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Remembering a Friend

Senior dies in car accident

Phil Devitt News Editor

One week after a Connecticut car accident claimed the life of a senior education and creative writing double major, police say they still do not know what caused her 1994 Honda Accord to crash into oncoming traffic Friday morning.

Tobey Reynolds, 22, a King Philip Apartments resident, was driving back to Roger Williams University from her Winstead, Conn. home Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. when her car crossed the double yellow lines on Route 44 and collided with a tractor trailer.

Reynolds was pronounced dead at the scene and her car sustained heavy front-end damage in the accident, James Bonetti of

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Reynolds described as 'a presence'

Courtney Nugent Features Editor

"I truly believe humanity has lost a very special person," education professor Susan Pasquarelli said about the death of 22-year-old Tobey Reynolds, a senior who studied creative writing and elementary education.

Pasquarelli was able to spend time with Reynolds and learn a great deal about her while abroad in Sicily, a program sponsored by the education department.

"She was one of my special ones."

Reynolds, who died Friday in a car accident on Route 44 in Connecticut, left an everlasting impression on her many friends at the university, as well as the faculty who knew her. With an

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Honors program open to freshmen applicants

Kelleigh Welch Asst. Features Editor

From the start of the Roger Williams University Honors Program 15 years ago, part of the criteria of entering the program was to apply for it as an entering freshman. Following the start of a student's freshman year, the doors to the honors program close.

However, the honors program is now going public. Now, students who were not eligible when they entered RWU, but became eligible after their first or second semester, along with transfer students, can now apply for the honors program.

"The University Honors Program is at a point where it needs to be and wants to be an opportunity for more students," the Dean of University Library Services, Peter Deekle said. "So that within the last year, we have tried to reconceive the program as not only a freshman entry, but an opportunity for students who have been here within their first three semesters to become eligible candidates for the honors program admission."

Originally, the honors program was ex-

clusively for entering freshman only. The program included honors level CORE curriculum classes and Senior Seminar, a required Senior Thesis paper, and a separate junior community service requirement.

According to Deekle, RWU takes in about four to five percent of the freshman class to be in the Honors Program, and currently the University has between 150 and 155 students enrolled in the program ranging from freshman to seniors.

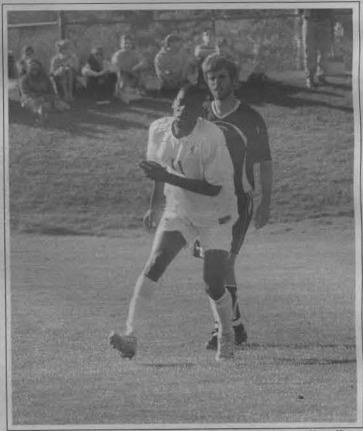
However, sometimes students don't qualify for the honors program in High School, but then qualify later in their college career.

"We've always felt that a challenging and rewarding academic and co curricular opportunity should be available to motivated and qualified students. Some of those students, through motivation and qualification, arise out of their freshman or maybe sophomore class, or maybe transfer, but it has only been a freshman program until last year, and we want to make it more inclusive." Deekle said.

In order to get into the honors program,

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HAWKS FALL SHORT



Shaun Hogan

Senior and leading scorer Antoine Bell shows frustration after a failed scoring chance late in a CCC semifinal matchup against Wentworth Institute of Technology. The Hawks lost in a shootout. For full story, see page 12.









Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am responding to your "RWU's WTF of the Week" that was in the October 19 issue.

I was glad to see that the residents' keys will not let them into the tower doors of Maple Hall. That is because they are not supposed to. Thanks to work completed this past summer, the Maple Hall key system has been brought into the 21st Century by adding card access.

All residents have access to their exterior and interior unit doors, as well as the two tower doors where the laundry is located (4/5 & 9/10/11) by using their University ID .

This was explained to all the residents at their unit meetings. Before the card access, residents could not do laundry before 8 a.m. and it must have had to be completed before 11 p.m. because the tower doors were locked. Many times residents had to call Public Safety to let them in to rescue their laundry.

Now the residents can do their laundry when it benefits them.

Tony Montefusco
Director of Housing

"Can genocide be stopped?"

Eric Sullivan Herald Staff

Since 2003, an estimated 400,000 people were killed in the Sudan, and since 1998, four million killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

These statistics exemplify the horrors of genocide; however, is it possible to prevent such horrific acts?

The United Nations defines genocides as "Acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group."

One of the most infamous genocidal catastrophes took place in 1994, when more than 800,000 Rwandans were killed in 100 days.

The reluctance to act in remote conflicts was a major reason why western powers such as the United States did not intervene.

Today, college and high school campuses around the country have groups like Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND), a student led anti-genocide coalition to educate and to assist in the fight against genocide. Amy Torregrossa, president of STAND, said, "STAND, when it started, really focused on education, trying to get as many people to at least know what was occurring on the ground [in Darfur]."

Torregrossa said that education is still a goal, but the second goal is now well under way: "We now have been able to focus on concrete goals such as advocacy, divestment and creating the political will that is needed to bring not only this genocide to an end, but future genocides."

Torregrossa said she believes that organizations like STAND are making an impact.

"We have gone from 70% of Americans not knowing where Darfur is or what is occurring, to Bill H.R. 180 passing in the House and now sitting in the Senate."

H.R. 180 is an accountability and divestment bill that reaffirms that the situation in the Sudan is genocide, calls upon inter-governmental organizations to organize diplomatically and militarily to assist the people of the Sudan, and also requires companies investing in the Sudan to identify themselves. "We have come a long way since Rwanda," Torregrossa said. As far as the world community, honoring the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine and the reconstruction of the official definition of genocide would assure a better result in Darfur than Rwanda, said Torregrossa.

Torregrossa described R2P as "the utmost re-

sponsibility of a state to protect their citizens from rape, mass murder, starvation etc."

Torregrossa added that the definition of genocide "needs to be updated and should have fewer loopholes. The issue is the fine line between 'mass killing, ethnic cleansing, and genocide"

Mathew Gullo, president of the RWU Model United Nations club, is also optimistic, but said that it is only possible to act within the boundaries of international law.

"I absolutely agree that genocide is preventable," Gullo said. "There are plenty of economic and diplomatic levers to pressure a government, like in the case of the Sudan. However, not enough has been done at this point, unfortunately.

"We don't live in a world of harmony," he said.

There are, however, instances when military intervention is necessary, and for someone who has seen the workings

of the U.N., Gullo said he is not optimistic.

