First forum addresses RWU student concerns

Timothy Mannion
Editor

Following four separate all campus wide e-mails sent by Vice President of Student Affairs, John King, the turnout at the Student Forum on Oct. I was lacking, to say the least. Only a handful of students showed up to voice their complaints. Regardless of the low numbers of students in attendance, however, King feels that the night was a worthwhile and necessary event.

Despite low student turnout the forum was successful because the executive board of Student Senate was well prepared with questions and concerns they had prepared through interaction with the student body. The student forum concept was developed during an early semester meeting between the members of Student Senate who sent an invitation to King to get the ball rolling.

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Hawks advance to CCC Finals
Shaun Hogan
Herald Staff

The past few days have been some of the most exciting in the history of the Roger Williams University men’s soccer team. On Saturday, October 29, the Hawks scored a 3-0 victory over Anna Maria College. Three days later, on Tuesday November 1, the team soared to a 2-0 victory over Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The victory over Wentworth brought the Leopards six-game winning streak to a screeching halt and raised the Hawk’s 2006 shutout record to 15 out of 20 games. The Hawks, the number one seeded team, will face off in their next CCC semifinals. The Hawks will play Gordon College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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"Thirsty Thursday"

I really wanted to put off writing this column until tomorrow. Mainly because I'm still trying to recover from last week's fine piece (of literature). The initial shock of hearing a professor repeat my reference to a particularly graphic sexual acquaintance out loud in class multiple times still hasn't quite worn off. But it's late on a Wednesday night (technically, Thursday morning) and if this is going to get done, it has to be tonight. Why? Though, why can't I procrastinate far beyond the last minute, it's not like I'm getting a grade or even any kind of credit for this. I'll tell you why, because somewhere within the past four years Thursday became part of the weekend. I don't really know how it happened, but it did. And if I'm going to accomplish anything academic, it has to get done before Thursday night.

Remember when I was in high school I considered Thursday to be "a school night"? I probably went to bed around 11 or 12 at night and woke up at 7 feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the long and winding road of the morning. I probably had to cut a few classes off that Shriners tree before I could even convince myself that I had to go to class. Fast forward 4 years and life is completely different now.

OK, time-out, before I continue, my roommate (who is living in bed behind me watching Animal Planet at 3 AM) just sat up and said "Giraffes cannot be real..." followed by various other expletives in your face as long as you go out for "just like...an hour or two."

2. Because Money Grows on Trees: He man, I don't know if you got the memo, but money grows on trees now. Screw the ATM. I'm just going to go grab a few hundreds off that friggin tree before I head out tonight. With that money maybe I'll be able to buy two drinks just so the bar can close before 1 in the morning. I don't understand how a 30 of Busch Light costs 15 bucks but two shots of Tequila at the bar could pay my tuition for the semester.

3. Yes, Less face it dude. I hate to be the one to break it to you, but you have a drinking problem. And by problem I mean "habit." What can I say, going out on Tuesday is habits forming because its fun! Drinking on a Thursday night and knowing that I have a test the next day is the closest I can come to feeling that rush of drinking underage again. It almost feels illegal, and I think that's part of the allure.

Correction

In last week's "Meg and Ash," information regarding the religious worship was incorrect. The service Sunday evenings is a Catholic mass, not a non-denominational Christian worship service. It is in CAS 162 at 8:00. Also, the name of the Catholic club on campus is the Newman Club, not the Newton Club.

Dear Meg and Ash,

My roommate has very poor hygiene. He rarely showers and has a stench that leaks from our door. No one ever wants to hang out in our room and I sometimes feel like people think it's me that smells since I always am in close proximity to the odor. I get distracted when trying to do work and have to work in the library and I try to make excuses to not be in my room. It's gotten to the point where I only sleep there but my sleep is interrupted by foul odors. Please help me!

-Wretched Room

Dear Wretched,

You need to talk to your roommate. Don't worry about hurting his feelings; it probably hurts him more to know that people ostracize him for his stench. Talk to him about the importance of a daily shower, deodorant and cologne. Be kind yet firm. This is not only affecting you but it is affecting him. If he refuses to clean up his act or just shugs it off, talk to your RA and have them deal with it. Good Luck!!

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-Was It Cheating?

Dear Cheating,

First and foremost, where did you get this information from? Was it someone trustworthy? You absolutely have to confront your guy and allow him to explain his side of the story. If it is the case that he's been going to strip-clubs then there are two options. You can either lay it out on the line and forgive him, or get rid of the relationship altogether. The chances are that if you've only been dating for a few months and he's been going frequently that he's not going to stop. So why stay with him? You don't need someone who isn't willing to make Compromise for your relationship.

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**OP/ED: Movie GuWho?**

Now I'm not one to criticize a person's opinion of something, but when someone tells themselves a movie guru, I would like to think they know a bit about movies. In the most recent copy of *The Hawk's Herald*, this so-called movie guru counted down the best movies to watch on Halloween.

In this list he mentioned 10 movies. The movies he mentioned are not what concern me; it is the movies that went unmentioned. These include *The Shining*, *The Exorcist*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *The Last House on the Left*, *Alien*, *Carrie*, and even *Halloween* if you would like to include it, since it is the best horror movie of all time.

He mentions *Halloween H2O* but fails to mention the original *Halloween*. I also ask, for my own peace of mind, please, please, please don't ever mention *House Frankenstein*, a truly classic that spawned a genre, with *Hiding Again*, it truly is blasphemy.

Having said this, it is just an opinion that the movies I have mentioned are far more deserving of praise than *Halloween H2O*, though I am most definitely not a guru. I'm just a fan of well written, original movies that are well acted.

