting their friends' hair for years - began offering their services to the campus community at the beginning of this semester in response to what they

say is a simple case of supply and demand.

While they are not quite ready to put a barber's pole outside the door they see cutting hair as more than just a hobby.

"I look at it almost as artwork, I take my time, I do it right, and I make sure everything's good," Boisvert said, adding that cutting hair runs in his blood.

"My grandmother was a hairdresser so I'm basically taking the baton and going with it."

When his grandmother died a few years back he received her equipment and began using it to cut his own hair.

In junior high, Boisvert started cutting his friend's hair, gravitating from simple buzz cuts to Mohawks and finally trying his hand at scissors.

Lewis, on the other hand, said when he was a kid he paid special attention while in the chair to his barber cutting his hair. He confidently credits a combination of "natural ability" and "trial and error," for honing his skills.

He started out small, cutting his friends and family's hair before meeting Boisvert during his fresh-

man year. While Boisvert cut his hair, they talked about their shared passion for the shears.

A friend convinced Lewis that the two had to take their skills to the next level.

"My friend Ross said 'Dude you know what? You should start a business. You know there's an opportunity and I hate seeing opportunities go by. I sit up all night and think about opportunities going by,'" Lewis said.

A partnership was born. Since then Boisvert and Lewis have tried to advertise through word of mouth, a method which has proved reasonably successful. They say many of their clients come to 'clean-up' for the bar scene.

"A lot of kids try to get a haircut Wednesday and Thursday night because Wednesday is Topsides [Lounge] and Thursday is Gillary's [Tavern]," Boisvert said.

Although neither Boisvert nor Lewis plan on working with hair for a living, they are becoming increasingly hair obsessed. Lewis says he is beginning to see the campus through the eyes of a barber. "I find

myself looking at every kid's hair, seeing what I could do." Sometimes he says he even thinks to himself "I could do way better than that."

Though far from a professional barbershop, the two attempt to be as high-quality as possible. After every haircut their tools are cleaned with alcohol and at the end of the day, the fallen hair gets vacuumed off the rug.

Sophomore Nick Camby raved about a haircut Boisvert had given him a few days earlier.

"I probably wouldn't go anywhere else to get a haircut," Camby said.

After 35 minutes of snipping and clipping, Staples stands up and evaluates his hair.

"I look like I got into a fight with a lawnmower and lost," he jokes before becoming serious and paying Boisvert a compliment.

"I just wanted it cut short and he did more than that."

Boisvert leans over and tugs on the shoulder of Staples shirt. "You've officially been pimped," he said.

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Liberian refugee finds home at RWU

Eric Sullivan
Herald Staff

Born into a civil war that destroyed countless lives, Winston Smith, a freshman at Roger Williams University, knows not to take education and self-determination for granted.

Smith, born in Liberia in 1989, the year one of two bloody civil wars began, has seen firsthand the toil, fear, and the utter chaos that surrounds war.

"When I was nine years old, all I

saw was the struggle that everyone was put through," Smith said.

"It was impossible to do anything with all the violence, even to have a job," he added.

Upon mentioning Charles Taylor, the war criminal who is the former president of Liberia, Smith had only a few words:

"He murdered so many people."

Taylor was the president of Liberia from 1997-2003. He is responsible for the deaths of over 100,000 people and 2 million displaced peoples. Today he stands trial

by the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone and is facing 11 charges, including the use of child soldiers and crimes against humanity.

From the ages of five to seven, Smith recalls horrifying images of children and adults getting their limbs hacked off at random.

"There was a type of lottery box, and if you got a good ticket, which there were few of, you would live and they would not cut off a part of your body," Smith said.

In 2001, Smith and his grandmother were sent to a refugee camp in Ghana, where they were able to reach the United States. Today Smith still has family and friends inside refugee camps.

When reflecting on his education in the U.S., Smith said, "I'm in a stable situation where I'm able to excel in school...when I was 12 I went to school. Fighting would break out and we would rush home, and when we actually did have class there would be one teacher for 85 kids."

For Smith, an education was not something that looked possible, so taking this chance in the U.S. for granted was not an option.

"I never thought I would be able

to get an education," he said.

Liberian history is closely tied to the U.S.; in 1847, with the help of the U.S. government, freed African-American slaves established their own state, Liberia.

When asked about this close tie between the U.S. and Liberia, Smith said, "The U.S. has an obligation, like a big brother. We need to do what we can to help, and when the U.S. did help, it wasn't soon enough...the US still has an impact on [Liberia]. To see it being destroyed is hard to watch."

Smith, however did point out a glimmer of hope: the Liberian National Soccer Team. When the team would play, the war was put on hold.

