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Party's over: Four Loko faces FDA ban

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

The Student Senate-sponsored forum to discuss a possible campus ban of Four Loko was cancelled Wednesday following an announcement from the drink's manufacturer that it will be removing the caffeine and other stimulants from the drink.

Phusion Projects, makers of Four Loko, reacted to what they called "a difficult and politically-charged regulatory environment," from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which recently announced a mandate to seven manufacturers of caffeinated alcoholic beverage to recall

their products. The FDA is not the first group to speak out against the dangers of Four Loko. Following multiple deaths linked with Four Loko consumption, five states – Michigan, New York, Oklahoma, Utah, and Washington – have banned sales of the drink. Other

states, such as Massachusetts and Rhode Island, say they are considering implementing a ban soon.

Roger Williams University has seen first-hand the risks associated with drinking Four Loko.

This semester, three students have been transported to the

hospital and two high-level behavioral incidents were committed by students who reported that they had been drinking Four Loko, according to Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students and Co-chair of the Alcohol and Other

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JUST DANCE



Mark Fusco

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Dancers go big

Plans for proposed turf field surface

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

The university recently unveiled its proposal and design for the installation of a turf field to replace the current Bayside soccer and lacrosse field.

At a Nov. 11 Student Senate meeting, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, spoke before the Senate and formerly presented the proposal.

"A turf field has lots of benefits," King said. "It helps coaches recruit more competitively, offers a safer playing surface, and has unlimited uses: there is no need to worry about wearing it down. It would be able to be utilized by varsity sports, club teams, intramurals, and for general recreation."

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Photo courtesy of John King

The proposed turf field mock-up.

Reverse plagiarism

Students face risk of having intellectual property stolen by professors

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

A college student's intellectual property is a valuable commodity – just ask the Harvard University students who helped Mark Zuckerberg launch Facebook, but who then had to sue their former dorm-mate to get financial recognition for their contributions.

Though there have not been any cases of alleged plagiarism at Roger Williams University as internationally intriguing as Facebook's founding, students on campus are at similar risk in po-

tentially having their intellectual property stolen.

The current RWU faculty contract does not include distinct language that protects students' intellectual property.

"There just is no reference to student intellectual property in the faculty contract," said Susan Bosco, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor in the School of Business.

The contract does, however, enumerate faculty's rights regarding their research, lesson plans, and other work, saying

that any member of the RWU faculty union "who writes, produces, or creates any work, creation, design, invention, software, or other intellectual property, independent of specific funding and/or resources of the University, shall have exclusive rights thereto, including patent, literary or artistic copyright."

When students participate in faculty research projects, which then get presented at conferences or published in journals,

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TSA chief faces lawmakers on pat-downs, body scans

"The head of the Transportation Security Administration defended his agency's security procedures Wednesday, telling lawmakers it is 'using technology and protocols to stay ahead of the [terrorist] threat and keep you safe.' John Pistole's testimony before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation follows a controversy that broke out over the past week about the agency's full body scans and pat-downs."
-CNN.com

Is 'Harry Potter' leak good for publicity?

"For those of you too busy downloading the entire Beatles catalogue to check out entertainment news, the second-to-last 'Harry Potter' movie debuts Friday. The first 36 minutes of the film are already online, circulating on a number of 'torrent' sites, which help users download sometimes-pirated media files. The leaked chunk of the movie is raising some interesting questions. Among them: Will the film actually do better because a portion of it has been leaked online? One blogger goes further, asking if Warner Bros. Entertainment, which made the film and shares a parent company with CNN, leaked the clip on purpose."
-CNN.com

Germany: Terrorists plan attacks this month

"Germany said on Wednesday it had firm evidence Islamist militants were planning attacks in the next two weeks and ordered increased security at potential targets including train stations and airports. 'The security situation in Germany has become more serious,' Thomas de Maiziere, Germany's top security official, told a news conference. 'We have concrete indications of a series of attacks planned for the end of November.'"
-msnbc.msn.com

MAL earns high honors at conference

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

The Model Arab League (MAL) proved it can walk the walk and talk the talk this past weekend, as it took home a plethora of awards from the conference they attended in Boston.

The Model Arab League, lead by advisor and Assistant Political Science Professor Joseph Roberts, attended a conference held at Northeastern University from Nov. 12-14. The delegation consisted of all Roger Williams University students, who represented the country of Jordan at the conference, alongside 19 other schools, each representing a different middle-eastern country.

"The MAL is a simulation of the League of Arab States," Roberts said. "The conference is focused on issues relating to the Arab States. It is divided up into committees, each with their own set of responsibilities and a list of four broad topics, such as cultural questions, resource questions, economic and political questions ... Every country debates these topics and answers questions."

Their peers and a panel of judges then judge the schools representing the countries. The students with the highest scores at the end of the conference win awards. RWU left the conference with a total of six awards, five of which were individual awards, and



Photo courtesy of Ziad Al-Achkar

Members of the Model Arab League pose after taking home six awards at a recent conference in Boston.

one was a delegation award. All the awards RWU received were the highest awards possible.

"Ziad Al-Achkar and Leatal Laby received outstanding delegate for the council on political affairs, Charles Baeder received an outstanding delegate award for council on Palestinian affairs, Courtney Costello and Lauren Lane received outstanding delegate awards for the Arab cultural summit, and Russell Feely received the outstanding chair award for the council on political affairs. We also received the outstanding delegation award for the entire group," Roberts said.

The League only awards three delegate awards per committee,

two honorable mentions, and one outstanding.

"It's a really great honor," Al-Achkar said. "It goes to show we have a good political science department. We've been constantly winning awards in the past two years, at every conference we've been to - the program is going up, and the political science department is too."

Feely expressed similar sentiments.

"We've taken tremendous strides in the last few years - we've competed at Yale, abroad at Oxford, [England], at Turkey last year ... It's a tremendous accomplishment to be able to say we compete all over the world.

We actually practice bridging the world."

"I've come to expect [great things] from this group," Roberts said. "They're a good, motivated group, and the quality of their work was really noticed. This was only our second time attending MAL; I'm surprised at how many awards we received. Last year we received two individual awards and an honorable mention as a delegation. The fact that we got outstanding delegation is very exciting."

The delegation will be traveling to Nationals in Washington, D.C., at the end of March.

Providence Police, RWU honor alum with scholarship

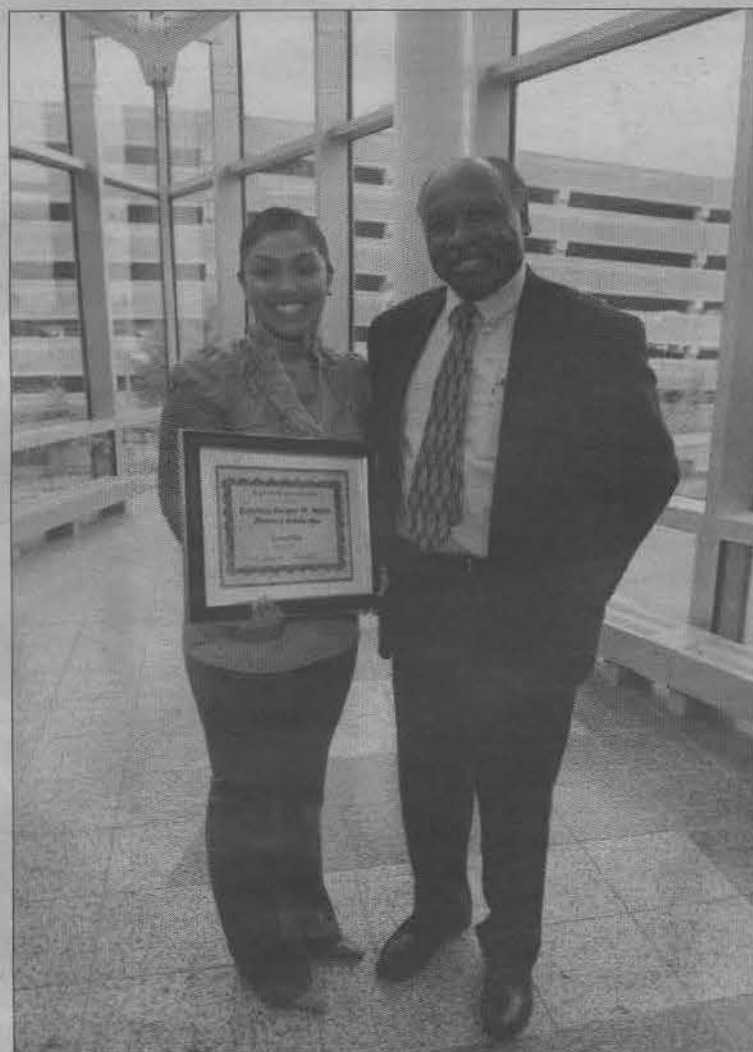


Photo courtesy of Eileen Graham

Yarinet Valle (left), holds her certificate next to George Bolden (right), father of the late Gregory W. Bolden.

Patrolman Gregory W. Bolden remembered

WILL FOLEY | Herald Reporter

The first Patrolman Gregory W. Bolden Memorial Scholarship was awarded during a ceremony at the Providence Police Station late last month.

Yarinet Valle, a first-year Criminal Justice student at RWU, won the award, receiving approximately \$840.

Patrolman Bolden attended Roger Williams University, where he first obtained his Associates Degree, and later, his Bachelor's Degree from the School of Justice Studies.

His whole life was spent battling a rare disease known as Sarcoidosis, which attacks various organs throughout the body. The disease then mutated to Neurosarcoidosis and eventually destroyed Bolden's pituitary gland. He was kept alive for ten years through high doses of prednisone, but eventually the disease won.

His symptoms did not keep him from active duty on the police force, where he was noted as being one of the first police officers to be part of the community po-

licing unit. It was also during this time that he pursued his studies and it was ten days before his death that he graduated with a Master's in Justice Studies.

