Roger Dodger goes into a re-modeling frenzy

Erika Murphy
Human Interest

For some, summer is a time for relaxing. For others, summer is a time for change. This past summer, RWU underwent some important changes that will better the entire community.

For starters, the architecture building has been expanded to accommodate the growing number of students in the masters program. The interior of the building features more studio seats, as well as a brand new lecture hall. In addition, professors and faculty members will have more offices. Both the exterior and interior were supposed to be finished by September 1, however, the building is currently only 80 percent functional.

According to Jeff Gilbody, Senior Director of Government Relations and International Programs, as well the Executive Assistant to the President, the architecture building will hopefully be finished within the next three weeks. This will complete phase one of construction. Immediately after, phase two will begin.

Phase two will include the demolition of the Central Office Building and the construction of a new dining hall. University Commons, which will be open in late winter or early spring. The library looks the same from the outside, however, the Happy White Cultural Center (HWCC) was constructed on the inside. This new addition is located on the first floor. The HWCC will be home to the Socrates Café in addition to other events. The Gabelli School of Business has also had some changes made; the walkway outside has been paved with steps leading down to the main road through campus and the snack room on the first floor has been turned into a new financial services meeting area with state of the art televisions and computers.

Portions of Willow and Almeida were renovated over the summer, including the replacement of Almeida's refrigerators and stoves. Baypoint, the dorm across Mount Hope Bay, also got some major improvements over the summer. Along with a new wing that encloses the courtyard, the new rooms in Baypoint have personal bathrooms and new furniture for the residents to enjoy. The courtyard was also remodeled. The residents now have a more spacious and beautiful area to enjoy Frisbee and other outdoor activities.

Nike Hall and North Campus are in the process of receiving an exterior makeover. Both are being repainted to give the buildings a nicer look. This project will hopefully be completed within three weeks. Other improvements to the campus include a few more parking spaces in the north lot and giving the Bayside field better drainage.

In your travels around campus take time to enjoy the improvements made to help your education flourish; just be respectful of what has been done.

RWU janitor arrested

Audrey Joyce
News Editor

The police have arrested William A. Parmelee, 32, of 6044th St., East Providence. Parmelee was caught allegedly stealing a computer from a locked computer lab. Parmelee is a custodian at the University and police believe he is responsible for a series of thefts on campus that have taken place in the past six months.

According to Lt. Garcia of the Bristol Police Department, the investigation began in March when a safe was broken into. The police were able to recover most of the stolen items.

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To the Editor:

The issue of same-sex marriage has aroused fury among the members of the Roger Williams University community and in the country at large. It seems time to discuss the issue civilly and to offer some insights. For one, it appears to me that the issue of the legal benefits of marriage and the issue of religious beliefs have been conflated or entangled. If we believe in freedom of religion, churches do have the right to limit their beliefs and their beliefs. However, when the issue is seen as a legal one, boundaries become less clear.

Under the "equal protection under the law" tenet, all citizens are to be treated as equals within our legal system. Therefore, by denying legal protection to anyone, whether of different race or class or a similar variable, we tread upon discrimination as a result of prejudice. Does marriage offer citizens legal protection? Yes. A simple example will suffice. For one, according to tax codes, married people are taxed at a favorable rate. Furthermore, a legally recognized marriage allows businesses to offer health benefits to a spouse at a reduced cost. There may be more. One spouse is generally awarded child custody if a partner dies. One spouse can determine a partner's end-of-life medical treatments and even burial conditions. Thus, the legal status as "spouse" has great repercussions for two people who choose to share their lives as citizens in our country.

Clearly, a part of the resistance to same-sex marriage derives from some religious institutions. It would appear that the "solidity" of (conventional) marriage is threatened by the legalization of same-sex marriages. Perhaps this prejudice is based upon an unrecognized fear. Perhaps this prejudice is an unknowned assumption that "different" people will hurt others in some way. Are we to believe that people who have different skin colors or different social customs or different sexual preferences will contribute to the demise of the "United States"? Or are we a nation who not only tolerates but also affirms differences as an asset to a stronger union?

On the other hand, one might wonder if this fear is an individual one? Does an anti-gay-marriage supporter feel that his or her own heterosexuality is threatened? Should he or she feel vulnerable to a "different" sexual orientation, or instead feel so confident about his or her own sexual choice as to support individuals with different orientations?

I suspect that beneath the intolerance for same-sex marriages, some people are preoccupied about sexual preference. While some people pick same-sex partners as a free choice, others are biologically programmed to be attracted to same-sex relationships. Newer scientific studies strongly suggest that when a fetus is bathed in certain hormones, the result may be a same-sex preference. When these studies are affirmed—and should laws be passed to refuse legal recognition—we will have validated prejudice against a biological condition that is genetic in about 10% or more of our citizens. Is not skin color discrimination against a large group of people who blind or deaf or who in wheelchairs, or who are born of a different race?

