Three students hit by car on Route 114

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Weekends at RWU tend to be a time for students to relax and hang out with friends, until that dreadul Monday morning alarm beeps furiously. Saturday night was exactly that for junior John Jordan and friends who were preparing for what they thought would be a fun night ahead. However, within seconds, those calming thoughts were discarded and replaced with screams, shock, blood, and tears, as a Ford Taurus slammed into Jordan (and 2 friends) as he was crossing the street from his house to the adjacent sidewalk.

Jordan has vague memories of how it happened, but what he does recall from that moment crossing the street is the sight of an oncoming car in the not-so-off distance. Seeing that the speed limit in the area was 30 mph, Jordan assumed he could walk safely across the street. Only a few feet from the sidewalk, Jordan (who was the most severely injured), saw no reason to quicken his pace until "all of a sudden some guy just punched on his gas and we thought 'oh shit' and we saw head lights. I don't remember anything until my friend picked me up and pulled me on the corner," Jordan recitals.

Jordan and his two friends were clipped by the vehicle, which immediately after the incident fled the scene. Friends that had yet to cross the street erupted in screams and "every girl I know was crying," he mentioned.

The aftermath of the accident left the three boys in a state of shock as their comrades on the other side of the street had to deal with a situation foreign to most. "I was drenched, the whole side of my face and my body was covered in blood," Jordan explained. "But the EMTs watched on the scene in less than 30 seconds, the cops were at the scene. [It was] fast, fast recovery."

The Bristol Police Department (BFD) was one of the first to arrive. "My side was to get them to the hospital quickly and safely, and I hope we did," Chief Martin of the (BFD) stated.

Jordan remembers that once the police and ambulances arrived, "they brought me to the RI hospital and I was there for 4 hours." The result of the accident is certainly devastating, but Jordan survived with a broken leg, a tattoo-like road rash on his right shoulder, and four stitches to close the wound on his ear.

As for the other boys, "one of them has a broken wrist in four spots," Jordan recalls. "The other kid got clipped by the side view mirror. He's the luckiest one, he only got some scrapes. He was pretty much unharmed."

The Bristol Police were not available for comment but two of their detectives have the case still under investigation. Jordan has been doing his own detective work as well. At the time of the hit-and-run, the car and driver were not identified, however, Jordan (who worked with cars all summer) said he easily identified the driver's vehicle by the sound its engine made during those few seconds before he was hit. RWU's involvement with off-campus situations such as these remains minimal.

John Jordan, a junior at RWU, was one of three students hit by a car on Saturday night. Jordan suffered a broken leg and an injury to his ear, among other injuries.

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Old School is now an old-hat term to RWU's freshmen, and its futility is met with a flinch. This class is intimately familiar with Tobias Wolff's Pen/Faulkner award-winning novel.

As part of President Nirschel's pilot common reading initiative, approximately 1,500 copies of Wolff's 2003 book were distributed to every freshman student, all full-time faculty, and CORE professors during the summer months.

At summer orientation, each new student was given a copy of the novel, and one assignment: read it! Eileen Evans, a freshman, said Old School was an OK read, but learning that it was required summer reading threw her for a loop.

"I really wasn't excited about it because I was like, 'that's so high school.' Here I am going into college, and that was the one thing I was looking forward to: no summer reading."

The idea for a "common reading and common student experience" stems from President Nirschel's 2002 strategic plan for the university, written the year after his inauguration.

Under the president's direction, creative writing professor Adam Braver completed a Presidential Fellowship during the 2005 school year to create an experience that echoes established programs at schools like Temple University and Northfield Mount Herman.

Braver, who himself penned two novels, Mr. Lincoln's Wars and Divine Sarah, worked with Nirschel to find the right text for impressionable incoming students.

According to Braver, the two battled book titles back and forth, looking for novels that were "thematically interesting and relevant, and would generate some discussion." Among the other titles considered were Sherman Alexie's Ten Little Indians and Art Spiegelman's Maus I and Maus II.

After much deliberation, Nirschel and Braver settled on the Wolff novel, with the president making the final call. "[Old School] just hit and we both knew that it was the right book for the situation," Braver said.

"I took it upon myself to read each of the books and, with [Braver], selected Old School," said Nirschel. "It is well written, readable, and has a number of important values and messages contained within."

In his 2005 Convocation address on August 27, Nirschel emphasized the important thematic elements of the novel.

"On the surface, it seems like an autobiography — a New England boarding school; a writer writing about writers. But for those of you who read it — and you should — it has much deeper meaning. It is about identity. Who you are and what you are. It is about fitting in and making choices. It is about academic integrity and honesty, self-discovery and being true to your self."

"The book reinforces our core values of love of learning and academic integrity."

While some freshmen have scoffed at the assignment or just leashed through the novel, other students have read the book and thematically tied these messages to their first-year experience.

The novel has been — at the professors' discretion — introduced and explored as part of CORE class curriculum and the First Year Seminars (FYS). Braver said Old School's readability made it easy for students to "initially understand" the novel so that the teaching would later "illuminate, rather than guide the students" through the process.

"For people that are having trouble making the connection, a classroom setting supplements [the reading] by drawing the idea of metaphor and experience and common experiences."

English literature professor James Tuckach incorporated the Old School reading into his First Year Seminar. The students in his "Romantic Age" class read the novel along with a historical novel about the same time period. They then compared the two novels and discussed the themes of the book.