"Education was his passion," George Bolden said, the father of Patrolman Bolden. "To memorialize him in this fashion is fitting. It's the ultimate tribute."

George remembered his son as being very involved with his community, and as having encouraged the youth of Providence to be proactive about their education.

Reflecting Bolden's passion for education Providence youth, the scholarship is limited to graduates of the Providence Public School System, and the candidate must be a student of the Roger Williams University School of Justice Studies. "Our primary target is for those who are underrepresented and underprivileged," George said.

The Bolden family will also be trying to raise funds from private donors to garner more funds for the endowment scholarship.

FIELD: University to consider turf

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The idea of a turf field has been under consideration since 2005, according to King. The idea was proposed to bring RWU athletes a comparable playing surface to other athletes playing on turf fields in high school and youth programs. The field would also act as a solution to the current grass field's problem of being rendered unusable due to inclement spring weather.

"The feedback to coaches and administrators has always been that we need a turf field," said David Kemmy, Athletic Director. "It's a big disadvantage with recruiting. We've had potential students tell us that they love the campus and school, but aren't coming because there's no turf field."

At the Student Senate meeting, King accompanied his speech with a mock-up image of what the proposed field would look like. He also elaborated on the facts and figures of the field.

The proposed field would have full lighting, a press box, a scoreboard, and would seat 560 people, according to King. The turf would be the same material found in Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass.

"Turf now has a high-tech design," Kemmy said. "The fields are built to withstand a 100-year storm."

Building costs for new turf field would cost the university about \$2.15 million dollars, King said.

"The money for the project, if approved, will come from several sources, including already completed fundraising, institutional funds, and fundraising to be continued," King said.

One potential source of funds is Student Senate. At the meeting, King asked Student Senate for their support in backing the project and if they would be willing to fund the \$230-240,000 total that the lights, including installation and labor, would cost.

"Sometimes, institutions help pay for projects by raising the student activity fee," King said, in response to his asking Senate for money. "We would prefer not to do that."

"University decision making would definitely be influenced positively if Student Senate decided to fund some of the costs involved in the project," King said.

About \$500,000 of the cost has already been fundraised by athletics, according to King. If the field is not approved, the raised funds will remain in the Field Replacement account, according to Kemmy.

"If the field is not passed [this year], we'll keep trying as much as we possibly can, because the

need is definitely great," said Kemmy. "We are at a distinct disadvantage without a turf field."

The \$2.15 million also includes the cost of improvements to current facilities, such as replacing the baseball field backstop, installing foul ball poles and netting along the first base line, and replacing the present fence so that it is the same as the fence that would be around the proposed turf field.

The approximated cost represents fall 2010 pricing.

If the proposed field receives the go-ahead from the Board of Trustees, production on and installation of the field will begin immediately after the 2011 Commencement ceremony. The field would be completed before the first scheduled fall soccer matches in August, according to King.

The field proposal and finances will be discussed by the appropriations committee at a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 10.

"The administration is hoping the Board will be able to make a decision at that time," King said.

RWU is the only school in the Commonwealth Coast Conference without a turf field, according to Kemmy.

PROPERTY: Faculty go out of their way to ensure students get credit, alumna says

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nothing obvious in the professors' contract requires them to credit contributing students.

During a recent meeting, the RWU Faculty Senate recognized this potential danger to students and appealed to President Champagne, who tasked the university's general counsel with consulting on the issue, Bosco said.

The General Counsel will look at other universities' intellectual property policies and then relay their findings back to the Faculty Senate, who will then propose further action back to the administration, said Laura de Abruna, Executive Vice President and Provost.

At RWU, students are most often potentially vulnerable to plagiarism when contributing to their professors' research projects. But according to some professors, students in the collaborative research setting almost always get credit for the work that they contribute.

"Generally with most people, there's not much to it: it's pretty clear who deserves authorship based upon the contributions that they've made," said Sean Colin, Associate Professor of Marine Biology and Environmental Science. "Students that I've worked with from my own experience have a pretty important role in getting things published, so there's no doubt about their deserving authorship on the paper."

Colin said that his policy was to be as generous to his student researchers as possible. "A main part of our role in doing research with students is for us to help them with their career, and getting in publications is an

excellent way to help them career wise. That's why they get involved with the research in the first place," Colin said.

Alumna Charlotte Whitefield, a former student of Colin's, with whom she worked on research studies that were ultimately published in scientific journals, said that she was always given fair credit for her work.

"He was very, very good and when I was there, all of the faculty did that. I have never heard of a single issue in the science department where the faculty was not putting their students first," Whitefield said.

RWU's science faculty is rare among other universities' faculty in their willingness to ensure that their students' work is properly credited, Whitefield said.

"Unfortunately, as I've moved on to grad school, I've seen that other institutions do not run that way," Whitefield said. "Basically, it tends to be that if you are an author, it depends on how much work that you've done and where the money comes from. There's no fine line on authorship in science."

In the business school, faculty who are leading research projects aim to give students valuable experience presenting at conferences, Bosco said.

"We try to have them present whenever we can. We put in for these faculty student research grants that come out of the provost's office so the students can come and get funded to do their presentations," Bosco said.

"I just feel that if a student is doing work, he or she should be credited appropriately," Bosco said.



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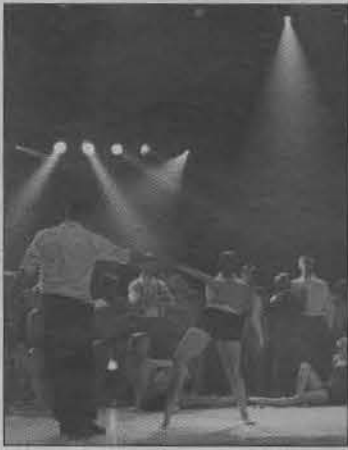
CORRECTION

The Hawks' Herald was contacted by Olivia Worden regarding the article "Olivia Worden, Poet" by Christina Berlinguet, which ran in the Nov. 11 issue. Worden informed The Hawks' Herald of the following corrections pertaining to the article:

- Worden had two poems published in literary journals, *Dark Phrases* and *The Looking Glass*.
- Her chapbook was a self-titled collection of her poems.
- The poetry program she ran at Sarah Lawrence College was "Too Verbose for your Mom."
- The film she worked on was "One Fast Move or I'm Gone: Kerouac's Big Sur."

She wrote the International Student Newsletter for Admissions.

Dancers keep it 'classy and fabulous'



Mark Fusco

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

Students and family members packed into the field house Wednesday night for the Roger Williams University Dance Club's annual Fall dance show. Student dancers performed pieces from a wide variety of genres from tap to hip-hop.

The show is highly anticipated every year and always well attended. "We sell out every year," said Dance Club member, Liz Ritchie. The room was once again packed this year, appearing to have filled the 730-person capacity seating area.

This popularity is not new to Ritchie, though, who is a junior and has been a part of Dance Club since her freshman year. She served as Treasurer last year and is also a choreographer for the show. The number that she choreographed this year was a jazz piece called "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

"Jazz is my favorite style and I wanted something sexy. As Coco Chanel said, 'A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous,'" Ritchie said.

One of the reasons that the dance show is always such a success may be that it is put together by a lot of students who are no strangers to the art of dance. Many of the choreographers have been dancing for their entire lives.

Choreographer Jane Leary has been dancing since she was two, so it may come as no surprise that she is also a dance major at RWU. Leary is yet another junior who has been involved with Dance Club since her first semester at college. However, this was her first dance show in which she choreographed a dance by herself.

Her tough-provoking piece, titled "Barriers," was performed to "Hallelujah," by the Vitamin String Quartet. It was one of the numbers that slowed down and broke up the fast-paced hip-hop numbers, though Leary was in two hip-hop numbers herself.

"I love doing the hip-hop dances because you can tell the crowd gets just as excited about it as you are, and that's sort of the point, isn't it?" Leary said.

The crowd certainly let out a lot of hoots and hollers for numbers like this, such as "Shooter," choreographed by Kristyn Wajsgas.

Another upbeat, dance was, "Say Hey!" choreographed by roommates Jill McDiarmid and Amie Mauro. McDiarmid is another dancer who has been working on her craft since age two, and Mauro has been dancing since she was four. These sophomores have also been a part of Dance Club since their freshman year and this was the second number that they worked

on together.

Last year, they danced to country music, and this year, they certainly mixed it up by choosing a Michael Franti song.

"We chose the song this semester because we wanted something upbeat that will make people smile and I promise that after you see our dance, you will not be able to avoid smiling, or at least I won't! It is a super fun and upbeat dance," McDiarmid said. And sure enough, when the song started playing, some of the audience members even started dancing themselves.

McDiarmid and Mauro are proof of the kind of bonds made through Dance Club.

"I love dance club so much. It's one big family," Ritchie said.

"I've met some of my best friends through Dance Club," Leary said.

Through the sometimes stressful preparation that is a part of Dance Club, beautiful things emerge, from friendships to the show itself.

"The reward totally outweighs any of the stress. It is beyond worth it," Mauro said.

"I love Dance Club, the dance show, every dancer, and every person who buys a ticket to see the show!" McDiarmid said.

"On Thursday morning, I will start getting excited about next semester's show."

LOKO: stimulants removed from drink

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Drugs Task Force (AOD).

Earlier this month, the AOD announced its support of a campus-wide ban on Four Loko. The group's recommendation did not reflect a final decision by the university's official alcohol policy-makers, who, up until Wednesday, were deliberating on whether or not to implement a ban. When Phusion Products publicized their recall and reinvention of their flagship drink, administrators reconsidered their potential ban.

"I don't see us banning it. I don't see the need for it. What the product was isn't going to be, so there's no need to ban it," McMahon said.

