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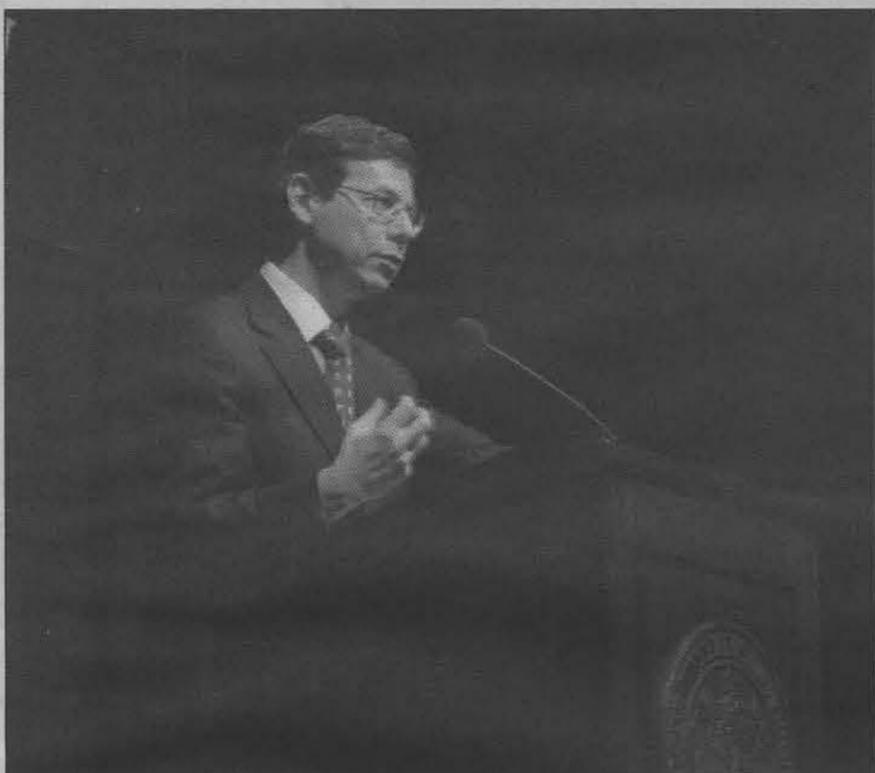
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Shaun Hogan

Daniel Ayalon, former Israeli ambassador to the United States, spoke Wednesday night in a presentation titled "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East." For a full story including details of his lecture, look in the next issue of the Hawk's Herald.

Senator removed after closed door vote

Kelleigh Welch
Features Editor
Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

Unanswered questions remain following a move Monday by the Student Senate that resulted in a sophomore senator's removal by Senate President Veronica Columb that was upheld in a closed-door vote.

Earlier this month, Columb asked Senator Joseph Strumolo to resign for what she cited in her president report as "disrespect for the student senate and its decisions" in the past academic year.

Under Senate by-laws, the president has

the authority to request a Senator's resignation at any time. Also under Senate rules, Strumolo may appeal. But a two-thirds vote by the Senate is required in order for a senator to be reinstated.

The Senate, in a closed session, voted to deny Strumolo's appeal.

"Someone elected by the full student body should not be allowed to be taken off by a minority of the senate," Strumolo said.

Senator Shashwat Baxi, who made the motion to close the meeting, asked that Strumolo be included in the closed meeting and to be allowed to defend himself before the sen-

ate had a chance to vote. But, according to Senate Bylaws, once Columb asked for Strumolo's resignation he was no longer a voting member of the Senate and not entitled to be in the closed session.

"I was unable to defend myself," said Strumolo, who says he is angered by the process as well as the outcome. "I was disheartened that in an appeal, I could not defend myself. In a punishment, the accused should be there to be tried. I felt there was a lack of due process."

Columb has declined to elaborate on why she asked Strumo-

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Application rate up and acceptance down

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

It's that time of year again. You may have done it a year ago or maybe four years ago, but chances are it is still fresh in your memory: the dreaded college application.

High school seniors around the country are busy applying to college, or worse, waiting for the replies.

Every year between the months of November and March, colleges begin the grueling ad-

missions process, but at RWU, things are changing. Application rates are up about 17 percent and early action applicants have increased by 60 percent.

Lynn Fawthrop, vice president of enrollment management and retention, attributes this dramatic increase to three main factors.

The number of high school seniors going to college is on the rise, it is easier to apply to colleges with the Internet

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Engineering minds: Women excel in major

Ashley Willox
Herald Staff

The room is small but packed tightly, buzzing with eager engineering students. In the back of the room, two rows of computers are all taken by individuals feverishly typing away on their Computer Aided Design software, also known as CAD.

A few others sit at a tiny round table munching on pizza for lunch and discussing their latest engineering projects, while a group of boys relaxes on the couch against the wall before their 12:30 p.m. thermo-

dynamics class begins.

Then there is Janine Beaugard. Beaugard sits poised on the blue sofa to the right of the door with another student.

It's impossible to miss her.

Wearing a light pink sweater over a lacy pink tank top, paired with a denim skirt, gray leggings and pink sneakers, it is almost an understatement to say she stands out amidst the medley of males.

Yet Beaugard doesn't seem a bit phased that she is outnumbered. Actually, she looks quite comfortable

in her male-dominated surroundings.

Of the 349 students enrolled in the engineering program at Roger Williams University, only 22 are women, but being a woman in a male-dominated major doesn't keep Beaugard from making an impact on her fellow engineers.

As a matter of fact, she is the president of the school's Society of Women Engineers, better known as SWE.

"SWE is a national organization for women, which basically works to get more women involved in the major and

to make sure they aren't being discriminated against," Beaugard said. "The organization gives women a place to go where they feel included, because there are obviously not many women in the engineering field."

Last year, the organization traveled to Nashville, Tenn., where they met with other woman engineers. The SWE members had the opportunity to learn how to advance their careers and acquire internships.

"A huge part of it is

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Students to show off 'ovaries' in weekend play

Kelleigh Welch
Features Editor

When the curtain closed following the annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues" last spring, the Roger Williams University Women's Center was faced with the new challenge of selecting a different play to perform for the Spring 2008 semester.

After five consecutive years of performing "The Vagina Monologues," it was decided that the Women's Center would try to find a new play to perform. The selected play, "That Takes Ovaries," which is a compilation of short stories, edited by Rivka Solomon, was selected for the 2008 performance.

"We were at a point where we were looking for something new to do that had a similar message, so it was in line with what we wanted, but it was something new we could offer to the campus," Jennifer Stanley, Director of Residence Life and the Women's Center, said. We are very excited but there is always the

possibility that we will go back to "The Vagina Monologues" or do something different."

Following the themes of feminism, the play will give examples of uplifting stories in the lives of real women.

"The play is based on the book "That Takes Ovaries", which was edited by a woman named Rivka Solomon," Stanley said. "It's a series of short stories about women who do bold and brazen things in the name of feminism and who displayed courage that they never necessarily thought they had. It is similar to "The Vagina Monologues," except these are all individual stories these women have written, where "The Vagina Monologues" are recollections of interviews the author had done."

Among these stories, according to Stanley, are issues that the Women's Center strives to educate the Roger Williams Community on, such as dating violence and sexu-

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Courtesy of Dee DeQuattro

Lessons I have learned from Abroad

Lesson Three: Why you shouldn't take your education at RWU for granted

Courtney Nugent
Herald Staff

You are finally in the swing of things for the semester--in between classes, clubs and weekends, you find yourself collapsing into bed at night and cursing the amount of work you have all over again.

You hate waking up for that 8 a.m. class because you know your professor will notice if you are not there.

"If only I had gone to a bigger school," you think to yourself. "I could sleep in all the time and my professors would never notice."

Think again.

With 43,000 students to lecture, most of the professors at National University of Ireland in Galway have no idea who is even in their class, let alone their names or whether they attend the 8 a.m. lectures. Although there are some seminar courses, where class numbers typically range from 10 to 20 students, most courses are held in large lecture halls that seat up to 400 to 500 students. Talk about blending in with the crowd.

At RWU, I only missed class on the rare occasion that I was sick. I rarely took a day for myself and never slept past my 7:30 a.m. alarm in order to make it to Special Education on time last semester.

Here at NUIG, it is a totally different ball game.

My Modern Irish Literature course meets Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and then again Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Attending class regularly within the first few weeks at NUIG, I quickly realized that the professors are not stupid either, and they repeat the same things Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, knowing students simply will not show up.

If I want to hop on a plane and jet off to another country for a weekend, missing class is not stopping me (which is why I had the opportunity to spend four days in London and will do the same for Scotland).

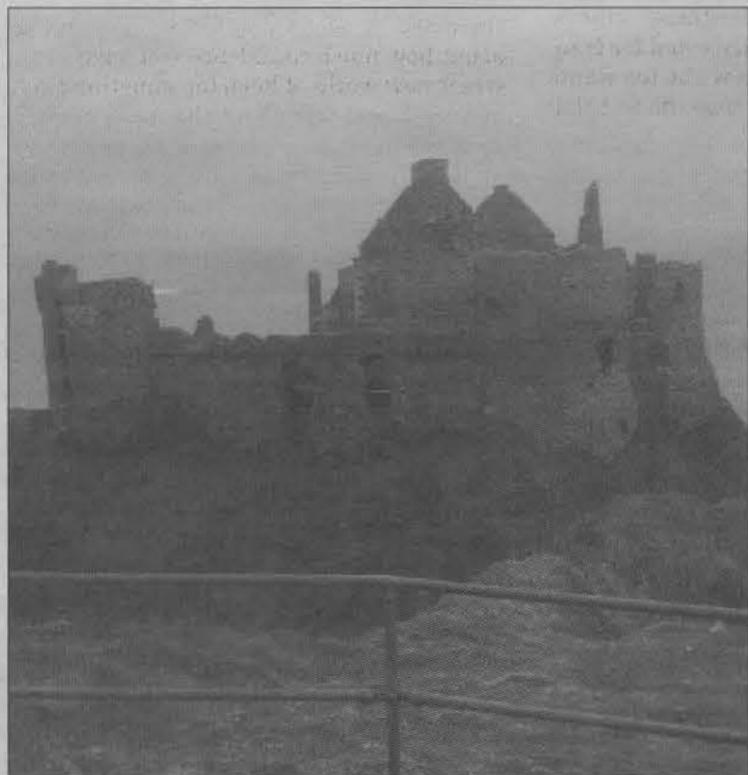
Following the wacky rules I have become accustomed to here, some classes are taught by two different professors. I don't even know if the professors know each other; all I know is that I am responsible for all of the information for the final essay at the end of the semester. Looks like I'll be busy.