Finally, I ask the students at RWU to look around them when they next sit in a classroom of 30 people. It is a statistical probability that 3 of the classmate will be discriminated against should they ever choose to be a partner with someone of the same sexual orientation.

Glen Anderson - Assistant Professor

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Editor's Desk

Police Beat

Sunday, September 5, at 10:22 a.m.: RWU security reported a possible sexual assault that occurred in Portal South. No report was filed.

Mac Attack

Sunday, September 12, at 9:30 p.m.: Bayside resident reports larceny of a computer.

Snuffed Out

Tuesday, August 31, 9:52 p.m.: Blaire Llewellyn, 19, of 100 Overhill Rd., Orinda, Calif., was arrested on possession of marijuana.

Friday, September 4, at 11:45 p.m.: Nathan Ormond, 18, of Jefferson St., Warren, RI, was charged with driving in possession of controlled substances and possession of marijuana.

Sunday, September 6, at 9:19 p.m.: Michael Nrayune, 18, of 9024 Liberty St., Taunton, Mass., was charged with possession of marijuana.

J-Kwon would be proud

Thursday, September 2, at 6:59 p.m.: Peter McManus, 18, of 833 Pierce St., West Boylston, Mass., was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Thursday, September 7, at 8:22 p.m.: Adam Grimm, 19, of 26 Pleasant View Ave., Troy, NY, was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Wednesday, September 8, at 9:53 p.m.: Daniel Dogan, 19, of 26 Liberty St., Taunton, Mass., was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Dumb and Dumber photos

Tuesday, September 7, at 6:22 p.m.: Thomas Kane, 20, of 220 Claremont Rd., Ridgewood, NJ, was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Tuesday, September 7, at 8:22 p.m.: Michael Schinderer, 19, of 8710 Emerald Ln., Rome, NY, was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Tuesday, September 7, at 8:22 p.m.: Christopher Bohm, 19, of 80 Highridge Rd., West Simsbury, CT, was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Tuesday, September 7, at 6:22 p.m.: Steven Lebow, 19, of 339 Valley View Dr., Franklin Lks., NJ, was charged with possession of beer by an underage person.

Early impression not good

Saturday, September 11, at 12:31 a.m.: Brendan Early, 18, of 18 Dalmatian, CT, Bethany, CT, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana and refusal to submit to a chemical test.

Obituary

Tom Shilling, 76, of 929 Magnolia Rd., Quincy, passed away on March 26, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Margaret Shilling. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jeffrey S. DeLima, 77, of 111 N. Magnolia Rd., Quincy, passed away on August 27, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Helen DeLima. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Director's Desk

It occurs to me that we are seeing a site that is not designed for the Hawk's Herald, but instead, a site that is seen as a vendor for a product. One might ask why this is happening. In an age where people are always looking for quick fixes, how can we create a digital presence for schools, come to terms with this with the advent of blogs and such, and reach 15-18 year olds.

As a result, I have changed the school's website to reflect this. We will now have a digital presence for schools, come to terms with this with the advent of blogs and such, and reach 15-18 year olds.

Thank you for your patience and support.
Dean exhibits charm, motivation

Blaine Moffa
Editorial

For Kathleen McMahon, Roger Williams University seems to be "just right." She joins RWU, a school of about 3,600, from Marlboro College in Vermont, a school of a mere 300, and landed her first job as a dean at UCLA, populated by 36,000.

But that's not even the best part.

"I can't even finish my cup of coffee in the morning," McMahon quips with wickedness. Being accustomed to an hour's commute from any school she has worked at, McMahon now lives in a house where she "can see Roger Williams from my upstairs bedroom."

Born and raised outside Chicago, McMahon was familiar with typical suburban living. After graduating high school, she was itching for social change.

It went to the University of New Hampshire," she reflects and laughs. "Because I imagined that would somehow give me diversity."

A major in philosophy allows McMahon to credit her logic and analysis skills to lessons learned at UNH. Her desire to be involved with the student body was apparent even then, as she worked in the dean of student's office and as a judicial coordinator, calling many faculty members in the student life center her "role models."

After she received her master's in social work in Boston, she became a therapist for adolescents and families, but her position for higher learning persisted. She became a resident director for Boston University living in Kenmore.

See Dean page 7

Do we want a saint or an S.O.B. running the country?

Ashley Joyce
News Editor

"Do political candidates have the obligation not to deliberately disseminate false information?" This question was mulled over by a group of students and faculty members at the Cafe on Wednesday, September 8, at the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center. The discussion was led by David Moskowitz, who introduced the topic by citing voting statistics [see box].