All this being said... nice job on the pick of *The Birds.*

-Michael Laidlaw

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**Lawrence Otis Graham is...**

**Traci Harris**

**Herald Staff**

Lawyer, lecturer and media commentator Lawrence Otis Graham urged students to fight racism and anti-Semitism by creating "a new generation of Rosa Parks" as a civil discourse lecture last week.

Graham, also known for his account of his experiences as busboy at a Connecticut country club. Member of the Club, is a noted expert on diversity issues.

Graham's lecture was fittingly titled, "Beyond Rosa Parks,'" because Parks passed away earlier in last week.

"What's important at Roger Williams University or any other university is raising the next generation of Rosa Parks; who are going to be out there speaking out against and kind of discrimination or racism or sexism or anti-Semitism, any kind of bigotry whether it's against a group you are a member of, or, you're not a member of is to realize that we all have the ability to stand up to individuals and institutions in the same way Rosa Parks did," stated Graham.

Rosa Parks experienced a blatant form of passive bigotry, by living in a time where blacks had to ride in certain sections of the bus. Graham said that "passive bigotry" is lurking in the shadows.

"It's not as easily identified, it's not the burning cross, it's not the painted swastika, it's not the brick thrown into someone's window, it is a more subtle form of bias that can be just as dangerous in that it keeps us out of certain jobs, it keeps us out of certain neighborhoods, and certain institutions.

Graham came up with his own term, provenience, "I use it to define those qualities that actually make us very similar. People have certain types of things in common with each other, but to find those things they actually have to spend time and engage with them. You have to embrace diversity and then provenience," said Graham.

Graham has had the pleasure of teaching at Fordham University. He has had work published in papers including, The Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, and The Wall Street Journal and has been a commentator on CNBC, WNBC-TV, and CNN.

He graduated from Princeton University then went on to Harvard Law School. He has published 13 books, with another coming out right around the corer.

Graham went into detail about the country clubs being a form of passive bigotry. It was at the country clubs in Greenwich, Connecticut that Graham experienced discrimination because of his race. In an affluent town that consisted of eight country clubs at the time, Graham decided to make up a fake resume and set out for a job. He wanted to see if discrimination was still going on in the 70s.

At many of the clubs he called, Graham talked to people on the phone that said he would be great for the job and to come in. But once he showed up, and they saw his skin color they changed their minds. He was told that the jobs were full or that they didn't remember speaking on the phone.

When he finally got a job because of overt discrimination, he heard members of the club being outwardly racist. It turns out that he got the last laugh though. His story rights have been bought by Denzel Washington and will be made into a motion picture.

Graham ended his speech on the topic of stereotypes, and how the grouping came about.

"And as we approach this whole issue of trying to erase pacifiers of our society, it's our responsibility to try to help others broaden those definitions," Graham said.

"One thing we can all do, whether we plan on going in a career in the law or in business, whatever it is, we all have the ability to change people's views."

Graham ended the lecture telling the audience to think beyond their stereotypes.

"When you think about what you want to do in your careers, it doesn't always have to be tied to your 9 to 5, Monday through Friday careers, you can do this in your own activities, so we all have the ability to change people's views whether it's the most blatant form of bias, or people in the form of passive bias."

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Student Senate Chambers
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**Meetings Open**

To Everyone!
Forum: Students offer their concerns to university leaders

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"We have orders that come in by phone, e-mail, or even the maintenance staff calls it in. These orders get to the supervisors who disperse to the allocated workers. The volume of complaints is up this year. A good week we have around 260 work orders. The top three being plumbing, either clogged sinks or showers, electrical problems and depending on the building we have a lock problem," Goulet said. "But from time to time we get back logged. We have 65 front-line folks doing maintenance, 40 are custodians, 17-19 are working the residence halls, and 10 are supervisors. Most of the time we have 20 guys doing 260 work orders a week."

Faster than the trolley going over a speed bump, Tobin was up front receiving flack about parking and shuttle problems on campus. The first issue at hand was the idea that RWU was looking to change their position about parking in the middle of campus. Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jim Noonan gladly referenced his expertise on the situation.

"We are trying to make RWU a pedestrian friendly campus. We are looking into making the road in front of the Student Union only for emergency vehicles. We will have to add more spaces to make up for the ones lost, but it will solve the pedestrian vs. people problem we have been having lately," Noonan said.

While the parking has been a minor problem these first couple of months the shuttle has been constantly late. Ely Barkett weighed in on the process.

"We have three shuttles running all day and about 1,500 to 1,600 riders per day. We have been in talks with Ripta [bus company] about maybe getting a few more [shuttles]. They will be donating them to the school and a new one could be in as early as next week."

The final portion of forum was concerning life in the residence halls including recycling, details on the new diners, judicical procedures, and the overall maintenance of the buildings.

"Specifically our biggest challenge with recycling is that students throw trash into the blue bins, then we have the janitors going through the bins while they should be going to work on the residence halls," Montefusco exclaimed.

While the recycling plan is well under way on campus, the new washing machines have made a nice dent on cleanliness among the students.

"We don't have the luxury for more machines so we had to be creative and went with energy efficient machines," Montefusco said.

Montefusco also laid out the capabilities of the machines in Cedar, which have the ability to interact with the user while they sit at their desk doing work. Not only will the students be able to check online to see what machines are in use, they will also have an e-mail sent to them when their laundry cycle is finished. From all the statistics gathered, Montefusco claims, "Tuesdays at any time, is a good time to do the laundry, from what we have found."