My friends at home used to get jealous of how long our winter break is. "You are never going to school," they would joke when I got home two weeks before them while they were cramming for final exams. Well, here at NUIG, someone thought, "Why the hell shouldn't we give the students a two-week-long Easter break (March 17- March 30)? They studied really hard during RAG week (lie) and need to get some rest before classes end (April 19...I wasn't kidding, we really don't go to class)." Thanks to that brilliant soul, I will be jet setting around Europe (Switzerland, Italy and Greece) and the only thing that may suffer is my wallet.

Finally, do you ever get the feeling that your adviser really has no idea what he/she is doing? That the different departments on campus don't talk and can never give you a straight answer?

At least you can head into the Student Advocacy office and ask for assistance: here at NUIG, there is no consistency to be found throughout departments or classes. Heck, some classes end in two weeks, and some do not end until the last day of the semester. They teach psychology course at NUIG? Well, not very many professors in the English department would be aware of this peculiar notion.

Even with its lack of consistency and crazy rules, I wouldn't have going to university in Ireland any other way. Although Americans probably couldn't take any organizational lesson from the Irish, we sure as hell could learn how to embrace life and take it easy once in a while. Slainte and have a stress-free week, courtesy of us here at NUIG.



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Product of the week

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Puss in Boots

Boots are a cold weather season staple and that just doesn't mean Uggs. From a pair of equestrian riding boots to old English wellies or even a pair of classic leather Fryes, there are a bevy of choices to keep your tootsies warm in winter's worst weather. Sherling-lined Uggs are a fine option if lounging around the lodge; to wrap up a pair of these fantastically furry booties go to www.uggaustralia.com.

They have the biggest selection of styles and sizes. If you happen to ven-

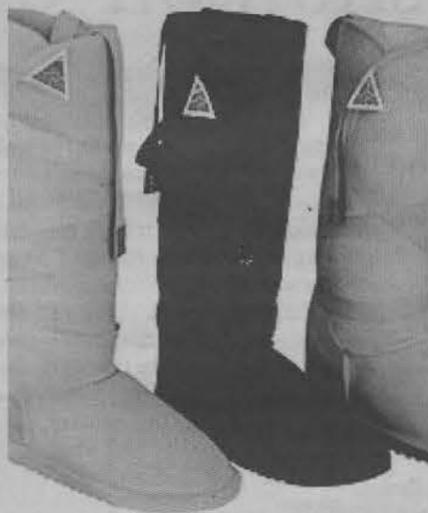
ture out for a hot-toddy choose a pair that doesn't resemble slippers. Try a dressier knee high boot or even one that goes over the knee. Flat or four inch high heels, whatever your heart desires, make sure that these are a classic looking leather masterpiece.

Leather can be pricy but a few extra dollars really makes the difference with the quality of the boot. Go to www.bakersshoes.com to find that perfect mix. If you are looking for a more rustic look try the Frye.

This western frontier inspired boot might just be what you are looking for. These are a less dressy option and can be worn day to day, get them short or tall at www.fryeboots.com.

If you looking to stay warm and dry with a classic rain boot, I would suggest the Hunter boot. Established as a style classic, these old English wellies were designed for combating unpredictable weather and ruff terrain, what could be better here in Rhode Island. The hunter boot however is not just your ordinary rain boot they also keep you tootsies snug and warm with a fleece liner sock.

Cozy up to this classic to keep warm and dry by going to www.hunterboots.com. Whether you choose knee high, flat or fleece, keep your feet looking fashionable with some newfound boots.



OpEd: Rhode Island Primaries

Why I will vote Clinton

Danny Ruth
Herald Staff

I am supporting Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in the upcoming primary for a variety of reasons. Though not hugely popular amongst our age bracket, Senator Clinton to me represents just as much change for the future as does Senator Barack Obama. I will agree that she lacks his sense of charisma and her personality does not connect well with our age group. However, I feel that that should take the backseat to what she has accomplished in the past and could potentially do for this country in the future.

Her experience is something that she often mentions in debates and public forums. I think that her experience in the Senate, public service and as the first lady gives her the advantage over Senator Obama. Recently when a group of independents were asked about Senator Obama's accomplishments in the government, 9 out of 10 of them could not name one thing. That's not to say his fresh start would not be beneficial for this country, but I think that Senator Clinton's experience certainly gives me more confidence in her candidacy.

Senator Clinton's position on healthcare is something that I find to be her strongest talking point. This is a woman that has been fighting for healthcare for over 15 years. She started the Children's Healthcare Plan which has helped thousands of children across this country receive the healthcare that they need. Her plan is truly considered universal. Her plan will require, much like automobile insurance, that everyone participate. She intends to open up the Congressional Healthcare Plan to those Americans who cannot afford the health insurance that they currently have.

One of the main reasons that I will be voting for Senator Clinton come March 4th is because of the way that she talks about our country and our future. Every time she discusses the problems that face our nation, she speaks with a sense that she understands that we have lost our pride in our country and she also understands that we need to find ways to rekindle that pride. She talks about how our future should be brighter for our children and how we can make things better for the next generation. She has humble sincerity when she talks about these issues and has true compassion for the people that she meets while campaigning across this country.

So, in a nut shell, these are some of the reasons that one should consider voting for Senator Hillary Clinton on March 4th. I urge you to not pay attention to the media and not ride the wave of popularity but discover the issues important to you and research the candidates, make an informed decision!

A close encounter with a true believer

Dave Hurwitz
Herald Staff

Everything seemed normal. The usual shenanigans that occur on a Saturday night at RWU were taking place right on schedule, until it happened. Aaron, a college student visiting from Boston, was sitting on a couch in the Student Center when the conversation turned to politics.

"I never really had faith in the political system, but now I realize all of our hopes and dreams can be achieved, I'm telling you man, he is the *real deal*."

I should have seen it coming, the way his eyes lit up when the conversation turned to the 2008 election. But somehow, I missed all the tell-tale signs; He was a disciple spreading the good word of Barack Obama to all who would listen.

"I was at a rally in Boston and he came into the audience to shake hands and when he came to me, I almost fainted. He actually touched me, man!"

Let's give Obama credit. He has made our generation, with our short attention spans and apathy towards politics, become interested—dare I say passionate—about something besides a hilariously titled Facebook group.

The reason that Obama has been able to appeal to our generation is the same reason that boy bands took off in the late 90's: style over substance.

On issue after issue, he fails to differentiate himself from Hillary Clinton, saying only that he is more serious about achieving what they both agree on. The issue portions of their Web sites almost seem like they are running on the same ticket. On issue after issue, they stand for the exact same thing. On Iraq: Get out right now. On the economy: strengthen the middle class with tax cuts. And on health care: cover every American.

Later, during the same conversation with Aaron, who was campaigning for Obama in Rhode Island ahead of the March 4 primary to support his man, I asked him point blank how Obama was any different than Clinton.

"Do you have a few hours?" he laughed. They have been trained well.

"First of all, Obama was always against the war and has never switched positions." This is true, as everyone knows Hillary voted for Iraq when it was convenient and now she too wants to get out. But this doesn't change the fact that each has committed to getting out as soon as possible.

The reason the Obama campaign has worked so well is the same reason that George Bush was able to be successful in getting elected and gaining popular support for the invasion



Iraq: a simple message and a constant repetition of slogans.

This is not to say that they push the same agenda, but both of them realized that in order for their message to gain steam, they had to appeal to the sound clip culture of the media.

This strategy can be seen in the signs held by Obama's supporters during his speeches. Instead of carrying signs that say "Obama for President," they hold up signs that read "Change We Can Believe In."

But words and slogans are extremely important to Obama. Just ask him.

"Don't tell me words don't matter! I have a dream." Just words? We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. Just words? "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Just words - just speeches?"

Too bad Obama doesn't hold originality in as high a regard. It turned out that those same "words" that Obama cherishes so much were first spoken by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick in his run for office in his attempt to deflect similar charges of empty rhetoric.

Maybe it's not so hard to get the Democratic nomination after all. All you have to do is speak in universally accepted truths about America (we are the most generous nation in the world, or something to that effect). Talk about how much confidence you have in an abstract new world of hope (or something equally baseless), and talk about change (you don't have to say what you want to change, just say you want to change stuff). Finally, if you want to win, just wait for Bill Clinton to screw his wife's campaign over (at least this time it wasn't an intern).

Fascinating facts about RWU

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

Secret 1

Today, he is a national icon, but back then he was just a hysterical comedy act. On April 29, 1988 Jay Leno performed in the RWU Paolino Recreation Center. Manny Pasqual, manager of the RWU mail room, remembers the event and still has a poster from the day Leno came to campus in his office.

"It (the poster) also has an endorsement quoted by David Letterman that "Jay Leno is the funniest comedian working today." Funny that they are now rivals for the late night audience on TV," Pasqual said.