"It has to be understood that interests of different states take precedence over human rights, which is very unfortunate, especially when it's the

five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council," Gullo said.
"The world community has a responsibility, intervention. However, it is a question of sovereign-

Sovereignty is a major factor to the absence of blue helmets in Darfur. The Sudan's National Unity Government, which came into being in Sep-

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tember 2005, has refused help from the U.N., and is only allowing an intervention force from the ill-equipped African Union.

It is not within the rights of international law to infringe upon a nation-state's sovereignty. For 'example, how would Americans feel if Russian soldiers were patrolling the streets of Boston and New York because the world community does not have enough conviction in the local police forces?

Ambiguity surrounds the possibility to stop and prevent genocide, but there are "levers" and organizations such as STAND in place to help work towards this lofty goal.

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Annual charity reaches more families

David Diggins **Herald Staff**

It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle as the holiday season approaches, but the Student Volunteer Association (SVA) and the Feinstein Center for Service Learning (FCSL) urge everyone to get in the giving spir-

SVA and FCSL cosponsor an annual Turkey Basket contest to help families in the community who are in need. Not necessarily packaged in baskets, the usual holiday foods, toys, and decorations are imaginatively wrapped to Thanksgiving.

For as long as Service Learning Coordinator K.C. Ferrara can remember, the competition has provided as many as 75 families in the towns of Bristol and Warren with a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

This year, in addition to benefiting the Bristol Warren School District and Bristol Neighbors Soup Kitchen, SVA and the Feinstein Center for Service Learning are working with the National Guard to provide families of the 103rd Infantry Division, who are cur-

be donated to people for rently on their second tour of duty in Iraq in four years, with holiday meals.

> The sponsors hope the contest will provide enough baskets to help 100 local families, more baskets than the contest has generated any other year.

> While the contest traditionally helps the working poor, "people on the borderline need more help than they ever have. Our goal is to bring in as many complete turkey dinners as possible," Ferrara said.

> Student clubs and faculty organizations have always been big contributors in the past but, "the turkey basket contest is open to anyone on campus who is interested in participating," SVA Co-President Carolyn Ciampa said.

"In the past, groups have made their baskets into the Mayflower or into turkeys. Some student clubs created their baskets based on what their club is involved with," she said.

"People are really blown away by the generosity and creativity," Ferrara said.

Entries should include non-perishable food items and a supermarket gift card for a turkey. Other items such as baby food, toys and

Students make creative turkey baskets to donate to families in need in

decorations are encouraged to make a unique and creative basket.

All entries should have a usable container and must be able to be lifted and moved easily by two people. The sponsors ask that all entries provide a family with a complete meal.

On Nov. 19 the baskets will be judged in the Hawk's Hangout based on their quality, quantity and creativity. The winners of the contest will receive a \$75 gift card to an undetermined location.

Interested parties can enter the contest by e-mailing the Student Volunteer Association

rwu_sva@yahoo.com or by leaving a note in the SVA mailbox located in the Recreation Center by November 13. Groups can also contact Ferrara

kferrara@rwu.edu. who wish to participate are asked to leave a contact name, number, and e-mail address.

With the addition of the families of the 103rd Infantry Division, SVA and the Feinstein Center for Service Learning are looking for as many entries as possible.

"It's for a good cause and we hope that a lot people participate," Co-President of SVA Michele D'Addio said.

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Overview of October 29 Student Senate Meeting

Overview of October 29th Student Senate Meeting

The Student Senate held a closed door session to discuss the open position. After all seven candidates had been thoroughly conferred about, the Senate elected to add Junior Adam Barnes as the newest member of the organization. Congratulations Adam!

Members of the campus organizations were present to give their weekly updates on what events had been taking place and to announce future events. These events include a CEN Film, the ICC Fright Night, and the former Red Sox player sponsored by IRHA.

Kevin Clark came to represent the Historic Preservation Society and to present information that the club had learned on their recent con-

The Clubs and Organizations committee reported that they had given trial-club status to the "Paintball Club", but did not give trial-club status to the "College Conservatives".

status to the "College Conservatives".

• The Student Affairs Committee is looking at taking over the "Safety Walk" which was formerly run by the PEERs and doing one of their own this year.

The Academic Affairs Committee is still diligently working on academic surveys or evaluations for both professors and advisors.

The Finance Committee reported that they are continuing to allocate and re-allocate money for different clubs. A bill was brought up for immediate consideration to affirm the

appointment of the six current committee chairpersons and was passed by general consensus.

A second bill was brought for immediate consideration that created an ad-hoc committee to plan the winter organizations retreat.

An ad-hoc committee is meeting to review the Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws. This brought up discussion about the minimum GPA requirement of Student Senators and whether or not it should be changed.

The Student Senate discussed two bills from the previous week, both of which passed by general consensus. The first bill was a resolution encouraging Vice-President King to review the Chameleon Club Door Policies. The second bill created an ad-hoc committee to look at Club Sports and their policies.

The Student Senate also discussed the topic of the WQRI transmitter and antenna and its location once the New Academic Building has been torn down.

Senior theses reviewed for distinction

Kelcie Sweeney **Herald Staff**

Imagine an official annotation on your transcript that tells everyone you wrote a thesis with distinction. This is a possibility for all senior students at Roger Williams.

According to the university's website the thesis with distinction was created in order to "encourage students to gain more experience in the

independent research and projects" and "recognize excellence in scholarship across the university." The program was created by the Honors Advisory Council and the Office of Academic Affairs.

Since last year every senior at Roger Williams University has had the option of submitting their senior thesis for consideration for becoming a thesis with distinction.

> The graduating class of 2007 was the first year that had some seniors graduated with thesis with distinction.

Dean of University Library Services, Peter Deekle said, "approximately 40 candidates from a variety of majors and disciplines applied for this distinction."

From this group a selected number got the honor of being a final candidates being considered by the board and had their names in a list for the 2007 convocation. After convocation some of the candidates listed at convocation were awarded the distinction and official annotation on their

Deekle said that "it is hoped that the number of qualified applicants are increased" and also that there is "an outcome of increasing quality."

Assistant Provost Jeffery Martin said this about the reason for creating a thesis with distinction, "In part it

was in order to be able to single out and honor students." Martin also mentions that before the creation of a university wide program many of the schools had programs for advanced

Both Deekle and Martin are excited about the program. Martin "looks forward to many more [theses] in the coming year."

All seniors this year will have to make a choice on whether or not to consider a submission of a senior thesis in hopes of having it recognized by the board with distinction.

The registrar is going to inform all seniors of the opportunity to declare their intentions to be a candidate in 2008. Deekle said "to stay tuned to a message from the registrar."