Since the 60s, America's trust in government has spiraled downward. Under a third of Americans polled before September 11, 2001, reported that they trusted the government to do what is right. That number increased slightly, following 9-11, to 33 percent. Are these numbers indicative of a dishonest political system? Is a greater public good served if a candidate does not provide misinformation? These were just a few questions brought up.

The problem for voters seems to be when, if ever, it is possible to trust a politician or even a candidate. It seems that all too often politicians and candidates provide the public with information that is not true and not the intentions of these politicians are not always clear. Is it wrong for a candidate to be mistaken more so than it is for a politician to be blatantly dishonest? Also, if it is known that many candidates do, in fact, disseminate false information, is it fair for the honest candidates to play by the rules? Wouldn't the honest and ethical candidates be left behind while the deceitful candidates pushed ahead? Regardless of intentions or reasons, it is seemingly very difficult for the American public to trust the information provided by the candidates and to vote accordingly.

How then, should Americans vote? Or as questioned by Professor Dave Speckman, "Where do you find the facts?" Maybe one should go to the party platform to make an informed and educated voting decision. How much time do you have to do research such as this? The Democratic and Republican party platforms are pages and pages of information that the average citizen does not have the time or interest to read. Can we blame the voters for not taking the necessary time to elect the politician with the strongest political platform?

One final question, "Does it really matter if a candidate is dishonest, just as long as they are capable?" As said by Provost Kavanagh, "Are we looking at what a candidate says or are we looking at capability? Do we want a saint or an S.O.B. dealing with Putin or Jacques Chirac?" Put another way, if world and national affairs are not straight-forward and clear cut, maybe a little dishonesty and honesty and shrivel is a characteristic among candidates. After all, is being truthful really a necessary characteristic of being a successful leader? Questions such as these never seem to have definitive answers. It is for anyone to decide whether honesty among political candidates is obligatory, practical or even applicable.

Janitor

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In the campus, such as a campus employee."

According to Brendan Doherty, director of Public Safety, at his request a hidden camera was installed in the area of the basement of the RWU Law School. The break in the case came on August 20 during the night when a figure, later identified by Mr. Doherty as William Parmlee, was captured on a video monitor taking laptop computers. Mr. Doherty then turned over the tapes to the Bristol police.

Detective John Ferreira and East Providence police went to Mr. Parmlee's home to speak with him of the incident, leading to a search of his home. Mr. Parmlee's home.

The conducted search resulted in the recovery of a safe with RWU identification, as well as other carpet cleaning supplies that had been reported stolen.

"As of yet, we have not recovered any computers," reported Lt. Guererro, "and we are still working to determine what happened to the computers." Parmlee has been charged with one count of larceny, a felony.

He was arraigned on August 22 in Providence, and released on bail. He is scheduled to appear in court in October.

"We are pleased with the outcome," reported Brendan Doherty. "We identified a problem, and we acted on it.

RWU welcomes new faculty
New hires bring greater diversity to campus

Danielle Arnedo
Contributing Writer

The number of full-time faculty positions at Roger Williams University has grown significantly over the past two years with 25 new spots created in the University's six schools.

Provost Edward Kavanagh said there were 11 positions created for this academic year, adding to the 14 from the 2003-2004 school year. Since 2002, the RWU full-time faculty has risen by 16 percent, bringing the total number of faculty to 180. That number includes 10 non-teaching faculty members, such as librarians.

The University's face is still changing, said Dr. Kavanagh, referring to a feature in last fall's University publication The Bridge, which showed a diverse group of faculty additions for the year. Kavanagh said the number of candidate applications they received for the advertised positions was unexpectedly high, attributed to the fact that "the university is becoming very well known.

A total of 22 candidate searches conducted over the past 11 months found qualified professors from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds including: communications, creative writing, graphic design, psychology, political science and cultural programs.

"Each one of them has a different story to tell," Kavanagh said. New communications professor Maha Badiri hails from the Sudan in South Africa, while microbiologist Avetina Espinoza is a native of Peru. The psychology department made a new addition, forensic psychologist Matt Zelikhi. While the creative writing program welcomed poet Renee Soto, Glenna Andrade, a visiting professor for the past three years and namesake of "Grammar with Glenna" sessions in the Writing Center, has become a full-time professor in writing studies.

According to Feinstein College of Arts and Science's (PCAS) Dean, Ruth Koele, this fall's new professors will enrich the University's resources and propel expansion of several academic programs including: communications, creative writing, graphic design, psychology, political science and cultural programs.

"This is a very strong group of professors who will help the faculty who are here now take the university to new levels," said Koele. She added that new and current professors will teach a Masters of Forensic Psychology day program, scheduled to launch in the fall of 2005.
Drinking water is more endangered than you think

**Heather Erhard**

Science

Only three percent of the earth's water is fresh, with more than two-thirds bound up in glaciers and ice caps. This leaves less than one percent of the planet's water available.

