WQRI celebrates first birthday

By Michele Baccarella
Managing Editor

A slightly different format, and a restructured management are just two ways the college radio station, WQRI-FM, has celebrated its first birthday on March 9.

The station will hold its birthday party, a day before on Thursday, March 8, at Topside in Bristol.

The station's format has slightly contemporized, according to General Manager Ron Ofl, "We've changed to more of a rock, top 40 format," he said. "And we're more modern than stations like WJYJ and WALK.

Off said the station is not rated because ORI is college radio, but they gauge their popularity by the number of phone calls they receive. The station receives approximately five or six calls per hour, up from none when they first started, he said, and currently about 16 phone calls for about any of the contests the station runs.

Roger Williams College is no exception to national problem

By Kim Staff
Assignment Editor

Want a high school education? No problem. Just enroll at any U.S. college or university. Wait a minute. Something doesn't sound quite right about that. Isn't high school supposed to prepare students to face the challenge of a college-level education? Sounds good in theory, but apparently this doesn't always happen.

According to a recent College Press Service (CPS) report, M. Douglas Call, interim chancellor of West Virginia's 10-college program, recently reported about 1/5 of the students entering college in that state last fall were academically unprepared to be in college.

A frightening fact coming true all over the country, Roger Williams College is no exception. According to Loretta Robinson, director of General Education at RWC, test performances of students coming to RWC as freshmen indicate that about 50 percent need to strengthen basic reading, writing, and math skills.

"Because the college provides instruction in these areas," Shelton said, "we've been able to demonstrate that weaknesses aren't a result of any real inability, but because previous experience hasn't given them sufficient practice in areas of reading and writing."

In addition to prismacum courses offered to help improve skills, RWC students may also find assistance at The Learning Center, which has been in existence for three years.

Jessica Langejo, a student work-study and tutor at the center for the past two years, described the Learning Center as a place "where people get peer tutoring."

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The meeting ended with an announcement by Haskell that President Scuro wants to meet with the Senate to talk about and get suggestions for the college's plan for the 90s.
You Said It

What was your favorite movie last year and why?

Ed Film
Junior
New Milford, CT
"When Harry Met Sally" because it was funny and I like Meg Ryan.

Michael Turner
Sophomore
Livingston, NJ
"Lethal Weapon II because it was action-packed, I wanted to be Mel Gibson so I could be able to blow things up."

Daniel Giovanoni
Freshman
Plainville, MA
"Do The Right Thing" because it was good.

Kim Savastano
Junior
No. Providence
"Look Who's Talking" It was very entertaining.

Rick Kelleher
Sophomore
W. Hartford, CT
"Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" The characters resemble some of my friends.

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Editorial

Parked 100

Pretty soon people may be seeing a new course added to the catalog at Roger Williams College: Parking 100.

Included in this course will be: how to double park in the side parking lot at the recreation building, the bump and scatter method of parking out of those same parking spaces, and how to come as close to an accident as possible as you try to maneuver into and out of all parking lots.

Does this all sound familiar? Well it should since this is the way parking has been on campus this semester. Parking has always seemed to be a problem here, but this semester it seems to have reached an all-time high in lack of space and near accidents.

The inconvenience was to be expected in the first week back to school. Parking is a little more lenient because people need to buy permits, and student's schedules get shifted as they add and drop classes, changing the times that they need to be on campus.

But after the third and fourth weeks, the parking problem still exists with no end in sight. Students have to get to school about an hour before their classes start, and even then they may end up parking at North Campus.

Some people are stubborn and will not park there. Instead they end up driving around in their cars like hawks circling prey as they watch for people walking to their cars, hoping to get their parking space. This is very frustrating and time consuming when you have a class to get to, not to mention nerve wracking for the person who is being followed.

Meanwhile there seems to be a large number of Rhode Island cars and trucks parked in the spaces closest to the Student Union. These wouldn't happen to be construction workers who are working on the library, would they?

Edward Shaw, Director of Security at RWU, said that a representative of the college who serves as a liaison to the construction crew has been asked to bring up the parking situation with the company. Right now, construction workers take up between 20 and 30 parking spaces per day on campus. Shaw said that they will be asked to park either on the grass near Ferry Cliff Stables or at North Campus. This is at least a small step forward in the parking crunch, but more needs to be done.