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students must complete a separate application from the application to the general university, including an essay.

"We then select any students who meet the minimum criteria for the honors program, and choose the top five percent of the pool being considered," said Vice President Enrollment Management, Lynn Fawthrop.

By allowing students to enter the honors program as upperclassmen, it allows the program to acknowledge students at RWU.

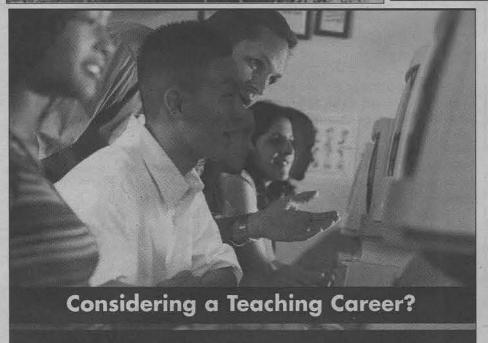
"I don't think there's anything wrong with it (honors program going public.). I

think is odd to let only freshmen enter because it ignores the accomplishments of students here at RWU," said participant in the honors program, Rob Kane.

Honors program assistant, and RWU senior, Jena Spindler agrees. "I think it's fantastic because it will allow the campus community to get to know us. I feel there is a separation between the regular students and the honors students."

By opening up the honors program to students, it gives them the opportunity to gain education at the honors level, even if they were originally not eligible.

As Fawthrop said, "The university is very proud we can do this."



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News Briefs

Compiled by Eric Sullivan

New Shuttle runs on food oil

On Halloween, Roger Williams revealed their latest creation, a shuttle that runs almost entirely on canola oil. "The result is a shuttle that's as close to carbon neutral as you can get," said Scott Yonan, staff co-chair of the University's student/staff Recycling and Sustainability Committee.

The Shuttle comes with two fuel tanks, one of regular diesel fuel, and the other of canola oil, the diesel fuel is only used for a few minutes to heat up the engine when the vehicle is turned on, and a few minutes before it is shut off to clean out the canola

According to the University, this vehicle will release 75% less carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Source RWU.edu

US casualties cut in half in October

According to GlobalSecurities.org the unofficial total for American military casualties in Iraq for the month of October is 31, that's half the total for September.

Since August there has been a consistent decline in American casualties, which could be a sign that in the fifth month of President Bush's surge policy, results are becoming clearer. President Bush's Surge was completely in place by June 2007, there has been a 31% decrease in casualties since that date.

Another Crime for Columbia University

New York City: A Jewish Columbia University professor found an all too familiar insignia on her office door Wednesday, a swastika. The Swastika was spray painted on the professor's door, "It makes my blood boil," said Professor Elizabeth Midlarsky when describing how she felt when she arrived at her office door.

In response to recent hate crimes including two incidents at Columbia University, the Noose and Swastika, the City will now have "A Day Out Against Hate," which will be on November 29.

Source AP. News Day

There's no place like Homecoming

NFL Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow speaks on racism

Dan DeBlasio Herald Staff

Kellen Winslow, Sr. could have recounted his many accomplishments when he addressed students and family members during Homecoming weekend. He could have discussed his five Pro-Bowl appearances, or his record-setting games. He could have boasted about his cherished spot in the National Football League Hall of Fame; but he didn't.

Instead, Winslow talked about something that he has personally experienced and said he feels very strongly about. He spoke about race and diversity, pointing out how important it is to continually integrate every aspect of American society.

Winslow said repeatedly that this country is built on the ideal of freedom and that it needs to work harder to prove that. "Diversity and integration don't just work with the signing of a piece of paper. The only way to live up to the creed our fore fathers wrote about in the Declaration of Independence is to continue the ongoing process of diversity and integration in America," said Winslow.

Winslow's experiences have been in the world of football, so he used what he knew as an example of our society.

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"There should be no such thing as a 'black head coach' in the National Football League." He continued to question, "Why don't people refer to white coaches as a 'white head coach?"

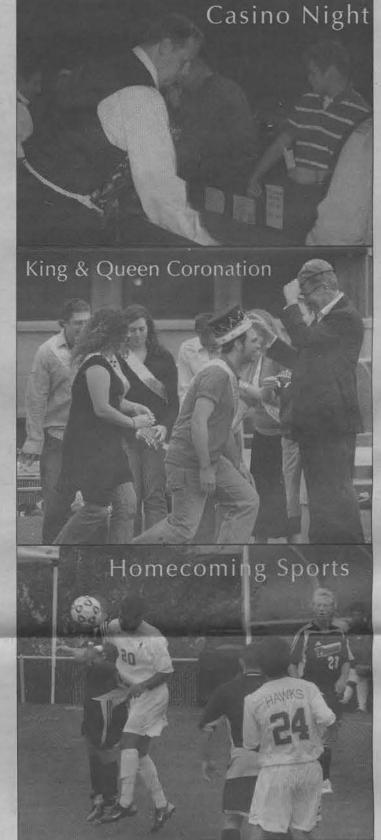
He said he strives to show the world that people need to be looked at as equal through the eyes of society. He said he firmly believes that if we make a concerted effort it is something we can ultimately achieve. "People need to be seen as men and women, not as black men and black women," Winslow said.

Winslow commended the university for having a well developed plan to diversify and integrate all races and ethnicities. He said he was concerned that many colleges are not paying as much attention to the situation as RWU and need to increase their efforts diligently.

"We are in the early stages of populating campuses with black students," Winslow said.

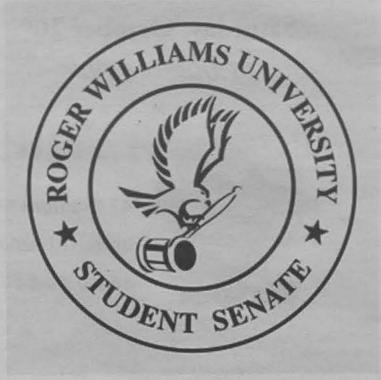
Diversity and integration is an evolving process in America and for this country to be truly equal and free from racism current efforts need to increase.

"Diversity is the right thing to do; we need the creation of a clean slate in society."