The United States is running out of drinking water, especially in coastal areas. Recently in Pinellas County, Florida, local water authority Tampa Bay Water built the largest desalination facility in the United States. It will eventually supply the region, a three-county area of more than two million people, with 10 percent of its drinking water.

Desalination is a legitimate response to this emergency? Desalination promises to rescue an area that does not have the means to support its rapidly growing population and are in need of fresh water. But is this a good idea?

Desalination is the process of purifying seawater into drinkable water. Typical seawater is about 34,000 parts per million (ppm) and must be reduced to 500 ppm in order to be considered drinkable.

In order to determine where a desalination plant will be placed an energy source is needed to operate the plant as well as a set circulation pattern that removes and discharges the brine. Brackish water is ideal and therefore the sites of these desalination plants are usually placed in bay areas.

The water passes through a pair of reverse osmosis membranes in order to filter out fish and other organisms. This process does not cause any additional loss of aquatic life. Instead, a reverse osmosis membrane system is used in which the salty water is pushed up at extreme pressures to a thousand pounds per square inch through tiny pores, which are each 0.0001 microns in diameter.

The highly concentrated water that remains is then mixed with the power plant's effluents before being returned to the bay. The pressure comes out the salt and the constant flow of water helps to wash the outer membranes clean of their concentration of salts. The discharges of water only adds marginally to the salinity of the bay, according to the University of Florida's Marine Science Center. However, the advocacy group, Save Our Bays, Inc and Canals, claims that the briny discharge is equivalent to dumping a truckload of salt into the bay every six months. Also, from the 44 million gallons of seawater the plant receives daily, only 25 million gallons of freshwater is produced.

In 1980, there were only five desalination plants existed worldwide. Today, more than 12,500 desalination plants exist in 120 countries, mostly in the Middle East, and the Caribbean. Last year, municipal water agencies in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Florida pooled their resources and formed the United States Desalination Coalition, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group that lobbies the federal government to invest in new desalination projects.

The American Water Works Association, the largest organization of water professionals in the world, predicts that the world's market for desalinated water will grow by more than seventy billion dollars in the next twenty years. As the technology improves, the cost of producing freshwater is lowered and more and more plans are looking to the ocean as the drought-proof guarantor of continued growth.

**Exciting year for College Democrats**

President Sarah Bogdan returns from a semester in DC.

William Sendler

Contributing Writer

"You learn to laugh a lot," says junior Sarah Bogdan, describing what it is like to work with a President and an administration of an opposing party. Despite the obvious differences in beliefs, Bogdan has come back from D.C. armed with knowledge and experience to breathe new life into the College Democrats of Roger Williams University.

"I'm really excited to get started this year," she said. "We are going to offer the students of RWU fun ways to get involved in their local political community." The College Democrats will be working with the multi-cultural groups on campus in order to form a more positive image to political activism on RWU.

"Our goal is to change the tune of alien dis-interest on campus. Get excited, everyone, because this year will be very active," she boasted.

Last semester, Bogdan interned for Talk Radio News Service and as a White House correspondent. "It was really exciting to cover one of the 9/11 commissions with Dr. Rice," said Bogdan. While working in D.C., she got to rub elbows with famous faces, like Secretary of State Colin Powell, Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair.

"I know this is not worth of the heart of America. I would recommend a semester here to anyone," Bogdan said. In the future she would love to work as a lobbyist.

Meadows Music Theater provides twice the fun at end-of-summer concert series

Megan Roethchild

Contributing Writer

Free condoms and guitars filled with beer easily created one of the most enjoyable atmospheres at a concert venue this summer.

The crowd was an even split at the Meadows Music Theater in Hartford, CT, on August 15, with half waiting for the popular Maroon 5 and the other half anticipating guitar heartthrob John Mayer. For those who attended last spring's concert, you know that Maroon 5 rocked the RUU Performance Center. This concert was no exception. Playing only the best, Maroon 5 had the crowd up and dancing with "This Love" and "Harder to Breathe." After their hour-long opening performance, the crowd was thrilled and eager for more when it was coming next.

John Mayer kept us on the edge of our seats, but not for long. He performed for two hours non-stop, playing a good mix from all four of his CD's, including "Chrylty." "Georgia" and "Your Body is a Wonderland." His initial exit offstage left the crowd cheering an encore, and Mayer returned to end his concert with "Comfortable." From his second CD any Given Thursday it was clear that his talent left the audience with a satisfied taste in their mouths.
MEET YOUR PROFESSORS:
An in-depth look at the new hires this semester

Glenna Andreade, Assistant Professor of Writing Studies
Glenna Andreade has served as a visiting professor of writing studies for three consecutive terms (2001-04) in FCAS. She has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rhode Island, a M.F.A. in Fiction from Vermont College of Norwich University, and a master’s in English, with a concentration in expository writing, from California State University.