Although Four Loko may return to liquor stores' shelves with different ingredients, the new version of the drink will pose less of a threat to students' health, McMahon said.

"If they don't put the caffeine in it then a lot of the health risks aren't there," she said.

Before its planners canceled it, the Student Senate Four Loko forum was to be held on Thursday night in the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center and was aimed to give students a chance to get educated by AOD members, like McMahon, on some of the dangers of the drink, as well as to voice their own concerns about the potential ban to administrators.

"We just wanted information to flow back and forth between the students and the administra-



Amanda Newman

Four Lokos may be vanishing from liquor stores' shelves soon.

tion, rather than just the administration giving out their lecture and then everyone being like, 'Alright, well this was another class. This wasn't a conversation,'" said Kay Albers, junior Student Senator, Public Relations Chair, and chief planner of the forum.

After she heard that Four Loko

was going to be recalled, Albers said she decided to cancel the forum.

"We felt as though it would not only be wasting our time, but also the students' time and Donna Darmody's and Dean McMahon's time because it seems like the situation is out of our control now.

It's gone to the federal government," Albers said.

Though she said it was possible some students may turn to an imitation drink in the absence of Four Loko, Albers said she thought not all students would be sad to see the drink gone.

"I know that Four Loko has cre-

ated itself a bad reputation within some circles of friends so that maybe some people won't go out and drink it," Albers said. "But I would hope that people would make the correct decision in the way that they drink alcohol."



Roxie's consignment shop gives pre-worn clothes new life

Darielle Terry | Herald Reporter

It is Friday night and you have nothing to wear. Rather than wearing that top you have already worn a million times, the next alternative is to check your roommate's closet. Hopefully if you are the same size, you will find something that fits and then you are ready for the weekend.

You may have no problem borrowing clothes from your friends, but how would you feel about borrowing clothes from someone you have never met?

"It's like coming into your friend's big closet because there's so many different, unique things," said Roxanne Giusti-Lavoie, owner of Roxie's Consignment Boutique.

Consignment stores allow people to hand in unwanted items so that a consigner can sell the items. If the item is eventually purchased, the store writes the consigner a check for a portion of the sale price.

Roxie's Consignment Boutique is a little different from most consignment stores, though.

"This is very upscale consignment shop," said Vanessa Lawrence, friend of Roxanne and frequent shopper at Roxie's.

Roxie's only carries women's clothing and accessories. Lavoie said she makes sure that every-

thing in the store is of good quality. Most things are pre-owned, but there are some new items in the store as well.

"I don't take clothing any older than two years old unless it's

ing. Unwanted items, that would otherwise sit and collect dust for one person, could be a hidden treasure for another. Shopping at consignment stores keeps unwanted clothes out of landfills

prices are typically better than the prices you would find at a traditional clothing store.

"I've seen 7 [For All Man Kind] jeans for \$250. Come to Roxie's and find them for \$60," Lavoie

The clothing in the store is constantly changing and new items are always being added. Lavoie said she feels as though she has something for everyone, which is tough to do considering that 16 year-old girls shop and 60 year-old women shop in the store.

There are other consignment shops in Bristol and in the surrounding area, but none of them are quiet like Roxie's.

"I have seen every consignment shop come and go in this town and every time they would come and go I would say, 'I know that I can do this, I know that I could get good clothes in,'" Lavoie said. "They don't know what the customers are looking for. They're taking things that are outdated, ugly and worn."

Appointments are required for consigners to sell items in Roxie's. Lavoie evaluates each item based on what she thinks the customers are looking for. Part of the contract with the consigners is that every item has to be clean and in good condition.

Still skeptical about wearing someone else's clothing? Lavoie thinks about it this way:

"You go to the mall and you try things on and they've already been tried on. I have people come here all the time saying 'I just left the mall, I can't find anything.' So they come here."



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something really classic. I want something fun, funky, nothing old-fashioned," Lavoie said.

The store carries clothing from Express, Gap, Bebe, Arden B, Ann Taylor, and a variety of high-end jeans manufacturers.

Besides that it saves customers money, shopping at consignment stores is good for the environment. Consignment stores are all about recycling and reus-

and provides a way to actually get a return out of the clothes that you no longer want.

"Recycle and save. I'm into that, reusing things, saving on things and saving money," Lavoie said.

At Roxie's, the consigner keeps 40-percent of the final sale, which is a return on an item that a consumer normally would not get. The prices of clothing in Roxie's varies per item, but the

said.

Lavoie said she prides herself on the quality of the items in her store. She likes having a fun selection for her customers to choose from.

"She has so much stuff that you'll come in one week, look around and you might not find something and then your in the next week and they'll be all new stuff," Lawrence said.

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Bristol Yoga Studio moves downtown

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A warm and inviting studio with covered windows for privacy is the new space for Bristol Yoga Studio, which moved to 676 Hope St. on Nov. 1.

"We needed a bigger space, I'm happy to say," co-owner Christine Reed said.

The studio was open for three years at 580 Wood St., where the space "comfortably fit eight or 10 people, mat to mat." That worked fine at first, when they held two classes a day for five days a week for about 50 clients. But soon their database grew to 500 clients and they were attracting more people than they could fit.

"Our space on Wood Street was small, but cozy," co-owner Tracy Cooper Ramos said. She

searched around for another space and found one right downtown, on the corner of Hope and Franklin streets. "Having a greater visibility will help us to reach more people. Our whole goal is to bring yoga to more people."

With many different styles of yoga offered and modified poses for each person's physical capabilities in each class, Ms. Reed said, "You could come for relaxation or come for a workout. Every yoga class is for everyone."

Bristol Yoga Studio holds 18 classes a week, offering a variety of yoga classes and workshops, like yoga for healthy backs, and yoga and writing (this Friday evening). Visit bristolstudiogastudio.com for more information or stop by the studio for a schedule of classes.



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A night of holiday fun downtown

Article Courtesy | Bristol Phoenix

This Friday night, Nov. 19, shop downtown for the holidays. You will support local businesses and double your chances of winning a cash prize.

There are more participants than ever for this year's Holiday Preview by the Downtown Bristol Merchants Association and Bristol Independent Galleries. Forty-five shops, art galleries and local nonprofit organizations are teaming up to provide a fun night of strolling downtown with the family from 5 to 9 p.m.

"In front of each participant will be the tradition of the luminarias, the tradition of lighting the way," said Linda Arruda, an event organizer. "You know when you see a luminaria that is a sign of welcome and hospitality."

The luminaria is a white paper bag holding a lit votive candle. (With about 10 to each participant, it took 350 bags, 350 candles and 200 pounds of kitty litter

to make the luminarias.)

Many of the participants will offer hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and many will be decorated for the holidays. Some stores will offer specials during the Holiday Preview.

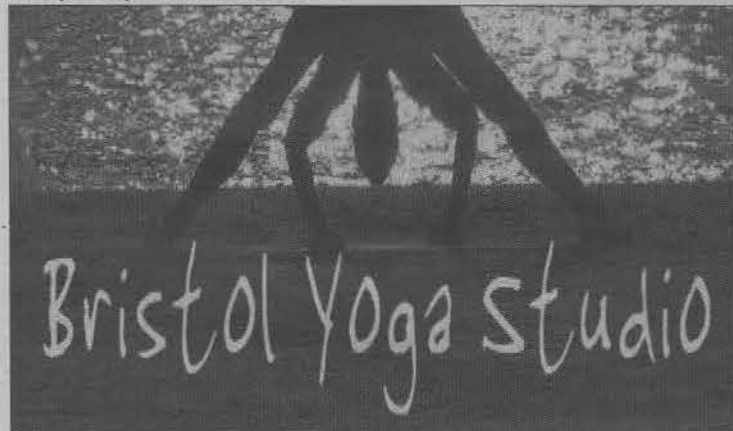
In addition to downtown stores, several art galleries will be open. And some local nonprofit organizations will be on hand to share information and to raise funds to support their missions. Save Bristol Harbor will sell shirts and caps on Loafer's Corner. Colt Andrews School will have a holiday bazaar. The Bristol County Lion's Club will dish up a pasta dinner and dessert from St. Michael's parish hall (see Around Town for details). As a participant, the Bristol Warren Education Foundation will create awareness about the foundation and its mission to support educational excellence in the regional school system.

Although it's not on the map, the Bristol Historical & Preservation Society at 48 Court St. will

be open from 1:15 to 9 p.m. for the Holiday Preview and will offer gifts relating to Bristol history, including books, a DVD and maps. All of the society's displays also will be open.

For just Friday night, every \$25 purchase made at a participating location (shops, art galleries and donations to nonprofit organizations) will earn you two free raffle tickets instead of one for the Snowflake Raffle, a chance to win a \$5,000, \$1,000 or \$500 cash prize. The Snowflake Raffle continues through Sunday, Dec. 19, when the raffle drawing will be held at 5 p.m. on lower State Street. Look for the snowflake in the windows of participating businesses where you will get a free raffle ticket for every \$25 purchase now through Dec. 19.

"It's an evening of shop-hopping and gallery strolling," Ms. Arruda said. And a chance to get an early start on holiday shopping — the week before Black Friday.



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Baskets bring needed goods to needy families



Mark Fusco

A sample basket from this year's Turkey Basket drive.

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | HERALD REPORTER

As students pack up and head home for Thanksgiving break, a select group of students on campus are organizing a collection of baskets for the Bristol community.

Each year, the Student Volunteer Association (SVA) here at Roger Williams University collaborates with other groups and departments on campus to promote and involve themselves in community volunteering and service.

This fall, the SVA has been working nonstop on their annual Turkey Basket Drive. To a new student, this may sound simple and small-scale, but talk to one of the many contributors to this event and the new student would find out that it is exactly the opposite.

Kate Swenson, the Co-President of the SVA, said she feels that this event, no matter the turnout, would be very successful.