Students have paid to park on campus by buying a permit. Although the permits are inexpensive ($5) compared to others, they still are something students must buy if they want to park on campus. Many people are not getting their money's worth.

The most likely solution to the annoying parking problem, in the long run, is simply to limit the number of parking permits. To give out too many to students. There is probably no fair way to do this, but it needs to be done. If the number of cars coming onto campus continues at the rate it is now, car accidents and injuries are surely not far behind.

See related story on Parking Appeals Board, page 10.
A new beginning for people of South Africa

Reactions to Mandela's release

By Kary Andrews
Features Editor

"I didn't want to raise the children I will have someday in a racist country, but now I see a future for it. This is just the beginning." - Jon Ackerman

Well, it's a Friday night, and I'm drinking heavily, but I'm not at a bar, no dance club or anything of the sort. In fact, what I'm doing is sitting in my room brooding over graduate school applications. That's right, graduate school applications.

They are enough to drive someone to drink, contrary to what you might have heard, but they have wedged their way into becoming the first and foremost thing on my mind for the next few weeks. Remember your last months of high school? Remember the meetings with the guidance counselors, the application essays, the tension and aggravation in the first place over the requirements of the school you had your heart set on?

Well, multiply that by 10 and you've got the equivalent of the anxiety I'm feeling right now.

When you are making the transition from high school to college, there is a great deal of stress. Call it fear of the unknown, but as we prepare to leave the safe confines of high school walls where we have grown accustomed to seeing the same people everyday, for the first time in years, we begin to reflect on where we've been and where we're going. Now is a time of regret, a time of looking backwards, a 'time of looking for answers that will make the powers-that-be who will eventually read this application, stop and say "ahah" or at least break them from the tedium of reading the same thing over and over. In other words, everyone wants an application that will dazzle and delight, yet as we stretch the truth here and add an accolade that will make the powers-that-be who will eventually read this application, stop and say "ahah" or at least break them from the tedium of reading the same thing over and over.

Yet, we should hold our children up. After all, we made it through four years of college, which is something to be proud of. Now, it's time to enter into the next phase. Perhaps what is so frightening about graduate school is that there is a head up. After all, we made it through four years of college, which is something to be proud of. Now, it's time to enter into the next phase.
What: Valentine Semi-Formal
Where: The Omni Biltmore
When: February 12

The guys wore suits from super suave to slightly preppy; the girls wore black, white and everything in-between. There were plenty of couples, tables of friends, great music and intimate atmosphere. And even sophomore class advisors Tony Ferreira and Ed Brown and their wives were caught cutting up the dance floor.
Battleship Cove

By Nicole Loxier
Staff Writer

Take a step into the lives of men who lived, ate, slept and fought on these very vessels for the United States of America.

Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass., offers an exciting insight into wartime environment and practices. War buffs and historians will find delight in touring the many decks where men once fought to serve our country.

Even if you've never thought of war or history as interesting or fascinating, you can surely find a lot to intrigue you here.

The U.S.S. Massachusetts, or "Big Mamie" as she is called by her crew of 2,300 men, is famed for never having a single casualty while engaged in combat. The ship is 35,000 tons and cost $90 million to build.

The 35,000 ton ship participated in 35 engagements, sinking five enemy ships, including the first by gunfire, and 18 enemy aircraft. The vessel cost a whopping $90 million to build, has nine decks and is longer than two football fields.

Touring the main deck, you find a World War II Memorial, main battery guns and a snack bar.

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The lower decks sport a Model Aircraft exhibit, barber shop, bakery, operating room, radio room, and engine rooms to name a few.

You can stop at any one of 44 designated stations to hear a different story about the ship's history on an audio device.

Another ship docked at the Cove since 1974 is the U.S.S. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. which is named after John F. Kennedy's older brother who was killed on a volunteer mission during World War II.

The destroyer participated in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, as well as the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1961, she docked in Washington, D.C., for Kennedy's inauguration. It is the fastest of all three.