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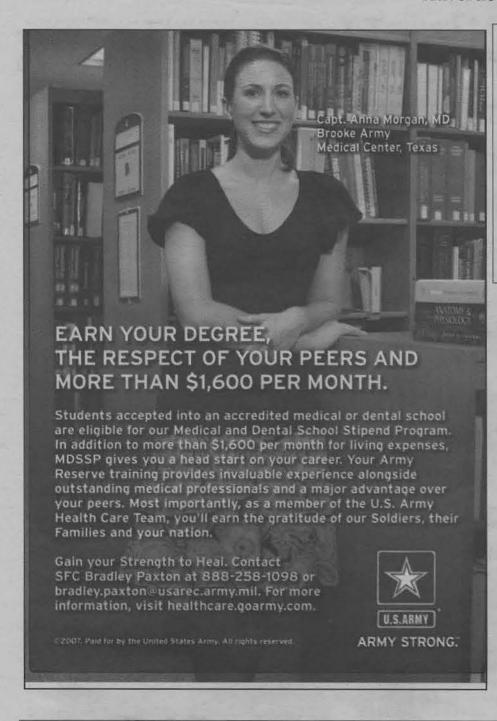


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Tobey Reynolds

"As soon as she walked into a room, there was a light."

~Professor Dianne Comiskey

REFLECTIONS: Friends, teachers cherish memories

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estimated 750 people in attendance at her wake on Monday, friends and family members alike were able to share their stories of Reynolds' modesty, intelligence and energy.

"Tobey was so caring and carefree; carefree was totally Tobey," senior Patti Behen said. "She was one of the most intelligent people I know. She got accepted into New York University and almost transferred there but she wanted to stay here at RWU because of the friendships she made and the wonderful education department."

Behen recalled the times she and Reynolds were able to "drive around aimlessly without a care in the world, blaring music and just loving life."

While attending RWU, Reynolds was enrolled in the University Honors Program.

Other friends attested to Reynolds' level of intelligence.

"She was really smart but never flaunted it, which is how she was with everything," senior Julia Bayer said. "She was really humble about how bright she was."

Spending her practicum experience in the inner-city setting of Pawtucket, R.I., Reynolds had a passion for teaching.

"Some creative writing majors do not know what they want to do when they get of school," Chair and professor of the English department Dianne Comiskey said. "Tobey was grooming to be an amazing teacher. It was something she knew she needed to do in her life."

Reynolds' friends saw her passion for teach-

"Every Wednesday, she would spend the entire day at an elementary school working with third graders," senior Aimee Scheppard said. "She would come home, sometimes at 11 p.m. with her face lit up even if her day was difficult. She loved those kids.'

Junior Marianne Wallace agreed.

"Tobey had such an ambition to change the face of teaching and I admire her for that.'

Not only was Reynolds excited to begin her career as a teacher, but she also possessed a natural ability as a writer according to friends and professors.

"Tobey had a sophisticated understanding about certain truths in the world," creative writing assistant professor Renee Soto said. "She was always asking the hard questions, always looking for more and she was not at all presumptuous about it."

Associate creative writing professor Adam Braver said Reynolds was charmingly modest, a personality trait that attested to her strong char-

"At her wake, I saw her modeling pictures. You would never know it because she didn't carry herself as someone who would flaunt herself,"

Braver also commented on Reynolds' subtle yet larger-than-life presence.

"She was who she was and that commanded a sense of respect. She had a confidence in who she was that was refreshing."

Senior Jenna Rice agreed.

"She really did her own thing and was confident in herself and what she liked," Rice said. "She was able to make anyone feel comfortable."

Reynolds' ability to make friends easily played a part in the number of people affected by her death.

"She had a gift for being able to move in and out of different groups of people," Pasquarelli said. "I was amazed at the number of people she knows."

Her friends were able to see this gift as well.

"Seeing so many people on campus with tearfilled eyes, people who one might not realize was a friend of hers, shows how many lives she has been apart of," senior Craig Krushinski said.

Reynolds' desire to help others also stood out in the minds of her friends and professors.

"She would have done anything for anyone," Scheppard said. "If she had no idea who you were, she would have given you the shirt off her

Wallace experienced this generosity first-

'She had this natural ability to listen with such content when you complained to her," Wallace said. "Then, after all the torture of listening, she would finally come up with an amazing answer to your problem."

Even with her passions for education and creative writing, Reynolds still found time to pursue other hobbies, especially collecting items.

'She loved shoes and bags," Behen said. "She had this one amazing, huge Coach bag that she loved to carry."

Reynolds also loved elephants and the envi-

"In her obituary, her family asked people to donate money to the World Wildlife Federation and adopt an elephant in her name," Behen said.

Within the relatively small majors of elementary education and creative writing, Reynolds' presence is greatly recognized.

"As soon as she walked into a room, there was a light. I always knew when she wasn't in class,"

Braver agreed. "A lot of students travel together in classes within the creative writing department and her absence creates such a presence. You feel it the second you walk in the building.'

Reynolds' legacy and presence on the RWU campus is one that will remain strong in the people she touched.

"She made everyone a better person because of the way she lived her life," Behen said. "She has inspired me to live like her in my life."



Courtesy of Patti Behen

TOBEY: RWU pays respects to Reynolds

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the Connecticut State Police said.

The driver of the tractor trailer was not injured, according to police reports.

The weather was clear and traffic was light along the highway the morning of the accident, and Reynolds' cell phone was found inside her pocketbook, indicating she was not talking or sending text messages, police said.

Bonetti said the accident remains under investigation.

Friends and university staff boarded shuttles to Reynolds' hometown Monday and Tuesday for her wake and funeral services. They donned blue and gold ribbons at the wake to signify the university's presence, Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon said.

She added that an on-campus

nemorial was tentatively scheduled mother, Katharine, sister, Brooke, earlier this week for Nov. 15.

Reynolds' uncle Dudley Fetzer said a steady stream of people paid their respects to Reynolds at her wake for about three hours Monday

"We were thrilled to see the turnout the other night; it was simply fantastic, something we'll never forget," he said. "The support from the school has been unbelievable."

He described his niece as a smart, compassionate young woman who touched many lives.

"She was universally loved. It seemed like she had an effect on everybody. No one has ever had a particularly cross word to say about her. The level of sorrow has linked to people I never thought would be affected."

Reynolds is survived by her

and an extended family Fetzer said has been a "saving grace to help break the horrible mood."

Throughout the university community this week, people grieved together and shared memories of their friend. Reynolds' Facebook wall was flooded with four pages of comments from shocked friends by late Thurs-

Counselors were available to students in some of Reynolds' classes this week, according to McMahon.

"Because she was a senior, she had this web of connections deep and wide, and her death has had a heavy impact on our community," McMahon said.

Mieko Kamii, dean of the School of Education, never met Reynolds, but said she learned how "beloved" she was after attending her services

"As I listened to the memories that Tobey's friends shared during the funeral services, I developed an image of a person who everyone trusted with their joys, their uncertainties and their pain. She is missed by so many.

