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Nirschel unveils new plans

\$1M sustainability center, film program on horizon

Dee DeQuattro News Editor

President Roy J. Nirschel delivered the eighth annual State of the University address to faculty and staff Wednesday afternoon, highlighting some of the plans in store for the university over the next few years, including the construction of a \$1 million sustainability center.

Nirschel's major announcement was that the D.F. Pray Foundation has donated \$1 million to the university to build the center. The center will come to campus following the hard work and dedication that the students, faculty and staff have put into the sustainability initiative, Nirschel said.

Nirschel also said plans are in the works to make RWU the home of the Anthony Quinn archives, featuring films and other memorabilia from the life of the legendary movie star who lived in Bristol until his death in 2001.

Nirschel announced that the university will introduce a new film studies program next semester.

"It's a way of saying the arts matter at RWU," Nirschel said. "As a result, a new line of faculty members will be hired."

Nirschel said that the school has come a long way in terms of sustainability, diversity, and education. Nirschel said the university's ac-

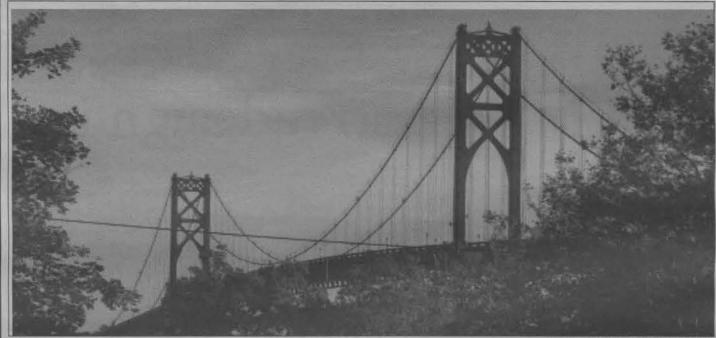
ceptance rate has decreased from 90 percent to 61 percent since 2000.

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Nirschel also announced that the university would revamp the general education system at RWU.

"By 2011, we are going to have a new general education program that See NIRSCHEL p. 2

Student dies in car crash



MARK FUSCO/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Roger Williams senior Timothy MacLeod, 21, died last Friday when he was thrown from the front passenger seat of a car traveling north on the Mount Hope Bridge, just yards from campus. Police said the driver of the car was intoxicated at the time of the crash.

Friend charged with DUI, death resulting

Phil Devii Editor

Family and friends of the Roger Williams student who died in a car accident on the Mount Hope Bridge last weekend are remembering the 21-year-old as a fun-loving Boston Celtics fan who always made time for the people he cared about most.



MacLeod

Timothy
MacLeod, 21, of
Plymouth,
Mass., died
when he was
thrown from a
car driven by
his friend Jamie
Pretti, 21, also
of Plymouth,
after Pretti lost
control of the
car while travel-

ing north over the Mount Hope Bridge just before midnight on Sept. 12. Police said Pretti had been driving drunk.

MacLeod, a construction management major, was rushed by ambulance to Rhode Island Hospital in Providence where he was pronounced dead.

Pretti, who was not seriously injured, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, death resulting. He was arraigned Saturday morning and was being held at the Adult Correctional Institution in Cranston on \$100,000 cash bail, according to Bristol Police Chief Josh Canario

Pretti lost control of his 2006 Subaru, slammed into the walls on either side of the bridge and collided with an oncoming car toward the end

of the bridge on the Bristol side, just yards away from campus, police said.

MacLeod, who was in the front passenger seat, was thrown from the vehicle. It was not clear whether he had been wearing a seat belt.

The driver of the other vehicle was not injured, according to police.

MacLeod's wake was held Thursday in Manomet, Mass. Senior Alexandria Carstens, who attended, said MacLeod was dressed in his favorite Celtics jersey and baseball cap, with a pair of sunglasses resting on his forehead.

"The amount of people that came to share their love was amazing," Carstens said Thursday night.

A funeral Mass was scheduled for Friday morning.

Carstens said she had been friends with MacLeod since freshman

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Senate votes to redesign 'involvement wall'



PHIL DEVITT/THE HAWK'S HERALD

The Student Involvement Wall in the Recreation Center, put up earlier this year, will be replaced after the Senate passed a bill allocating money for its removal Monday night.

Courtney Nugent Features Editor

The Student Involvement Wall, featuring a photo of former Student Senate treasurer Swashwat Baxi, will be modified in order to do away with Baxi's image. The Student Senate voted Sept. 15 to spend \$3,000 for the cost of the makeover after spending \$2,645 last spring to design and construct the Wall.

Senate voted to allocate money from its executive board line to "finance the removal of the current wall and creation of a new wall," according to a bill passed Monday.

Not clear, however, is whether this means all or only parts of the Wall will come down.