Eileen Evans, a freshman, said she had previously read parts of the novel while she was in high school. She said that after reading the novel, she had a deeper understanding of its message.

Eileen Evans added that she found the book to be "very interesting and thought provoking." She also said that she was able to relate to the characters in the novel.

"I really enjoyed it," Evans said. "It was very well written and interesting. I would definitely recommend it to others."

The novel has been praised by many students and faculty members for its ability to connect with the students and their first-year experience. The book has been used as a tool for faculty members to help students understand the importance of academic integrity and self-discovery.

Old School has been a success for RWU, and the university continues to use it as a tool for students to learn about the importance of academic integrity and self-discovery. The novel has been praised by many students and faculty members, and it continues to be a popular reading assignment for incoming freshmen.
“From Bayside, with Love”

“Rich kids don’t know how to party”

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As men, we have specific guidelines and strict rules on how to act amongst other men in certain situations. I hesitate to continue writing, as these rules are not written down anywhere; they are unspoken and understood between my brethren and me. Unfortunately, one egregious act has worked as a catalyst to provoke this column, but I’ll get to that later.

If I had to guess, I’d say it’s a mixture of collective memory and learned behavior that led to the creation of the men’s rules (oh yeah, and a dash of homophobia)

For example, if there are five urinals in a public bathroom, and urinal #1 and #3 are being used, the appropriate urinal for the next man entering the bathroom to use is #5. If all three alternating urinals are occupied, use a stall. If all the stalls are occupied as well, pretend to wash your hands until something frees up. And that’s just the way it is.

Maybe it’s because men don’t feel comfortable with other men being in such close proximity to their Randy Johnson (and I don’t feel it’s necessary for me to put “unless you’re gay” after that last statement, even though now that I’ve acknowledged it I might as well just have said it).

This next “man rule” pertains to both bars and all other social functions where drinking alcohol is involved. Simply stated, never order a drink. It is entirely inappropriate to order a Smirnoff ice (with or without a fruity twist) if you’re out with your brothers.

And sure, you might think that Cosmopolitan the hot blonde is drinking would taste pretty good compared to your China Moon, friends and hopefully some classy picture and post under the Mount Hope Bridge, take a walk. Cirrhosis doesn’t come cheap, all three alternating urinals are occupied, use a stall. If all the stalls are occupied as well, pretend to wash your hands until something frees up. And that’s just the way it is.

Alright, now that I’ve given a little insight into the rules that govern a man’s life, I can get to the point. About a week ago, two of my friends and I had just finished a solid workout in the gym and decided to hit the hot tub by the pool for a little relaxation. It was just the three of us at first, but then we were joined by a man who I’ll refer to as “Richard.” Richard seemed like a nice kid, and it seemed like he was generally trying to be friendly when he responded to the question, “how do you like freshman year so far?” with "rich kids don’t know how to party.”

At first, it didn’t quite hit me. But then I started to think about it, what exactly had this kid just said to us? I’ll tell you why that ignorant statement bothered me so much. Because he was generalizing that all the people at RWU were "rich kids," but based on the appearance of my friends and I, we were not. And therefore we wouldn’t be offended by his statement and most likely conceal. Or, this guy who has known me for exactly one minute just looked in the eyes and said I didn’t know how to party. What the f**k?

Look, I know everyone is entitled to their own opinion; clearly I have no problem expressing mine every week. But this was narrow-minded and stupid. There is a time and a place for everything, specifically amongst men.

The time to insult a man is never when you’re outnumbered three to one. And the place is never a bubbling pot of sausage (hot tub, whatever). But there’s a reason not one of us called this kid out on what he had just said. It’s because, deep down, we understood his plight.

And I have a message for freshman Richard. Unfortunately, you don’t go to a giant university that has frat parties every night and bars on campus, all conveniently within stumbling distance. But what you do have to your free-dom, fake IDs, alcohol, a corrupt city, China Moon, friends and hopefully some imagination and ambition. Like most things in life, fun isn’t just given to you for nothing. You have to learn to go out and make your own, the rest of us have.

And hell, if you want to make your friends who go to the big universities jealous-ass, we’ve got something for you.

Go out late tonight with some people under the Mount Hope Bridge, take a classy picture and post it on Webshots. No one else has that.

Dear RWU:

I have been a dedicated reader of the Hawk’s Herald for over a year now. What has really opened me up to how the paper has become an instrument for students complaining about everything. I have now read for two issues of gripes about the parking situation. I would like to say to my fellow classmates: STOP WHINING! The best way to get anything accomplished is to get involved! Join a committee! Work for change! I would like to point out how lucky we are to live on a beautiful campus, park on campus, have a safe and new parking garage, and pay only $50 a year. Know what? Westfield State College students pay $75-$90 a year to park in a remote lot a mile away and shuttle to campus all the time. Our campus is hardly a mile long! Students at University of Rhode Island pay up to $175 a year for parking. So students of RWU, put your walking shoes on and get over it. Besides, its good exercise!

-JT class of ’86

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Dear Meg and Ash:

I am a freshman who is living in Cedar. I am in a forced triple and the other two girls I am rooming with became best buds instantly. They have classes together, go to the gym together, eat together, and go out together. I feel so left out! They aren’t mean to me and if I ask them if I can tag along they always say yes, but they never ask me in advance. How can I gain their friendship?