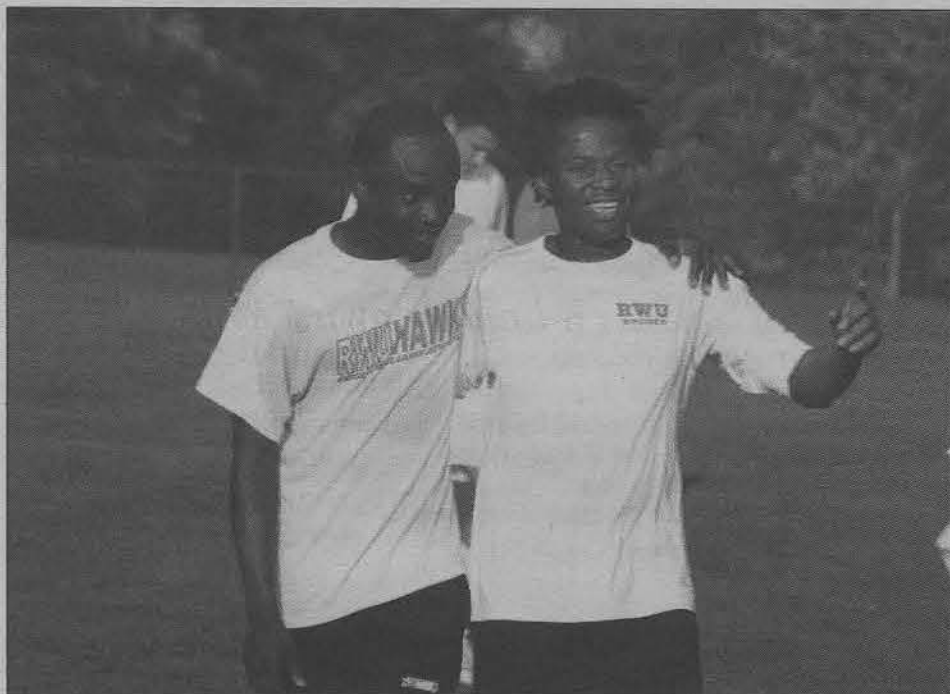
"The civil war stops for the national games, it brings hope that parts of people are still alive, that there is some good, that we can make it."

Smith plays soccer for the RWU team.

When asked about the future of Liberia, Smith said there is hope, but it will take time.

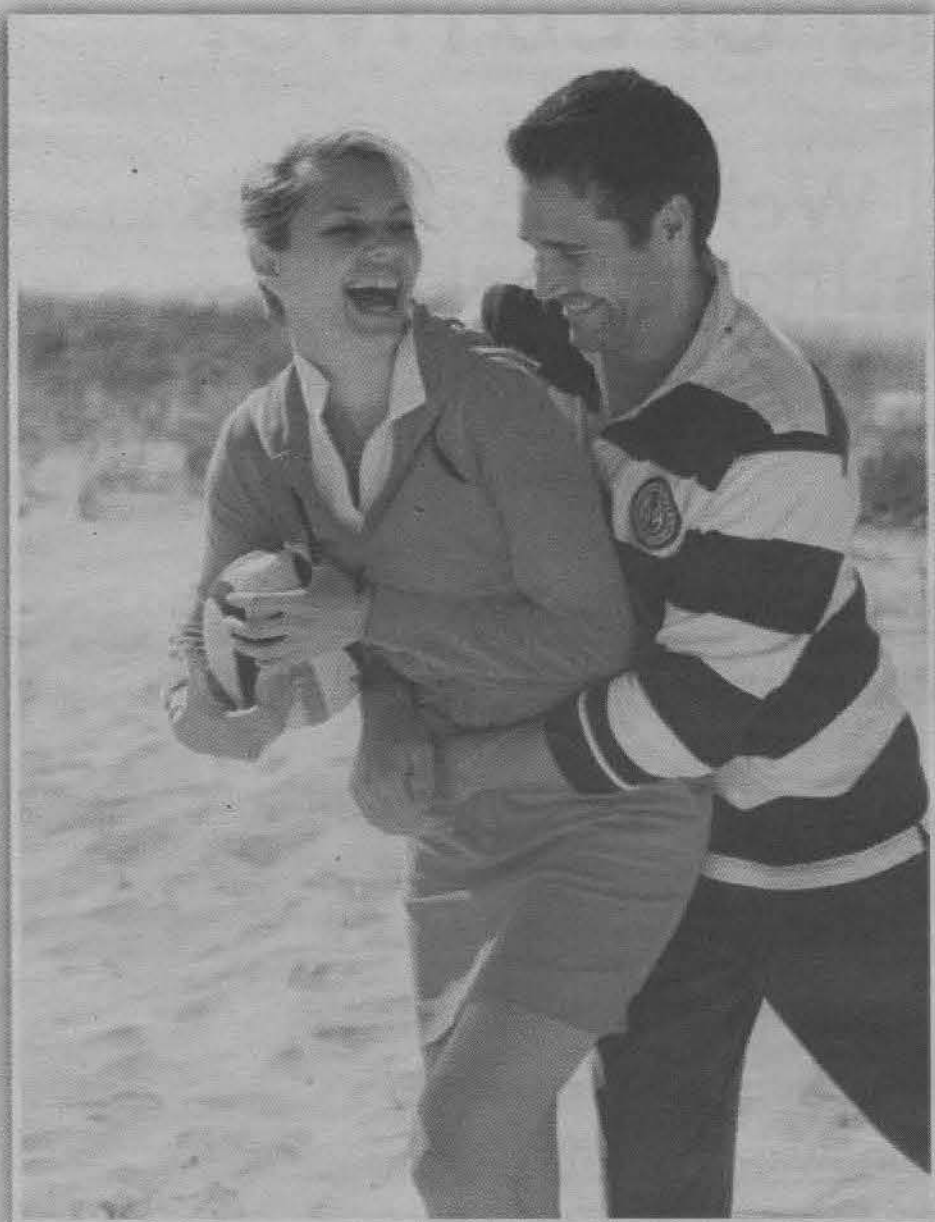
"This isn't an overnight fix. Guns need to be taken off the streets, books, clothes, and pens need to be in kids' hands instead of guns.