The wall is in the Recreation Center on the WQRI landing, and showcases a number of student leaders, clubs and organizations.

The bill states that "the actions

of former Roger Williams student Shashwat Baxi did not respect the University's core values nor the spirit of student involvement," illuminating the catalyst behind the desire to alter the involvement wall.

Baxi, who was expelled and arrested earlier this year for making threats against another senator, is featured in a photo on the wall. In order to remove the photo of Baxi, two panels of the wall would have to be removed.

Josh Hiscock, Associate Director of Student Programs and Leadership, clarified that although the Student Senate bill allows for the removal of the photo of Baxi, it does not allow for a total removal of the wall.

"The spirit of the bill is to replace a picture," Hiscock said. "No one has agreed to allow the wall to be redesigned."

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NIRSCHEL: Illuminates future projects for RWU

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I want to be the gold standard for all liberal arts colleges.

Nirschel said a second level will be added to the New Marine Biology annex to serve the other sciences and to offer more laboratory space to students.

The university is working closely with New England Aquarium to build a shellfish hatchery and to help develop the marine science program, according to

The growth in campus diversity and inclusiveness was a major theme in Nirschel's speech.

'Fifteen percent of the faculty are self-declared minorities, up from five percent eight years ago," Nirschel said.

Nirschel announced plans to expand the Intercultural Center and touched on plans for Global Heritage Hall, which is being built on the former site of the New Academic Building.

To the delight of many of the staff members in attendance, Nirschel also announced plans to make the university more global by sending a few staff members to Florence. He stressed the importance of faculty understanding what it is like to be "the other" so that when international students come to Bristol, people can relate to them.

The speech also included some of the plans for the new living learning community being built near North Campus which will include classroom space.

Nirschel concluded the speech by thanking the faculty and staff for all their hard work in the university. "I am very proud of where we have come as a uni-

DEATH: MacLeod remembered

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year, when she lived next to him at Willow Hall. MacLeod was on a leave of absence from school but was expected to return in January.

'Our group of friends was nothing short of a family, and Tim was the funniest," Carstens said, adding that MacLeod always seemed to have a big smile on his face. "He was the party."

Carstens said that although some people might be angry with Pretti for his actions, they should remember he cared about MacLeod.

"Jamie Pretti loved Timmy. They were best friends since they were kids and this was truly an unexpected, horrible event that no one could have imagined. Timmy will be missed immensely by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.'

In 2007, a 21-year-old Ply-

mouth man who went to high school with MacLeod also died in a car accident. On MacLeod's Facebook page, now flooded with condolences, MacLeod pays tribute to his friend with lyrics from the D12 song, "Good Die

"They say that the good die young. That's why I think that you should have fun when you're young. 'Cause time won't wait for no one. When God calls, you gotta go home."

An on-campus memorial service is scheduled for Sept. 24.

MacLeod's parents created a scholarship in their son's name. Donations may be made to the Timothy J. MacLeod Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of Sovereign Bank, 715 State Road, Plymouth, Mass. 02630.

News editor Dee DeQuattro contributed to this report.

\$3,000 redesign in the worl

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Senate President Alicia Merschen-Perez said that the removal of the photo of Baxi will be done in a

cost-effective manner. "[Student Senate] will aim to replace [the panels] with the most inexpensive route possible," Merschen-Perez said. "[Senate] is always looking to achieve fiscal responsibili-

According to Merschen-Perez, if Jordan Viola, the artist who created the existing wall, is available, he would be asked to alter the involvement wall.

'If that's not possible, we have a great design center and we can utilize their knowledge of design," Merschen-Perez said.

Although the decision to spend the money to alter the involvement wall has been made, some student leaders disagree with a total removal of the wall solely based on the one pic-

"I don't think they should redo the whole entire wall," Student Advo-cate Andrew Gildein said. "That will cost a lot of time and money

Senior and General Manager of WQRI Dominic Lombardi agreed.

I do not think that [the panel] should solely come down because of Shashwat's picture," Lombardi said. "The issue is that [the wall] does not accurately celebrate and showcase all student involvement.

Hiscock also addressed the issue of displeasure among student leaders with the involvement wall.

"After the wall was put up, certain groups felt left out," Hiscock said, and he named the orientation staff as one of the groups that expressed displeasure.

"A lot of people, however, liked the idea that the wall existed. Student leaders who cross groups are portrayed in some way on the wall."

Other student leaders said they agreed with the removal of Baxi's photo.

"At first I was torn because I knew how much work went into [the wall] the first time," Chair of the Campus Entertainment Network

(CEN) Jaclyn Calovine said. "But it is a constant reminder every day of what he did before he left and who he

Orientation adviser Caitlyn Anderson agreed.

"It is a great idea [to remove the picture] because [Baxi] has affected the campus in a negative way," Anderson said. "No one will forget what happened, especially if it's apparent to the physical eye every day.