Leno has hosted "The Tonight Show" on NBC since 1992. David Letterman has hosted "The Late Show" on CBS since 1993 when he left NBC. The two talk show hosts now have rival shows at 11:30 on weeknights.

Secret 2

Students visit the School of Law for a variety of reasons, but what most of them do not know is that there is a hidden room inside the building. On the first floor of the law school next to the

main offices is a wall unlike any other.

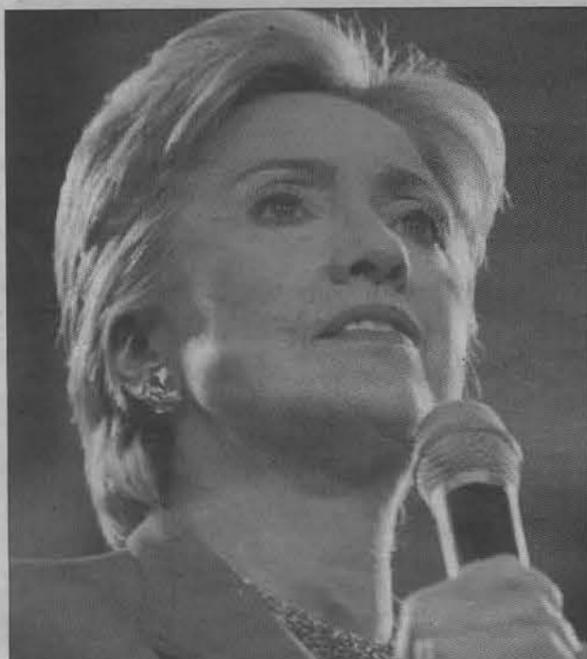
If you push on the wall panel right next to the office you will discover a single stall bathroom on the other side. This may actually be one of the cleanest bathrooms on campus because not many students are aware of its existence.

The bathroom was not concealed to be a joke, a trick, or to reserve cleanliness according to Professor Tony Santoro, the founding dean of the law school.

"The entrances to the two bathrooms were originally supposed to be from inside the suite that they were designed to serve. That did not happen. Then the architect was supposed to put a wall behind the receptionist's desk that would have hidden the doors. Alas, that too did not happen.

I, therefore, insisted that they obscure the doors as best they could. There was no intention, at least as I recall, for the situation to end up as it did except as the best cure for a series of mistakes."

The bathroom stands today as one of the best concealed secrets of RWU.



ADMISSIONS: Acceptance rate drops

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readily available to students, and "[RWU] has become a very 'hot' school."

Seven years ago, RWU had a 90 percent acceptance rate. In 2005, that rate dropped to 78 percent, and today it has fallen to 66 percent.

"We are not looking to bring in a larger class, which means we have to waitlist and reject a lot more students," Fawthrop said.

According to Fawthrop, RWU aims to have a freshman class of 1,020 to 1,040 students. With the growing number of applicants, the university has to reject more students in order to maintain class size.

Last year, there were

7,653 applicants to RWU. Of that, roughly 5,000 were accepted. This year, there are close to 9,000 applicants and the school still needs to ensure that the freshman class size at RWU does not exceed 1,040 students.

"The quality has gone up in the applications pool," Fawthrop said.

With the increasing quality of applicants, the admission office faces a dilemma, she added.

"The competition (between colleges) becomes stiffer because more colleges will want to attract these students. So, will we yield those better students at the same rate we yielded their peers a year ago?"

Fawthrop said she believes the profile of the 'typical' RWU student is

changing.

"If you talked to most colleges, they have had the same profile of students for the past 20 years. An institution like RWU that has been through such transformation over the past seven to 10 years is different. We have seen significant change in the profile of the student."

Maling Ebrahim-pour, dean of the business school agrees, "Our students generally speaking are a lot more active and dedicated. They want to be involved in the life of the school and we have seen a major change in the attitude of the students. They really want to do well not just for themselves but for the school and the community."

The average SAT score at RWU has risen dramatically in the past four years. In 2005, the average score was a 1082, and this past fall it was a 1095. It is expected to continue to improve.

Other Rhode Island schools have not experienced similar improvements in their student profile. The average SAT score at University of Rhode Island has been between 1060 and 1070 the past 10 years, and Rhode Island College has maintained an average of

about 1,100.

URI and RIC have both experienced a less significant influx of applications.

The growing number of applications to Rhode Island schools is not just a coincidence.

"According to the common application, they have done an analysis and they are not seeing students applying to more colleges than last year," Fawthrop said.

Rhode Island is slowly becoming a college hot spot, attracting more students from around the country.

In order to manage the growing number of applications, Fawthrop said it is necessary that a new admissions building be constructed.

In about one year, a new admissions building will be built in the parking lot across from the School of Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation. The current admissions building can no longer process the number of applications that are submitted to the university.

"We are not the same institution that we were two, three, five, definitely 10 years ago," said Fawthrop, who believes as the school improves, so will the student body.

RWU donates to Bristol library

As it continues work on a comprehensive renovation to its historic space on Hope Street in downtown Bristol, Rogers Free Library announced this week a donation of \$75,000 from Roger Williams University. The gift to the town of Bristol, which operates the public library, will cover the cost to build the new facility's main lobby.

"This gift is the largest cash donation we have received as part of the Capital Campaign. It is an extremely generous gift and one that will allow us to provide a main lobby that is both functional and welcoming," said Elizabeth Brito, Chair of the Capital Campaign. "We are especially pleased that the university saw its way clear to support a Bristol institution, the Rogers Free Library."

The revamped building will feature nearly 22,000 square feet of new space along with a complete renovation of 6,000 square feet of existing space. New furniture and computer equipment will allow the town to offer a state-of-the-art library for its residents. Construction is scheduled for completion later this summer.

The gift is the latest in an ongoing relationship between the library and the university. Roger Williams has often arranged to provide reference volumes and periodicals to Rogers Free Library as updated editions are purchased, helping to build the public library's collection. And the two institutions have collaborated on major book drives in the past.

"Roger Williams is actively engaged in supporting Bristol-based philanthropies and projects as well as providing access to cultural and intellectual events on our own campus," said President Roy J. Nirschel. "Because of the importance we place on libraries and being a good neighbor, we're pleased to make this commitment to Bristol's free public library."

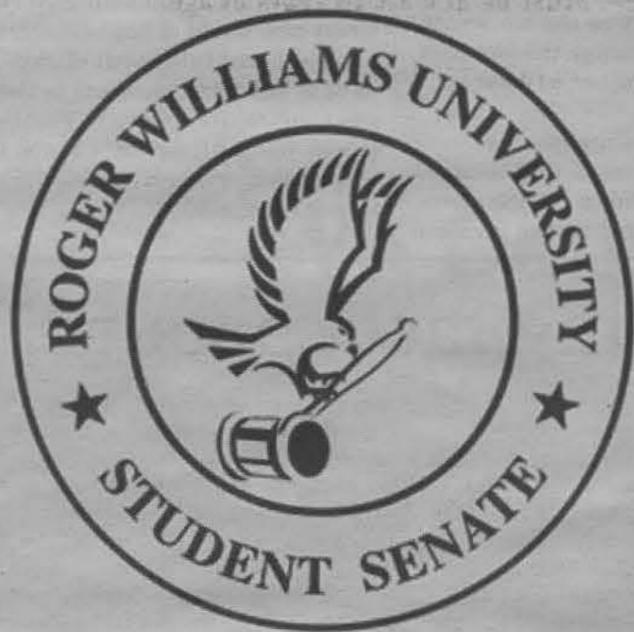


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SENATE: Appeal process in the spotlight

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to step down.

The official minutes from the meeting were not available at time of publication.

Senate advisor Tamera Von-George, confirmed that a meeting can be made closed for private matters and internal issues. "Their rationale was that it should be internal as personnel issues are of an internal matter," Von-George said.

"As student leaders, we should have been allowed to stay," president of Multicultural Student Union and former student senator Daniel Ruth said.

Some organization leaders who attend Senate meetings say they were upset about being excluded. They argued that as members of the student body, they had the right to voice their opinions on the matter of a senator, who had been elected by the student body.

Baxi said he has mixed feelings.

"I don't believe Strumolo had an adequate opportunity to defend himself." However, he added, it was impossible to allow just one non-senator (Strumolo) into the closed session.

"We felt the sponsors of the bill had enough information to support the bill," he said. "We did not want to go back and forth about a senator in front of the public."

In her report, Columb also charged that Strumolo had "not been advocating students rights, but instead representing a small population in which he calls himself their liaison."

"I've never made a decision without consulting a student," Strumolo said.

Strumolo said that in the two years of being on senate, his only demerit was for missing a

committee meeting during the 2006-2007 academic school year. These demerits were cleared following his re-election in Fall 2007.

He was spoken to several times by the president, vice president, and two advisors, but according to Strumolo, it was not done in a disciplinary way.

"They told me that I could be more effective if I changed my communication style, but I disagreed," Strumolo said.

Columb stated in her report that Strumolo had been pulled aside "to help him avoid the path he was going down, but what happened at the retreat showed that he has continued his past behaviors."

"I don't always say what is popular, but what needs to be said," Strumolo said.

Former senators also voiced their concerns about senate not being open to a variety of viewpoints.

"As a former senator, I disagree with Veronica's reasoning," senior Daniel Ruth said. "Joe brought up conversations that would not be brought up normally."

Ruth also said he stepped down because he "realized nobody was willing to be invested in the issues I was interested in."

Former senator Megan Hogan agreed.

"I continue to hear things from senators which are disappointing to hear, particularly the failed appeal of Joseph Strumolo, one of the true voices on Senate," Hogan said.