An additional forum will take place before the end of this semester and there will also be an opportunity for individuals or small groups of students to schedule a 15-minute meeting with President Nirschel about any problems they are having at RWU. Some of topics for future forums include recycling, details on the new dining commons, judicial procedures, and campus master planning.

King concluded that, "the commitment and approachability of the administrators who made themselves available in the evening was self-evident and more comments, concerns and suggestions from our student body will make future forums more successful."
ROTC: Numbers still strong despite Anti-War sentiments

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Lt. Col. Krajewski said despite there being a downward trend on “curiosity seekers” in the 100 and 200 level courses, which have no obligation to the military, the “people who have come into the program know they may be put into harms way, but they accept that and are fired up.”

Paul Kotakis, Chief of the Public Affairs Department at Army Cadet Command, thinks people have been doing a better job of finding those who are successful in the Army ROTC program.

“I believe in recent years we have done a better job in identifying the SCALS (scholar, athlete and leaders), who really identify the program as having great value and are less apt to quit half way through the program.”

With ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the possibility of young officers being deployed into fighting ranks increases. Lt. Col. Dulchinos said about 25% of the officers commissioned in the Patriot Battalion within the past couple of years have been deployed overseas, following completion of the program. It depends on what unit the student decides to go into that will affect how soon you may be deployed. “Out of 14 to 16 cadets, anywhere from 8 to 10 can find themselves deployed in their first tour of duty within the first 3 to 4 years after graduation, based on current operational tempo.” Depending on progress overseas and the Army looking to change their organizational structure, all could lead to a decrease in U.S. forces that will have a “trickle effect” on the number of officers being deployed after graduating.

Kenneth T. Osborne, Dean of Instructional Development and Special Projects for the School of Continuing Studies at Roger Williams, said the battalion has averaged 14 to 16 officers commissioned over the last five years. He expects 2006 and 2007 will produce 13 officers, and 2008 will be a big year with about 18.

Lt. Col. Dulchinos thinks that the local market, which includes factors like the economy, has had more of an effect on their ability to enroll students than national events have. While he may have to “work a little harder to get our message out, there are enough students out there willing to be committed to the program, and it is our challenge to find those kids who want to be committed.”

Students who are committed look beyond getting college paid for and see a potential job in the military.” Lt. Col. Dulchinos said that these are the types of students that keep attrition high. “They consider what is going on in the world and the impact it will have on their lives, and are less apt to quit half way through the program.”

Although Rhode Island is known for its liberal views, which can be linked to anti-war, Rhode Island Army ROTC has seen little effect regarding how they are accepted on campus. Lt. Col. Dulchinos says that even in a liberal state, there is still an overall moral that you should support your troops. On campus there is “a lot of support from the administration by giving the students that want to participate the access to do so. There is no general push to drive us off campuses, like there was in the 60’s.”

Their ROTC program works with the admissions department and registration officers to identify inbound students who are interested in the program rather than going to local high schools.

For support from students for their fellow classmates, George thinks that a lot of people on RWU campus are “clueless” as to what they do.

There are students that “see us walk around in our uniforms and just say ‘ok’, yet there are people who notice, understand, and support the program. Students should realize there is a ROTC program and we are not just doing this for our own health.”

Each year Army ROTC reaches more than 1,000 campuses nationwide, and produces over 60% of the second lieutenants who join active Army, National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve. For over 20 years, Roger Williams University has made ROTC available to its student body.
Who reviewed?

41 students (27 Undergraduate, 1 graduate, 13 alumni)
11 male, 16 female (undergrad)
Average SAT score: 982.9

Students' votes on the traits of campus and faculty

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The “Positive” Reviews:

College was the best experience of my life. I picked a college that was within three hours of where I lived. Just close enough to get home if I had to but far enough away to feel the independence. I truly wish I had studied harder in high school because when I had gotten to college it was a whole other world.

~RWU Female Alumna
Business Management and Construction Major

RWU is a good small school, depending on your major the University is either great or just okay. Although most students are from stead families most are still friendly. Most of the Professors are great to work with. Social life isn’t bad either, Bristol doesn’t have much of a nightlife but RWU is only 20 minutes from Providence. For a smaller city it has quite the club and bar scene.

~RWU Jr Yr Female
Fine Arts - Painting, Sculpture and Photography

The “Negative” Reviews:

I am a professional artist, yes the real thing. I live in NY. NY. Roger Williams is a joke. The Faculty are not real artists, just left over trash from the 70's. No one there has an ounce of skill or talent. Most of the student population consists of immature, rich, pot heads. You will learn nothing here. After I graduated with a 3.9 I went else where and got the education that I needed to make a living 100% from art.

~RWU Female Alumna
Art and Design Department

Roger Williams University is THE worst college in the United States of America! And that's being nice. It costs way too much, there is no academic standard. The professors are dopes, all public safety does is piss you off and are completely incompetent. Pres Nitchel is a greedy money grabbing dope. Don’t go to Roger-Dodger-Day Care!

~RWU 2nd Yr Male
Criminal Justice

From the “How do you get in?” section for prospective students...

“Pay Roy some money. He loves cocktail shrimp and caviar.”

As seen in the Providence Journal:

“As Salve Regina... StudentsReview reviewers, all four of them, gave the school very good grades, ranging from A+ for education to A- for extracurricular activities.

“However, more reviewers isn’t always a good thing, Roger Williams University in Bristol is a case in point: it received two dozen reviews... Overall, the school gets a D+, and lots of accompanying criticism.”

BRYAN ROURKE, Journal Staff Writer
Some students think tarot card readings involve entering a hazy tent, where one can hardly see anything in the dim light. A psychic, her face hidden behind colored scarves, her eyes gazing at you from over the crystal ball in front of her. Take the seat that is waiting, and glance at the tarot cards laid out, realizing that the cards can reveal anything you desire to know.