"The only thing the kids know is war," he said.



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Guest speaker Ishmael Beah, right, a refugee from Sierra Leone, took time during his visit to RWU to play soccer with freshman Winston Smith. Smith, 18, escaped war-torn Liberia in 2001, then was able to come to the United States.

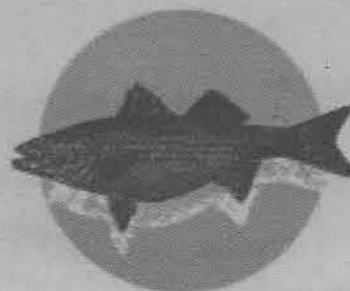


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Food Critic: Vinny T's blah blah

Jake Dumond
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It seems as if there is nothing easier to find than an Italian restaurant. From the "homey" feeling small restaurants to the giant Italian chains around the country, each restaurant seems to have almost the same menu but with very different tastes and atmospheres. Vinny T's in Seekonk, Mass. manages to combine that warm, local feeling with the presentation and class of an elegant Italian restaurant.

The tastefully dressed waiter and the full garlic bulb we were given with our bread and oil gave us an immediate feeling that this was not a cheap date place. Our waiter was extremely friendly and answered every question we had about the menu with ease.

First up were the appetizers. Vinny T's had the traditional appetizers you would find at almost all restaurants, including fried mozzarella and fried ravioli at \$7.95. They also had more expensive appetizers that one might try if out with a large group, such as their hot antipasto sampler, priced at \$19.95. We chose the fried mozzarella marinara.

These were not the typical mozzarella sticks you get at just any restaurant where they come out on

The Ratings

Food: ★★★★★

Service: ★★★★★

Price: ★★★★★

All ratings are based on a five star scale.

a plate, all stuck together with a cup of marinara sauce. The mozzarella was pleasantly spread out over a plate that was covered with marinara sauce. There was no way you can run out of marinara when eating this tasty mozzarella.

The sauce was fantastic; not at all chunky or watery. With a hint of sweetness in it, I decided that I would order something with their

most half the price.

Pastas ranged from \$9.95 to \$12.95 with the option of getting a "famiglia" platter, which meant it would be a lot more food. I don't recommend going "famiglia" on anything because the portions were very large to begin with; not one out of the six people I was with even came close to finishing their meals.

Steaks were the most expensive thing on the menu with the New York Strip topping the menu off at \$22.95.

I went with the chicken parmigiana at \$12.95. It came out with two decent sized pieces of chicken on top of a bowl of spaghetti that

room, but all the tables had a large sheet of paper over the tablecloth. This eased the load of the cleaning staff, but it did not leave a great impression on us. It seemed to down-

grade the stylish feeling we had received earlier.

One is able to see the kitchen from any-

where in the restaurant as well. I thought it was a good idea because it gave me a feeling that if I wanted to I could go watch the cooks and know what they were doing to my food. It is understandable, however, that some people may not like this because they could easily be distracted by flames and a little bit of noise.

The soft Italian music playing throughout the restaurant was at a perfect level. It was not too much, but was loud enough that it provided a soft feeling.

Our bill came to \$85 for six people, and that's including a glass of wine and a beer which totaled \$10. This is a very respectable bill for an Italian restaurant of its caliber. I don't recommend going here if you just want to go out with a bunch of people and be loud and have a great time, but this is a great date place to show you're not cheap, without spending too much money.

In comparison to other Italian restaurant chains such as Olive Garden, I would have to say Vinny T's beats it hands down. From the first bite of bread, up until the check, I was overly satisfied with all the food and the service. The only thing other restaurants may have beat Vinny T's in would be the atmosphere. It was very wide open with no sectioning between booths and tables, and it seemed like anyone could look at what you were doing at any time. However, this goes toward the whole classy yet "homey" feeling.



"In comparison to other Italian restaurant chains such as Olive Garden, I would have to say Vinny T's beats it hands down."

homemade sauce on it for the entrée.

The choices for dinner were what you would typically find at any Italian place. They had soups and salads ranging from \$4.00 (traditional house salad) to \$9.95 for a warm tomato salad. Adding grilled chicken would cost you \$3.00 and grilled shrimp \$6.00 which seemed a little pricey just to add to a salad. "Half salads" were available for al-

not even all six of us would be able to finish. The chicken, crunchy on the outside and very tender and extremely moist on the inside, was perfectly cooked. The pasta portions were huge around the table, and only good things were said about all the different types of sauces we had. All the food was extremely good and no one was going home still hungry.

There were not many dessert options, although all of them looked good. Vinny T's tiramisu, cannolis, chocolate bomba, and cheesecake. Most dessert prices were \$5.95. They also had plain ice cream for \$4.95. Although I wanted to try every single dessert they have, I made the mistake of trying to finish my entire meal and was way too full to eat anything else. We did see the chocolate bomba, which looked very sweet and was presented very elegantly.