"I told Tobey's mother and sister that I ached for them, but also for the many children whose lives would have been changed as a result of having Ms. Reynolds as their teacher, mentor and friend."

A memorial service will be held for Tobey Reynolds November 15. Anyone interested in helping plan the ceremony or in sharing stories and memories, please contact Patti Behen at pbehen157@hawks.rwu.edu.

Couple of the Moment:

Mike Marr and Tess LeConche

Reporting by: Courtney Nugent

Mike

How did you and Tess meet?

We met through my friend Josh. Tess gave us a ride home one day and had My Chemical Romance playing in her car. Right at that moment, I knew that I had to hang out with her more.

Why were/are you attracted to her?

Because she is beautiful, has a cute sense of humor, and we have a lot in common.

Do you have any nicknames for each other? If so, what are they?

I call her a little Gremlin and Tessica.

What is your favorite way to spend time with Tess? Playing Super Mario on my Super Nintendo.

When you and Tess fight, what do you do to reconcile? Most of the time when we have a really bad fight, we'll argue and yell for hours and then when we're tired of that we just laugh it off.

What is the sweetest thing she has done for you?

I think the sweetest things we've done for each other is get each other Claddagh rings. Either that or when she bought me my Heely's.

If you could choose one song lyric to describe your relationship, what would it be?

"All the tension and the terror,

Thin limbed gorgeous green eyes smiling,

And I'm going straight to hell,

All the possibility and promise just,

Weighs on me so heavily.

And I try but I'm not convincing,

Your lips they pout and twist and,

I die trying just to keep myself from kissing you..."

- "The Tension and the Terror" by Straylight Run.

How do you make time for each other between classes, RA stuff, etc?

We eat lunch together everyday, and visit each other when the other one is on duty. She writes me little notes while she is in class, and I write her e-mails sometimes.

What is your favorite food? Candy?

Reuben sandwiches and Raisinets.

What is her favorite band? Color?

Her favorite band (which is mine too) is My Chemical Romance, and her favorite color is green, like her eyes.



Tess

How did you and Mike meet?

Mike and I met through a friend, Josh Washburn. I was an RA in Willow at the time, and Mike was an RA in Cedar. We all started going to dinner as a group during the week, and Mike

as a group during the week, and Mike and I started hanging out a lot. I'd say Super Mario (old school) has to be factored into the "meeting" story too. Definitely.

Do you have any nicknames for each other? If so, what are they? Yes we do. We call each other Gremlin and Grizzly. I like calling him Michael.

What is the sweetest thing he has ever done for you?

Over the summer, once we had started officially dating, we went to The Claddagh Connection in downtown Bristol, and got matching Claddagh rings. Then he took me out to dinner

at the Outback. It was perfect.

When you get into fights, how do you reconcile?

Usually we reconcile by laughing about something. I'll poke at him, he'll tickle me, we'll say something silly and realize we're fighting about something frivolous. We've had some kind of rough times, but the fact that we got through it all makes it so much more worthwhile.

What is one thing you wish he would do for you that he hasn't? I don't really wish he would do anything. I just want him to be with me. How do you make time for each other with classes, RA stuff, etc? We're lucky to have the same breaks for lunch each day, so I always get to eat with him in the afternoon. As far as RA stuff, we'll visit each other when we're on duty, and we'll do homework together too. Mike's kind of my moti-

What is/was your ideal date with Mike?

My ideal date out with Mike would be dinner and a movie (cliché, I know), but I enjoy a cozy night in, watching Scrubs or a movie just as much.

What is your favorite color? Band?

A: My favorite color is green. My favorite band is My Chemical Romance. That's kind of another factor in my and Mike's meeting. We both love MCR. What is Mike's favorite food? Candy?

Mike's favorite food is Reuben sandwiches. His favorite candy is Raisinets.

Different spin to business class

Courtney Nugent Features Editor

On Tuesday afternoons, it is typical to see Roger Williams University students heading to class throughout campus. It is unusual, however, to see students heading to class during the day on Saturday.

Students in the project management class, taught for the first semester by Dean of the Business School, Maling Ebrahimpour, receive firsthand experience in every step of renovating a house for a needy family in the Bristol area. They also have a chance to impact the community surrounding RWU.

"The students are doing everything in the class," Ebrahimpour said.
"They are in charge of everything from fundraising to estimating the cost of the project, from identifying what project that want to focus on in the house to the shopping."

Junior Ross Pickett appreciates the hands on experience he is receiving in the class.

"This is the most challenging course I have ever taken," Pickett said. "The course has given me a lot of confidence in my leadership skills and my ability to take an idea and apply it to a real life situation."

This type of project management class typically run on the graduate level, especially on the West Coast. As far as Ebrahimpour is aware, RWU is the first undergraduate campus to offer a similar class.

Junior Joanna Cummings entered the class with prior knowledge to the objectives behind the project.

"My father's company is involved in 'Rebuilding Boston,' which is the same idea as what we are doing," Cummings said. "I was familiar with the project and was really interested in getting involved."

The main objective of the course is to learn about project management methods and then put them into action in order to help a needy family.

"We needed to find out which individual projects were most important to the homeowner, if these projects were feasible, what supplies we would need, exactly how much time each step would take and other things to make the product go smoothly," sophomore Tanya Allain said. "We then needed to fundraise the money to complete the project."

Ebrahimpour said that the class participated in a variety of different fundraising styles, including raffles, going to companies and holding a pancake breakfast.

"In three weeks, the class raised over \$7,000," Ebrahimpour said. "Our goal is to raise \$14,000 to do the project. What is left to fundraise will be taken on by the next class."

Within the class, students are broken into three groups to focus on specific projects within the house. With a project manager for each group, students are learning how to successfully manage a project through hands-on learning.

"I am a group leader in charge of the kitchen," junior Andrew Hedden said. "That involves scheduling and estimating time and costs for the work to be done there."

Hedden also said that throughout the class, students gain an understanding of the importance of customer opinion while completing a project.

Not only are students granted

real life experience, but they also value the opportunity to give back to the community.

"My main goal from taking this class is to be able to impact somebody's life," Cummings said.

According to Ebrahimpour, K.C. Ferrara has made a huge impact on the class' ability to help the community

"She has been instrumental in helping us," he said.

Hedden said that the class has been beneficial to his experience at RWU in every aspect.

"I have already gotten an appreciation for the surrounding community," Hedden said. "Everyone has been supportive and I hope to see the class continue and the support grow."

If students are interested in registering for the project management class for second semester, please email Dean Ebrahimpour to set up an interview at

mebrahimpour@rwu.edu.