—Third Wheel

Dear Third,

Your situation is very common. Being left out is never fun. You should try to talk to your roommates. They may not realize they are being exclusive. Tell them you are interested in eating dinner nightly and think of a meeting place and time to meet. That way you won’t be left out. See if you have any interests with one or both of the girls. Do you have any classes with either of them? Also, approach one the girls when they are separate and spark up conversation. Sometimes, your roommates will be more acquaintances rather than friends. Consider yourself lucky that you aren’t writing in with some horror story of a roommate who smells like moldy cheese or has random boys sleep over nightly. If all else fails stay on good terms with them, but branch out and make other friends. Maybe join a club to meet new people. If they’re going to keep leaving you out after you try then you can find some people who will actually want you around.

Meg & Ash

Dear Meg and Ash:

I am in love with my RA. She is everything I could ever want and more. She’s smart, beautiful, funny and mature. We have spent some time together talking at our hall meeting and we watched a movie with others in the common area as well. I get flirty vibes from her but she hasn’t declared her love for me yet. Should I be the first to break our mutual silence?

—Lurking in Love

Dear Lust,

Slow down!! First, your RA is off limits!! The department of student life has a strict policy that there are no romantic relations between students and their RAs. It creates a huge conflict of interest. Also, is it possible that your RA was just being nice and not flirty? RA’s know all about this policy and most would never sacrifice their position to date one of their residents. Become friends with your RA and nothing more. If you are sure she has feelings for her, perhaps next year you two can date when you are no longer in such a situation. Second, don’t rush into things. You have yet to spend time alone with this girl and you are ready to declare your love to her? Get to know her better and develop a friendship and go from there.

Meg & Ash

Meg and Ash are RWU’s own personal advice gurus. These experienced advice columnists have contributed to the Hawk’s Herald for a year and are ready to take on more of your emotional challenges. Write to Meg and Ash at askmeg_ash@hotmail.com.
Laundry prices a messy situation

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Lazy college students coupled with weeks of dirty laundry equals a smelly combination. Next to homework, doing laundry is probably one of students’ least favorite things on the “to do” list. It’s a tedious process that agitates most students because their priorities don’t allow for enough time (or money) to simply get it done.

In past years, washing and drying one load of laundry, on campus, cost students $2.00. This year, the price increased by $.50 (25 cents per machine) causing quite a raucous among residents. “When I went downstairs to do my laundry I didn’t have enough quarters for the machine, so I had to walk to CVS and buy something to get change,” said Beyene Libby, an Almeida resident.

The prices have gone up, but the quality of the washers and dryers seem to have stayed the same. For what the students are paying, they expect the clothes to be clean and dry, but that has not been the case.

Peter Gett, a Bayside resident, agrees. “The price doesn’t bother me as much as the fact that I put $2.50 into two separate dryers and my clothes are still wet and smell terrible,” he said.

According to last year’s ACUHO I survey that students fill out at the end of each year, 35% of the responses were “slightly, moderately, or somewhat dissatisfied” with the laundry facilities.

Former Cedar resident Steven Masl has already had a few problems with the laundry services thus far. “The one time I went [to the laundry room] this year, one of the four washers wasn’t working and two of the dryers only gave a half hour [of drying time] instead of the full hour even though I put in $1.25,” said Masl.

Mac-Gray Corporation is the laundry machine service company that has worked with the university for over ten years. In cooperation with the Department of Residence Life and Housing, Mac-Gray has been looking for ways to improve the laundry services on campus. However, these changes include and hope to help justify a jump in the price.

Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing, stated, “the price increase should have occurred a couple years ago. This past summer the school negotiated with Mac-Gray Corporation to install new machines in Cedar, Maple, Nike, and Bayside. The other residence halls, Willow, Stonewall, Almeida, and Baypoint should receive new machines by mid-October.”

These new machines are not the only reason for the price increase. Maple, Cedar, and Bayside all run on natural gas. With the increase in gas prices over the past few years, the university has exceeded its financial expectations. Last year, Maple and Cedar were 343 percent over budget in energy prices, while Bayside was heightened to 403 percent.

Positive changes, however, are on the way. In mid-September a new pilot program called “LaundryView” will begin its training session in Cedar Hall. Residents of Cedar will be able to log on and view a website that monitors their laundry machines. The site will also be able to display the number of available washers and dryers, when a cycle has ended, and the estimated times remaining on the load.

“LaundryView” will also have the ability to send the user an e-mail to notify them when their laundry has been completed. “The goal would be to have the new system in every residence hall on campus in the near future,” said Montefusco.

Montefusco also mentioned a new couch that has been placed in the Cedar One South laundry room for students who want to hang out while they wait for their clothes to dry. The couch, however, has already been vandalized along with one of the new washing machines.

“I don’t think students realize that we try to improve the services on campus,” Montefusco added, “and it’s hard when we put money into making things better, like the couch and the new washing machines, and students don’t seem appreciative.”

OLD SCHOOL: Group reading promotes discourse outside classroom

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ing into his CORE Lit/Phil classes with an informal discussion of the book, its thematic elements, and the concept of common reading, posing questions like: “Did you like the book? Did you enjoy reading it?”

Tackach described student sentiments and engagement with the book to be a “mixed bag.”

“Some students thought it was OK, some didn’t like it too much. There were a couple of complaints. Some said, ‘Gee, I didn’t go to a prep school like that; I couldn’t identify with the main character. A couple of the female students said, ‘It’s kind of an all-guys world that he’s writing about. Other students liked it.’