According to Columb at least six members who were elected at the beginning of the school year no longer serve. At least a couple resigned for reasons of going abroad, however others voiced their displeasure with senate

proceedings.

"We haven't gotten anything done," Strumolo said. "The leadership isn't there making it hard for the [senate] body to get direction."

Hogan said that the reason she resigned from senate was because she was "frustrated with the unilateral decision-making of the president and her leadership style." She also argued that meetings were inefficient and ineffective.

However, according to Von-George, Columb discussed with members of the executive board about the possibility of asking Strumolo to step down.

"Veronica could have done it solely, but leadership is always better with a group," Von-George said.

Although Columb said she could not assess whether or not the turnover rate affected senate's productivity, she noted in an interview that "people who want to step down for whatever reason clearly cannot give their all to senate, so hopefully new people who step up give 100 percent and in that way we are more productive."

Hogan disagreed. "The turnover rate is a reflection of dissatisfaction and disappointment that people are feeling. These internal issues, until they are resolved, are serious barriers to Senate's efficient and effective operation," Hogan said.

Baxi pointed out that it said a lot about the students who have taken on more responsibility because of the low number of senators.

"I think it's been hard for us since we haven't had 21 members around the table for awhile," Baxi said. "But we have been doing the best job we can despite it."

RI Primary: Small state, big difference

Lyndsey LaBontee
Herald Staff

See students opinions on the primaries

P. 2

Months ago, it appeared Hillary Clinton had the Rhode Island vote in the bag. Clinton and husband, former President Bill Clinton, have generously promoted presidency in Rhode Island from the very start. However, as opponent Barack Obama has taken a slight lead, the race for Democratic delegate votes has become more crucial than ever.

Will Hillary Clinton's generosity to Rhode Island be put to the test?

Clinton visited Rhode Island College on Feb. 24 and told the crowd of 5,000 that "Rhode Island is right up there with Ohio and Texas."

During the campaign, she mainly discussed the differences between her universal healthcare program and Barack Obama's.

She argued that "his plan cannot cover everybody because his plan does not require that everybody be covered." She spoke out to the middle-class Rhode Islanders to insure her name is selected as president on the Democratic ballot.

But Clinton was not the only woman to visit Rhode Island. Michelle Obama, potential first lady, came to the ocean state on Feb. 20. In Providence, Obama spoke to an invited audience of 150 women.

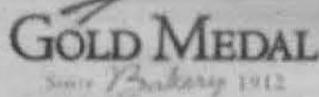
When speaking on change, she said, "it does not happen from the top down, it happens from the bottom up. That's why inspiration is critical because people have to feel a reason to be involved."

Speaking on behalf of her husband, she pushed the familiar ideas of change and new perspectives for America.

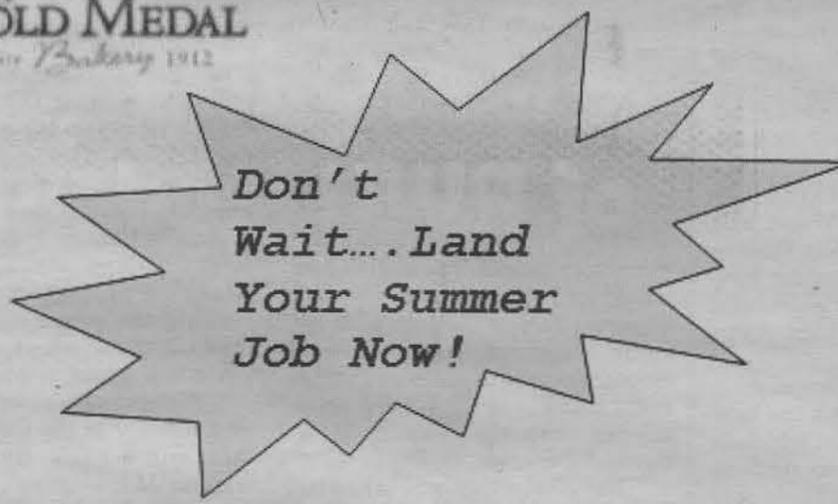
As for the latest primaries, the current delegate count for Barack Obama remains at 1,374, while Hillary is behind by a mere 99 delegates, making her count 1,275. In order to win the democratic nomination for president, the candidate needs 2,025 delegates. With only 15 more primaries to be held, even the small state of Rhode Island will make a difference in who will be elected as the democratic candidate.

The Rhode Island primary will take place on March 4 along with the Ohio, Texas and Vermont primaries. With only 21 delegates from Rhode Island, Clinton and Obama will be scratching for every last one. Voting will be held at three different sites in Bristol:

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Couple of the Moment

Alli Livezey and Ted Beatty

Reporting by: Lorin Richardson

Alli:

1) How did you meet?

Ted and I met through a mutual friend. We originally met in middle school but we started hanging out sometime during our sophomore year in high school. We started dating the summer after our sophomore year in 2004.

2) What is your favorite thing to do together?

Ted and I really like to go down the shore and just hang out together. Ted loves fishing and doing anything outdoors so it's always fun to do that with him.

3) What is his most desired place to go on vacation?

Bahamas?? Jamaica??

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

For our first year anniversary, Teddy took me on a cruise to Bermuda! My grandparents made a copy of this picture they had taken of themselves in Bermuda when they were really young and I really wanted to see that spot. So Ted took me across Bermuda to find the specific spot just so we could re-enact the same picture my grandparents took when they were around the same age as us. It was so cute.

5) What attracts you to Ted?

What doesn't?? Ted's ability to go with the flow, his confidence and his determination are some of the most attractive parts of him. He is super cute, too!

6) Being as involved as you are, how do you make time for one another?

Teddy and I always find time for one another. As involved as we are there is always time on the weekends and random days during the week to eat together or just watch a movie or something. There are days when I don't even see him at all but we love being super involved so any time together is good time.

7) What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Definitely Ben and Jerry's, "Half-Baked" ice cream.



Ted:

1) How did you meet?

We had similar friends in high school and we met through them.

2) What is your favorite thing to do together?

Spend time together during the 5.5 hour car ride home.

3) What is your most desired place to go on vacation?

Anywhere that is tropical, specifically on a cruise.

4) What is the sweetest thing she has ever done for you?

She has made me various gifts that I love more than anything she could have ever bought for me. Alli is extremely talented and she has made me two blankets (one of which is on my bed) and over six different types of pillow cases. She has made me more gifts but those are the ones that stick out the most.

5) What attracts you to Alli?

She is the most interesting person I know. She is always bubbly and fun which makes her just exciting to be around. If you were to look at Alli when she truly is smiling or laughing, that look she gives you can brighten the darkest day.

6) Being as involved as you are, how do you make time for one another?

Each person is in control of their involvement, so if you make time in your schedule there will be time. I always allot time for Alli.

7) What is her favorite ice cream flavor?

Ben and Jerry's Half Baked frozen yogurt.

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Stonewall to become home to living, learning

Kelcie Sweeney
Asst. Features Editor

Living Learning Communities are numerous on college campuses around the United States and seen as important parts of campus life. Next year, Roger Williams will welcome a new kind of Living Learning Community on campus called the First Year Interest Group.

Living Learning Communities are meant to allow students with special interests to live together. Two examples of the Living Learning Communities on campus are the Marine Biology and Architecture.

Stonewall I next year will become a home to two living learning communities. Architecture will be on the first and second floors and the First Year Interest Group will be on the third floor.

Freshman students will have the option for applying for the Living Learning Community when they fill out their housing preferences. There will be presentations during orientation with information about the new First Year Interest Group program.

The First Year Interest Group will be "wrapped around the core curriculum," Director of Housing Tony Montefusco said. The basic idea is that the 36 freshmen will be split into two groups of 18 and one group will take CORE 104 (Literature, Philosophy and the Ascent of Ideas) and the other group will take CORE 102 (History in the Modern World) while all taking Writing 100.

Second semester, the two groups will switch the COREs they were taking first semester and all take Expository Writing. According to Professor Michael Swanson, this Living Learning Community is based on the ideas developed from First Year Experience.

The students in this program will help students think more analytically and improve critical thinking. The classes the freshmen will be taking in the

spring will have a "higher level of sophistication," Swanson said.

In the writing class, students "will write about things going on in the other class," Swanson said. This will create a better quality of work because the two classes will complement each other.

The teachers will work together and expect the students to have a transfer effect in the two classes. A result of this will be better achievement in both semesters and all four classes.

Swanson will teach the CORE 102 class, Professor Robert Blackburn will teach the CORE 104, Assistant Professor Glenna Andrade and Assistant Professor Jennifer Campbell will teach both the Writing 100 and the Expository Writing.

This Living Learning Community will become an area to stress the last part of the Pledge of Integrity, which is the oath of mutual support to student peers. Swanson said he hopes these students are able to collaborate with each other and become a community due to their interactions within the classroom.

It is a great hope that these students will be an "academic team much like a sports team," Swanson said.

These students will have each other for moral support both in class and also in their living area.



OVARIES: Students take part in a feminist play

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al assault. An example of one of these stories has to do with a woman overcoming a physical issue and how she managed in the workplace.

The performance will consist of eight women, including Amanda Buckley, Lauren Miner, Rebecca Carreiro, Samantha Morin, Meghan Prosser, Jessica Corsentino, Marissa Bello, and Tess LeConche and is directed by senior Emily Peterson and junior Dee DeQuattro.

"I hope they (the audience) will enjoy it because it is something different and that we will attract a larger audience because it is different. There are a lot of humorous pieces, along with some sad pieces, and I think it is a lot more entertaining than the 'Vagina Monologues,'" Peterson said.