This event was created by the SVA as an initiative to give back to not only the RWU community, but to reach farther and give back to the local Bristol families. The Turkey Basket drive will receive baskets from different organizations, clubs, and faculty departments from which they will then be judged and donated to local

families right before Thanksgiving time.

This year, around 60 to 70 groups participated after being contacted through media advertisements. But, as Swenson said, because this is such a big program, many groups, organizations, and departments contacted SVA directly to inquire on how to make a basket for this year's drive. This year, once all of the baskets have been collected, President Dr. Ronald Champagne will judge all of the baskets and determine the winning one based on a set of criteria. Many groups work arduously to not only donate the most creative items, but also to win the bragging rights until next Thanksgiving.

"Our ultimate goal is to receive 75 to 80 turkey baskets this year. I have heard a lot of hype on which group will have the 'winning' basket," Swenson said.

According to the Rhode Island College School of Social Work, as of 2007, a little over 12 percent of the Rhode Island community was living below the poverty line, which makes it difficult to serve a full meal around Thanksgiving and the winter holiday time.

Not only does the SVA promote community involvement around Thanksgiving in the form of these food baskets, but also they strive

to advocate for a better community as Swenson describes:

"Our ultimate goal is to promote philanthropy in daily life, to better our community and society as a whole and to ensure that the basic principles of volunteering don't go unnoticed by the average student."

The SVA works all year long, taking part in a number of service opportunities each month. It works with many groups on campus in order to get its name and message out to the entire student body.

Swenson describes the preparation for the event as a heavy load and at times, very difficult. Swenson said she feels as though this program is a very good example of SVA's push to spread this awareness of service both on campus and in the greater community. Swenson said she knows that for every great service, there comes a great deal of work.

"To truly be selfless involves giving something that you yourself are in need of. This true selflessness involves a sacrifice, and sacrifice never comes easily."

For students in the know, maintenance requests satisfy

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | HERALD REPORTER

Here at Roger Williams University, the maintenance staff works diligently to provide the best living conditions and environment for students, but when something goes wrong in a room or hallway on campus, sometimes it is up to the residents to make the staff aware of the problem.

Manager of Residential Facilities Cliff McGovern fields many of the requests that arrive in his office and said he feels that the maintenance request process is very valuable for students and can be very helpful.

"I don't think that the students abuse this service at all," McGovern said. He said he feels that students report problems in their halls when they arise, and that the reports are not just to fix unimportant damages.

With the changing of the seasons, McGovern said he finds that the most common requests placed are furniture changes and fixing heating and air conditioning problems. McGovern said he feels that this simply happens because of the drastic hot and cold Rhode Island temperature changes.

"We prioritize room damage using common sense, broken glass comes before dust, and anything that may cause danger we try and get to fast," McGovern said.

While some may feel that the maintenance request process takes longer than hoped for, many first-year students say they

have seen the request process to be very efficient and productive.

Freshman Crispin Trubiano said he felt that his requested maintenance was dealt with very fast and efficiently.

"We had a problem with our shower head and within two days after putting in the request form online, the problem in the bathroom was fixed," Trubiano said.

Freshmen Nicole Burger had a similar experience to Trubiano, saying that she had put in an order online and was surprised by the timeliness on the response.

"I placed a request online and within a day or two, my air conditioning system was fixed," Burger said.

McGovern said that most maintenance requests are fixed or at least addressed within a day or two.

Many first year students said that they gained the information on how to place a maintenance request from their RA. Some students, though, said that they felt that because they haven't had to place a work order, they do not know how to place a request.

"I haven't needed to place a request online, so I don't really know how to place one. Also, no one has taught me how to do one," said Christina Duquette, a sophomore. She did say that she knew that if something was broken or not working properly that this service was available to her.

The Facilities Department commits itself to addressing the needs of the students and therefore,

employs about 17 staff members that are specifically designated to the resident halls. Along with this staff, McGovern has many staff members who work for facilities who are in charge of general campus fixes.

To place a maintenance request, students can log onto rwu.edu and click on the "About Us" tab at the top of the page. From there, students will find a link to administrations and offices. Students can click on the "Facilities" link from a list of the offices on campus. On the facilities page, students will see an option for the "Work Order System." On this screen, students will be able to describe their issue and plug in their residential living area.

Something to remember is that when the system asks for a password, students should use 'password' instead of their myRWU password.

McGovern said he feels that this system should be used for both issues inside of a room and also common room damages. For common room damages, only one request is needed. McGovern said he understands that things break and issues arise, which is why he encourages students to become familiar with this system so that they can use it when needed.

"Students should submit issues and requests as soon as [they] can. There is a great staff at Residence Life and Facilities ready to help."



Jeremy King

Workers perform maintenance on the roof of the CAS building.

Serving up hope at the Bristol Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen

NICHOLAS TOME | COPY EDITOR

Bristol Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen provides hot, healthy meals daily and its food pantry provides grocery bags to residents in the community in need. In addition, it offers many other services, and continues to create programs that address the needs of the community.

Bristol Good Neighbors (BGN) is located at 378 Hope Street across from Leo's Ristorante and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As an organization, it has been serving lunch and dinner year-round since 1990. Over the past year, its food pantry has seen over a 50 percent increase in the services provided.

"During the holidays, BGN will

provide over 170 food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need," said Ann Wiard, director of BGN. "Along with food, we operate an Adopt-A-Family program: community members will purchase clothing and toys for children in the East Bay. The goal of BGN is to provide food not just during the holidays, but year-round."

It must be noted that BGN has only one paid staff member, so volunteers are crucial, Wiard said. Volunteers help cook the meals, distribute clothing and hygiene products, and help to ensure that the clients have a nurturing environment.

"We have to balance our clients' needs with the resources that the community can provide," Wiard

said. "This includes overseeing volunteers, writing, and searching out funds, and providing a safe and caring environment."

There is much to oversee on a daily basis for Wiard and for the volunteers of BGN. To be able to provide the services that BGN provides on a daily basis, it requires much time and energy.

"At the same time, I have been given the opportunity to become acquainted with our clients and have essentially learned from them," Wiard said. It is greatly encouraged for students at RWU to volunteer, do food drives, or collect clothing, and hygiene products. In terms of personal attributes, a positive attitude and an open mind are expected from those who wish to volunteer.

"Over the current semester, we have had several students volunteer and we currently have one intern, Clair Daniels," Wiard said. The students that volunteer have not only helped with daily tasks, but have also brought a positive attitude.

"We have a long-standing relationship with Roger Williams University and their students; it has been a very uplifting relationship for our clients," Wiard said. "We hope to continue this relationship in the future and Roger Williams's students are always welcome to come down and volunteer."

What essentially makes BGN special is that it is not only a soup kitchen, but also a food pantry that never turns away someone empty-handed.

What are you thankful for?



Jaron Davie

I'm thankful for the the view of the bay from the beach.



Rachel Curtis

I'm thankful for the Starbucks on campus. Without it I could not pull all the all-nighters that I do.



Sam Ayer

I'm thankful for the great friends that I have met at Roger Williams University.



Katrina Ferrebee

I'm thankful for dark chocolate, South Park, and the lady who does my nails.



Tonino Coppola

I'm thankful for Call of Duty, Wiz Khalifa and the Jets.



Colleen Ryan

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my good health.

THANKFUL

Editors' favorite recipes

Recipes courtesy of www.allrecipes.com

Sweet Potatoes & Marshmallows

2 (15 ounce) cans sweet potatoes
1/4 cup orange juice
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 pinch salt
1/2 cup margarine
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Place sweet potatoes in a 10x6 inch shallow baking dish and pour orange juice over.
3. In a small bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt; mix together and cut in margarine. Sprinkle over sweet potatoes.
4. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle with marshmallows and broil until browned.



Hearty Vegetarian Stuffing



1 (1 pound) loaf day-old bread, torn into small pieces
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (10.5 ounce) can vegetable broth
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
salt to taste
ground black pepper to taste
1/2 cup wild rice, cooked (optional)
1/4 cup dried cranberries (optional)
1/2 cup fresh mushrooms (optional)
1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)
1/4 cup cubed apples (optional)

1. Mix together the bread, cream of mushroom soup, vegetable broth, water, poultry seasoning, and salt and pepper to taste. Add any or all of the optional ingredients as desired. It will be sticky. Shape into a loaf and wrap in (nonstick, sprayed) foil to bake.
2. Bake for about an hour at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). You can slice it like a meatloaf and serve.

Pumpkin Toffee Cheesecake

Crust:
1 3/4 cups shortbread cookies, crushed
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted

Cheesecake:
3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 (15 ounce) can LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
2/3 cup NESTLE® CARNATION® Evaporated Milk
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup crushed toffee candies

Topping:
1 (8 ounce) container sour cream, at room temperature
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
Caramel ice cream topping (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. For Crust: Combine cookie crumbs and butter in small bowl. Press onto bottom and 1-inch up side of 9-inch springform pan.
3. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes (do not allow to brown). Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes.
4. For Cheesecake: Beat cream cheese and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, cornstarch and cinnamon; beat well. Pour into crust.
5. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until edge is set but center still moves slightly. Remove from oven; top with toffee candy pieces.
6. For Topping: Combine sour cream, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in small bowl; mix well. Spread over warm cheesecake.
7. Bake for 8 minutes. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove side of springform pan. Drizzle with caramel topping before serving.



Hall council acclimates students to college life

NICHOLAS TOMEO | COPY EDITOR

Hall Council provides another means for students to become actively involved in their residence halls.

"It really has students become connected, but ultimately, it gives a sense of ownership as to the programs and events that are happening in the residence hall," said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing.

The primary goal is to get students out of their dorms and to get to know each other, other than just their floor and unit, Montefusco said. Another goal involves supporting other students in their residence hall.