Tackach posed a question about the reason for common reading, and recalled a favorite student response: “So our minds won’t completely rot over the summer.”

For freshman Joey Szczybak, the idea of required summer reading wasn’t initially appealing, but he came to enjoy the Old School experience. “I picked up the book and started reading it, and it was a really good book.”

While the novel hasn’t been discussed in any of his classes, Szczobak has had a few discussions about the book, its favorite parts, and Wolff’s characteristic style with friends and classmates.

“In the end, the common reading is something that brings the class together a little bit,” he said.

Freshman James Barenback has some criticism for the program. “I’ve read a couple of pages of [the book], but it really didn’t appeal to me and I strongly disliked it.”

Barenback’s friend Adam Byington agreed. “I don’t think the freshman class as a whole is really going to talk about [the book] in their social life,” he said. “Hanging out with friends, you’re not going to say, ‘Do you guys like Tobias Wolff and this book?’”

Evans is looking forward to Wolff’s lecture to make sense of the common reading experience. “I’m excited that the writer’s coming because I kind of want to understand what was going through his brain when he was writing that. I’m happy that they’re bringing him here because it makes me feel that I did read [the book] for some reason but at the same time, it was like, that was a waste of my time.”

Braver contends that even if students have questions and criticism like Evans’, they are still thinking and engaging in discourse outside the classroom, and that was one of the program’s premier goals.

“What I hope [common reading] has done is generated some connection and dialogue between people on a common level,” he said.

“I don’t expect that everyone’s going to like the book — or any book, or common reading — that everyone’s going to like it or find meaning in it. But even if the common discussion is that you didn’t like it at all or you’re having some level of discussion going on, especially tied to a university program — instead of Survivor.”

While an encore requirement is likely for next year’s incoming class, the focus of the ’05 program remains on Old School with the community still exploring the messages and meaning of the book and preparing for Wolff’s visit to campus on Sept. 27 and 28.

As far as the common reading goes, Nirschel said, “this is the start of a new tradition at RUW and we will do it again — as long as I’m president.”
Ideas, Passion and Energy: The story of Suzy Alba

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For most students, life at RWU is simple. Eat, sleep, class, work, weekend. Rarely has the cycle been broken during a students’ four-year run on campus. One event though, that has made its way on the “to do before I graduate” list is the RWU community service requirement. While most students cringe at the sound of community service work, RWU officials have embraced it. This fall, a dedicated new employee, Suzy Alba, has worked non-stop looking to change the brash feeling towards the program. Alba, a recent graduate from Rhode Island College, (RIC) came to RWU through the AmeriCorps program.

“I was offered a few jobs and something didn’t feel right. I was like “I just don’t want to do this,” so she decided to enroll in AmeriCorps and instead chose to do a full year of service at RWU. “I love this campus; its a perfect fit. I could’ve gone to other schools, but this is perfect. Everyone is super nice, and has accepted me,” Alba said.

Alba has a firm belief that trust between RWU and the local Bristol community is key to a strong environment. “I’m basically helping strengthen our connections with the community. The campus and community partnerships are very important. My job will also be to help with programs that are already established, like Bristol Reads.”

To understand Suzy Alba as a person, look no further than her time spent at RIC. Back in May, Alba graduated president of her class. Her involvement with the “Rhode Island Collaboration for the Homeless” and her role with “Habitat for Humanity” made her an easy choice for RWU. Her ideas, those programs led to the creation of the “Got Points Program” a service in which students donated their leftover food points at the end of school year to benefit the local community. Alba’s creative mind has already starting paying dividends for the university. In her first hands-on experience, Alba and many others paved the way for an all-freshman community service day. The incoming class was sent out all over the state of Rhode Island in search of broken fences and litter. “I think it’s amazing because a lot of freshman are from out-of-state and they got to know the area, and got to meet each other and the faculty.” The program was a success, receiving great feedback from the non-profit organizations that benefited.

When Alba isn’t at RWU she is a volunteer for the non-profit organization “Water Fire Providence.” She helps with development, raising money for their organization.

After her year at RWU, Alba will be going to graduate school. She wants to earn a masters degree in public administration and go onto higher education. Her ultimate goal is to be a college president and to eventually run for public office. “This is a perfect year to work in higher education, and work with non-profits because I’m interested in both helping the homeless and being a college administrator.”

Alba lives by her own saying, “I think it’s our responsibility, to have a degree, because not everyone can go to college, and even though we pay for it, we still have the responsibility to do something with it.”

And even though she’s only here for a year, she is determined to leave her mark. “I just want to make a difference while I am here. I want to make an impact in the most important ways.”

Nirschel’s State of the University: We’re “the miracle at Metacom Avenue”

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As the gymnasium in the Recreational Center was filled with faculty, staff, and students alike, President Nirschel took his position at the podium for the fifth time in his illustrious RWU career.

“We are the miracle on Metacom Avenue,” Nirschel proudly stated the State of the University address on Sep 21. The address, which lasted nearly an hour, gave Nirschel an opportunity to lay down a road map for where the university was, is, and plans to be in the short-term and long-term future.

“We are in the midst of a fundamental change,” he explained when discussing the new and not-so-new faculty and staff that help run the university. The President praised many faculty and administration members for their outstanding contributions to the university. At several points during the speech, the crowd erupted in applause for those specially recognized individuals.