The play, which will take place March 1 in the Campus Recreation Center Fieldhouse at 7 p.m., will be performed as part of "V-Day," which will begin on Feb. 29. For the performance, the editor of "That Takes Ovaries" will attend and will sign books at the end.

"The editor (Solomon) has a piece in the play, (which covers) how she came to write the book, and she actually came down to help work on that piece because this is the first time her piece is being performed in the production," Peterson said.

Another woman attending the performance will be one of the authors of a short story featured in the book, and is from Rhode Island.

The performance is also part of a bigger festival, called "Until the Violence Stops: Providence," which will run from Feb. 29 to March 8.

According to the event Web site, www.peaceprovidence.com,

"the festival issues a call to action to all Rhode Islanders, through theatre, art, spoken word, photography, performance and community events: demand an end to violence against women and girls, and become an active partner in ending it."

"The goal of the festival is to make Providence one of the safest places for women. (The festival) is replicated in two other cities, Paris and LA," Stanley said. "The first event is a photo display. Some of our representatives from the Women's Center will be featured in the display. Photo kickoff is a bunch of photographs of people making the peace sign. They include a piece about what a violence-free world means to them."

Events in Providence include a film festival at the Cable Car Cinema and a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" at the Biltmore Hotel on March 8.



Dee DeQuattro

Coffee milk: a 'Rhody' phenomenon

Alyssa Persinger
Herald Staff

The drink came in a tiny cardboard box that was near impossible to open. When finally ripped apart, the top would quickly get soggy with each sip, leaving a hint of a cardboard taste lingering in your mouth.

Nearly every elementary school student had two choices of liquid that came in the mini box for lunch: milk or chocolate milk. In Rhode Island schools, however, there was a third and more popular choice of drink: coffee milk.

Officially declared Rhode Island's state drink July 13, 1993, it's no wonder Rhode Islanders consume more coffee milk a year than any other state—in fact, almost no other states have heard of the drink.

"We sell enough coffee syrup to fill 31 million glasses of milk a year," said Stacey DeMars, an employee of Autocrat (located in Lincoln, Rhode Island), the world's leading producer of coffee milk. "At least 80 percent of that goes to Rhode Island."

Rhode Islanders have been passing down their unique love of coffee milk for decades.

"I've been drinking coffee milk since I was a child," said

DeMars. "My grandma gave it to my mom, my mom gave it to us as kids; it has a unique flavor, not like anything I've ever tasted before. It's sweet, but not too overpowering."

Coffee milk is made similarly to the way chocolate milk is made: add the syrup to a glass of milk. Coffee syrup is also made in a similar manner to chocolate syrup. The only ingredients are fresh-ground coffee, water and sugar, all brewed and boiled together until a syrupy texture.

Different brands do have slight differences, however. Autocrat is sweeter, while two less popular brands Eclipse and Coffee Time, also distributed by Autocrat, have a stronger coffee flavor, according to www.autocrat.com.

"Autocrat is definitely my favorite brand," said Pete Turenne, a RWU senior and native Rhode Islander. "We buy [the syrup] in these gigantic bottles that last a year."

Like many other Rhode Islanders, Turenne has been drinking coffee milk since he was a kid. Every Saturday morning, his grandpa would take Turenne and his brother out to breakfast. Instead of ordering orange juice or chocolate milk, his grandpa would order them all coffee

milks.

"Coffee milk is nothing like coffee," Turenne said. "Coffee milk is sweeter, thicker, and has a lot more sugar because of the syrup. People don't drink coffee milk in the morning to wake up."

Autocrat is a family-run business for four generations and was founded in 1895. Coffee syrup was introduced to Rhode Island in the 1920s by Eclipse Food Products Corp. Although a few companies started to make coffee syrup, Autocrat was the preferred brand and eventually took over both Eclipse and Coffee Time.

The company set up a mail program for anyone who has moved out of state and craves the sweet taste of coffee milk. Autocrat also sells fresh-ground coffee and makes coffee ice-cream, using coffee extracts.

Perhaps just as unusual as coffee milk itself, are the different titles given to coffee milk and other coffee products. A "coffee cabinet" or "coffee cab" is known to the rest of the country as a "milkshake" or "frappe." A "milkshake" in Rhode Island is any milk that flavor is added to like coffee milk.

Although an extremely popular drink in Rhode Island, a "coffee milkshake" is

neither a common drink to the rest of the country, nor is it as well liked.

"I've lived in the Midwest, the South, Connecticut," said Jeff Brennan, senior at RWU. "I first heard of coffee milk at a Sip-N-Dip when I moved to Rhode Island three years ago. It tastes like some guy making coffee went overboard with the milk. It has an unnatural sweetness, as if there's a third ingredient they're not telling us."

The only other part of the country that shares Rhode Island's love for coffee milk is Southeastern Massachusetts.

"I've been drinking it since I can remember," said Jason Silva, a junior and Cape Cod native. "I think it's strange that as a child, I thought the drink was common. I had no idea it was unique."

Rhode Islanders will continue to pass down their love of coffee milk from generation to generation, while the drink may remain a mystery to the rest of the country forever.

"Well I put milk in my coffee, if that's what you mean," said Maria Winters from Massachusetts and a senior at RWU. "But I've never heard of coffee milk."



Teddy Applebaum

Students campaign for the candidates

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College students across the country are becoming more involved in the presidential campaigns of 2008 and students at Roger Williams are part of the trend.

Students on both sides of the political spectrum have taken active roles in supporting their candidates.

Freshman Courtney Costello was bored during winter break when she received a Facebook message from the College Democrats of Roger Williams inviting anyone who was interested to come up to New Hampshire and take part in the Obama campaign in the days leading to the primary.

On-campus supporters of Mike Huckabee, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have worked at primaries with their respective presidential candidate.

Sophomores Brendan Boyle and Joe Strumolo are campaigning for Huckabee; senior Shannon Donahue, junior Juan Escoriza and freshman Courtney Costello are campaigning for Obama; and senior Daniel Ruth is campaigning for Clinton, just to name a few.

Costello was immersed into a five-day, non-stop grassroots effort persuading New Hampshire voters to vote in the Jan. 8 primary election. She reflects on her experience as "extremely exciting" and has maintained her involvement with the campaign to this day.

Boyle and Strumolo campaigned for Republican candidate Mike Huckabee in the New Hampshire primary elections. The campaigning process was "a huge passionate pep rally. It was a really interesting experience," Strumolo said. On the day of the primary, "there are so many campaigners running around, so many students waving signs and yelling to support their candidate," Boyle said.

Boyle and Strumolo agree that the primary election was an interesting experience.

Boyle and Strumolo along with fellow senior Dana Peloso, were first introduced to Mike Huckabee at the Conservative Political Action Conference [CPAC] in March 2007.

They were completely blown away by Huckabee, they agreed with his views and felt like he was somebody we could look up to. Later in the convention, Boyle, Strumolo, Peloso and other College Republicans were able to meet Huckabee after he spoke.

The on-campus chapter of the Obama campaign has become increasingly active as the Rhode Island primary election approaches on Tuesday March 4.

Escoriza is the head coordinator of the RWU Chapter of the Obama campaign.

Escoriza's favorite moment of campaigning was during the torrential rain storm in Connecticut on Super Tuesday.

"I left Tuesday morning very early to go canvassing. We didn't stop canvassing until the last poll closed in Connecticut," Escoriza said.

Senior Shannon Donahue is the Rhode Island State Field Coordinator for the Obama campaign. Donahue is president of the College Democrats and a member of the RWU students for Barack Obama chapter.

Donahue spent her winter break working the primary elections in both New Hampshire and Georgia while interning with the Obama campaign.

"My favorite part of campaigning is talking to voters and getting the word out about Barack," Donahue said. "I love the individual contacts you make with people. It is an amazing learning experience."

Clinton supporter and senior Daniel Ruth joined up with the campaign during a small Clinton rally held on campus and then attended a speech she delivered at Rhode Island College this past Sunday. Ruth said

"Her message and powerful speaking has definitely motivated me to campaign in the area for her, and to get the message out that Hillary is the best Democratic candidate out there at the moment," Ruth said, reflecting on the recent speech at RIC.

So far, Ruth's favorite part about being involved with the campaign is "meet[ing] so many people from so many different backgrounds that have one common goal, and that's to see Clinton as the next President of the United States."

All these campaigners hard work will be shown on March 4 when the Rhode Islander will vote for their candidates and the results come in.

Who, what wear?

Carey Baldwin
Herald Staff

Who: Joelle Riccio

What: Jacket to the Knee with some flare

Wear: Maple 9

Riccio, a sophomore, was spotted walking up the stairs in Maple sporting a black knee length bomber inspired jacket (Marc New York \$600). This down gem keeps her bundled up from the elements while still looking cute and cuddly.

If shopping on a budget try the Metropolis Parka (The North Face \$278.95).

This gives you the same great look without the big price tag. These two jackets will keep you warm, dry and safe from all weather without making you look like you are dressed in sleeping bag. For some added flare Riccio wrapped a large lime green scarf around her neck (Target \$12).

Over-sized scarves are the hot trend right now and what could be better than an eye popping, neck-warming accessory. Underneath her cozy facade of down Riccio had on a go-with-everything white v-neck T-shirt (Hans V-neck tee shirt five for \$10), and a simple pair of black yoga pants (Hard Tail Forever \$57).

To finish off Riccio's fantastically cozy outfit, she dressed her feet in traditional ankle moccasin boots (Minnonka Moccasin \$49). Boots are the footwear of choice so there are many styles to choose from this season. Girls, be adventurous and try something different than the lackluster, and over-done Ugg.

When in doubt, keep yourself looking fantastic with a pair of boots and a long jacket, not only to keep yourself warm, but fashionable too.



ENGINEERING: Student leads women's group

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networking," Beaugard said.