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**Across**

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5. Checks
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7. Deposit
8. AIS
9. River duck
10. Come on the scene
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12. Goes in
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27. Brother of Odin
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29. Bent over
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31. English baby carriages
32. Evaluate
33. Asterisks
34. Meal
35. Signs up
36. Wanted
37. Weight of India
38. Immediate
39. Shrewd
40. Plague
41. Compass point
42. Mistake
43. One borne
44. Pintail duck
45. 1001 nights
46. Pilaster
47. Not hollow
48. Erase: printing
49. Health resort
50. Miss Parker
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**Down**

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**Loose Cannons (R)**

Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd are mismatched buddy cops in this dumb silly concoction involving the Washington, D.C. police. The wretched roles merely evolve as embarrassments for both actors. Amid the misguided gags and witless action sequences, they seek to recover a porno film starring Adolf Hitler and encounter Israeli agents and neo-Nazis. Part of Aykroyd's shrick is to imitate pop culture characters such as "Tweety Pie" and "The Cowardly Lion." It's enough to make you cringe.

**BORING COMEDY DIR-Bob Clark LEAD-Gene Hackman RT-94 mins. (Profanity)**

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**Stanley and Iris (PG-13)**

Despite the high-powered talent of Robert DeNiro and Jane Fonda in the title roles, this blue-collar romance is low-energy drama. He's a nice-guy, illiterate cafeteria worker. She toils on a bakery production line and teaches him how to read. And predictably, they fall in love. The screenplay touches on various social problems including unemployment, the elderly and education. Yet the telling is done with no imagination or poignancy.

**FAIR DRAMA DIR-MARTIN RITT LEAD JANE FONDA RT-104 MINS. (MILD PROFANITY)**

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Wolff reads from novel at RWC

By Amy Levey
Staff Writer

"I don't need this. I've got a chem test in the morning and a hockey game in the afternoon. I need to get some sleep," replies 18-year-old Nathaniel when his mother asks him to choose which of his parents she should shoot in the next five minutes.

And so begins Jeffrey Wolff's latest novel, The Final Club, which is set in the years between 1956 and 1980.

Wolff, whose other books include Bad Debts, Sightseers, and Inklings, and Providence, read the first chapter from Final Club on Feb. 8 as part of the Creative Writing Series for this semester.

A generational novel, it depicts the life of Nathaniel's activities feelings and encounters as he travels, by train, from Seattle to Princeton where he will begin his freshman year.

Wolff's reading was based mainly on Nathaniel's encounter with a former casual acquaintance. About his age, Diana (pronounced "Dee-unnah" as she is quick to inform) appears to the reader to be extremely shallow and immature.

For instance, she protests their compatibility because she hasn't even heard of high school, while Nathaniel finds her glamorous, sophisticated and intriguing.

We were also given a taste of Nathaniel's relationship with his grandparents. For example, their family signature of winking to one another with affection. They see him off at the train and bid him farewell as he goes off to college, because his father is dead and his mother is ill.

We don't know the exact circumstances of his parents. However, Wolff informed the audience that they were not in such condition because of the choice Nathaniel's mother gave him earlier.

Wolff read about the inner feelings and likable innocence of Nathaniel with great sensitivity and expression. His tone was relatively light and humorous.

The introductory chapter of the novel was extremely credible in terms of the character profiles. In addition, it left the audience with warm feelings about Nathaniel and is surroundings, as well as arousing much curiosity as to the further events of his life.

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College News

This group wants to help

By Amy Levey
Staff Writer

Need a little extra help with anything in particular? Looking for the opportunity to help someone else?

Then the College Service Association, better known as CSA, is the organization to contact. CSA, made up of students, and advised by Karen Levey, began five years ago and is still going strong with its original purpose -- to provide volunteer aid to those in need in both the RWC and Bristol communities, according to Dave Guertin, CSA co-director, Jodi Taubman is co-director. Guertin, listed some of the group's more recent projects which included helping with registration to help some who wish to be listed, and then laying out, printing and selling the phonebooks. CSA decides as a group, which issues need to be addressed, Guertin said, and they also had an eight mile walk for hunger through Colt State Park.

During Bristol's Christmastime, many families put up posters to provide blood drives as well as doing anything else they can to help with it, Guertin said. The group also produces RWC's campus phonebooks; beginning with soliciting advertising to collecting the names and numbers of those who wish to be listed, and then laying out, printing and selling the phonebooks.

CSA holds its meetings on Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m. in the Meeting Place, located in Dorm I.

How to appeal parking tickets

By Susan E. Cicchino
Staff Writer

You park your car outside of the library and go in to finish a term paper. When you return to your car a $40 ticket is under the windshield wiper.