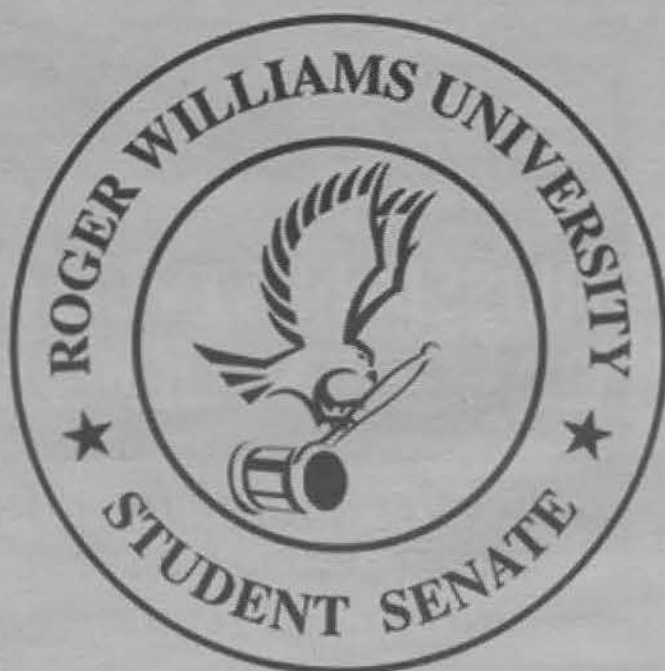
The service was incredible. Our waiter, who checked in regularly, brought us more bread and drinks with perfect timing.

One downfall of Vinny T's was the tables. We sat in a comfortable half-circle booth with plenty of

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Couple of the Moment revisited

What life is like for couples out of the spotlight

Diana DeQuattro
Herald Staff

For Kevin Clark and Rory Richards, it all began late one night with a Facebook message. Richards, a fifth year senior communications major, sent Clark a message that stated his romantic interest. In a short while, these Facebook messages became something more. Clark and Richards became a college couple who simply slid through the cracks of the campus community, their coupledness only vaguely acknowledged by their peers until they had their 'big break.'

Some people are well-known on campus for being president of a club, Homecoming Queen, or an RA, PEER, or HAWK, but there is one instant claim to fame that dominates them all: being featured as Couple of the Moment in the *Hawk's Herald*.

At RWU, being Couple of the Moment puts a college couple into the limelight for one week and many more to come.

"The whole campus knew in a day," Clark said, following he and Richards' article.

Lindsey Spinella, another past Couple of the Moment feature, said, "When [my ex-boyfriend and I] were Couple of the Moment, people definitely recognized us more and seemed to make a bigger deal out of it than we did. Even a few weeks after the article ran, people would still come up to me, people that I didn't even know, and ask me about it."

On a small campus, news spreads fast, and the latest Couple of the Moment spreads faster. Teddie Simos, who was part of a past Couple of the Moment article, relayed that after being featured, he received "a lot of beef from the guys."

Other couples admitted to receiving a lot of unwanted attention from faculty, staff and peers.

The Couple of the Moment article has come to represent all varieties of couples on campus, from multicultural to homosexual. As one half of the first gay couple ever featured as Couple of the Moment, Clark said that he thought "It was nice for the campus to see that couples aren't just boy/girl."

None of the former couples interviewed said that being Couple of the Moment negatively affected their relationship. Some said that it did not make a difference in their relationship, where others said it was a bonding experience and it gave them something to laugh about.

Spinella said that she and her ex-boyfriend wanted to be Couple of the Moment to show their pride in their relationship, however, and that there were no negative consequences of doing the article.

The idea that college relationships are short-lived may be a myth, according to the results of an informal survey conducted by the *Hawk's Herald*. These results indicated that students at RWU who pursue serious relationships. Forty-four percent had been in relationships for a year or more and 28 percent have been involved for more than two years. Many of the past Couple of the Moment are still together, including alumni couples.

"Relationships serve changing functions over the course of the college years," said Becky Spritz, assistant professor of psychology at RWU. "At the beginning, relationships are primarily for companionship, and fun, and sex. Over the course of those four years, people start thinking about relationships differently and they become more interested in finding someone who may be their long-term partner."

The survey, which polled 200 students, found just that. Forty-nine percent of people admit to wanting sex from the relationship. 80 percent of people say they are also looking for love.

The informal survey indicated that nearly one half of students are in relationships. Some students reported using the relationship as a means to support them through stressful times, while others claimed that relationships indeed placed a lot of additional stress upon a student.

"I know some couples who are together 24/7, and it drives them crazy, but I know other couples who spend time apart and they are happier, less stressed," junior Jillian Nygard said.

Clark said that the most stressful thing about his relationship with Richards is time management. "I never see my other friends because I need to make time for Rory," he said.

Jennifer Stanley, Director of Student Life and the Woman's Center, said, "There is a lot of pressure in our society to be in a relationship. That's a lot of pressure on a college student."

Stanley viewed the Couple of the Moment article as one that could potentially pressure a student to be in a relationship whether they are ready or not. "It's a personal thing," Stanley said. "It depends where you are with yourself."

Former Couples of the Moment who are no longer together stressed that the most difficult part of their previous relationship was the breakup.

"When you break up at such a small college, it's harder to get over each other. I still see her all the time. I see her with her new boyfriend and it really sucks," said one male counterpart of a past Couple of the Moment who requested anonymity.

The female counterpart stated that the break up was so hurtful that she did not feel comfortable responding.

"It creates awkwardness," Stanley said, referring to student break ups.

Although relationships can be stressful and the breakup can be worse, students, faculty and experts agreed that college relationships can be healthy.

Psychologist Carolyn Dennett, the Assistant Director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development said, "You learn something that you needed to learn [from relationships] but it can be very painful for you to learn it."

"Part of what a serious relationship does is it gives you practice at things. It makes you see what works," Spritz said.