"It offers a place for residents to come and voice any concerns, which is very valuable for me to connect with RAs and to get know the residents in the residence halls, offering ideas that they have and suggesting ways to make the community better," said Laurel Dreher, CORE at Maple Hall.

In every area of most residence halls, Hall Council has representatives who can come and speak for their floor or unit, though everyone is always welcome, Dreher said. Students can become generally involved in Hall Council by living in that residence hall and attending meetings.

"A person can come and be a general member," Dreher said. "However, to become specifically involved, at the beginning of the year, we have elections and people pitch why they want to be on the executive board. They provide specific reasons for their interest in Hall Council before a panel who judges accordingly."

The executive board is comprised of a president, a vice president, a program director, IRHA representatives—who report on

what the individual hall councils are doing—and unit representatives. There is also a position open for a treasurer, though currently, there is not a specific person holding this position.

Each hall council has a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, of which there are currently eight. Throughout the year, hall council hosts a variety of events. Foremost is \$1 grilled cheese, which helps raise money to support students who are doing things in their buildings, such as Mr. RWU, an overarching program co-sponsored with IRHA.

"Each of the hall councils send members to the IRHA meetings to represent what their individual buildings are doing, as well as to get funding and support from IRHA," Dreher said.

There is also hot cocoa & s'mores, a fundraiser that happens every two weeks.

"Recently, we sold apple cider and kettle corn to Maple residents," Dreher said.

In the past, some of the money from this event has been given to a Maple RA who was participating in Mr. RWU. In general, though, most of the proceeds from the fundraiser go into the hall council budget for an event in the spring.

There are also Halloween events, which occurred in Maple, Stonewall, and Willow this past October. Specifically in Maple there even was a scary film. In these three residence halls, there were contests and games, such as mummy wrapping, a costume contest, and a fortuneteller.

Two Thursdays ago, "Thanksgiving cards were made for the Hasbro Children's Hospital," Dreher said. This hospital is located at Brown University in Providence. In addition, a candy cane fundraiser will occur in the



Mark Fusco

Laurel Dreher, CORE of Maple (left) serves burgers, while Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing (center) tends to the grill at the Stonewall Terrace Hall Council Barbeque.

beginning of December, followed by an open-mic night in the middle of the month.

"In the spring, each living area has a barbeque that the Hall Council and the RAs jointly put together," Dreher said. Some of the events at the barbeque include a Dunk Trunk, tie-dye with T-shirts for each specific residence hall, and cotton candy.

"Each spring barbeque is individualized for the hall, trying to show a sense of ownership and pride for the living area," Dreher said. No matter the scale of the events, though, "they are all important because they help to build community throughout

Maple and throughout campus, in general," Dreher said.

However, certain challenges arise for the Hall Council; specifically, in some of the apartment areas, membership is not as high as its members would like to see it.

"There is a lack of enthusiasm by some of the residents when a leadership organization is trying to do good things, and there is no participation," Montefusco said.

Consistent attendance is also a challenge faced by Hall Council. "It is difficult to run programs when the number of those involved is unclear," Dreher said. "No matter the event, with only a

few people doing the planning, there is a greater burden of stress: they have to provide the stability for Hall Council."

However, the rewarding aspects of Hall Council consist in seeing students grow and become more comfortable in a leadership position.

"Students get to know each other and meet new friends," Montefusco said. Furthermore, it helps to build a strong community in the particular residence hall. "My favorite part of it is that it provides leadership opportunities for new students looking to become individuals to become involved on campus," Dreher said.

Feral cats thrive on campus thanks to human help

NICHOLAS TOMEO | COPY EDITOR

Feral cats have always been a unique part of this campus, yet they have always remained rather mysterious.

"There are three black cats and two gray cats. They are mature," said Pam Fournier, an Administrative Assistant. It is unknown where they came from or if they have always been together.

In terms of personality, "they are friendly, but skittish," Fournier said. "If you approach them, they run away, but if you just

stand there, they come to you."

These cats have never attacked anyone, though Pam Fournier said she does not see them that often.

"They travel in a pack, usually together protecting each other, but sometimes they are apart," Fournier said.

Though she enjoys watching the cats, Fournier does not feed them. "We also do not provide the care: Paws Watch does. But if we saw that one was injured or ill, we would of course report it," Fournier

said.

Brenda Brouillette, a Serials Assistant, however, has more to tell regarding the feral cats on campus.

"There are three mostly gray and white cats, one that is black and white, and one that is entirely black."

These are the ones that she specifically feeds, though there are other ones on campus.

"The average lifespan of a feral cat is seven to eight years, though these cats have been around for a longer period of time; they are generally between four and eight years old—or more," Brouillette said.

The black and white cat lets Brenda pet her. "They are hungry—it's sad—but on a Monday morning, when I come in, I have to feed them all. It is an expense, though, that I can meet [feeding the cats]. And I like animals; it reassures me that they are being fed," Brouillette said.

What is specifically recommended by the cats' caretakers is that their food is 9Lives brand canned food and Stop & Shop Champion dry food. The volunteers of this organization try to feed the cats once a day.

In the past, people who have donated cat food have been Barbara Flanders, a cataloger, and Cynthia Chappell, a secretary.

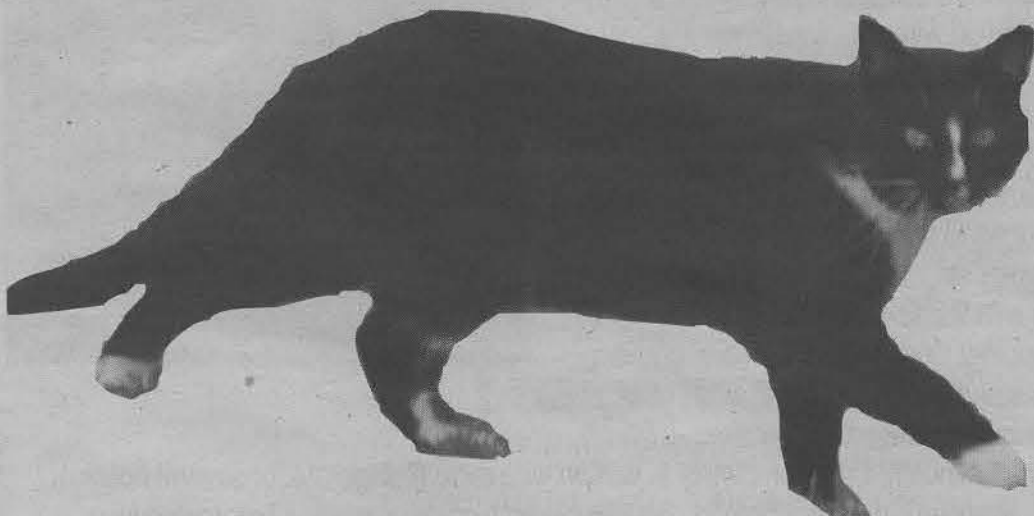
And yet, it is still yet to be explained how these cats came onto campus.

"All these cats have been brought onto campus by students, I would assume," Brouillette said. "They were not previously neutered, so they reproduced, and thus is the needed role that Paws Watch serves."

This beneficent organization has neutered, inoculated, and returned cats to campus." Besides this, Lori Lasendroff and John King, the Vice President of Student Affairs, have collaborated on the placement of shelters and feeding stations around campus.

"Lori Lasendroff comes on her own on the weekends to care for the cats," Brouillette said. However, in the wintertime, the canned food simply freezes, and the cats are out of their shelters, with only a square box for eating and a square box for sleeping.

"They all get along with each other; they have to, for when they go in the shelter, they have to keep each other warm: it is a matter of survival," Brouillette said.



Jeremy King

One of the many feral cats that roam campus.



Last week's puzzle answers

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

After noticing the cover story of the November 11th issue, where the Women's Volleyball and Soccer teams are honored as Conference Champions, I thought it would be best to inform you that the the Women's and Men's Cross Country teams have also won the Conference Championship this year. Both of our teams have been ranked #1 all year and the women have pulled off their 11th consecutive TCCC Championship, while the men have won their 10th consecutive. I am not trying to take away the glory of either of the Volleyball or Women's Soccer teams, however, as a senior captain of the men's team, we too, would

like to be honored for all our hard work. Both Cross Country team's have had their strongest runners and best races this year, however, we do not get recognized. For example, during the Fall Sports Pep Rally, our team was mentioned under the club sports teams, not the varsity teams. In addition to that, we were called up to the stage to be introduced as one team, when clearly, we are two separate teams; just like how the Men's and Women's Soccer team are two different teams. Both the men and women's team have had the #1 finisher, Mitch Leveille and Lily Rutler, in the Conference Championship race and both won the TCCC Runners of the Year award. On the men's team, Jack Ferguson

won the TCCC Rookie of the Year award, while Jon Ellis took the TCCC Senior Scholar Athlete award. Furthermore, Coach Sean Livingston won the TCCC Coach of the Year for both the men's and women's teams. We have all worked very hard to bring home another TCCC Championship to Roger Williams University and usually do not get noticed. The November 11th edition of the Hawk's Herald, once again, proves this and I thought we should mention it to the editor. Thank you for your time. Hopefully, you will take notice of this and take some action.

Brian W. Ki
Roger Williams University

Editor's note:

The Hawks' Herald took Brian's advice and wrote a news story reporting the Men's and Women's Cross Country team's achievements this year. Please see page 16 to read the article.

BERLINGUET: Admin, give us positive, not negative reinforcement

CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter

Believe it or not, the inspiration for this piece came from the popular, yet provocative website, Barstoolsports.com. Username El Pres has recently blogged about how Thomas Dougan, the Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Rhode Island, recently sent out a statement banning the newfound popular alcoholic drink, Four Loko, from its already dry campus. In his commentary, El Pres poses the questions, "So, how does banning things that are legal in the United States help anybody? Like, why do colleges think that they have the right to tell 21-year-old adults what they can and can't do? Is that even constitutional?"