She was one of the lucky women to get an internship out of it. Beaugard was interviewed and hired on the spot by General Electric for an internship in their aviation engineering department starting in the spring.

"I'll be doing a lot of product testing and CAD drawing," Beaugard said. "I can't even have a phone with a camera on it! It's all very top secret... I will be working with jet engines and stuff."

However while working for top secret projects may seem like a dream come true for many engineers-to-be, Beaugard has different plans in mind. She'd rather be making other dreams come true.

"Well, really my dream job is to work for Disneyworld and design rides and repair them and all that stuff," Beaugard said. "So when you take your kids to Disneyworld, and you watch your kids on the rides, having so much fun, you can be like... Ha! I designed that!"

But it's not just the big and complicated machines and contraptions that require engineering. Take a look around, and pretty much everything in sight was engineered by someone, somewhere. From the adhesive on the side of a baby's diaper to the engine in a hybrid car, engineering is a fact of life.

People tend to only emphasize

the areas of engineering that are typically viewed as "male-oriented," such as mechanical design, vehicle engines, and building robots. Unfortunately, among the scores of engineering programs across the country, women still make up around 20% of the undergraduates.

Engineering Program Coordinator and Professor of Engineering, Dr. Linda Ann Riley, knows firsthand all about the common delusions people have about engineering being a male major. She would know, after all, she has a degree in engineering herself. However, according to Riley, there are fields of engineering that are quite popular among women, such as environmental engineering, industrial engineering, and biomedical engineering.

"In these areas, there is a great emphasis on helping to make the world a better place to live. Engineers could take part in designing medical devices to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, such as working with the cutting edge products and materials to cure diseases, or take part in creating new cosmetics, perfumes or pharmaceuticals," Riley said. "In the end there are so many possibilities, that most people don't realize what the engineering major has to offer."

This is exactly what Beaugard strives to change, along with how others view women engineers and how prospective women engineers view

themselves. "More people should just have faith in themselves, learn what their abilities are, and try something that maybe they wouldn't have tried," Beaugard says.

Beaugard did not always want to be an engineer. Before transferring from Umass Dartmouth to Roger Williams University, Beaugard planned to take up a career in physics. When Beaugard discovered she was required to take an engineering course, she was anything but thrilled.

"I was not pleased at first. I was thinking 'Oh my gosh what have I gotten myself into!' But once you give it a shot and realize how much you enjoy it, things change," Beaugard says. "I think it's really fun... I love to make things! More people, especially women, should just give it a try and not just blow it off and think it's stupid or too hard."

According to Riley, One possible explanation for the small number of women in engineering professions may actually be attributed to the dissimilar styles of learning between men and women.

"We do know that it isn't because women 'can't do math or science,'" Riley said. "In general their learning models are different and teachers have to recognize how best to transfer knowledge to assure that all students in the class 'get it.' I have seen so many young middle school and high school students turned off to math

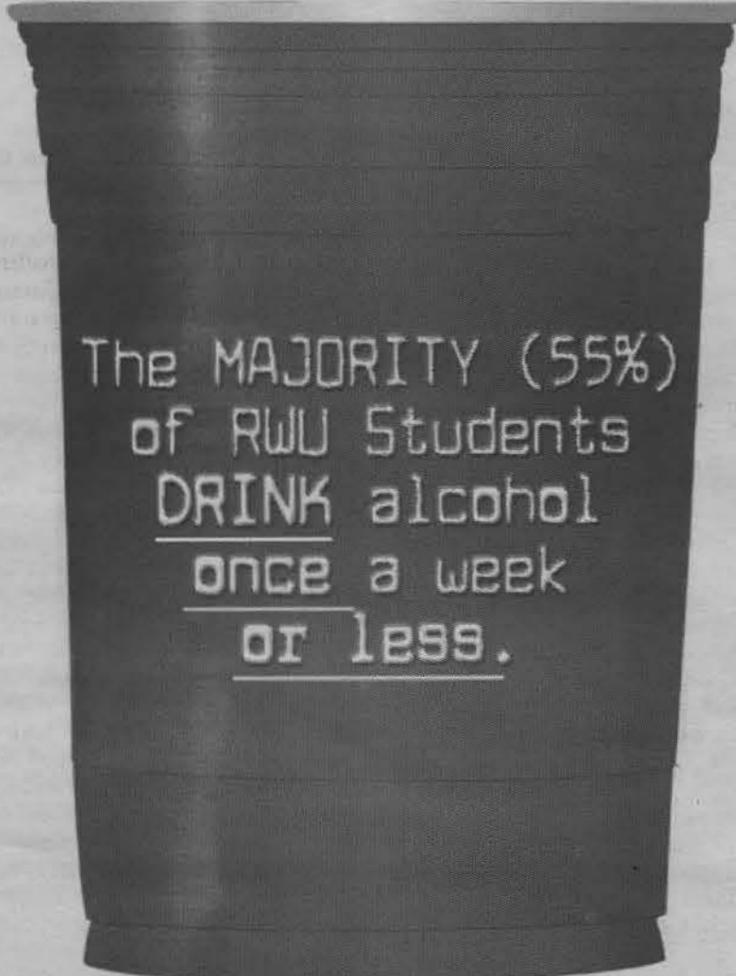
and science because of their teachers...my advice to young women who want to get into a career based around math and science is to really understand how they best learn and don't hesitate to ask teachers to present material from alternate perspectives."

Nevertheless, Beaugard doesn't let any false stereotypes stop her from doing what she truly loves. She values her fellow classmates, and most importantly, being a woman engineer.

"I work with a very, very talented and intelligent group of young women...lots of people may think, for example, that it's nerdy or that girls can't do it, and it's not a 'woman thing...' but obviously I'm here, and I'm doing it," Beaugard explains. "I love my major. I want to make it fun for everybody and help give everyone the best experience and I want to make them love it too. You can learn a lot about yourself. Just give it a shot because you never know what will happen. That's what I did, and I've met some of the best women in my life from this. I've met my best friends."

If you are interested in taking part in SWE, or just want to know more about the engineering major, feel free to contact Janine Beaugard at jbeaugard105@hawks.rwu.edu.

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Staff member highlight: Beauchamp shares insight

Kia Round
Herald Staff

With graduation slowly approaching, Robin Beauchamp, director of the Roger Williams University Career Center, has a very important job. Beauchamp's previous experiences have helped her gain insight into the future of RWU.

Her favorite part of working at RWU is watching the student body progress in their personal career development paths and helping them envision their potential futures beyond what they might have previously imagined. "I get to collaborate with people all across this campus, which is one of my favorite pieces of working at this institution.

"I accumulated over 10 years in Human Resources, in academia, healthcare and research, and financial services plus the career services experience to develop their [RWU] career center into a vibrant office," said Beauchamp. "Now that I've been here for five plus years, I am ready to begin the process of our own strategic planning to determine what programs and services this office should offer in the near future."

Beauchamp, who graduated from Emerson College with a degree in mass communication/TV production, started out as a production secretary for a game show company in Los Angeles. "I didn't like the industry or the job I was doing. I asked myself an important question: can I see myself working in this field when I'm 40 years old?"

Her answer was a resounding "no," so she moved to Boston and began working in the Human

Resources Department at Boston University where she also received her master's degree in administration with a focus on organizational policy.

In June 2002, Beauchamp began working for the RWU Career Center at RWU. Her previous experiences have taught her to think critically, articulate succinctly, and be "quick on her feet."

Faculty and staff at RWU always have the students in the forefront of their mind and their professional life is framed in this way," said Beauchamp. She describes her work environment as collegial, working with some of the nicest and hardest working people you could find anywhere. "I get to work, play and exercise with people from every division of the university and feel a sense of community here."

Robin Beauchamp has an interesting life outside of her professional career with her family and her hobbies. As a mother of twins, Beauchamp and her husband are frequent visitors of Walt Disney World. She also plays in a local women's softball league because she has played the sport since high-school.

"You'd think I'd be good by now, but you'd be wrong, I just love the camaraderie and the exercise and the chance to be outdoors for a few hours on a Sunday."

For students who have yet to visit the Career Center located on campus at the Center for Student Development, it is a great resource to utilize whether you need guidance on career paths or are looking for internships before graduation.

Alanna Conn
Herald Staff

While students browsed the various stations at the Commons last week, deciding whether they wanted chicken schnitzel or a sweet ham Panini, surely few stopped to consider the intense inspection their beloved Bon Appétit underwent just a few weeks previously.

Bon Appétit went through 22 extensive pages of criteria for its certification process, known as Great Expectations. These 22 pages included every imaginable aspect of the cafeteria's operations.

Executive chef Robert Lavoie said details of the inspection included "how the stations look, if we have wheat pasta and organic peanut butter available, if we prepare the food in a low-fat way, if we have six salad dressings with four of them made from scratch, if we have two soups, one vegetarian and one with meat, both made from scratch."

Yet, Great Expectations also judged RWU's Bon Appétit staff on things unrelated to the actual food. The Vice President of Marketing and the Culinary Director of the Bon Appétit Management Company, who conducted Great Expectations, also inspected the stations' garnishes, decorations, finances, and employee uniforms. Inspectors took

everything into consideration when deciding whether RWU's dining services would pass or fail.

All Bon Appétit employees worked relentlessly in order to prepare for the preparation, according to marketing manager Stephanie Colliton.

"Management put many hours into really perfecting everything and tying up loose ends," she said.

Staff efforts did not go unnoticed during the inspection. After examining all aspects of the Commons, inspectors concluded that it passed inspection. Bon Appétit was not only certified, but praised for its outstanding per-

formance.

"We were told that we were one of the best they've seen on the east coast," Lavoie said.