According to Hiscock, students who have an opinion about the Student Involvement Wall should contact a student senator or attend a Student Senate meeting, Monday nights at 6:30 in the Student Senate Cham-

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We all love the clock tower. To some of us, it's the symbol of our campus. Before all these newfangled buildings came around, the clock tower was pretty much all we had.

That being said, one of the things we like about the clock tower is, well...the fact that it's a clock. When we're rushing to class and wonder to ourselves, "Am I late?" or "Do I have an extra minute to grab a coffee?" or "Did I put clean underwear on today?" it is always helpful to look up and see what time it is. But from time to time this semester, the clock has given us what we can only assume to be South African Standard Time.

Please, somebody, anybody, fix the clock. Who knows? It might even help out with the underwear problem.

Yesterday's news... today

your weekly blast from bristol's past

Sunday Sept. 21, 2008 will Compiled by Derek Dandurand mark the seventieth anniversary of the Hurricane of 1938. This Hurricane started on the coast of Africa and made its way to the coast of the United States. Finally arriving in Rhode Island on the 21st, the hurricane was categorized at a level three. This was the biggest hurricane Rhode Island had seen since the hurricane in 1869, and was not ready for the damage it had coming. Overall, the hurricane killed over six hundred people and destroyed over fifty

thousand homes. One of the heartbreaking stories of the hurricane was the story of Norman Caswell and the school bus carrying his son and six others. They were stuck in the storm in Jamestown, when they were struck by a wave, and the bus started to fill with water. Trying to escape, Norman Caswell and the children tried to reach high ground, but another wave hit and carried them off to their deaths except for Norman Caswell and another child.



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Event created to curb pre-dance drinking

Stephanie Hunt Herald Staff

Picture this: the basketball swooshes through the net, two points and the bell sounds. Next to you, someone is racing to the finish line on their motorcycle while someone shoots for zombies two feet away. People are munching on food, ranging from steak to cheesecake and laughter fills the air.

This is Dave & Busters.

It might not be your idea of a typical Friday night at college. But for a few student-run programs, a night there means fun and safety before Chameleon Club.

Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, orientation coordinator Trung Nguyen, the Campus Entertainment Network, Inter-Class Council and the HAWE program will host the first annual D&B event.

It will be held at the restaurant's Providence Place location from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

"It is an opportunity for the stu-dents to get off campus and introduced to fun activities in the area," McMahon said.

The goal is to offer the freshmen something exciting prior to the

Chameleon Club."
Chameleon Club is a school-wide tradition in which all the classes can get together to dance and have a good time. In recent years, pre-event drinking has become a problem.

"The Dave & Busters trip is just the beginning of a campus-wide education effort on what is and is not appropriate on a Chameleon Club night," senior and CEN 'theme week-end' chair Kristin Ayles said. "The bottom line is that it does not take alcohol consumption to make an event like Chameleon Club a fun time. A lot of time, money and planning goes into an event like this and it would be a real shame for it to come into question because of irresponsible drinking on the student body's part."

The D&B trip will be provided as a fun night of games and food for only \$5 for upperclassmen and it is free for freshmen.

The first 150 upperclassmen to buy tickets will be able to take advantage of the event and join the freshmen on the bus ride to Provi-

Every student attending will receive free food, transportation and a gaming card. The game card provided will have \$15 worth of game 'tokens'

Once students have used up their game cards, it will be time to load the buses and head to Chameleon Club. Students attending should dress to the Woodstock theme because the buses will take them directly to the Recreational Center for a 'VIP' en-

If successful, the school desires to continue and develop this into a unique annual event for the freshmen



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Students gather to say 'Not on our campus

Nicholas Westbrook **Herald Staff**

It was a clear Wednesday afternoon, and outside the Recreation Center, a murmur of excitement was circulating as the hum of speakers filled the air. Students on campus, faces painted with various colors, cheered as live music played.

To kick it off, junior Brian LeDuc sang "Waiting on the World to Change" by John Mayer.

It may sound like an outdoor concert, but this was only the precursor to the main event: a protest against all hate on campus, organized by Not On Our Campus.

Organizations like the Inter Residence Hall Association, Students for Change, representatives of STAND and even everyday students such as Omar Reyes stood up and spoke out about various messages of hate occurring on campus.

Reyes, a transfer sophomore who

is new on campus, talked about how proud he was of the campus for the efforts of the students who want to make change for the better..

He said he believes that "this program is going to help Roger Williams' students become respectful and un-

derstand their fellow classmates."
President Roy J. Nirschel attended the event. He said he believes that the rally was an excellent example of students rebuilding the campus com-

With the upcoming election, Nirschel said he believes that it is important that students stay aware of problems such as racism.

The students on the Not On Our Campus committee have made their voices heard and given a medium for others to express themselves.