These questions began to get me thinking about the confusion that students of age must feel when America is providing them with one set of rules, and then, their college campus gives them another set of rules to follow. Are college campuses abusing their power, or are they really just trying to ensure the safety of their students?

Last Saturday night, I was with a 22 year-old who happened to crack open her Coors Light smack in the center of Bayside 200s. Within seconds, a Public Safety approached her and nicely asked her to pour out her can. She stared at him for a moment and then with a quizzical look re-

plied, "But I'm 22."

The Public Safety officer quickly responded that this was standard procedure, and that because of Roger William University's open container policy, she could not consume her single can of beer. Without argument, she dumped out her can, and proceeded inside to open another one.

Public Safety may be thinking that they are protecting people's safety with this procedure, yet what's the difference if she drinks inside versus outside? Either way, she is consuming alcohol, which, according to the United States government, is not a problem because she is of legal drinking age.

This raises the question that El Pres previously asked: is it even constitutional for colleges to be able to tell their 21 year-old students that they cannot drink when the law in the rest of America states that they can?

Colleges and universities are supposed to prepare their students for the real world, but what happens when students enter the real world and do not have all these rules that colleges give them regarding drinking? Students at RWU who are 21 years-old and over are only allowed to possess fifteen beers or 1.5 liters of wine or one pint of hard alcohol that is no higher than 80 proof. When these students go home, they are allowed to have

as much alcohol as they would like and when they enter the real world, the same applies.

I understand that the university does not want its students hurting themselves, but I still believe that they are taking more control than necessary. Students need to learn responsibility on their own, and although the university can guide them, they should not use such strict rules to force their students to be responsible.

People of the college age are going to do what they want to do. If America tells people of age that it is okay to drink, then they will, regardless of whether their school tells them that they can or cannot do so. Maybe instead of making up their own rules regarding drinking for of-age students, the university should start supporting programs that condone safe and responsible drinking for of-age students.

Core Danny of the North Campus Residence Hall is working on putting together programs for of-age students that involve teaching students that a glass of wine at dinner is okay, and that drinking is not always associated with getting "wasted." This is a great start, but overall, the university needs to focus more on coexisting with the laws of America so that their students can be prepared to make their own responsible decisions when they enter the "real world."

How to gamble on your grades and earn cash

LEX ARTIANO | Asst. Opinions Editor

Have you ever thought that you should get paid for school? Now, there is a site where you can gamble your money based on your grades.

Ultrinsic.com is a company founded by two roommates from Queens College that came up with this idea as incentive for students to do well in college; hence, the name which comes from "ULterior motivation that produces intrINSIC love of knowledge."

All that an interested students would have to do to win cash for their grades is log into their accounts at the beginning of the semester and choose the courses they are registered for. Thirty-six colleges across the country are now part of it; while Roger Williams University is not part of those thirty-six, there is a possibility that it could be if enough people want it.

The way it works is that students enter in their academic history and the site already has a predetermined difficulty for each class, so they choose an amount to invest and their cash reward will be calculated based on those factors.

The original story is that one of these two roommates was not planning on studying for a test and the other roommate motivated him by saying if he gets an A, he will get \$100 and if he

doesn't, he'll pay \$20. They then realized that this is something that a lot of other students would be interesting in doing. While online gambling is not legal in the United States, "it's a game of skill, not a game of chance," said Steven Wolf, CEO and Co-Founder of Ultrinsic.com.

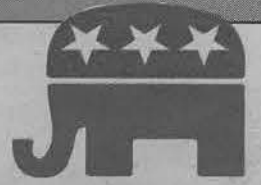
They don't use the word "bet" on the website, but instead, you put down "incentives." The company makes all of its money from students not meeting these incentives. You can also buy insurance for your classes individually or for your whole semester, so that if you get a bad grade or GPA altogether, you get cash instead of losing it.

At the end of each semester, students send in their transcripts and Ultrinsic verifies their grades and credits their accounts. If students sign up during their first semester of their freshmen years, they can win \$2,000 upon graduation if they achieve a 4.0 GPA.

Last year, this program was only available at New York University and University of Pennsylvania and there were 600 users. There are now 36 colleges that are eligible for students to place incentives on their grades.

I know that for me, it would be awesome if I could get a little money at the end of each semester. The downside is that the most you can make your first year of being a member is \$50.

Democrat & Republican:



With Four Loko gone, does RWU still need a ban?



COURTNEY COSTELLO | Herald Contributor

Four Loko as most of us know is a drink containing alcohol, caffeine, guarana and taurine. I personally don't think its effects, how bad it tastes, or what stupid things one can do when under the influence of such a drink are important. People have been mixing alcohol and caffeine for ages now (Irish Coffee, Jager bombs, etc...) and Four Loko's is just a cheaper, faster way of having that type of drink.

Although, none of this matters now that the company, which produces the drink, Phusion Projects, will be removing all of the stimulants from the drink. Even if this seems like a dead issue there is an underlying theme – why should Roger Williams University have the authority to ban such a drink?

It is in the University's mind that making stringent rules to protect the students is a good move. And while I do not agree with this, they are allowed to think this way. Let us be reminded once more that we do go to a private university where rules can be made that do not follow state and local laws (even though most states have begun to ban Four Loko).

As one might argue, people fought for our freedom, and because of that, we should have the freedom to choose what we want to drink. But once we make a housing deposit at this university, we succumb to the rules and regulations of living on campus.

Although, it is necessary for us to make healthy decisions and choices as students ... and isn't that what learning is all about?

There are of course the organizations on campus that have the job to tell us what is good and what is bad for our bodies, like the HAWEs. Also, as incoming freshman we complete

AlcoholEdu to make sure we know how much a 'drink' is and what to do in certain situations. Shouldn't this be enough?

At it stands, most students do not follow the school's alcohol policy. With the certain types of limits on the amount we can keep in our rooms if we are above 21 years-old and of course, the rules on south campus, it just seems unlikely that many would follow these rules. Granted these rules are in place to keep us safe, but do they actually work?

It should be the social responsibility of the students here to either follow the rules and if they chose not to, which most don't, to be responsible about the situation and the consequences.

How many times can college students get alcohol poisoning before their beverage of choice is banned? So what if that drink of choice comes in a wide variety of flavors that packs a caffeine punch that rivals a venti Starbucks coffee, and did I mention that it has 12% alcohol by volume! Seriously folks, what does not sound fun about this beverage? Campuses across the United States have come to love Four Loko, but legislators are rallying against this fine beverage in order to get it banned. Why must the government always interfere with our fun?

Government, especially intrusive governments, love to tell people what is bad for them as opposed to allowing a citizen to reach a rational conclusion. State legislators are pointing to a large quantity of college parties that in



ANDY PLOCICA | Herald Contributor

nights of debauchery to end in the ER. We are! Consumers are rational beings who are able to make intelligent decisions based on their wants and needs. Any intelligent human being who purchases Four Loko realizes what they are getting themselves into, and as such, should approach this amazing beverage with a bit of caution. Just because you have a few Four Lokos because that Econometrics test was ridiculously hard doesn't mean that you should continue drinking after you are already drunk. People drink for a wide variety of reasons. People get blackout drunk because of some slightly more specific reasons. Consumers are the ones at the helm of their evenings, we make decisions because we want to and somehow in our reasoning, we occasionally decide that cracking out the Jose after a few Four Loko is a good idea. Four Loko can be consumed responsibly and still lead to an amazing night of partying.

Who is the government to tell us what we can or cannot drink? We know that smoking cigarettes and cigars can lead to lung cancer, yet we may choose to smoke still. We know that eating rare meat may increase chances of obtaining colon cancer, yet we still eat meat medium rare. We know that Four Loko is a potent alcoholic beverage that might lead to a less than fun trip to the ER, but we drink it anyway! The point is that we are rational beings and are capable of reaching our own conclusions; we do not need the government telling us what drinks are appropriate for consumption or not. Four Loko is a revolutionary product, as it contains positives and negatives for consumers, and as long as we, as intelligent members of society, are aware of these factors, I see no reason to ban it.



No matter what the school policy becomes in the upcoming weeks, one thing is for sure, I am confident my fellow peers will not stop drinking such beverages or anything that contains alcohol and stimulants. All we can do as a student body is to enjoy ourselves in a safe and responsible manner, following the rules or not.

recent weeks have yielded an increasing number of college students riding in an ambulance because of Four Loko. The argument is that the energy that the beverage provides consumers, along with the high alcohol content, creates a perfect storm that often leads to binge drinking and to alcohol poisoning. The government has witnessed our expressed desire to get annihilated on weekends and claim that we don't know well enough to drink Four Loko.

Ladies and gentleman, the intoxicated masses: Four Loko is not evil! Four Loko is not out on some evil scheme to destroy our livers and cause our

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Test the waters before committing



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We have all experienced those weeks when you constantly seem to be waiting by the phone for a call from "him." It is Friday night, you are all dressed up, and you are looking for somewhere to go with a special (or not so special) someone. Yes, it can be agreed that these nights suck, but the duration of such a situation is usually brief.

What about when the situation is reversed? What is the protocol when you do get calls ... calls from more than one person?

As we all know, when someone picks up his or her phone at a party (perhaps the man you're interested in?) there is a slight but instantaneous curiosity of who they might be talking to. We are all human, and it is in our nature to seek information. Whether or not you drive yourself crazy with knowing or not knowing is a whole other topic.

What I am wondering is if you are at a party with someone else, is it okay to simultaneously flirt with others? I do not mean physically flirting with someone else in the room while your date is standing next to you, but flirting or even talking to someone

else via text or even hanging out the next day. Do you spend a lot of time with one specific person, but still wonder about a few others?