But if you had attended the psychic readings in the Student Union last Friday, you would have found out that a tarot card reading does not happen like that at all. Instead students walked into a makeshift tent that was well-lit and not very hazy. There was no gypsy whose identity was hidden by scarves, but rather Cheryl Pihlgren, a 45-year old psychic healer/astrologer of 4-5 years, wearing glasses and a rather non-mysterious white sweater. There was no crystal ball, but instead an alarm clock that assured that no participant got any more session time than any other, and an astrology chart. However, there was still a tent waiting.

and the tarot cards were still there, waiting to reveal the future. Dozens of students had their fortunes read by two visiting psychics last Friday. The sessions consisted of the psychic analyzing the fortune-seeker’s birthday, and then turning to the cards to answer any questions the student asked about themselves – or their fate.

Most students were impressed with the results they got, and even those with less positive fortunes were left with some hope.

“She said that this semester will basically suck,” said sophomore Maura Flynn. “But next semester will be better.”

Many students said that they could believe what the psychics told them, but of course there were a few skeptics.

“He had a New Age store, where we can’t really read into your future,” said junior Liz Huynh. “My professor will love to hear that.”

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“Some were accurate beyond belief in describing my personality, relationships, and future,” said freshman Samantha Law. “This is my second time doing this, and this one was much better.”

“I was skeptical at first, but she was one key with previous psychic readings I had been to,” said Huynh.

“So it was really vague,” said junior Chris George. “It seems like any one could do it.”

Pihlgren said she has always been interested in astrology, but didn’t begin her career as a psychic healer until several years ago.

“I had a New Age store, where we had several psychics working. After the store closed, I was offered a job by a psychic company.”

According to Pihlgren, the free mini-sessions were quite the steal.

“Most sessions are usually 40-60 minutes long,” she said. “Psychic readings usually start at $75, and astrologers sessions usually cost between $100 and $200.”

But is there any authenticity behind these psychic readings? Only time will tell, but Pihlgren has been right before.

“In personal practice, I have heard about come back and tell me I was right.”

Psychic healer and astrologer Cheryl Pihlgren reads the fortune of a student in the Student Union last Friday.

Almost as believable as a fortune cookie

Greg Carlson
Herald Staff

Salem trip scary... for lots of reasons

On top of getting lost, students believed that the bus driver’s temper created more problems.

“The bus driver had a right to be phased by the crazy city driving, but for her to explode was kind of uncalled for,” said Nalence.

On the way to Salem, the night before Halloween, with a two-hour bus ride taking four hours.

On Sunday, October 30, around 30 Roger Williams students set out on a CEN sponsored trip to Salem, Massachusetts, to partake in the madness that surrounds the town during Halloween.

The bus ride quickly turned catastrophic, however, when the bus driver became lost and a two hour bus ride turned into a four hour extravaganza.

Although many students enjoyed the hour and a half they spent in Salem sightseeing and taking a tour of the mysterious town, many wished that the trip had been better planned.

“I had a good time because the kids on the bus were entertaining and Salem is an unquenchable town,” said freshman Brielle Nalence. “I wish we had been in Salem longer, though. I think it would have been better to do it as a day trip, and we got lost and the trip was not very organized.”

Other students agreed.

“I was happy to be in Salem even though en route sucked,” said freshman Roey Brocuglio. “I didn’t feel safe with our bus driver. I’m usually pretty confident with people’s driving skills, but that was bad.”

On the way to Salem, the night before Halloween, the night “The bus driver had a right to be phased by the crazy city driving, but for her to explode was kind of uncalled for,” said Nalence.

Even with the trip not going as according to plan, students made the most of a shortened evening.

“It was a cool idea, but badly carried out,” said Brocuglio. “I’m going to go to Salem on Halloween next year and do it right.”

Samantha Nalence

Mystery dinner, and even the possibility of trick-or-treating around the campus or in nearby Bristol.

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The fall season is associated with the decreasing temperature, the coloration of leaves, Thanksgiving, and Halloween. Wicked Weekend, a major fall tradition around Roger Williams University, contains various activities.

This past Wicked Weekend had activities ranging from the showing of Amityville Horror, a lecture from the Warrens, Chameleon Club, a Murder Mystery Dinner, and even the possibility of trick-or-treating around the campus or in nearby Bristol.

In addition to each of these activities arranged by the University, there were also less publicized and less attended activities put on by the various residences on and off the campus.

This Halloween season brought back the annual tradition of Willoween, a one night festival of various activities including: pie your RA, Tarot card readings, a pumpkin painting contest, and a lot of candy. The Tarot card reading was a huge hit but it was “pie your RA” that was the biggest gaining access.

“It was generally a good time, but the best part by far the ‘pie your RA’ segment, which inevitably turned into, ‘pie who ever you can’ the various Orpheus filled with the 16 pounds of cool whip was just a bonus,” said Mike McCarty, a freshman living in Willow.

Starting off with a few RA’s lining up to be pied by their residences quickly turned into a free for all cool whip war. As people began to wash off from the activity and the air chilled, grills were brought out and fires lit to fit local residents warm during the ever changing weather.

Both Stonewall and Cedar residences hosted Halloween parties involving costume contests, scary movies, and even more food and candy. In Stonewall, various costumed residents lined up to have their picture taken and then were judged.

Taking first place and winning a $30 Domino’s gift card were the “Seven Deadly Sins.” Stonewall residents Ashley Das, Clare Bates, Poroma Kanya, Chris Amrich, Alex Mantoni, Nicole Setzer, and Sam Krause each took on the identities of the deadly sins: Wrath, Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Lust, Greed, and Sloth.