Finding a voice is only part of the solution to a world without hate. It is up to every student on campus to spread tolerance and follow the ideals set by the Not on Our Campus rally.



COURTNEY NUGENT/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Students gather outside the Recreation Center on Sept. 10 to participate in the "Not On Our Campus" rally against hate.

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

From 'Hair' to Food Network, dance professor's tips are in high demand

Ashley Willox Asst Features Editor

How exactly do media personalities and public speakers always seem to look perfectly poised? Whether on stage or in front of the camera, they address their audience effortlessly with seemingly no signs of nervousness or anxiety. Although some people are lucky enough to have a niche for the spotlight, sometimes even those public figures, stage performers, top business executives and television hosts need a little help getting comfortable in their own skin.

That's when performance coach France Hunter comes into the pic-

Hunter, 56, may be a dance professor at Roger Williams University, but that is only a tiny portion of her extraordinary performing arts history.

Hunter's fascinating career includes being a member of famed dancer Twyla Tharp's company and performing in the hit Broadway shows "Hair" and "West Side Story," being signed to do commercials for Duncan Hines cake, Dole juice, and Gerber baby food, heading the dance program and chairing the art department at Greenwich Academy in Connecticut, teaching dance at RWU, and perhaps most intriguing of all, being a performance coach.

a performance coach.

"In some way or another, I think we are all performers," Hunter said.
"So, with all the knowledge I've amassed over the years, I started to think about the communications field and how people in all different arenas of life perform...Whether we're having a conversation or we're in a big public venue trying to put forth an

agenda of some sort...and what I observed was that people are basically not integrated. Their minds and bodies are not connected, and because of my dance training, I really understand that and how important it really is."

As a performance coach, Hunter helps her clients do just this. She has them practice using various tools and techniques, such as diaphragmatic breathing, vocal exercises and physical exercises with the goal being to help them become better performers and presenters. Her theory is that the breath is what connects the body and mind, and this connection is essential to how people communicate and perform in everyday life.

"The foundation of the work that I do is really physical," Hunter says, "and it's based on connecting the mind and the body so as to connect your energy centers and to promote optimal authenticity, presence in the moment, and openness to sensory experience around you rather than cutting off the pathway between the mind and the body."

Hunter has coached senior executives of People magazine and has worked with Architectural Digest, Elle magazine, and other publications. Hunter also spent a year coaching the hosts at the Home Shopping Network to help re-vamp and modernize their style of performance and to help them be more authentic on camera. But her latest project entails coaching a chef from Cooking Light magazine who is being groomed for a slot on the Food Network.

"His name is Chef Billy, and that's all I can say," Hunter says, adding she would need permission to release the man's full name.

"But he is a very interesting guy. Chef Billy is very charismatic, but he has a problem with performance anxiety. He tends to talk incessantly and not listen to people he is in the segment with. And, he's from Brooklyn... so he talks with an accent, but I really like it. I think it's charming, He just needs to smooth the edges."

Through working with a distinguished company in New York called the Speech Fitness Institute, and according to what the specific need of the client is, they bring in various coaches, such as Hunter, who then work very closely with the client to help prime their presentation skills.

According to the Speech Fitness Institute's Web site, founder and Communications expert Mary Mayotte writes, "France has developed workshops for the Speech Fitness Institute that combine Alexander, Bartenieff, Skinner, Pilates, Ideokinesis, Yoga, Quigong and Argentine Tango. Her workshops facilitate

not only greater physical strength and flexibility, but an integration of mind and body resulting in enhanced clarity, teambuilding and imagination—essential tools for life and business."

Sometimes, the client may need help with diction, other times better vocabulary choices. Regardless, Hunter coaches the individual through his or her presentation one

on one for typically a period of six months. And as a spiritual person who leans toward Buddhism, she works from a more holistic standpoint in order to help them become authentic communicators and performers.

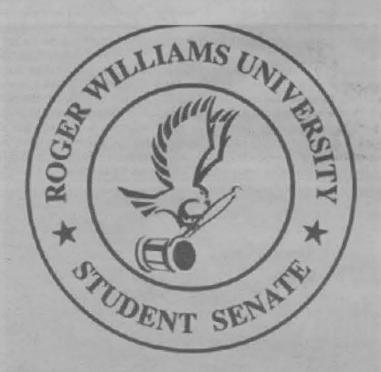


COURTESY FRANCE HUNTER

"Basically, there are so many ways we perform every day," Hunter says, "but it's really about being our best selves, and how we can be our most authentic communicators on a daily basis. It's been very successful. It's a whole other dimension of dealing with people who aren't dancers and I love that. I love the universal aspect of performance in general. We're all creative thinkers and we're all communicators ... It all comes from the same place ... It's a process of self-discovery."