The rest of the address gave Nirschel the stage to promote the university’s new benefits, achievements, such as the study abroad initiative that he orchestrated. In place for next semester is a program that will have Nirschel providing passports for every sophomore with a 3.0 GPA.

Nirschel explained the importance of endowment (RWU now has a $10 million surplus as opposed to the past debt) and how it ties directly to all of the campus’ current and future construction plans.

“We can’t borrow any more money,” Nirschel explained. “We need gifts and grants to move the university forward.” For the finale of his speech, Nirschel discussed three commitments that he plans to fulfill in the coming calendar year.

Lessening the enrollment numbers by not accepting more students than what the school currently has, along with hiring more full-time professors instead of the plethora of adjuncts are all high on his list.

However, the President went on to explain how finding the most qualified candidate to fill the open Provost position is his “top priority.”

“The goal is to keep getting better and we are well on our way.” We should take pride in where we’ve been, where we are, and where we’re going.” Nirschel explained as he concluded his address.

RWU president Roy J. Nirschel gives his State of the University address.

Dearest Speed Bump,

Ever since you came into my life things have been different. Every time I enter campus now I think of you. I think of ways to avoid you. You have ruined driving on campus.

Remember when you had no yellow stripes? Cars would hit you so hard without even knowing it. I bet you hurt some of them too. Many mechanics around Bristol are your new best friends.

I am sorry but I think we need to end this relationship. It's not me - it's you. You aren't a very nice speed bump. It's over.

Tim Mannion
Editor
The TV Guru's Fall Preview

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While they are a number of new shows set to premiere, the biggest news coming out of this fall preview is resurgence in high-concept science fiction dramas. Although this is the first season in 18 years without a "Star Trek" series beaming the airwaves, the popularity of last year's semi-paranormal breakout hit, "LOST," sparked a newfound interest in dramas dealing with the unexplained. New cast members on the Island are about to heat up as Michelle Rodriguez (of "Fast and the Furious") joins the group of castaways as they unlock the secret hatch from the island's finale. Also on ABC this fall is the eerie new entry "Invasion." Airing Wednesdays at 9 p.m., this series about a motley crew of twosomes who find strange happenings after a hurricane is the perfect pair-up to air directly after "LOST." For you fright-fans who love to remain at home, quite different from the short-lived '70s version with Darren McGavin, this series stars "Queen of the Damned" at 8 p.m.

The new WB thriller, aptly titled "Supernatural," has the makings of a great show. Dealing with two ghost-hunting brothers cruising the country in search of the strange and the unexplained, "Supernatural" stars WB alum Jared Padalecki ("Gilmore Girls") and Jensen Ackles ("Smallville") and airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. Also, for all of you super-fans out there, this season is full of twists on "Smallville" as Clark goes to college, catches a wave with guest star Aquaman, faces off against comic-villain Brainiac (played by "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star James Marsters), and finally starts to have a rift with the nefarious Lex Luther. Finally, don't miss the WB's family drama "Everwood," going into its fourth year. Dr. Andy Brown is smitten over the local diner owner and Ephram is nowhere to be seen (or is he?).

Another of CBS' new science-fictional entries would be "Threshold." Starring Carla Gugino ("Spy Kids") as an expert in worst-case scenarios chosen by the government to lead a group of scientists on a mission to discover an alien threat. Part "X-Files" and part "Close Encounters," this series, airing Fridays at 9 p.m., also features Star Trek alum Brent Spiner as part of the ensemble cast.

Fox's new drama "Prison Break," brings some misadventure with its mystery to the set. Located inside the walls of a Super-Max prison, this series revolves around an architect who is trying to break his wrongfully accused brother out of jail by becoming a prisoner himself. So what about all of your returning favorites on FOX? Well, there are plenty of these this season starting with "The OC." This season on Fox's milestone drama, has Kristen stuck in rehab, Marissa feeling the guilt over shooting Trey, and Ryan taking the blame for the attempted murder. As for comedies, Fox has got you covered with a full return of their famous animated lineup of "Simpsons" (entering its 16th year), "King of the Hill," and the RJ-themed duet of "Family Guy" and "American Dad," whose creator was originally a RJ native.

Also returning this fall is the teen-sleuth underground hit "Veronica Mars." This season after solving her best friends murder, Veronica has a new mystery to solve (not to mention a love triangle between on-again-off-again boyfriends Duncan and Logan).

As if this newspaper wasn't enough...

Keri Tunzi
Herald Staff

When RWU first introduced the idea of Newspaper Reading Zones placed around campus, Vice President of Student Affairs, John King, saw an opportunity to bring the media to students to who may not get the news otherwise.

"Last year a junior student living in Stonewall mentioned to me that it would be nice to have some newspapers available at various locations in addition to the newspapers library.

"We learned that students were seeking a dining environment similar to home, where they could read a newspaper or watch the news while eating." These new zones, which went into operation this fall, has given students a chance to gain access to national and local news. Students can eat lunch and relax behind a newspaper or a big screen television. The only thing asked of the student partaking in the daily dose of news is to leave the paper behind for others to read.

The newspapers can be accessed very easily: in the dining hall, the Post Café mailbox area, Jazzman’s café, Center for Student Development lobby, and the Intercultural Center. They also are available on Fridays in the Post Café.