It was so much fun dressing up and we all got reality into it,” says Ashley Das, a freshman Stonewall resident and winner of the costume contest.

Bayside took a different approach and provided a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience for young children in the local community. Children were brought from Lucy’s Harth, a center for battered women and children, and also from families of the administration.

Many Bayside residents joined in on the festivities by dressing up and decorating their doors, a sign that children could find candy there.

“The children seemed happy and were really into it. One little boy dressed up as a lettuce and received a lot of attention from the girls around Bayside,” said junior Alexandra Haddad.

Following an amazing Wicked weekend, Roger Williams students started to put up their costumes and resumed classes. Such students only wait another whole year when everyone can be kids again and dawn their costumes once more.
Herald Staff

On a typical weekday, CAS 152 is usually filled with students listening to their professors give lectures, but on Oct. 26, the classroom was filled with eager students ready to learn about different cultures and cuisines.

The classroom was completely packed with students and professors as they gave their undivided attention to Sofia Caetano, a RWU senior, who gave an hour-long presentation about the Cape Verde culture and cuisine.

Caetano, a computer information systems major, gave the presentation, which was part of the "The Hour With... program" which has been a Roger Williams University tradition for quiet some time. Sofia remembers attending An Hour With Gustavus (Mr. Stebbins) for the first year as a student at RWU, and since then she has been anxious to teach one about her country. She said "Even though there are many Cape Verde students here, there is still a lot of people who do not know about this little country in the West Coast of Africa."

Cape Verde is made up of ten different islands. They are located off the west coast of Africa. Portuguese sailors discovered the islands in 1456. It was colonized in 1494 by a mix of Portuguese people and West African slaves.

Caetano was born and raised in Cape Verde and moved to America four years ago, during her senior year of high school, when she was 17 years old. Her presentation was filled with useful information about the culture, cuisine, political views, education system and heritage of Cape Verde. Before the presentation began, students and faculty loaded plates and bowls full of food. The main dish was cuscus, which is basically corn and beans with either turkey or pork.

There was also a variety of desserts, ranging from Arroz de Banana (banana cake) to doce de leite (mixed fruit).

During the entire presentation, Cape Verdean music was playing quietly in the background, which had students and faculty moving subconsciously to the beat. Several students were listening attentively, and when Sofia was speaking about the difference between the US and Cape Verde.

"The US culture is more diverse and more liberal," she said. "In Cape Verde, due to the size of the population, there are certain customs and values that people tend to stick to, which makes our culture somewhat more restricted. Our size also makes us like a whole big family where everyone knows and cares about everyone (which has its ups and downs). Here people are more individualized. A big similarity between both cultures is that they are both a mix of cultures that coexist together."

Music professor Will Aytoun was one of the faculty members who came and supported the event. "I thought that the turnout was great. It made me happy to see the support that other students and faculty gave to this sort of activity."

By the end of Act III, the audience was responsible to deduce who, of the cast members, was committing these murders.

"Who do you think dunnit?" asked Sophomore Carolyn Ciampa at the start of the program.

Audience interaction with the cast members occurred during salad, main meal, and dessert, permitting time for audience members to ask questions of the characters, in order to uncover the mystery.

The only time the cast was permitted to tell a lie is when they were directly asked if they were the killer, otherwise, they were required to either evade the question or give a truthful response.

The evening consisted of the edge of ineptness, stemming mostly from the incessant sexual innuendo being muttered by the characters, comments which were met with expressive chuckles and associated grunts from the overwhelmingly college-aged crowd.

At the close of the play, around half of the audience guessed correctly who the killer was, even though the actress had played an extremely amusing role. Mary Lou Wright, who did the role of assistant to Pepper Aupoivre, stripped herself of her formerly innocent outer shell and revealed she was the blood-sucking vampire.

The cast picked one of the twenty correct guesses out of a hat and awarded the winner a free pass to the next mystery dinner event. An award was also bestowed upon the "most creative" response, given by Dean McUff, a member of IRHA who, due to complete bafflement as to whom the murderer was, decided to incriminate himself and fabricate a highly entertaining motive. "I enjoy being creative, so I said it was me," Sean commented.

As for the murderer herself, actress Desiree Andro, who played Mary Lou, stated "I try to become a Southern belle," she explained as to why she was able to trick observers into thinking she was an innocent throughout the program.

The event was, overall, a great success and was thoroughly enjoyable for the audience. The high energy cast provided hilarity as well as get the crowd involved through a group dance in the third act, which called for a high level of audience participation.

It was IRHA Treasurer, Caitlin Murphy, who behind the idea for the dinner, she explained, "We wanted to do something for Halloween, and this seemed like a good idea."

By the final act, all attendees were definitely in the Halloween spirit, and luckily half of these people were adept enough detectives that they were able to identify the vampire in their midst before it was too late!

Sarah Courtinquette & Courtney Nugent
Herald Staff

A steady stream of students filed through the Field House, picking up pamphlets with information on various majors, study abroad opportunities, and services offered on campus. This was the first glimpse of the Academic Expo run by the Director of the Career Center, Robin Beauchamp.

"This was an opportunity for primarily freshmen," said visiting assistant professor of History and American Studies, Jennifer Stevens. "It's a good opportunity for students when they don't know where to start!"

According to Beauchamp, the purpose of the expo was to help out the large incoming freshman class. "Many of the freshmen are undecided, so they thought that the Academic Expo would be a 'one stop shop' where you could get a lot of information and a lot of questions answered in a short period of time."