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IN OUR OPINION

One death is one too many

Last weekend, this campus witnessed two drunk driving accidents near the Mount Hope Bridge, one of which killed a passenger. As the community mourns the senseless loss of one of its own students, 21-year-old Timothy MacLeod of Plymouth, Mass., we are reminded that tragedies such as Friday night's happen all too often in the United States.

Too many students have stories about losing a friend to a drunk driving crash.

Where did America go so wrong?

Would we lose so many people each year to drunk driving accidents if we didn't live in a culture that tells us drinking to excess and acting irresponsibly is acceptable?

There seem to be mixed messages about drinking in the United States. In Hollywood, for example, when the actors, singers and athletes many young people admire are caught driving while intoxicated, few suffer the legal consequences that they deserve.

And that only gives them leverage to break the law and endanger lives again.

What does this cycle tell impressionable young people? For one, it tells them, at least subconsciously, that drunk driving is no big deal with no real consequences.

Plenty of people think they are untouchable. "What happened to the poor guy on the news would never happen to me," they think. "I'm in control. I know when I've had too much. I can get myself home safely."

Unfortunately, and all too often, that is not the case. We need to keep in mind that life is fragile, too precious to risk for the sake of getting home in the middle of the night under the influence of alcohol, when sleeping at a friend's house is the most sensible option.

Life is not worth the gamble, especially when you have so much of it in front of you.

While the university mourns the loss of one of its' students, the question remains: What can be done to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again?

Will anything change? Or will someone, somewhere, thinking they are invincible, still open their car door, slide the keys in the ignition and drive away?

And will they be sober enough to know better?

Opinion

COMMENTARY From the perspective of a non-smoker

Kelcie Sweeney

Opinion editor

On my way to class yesterday morning, I looked around and enjoyed the beautiful day that was starting. Then I took a deep breath of smoke.
Wait, I'm not a smoker. What is going on?

As I am sure many people have experienced, the person in front of me was smoking on their way to class apparently running too late to get to the smoking pavilion. Why do some smokers think that by moving while smoking, the ban doesn't apply to them? For someone that doesn't smoke, this behavior is bothersome because it was a conscious choice for us not to smoke and thereby to not breathe in smoke.

Yet another common smoking incident occurs when one walks out of a building that isn't near a smoking area to find people still close to the building smoking. Just because there isn't an area nearby doesn't mean that you can just smoke were you like. Once again, nonsmokers have to walk through plumes of smoke.

It seems that this year these incidents are becoming more and more common. Why is this still a problem? The creation of the smoking areas was a wonderful idea and would be effective if people actually used them.

However, as you pass by the smoking area on your way to CAS, the smoke plumes out of the pavilion filling the lungs of those who go by. Some people have commented that it seems as if there are more smokers this year. Maybe there are just a few more disrespectful smokers this year.

Why do people break these simple rules about smoking? If they aren't working, we need to reexamine them or strictly enforce the laws we do have so people have to follow them. I think that with some of the ruder smokers, it is the belief that they are only one person and that they can break the rules.

There are plenty of students smokers who do the right thing by following the rules on campus. I respect the fact that people that want to smoke can smoke and shouldn't have to go too far out of their way to do so. It is the crimes of a few that cause trouble for many of the smokers on campus.

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live like the Italians

When studying Florence, you the have ability to observe brace the culture around

you in the Kelleigh Welch hopes that Lessons From Abroad

by the time you leave, you can be savvy enough to walk the streets like a local. Of course, I mean that instead of looking like the lost tourist, reading your map upside down as you experience near accidents by crossing the street before looking, you are able to walk with your head held high, confident with what you are

One of the major ways to stand out as an American is in your actions during your experiences with the night life in the city. In America, especially in college, a typical Friday night consists of pregamming in your room, followed by going to a bar or party, then returning home at 2 or 3 in the morning, drunkenly shouting in the streets, prepared to accept the fact that your hangover will be awful in the morning.

However, in Europe, no one drinks for the sake of being drunk. In Florence, many of the bars in the major tourist areas are catered specifically to Americans. They offer deals to pay in American dollars instead of Euros from 6 to 10 p.m., or offer you five mystery shots

for five Euros (smart). You are also guaranteed to find the skeeziest Italian men at these places.

But if you take the time to explore beyond these tourist traps, you discover that bars are not meant to be places where you forget your night, but instead to sit and relax and share a conversation with a friend over one or two drinks. You notice that no one is overly drunk, no one is stumbling, and that they are just enjoying each other's company. It's obvious how as Americans we get such a reputation of being loud and ob-noxious simply because we do not know how to properly act in a bar, I've experienced this firsthand, as I live across from a touristy club where many American students pour out and shout in the streets at 3 am.