Also, the Student Union will soon have a 50-inch plasma television that will air news coverage, so students can watch up to the minute breaking news, sports, and other special events.

Since the television is not available as yet, King commented, "the 50-inch plasma has been shipped from the manufacturer and should be here within a few days. We hope to have it installed by the end of the month and during the day we will likely keep it on CNN for breaking news but we have the ability to have special programs and sporting events on"

Senior, Christopher Koukol, thinks the additions of the zones are a terrific fit for campus. "I really think the idea of putting newspapers strategically around campus is perfect for getting the students to become more involved with society. It is an easy way for everyone to be informed of what is going on in the world. I only wish we had special reading places set up when I was a freshman because it would have opened my eyes to all the tragedy that is going on in our world."

"The papers are being read consistently in the Dining Hall, Intercultural Center and the Center for Student Development," King said. "We need to get them delivered to the Jazzman’s at the Recreation Center to give that area a try!"
This room "tastes like burning..."

Tim Mannion
Editor

It was just another typical Tuesday night in room 254 at Baypoint, RWU's over-the-bridge residence hall. The poker game had just ended and sophomores Kevin Thistle and Phillip Yacouby felt the sudden urge for food. It was well past midnight when the roommates took the trip to Bristol's Stop & Shop.

After filling up with the much-needed snacks, Thistle and Yacouby returned to their humble abode only to find a mass of students outside the dormitory.

"We had gone out [to Stop & Shop] and when we came back everyone was outside. We thought it was a normal fire drill or maybe someone had pulled the alarm. We learned that someone's door caught fire," said Yacouby.

"We kept hearing them call the room numbers and we heard our number. We weren't really sure what was going on," Thistle recalled.

Yacouby returned to their dorm to find their door had been set ablaze. "I was thinking, 'What are the chances of it being our door?' But then some people came up to us and said 'It was definitely your door,'" Yacouby added.

Although, distressed, the two students made their way over to talk to the Portsmouth police and then they went up to their room to check out the damage.

"Apparently, someone lit our 'Keep Out' sign on fire and it fell from the door and onto the carpet," he explained.

Fortunately for the roommates, the damage to the room was minimal. "The fire got ash all over everything — all over the counter and carpet right when you walk into the room. It even got in our bathroom," said Thistle.

"The school brought in a huge fan to get all the carbon monoxide out. And they had a guy go around to all the rooms with a tester just in case."

This is the first of many episodes that have had local police responding to Baypoint. On Sept. 19, the Portsmouth Fire Department responded to Baypoint for another incident, a false alarm.

HIT AND RUN: Second student hit in seven months

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When Public Safety was alerted of the accident, they relayed the message and urgency of the situation to the appropriate people. However, when questioned of the accident, the Director of Public Safety, Brendan Deherty, had no comment on the matter.

Although a very different circumstance, Hit-and-Runs are not unfamiliar to the Roger Williams community.

Last February, Maureen Clancy, who was just beginning her second semester of her senior year, fell victim to an alleged hit-and-run by fellow student, Gizarzhen Aisuev. Aisuev, no longer enrolled at RWU and whose criminal matter is still pending, hit Clancy when she was walking to her Bayside apartment after being dropped off by her boyfriend after midnight. Clancy suffered severe head injuries and still continues to battle with it today.

However, Vice President of Student Affairs John King allowed for a glimmer of hope by stating that, "Clancy and her family are determined that she will return to the university to finish her studies." Yet, that date is still unknown.

King went on to explain that "she is continuing her rehabilitation and has made significant progress over the summer."

The Clancy family is still very much in touch with RWU, and King himself has spoken to them many times since the accident; as recently as a few weeks ago. "Maureen and her family have been uplifted by the continued support and contact she has had from her friends at the university."

Although some cases more severe than others, all of the RWU hit-and-run victims are recovering considerably.

The driver, who struck Jordan and his friends last weekend has allegedly turned himself into police.

Tobias Wolff
author of the novel Old School

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Roundup: women’s tennis drops first CCC contest; men’s soccer whips Bisons

Herald Staff Reports

The women’s tennis team finally dropped a conference match as they fell to rival Salve Regina University 9-0.

All of the Seahawks’ singles victories came in straight sets. The closest match of the day was in #1 doubles, where Caitlyn Leone and Jess Mammey played a tough match but fell 8-5.

In other news...

TUESDAY, 9/20

Junior Jamie Pereira and senior Shoihe Oikubo each netted two goals as the men’s soccer team rolled past Nichols College, 6-1 on Tuesday at Bayside Field.

Jeff Taranto and Kevin Solis also added goals for the Hawks, who outshot Nichols 18-10. Kevin Canty recorded two assists. Kevin Doogan and Jordan Viola split time in net, with Viola allowing the only goal in the 86th minute.

SATURDAY, 9/17

Kayla Leonard managed 10 saves, but the Hawks fell to a tough Endicott College squad, 2-1 in women’s soccer action.

Caitlyn Mayo scored a second-half goal to put RWU on the scoreboard, but the Hawks managed only 7 shots to the Gulls’ 17. The loss drops the women to 3-4.

SATURDAY, 9/17

Junior Ryan Wohlstead tallied a late goal to beat a scoreless tie and give the

men’s soccer team a 1-0 victory over Endicott.

Kevin Deegan made five saves for his fifth shutout of the year and the Hawks defense continued its fine play, allowing only nine total shots.