You thought you had parked in a legal area. You don't have forty bucks. What do you do?

The Parking Appeals Board, a branch of the Student Senate, assists students who wish to appeal unfair tickets or towed vehicles. The Parking Appeals Board takes about 10 to 15 minutes to decide, said Alan Whitten, a senator who chairs the board.

Once new members join; the board then sends the form to security, where they look up the ticket number and write down the violation cited in their handbook.

Within a few days, the Board gets the form back, which contacts the Bursar's office. The Bursar then erases the bill, or if the fine was already paid, reimburses the money through Colt State Park. Imagine what it must count. This process takes about a week, Whitten said.

"We do not want people who know they violated a rule, but want us to understand their side," said Whitten.

The Board is also working with the physical plant and security to help distinguish illegal and legal parking areas, Whitten said. "Fresh yellow paint and larger, new signs will help make illegal parking areas clearer for students," Whitten said.

The Board, which currently has three members, is definitely worth having, Whitten said. "But, we need more dedicated members who are willing to make a weekly commitment," Whitten said.

"Once new members join," Whitten said, "the Board's weekly meetings will resume."

The Parking Appeals Board is open to any students who wish to join.
Men's Volleyball team off to slow start

By Neil Nachbar
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The RWC Men's Volleyball team began their season a few weeks ago. The Hawks opened the year with losses to Rutgers-Newark University and NJ Tech. Both defeats were in three straight games.

RWC's next two matches also ended in disappointment. On Jan. 31, the Hawks lost at M.I.T., 15-10, 11-15, 13-15, 15-10, 14-16.

On Feb. 18, RWC played its first home match of the year against Dartmouth. The Hawks fell behind in the first game, 1-8. RWC then received its wake up call and rallied off six consecutive points. Dartmouth answered by going on a 5-2 run. Setter Mark Mastin served for eight of the points during the rally. RWC finished the second game 15-10.

The Hawks remained hot during the third game. Although they started the game down 3-7, they were able to overtake Dartmouth by scoring five points in a row. They didn't look back from there and won 15-12.

The fourth (and most exciting) game turned out to be an emotional backbreaker. Dartmouth faced the Hawks with game point, 14-10. But somehow RWC fought back to score four points in a row and temporarily avoid defeat. However, after several side-outs and some nice defensive plays, the Hawks finally lost, 15-17.

In the fifth and deciding game, RWC was never able to get back on track. The Hawks lost the game 9-15, and subsequently lost the match.

The Hawks have been led so far this season by Chip Farmer and Mike Palazzo. As of the week ending on Feb. 6, Farmer and Palazzo were ranked one and two respectively in the country in blocking. Farmer (2.73) had 30 blocks in the first 11 games and Palazzo (2.09) had 23. Palazzo also was ranked tenth in the country in services aces (.634).

RWC is coming off a successful 1989 campaign. Last year the Hawks finished with a record of 23-7 and made it to the NCAA tourney against Princeton.
Profile: "Chip" Farmer

By Stephen Dwyer  
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Meet Chip, Chipper or Chippa, the nickname senior middle hitter Henry Farmer is often called.

Farmer's mother, Linda called him a chip off the old block when he was very young and the nickname stuck.

Of course "Chippa" was given to him from one of his RWC volleyball fans with a Boston accent. He loves to hear someone scream this from the Paolino bleachers at a home match. "Once in a while I even hear Chippa Dippa," said Farmer.

This season is Farmer's last as a Hawk. Farmer recalls visiting RWC and meeting Ray Cordelio, who told him, he looked like he played volleyball or basketball," said Farmer, who did play basketball in high school, but not volleyball.

"Basically, I just heard when tryouts were and ended up making the team freshman year," he said. The tall, lanky senior from Newburyport, Massachusetts credits his success in volleyball to the coaching staff. "Joel Dearing (former head coach) and Marcus Jannitto (current head coach) worked with me a lot my first year. They taught me the fundamentals," said Farmer.

"Chip has really become a student of the game in the last year. Offensively when we are in trouble we go to Chip and let him do his thing," said Jannitto, who has noticed Farmer's improvement.

Farmer currently leads the team in blocking with 2.73 blocks a game and is ranked the number one blocker in the nation, which he described a great feeling.

Another highlight of Farmer's season was being elected as co-captain of the team. "He made up his mind to take more of a leadership role this year," said Jannitto.