The same idea of not using alcohol as a means of inebriation goes for wine. Italy, especially the Tuscan region, is famous for its wine, however, it is meant to be drank as a delicacy that is to be savored. During one of our weekends here in Italy, the school provided a free trip to



COURTESY KELLEIGH WELCH

Kelleigh Welch poses with fellow senior Benjamin Lefebvre in front of Mount Vesuvius. Below, a view of

Chianti to visit a winery and taste a few wines with a light

Being there allowed me to appreciate the work that goes behind creating these wines, and it showed me that wine is meant to be respected as an art form instead of simply used as a method to get wasted."

I learned how wine is made, stored and how various flavors could be created based on time and ingredients. Beyond that, I learned how to properly taste wine, and how to appreciate its bold flavors.

My suggestion to anyone planning on visiting Florence, or any European city in general, is to spend the extra

money on a good bottle of wine, and savor it over time, instead of using it to get drunk. This is how the locals live, and if you plan on being culturally open, you should do as the locals do.

All I can say now is, "When in Rome...."



Couple of the Moment:

Samantha Brennan and DJ Sevigny

Reporting by: Lorin Richardson

Sam:

DJ:

How did the two of you meet? We met about a year ago at some rugby party. She literally ran into me, then we started talking, and the rest is history.

What is your favorite thing to do together? We always love going into Newport to do different things there. Whether it's the cliff walk, going out to eat at a nice resturant, or just going to Ben and Jerry's and getting one big waffle cone with chocolate brownie and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream, we always have fun. Sometimes, ordering dinner to our

rooms and eating together while watching a movie is something we love to do, too. What is her favorite music group? (no

Sam loves the Jonas Brothers, Dropkick Murphys, Eric Clapton and Billy Joel. Its funny, because she always makes fun of me for growing up on Long Island, but she loves Billy Joel, who grew up on Long Island too.

Do you fight? If so, how do you resolve it?

We get into little arguments every once in a while, but within about two hours, we make up. Instead of always arguing about stupid stuff, we just talk it out, and that works out much better. That's probably why we never really get into huge ar-

What is the sweetest thing she has ever done for

This past summer, when I went up to her house for a couple of days, Sam completely cleaned out her older brother's room, put an air conditioner in the room, made the bed, cleaned the rest of the house and went grocery shopping. She even got me a bottle of aloe too, because I was sunburned. I couldnt believe she did so much work for me so that I would feel

How did the two of you meet? We met at a rugby party. I'd seen him before in the Commons and thought he was so cute, so I kind of ran into him on purpose so he'd turn around and

talk to me. (I know it's kind of embarrassing). Then we got to talking and went back to my room. We ended up talking and getting close until really early in the morning and right before he left he asked for my number. Then he called me the next day.
What is your favorite thing to do together?

We love going into Newport and going to the beach (even in the winter). We're both kinda beach bums. We both love getting dressed up and going out to fancy dinners, just the two of us. But on the other hand, we're just big kids. Sometimes on the weekends, when it's cold or rainy, DJ will build a fort in my room out of all my blankets and stuff, and we'll order food and watch movies in the fort all day and just cuddle. What is your favorite TV show?

We love to watch reality-type shows so we can comment on the people. "Intervention" on A&E is a favorite. We also love "Nanny 911, because we talk about when we're parents and how we're going to raise our kids. We watch "Family Guy" a lot too because it's almost always on.

When did you meet?

We met in September of freshman year (last year). But we weren't "official" until November.

What is the sweetest thing he has ever done for you? There are a lot of things that DJ has done for me that would make any girl jealous. But I think the sweetest thing is that he has never given up on me or our relationship. Even when I'm a total brat, he is still patient and amazing (and all our friends can vouch for this). He's so great with my family, too, and he knows that means a lot to me. When he plays with my niece (who is just 9 months old) she just smiles and giggles and that is the sweetest, most touching thing to me.

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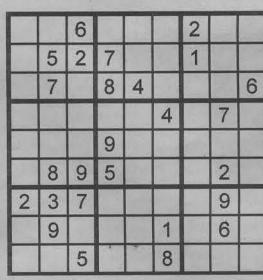
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Wednesday, Sept. 24 @ Gordon College (CCC)

Women's Soccer

Saturday, Sept. 20 @ Curry College (CCC)

Tuesday, Sept. 23 @ Gordon College (CCC)

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, Sept. 20t vs.U. of New England (CCC)

Wednesday, Sept. 24@ Regis College (CCC)

Women's Tennis

Saturday, Sept. 20 vs.Endicott (CCC)

Tuesday, Sept. 23 vs. Salve Regina (CCC)

Men's Tennis

Sunday, Sept. 21 @ Bryant University

Thursday, Sept. 25 @ Williams College

Men's & Women's Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 20 @ UMass Dartmouth

Men's soccer rolls over WIT with balanced attack

Dan DeBlasio Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University men's soccer team won its second consecutive Commonwealth Coast Conference game when it defeated Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston on Saturday.