Chunyan Bai, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Chunyan Bai has an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, a Ph.D. (in May 2004) from the University of Cincinnati in Electrical and Computer Engineering; and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

Maha Bashri, Assistant Professor of Communications (FCAS)
Maha Bashri is currently a doctoral student at the University of South Carolina. She has a master’s degree in Communications from the University of South Carolina and is working on her Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Nancy Breen, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Breen has a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Oregon State University. She joined RUW from her previous position as associate professor and head of the department of chemistry at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. Dr. Breen was awarded the DuPont Award for Outstanding Research.

Robert Derr, Assistant Professor of Architectural Design
Robert Derr has a master’s of architecture, structure, and design, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has taught at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Avelina Espinoza, Assistant Professor of Biology
Avelina Espinoza has a Ph.D. in Molecular Microbiology and Microbial Pathogenesis and an M.A. in Biology and Biotechnology from Washington University, St. Louis. She received a B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of Central Florida. She has been a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, plant science intuitive and the director of plant pathology.

Thomas F. Langdon, Associate Professor of Business Law
Thomas Langdon has a J.D. in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law, a J.D. in 1995 from Western New England College School of Law, a M.S.F.S. from The American College, an M.B.A. and a B.S. in Finance and Business Law from the University of Connecticut. Langdon comes to RUW from his previous position as professor of taxation from The American College. He also served as consultant to the Internal Revenue Service, President of the American Society of Taxation, and chief examiner of the U.S. Treasury.

Bertrand Onoko, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Bertrand Onoko has a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Georgia Tech University, a master’s of science in mathematics and a B.S. in Mathematics from Egerton University, Kenya. He will be joining RUW in the fall of 2005. His previous position was as a part-time graduate instructor and lecturer at Egerton University.

Scott Roberts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing
Dr. Roberts has a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Arizona State University, and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He joined RUW from his previous position as associate professor of marketing at Northern Arizona University.

Lynn Ruggieri, Assistant Professor of Accounting
Lyn Ruggieri has a C.P.A. from Rhode Island. She comes to RUW from her previous position as an internal revenue agent at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Providence, RI, and a lecturer in accounting at Bryant College.

Melissa Russano, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Dr. Russano has a Ph.D. and a M.S. in Psychology from Florida International University (FIU) and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Dr. Russano comes from FIU where she served as a research and adjunct psychology instructor.

Renée Soto, Assistant Professor of Creative Writing
Renée Soto earned an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and Poetry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a B.A. in English Literature from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. Soto comes to RUW from her previous position as instructor in the departments of languages, literature, and philosophy at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA.

Dr. Minna Tchamani, Professor of International Business
Dr. Tchamani has a Ph.D. in Business Administration with a concentration in strategic & international management, an M.S. in Agribusiness from Arizona State University, and a B.S. in Geology from Michigan Technological University. Tchamani, Dr. Tchamani joins RUW from her previous position as an associate professor of management at Western New England College.

Dr. Peter Thompson, Assistant Professor of Modern Language
Dr. Thompson has a Ph.D. and M.A. from Brown University. He is familiar with RUW, having taught languages and literature for 20 years. Dr. Thompson has also served on the board of the Rhode Island Foreign Language Association and as president of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

Andrew Thrall, Architectural Design & Digital Media/Computer Application (SAADP)
Professor Thrall has a M.S. in Advanced Architectural design from Columbia University. He also has a bachelor’s degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Industrial Design and a bachelor’s in Architecture from Harvard University. Thrall, a senior architect at Turett Collaborative, a company that won a world-renowned competition for the new Museum of Modern Art in New York City, is also a senior partner at Turett Collaborative.

Dr. Zeljko Torbica, Associate Professor of Construction Management
Dr. Torbica has a Ph.D. in Construction Management from the University of Florida. He joins RUW from Florida International University in Miami where he served as an assistant professor of construction management. He earned his Ph.D. at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, and his M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. He is currently a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the International Association for Construction Management (IACM). He has been a member of the faculty at the University of Florida since 2001.

Dr. Matt Zaitchik, Associate Professor of Psychology
Dr. Zaitchik has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Connecticut. He also has a B.A. in Psychology from Brown University. Dr. Zaitchik comes to RUW from Clark University, where he served as a visiting assistant professor. His professional experience includes working as a forensic clinician, serving on several statewide forensic committees and conducting civil forensic evaluations, as well as teaching a variety of courses at Worcester State College and Clark University.