CD Reviews: Hard-Fi and Mono

Scott De Gennaro Herald Staff

The U.K.-based rock act has returned with their second effort, Once Upon a Time in the West, the follow-up to the band's 2005 Mercury Prizenominated #1 debut, Stars of CCTV. Singer Richard Archer and his men divulge a large, on edge, and developed set with identifications of love and despair. "Suburban Knights", the first single and cut from the album, reminds the sound of its predecessor "Cash Machine", with a catchy, signature resonance.

Archer's young voice still rings out loud with flair over the instrumentation. "Can't Get Along (Without You)", the second single, reminisces hard living on the streets, especially with the lines "I picked fights, with men twice my size / I picked fights, they punched out my lights."

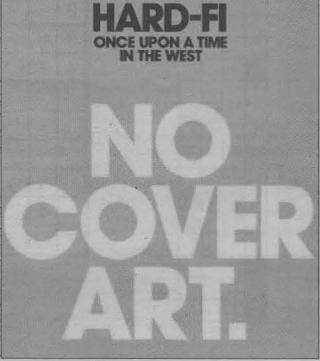
Such lyrics can still acquire the band's influence for The Clash, so after repeated plays; the album can without a doubt grow on either listener of both bands. The closer, "The King," is a powerful reminder of not letting go to ones who hold dear: "Tve been thinking of you, every waking hour / staring at the wall, trying to find the nerve to call". Nevertheless, each song can more or less trace back to the sound that the band first made apparent with *Stars of CCTV*.

Hard-Fi

Rating: B+

Atlantic Records

What could stand out even past the compositions is the cover art, directly depicting the message of 'NO COVER ART'. It can cast a reminder for avid music followers about a controversial debate if charts should count such al-



bums' sales after Beck's 2006 album *The Information* didn't include any art, yet a sticker pack. Archer states that the band wanted to simply 'break the rules' against record companies' recommendation for an album cover inclusion.

Despite it all, Hard-Fi presses on for a second coming, with the album rising to #1 in the U.K. Even close fans believe that the entire album doesn't flow as well as previously thought, but most of the cuts still give a strong hope of the next trick that Hard-Fi has up any type of sleeve. Look for the act to tour stateside in the coming year.

Greg Bem Herald Staff

Howling through dark musical climates, this collection of Mono tracks is forcefully one of the most impressive—perhaps even more so than the bands LPs. The EPs on this track have all been remastered and it's very easy to see the band's different stages and styles.

Noisy at some points, melodic and serene at others, Mono is a collective force of bundled energies; however, the contrast usually focuses around light and darkness, but this is not a bad thing.

If Explosions in the Sky were not as strictly sentimental and melodramatic, as their music is, and if Mogwai was not as oriented around post-rock being a direct follow up to conventional rock songs, there would exist the rift-like band that is Mono.

Of course
Mono relates to
these bands
more often than
not (and Godspeed! You Black
Emperor, one of
the founders of
post-rock), as
seen in the track
"Black Rain,"
which is a track

Artist: Mono
Album: Gone: A Collection of EPs – 2000-2007
Grade: A
Listen to them if you like:
Magwai Explosions in the

Mogwai, Explosions in the Sky, Godspeed!, Sigur Ros, Pelican

you'd expect to hear on an *Explosions in the Sky* CD, as it is melodic and slow, fronted by wonderfully sorrowfully quiet female spoken word.

The Japanese band triumphs at showing the extreme distortions between the extreme states of the human mind, and the listener feels every second of it.

On a final note, even though the album is just a compilation of previous remastered EPs, the album flows very, very smoothly from one track to the next.

- Courtesy of WQRI Music Committee

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Campus Events

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Concerts

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Sunday

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Monday

Campus Events

Career Center: Dining Etiquette Baypoint 4:30 p.m.

Helene York - "The Low Carbon Diet" School of Law 283 5 p.m.

Creative Writing Seminar: Ted Delaney's "The Drowning" Mary Tefft White Center 6:30 p.m.

Gabe Kapler on Baseball and Domestic Violence Hawk's Hangout 7:30 p.m.

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Campus Events

Sexual Assault Self-Defense Workshop Rec. Center Aerobics Room B 4 p.m.

Documentary Preview: "Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep North" School of Law 283 6:30 p.m.

Penny Arcade: Omagh CAS 152 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Campus Events

Counseling Workshops: "Holidays and Loss" Rec. Center Conf. Room 3 p.m.

Penny Arcade: Glengarry Glem Ross CAS 152 7 p.m.

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Friday

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Legal Dilemmas in a Dangerous World -Law, Terrorism, & **National Security** School of Law 8:30 a.m.

Theatre Series: Series II "The Summoning of Everyman" Performing Arts Center 8 p.m.

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and the arm swing to help her become one of the best offensive players in the conference.

In his first year as RWU's volleyball coach, Bret Stothart said, "her talent was obvious from the first time I saw her."

When Maurer was a sophomore, senior Erin Carolan broke the all time kills record at RWU.

Maurer said that it wasn't even until after her senior year started, that she realized she had a chance at breaking Carolan's record.

According to her coach, Maurer is a hard-working both on and off the court, and is respected by all of her teammates. Stothart said that she was voted team captain the past two years by her teammates and that she leads by example.

Stothart added that, "she represents us well around campus. She has one of the highest GPA's on the team, and is a member of the captain's council."

When I was a freshman the seniors were very accepting and went out of their way to make sure that the freshmen were feeling like part of the team," Maurer said.

Now being one of only three seniors, and having only one junior on the team, Maurer is now the class act to the freshmen Stothart said.

'She has the team to her apartment all the time for team functions, and that's hard to do with so many freshmen," he said.

All good things must come to an end though, and on senior night, it all hit Maurer at once.

"It was very emotional for me and while I may not have shown it by crying, I was definitely feeling it. It really signified the beginning of the end," Maurer said.

As a marketing major, and a communications minor, Maurer isn't quite sure what she wants to do for the rest of her life. However, she did say, "Honestly I want to move to California and waitress or bartend for a couple years before settling down and getting a 'real' job." She said she would love to play volleyball at a higher level, but unfortunately there are not a lot of opportunities for that.

"I'll be happy playing at a recreational league somewhere, preferably on the beach in California," she said.

As of October 24, Maurer is the all-time leader in kills (1141), and attempts (3163). She is third in kills per game, and block assists (119), fifth in digs (988), and sixth in solo blocks (96).

Maurer said, "The past four years here have been amazing. I've met so many great people, made so many good friends, made so many incredible memories."