After learning the results of the inspection, Colliton said that all staff members were "overjoyed." Bon Appétit employees are not the only ones impressed with the service.

"I never realized just how much work they put in, but I definitely notice it," freshman Colette Blish said. "The food is always delicious... it's like the highlight of my day."

After a hard day of classes, many students undoubtedly agree.



Shaun Hogan

Recyclmania: University enters competition

Christie Console
Herald Staff

On a day to day basis, students write papers, buy cans of energy drinks to get through classes, bottles of water to stay healthy, or pick up paper flyers or the school newspaper to read. But what happens to the empty bottles, cans and papers when the students are finished with

them. The answer is simple, but not many students give it a thought.

To help people become more aware of what to do with these materials, the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has decided to submit Roger Williams University in Recyclemania, a competition to see what school can collect the most recycled material.

"The point is to raise

awareness on college campuses of recycling and make students more involved in it and to make them more excited for it," says Meg Gardner, a senior Marine Biology major and the project leader of Recyclemania.

Recyclemania is a competition between 400 universities and colleges. It lasts from January 27 to April 5 and it is to see what school can recycle the most recyclable material.

It is a student run initiative and everything RWU does involving recyclemania is student run. This is the first year that RWU has participated in this event. The competition lasts 10 weeks and the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has decided to become part of this event in the hopes that recycling will continue more on campus and that students will become more aware of recycling.

Even though Recyclemania is a recent event, the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has been around for two years, and is made up of staff, faculty and an entire administration.

"The program has not been used to its full potential, so we are trying to make students use the recycling pro-

gram more," Chelsea FitzSimons-Diaz, a senior Biology major and student co-chair of the Recycling and Sustainability Committee said.

So what happens to all this recycled material? The material gets recycled as usual and is tallied into RWU's standing in the competition. Allied Waste, the company that picks up the school's recycling, comes every Wednesday and takes the material to Johnston, Rhode Island where it is shipped out, since Rhode Island does not have its own recycling facility.

Recyclemania was originally set up in Ohio and the reports of how much recycling RWU does is sent there by Allied Waste. It is then tallied into our standings.

"We are in the upper half out of 400 schools. Right now our school is collecting 1.56 pounds per person," FitzSimons-Diaz said. "We are up against schools that are doing eight pounds a person so we have a long way to go"

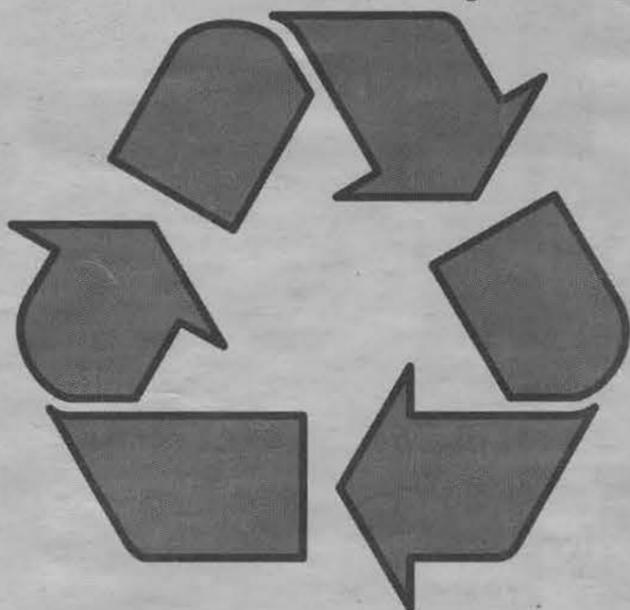
To get involved with Recyclemania, students can drop off their recyclables in any of the giant decorated blue bins in some of the buildings across campus. There are two paper bins in the library, one paper bin and one

co-mingle (bottles, cans, glass) bin in Gabelli School of Business, and one paper and co-mingle bin in the Architecture building. Each bin holds 96 gallons and is brightly painted. Also, students can do their part to simply recycle by depositing bottles in any of the green containers around campus.

Along with the promotion around campus, Recyclemania has also planned events for the duration of the competition. Their first event, Recycled Percussion, was a giant success with a turnout of 600-700 students. Future events include an activity in RWU's The 10 Spot, and also a recycled theme line-in the MSU fashion show.

The Recycling and Sustainability committee is always open to suggestions and can be contacted at www.rwu.edu/sites/recyclingandsustainability, and also at www.recyclemania.com. You can also contact FitzSimons-Diaz at cfitzsimons-diaz170@hawks.rwu.edu

"There are a lot of people who don't believe that recycling doesn't get done on campus and we want to make sure that myth gets dispelled," Gardner said. "We want them to be doing it on an everyday basis."

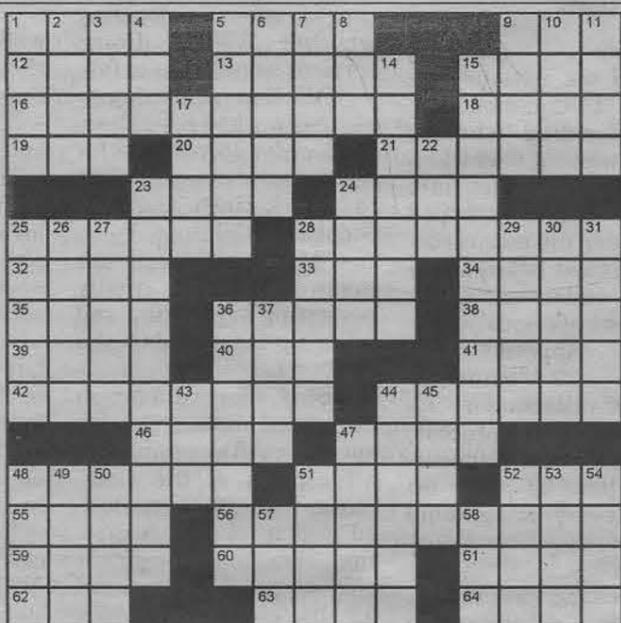


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- 16 Explosive holders
- 18 Hibernia
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- 20 Stocking stuffers
- 21 Pressing
- 23 Seagulls
- 24 Unique person
- 25 Beauty shops
- 28 Attraction-filled magazine
- 32 Norse war god
- 33 Skirt edge
- 34 Horror film staple
- 35 Tiger's tooth
- 36 Hindu teacher
- 38 Locality
- 39 Teen follower
- 40 Even (Poet.)
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- 42 Love song
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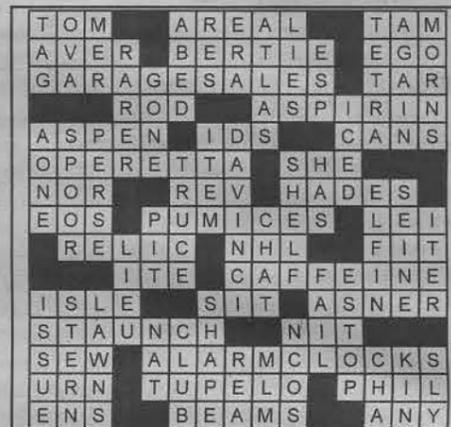


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Men's swimming: breaks records in strong finish

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time of 1:39.30. While the finish was the Hawks' strongest of the day, it also broke the previous school record for the event by more than four seconds.

Anderson broke another record on Saturday when he posted overall time of 1:01.35 in the 100-yard breaststroke, the finish earned him fifth place in the event. In the 800-yard freestyle relay Cameron, Dubinsky and Faustine along with freshman Kevin Danaher broke another school record by 13 seconds with an overall time of 7:33.58, which put them in fifth place.

Sophomore Joseph Mello garnered a score of 269.85 in the diving competition to put him in eleventh place.

On Sunday, the Hawks continued to break records as they improved their overall score to 275, allowing them to hold on to fourth place.

Danaher crushed the team's previous record in the 1650-yard freestyle when he finished with a time of 17:40.28, a score that put



Shaun Hogan

Another swimmer competes in an event on Friday morning. The Hawks improved their score over the next two days to finish fourth.

him in fifth place. Plummer, Cameron, Dubinsky and Curtis broke another relay record in the 400-yard freestyle when they posted a final time of 3:20.95.

Crowther broke yet another school record in the 100-yard freestyle, but his record of 50.52 would not last long. Plummer beat Crowther's record by .41 seconds in the first leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

While not record breaking, the Hawks did post several other strong finishes on Sunday. Anderson posted an

overall time of 2:14.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke to gain a fourth place finish, while Mellow gained a seventh place finish in the 3-meter diving event, with a score of 304.65.

Freshman Alex Petre gained a ninth place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.07, while junior Andrew Hedden finished eighth in the 200-yard butterfly and sophomore Ethan Bourque finished ninth in the 100-yard individual medley.

DUGGAN: Expected to contribute to sailing team's spring season

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the Wild Harbor Yacht Club and was taught by John Vandemoer, now the head coach of the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron (NASS). After spending 10 years sailing in North Falmouth, the Duggans decided that the prestigious independent preparatory school Tabor Academy would be the perfect place for their son.

Otherwise known as the school by the sea, Tabor is a well-known sailing school.

"We sailed against all New England schools, up until nationals each year when we competed against the best in the country," Duggan said.

Boasting four-year New England Championships, with personal finishes at second, fourth and fifth at high school nationals, Duggan was an easy find to recruit to the Roger Williams University Sailing program.

"I was called and recruited by several schools including RWU," Duggan said.

Since stepping foot onto the RWU campus in 2004 he

hasn't looked back. With an impressive catalogue of wins and titles under his belt here at RWU Duggan hasn't stopped yet, he continues to develop additional dimensions to his sailing said coach Amanda Callahan, "which could certainly lead to future victories."

Not only is Duggan planning an Olympic campaign, he is also on his way to an All-American recognition.