Tara Zanardi, Assistant Professor of Art & Architectural History
Dr. Zanardi has a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Virginia, and a B.A. in Art History and English from the University of Delaware. She comes to RUW from Appalachian State University, where she taught as a visiting assistant professor of art history. She received an Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award in 1999.

* Formerly assistant professor at RUW
Campus Entertainment Network looks to exciting semester with new members

Steve DeStefano  Contributing Writer

The goal for Roger Williams' Campus Entertainment Network this fall is to take the top from top last year. Yet with many successful events, including the Marion 5 concert and Spring Weekend, they have a challenge. With the help of fresh faces, along with some veterans, C.E.N. hopes to have another successful year.

Some of the new faces this year include: Victoria Abbey, who will head Chameleon Clubs, Elizabeth Hytun, Co-Sponsor for Events, Dana Rose Ruffino, Daytime Programs, Rachel Romanyi in Anthropology, and Andrew Rocchi who fills the position as Head of Recruitment & Retention. C.E.N. is excited to have contributions from these new members that will help make the 2004-2005 academic year even more successful. C.E.N. is excited to have board members back who went abroad in the spring. Some of the people returning are Stephanie Ann Beres, Co-Chair, and Michelle Moore, Head of Comedy. The board has its share of talented veterans as well. Jordan Palko, along with Emilie Lavrince, the Advertising Co-Chairs, have helped to get many students to attend events. Other returning members are Fred Dobson with A Break From the Norm (A.B.F.N.), Samantha Brownstein, who has been selected from her position last year as head of Daytime Programs to Common Ground, Joseph Kaye with New Members Relations, and Bobbi Lynn Anderson, who will head Theme Weekend.

'C.E.N. has a great mix of members and is looking forward to another year of exciting events. The group has already proven successful by inviting Dashboard Confessional to their annual fall concert. ABFN held its first event on Friday, Sept. 10, with mentalist Craig Kames at 9 p.m. in the Field House, and the much anticipated bonfire took place on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Ask Meg & Ash

Do you ever need an answer to a personal question? Feel free to contact me with your problems. During the fall semester, Meg and Ash will work together to provide the Roger Williams student body with useful advice and solutions. However, before you ask Meg and Ash, we would like you to know:

Meg is currently double majoring in psychology and journalism. The information gleaned through these conversations will allow her to become your personal advice guru. She's been a Mary Kay makeup consultant for over a year and is knowledgeable in all areas of beauty and hygiene. If you have questions regarding fashion, makeup or hair, she's the one to ask.

Ash, a poor student, is lacking a double major in marketing and public relations. Her over-the-top people skills enable her to make friends with family, friends, significant others and enemies. If you are having a hard time adjusting to college life, making friends or getting that gal you like Phil class, she's the one to ask.

Now that you have been personally introduced, write to askmeg.a@hot.com or drop off your questions in the Hawk's Herald box in the Union or at the Information desk in the Recreation Center. Don't worry, personal information is kept completely confidential.

President Nirschl: Ready for plastic surgery at 'State of the University' address

Chris Parrella  Contributing Writer

University President Roy J. Nirschl, who addressed over 100 faculty and staff in the Recreation Center in his annual 'State of the University' speech on Tuesday.

In his address, Nirschl gave insight into significant advancements the University will experience in the next five years, including a stone fence surrounding the campus, a new entrance, additional playing fields, another expansion of the architecture building, a new parking deck, an improved quad, a new dining commons, a new major academic building, development of the waterfront and additional housing.

"We're going to the great lengths," said President Nirschl. "We're going to make a few small changes here and there to make it better...we want an artist entrance, not something from 1958 that looks checkpoint-charlie-ish.

The center of campus, is anticipated to be a pedestrian-friendly area with additional green areas, walking paths, fountains and trolley connections. Surrounding all parts of the campus. The new dining hall, combined with the new academic building and new housing proposals, all add to what Nirschl called "new, quality construction."

"We're building an environment for living, learning, and playing," he said. "We want a place that is a good investment for students and parents.

Nirschl introduced important campus statistics in his address, including the number of undergraduate students (3,408), law student graduates (140), graduate students (230), recent faculty and staff hires for the year (50), and a 10 percent increase in freshmen retention over the last three years.

In the second week on the job, I held a student forum," said Nirschl. "And it was safe to say that the students were not happy. Then I met with the faculty and they weren't happy as well...Now those meetings have an extraordinarily different attitude. We're taking a good place and making it a whole lot better.

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Nirschl added that in the last year, 6,200 applications were received for undergraduate students, 2,000 applications were received for graduate students, 1,150 applications were received for assistantships, and 250 applications were received for fellowships.

Several campus-wide improvements were also listed during the president's tenure, namely the class registration process.