Although a solid individual player, Farmer said he puts a lot of emphasis on team play. He said, "I like the team orientation of the sport. Individuals rarely stick out. The whole team wins."

Even though volleyball has become Farmer's main sport he also enjoys others. He participated in track and field events for Newburyport High and has been active in college intramural sports. "Intramural basketball and floor hockey has been a lot of fun here. I've played intramural basketball for four years and hockey for three," he said.

When not playing sports Farmer enjoys an active social life, which includes spur of the moment visits to friends or friends of friends at other colleges, he said.

As far as academics go, Farmer, an electrical engineering major has been very involved with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc. in Providence.

"We have seminars and meetings about job opportunities. IEEE is composed of college students, professional engineers and employers," he said.

Hawks suffer setback in qualifying for post-season play

Leonard named ECAC North-South Goalie of the Week

By Neil Nachbar  
Staff Writer

The RWC hockey team recently suffered a setback in their attempt to qualify for post-season play. On Feb. 13, the Hawks lost an important conference game to Connecticut College, 10-1.

Connecticut exhibited quick passing and skating in the first period which forced RWC to play defense almost entirely. The Hawks allowed three goals in the opening stanza. In the second period, the Hawks allowed two more points, one while they were short-handed.

RWC saw the game slip out of reach in the third period. Connecticut scored the first five goals of the period as the Hawks were frustrated on offense and defense. RWC did manage to put in a goal with less than two minutes left to prevent the shutout.

Prior to that game, RWC had been playing improved hockey. Although RWC has been without the services of tri-captain Mike Cassidy who suffered a neck injury, the hockey team recently won three games in a row. On Jan. 30, the Hawks beat Framingham State, 7-4. RWC followed that win with a 4-0 victory over Suffolk. Two days later the Hawks defeated Quinnipiac, 5-1. Coach Don Armstrong called the win over Quinnipiac, "our best game of the year and the nicest victory I've had in three years here," as mentioned in the Providence Journal.

Goalie Gary Leonard was voted the ECAC North-South goalie of the week (Jan. 29-Feb. 4). Leonard stopped 57 of the 58 shots he faced against Framingham State and had 36 saves en route to his first career shutout against Suffolk. He also had 38 saves in the win over Quinnipiac.

The Hawks finished 6-8 in conference play and are 10-12 overall.
Tough season for Lady Hawks

By Neil Nachbar
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The RWC Women's Basketball team recently finished up its season. It was a season the team might be happy to forget. After opening the season with a 20-point victory over Simmons College, it appeared the young Hawks might be in for a bright year. Unfortunately the first game was not a fore-shadowing of what was to follow. The Hawks went on a losing streak of 17 games! Five of the losses were by at least 30 points and eight of the defeats were by at least a 20-point margin. On Feb. 6, RWC finally returned to the winning side. They improved their conference record to 1-4. The Hawks also won their next game two days later against Anna Maria. RWC lost to Curry College on Feb. 10 and to Western New England College on Feb. 12, 65-69.

On Feb. 15 the Hawks suffered another blow. They lost to Clark, 32-73, and fell to an overall record of 3-20. The Clark Cougars established their dominance in the first half. Clark then went on a 23-3 rampage during the period. Clark held RWC to only 11 points in the first half, nine of which were scored by Maureen Gradley. Gradley only made five of 30 shots from the field in the first half.

Coming out of the intermission by scoring the first 12 points of the second half, Clark held its largest advantage (45 points) with 57 seconds left in the contest.

"It's tough for a young team (like us) to play a team like Clark," said RWC coach Donna Keshura. The Hawks have seven freshmen and no seniors on its roster. Gradley finished the game with 15 points and five rebounds. Vicki Nason scored seven points in the second half. Some individual performances worth noting are: Gradley, who ranked fifth in assists (4.1), seventh in steals (3.4), and third in steals (3.3). Amelia Bearse was ranked second in assists (4.1) and fourth in steals (3.3).

Hockey Scoring Leaders

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A volleyball game was in full swing during the evening, as were rounds of miniature golf and for the truly double-jointed - Twister. It may have been cold outside but things heated up in the gym as people got lei'd and others got in the swim. From what we could see from the shorts, boxers, t-shirts, hats and sunglasses, RWC is definitely ready for summer.
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