Faculty and students alike lined up tables delving out information concerning each major or program. Each major was represented to the fullest, along with study abroad tables, the student advocate center, the career center, a core concentration table, the service learning center, the tutoring center, and many other tables offered information to the 300 eager students who attended.

The table for the career center had laid out pamphlets to take, but the message was to stop by and talk a little about what they have to offer the student body.

Laura Chouinere of the Tutoring Center gave the same message. "We encourage all students not just struggling students to stop by."

As incentive for attending, students received a passport on their way in. For each academic or service table they attended, they received a star sticker. If they received seven stickers and filled out the survey at the end of the passport, they were entered into a raffle for a DVD player and iPod.

The faculty members saying the opinion that the Expo had been a great success, and they hope it will become an annual event.

"Support any program that heightens the awareness of service at the university," said KC Ferrara, the director of the service-learning center. "I've been talking to a lot of freshmen and explaining how our office can continue to help them [after community connections] more personal-" according to Beauchamp, she received a lot of positive feedback from students.

"I got some information about a possible core concentration," said freshman Gregory Dragone.

"The Academic Expo was a great idea. They should definitely do it again for next year's freshmen."
Good Night, and Good Luck

Mark Granger
Herald Staff

Edward R. Murrow changed and influenced the future of journalism forever as depicted in this chronicle of CBS's early news broadcasts that every community student must see in order to understand the current power of televised news today.

Director, co-writer, and co-star of Good Night, and Good Luck, George Clooney, shows the earliest of critical journalistic movements of the McCarthy era and the several accused and convicted communists who challenged McCarthy's movement.

Good Night, and Good Luck depicts this event in a way that every student could benefit and is essential for the clear understanding of media for communications students.

What would RUW do during a disaster?

Michael Harley
Herald Staff

Picture this: It's two o'clock on a Wednesday morning. That's a fire alarm going off! You dash outside to see your RA telling you that you have to get off the campus immediately.

Do you know what to do?

Some students living on campus would have no idea where to go. Some would rush to their rooms, gathering as many important belongings as possible. Other students would race to their cars, hoping to beat the concert gridlock on the small campus roads. As evident in numerous fire alarms that have been pulled during the night, some may still be sleeping through the emergency!

In any case, students are not informed of how to react in an emergency, and in the wake of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, with the impending possibility of LNG shipments passing within sight of the school, and even with baseball's playoffs annually pulling students to destructive levels, it is absolutely vital that Roger Williams University takes steps towards educating its students about how to respond.

It was a little over a month ago that Hurricane Rita forced an evacuation from Houston -- a procedure with numerous exposed flaws. With 100-mile backups on the highways, many cars ran out of gas or overheated.

These residents were left without any signs of help, as most full cars drove past them. The authorities did not even have a radio broadcast to inform evacuees of the best routes out of town or where to go if they were broken down.

Ashley Rosario-Safieh, Mr. Brendan Doherty, believes that our school's emergency plan is effective.

"There is an Immediate Emergency Evacuation Plan," said Doherty. "The Department of Public Safety, along with Student Affairs and Public Affairs, plays a vital role in that plan.

A system and fire officers to arrive at the most pragmatic approach to effectuate the desired result," Doherty said.

However, Jen Kosses, Coordinator of Residential Education at CORE of Playdays, said that the COREs currently are not informed of this evacuation plan.

"Public Safety would create a plan, communicate [them] down to the level of COREs, and we will then execute it," Kosses said.

Because the COREs live in the residence halls with the students, they are essential to an effective evacuation. If the COREs must leave the residence halls to be briefed by Public Safety, valuable time could be lost and students will be subject to more danger.

Lack of communication could serve as a problem in a time of crisis. In the case of an emergency, the CORE staff must be on the same page as Public Safety, as they are the staff that operates closest to the students.

Bristol Police declined several requests to discuss the matter. The Bristol Fire Department was also unavailable for comment.

Kosses also added that while there has been an increase in staff for emergencies, the protocols have not changed, even though the number of students living on campus has risen.

Furthering these concerns is the possibility of chaos among students during such a time. The campus, according to Mr. Doherty, has parking for 2,646 cars with only three exits. Doherty said that, "we have accommodated that volume of cars in the past at Convocation and Commencement," however, the atmosphere might be very different in an emergency evacuation.

If a car accident obstructed even one of these exits, the evacuation plan could be severely altered and could possibly block a large number of students from reaching safety.

Without question, one of the biggest causes of tension among students on campus lies within the deep rivalry between the University of Rhode Island and the New York Yankees. Be it in the cafeteria, in class, or even between roommates, the rivalry is virtually unavoidable. As it was evident last October, the entire university is always "potentially volatile" and that "in a large group, it only takes one or two individuals engaging in negative behavior to amount to a large group behavior.

After the URI riot, a large number of students, known as "peace officers," volunteered to serve as "student to student reminders to celebrate without being destructive," Yemens said.

Since these officers have been created, no further damage has taken place in the past two years. URI added that most of the leadership behind the student "peace officers" came from campus fraternities and sororities, and have, according to Yemens, "absolutely been a major ingredient in the success we've had in the past two years.

This student brigade, known as The Red Stripe Group, wore distinctive t-shirts and was directly involved with students before situations could get out of hand. Such a system could be effective on the Roger Williams campus in hopes of preventing a disturbance before it takes place.

If necessary, Doherty said, Bristol police could respond within minutes to campus, and other agencies would not be far behind.

"The Roger Williams Department of Public Safety takes great pride in the strong working relationship that we have with federal, state and local law enforcement and fire officials," Doherty explained. "This includes the Emergency Management Agency, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, FBI, State Police, Bristol Police and Fire and Rescue, Portsmouth Police and Fire and the National Guard."