Many of the past Couples of the

Moments noted that they have learned or are learning something from the relationship they are or were in.

Couples also confessed that technology is a factor that has had tremendous implications on their relationships, both positive and negative. They say Facebook and Instant Messenger play dominant roles in relationships on college campuses today.

"Technology allows us to stay connected in different ways," said Stanley, adding that technology has changed the face of relationships today.

One past Couple of the Moment, who chose not to be named, claimed that the Internet was the major cause of their breakup.

Simos said that since his girlfriend, Elizabeth Ryan, left to study abroad in Italy, the internet has played a crucial role in their relationship. "We use skype [a web cam] a lot and it's nice because at least I can see her face."

Simos said that Facebook does sometimes affect their relationship negatively because they both see each other with other people in pictures and it can generate jealousy.

Clark also said that Facebook has had negative impacts on his relationship with Richards.

"Facebook sucks, especially if a random guy facebook's me," Clark claims that Richards would be quick to comment on it.

While some may say that being Couple of the Moment legitimizes their relationship, Spritz looks at it in a different light. "I think it is still important for people to learn from other couples. Whether the campus newspaper is the best medium for that, I am not convinced, but I do think that it is important for people in relationships to talk to other people in rela-

tionships as kind of a reality check."

Dennett, on the other hand, said "couples cannot hold this ideal place for very long," suggesting that the Couple of the Moment is not a good role model for other campus couples. She explained that relationships go through phases where the couples connect, then have hard times, followed by reconnecting.

One set back of the Couple of the Moment article is that iconic relationships on campus could affect the mentality of those who are not in relationships.

"It could have negative affects on people who are not in couples because there continues in our society to be a lot of pressure on people to be in couples," Spritz said. "There was this feeling that if you weren't in a relationship what's wrong with me?"

Some single students agreed saying that they were often jealous of the happy couples featured in the paper.

Other students viewed the Couple of the Moment article not as negative for single students' self esteem, but instead as negative for the newspaper in general.

Senior Melissa Pierce said, "I just think it's a waste of space. The protests in Burma right now may be a little more important than Jaclyn and Jordan's favorite color. I just don't care."

Whether students enjoy reading the Couple of the Moment article or are turned off by it, it remains clear that every student at Roger Williams still knows the names of the latest Couple of the Moment.

Although half of the students on the campus are in relationships, only a few will ever get the chance to be featured as Couple of the Moment.

On a campus littered with relationships, only those in the limelight will continue to stand out from the crowd.

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Radiohead's new CD worth the price

Band offers new album to fans for as much or as little as they want to pay

Tim Hollan
Herald Staff

I never saw a shooting star, nor was I ever really into Radiohead at all. Sure, I heard and liked "Creep," but that's like saying you're a Pink Floyd fan if you only knew "Learning to Fly." I had heard some of their music before, and all that I heard just sounded very dull to me. So, when Radiohead released *In Rainbows*, I was intrigued, and I wondered if this would be the perfect opportunity to give this much beloved band a chance and actually hear an album of theirs all the way through the end.

Obviously, a lot of attention will go to how the album was released—without a record company both for a choose-your-price digital download and a disc box containing not only a digital download, but the CD version of the album as well as the vinyl version of the album. The freedom of price is interesting because it allows us, the listener, to determine

how much we want to pay for the album, if we choose to pay anything at all. Obviously, it is the kind of move that could only be made by a band with a large and dedicated fan base. It also isn't the first

time that a major band released their album online without any record label. Back in 2000, Smashing Pumpkins pressed 25 vinyl editions of "Machina II" with orders for those who received it to rip it and release it online because Virgin would not re-

lease it.

However, the method of release would be absolutely meaningless if the music would not have been worth any money. *In Rainbows* meets the challenge and will be another high mark for music in the year 2007.

Setting the tone for the album is "15 Steps," which starts off with an electronic drum loop before the introduction of a jazzy guitar riff. Like the track, the album is defined by the dynamic between the lively, almost fun moments and the quite introspective moments. It moves onto "Bodysnatchers" which is the straight-ahead rock track defined by driving, distorted guitars, and Thom Yorke's strained vocals. "Nude" contrasts the previous track by being very quiet and filled with little musical nuances to fill in the sparse arrangement. Ultimately, the dynamic shifts, like the one between "Bodysnatchers" and "Nude," ultimately make the album a great listen and worth repeated lis-

Artist: Radiohead
Album: *In Rainbows*
Tracks to Catch:
"Bodysnatchers," and
"Nude"

One of the standouts on the album is "House of Cards," which is a moment of quiet intro-

spection that demonstrates the quality of the band. The basic foundation that is laid by the rhythm section is accented by the sparse guitar works that allow for various discordant musical elements to play in response to the vocals. Lyrically, it is the most

emotionally resonant song on the album, perhaps it is also the clearest song on the album. The song contains

a sparse lyric built upon the metaphor "house of cards" that represents everything that we build up hoping to support us but is easily destroyed, containing great lines such as, "I don't want to be your friend, I just want to be your lover."

While the album is not worth the 80 bucks it would cost to receive the disc box (no matter how cool having a vinyl copy as well as a CD copy might be), it certainly is worth a few pounds from your bank account.

Still haven't seen that shooting star though.