SATURDAY, 9/17

The women’s volleyball team had a tough homestand on Saturday, falling in straight games to Endicott College (32-30, 30-21, 30-28) before falling in a five-game match versus Colby Sawyer (30-25, 20-30, 24-30, 30-28, 15-7).

Sophomore Amy Mauer played well with 26 kills and 31 digs in the combined games, but the Hawks couldn’t find their rhythm against either conference foe. Junior Caroline Smith had 25 digs in the match versus Colby Sawyer.

SATURDAY, 9/17

The RWU cross country team prided through the soggy conditions to finish well at the UMass-Dartmouth Invitation.

The men, led by freshman Emily Borre, finished 14th out of 35 teams. Borre’s time of 19:40 places her fourth on the all-time women’s list at RWU. Senior Marybeth McLaughlin finished 90th in 20:36.

The men, paced by senior Jon Buehl and freshman Kevin Clark, placed 15th of 35 teams. Buehl ran the five mile course in 27:00 while Clark finished close behind in 27:02.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Women’s soccer finds net in 5-3 win

Christopher Parish

Sports Editor

On Saturday, RWU’s women’s soccer team had trouble scoring goals. On Wednesday, those troubles ended quickly.

Despite trailing at three different points in the game, the Hawks rebounded with a 5-3 win over CCC counterpart Nichols College to draw even at 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

The Hawks began the game with plenty of pressure on the Bisons. From the outset, the ladies brought the ball up the field and kept attacking. It took nearly three minutes for Nichols defenders to even touch the ball, but when they did, a perfect set of passes up the field and one well-placed shot on goal beat freshman keeper Kayla Leonard for a 1-0 lead.

A goal by a competitor on for most of the half, however, and Brittany Taylor netted an equalizer in the 38th minute. Just two minutes later, Bison midfielder Kaila Gray put Nichols back on top, cutting the deficit to one with a goal by junior Stephanie Johnson. In all, four goals were scored in the final seven minutes of the first half.

That furious pace carried over into the second half as well but by that point the Hawks clearly had all of the momentum. In the 59th minute, freshman Laura Thayer scored her first collegiate goal to tie the score at three. Two minutes later, another goal by Thayer gave them a goal to put the Hawks ahead, 3-2.

Sophomore Caitlyn Mayo scored a third goal in four minutes that gave RWU a 5-3 lead that would be held until the end of the match.

“We didn’t play a whole game,” said head coach Emily Gablick. “Fortunately for us there were parts where we were brilliant, but we have to be prepared to play a full 90 minutes.

“Our goal is to have as many goals as we have opportunities and to cut-shot teams, and fortunately we did by out-shooting (Nichols)16-7.”

The Hawks will travel to Eastern Nazarene College on Saturday before returning home to play Johnson and Wales University on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

“Killer” Athlete

Shawn Hogan

Herald Staff

When senior outside hitter Erin Carolan first came to RWU as a freshman in the fall of 2002, she had never played competitive volleyball. In fact, according to Carolan, she started playing volleyball because she wasn’t interested in other, more popular sports.

“I didn’t like basketball so everyone was like, ‘try volleyball,’” she explained.

And yet Carolan, now the team captain, has become one of the most accomplished players in RWU volleyball history.

Bret Stothart, the women’s volleyball coach, describes Carolan as a “great leader both on and off the court.”

“Not only does she have a great work ethic and she is a great person as well, that is why she is the captain of the team,” Stothart said.

At the start of the 2005 season, Carolan’s career statistics were outstanding: 747 career kills in 313 games and 2,163 attempts. She started the season only 78 kills behind the RWU record of 825 set by Melissa Bouvet in 1995. Since the volleyball team’s first match at the Springfield College tournament on September 2, she has added 109 kills to her record, for a career total of 856, breaking Bouvet’s record.

According to Stothart, all of the statistical categories in volleyball, the kills category is the most important.

“To be the all time leader in that category is impressive and you says a lot for her,” he said.

Coach Stothart will never forget the September 12th match against Connecticut College when Carolan broke the record.

“It was a special moment,” Stothart explained, “I had to call a time out because the team was so excited and happy for her that they weren’t ready to play.”

Carolans has also added 351 attempts to her record for a career total of 2,514, breaking the 2001 record of 2,351 set by Lauren Schember.

Carolan remembers starting her first game and finishing the season with the highest number of kills of any team member. She remembers her coach telling her, “If you continue to play this way you will break the record.”
**Dan Owen**

Football. It would be a fresh new team, but it’s Division III so it’s casual. It would be fun to go games instead of sitting in their rooms, people would have a team to watch and follow.

**Christen DesBois**

Football - it’s a whole social event. It would give students something to do on Friday and Saturday nights. I don’t know if it’s feasible but it would be fun.

**Ian Hambly**

How about a sport that used to be here and isn’t anymore? Men’s Volleyball! I’m on the team, and my freshman year we were nationally ranked but we got rid of us for swimming and diving, which nobody does.

**Michael Bray**

Men’s Volleyball, BRING IT BACK! The winning tradition was in their roots, and they never ceased to bring excitement to the court. So let’s focus on the winning tradition in RWU sports instead of looking for new teams who usually start slow.

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**RUW Class Sports Trivia**

**Rules**: Each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) will have one representative who will answer in 50 words or less the question of the week. The class with the best answer will receive one point. Judging responses is based on creativity, bold predictions, and insightful statistics. Which class has the best sports smarts? It’s time to find out...