"With all the records she has set, she has made high standards for the future of the program," said Stothart. "She has definitely left her mark."

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Hawks offense from finding the back of the net in their three shots on goal, to keep the game tied.

In the second half Wentworth began to break through the Hawks defense, but freshman goalkeeper Peter Plate was able to keep the game tied with six saves. Wentworth keeper, senior Joe Simon, made two saves in the second period.

"Both teams had minimal scoring opportunities," Cook said. "There were a couple of very good opportunities, but I think both goalies played extremely well and made some key saves that kept the game scoreless.

With a 0-0 score, the game went into the first period of overtime where both teams continued to play well defensively. Plate would make three more saves in the first overtime period to bring his season total to 47, the highest of the team's three goalkeep-

In the second overtime period the Hawks gained momentum offensively, making the only shot on goal in the final period. However, the Leopards goalkeeper was able prevent the ball from finding the back of the net to force the shootout.

"I think we had the more dangerous opportunities in the overtime, but we still couldn't get it," Cook said.

Wentworth senior Chris Hartmann got things started with an early goal in the shootout to raise the score to 1-0 Wentworth. Sophomore Justin Plourde and Senior Antoine Bell both scored to tip the score in the Hawk's favor 2-1.

Wentworth quickly tied the game after a shot attempt by junior Dan Saccoccio missed the net. The Leopards then pulled ahead with a goal by freshman Kyle Becker to bring the score to 3-2. Becker's goal proved to be the game winner.

"I just hate to see it come down to penalty kicks," Cook said. "But that's the rule, so there's not much you can do about it, every kid steps up and tries to do his best.

"We played well defensively, but unfortunately so did Wentworth. So we're done, we just have to start planning for next year."

News & Notes

The women's rugby team extended their winning streak to six on Sunday with a 21-5 victory over St. Anslems College in the semi-finals of the division playoffs. The win allowed the team to maintain its undefeated record and guaranteed them a spot in the division finals this Sunday at 1:00 on Nike field.

Senior captain Ashley Walker said of the win, "it gives us absolute confidence for the upcoming game. Winning six times in a row gives us the momentum to continue our streak this weekend."

In Sunday's game, the rugby team will face off against the Coast Guard team, which they beat during the regular season 14-5. The game was a hard win for the Hawks, as they battled to a scoreless first half, but managed to pull ahead in the end.

"Coast Guard is our biggest competition. We have to make sure we run with them the whole game," said captain Liz Morgan.

Sophomore Stephanie Watson, junior Devon Dzicek and Walker all contributed shot attempts to the victory, while senior captain Ashley Littleton converted all three point after kicks. Littleton's contributions left the Hawks with the final point tally of 21.

St. Anslems scored late second half, but missed their point after attempt, leaving them with the 16 point deficit.

A win on Sunday would give the Hawks a shot at the National Championship

The men's cross-country team captured the 2007 Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship on Saturday afternoon.

Junior Kevin Clark placed first in the race with an overall time of 27:14 on the 8,000-meter course at Rotary Park. For his accomplishment, Clark was named as the 2007 CCC men's runner of the year.

Junior Alex Parulis came in second with an overall time of 27:57 only 43 seconds behind teammate Clark. Freshman Tom Maybury came in fourth with a time of 28:12, while Jonathan Ellis came in tenth with a time of 29:08. Head coach Sean Livingston was named as the co-coach of the year along with Gordon College's John Molvar.

The women's cross-country team also gained a Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship title on Saturday.

Sophomore Emily Tran came in first with a total time of 24:29, junior Megan Fish finished fifth with a time of 25:20 and junior Emily Bome finished seventh with a time of 25:28.

For her accomplishments, Emily Tran was named as the CCC women's runner of the year.

The number three seeded women's soccer defeated number two seed Western New England College to earn the opportunity to take on the number one seeded Endicott College. The game will take place this Saturday at 1:00

WOMENS TENNIS: Ends season undefeated

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with RWU.

Going into the match, Endicott had an overall record 13-4 including the team's postseason matches, while the Hawks had an undefeated record

We pretty much dominated this year," said O'Brien. "It was really showing in the end."

In doubles action Sunday, seniors Caitlyn Leone and Jessica manners defeated Endicott sophomores Nicole Breting and Lori Wardner in eight out of 11 sets at the number one spot. At number two doubles, senior Joanna Nettelfield and freshman Leah Ribchinsky teamed up to defeat junior Kate Fiske and junior Jenna Carme, 8-3.

"Leah probably played one of her best matches to end the fall season, cott ends the season 14-5 overall with which is great," said O'Brien. "That is what you want to see."

O'Brien said that he was very happy to see Ribchinsky come back in her final matches of the fall season and beat opponents that she had lost to earlier in the year.

"She played some of these girls and she did lose to them earlier in the vear," O'Brien said. "To come back in your last match and to beat them, that's huge. It's a big growth."

At number three doubles seniors Kelsey Parente and Haley McCraven won eight out of nine sets against sophomores Alyson Boehm and Rachel Layton.

At the number one spot in singles action, Manners gained a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Wardner to improve her overall record to 5-7 on the season. Nettelfield defeated Carme 6-2, 6-1 at

number four doubles to give her an overall season record of 10-1. At number five singles, Parente

defeated Boehm 9-1, while McCraven did not drop a single set to junior Genevieve Sherman at the number six spot.

'We haven't beaten a lot of teams that were tough 9-0," said O'Brien. "Endicott was a team that was fairly tough, but we came out and just played great and we swept them."

Sunday's championship victory gives the team a shot at the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship title this spring. Last season, the Hawk's bid for the national title was brought to an end by a loss to Skidmore College in the first round of the tournament.

The Hawks finish the season 14-1 overall and 10-0 in the CCC. Endian 8-2 record in the CCC

The win also brings an end to the conference careers of five of the team's six seniors. Nettelfield, Mc-Craven, Parente, Manners and Leone will all be graduating in May. Senior Katherine Wilmes will remain at RWU for one more year.

"With all six of the seniors there has been tremendous growth and all very different, whether it be tennis ability, personal growth or finally a chance to partake in the lineup on a daily basis," O'Brien said. "A lot of them were in really different places and they really helped motivate each other because it was not easy for all of them.

"All five of the departing seniors will be sorely missed on the team and they'll be hard to replace."

Men's soccer eliminated from tournament in shootout loss

Shaun Hogan Sports Editor

Despite beating Connecticut College 3-2 on Saturday afternoon to gain the top seed in the Commonwealth Coast Conference quarterfinals, the Hawks' hopes of a second championship title in two years disappeared Tuesday in a 3-2 loss on penalty kicks to the Wentworth Institute of Technology in double overtime.