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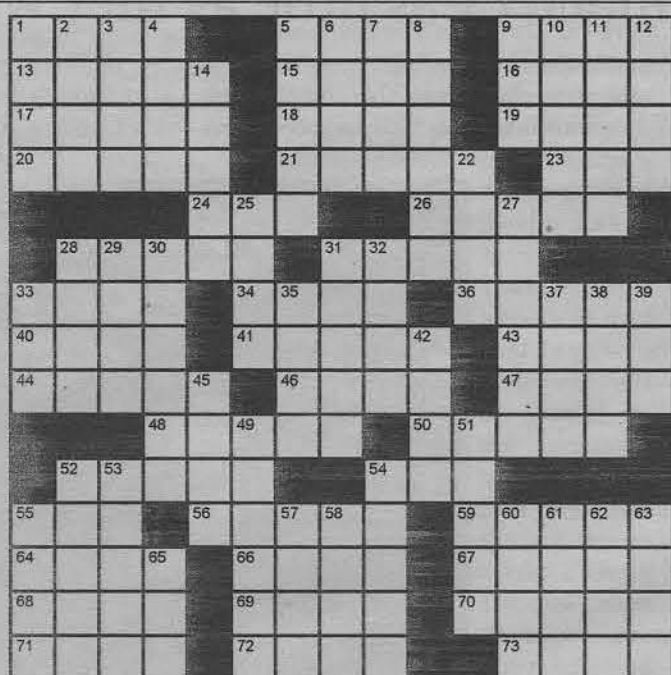
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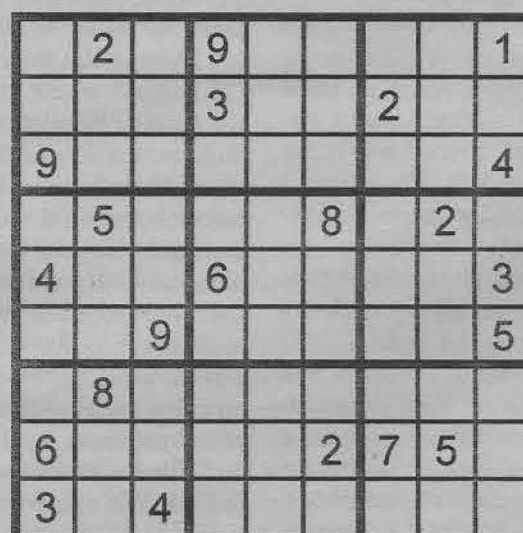


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Overview of October 15 Student Senate Meeting

- A representative from the USA Today Readership program came to the meeting to explain the program and ask if the Student Senate was interested in starting a pilot newspaper program.
- Keith Mills, VP of the Alumni Executive Council, discussed the purpose of the alumni council and what some of their goals were in regards to working with current RWU students.
- The four new Student Senators, along with the Freshman Class Officers, were sworn into office. Congratulations to Senators Russell Feely, Alexandra Hodgman, Jenn Olivo, and Nicole Foti; along with Freshman Class President Sarah Grill and Vice President Jeff Chong.
- Representatives from the organizations on campus were present to give their weekly reports, along with Matt Gulle who presented on a conference he had attended for the Model United Nations group on campus.
- The Clubs and Organizations committee is working on creating an ad-hoc committee to discuss club sports, while working with clubs on getting "full club status."
- The Student Affairs Committee is having a student concern table this week for students to voice any issues they may be having.
- The Academic Affairs Committee is working on an academic advisement survey for all students.
- The ad-hoc Space Committee is looking into the issue of the Hawks Hang-out and what will happen once the NAB is demolished next year. Bills came up regarding the creation of a Winter Illumination Committee that passed, and a bill defining meeting dates that failed.
- The Student Senate discussed three bills for immediate consideration, all which passed by general consensus. One bill nominated three names for a student position on a Board of Trustees committee. The second bill gave \$1,700 in co-sponsorship money to MSU to bring Tim Wise to campus. Finally, the third bill amended the Student Senate bylaws regarding letters of resignation.

If you have any concerns, feel free to join us at our next Student Senate meeting on October 22nd, at 6:30 in the Student Senate Chambers. Otherwise, please call the Student Senate office at Ext. 3312 or email us at senate@hawks.rwu.edu.

Friday

Casino Night
8 p.m.
Field House

Come enjoy the excitement and the feel of a real casino at Casino Night without the worries of losing your shirt!

Midnight Madness
10:30 p.m.
Gymnasium

Come out and show your Hawk Pride for RWU Athletics. Cheer on our winter sports teams and win prizes.

Saturday

Alumni Games

Men's Lax - 10 a.m.
Soccer - 10 a.m.
Softball - 10 a.m.
XC - 11 a.m.

Soccer Games Paolino Field

Men - 12:30 p.m.
Women - 3 p.m.

BBQ Lunch

Fieldhouse
11:30 - 1:30

King and Queen Coronation

Halftime of the men's soccer game

Guest Speaker:
Kellen Winslow
Gymnasium
3 p.m.

Homecoming Ball:
Mardi Gras
Fieldhouse
7 p.m.

Sunday

President's Brunch Upper Commons

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Locks of Love Rec. Center

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Alumni Games

Volleyball - 11 a.m.
Baseball - 11 a.m.
Women's Lax - 12 p.m.
Flag Football Classic - 2 p.m.

TENNIS: Entering semis

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With Tuesday's win the team now has an 11-0 conference record and an overall record of 11-1 on the season. Going into Tuesday's match up, Curry College was seeded eighth in the conference and had an overall record of 3-7 in the CCC.