"I look up to Matt on and off the water," said freshman sailor George Saunders. "He took me under his wing and pushes me to make myself a better sailor."

Looking ahead to the spring sailing season the team's head coach seems to put all her faith in Duggan's ability.

"I think Matt will continue to have an excellent college sailing career," Callahan said. "He will be hurting a little while Maria Petrillo [his crew] is gone this spring, but he has consistently beat the best skippers in the country."

News & Notes

The Roger Williams Wrestling Team took sixth placed this weekend in the New England Wrestling Association Championships. The team had two wrestlers reach their final matches Dan Woods, 197lbs., and Jared Czarneski, 175 lbs., as well as three others that placed.

The title, though, went to Rhode Island College who tallied up 121 points in the event. They were followed by Johnson and Wales and Williams College in second and third place.

Rhode Island College upset top-ranked Johnson & Wales to take the title of New England Champions. The Anchormen totaled 121 points, five more than second-place Johnson & Wales. Third place went to Williams with 105.5 points, followed by Springfield College with 89, Bridgewater State with 80 and RWU with 72 team points.

The Roger Williams Women's Swimming Team finished eighth in the NEISDA Championships that took place over the weekend of Feb. 15 at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Campus.

The Hawks swimmers recorded several record breaking times across the board. Senior Libby Renner swam the in the 100 yard freestyle 58.27 passing the previous record of 58.75 by Erin Leonhardt.

Junior Jill Mackey also broke a school best time with her performance in the 100 yard individual medley. The record had stood at 1:09.2 a time set by Jenny Dill, but Mackey finished the race in 1:08.87.

The team also broke the record for fastest finish in a 400 freestyle relay team when Casey Meagher, Brigid Houlihan, Renner, and Shari Rothgeb recorded a time of 3:54.02.

The Roger Williams University Women's Basketball finished their regular season with a 83-51 win over Eastern Nazarene College Saturday afternoon.

The Hawks that jumped out to a 22-point half time lead received another outstanding performance from Casey Anderson who recorded 17 points and 14 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season. Teammate Jackie Criss put up 11 points and four boards and Carly Spagnolan added seven assist and three steals.

On Tuesday evening the Hawks traveled to Endicott College where they were defeated 67-46 in the first round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament. The loss brings an end to the college basketball careers of seniors Caitlyn Leone and Taylor Shea.

The Hawks end the 2007-2008 season with an overall record of 12-14.

BROADCASTING: Spring sports to be announced on collegecast.net



Shaun Hogan

From left to right, Michael Naymie and Michael Hollander call the shots in Tuesday's Commonwealth Coast Conference championship game against Colby-Sawyer College.

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"I am probably equally as stoked as the players are," said Naymie about the upcoming championship games.

The broadcasts have received such high regard amongst their listeners that the Athletics Department and students are considering the possibility of carrying the broadcast over to the spring sports.

The teams usually consist of two broadcasters, a play-by-play announcer, and a color commentator. The play by play announcer's task is to inform the listener of every play and player on the court all game long. The color commentator on the other hand analyzes the on-court action.

Naymie the color commentator of the "Mike & Mike Show" loves what the position brings.

"I have to know the stats of our

team along with our opponents, who the playmakers are and what the Hawks have to do to shut them [the other team] down," Naymie said.

The most recent game to be broadcast was the first round game of the men's Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship on Tuesday evening, which the Hawks won 62-59. Before the game even started, Naymie already pictured how the game would pan out and told his listeners the call as the clock wound down.

"15 seconds left to play in the contest, Colby-Sawyer up by two. Fava dishes it inside to Baranger, Geoff gets double teamed, kicks it out to the wide open Benny 'cool hands' Camobrecco who drains the buzzer beating three pointers to give the hawks a 1 point victory, 72-71," said Naymie.

Lifelong sailor brings passion to RWU team

Carey Baldwin
Herald Staff

The sky was clear with the sun shining, the water was calm, and the wind was blowing gently, the perfect recipe for beginner sailors. However, the ideal conditions couldn't get 6-year-old Matthew Duggan off the sand and into the water.

His face stained with tears, the pint size first grader sat reluctantly on the dock of the Wild Harbor Yacht Club in North Falmouth, Mass., refusing to step aboard.

"Any time I was put in a boat by myself I would cry," Duggan said. "One time I freaked out and turned around and flailed off the back of the boat towards shore, who would've thought I'd be doing it today?"

This is a far cry from the 6'1" sailing skipper that Duggan has become today. In just two short years, at age 8, Duggan put the fear ashore and sailed onward, with out looking back.

"I just realized there was really nothing to be scared about," Duggan said.

Duggan was born into sailing; with both his parents, Tom and Beth Duggan, being talented and accomplished sailors themselves, there was no escaping it. Being a gifted sailor was in his blood so to speak. It was just a matter of time until he came into his own and started to show his potential.

"I was okay when I was younger but pretty scared," said Dugan, "I didn't start doing well until I was about 13.

"Sailing has always been my favorite sport," he said. "I really don't know why I can't get away from sailing, it consumes my thoughts at times."

Living In Sandwich, Mass. Duggan trained at

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Men's basketball wins in first round of CCC championship

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

Despite a slow start in the first half of the Commonwealth Coast Conference quarterfinal game against Colby-Sawyer, the men's basketball team was able to come together in the second half and gain a 62-59 win over the Chargers. The win improves the Hawks' overall record to 16-10 overall and 11-2 in the CCC.

The hawks will now advance to the semifinal round of the CCC championships where they will face off against the number three-seeded Gordon College. Gordon advances to the semifinal round as a result of its 73-61 victory over the Wentworth Institute of Technology earlier in the day on Tuesday.

After making only six shots in the first half on Tuesday, the Hawks went into halftime trailing 28-35. However, things changed quickly in the second half after the Hawks made a fast 12-4 run that when combined with a layup by senior Geoff Baranger gave RWU a 40-39 advantage.

On the Gordon side of the court, junior Duncan Szeliga and sophomore Dave Rosso led the chargers in scoring for the half with a total of 32 points.

Gordon would not stay behind for long as they made a 12-



Shaun Hogan

Senior Ben Camobreco takes a shot in Tuesday evening's quarterfinal championship game against Colby-Sawyer College. The Hawks won the game 62-59.

5 run that allowed them to regain the lead 51-45 with just under nine minutes remaining on the clock. The Hawks came back fast and tied the score at 54-54 off a free throw by junior Tucker Bashaw.

The Hawks then regained the lead when Barranger made another layup following Bashaw's second free throw.

Rosso made two three throws for Colby-Sawyer that tied the game at 56-56 with four minutes

remaining on the clock. Two successful shots by Barranger and junior Billy Barrett gave the Hawks a 60-56 advantage with 29 seconds left to play.

The Chargers came within one point of taking the lead after Rosso gained a quick three pointer, but two free throws by freshman Corey Fava secured the win.

The game against Gordon College will take place on Thursday at RWU, with the tip-off scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Men's swimming team takes fourth place in New England championship

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

In a weekend performance that say several team records fall, the men's swimming and diving team gained a fourth place finish in the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association championships on Sunday evening. Bentley College gained the championship title after beating Keene State College by eight points.

Sunday's fourth place finish caps off a winning season for the team that included a total of six wins and three losses. The team also garnered a first place finish in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational as well as one fifth and two fourth place finishes in regular and postseason events.

As a result of her team's success, head coach Julie O'Brien was named as the 2008 swimming coach of the year.

The Hawks began competition on Friday with a fourth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, 50-yard breaststroke and 400-yard medley relay. The team also posted a seventh and eighth place finish in the 100-yard butterfly as well as a ninth and twelfth place finish in the 50 and 500-yard freestyle events.



Shaun Hogan

An RWU swimmer competes in a medley event on Friday morning, the team's first day of competition. The Hawks ended the day with a fifth place finish.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, freshman James Crowther and junior Mike Faustine along with seniors Doug Cameron and John Curtis beat the previous school record of 1:31.66 by two seconds, setting a new record of 1:29.66. Cameron set another school record when he finished the 500-yard freestyle in 5:03.68.

At the 50-yard breaststroke, sophomore Chris Anderson shattered his own record in the event, which he set earlier this season,

by almost one second. Anderson's record now stands at 28.61.

On Saturday the Hawks shattered more records as they worked their way to an overall score of 193, which pushed them into fourth place.

Anderson and Curtis teamed up with freshman Dale Dubinsky and sophomore Jonathan Plummer in 200-yard medley relay event, where they gained a second place finish with an overall

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On air? RWU considers broadcasting spring sports

Daniel DeBlasio
Asst. Sports Editor

With the RWU men's basketball team gets ready for the second round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championships on Thursday evening, the diehard Hawks fans are getting prepared as well. While many fans will pile into the bleachers in RWU Recreation Center in the coming days, the ones that can't will be able to listen in through their computers.

All season long supporters that cannot attend the games have been listening to live student broadcasts of the games on their computers. Listeners can go to collegecast.net where the Hawks, along with several other games from around the country, can be heard live.

Not only is the service great for Hawks fans, but also a great experience for the teams of broadcasters.

"It is an excellent opportunity," said broadcaster Michael Naymie. "Broadcasting the games all season long has gotten me really into the teams."

Professor Michael Scully introduced the new broadcasting program and he has guided the broadcasters in a successful direction.

"Michael Scully has done a great job of teaching us the ins and outs of sports broadcasting," said Naymie. "He also gives us enough freedom to run the broadcasts without a set guideline."

Naymie and his counterpart Mike Hollander will be calling the championship basketball games this week. The experience has brought the students closer to the players and gotten every one around campus excited about the final stretch of the season.

See Broadcasting p.11.