In terms of these agencies' responsibility, Doherty said, "The level of their involvement would be immediately assessed by the (CRT) and communicated at,"

"Communication is the key to the success in carrying out a plan such as this," said Doherty.
Some feel Athletics is off-Track

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

When Junior Jim Dugan first came to Roger Williams University in the fall of 2003, he had already distinguished himself as a great student-athlete. He came to RWU planning to continue the promising track career he had begun in high school, assuming that he would be able to compete at the championship level.

"I came to RWU thinking that track and field was a varsity sport," Dugan said, "I was really disappointed when I found out that it wasn't. Track and field was really big for me in high school."

Dugan, like many other athletes, quickly learned that track and field is not a varsity sport at RWU; it is in fact a club sport. As a club sport, the track and field team can compete in a variety of meets at all levels of competition but they cannot compete in the postseason or championship meets. Track and field coaches Tony Knapp and Sean Livingston feel that this places an unfair restriction on how far the track team can go.

"My biggest fear is that you have someone come in and, say an NCAA time," Coach Livingston explained, "and they aren't necessarily able to go on to the championship competitions."

Coach Livingston feels that in the past few years the track team has been recruiting a higher level of athlete than in the past. Coach Knapp explained that many of the team members are disappointed when they perform well during the season and cannot continue on to the postseason.

"With club sports," Knapp said, "we cannot go to the championship meets and that is what the kids really look forward to at the end of the season."

The concerns of both Knapp and Livingston are definitely valid, as Dugan and his fellow athletes feel restricted by not being able to compete in the championship matches.

"We definitely have a lot of good runners," Dugan said, "and would be able to qualify a lot of guys if we were allowed to."

RWU Director of Athletics George Kolb sympathizes with coaches Knapp and Livingston. Kolb feels that the track and field team has become one of the university's strongest athletic programs.

"Field Day (the predecessor to Knapp and Livingston) really came in and built the track and field program to the level it is today," Kolb explained. "Sean and Tony have come in and have not only continued that work but enhanced it."

"The point is absolutely legitimate that we have better athletes than we have had before," Kolb said.

In a perfect world, Kolb would like to see track and field become a varsity sport, but he explained there are other factors that must be considered in the decision. Of these issues, financing is of particular importance, as the track team lacks a lot of the necessary equipment for their sport.

In the past few years, RWU has made significant changes to the sports offerings on campus. The centerpiece of these changes was the addition of the women's lacrosse team and the new swim team. Both of these sports are taking significant money from the athletics budget.

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"The question we need to answer is how do we approach this problem within our current finances," Kolb explained, "because we are dealing with a finite number of dollars."

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Kevin Deegan, and the defensive team both played an integral role in stealing the victories away from Anna Maria and Wentworth.

In Saturday’s match, Deegan played the full 90 minutes, making six saves and not allowing a single goal. Again, in Tuesday’s match he played the full 90 minutes while making one save and allowing no goals.

To date, Deegan has 14 shutout games and the defense cannot take all the credit for the victory, the offense also played very well, scoring the goals that led to the team’s victories.

“Our offense has picked up quite a bit in the last week and a half,” Cook said.

Junior midfielder Brendan Cavanaugh scored the first goal of Saturday’s game in the 48th minute, after AMC and RWU went scoreless for the first half. Junior forward Jamie Pereira drove home a 35 yard volley into the back of the net, making the final score of 2-0.

In the 83rd minute, senior forward Brandon O’Donovan slammed the ball into the back of the net, making the score 1-0 in favor of RWU.

The game would remain scoreless until the 78th minute when freshman midfielder Brandon O’Donovan shattered the second goal of the game, making the score 2-0.

As if the men’s soccer team does not already have enough to be proud of, the CCC honored freshman midfielder Dan Saccocccio this week as the “rookie of the week.” This recognition stems from his performance in the Hawk’s final regular season game last Thursday, October 27, where he scored two goals helping to propel the Hawks to a 4-0 victory over Colby Sawyer.

Saccocccio, along with O’Donovan played in a New York soccer club, where they became state champions. According to Coach Cook they were both recruited very heavily to play at RWU.

The men’s soccer team will compete against Gordon College at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday at Bayside Field. Cook is looking forward to the match, as RWU and Gordon are currently the two best teams in the league.

“I will be a good match,” Cook said. “I am glad that it is coming down to the two best teams playing for the championship.”

Brandon O’Donovan (2) heads a ball in front of the Wentworth goal as Antonio Bell (1) and Chris Risone wait for a play. The Hawks defeated Wentworth 2-0 to advance to the CCC Finals, which will be played at home vs. Gordon on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

Up two games to none in the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament, it seemed like a foregone conclusion that the women’s volleyball team would advance to the semifinals. Nearly an hour later, nothing was taken for granted.

But the Hawks showed composure and poise they may have lacked just one year ago in their-to-the-wire victory over Wentworth on Tuesday evening in the Campus Rec Center, 30-28, 33-31, 28-30, 27-30, 15-10.

The veterans on the team may well remember the sour taste of last year’s upset loss at the hands of Gordon College. But coach Bret Stothart said that was the farthest thing from the girls’ minds.

“We tightened up as the game went on,” he said. “I think sometimes our team doesn’t realize how good we are. But I don’t think (last year’s loss affecting the team) was the case. We’ve faced similar problems this season; there were two five-game matches that we should have won. They were pretty focused out there.”

Down 16-24 in the second set, the Hawks rallied for the 33-31 win. After losing the next two games by a combined five points, the Hawks regained their composure and finished off the Leopards for the win.