This is a slightly difficult situation because no one wants to hurt people's feelings. I must emphasize that I do not condone cheating by any means. If you are in a relationship with someone and are thinking about someone else, that should be a red flag for you to reassess your commitment. I am referring to people in relationship limbo; people who are happy to spend time with someone, but who have not gotten "serious."

I honestly think you could go either way with this issue. On the one hand, you are still technically single. Is it not a good idea to test the waters before you pull yourself off the market? I think it is harmless to flirt with the idea of other potential mates as long as you understand potential consequences. I highly advise against having several faux relationships at once. You run the risk of spreading your emotions too thin and falling apart. Do not overwhelm yourself and get tangled in a web of confusion and awkward situations. Remember, the goal here is not to hurt feelings but to understand where you are going in a potential relationship.

Before continuing to mingle, remember one thing: how would you feel if the person you were spending most of your time with were doing the same thing? The answer to that question will ultimately reveal whether or not you are ready to commit.

Letter to the editor

I am a law student here at RWU and an avid hookah enthusiast. But while I enjoy Hookah on a regular basis, (and encourage it as a cigarette alternative), it should be noted that contrary to the information printed in this article Hookah does contain nic-

otine. Most brands contain about 0.5% nicotine. Please issue a redaction to this article so that those who wish to engage in the activity are not misled.

Thank you,
Caitlin Humphreys

Vettel crowned youngest champion in F1 history

MARK FUSCO | Photo Editor

The 2010 Formula One season came to an emotional end as Red Bull Renault driver driver Sebastian Vettel drove to a commanding victory at Abu Dhabi's Yas Marina circuit.

Vettel is the youngest driver to ever clinch the Formula One driver's championship at only 23-years of age.

The German driver began the race from the pole position after a strong qualifying session on Saturday, and remained unchallenged for most of the race.

"I'm speechless. I don't know what you are supposed to say in these moments, it has been an incredibly tough season for myself and all of us, physically and mentally. We always kept believing in ourselves - no matter what people said," Vettel told formula1.com after the race.

The 2010 season came down to the wire with four drivers in the hunt heading into the final race, something never before seen in Formula One.

Vettel entered the final race of the season in third place for the driver's championship, trailing Ferrari driver Fernando Alonso by 15 points.

Alonso was favored going into the race, only needing a finish of fourth or better to secure his third championship season. However, after failing to pass rookie Renault driver Vitaly Petrov for 40 laps, Alonso watched his championship hopes dwindle from seventh place.

Alonso did not leave Abu Dhabi empty handed, though, winning the DHL Fastest Lap Award for setting the most track records over the course of the season in addition to finishing second overall in the driver's championship.

"It's been an incredible journey with Red Bull and, after all the ups and downs this season, to come here now and win the Championship is unbelievable. Thanks to everyone I have known from the early days in karting and those in my home town of Heppenheim to now, thank you so much," Vettel said.

Vettel's teammate Webber finished third overall.



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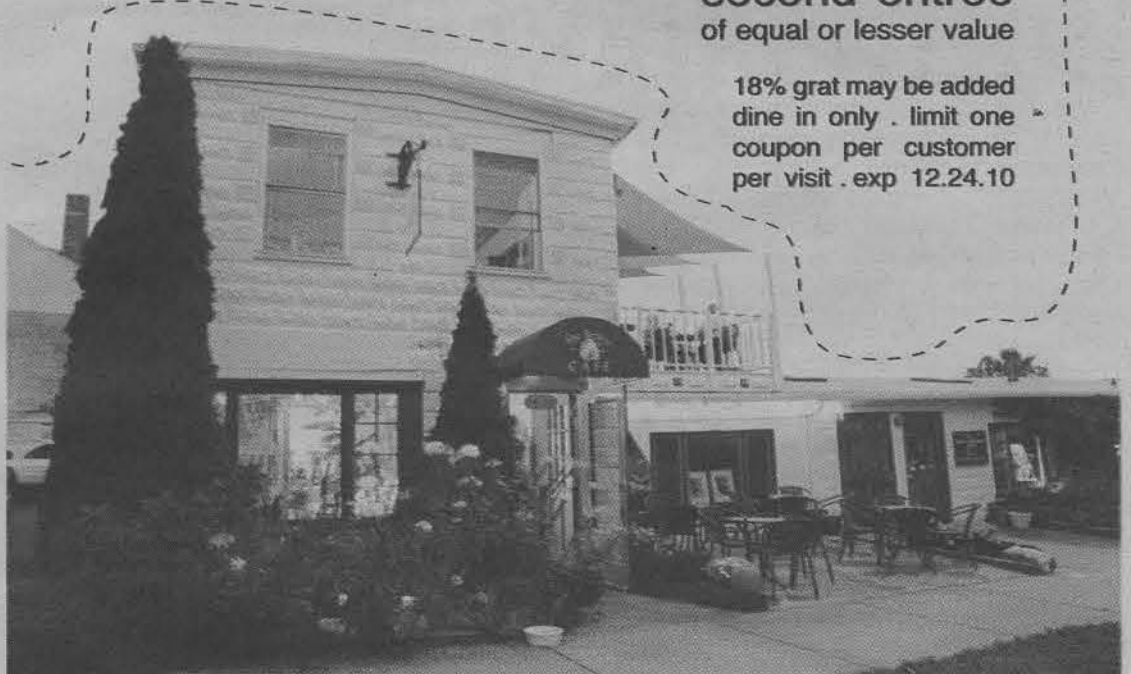
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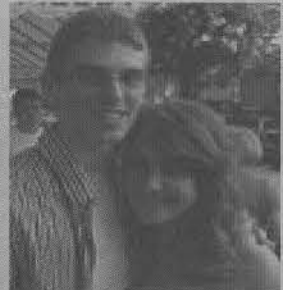
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♥ Megan Kopf is in a relationship with Nate Blinn

How did you guys meet? Comment - Like



NB: Orientation.
MK: We were both orientation advisors and we met this past summer. There's nothing too specific about it.

How long have you been dating?

NB: Officially, it has been almost 2 months. We decided to make it official on Sept 25.

How do you balance your relationship and school?

MK: Um, it's definitely hard, because he's an "archie" and we are both involved with many different things on campus. We eat meals together on Wednesdays and when we are both on duty, we visit each other because we are bored.
NB: We find time for each other.
MK: We make it work.

What is the quirkiest thing about one another that you love?

NB: Probably all the little sayings that she has. The ones that she uses and her friends make fun of her for.
MK: Probably the silly, spontaneous things that he does. They're cute. And the fact that he puts up with all my little sayings.

What was the first movie you saw together in theaters?

NB: The first one that we saw when we were official was The Town.
MK: Other than that the first one, what we saw "together" was Get Him to the Greek at the Orientation extravaganza.



Cash in on Black Friday

KATLYN PROCTOR | Opinions Editor

This year's Black Friday is predicted to see the largest amount of shoppers ever flood malls and shopping centers across the country. With the current state of the economy, there will be record low prices and unbeatable special offers on almost any product imaginable.

With that being said, this is the year to do your shopping when you would normally be sleeping. If you have never gone, you've got to try it. Formulate a plan of action including what stores you definitely want to shop at. This may entail a bit of research to

find out the store hours, special coupons, bargains, and any other information because you will want to be fully prepared.

Keep an eye out for holiday ads because some are not featured until next week. To help get you on the right track, I have listed some of the best places to go this holiday season — places with the best offers, while including their Black Friday hours.

Once you have made a plan, go out prepared and dressed accordingly with the weather. Remember — have fun and be safe!



- Best Buy:**
- Doors open at 5 a.m.
 - Tickets will be handed out two hours prior, 3 a.m., in order to enter the store since it is always so busy

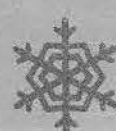


- Wal-Mart:**
- Free shipping on anything ordered online — no minimum purchase amount necessary!
 - Black Friday deals run only from 5 a.m. — 11 a.m.

- Target:**
- Doors open at 4 a.m.
 - Some of the cheapest appliances around, even as low as \$3