**This week’s question**

What sport would YOU want to see RWU add?

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**Answer**

Sorry, folks, the correct answer was hockey. But I did love men’s volleyball until it was lost, so the point goes to the SENIORS again. Sorry Ian, but you’re on the team so you’re biased. And I enjoy football, but football players are arrogant and stuck-up. So who’s going to help out the underclassmen break the scoreless streak? Email hawkrulherald@yahoo.com and answer next issue’s question...

"If you could go pro in any sport, what would it be?"

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**Sports, My Way: I am the worst prognosticator ever**

**Christopher Parish**

Sports Editor

This column should be dedicated to two groups of people, some of whom overlap. First: those of you who have complained that the sports editor should be writing columns about sports, and second: my friends who deserve an explanation for my poor football prognostications.

Week 1 was a disaster, but be fair, the first week of the NFL season is a crapshoot. Picking the first week of football is like trying to figure out who’s going to be good on the NHL this year after the complete league re-shuffling and the extreme rule changes (but remind me about this sometime). I’ll make my guesses in a future column. But by Week 2, I should have had my act straight. Clearly, I did not. Let’s review, with my picks in bold.

**PATRIOTS (-3) at PANTHERS:** I took the Pats and they lost 27-17. I admit, I was prepared to pick the Pats to win every game this season, knowing I’d get at least 12 of them right. I may reconsider this strategy.

**RAVENS (-3.5) at TITANS:** I took the Ravens, who lost 25-10. I know, I know, no Kyle Boller, but it’s the Titans - they’re not supposed to be any good.

**LIONS (-1.5) at BEARS:** This is where it gets ugly. I took the Lions because they beat up on the Packers last week, and conventional wisdom around the football circles has told me the Bears stink this year. I figured if the Lions could beat the Almighty Packers with do-so-wrong Favre, they could beat the lowly Bears. As it turns out, the Lions (who lost terribly, 38-6) aren’t any good either.

**VIKINGS at BENGALS (-3):** I had no rationale in picking the Vikings in this game, and I was more betting against Cincy. Honestly, I just didn’t think the Bengals could go 2-0. Again, I was wrong. Bengals won 37-8. So Cannon Palmer IS a good quarterback.

**BILLS at BUCCS (-2.5):** Again, I picked against Tampa Bay, not so for Buffalo. Since when are the Buccaneers good again? I want to know, where were John Clayton and Sean Salisbury on this one? Bucs managed a SAFETY (I love those!) and won 19-3.

**FALCONS at SEAHAWKS (-1):** Since this was nearly a push, I should have gone with the home team. Seahawks won 21-18. It’s my fault, really. Sometimes I get caught up in the Michael Vick hype, having him on my fantasy team really doesn’t help.

**BROWNS (-6.5) at PACKERS:** I have no defense here. I was completely confident that the Packers would not only roll over the terrible Browns, but would have a big day and salvage their season. Yet they gave Romo Crennel his first win as a head coach at Lambeau Field of all places, 26-24. I can see already that this Packers team is going to give me problems all year.

**CHIEFS (-1.5) at RAIDERS:** So the Raiders looked decent against the Patriots, who I was sure would go 14-2 and just tear through the league like they usually do. And the Chiefs’ defense is always shaky, so I figured Randy Moss would pick them apart. And I was completely wrong. Chiefs win 23-17. This is one of those picks that I looked at 30 seconds before the kickoff and thought to myself, "...oops..."

**GIANTS (-3) at SAINTS:** First of all, I don’t care what the NFL said, the Giants played at home, so they’re the home team. But I admit, I went with the sappy Saints story, hoping they’d go 12-4 and make the playoffs.

Redskins at COWBOYS (-6): Did you WATCH this game? I had this in the bag until the last 3:46. Ugh...

And thus, with two terrible weeks of picks under my belt, I’m going to guarantee a strong showing in Week 3. I will get at LEAST nine picks correct or suffer the intense humiliation and scrutiny that will only be so due if I fail.

Tune in next week; this ought to be pretty interesting.

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**MY WEEK 3 PICKS**

(Please vote in caps)

Patriots (-3.5) over DOLPHINS Saints (NL) over VIKINGS Jets (NL) over Jaguars Eagles (NL) over Raiders Falcons (NL) over Bills Bengals (-3) over BEARS Packers over Buccaneers (-3)

Browns over COLTS (-3.5) Titans over RAMS (-6.5) Cowboys (NL) over 49ERS Cardinals over SEAHAWKS (-6.5) STEELERS (-3) over Patriots Chargers (NL) over Giants Chiefs over BRONCOS (6.3)

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Since that day it has been one of her primary goals. "It has always been in the back of my head," Carolan said, "never knowing where it was or how close I was, but it has been a goal of mine."

Off the court, Carolan is an Elementary Education and Psychology double major and a Dean’s List student. She will be graduating this year and plans to attend either Sacred Heart University or The University of Bridgeport to continue her education before hopefully finding a job as a teacher. When not doing schoolwork or playing volleyball, Carolan likes to spend time with her friends shopping, spending time in Newport and going to the beach.

Coach Stothart knows that not many athletes come along with the poise and talent of Carolan.

"We are going to miss her (next year)," coach Stothart said. "She is definitely a person that we go to in crunch time when we need a kill or when we need a point."

"We are all really proud of her... it couldn’t have happened to anybody better."