Sophomore Amy Maurer had a team-high 11 kills and added 14 digs. Senior Erin Carolan and junior Lauren Duminican combined for 18 kills and 17 digs. Freshman Kirsten Bosworth had 33 assists and 19 digs.

Junior libero Ashley O’Keefe (Griswold, CT) raised a team high 23 digs. Stothart was impressed with the way his team jumped out to the early lead, especially behind the support of the crowd.

“We started playing very well,” Stothart said. “We had a great crowd and great fan support.”

As of press time, there was no report between the semifinal match between the Hawks (19-7) and second-seeded Endicott College, held at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Five Alive
Men's XC perfect in fifth straight
Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

There is no answer for the dominance of men's cross country in the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

While in the past two years the women have had some question marks in their title defense, the men have been more than just a small team as they easily defended their fifth consecutive title.

A sudden, furious snowstorm couldn't slow down the harriers, particularly senior Jon Buell who ran to his second straight individual title in 27:16.

"As a team, given the conditions of the course, our competition and our lofty goals, I feel like we reached all of our goals; 15 points (a perfect score) and having our 6-10 runners place well enough to win the race," Buell said.

45 seconds behind Buell, a pack of five runners crossed the finish line together in 28:02, all earning All-Conference honors. Second officially was freshman Kevin Clark, who earned CCC Rookie of the Year honors. The first non-RWU runner to cross the line, freshman Rob Lind of Anna Maria College, finished 34 seconds behind the pack. Freshman Tim O'Koren placed tenth, earning the final All-Conference slot.

Coach Sean Livingston, who was named CCC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season, was pleased with his men's success.

"They did just what I expected," coach Livingston said. "They ran probably above expectations, in a way. Having seven All-Conference runners was great, and some guys had their best races of the season. Jon (Buell) winning was expected, but still he had to go out and do it."

The team's season continues with the ECAC Championships this Saturday at Connecticut College followed by the NCAA Regional Championships next weekend at Springfield College.

Six for Kicks
Women's XC extends school record
Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

Before Saturday's race, assistant coach Tony Knapp told his girls that three teams could conceivably walk away with the title.

Fittingly, there was a tie for second place. But neither team was anywhere near the Hawks as they cruised to a sixth consecutive Commonwealth Coast Conference title on Saturday at the CCC Championship Meet at Gordon College.

The women, racing six kilometers for the first time all season (all D-III championships are 6K), won it by 25 points over second place finishers Gordon College and Salve Regina University. In a tiebreaker, Gordon College was named the 2005 CCC Champions.

Runner of the Year honors went to freshman Emily Borne, Marybeth McLaughlin, Katie Parise and Coach of the Year honors went to Jon Buell, Clark, Jim Dugan, Jim Mazzio, Garrett Vaslet, Alex Parulis, Tim O'Koren and Sean Livingston, all of whom made up the team's five-year streak of success when they travel to Connecticut College on Saturday for the ECAC Championships. The season should end, barring any miracles, with the NCAA Regional Championships next weekend at Springfield College.

Sports, My Way: Goodbye Theo Brick Road
Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

It wasn't about the money for Theo Epstein. It wasn't about power or fame, a reputation or a legacy. It wasn't about autograph hounds, relentless media scrutiny or throngs of people hovered around him at the shopping mall.

For Epstein, it's about living his life with no regrets. You'll meet no bigger Red Sox fan than myself. I'm the guy who read every one of Dan Shaughnessy's stupid books and columns dripping with shameless self-promotion, just for the ounces of insight about the Cowboys and the Idiots. I'm the guy with the "David Ortiz for President" bumper sticker — about the only thing on the back end of my car that isn't broken — and The Red Sox Wall. I own a Wally doll, and he has his own chair in my room. No, not the Adirondack chairs that they sell with the tiny green plaid Sox mascot. He has his own life-sized chair, and if my stupid Yankee-fan roommate ever got to touch the sacred Wally, you'd find the bélgium Dragon hanging from the balcony by his shoeless feet.

But I have no choice but to fully support Epstein's decision to turn this job down. In the three years of his tenure, the Sox made the playoffs all three years.

Epstein made the single-greatest acquisition in Red Sox history in Captain Chipper, David Ortiz. He traded the face of the franchise for nothing more than pieces to the puzzle, not one of them returning after the historic run of 2004 (think about that for a second — he essentially gave Nomar away so the Sox would win. Now that's bold). The farm system is the strongest it's been in decades and at least two of his draft picks could be starting on Opening Day 2006.

Epstein, like any other GM, made his share of mistakes. But he'll always get a free pass in the city of Boston for bringing the elusive title to the team that needed it most after the debacle of 2003. But sometimes it's just time to move on. For once, Sox fans, it's time to look at the man rather than the team. This is right for Theo, and after all he did for us, we deserve to respect his decision, as painful as that might be.

So who's next? Sean McAdam of the Providence Journal is reporting that the short list includes Tim Duquette, cousin of former Sox GM Dan Duquette.

"(Collective deep breath...)"

"Noooooooooooowwww!!!"

Personally, I'll be crossing my fingers for Josh Towers, the San Diego GM or Paul DePodesta, the recently-fired Dodgers GM and Billy Bean disciple. And if Towers decides to leave, that leaves the San Diego job open for Epstein, who worked there before following Lucchino (the newly-despised Sox President) to Boston.

If I had the ear of Theo (and in case you're wondering, I don't), I'd wish him the best of luck. The weather's nice down there, I'd say.

And as they would say near the border, "you've got 'cajones grandes,' my friend."