The Hawks saw a balanced scoring attack in the 3-0 win, with three different

players finding the net off the foot of two different midfielders.

RWU's first goal came in the 35th minute when freshman midfielder Archie Moah found a running Liam Isleib who slipped the ball past the keeper for his first ever collegiate goal.

Just under two minutes after the first goal came the second. Again it was Moah who set up the score, getting the ball to

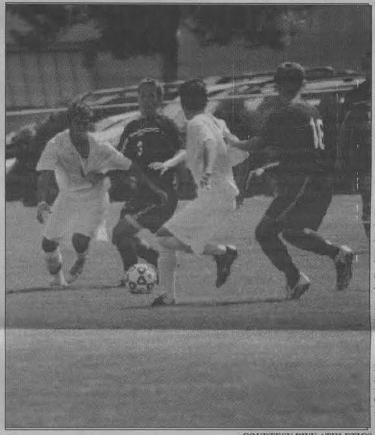
sophomore Winston Smith who was able to capitalize on a shot taken just right of the goal.

The game was put out of reach with about 15 minutes left when sophomore Daniel Hunter received a pass from junior Chris Guerrini and beat the keeper for his first goal of the year

The Hawk defense stymied the Wentworth attack all game long and although the Leopards had twelve shots many of them struggled to find the goal area and the few that did were turned away by sophomore goalkeeper Peter Plate, who had four saves on the day.

Roger Williams, which is now undefeated in conference play at 2-0, improves to 3-1 overall and will be back in action Wednesday when they head to Endicott college for a

The Hawks eased past WIT 3-0 for their second consecutive CCC win. 7 p.m. game.



COURTESY RWU ATHLETICS

News & Notes

Congratulations to the sailing team, ranked second nationally. Check future issues for further stories.

The Roger Williams University Women's Tennis team recorded two dominating wins over Commonwealth Coast Conference opponents when they defeated Wentworth Institute of Technology 8-1 on Thursday, and Western New England College 7-2 on Saturday.

Leading the Hawks was Sophomore Leah Ribchinsky who was a combined 4-0 in the #1 singles and #1 doubles bracket, where she teamed up with fellow Sophomore Lily Osowski.

Freshman Amanda Wolfe and Caitlin Osepchuk notched their first collegiate wins against the Leopards of WIT with victories in both the singles and doubles brackets.

The Hawks, now 2-1 (2-0 CCC), will take the courts again when they travel to CCC opponent Nichols College on Wednesday.

Match Results

Western New England College v.s. Roger Williams

Singles competition:

1. Leah Ribchinsky (RWU) def. Kristen Ayers (WNEC) 6-3, 6-2

Nicole DeSimone (WNEC) def. Lily Osowski (RWU) 6-2, 6-2
 Katie Wilmes (RWU) def. Nicole Freed (WNEC) 6-2, 6-2

4. Amanda Wolfe (RWU) def. Kelly Murname (WNEC) 6-4, 6-1

5. Katelin Richard (RWU) def. Christina Barbarisi (WNEC) 6-2, 6-2

Caitlin Osepchuk (RWU) def. Colleen Swan (WNEC) 6-2, 6-1
 Doubles competition:

Lily Osowski/Leah Ribchinsky (RWU) def. Kristen Ayers/Nicole DeSimone (WNEC) 9-7

2. Nicole Freed/Kelly Murname (WNEC) def. Katie Wilmes/Caitlin Osepchuk (RWU) 8-3

3. Kristin Dono/Amanda Wolfe (RWU) def. Colleen Swan/Victoria Pratt (WNEC) 8-3



Women's soccer wins opening conference game with 3-0 shutout

Dan DeBlasio **Sports Editor**

It was Freshman Katie Fusaro who was the difference in the RWU women's soccer game against Wentworth Institute of Technology Saturday, scoring all three goals and leading the Hawks to their first conference win of the season.

Fusaro kicked off her scoring early on in the tenth minute when she stepped in front of a Leopards goal kick just to the right of the goal. She went one on one with WIT keeper Katherine Mathews beating her and putting RWU up early.

Roger Williams was able to take advantage of a red card foul in the fiftieth minute which forced the Leopards to finish out the game with only 10 players. Just three minutes after the given advantage Fusaro hooked up with Senior Kristen O'Gorman finding the net once again.

The game was put out of reach when Fusaro notched her third of the day with just over 5 minutes remaining in the match, she now has four goals on the young season.

Junior goalkeeper Jen Garside has continued her strong play between the posts recording her third shutout in as many games, needing four saves to keep the Leopards of the board.

Roger Williams moves to 3-1 (1-0 CCC) and hopes to improve that mark when they travel to take Endicott Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.