The women's tennis team and Curry met three weeks ago in a regular season match up that ended with a 9-0 victory for the Hawks.

"There was no fear going into last night's match," said Ribchinsky. "Our team knew what we had to do and there was no struggle to do it."

"I'm so excited that we made it to the championships. We've worked really hard and definitely deserve it, especially the seniors."

"They [Curry] haven't been one of our toughest opponents, we've played pretty well against them," said O'Brien.

In doubles action Tuesday, Leone and Manners took on Curry freshman Lauren Maloney and junior Kaitlin Ross in the number one doubles match, defeating them 8-1. At number two doubles Nettelfield and Ribchinsky won eight straight sets to gain a shutout victory over Curry sophomore Benedicte Matuszczak and freshman Kara Richardson.

At number three doubles McCraven and Parente won

eight out of 12 sets to gain an 8-4 victory over Curry freshman Courtney Sullivan and Eliza Jones.

In singles competition Ribchinsky gained her seventh win of the year with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Maloney in the number three singles match. A record that O'Brien said is very strong for a freshman player.

"It is pretty tough for a freshman to come in and have to go in right away and be responsible for showing her stuff right away at a pretty high spot in the lineup," said O'Brien. "I think it was definitely a challenge for her [Ribchinsky] initially especially since she was the only freshman playing in the lineup for most of the season and she has progressed well."

At number two singles Leone defeated Matuszczak in a straight set victory to gain her tenth singles win of the year. While Nettelfield earned her eleventh singles win of the season in a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Richardson at number four singles.

At number five doubles McCraven gained the second straight set victory of the day for the Hawks, defeating Sullivan 6-0, 6-0. Freshman Megan Harrington stepped in at number six singles and gained a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Curry sophomore Francesca Panebianco.

Sports

BEST BETS: Jake takes on the crit-

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even Cantrell himself, would have to admit that three games easily could have gone another way and I would have had a 7-2 record.

A few positive things came out of last week. I put together yet another winning week, I improved my Monday night record, and I taught myself I need to start going out on that limb a little more often. The two games I beat Cantrell last week, I picked an underdog on the road, and came very close to winning a third underdog on the road. Cantrell beat me with a pick of an underdog on the road.

What I have decided, is that I need to stop letting myself make these picks every week. Instead, I will be introducing my alter ego Jiggity Jake, to make the picks. Jiggity is more outgoing, free willed, and has no fear of picking the Dolphins to beat the Patriots.

Jiggity does what he wants, when he wants. Jiggity will not fulfill the request of Greg Walsh, that I give him a shout out in this week's paper. Jiggity is not afraid to use really bad puns in his pick names. So this week, may I present to you, "Jiggity's Picks"

Last week: 5-4

Overall record: 12-13

Monday night: 3-1



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The Redskins will win this game "Cooley"

Washington Redskins (-6.5) home against the Arizona Cardinals

The Baffa-NO pick

Baltimore Ravens (-3) at the Buffalo Bills

The Tony "Oh-no" hang-over

Minnesota Vikings (+9.5) at the Dallas Cowboys

A True Patriot doesn't cheat pick

Miami Dolphins (+19.5) home against the Patriots

Expect a "GIANT" win
New York Giants (-7) home against the San Francisco 49ers

The Bucs will g-ARGH-le their rum after their victory

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (+3) at the Detroit Lions

Monday Night Stampede
Indianapolis Colts (-3.5) at the Jacksonville Jaguars

SOCCER: Picking up late-season steam

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Hawks keepers saw some playing time. Freshman Peter Plate ultimately sealed the win for the Hawks, making two saves in his 65 minutes of playing time.

Freshman keeper Will Sorkin made one save in the 14 minutes he spent in the game, while sophomore played the last 12 minutes of the game.

"I've gone with freshman Peter Plate [at goal] in the last three or four games, he played extremely well in our loss at Babson College about a week and a half weeks ago," said Cook. "I thought he played really well and I brought him back for two of the League games and we won both of those games."

"So I stayed with him again for yesterday, but the other two goalies are looking real good to."

In net for Salve Wednesday were freshman Seth Nagle and sophomore Eric Davis. Nagle made a total of four saves in 72 minutes of playing time and Davis made two in the 18 minutes he spent in the net.

"Salve really didn't have much of an offense," said Cook. "They had a few chances, but we basically shut them down."

Senior Antoine Bell led the Hawks offense Wednesday, scoring three goals in the game to mark his



Shaun Hogan

Junior Dan Saccoccio plays in a CCC matchup against Nichols College on Sept. 19

second hat trick of the season. Freshman Daniel Hunter contributed two goals to the win within a two-minute period.

"Antoine Bell has been the go to guy lately in goal scoring," said Cook.

Junior Dan Saccoccio and freshman Duncan Swanick each contributed a single goal to the victory. Swanick's goal at the 80-minute mark was his first goal of the season and his college career.

Cook said the team is looking forward to taking on New England on Saturday, he said he feels the Hawks have strong chance of winning the game. The game will begin at 12:30 pm on the Bayside field this Saturday.



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Women's tennis rolls through playoffs

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

After posting a 10-0 record and gaining the top seed in Commonwealth Coast Conference play this season, the women's tennis team gained an 8-1 win in the quarterfinal match up against Curry College on Tuesday Oct. 16.