"When I arrived, the registration process was to use phone lines and request the students didn't call. And when they did, they did not have to stand in line at the registration. We will just buy them a computer," said Nirschl.

"Now the whole process is online.

Nirschl continued the speech by praising the national goals of the University, including education initiatives that have extended to Europe and the Middle East.

"Given our size, resources and history, I don't think we could be more successful in this regard...we are not sitting on the fence," he said.

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From Providence, with love
"Rude Awakenings"

Chris Villani
Contributing Writer

So I woke up the other morning to the sound of chainsaws and foul-mouthed city workers. They were cutting down a pear tree in my back yard, preparing 60 and an extra parking made to house. It's 11 in the morning and I can't fathom why this is going on. But that's a story for a later date. Since I've moved to Providence there have been a lot of things I don't understand.

I called my landlord, let's call him "Jeff," to make sure it is really happening. When I'm 90, sitting in my rocking chair and smiling Black & Mild, I'm going to think about Jeff, and laugh, because he is an idiot.

I'm not going to talk about the stains on the ceiling and the black mold in my bathroom. My roommate has yet to buy me a broom and I'm not sure if I need one. How 'bout I sell you a car with no door handles and when you complain about it I'll give you five bucks and say, "go to AutoZone?"

One of the main reasons the seven of us decided to live in this house was because Jeff told us he was going to renovate the attic so three guys could live upstairs. It's possible this was the only instance where he was true to his word: he dropped the thirty grand and hooked up gas. But he left the fire code. Fire codes are a big deal in Rhode Island, particularly since the Nightingale fire, and that attic breaks more rules than a real-life man with a car on campus. It's a fact that if I walked up there right now and lit a match, the whole house would catch on fire in seconds; I mean, there aren't even any smoke detectors. Who's going to tell on Jeff? Not us. We want to live up there, despite the fact that we feel safer if we were the Crocodile Hunter's kid. Because seriously, yesterday I woke up and thought to myself, "Is today the day? Did Steve Irwin finally get eaten?"

On the third day this cell phone came up, allegedly called Will's cell phone because we're cheap college kids who aren't paying Cox a dime! And put us to move out of the attic and down to the second floor. Now of course, we've already moved closets, dressers, and desks, up four flights of stairs when we moved in, as well as our beer pong table (constructed from eight cinder blocks and one giant piece of wood that we went out and bought at Home Depot before I ever had a job). And now we have to move it all down because the attic is unreliable. We were, of course, we've already moved into the attic. We called Jeff so we could get a better understanding as to why this wasn't brought to our attention. Imagine seven guys sitting in a row, in the dark, pretending to be serious, but pissed as all hell, because that was blasphemous.

Apparently, the woman across the street discovered all these problems, by saying she was 'walking by' the house and came down and evict us because the attic was unreliable. This was perplexing to us, why would someone want to get in our business? We're just loud, party-throwing, stay-up-all-night-watching-porn-white-picking-in-a-garbage-can college kids. So I went over to this woman's house to try and smooth things over. She said, "I just got done going to a party at Bristol was all it took for McMahon to lose her doubts. Impressed with the competency of the then-administrator, Assistant Provost John Nirschel's goals for growth, McMahon was hooked on the friendliness of the students.

She came from UCLA where there were just so many voices, and McMahon was torn of any kind of administration, but here it's like there are no barriers," she explained.

They were considering if she would accept the job. McMahon remembers discussing it as a sudden decision. "It was like, we're really just dropping everything we have here [in Vermont] to move to Rhode Island? And we decided yes."

Now, McMahon was proud to be in charge of day-to-day student affairs. She oversees residence life and the student judicial, advising, community service and the women's center and commuter center, in addition to participating in the Dean's Diversity Council.

"Above other things that originally impressed her," McMahon said, "she was "blown away" by the student leaders who initiate programming, an "unusual" thing for her to see "to this degree" at any other school. "I went to the Dashboard concert and the entire crew was students!" she said incredulously. "They put the whole thing together. The professionalism and the trust that pride these students take in their work is just amazing."

McMahon has attended her first Senate meeting, met with the MSU and grows more excited by the day to learn about the lives of all her new students.

Moving over the summer, McMahon gave me three months to observe the mechanics of RWU. She already had studies. She said those could be improved by a faculty member in the faculty involve- ment and the creation of faculty incentives to encourage their involvement.

Finally, McMahon wants to ensure an inviting atmosphere on campus. "Civility is an issue for every campus, but it is so important to create a mutual respect between students, faculty and staff," she explained. "We want to keep shifting the culture to one that is respectful of difference and is open, healthy discourse."

Certainly, McMahon has experience in leadership and problem-solving. Her hardest obstacle as a Dean she said occurred at Marboro, where last October a student died by a self-induced alcohol incident.