COURTESY RWU ATHLETICS Freshman forward Katie Fusaro scored three goals in the Hawks win over Wentworth Institute of Technology

Volleyball Splits CCC Opener

Hawks fall to Colby Sawyer in second match

Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University women's volleyball team began competition in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Saturday playing two matches against Western New England College and Colby Sawyer College.

The Hawks took the first game from WNEC 3-2, but fell to Colby Sawyer in the second match 0-3, settling for a split on the day.

RWU was trailing early on in their first game losing the first two matches to the Golden Bears 25-21 and 25-15. The Hawks regrouped in the third game though, improving their play and recording a 25-17 win. After this game the momentum shifted RWU's way and they were able to roll over WNEC taking the next two games 25-14 and 15-9.

Junior Kirsten Bosworth tied her season high in assists with 38 while Freshman Michaela Ross had 11 total kills. In ten matchups now with the Golden Bears Roger Williams remains a perfect 10-

Colby Sawyer, who also beat WNEC 3-1 on the day, handled the Hawks in their second match of the day in three straight sets. The matches were all closely contested with scores of 25-20, 25-23, and 25-19, but RWU could not pull any wins.

Sophomore Brittney Sullivan and Sophomore Rebekah Dion had nine and seven kills respectively. Bosworth added to her assists total with 27.

The Hawks (8-3, 1-1) will hit the hardwood again when they travel to Connecticut College.

NFL season off and running, but who knows what to expect

Dan Malkin **Herald Staff**

Six months after the New York Giants pulled off the greatest upset in NFL history, the 2008 season began with a bang following two exciting weeks of football action.

The New England Patriots started life without Tom Brady and won their first game with Matt Cassel at the helm. Cassel was proficient in managing the offense in his first NFL start and led the Pats over Broadway Brett and the Jets, 19-10 this weekend.

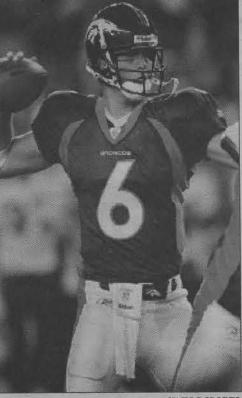
We have just completed Week 2 of the NFL season, but football fans across America are already becoming ecstatic for what is bound to be a unique and peculiar season. The Cleveland Browns, San Diego Chargers, Jacksonville Jaguars and Minnesota Vikings all came into this season as potential favorites to run the table in their respective divisions. They have all started 0-2, while underdog teams such as the Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, Carolina Panthers, and Arizona Cardinals are off to good starts at 2-0. Though it is still early in the season, it will be interesting to see what occurs over the next few weeks.

One of the most exciting and compelling games this past week was the matchup between the San Diego Chargers and the Denver Broncos.

Trailing 38-31, the Broncos drove down the field where they found themselves on the 1-yard line. On second down quarterback Jay Cutler received the snap, faded back and looked for an open receiver. The ball slipped out of his hands, landed on the turf and was eventually picked up by the Chargers. The referees called the possession an incomplete pass and would not

Norv allow Turner and the Chargers the opportunity to review the play. Two plays after the fumble, Cutler Eddie Royal for a 4 touchyard down bringing Denver within one point of Diego. The sellout crowd at Mile High Stadium held their breath in anticipation as Mike Shannahan made the gutsy call to go for two. once . Cutler





again hit Royal in the back of the end zone to take the lead and escape with

the win in amazing fashion. After a week of having to deal with Vince Young, his injured right knee and his over-publicized disappearing act, the Titans won their second game of the season with veteran quarterback Kerry Collins behind center.

> The Colts were once again overwhelmed on most Minnesota defense continued to bring the blitz leaving Peyton Manning spending most of his time on the Metrodome turf. However, Manning led the Colts comeback in the fourth where they outscored the Vikes 11-0 and escaped with a big time win.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have now won both of their games, beating the over hyped Cleveland Browns in a disastrous weather YAHOO SPORTS battle. Big Ben

overcame a beat up shoulder and 60 mph winds and delivered a go ahead touchdown pass to Hines Ward.

On the other side of the League, the NFC was far more predictable to start the season. The defending Super Bowl champions played a strong first game against the Washington Redskins and followed up with a dominating win against the St. Louis Rams where they destroyed them on every side of the gridiron.

After the first two weeks of the sides of the ball as season, the Rams have shown they may not even be the best football team in their home state of Missouri and would most likely lose against Chase Daniel and the college football Missouri Tigers. Giants fans should once again be excited about another potential Super Bowl run as Eli is beginning to truly live up to his Manning name.

> The season is underway, beer commercials are seen on a regular basis and fantasy sports leagues have kicked off across the country. Week three looks to be just as exciting, with AP and the Vikes hosting Steve "Catfight" Smith and the Panthers as well as the Bengals traveling to the Meadowlands to get stomped on by the G-

> To all football fans out there, grab a cold one and get excited for the greatest time of the year.