With the win the Hawks will advance to the CCC semifinals where they will face off against

Salve Regina University on Wednesday Oct. 24 at 2:00 pm. Salve defeated Western New England College 5-4 on Tuesday to make it into the CCC semifinals for the eighth straight year.

"I think we match up well with Salve," said head coach Chris O'Brien. "I expect some heated competition, because we have a pretty strong rivalry between our schools. I think it will be a very good match."

"We just have to go out there and play like we've been playing and fight hard."

Last season the Hawks made into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament after gaining a 5-4 victory over Salve before their season was brought to an end by a loss to Skidmore College in the first round.

"I'm excited," said O'Brien. "This is what you play for all season long."

Also on Tuesday, CCC commissioner Greg Kaye announced that six of the team's players had been named to the 2007 All-CCC women's tennis team, while O'Brien was named the CCC coach of the year.

Seniors Caitlyn Leone and Jessica Manners were named to the first team for doubles, while Leone gained a position on the first team for singles and Manners a position on the second team. Senior Joanna Nettelfield and freshman Leah Ribchinsky were named to the second team for doubles, with Nettelfield receiving an honorable mention for her singles victories this season.

Seniors Haley McCraven and Kelsey Parente were also given an honorable mention for their efforts in doubles play.



Courtesy of Joanna Nettelfield

Senior Joanna Nettelfield serves in doubles play in the team's September 22 matchup against Colby Sawyer College. The Hawks would ultimately win the match 5-4.

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NFL Picks: Introducing "Jiggity Jake"

Jake Dumond
Herald Staff

Last week Cantrell picked the Chiefs to cover a miniscule spread of only three points, against what used to be considered one of the best offenses in the entire league, the Bengals. He told me he was taking the Chiefs, I waited a few seconds for him to yell out "NOT" like Borat, but Cantrell was not joking, he really picked the Chiefs. And the Chiefs won, in a convincing fashion.

Although Cantrell did beat me by one game in our head to head picks, all was not down hill last week. I did beat Cantrell when I picked the Vikings and Adrian Peterson on the road against a sub par Bears team. I picked the Sunday Night upset of the Saints over the Seahawks, and I even had a few games that looked like I had won until the final two minutes.

The Titans decided that they didn't want to play any sort of defense in the last two minutes of a tie game and just let Jeff Garcia and the Bucs march down the field to an easy game winning field goal, to make me lose by a half of point. The Raiders held their own in a 10.5 point spread against the Chargers, only losing by seven with five minutes left. However, instead of just running the ball and letting the play clock click down to zero after each play, the Chargers decided to march down the field and let Tomlinson score yet again for his fourth touch down with only two minutes left in the game.

So, all in all last week, was not a bad week. Yes Cantrell did beat me, by one game. Although,

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Soccer holds on to first place

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team started the week with a 2-1 victory over Gordon College on Saturday to move to first place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. They then continued their winning streak with a 7-0 victory over Salve Regina University Wednesday.

"Going into this week we had put our selves into a position to finish first in the regular season," said head coach Jim Cook. "In order to do that we needed to win at Salve and we need to win on Saturday in our homecoming game."

"We played very well, the fact that we got a win [on Wednesday] to get the three points [in the CCC] was crucial."

In order to hold on to first place in the CCC the team will need to win

in their homecoming game this Saturday against New England College. Going to Saturday's match, New England College is coming off a 2-0 shutout victory over Green Mountain College on Wednesday with an overall record of 11-4 on the season.

"The conference is so tight, especially the top four teams," said Cook. "A loss on Saturday would probably drop us to third so it's a big game, not that finishing first in the regular season means everything, but it does mean a home field advantage."

"They [New England] beat us last year two nothing to stand as one of our few League defeats. They are a very good team, they will present us with some problems."

In Wednesday's game all three

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Shaun Hogan

Senior forward Antoine Bell controls the ball against Nichols College earlier this season. Bell leads the team in goals and is currently second in the conference.

News & Notes

The sailing team is currently ranked sixth according to the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association website.

The team finished ninth out of 20 teams at the Navy Fall Invite, while also sending teams to the Great Herring Pond Open, the Yale Women's Fall Intersectional and the Norm Reid Team Race at Boston College.

In the Herring Pond open the team finished twelfth out of 18 teams. At Yale and the Norm Reid race, the team finished thirteenth out of 22 schools and fourth out six teams respectively.

The sailing team will be back in action this weekend in four different events. The team will compete in the Women's Nelon Trophy race at Connecticut State College, the Hoyt Trophy race at Brown University and the Oberg Trophy race at MIT.

The Hawks will also compete in the Central Series III at Boston College.

Women's soccer battled to a 0-0 tie with Gordon College on Saturday afternoon.

The Hawks had five days to rest before they took on Salve Regina on Thursday afternoon where they defeated Seahawks 2-0.

The team now has an overall record of 9-2-1 in the CCC and stands to fall into either second or third place in the conference.

Women's volleyball shutout Regis College on Tuesday Afternoon 3-0. The Hawks came out strong winning the first game by 30-21, the second 30-17 and the third 30-28.

Going into Tuesday's match, the Hawks stood in fifth place in the CCC they will need to finish fourth or better to have a homecourt advantage in the postseason.

They currently have two conference matches left to go against both Endicott College and the University of New England.

The equestrian team, now in second place in zone one region one of the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association, will be back in action this Saturday in Storrs Connecticut. The team stands 20 points behind region leader Brown University.

Check page 10 for all the sports action taking place on campus for Homecoming Weekend.