"At a school that small, no one is unknown," she said. "I learned the need to work with every student in the community. It wasn't a matter of if they were grieving, it was to what level they were grieving."

While she excels in counseling, McMahon is lost in the classroom. While at UCLA, her best memory is teaching a course in leadership and service learning. "At UCLA, her best memory is teaching a course in leadership and service learning. It is a class for people to recognize their citizenship and be a part of societal change. They would go out, develop and implement a plan that would help some part of the community."

The intense class, which McMahon only taught for one term, earned her more points than she expected. "At the end of the class the students all told me, hands down, it was the most altering experience they had in college."

Even now, 3,000 miles away, McMahon receives emails from the professor who has continued to teach that class, saying they believe it improved their lives and anyone who is not involved outside the classroom. "If you don't understand that you can go into a community and change the way things are, we haven't done our job."
Hawks win in overtime, again

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams women’s soccer team survived another overtime scare, just three days after a double-overtime win against Framingham State. Ousting the Rhode Island College (RIC) Anchorwomen 4-3, senior Emily Seelig scored the goal for the second game in a row four minutes into the overtime.

The game, which was played in front of a large crowd at Bayside field, went back and forth as each team made runs toward victory.

The Lady Hawks struck early in the first half when freshman Mary D’Cunha ripped a shot, from the foot of fellow freshman Caitlin Mayo, just outside the goal box and over the RIC keeper. A few minutes later Mayo made the score 2-0 with her own left shot off the Anchorwomen defense.

The Lady Hawks looked very calm as their defense tightened and embraced the two-goal lead. Their skills were disciplined, moving the ball in trap that Anchorwomen offside on several occasions.

As the second half ensued, the Hawks held tightly to their 2-1 lead. The defense gave up many opportunities, but that is as far as RIC got. Hawks keeper, junior Meghan Banville, played well and kept the team ahead for most of the game.

Sophomore Brittany Naylor tucked on a goal to put RWU up 3-1 in the second half, but RIC made a late run. After two goals within two minutes of each other, the final whistle sent the game into overtime.

The Hawks, devastated by blowing a two-goal lead, came out flat in overtime. They were outplayed by the Anchorwomen, luckily RIC squandered each attempt.

The Lady Hawks were finally able to move up the field after a goal kick, and Mayo found herself a hole in the RIC defense where she slipped a pass to Seelig for the game winner.

The Lady Hawks will remain undefeated for another day.

They will ride the momentum into a game against the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, scheduled for 12 p.m. on Friday, September 9.

Hawks suffer first loss of season as they fall to UMass-Dartmouth, 5-1

Four first-half tallies propelled the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, no victory over Roger Williams University in women’s soccer action on September 11. Kelly Fitts found the net twice and assisted on a third goal, as the Corsairs handed the Hawks their first loss of the season, 5-1.

Fitts got things going for UMass-Dartmouth in the ninth minute, when she took a pass from Mary Agran and put it past Hawks goalie Meghan Banville for the Corsairs first score.

Four minutes later, the Hawks were down 2-0, when Fitts found the net again, assisted on a third goal, as the Corsairs cruised from there. Lindsey Smith and Amanda Tavares recorded six saves in her team’s season-opening victory.

Cross country teams impress at match, women’s tennis fares well

Women’s tennis started the season well, with wins over UMass-Dartmouth (7-2) and Wentworth Institute of Technology (8-2). They took their 2-1 record on the road for a match against Bridgewater State on Thursday, and they return home September 18 to face off against Colby-Sawyer at 1:00 p.m.

The RWU men and women’s cross country teams finished in first and third, respectively, at the Smith College Invitational on September 11. The top five finishers for the men were James Dugan, Dave Strumski, Eric Van Tassel, Jon Defarias and James Pingree; while Allison Bellanger, Emily Lahaun, Caroline Gates, Katie Patrice and Anna Durfee rounded out the top five for the women. The first RWU Invitational will be held Saturday, October 2 at 11:30 a.m.

CCAC AWARDS

Freshman Amy Mayer (Mansfield, MA) and sophomore Ashley O’Keefe (Griswold, CT) have been honored by the Commonwealth Coast Conference as Co-Rookie of the Week and Libero of the Week, respectively, for the week ending September 12, 2004.

Mayer earned Co-Rookie of the Week honors through leading the Hawks in kills per game with 2.81, as the Hawks had all seven points to best the start in the history of the program at 3-2. Jess West (Rhode Island, NY) was named to the CCC Honor Roll for the week after being named to the All-Tournament Team at the RWU Invitational.

Support your Hawks!

Tuesday, 9/21... women’s soccer 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/22... men’s soccer, women’s tennis 4:00 p.m.