With the loss, the Hawks' overall record now stands at 11-6-3 with a 9-1-2 record in the CCC. Wentworth's record improved to 13-4-1 with their victory and they will take on Western New England College this Saturday.

Although his team was confident going into the match against Wentworth, Cook said they knew it was not going to be an easy victory.

"We knew going in that it was going to be a low scoring game," Cook said. "We are two very good defensive teams. I think we did a good job of shutting down their top players and they did a very good job of shutting down our offense.'

The Hawks' defense dominated in the first half of the game as they prevented Wentworth from making any shots on goal. However, the Leopards defense was equally as strong, preventing the

See MEN'S SOCCER p.11.

Women's tennis earns back-to-back CCC titles

Shaun Hogan Sports Editor

After gaining a 2-0 record in postseason play, the women's tennis team ended their fall season on Sunday afternoon with a 9-0 victory over Endicott College to give them their second Commonwealth Coast Conference championship win in two years.

The team gained the championship title last year in a surprising 5-4 upset victory over Salve Regina University. However, this season the Hawks were the top seed going into the championship match.

"We weren't expected to do anything last year," said head coach Chris O'Brien. "We were third going in and we were expected to be third coming out."

O'Brien said that this season was very different for the team because everyone expected them to come out on top at the end of the season.

"It is definitely harder the second time around," he said. "It is definitely harder to win when you are expected to win as a

"We've been really lucky as far as injuries and illnesses,



Courtesy of RWU Athletics

Members of the women's tennis team pictured with the CCC championship trophy following their 9-0 victory over Endicott College on Sunday afternoon.

we've been in great shape and 16, followed by a 7-2 win over health all season long. It all fell Salve on Friday Oct. 26, giving into place this week. The players them a shot at the championship. really played their best tennis this final weekend."

season with an 8-1 victory over Curry College on Tuesday Oct.

Endicott beat Gordon College 9-0 and Colby-Sawyer Col-The Hawks began the post- lege 6-3 to get into the final round of conference play along

See TENNIS p.11.

Maurer leaves mark in program

Jale Dumond **Herald Staff**

Growing up, Amy Maurer loved basketball. She played for 12 years including four years at an Amateur Athletic Union level.

When Rachael Madsen, then the Roger Williams University women's basketball coach, sent Maurer a letter asking her to come play for her team, no one expected that she would eventually become one of the best volleyball players in RWU history.

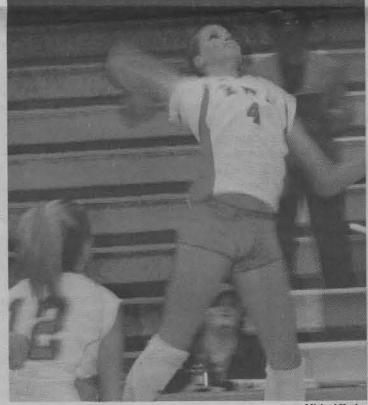
Maurer grew up playing the game of basketball. She said that she also played soccer from first grade until seventh grade, when she said "a couple of my friends and I decided to try out for volleyball on a whim."

She continued to play basketball at a very competitive level while having fun with volleyball on the side.

"The first time I played volleyball for real was on the first day of tryouts in high school," Maurer said. "I was so shy and nervous, and I didn't even know you needed knee pads. I was such a nerd."

Her high school team never made it past the first round of the playoffs; however, Maurer was beginning to show signs of an up and coming volleyball star, although she remained modest about it.

When asked if she broke any high school records or



Michael Hurley

won any awards, she replied, "I made Class I Dream Team twice, and other silly awards like that but in high school my sport was basketball."

After so many years of intense basketball competition, Maurer said, "I had totally lost my love of the game and my desire to play."

Even though she knew she did not want to play basketball in college, Maurer said her parents made her visit RWU anyway, after being recruited by Madsen.

"I loved the school and knew immediately that I wanted to come here," Maurer said about the first time

she saw RWU.

Maurer decided she would try her luck at another sport RWU offered, vollevball. So she sent in a tape to then coach Ben Heroux.

"I would say that Amy was the most physically talented players I recruited during my years of coaching at RWU," Heroux said.

Still unsure of her own talent, Maurer said, "I remember thinking that I was going to be so embarrassed and that I was wrong thinking I could play at a college

Heroux said that she had the height, the jump, See MAURER p.11

Best Bets: A new approach

Jale Dumond **Herald Staff**

In our last issue, which was two weeks ago I had one of my worst weeks ever, 2-5. After introducing Jiggity Jake, and feeling like he could bring me above a .500 record, I ended up being the butt of more jokes than Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears combined.

I should have known it was going to be a bad week when the Redskins went into the fourth quarter up 21-6, and only won the game 21-19, not covering the 6.5-point spread. Things went downhill from there when the Cowboys dominated the Vikings, and the Patriots scored an unprecedented 42 points in the first half. I lost another one when Detroit beat the Bucs. and even one more when the Bills beat the Ravens.

After falling to an overall record of 14-18, there was only one good thing to come from two weeks ago; I improved my Monday night record to 4-1.

With nine more weeks remaining in the regular season, I decided to take a look at the ESPN.com sports columnists to see what their overall records are. shockingly, they all have phenomenal records. Out of the eight people, the best record belongs to Ron Jaworski at 76-33 and the worst belongs to Mike Golic at 67-48. Yes, the worst record was 67-

What are these guys doing that I am not? Well first off, they have the privilege of being able to pick every week. Also, they pick every game of every week. The last and most important, aspect of how they are better than me, they don't use a spread. They simply take every game, and just pick who they think is going to win, no spread involved.

I decided since this is the halfway point of the season, this would be a good time to switch up how I do things around here.

Jiggity's new picks start today, and he is in charge of getting Jake's record back on track. It's time to get serious. No more puns, no more foolish pick names, no more losing. No more distractions. No more spreads. My picks are in bold. San Francisco 49ers at Atlanta Falcons

Denver Broncos at Detroit Lions

Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Chiefs

Jacksonville Jaguars at New **Orleans Saints**

Arizona Cardinals at Tampa **Bay Buccaneers**

Cincinnati Bengals at Buffalo Bills

Carolina Panthers at Tennessee Titans

San Diego Chargers at Minnesota Vikings

Washington Redskins at New York Jets

Seattle Seahawks at Cleveland Browns

Houston Texans at Oakland Raiders

New England Patriots at Indianapolis Colts

Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles (Monday Night)