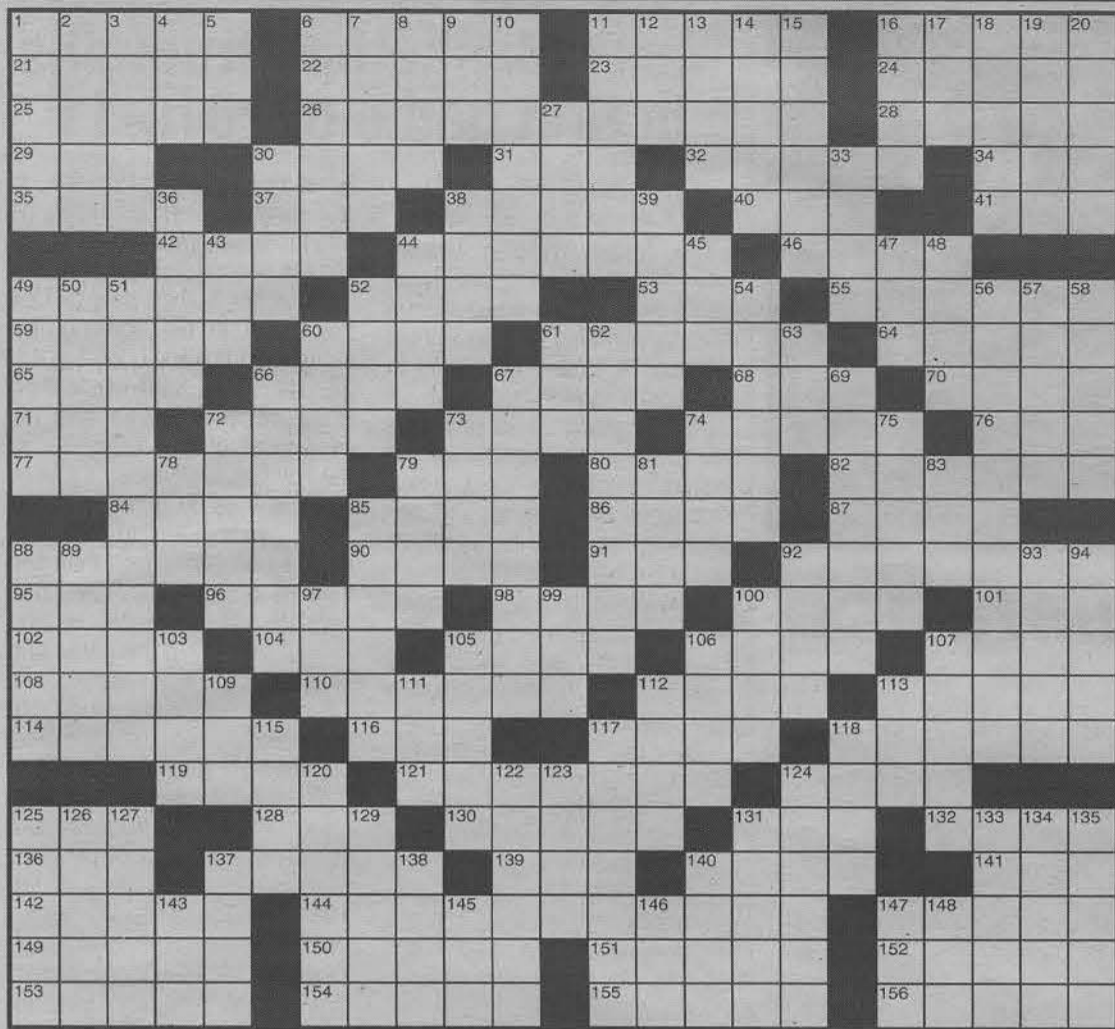
- Kohl's:**
- There are over 400 specials
 - This is one of the longest store sales for Black Friday: 3 a.m. to Saturday afternoon.





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Some good ol' mental exercise



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ASTRO-GRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - If you do very little but expect a whole lot back in return, you're in for a major disappointment. Unfortunately, your rewards will be commensurate to the work you put out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - You'll come off better working with small groups right now, so be careful where you go. Don't inadvertently get yourself involved with large crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - If you're getting together with a group for a specific purpose, you must be careful not to invite anyone who wouldn't naturally fit in, because the wrong type could upset the applecart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Gauge your audience carefully, so that you don't bring up a subject matter you know could be offensive to someone within the group. Be smart enough to keep it under wraps.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - It will be wise in the long run to leave well enough alone when it comes to business or financial situations that are running smoothly at present. Don't take any chances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - If you're not careful, you could allow a shallow person to cloud your judgment of an individual who has done nothing wrong. Be your own person and think for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - It's a case of the body being willing but the spirit being weak that makes you less industrious than you normal. Don't wait until you're totally out of time before you have any get up and go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - This might be one of those days when you'll have your head screwed on backward -- you'll end up catering to the unworthy while doing next to nothing for those who deserve more. Reverse that.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Even if material conditions favor you, it would be a mistake to take your luck for granted. You still have to put forth the necessary effort to take advantage of Dame Fortune's offerings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - The facts are likely to be totally worthless if you're not attentive when information is being given to you to be passed on to others. Be sure to pay attention!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Do not allow yourself to be pushed or tricked into a position in which you must underwrite the spending of an acquaintance who is known for being a bad credit risk. Be strong enough to say no.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Both you and a close friend might hold equally strong positions that are on the opposite sides of the fence. Ask yourself if it is worth it to stand your ground at the expense of losing a pal.



Photo by Nick Almeida

They can go the distance

Men's and Women's Cross Country earn 10th and 11th consecutive TCCC titles

Lauren Tierney | Herald Reporter

Both the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams ran exceptionally strongly through The Commonwealth Coast Conference, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, and National Collegiate Athletic Association this year. The Hawks ran so well, in fact, that the men's team took home the TCCC championship title for the tenth straight year, and the women took home their eleventh-straight title.

Both championship meets were held at Roger Williams University's home course, Colt State Park earlier this month. Sophomores Mitch Leveille and Lily Rutler made notable performances. Leveille took the individual title for the men.

"Mitch Leveille took control of the race at the mile and pulled away for the individual win. He also earned Conference Runner of the Year, and his second All-Conference Award," said TCCC Coach of the Year Sean Livingston. "This was a big win for Mitch,

as I knew it had been one of his goals for the season. He had a rough stretch in the middle of the season, but pulled it together and got it done," Livingston said.

Rutler also took first and was named TCCC runner of the year.

The domination continued for both teams as the ECAC meet was held at Colt State Park later that weekend. The "second seven," which are the seven runners after the team's top seven, competed for both the men's and women's teams. The men took 23rd place, with Henry Loughlin taking 100th place out of 300 runners. The women took 18th with top RWU runner, Samantha Buechner, taking 88th out of 276 runners.

The top seven runners from both the men's and women's teams competed at the NCAA Regional Championships held at Williams College last weekend. The men took 20th place. Leveille had yet another top finish for the RWU runners and took 81st place with a time of 27:30.1, while Jonathan Ellis took 103rd place. The

women snagged 18th place with Rutler in the lead yet again. She came in 84th place with a time of 24:45.8. Kristen St. Pierre wasn't far behind with a personal best time of 25:02.5.

For the seniors, this weekend's competition marks the end of their collegiate running career. They have been a part of four championship teams and were a vital part of the team's continued success.

"I am so proud of the girls and feel lucky to have been apart of the RWU cross country team these past 4 seasons. Sam, Leah and I will miss it each time we put our sneakers on to go for a run," said senior Captain Michele Needham.

"Winning the Conference has gotten to be more challenging every year and we've had some close calls for both teams," Livingston said. "To think that it's now been ten for the men and eleven for the women is quite an accomplishment. Everything has to come together that day. Fortunately for us, it has."

Men's Basketball triumphs in first game of 2010-11

Article courtesy | RWUHawks.com

The Roger Williams University Men's Basketball team came away with a 63-53 victory Monday evening over local rival Johnson & Wales University in the team's season opener.

Despite giving up 25 points on 29 turnovers in the game, the Hawks overcame its possession woes with defense and deft shooting, as RWU hit 54.8% of its shots from the field while holding the Wildcats to a 34.4 shooting percentage in the game. The Hawk bench also contributed heavily in the game, outscoring JWU's reserves 24-5.

The contest opened with a tightly contested battle between both teams, with four lead changes and one tie in the first nine minutes of the game. A layup by James Folk at the 11:28 mark of the first half helped spark a 9-0 Wildcat run, as JWU took a 20-10 lead with under nine minutes to play in the period.

Lamonte Thomas would later drain a three to give the Wildcats its largest lead, a 28-15 advantage with 5:17 to play in the period. From that point, the Hawks would come back strong, storming out on a 12-0 run, capped off

by a trey by Gary Madison, to pull within one and ultimately go into the break trailing by two.

In the second half, a Pat Flanagan jumper helped seal a 13-4 Hawk run in the opening five minutes to put RWU on top 41-34. The Hawk lead would then hover between seven and ten over most of the remainder of the half before Johnson & Wales made it a 46-50 game with just under five minutes to play. Yet a 7-1 Hawk run in less than two minutes brought the Hawk lead back to double digits, as the Hawks closed out the game and held on for the win.

Three Hawks reached double figures in scoring, including Matt Clifford who registered a team-high 16 points with a steal and a pair of rebounds. Corey Fava added 14 points and four assists, while Madison finished with ten and six boards.

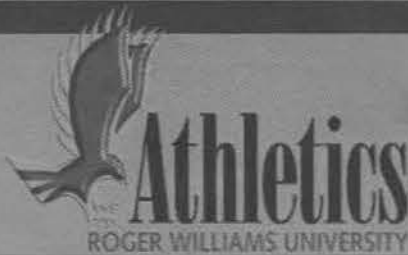
Thomas scored a game-high 25 points for Johnson & Wales, while Calvin Jones added eight points and six rebounds. Louis Ferreras chipped in with eight points and four steals.

Roger Williams (1-0) hosts Medgar Evers College Friday at 6:00 p.m. in its annual RWU/Courtyard by Marriott Classic.



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The Hawks earned victory, 63-53, over Johnson & Wales University in the first game of the season.



Fall sports teams' recent results

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Men's Basketball

11.15.10 | 8:00 p.m.
vs Johnson & Wales University
W 63-53

Men's Cross Country

11.13.10 | 12:00 p.m.
at New England Division III Championships (Hosted By Williams College)
20th / 49

Men's Swimming & Diving

11.13.10 | 1:00 p.m.
vs Clark University
W 184-110

Wrestling

11.13.10 | 10:00 a.m.
vs Roger Williams Invitational
T-2nd / 120 pts.

Women's Basketball

11.16.10 | 7:00 p.m.
vs Wheaton College (Mass.)
W 68-46

Women's Cross Country

11.15.10 | 6:00 p.m.
vs Newbury College
W 78-48

Women's Cross Country

11.13.10 | 12:00 p.m.
at New England Division III Championships (Hosted By Williams College)
18th / 50

Women's Swimming & Diving

11.13.10 | 1:00 p.m.
vs Clark University
L 134-162
11.13.10 | 1:00 p.m.

at Wellesley College

L 103-193

Women's Volleyball

11.12.10 | 12:30 p.m.
vs NCAA Tournament - #3 Coast Guard Academy
L 1-3

Equestrian

11.13.10 | 9:00 a.m.
at UMass-Dartmouth Show (Two Rivers Farm)
2nd / 10

Sailing

11.13.10 | 9:00 a.m.
at ACCs, 37th Fiske-Harriman-Sleigh @ Navy in 420s & FJs (Top 8 from Schell)
8th / 18