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The Alternative Spring Break

Peggy Deston Contributing Writer

Let's see: items to pack for Spring Break. Workpants, steeltoe workboots, utility knife, circular saw, drill! Whoa! What's wrong with this picture? Aren't these suitcases supposed to be stuffed with summer clothing reflecting the latest in swimwear, CDs and general "good time items?" Isn't this where college students leave the books behind for a week of frolicking in the sun?

Not according to Mike DiMucci, an Architecture major, who was planning a trip to Cancun and suddenly felt that "it was kind of selfish to just party. I decided to go to Neon with my friends and to give something back. It's great



because we have become a team and the members feel this will last far longer than any other Spring Break trip."

Actually, there are some other RWU students who feel they would like to make this Spring Break a different experience. They responded to an advertisement that

invited them to participate in an adventure where they would pay a fee of no more than \$200, commit to a week of no alcohol or drugs, travel to an unknown destination, make their own room-and-board arrangements, and be prepared to do manual labor within a low income community.

This year RWU will be hosting the "Other Spring Break" called "Break Away." Ten students, along with one professional staff member, will climb aboard a van and drive to Neon, KY., where they will spend the week renovating low income housing. "No, it is not Habitat for Humanity," commented K.C. Ferrara, the staff person in charge of the group, referring to the program made famous by former President Carter. "It is

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Background on your Financial Aid package

Colleen Meagher Staff Writer

Students and parents alike have always asked how financial aid is configurated. With the deadlines for Financial Aid and Scholarship Applications quickly approaching, now is a great time to start thinking about what all this stuff

Financial Aid is classified as grants, scholarships, work opportunities, and loans that help out with tuition and expenses of college. The government, RWU and other private sources all are possible sources of funding for students to decrease their tuition bill. There are two types of aid available: merit based and need based.

Just because you didn't get a 1600 on yout SAT's, you don't have a 4.0 and your family doesn't live in a box under the Mount Hope Bridge, doesn't mean you won't get aid. However many students feel that the system could

"There's a huge misconception that you need to be very poor or have to have 1400s on your college boards to be eligible," said Lynn Fawthrop, Director of Financial Aid at RWU. First, Fawthrop encourages all students to apply. "At the very minimum, everyone qualifies for some form of assistance," she said.

Now take out your pen and go crazy with paperwork. RWU requires two forms as part of your application. One, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) comes from the Federal Government. The other form is from RWU. Both forms ask similar questions, but determine eligibility for different forms of aid.

The information on these forms comes from the previous year's Federal Income Tax returns. This means your financial aid for the 1996-1997 school year is based on the information contained in your, and in some cases, your parent's tax returns. It is the easiest way to accurately determine your financial need will be. Of course, FINANCIAL AID, Page 4

Baird still molding Athletics Infusion of new ideas paying big dividends

Ray Sullivan Staff Writer

Say what you will about him, but you just can't argue with success. Bill Baird has been the Athletic Director at RWU for almost three years now, and he has brought much improvement to the program. He began his ca-



reer in athletics in 1965 when he was hired as the Men's Basketball coach at Rhode Island College. After two years of that, he then took on the full-time responsibility as Athletic Director along with maintaining his duties as coach. He stayed at RIC for twenty-seven years and then finally retired after a long period of wrestling with budget problems.

"He was a good guy to get along with and I enjoyed working with him" said Gail Davis, Associate Athletic Director at RIC during Baird's tenure.

Baird has spent much of his short time at RWU reinstituting policies and procedures such as physical examinations of all athletes and keeping track of their academic standings.

When Baird first came to RWU, he was given little to work with. Hardly any records where kept, and many coaches felt that the Athletic Department had not been doing an adequate job.

"He's been a breath of fresh air, I like Mr. Baird very much", said J. Lester Abels, Head Sailing coach for the Hawks. In Baird's first three years here he has made 21 different personnel changes because he felt that the people he let go didn't fit the role of the kind of coach he was looking for. He mentioned in particular the relationship he had with former Head Baseball Coach Al DeSalvo.

"I never saw the guy, he was hardly ever here and every time he tried to raise money for those kids to go somewhere it would fall flat on its face, and actually end up costing the department money." In order to remedy the situation Baird decided to bring in an experienced professional, Valentio Innocente. In his short time here he has not only remained in constant communication with Baird in trying to rebuild what last year was a pathetic program, but he has also helped raise around 10 thousand dollars for his team so that they could go on a trip to Coco Beach and play in a an organized tourna-

Not all of the changes Baird has made here have been of enormous proportion. He has done a lot of little things that many don't see. As far as his decision to hire a full time Men's Basketball coach goes,

"I felt it was the best place to start, starting with Basketball made sense because it gives the student a place to come on campus and rally around." So far Baird's plan has worked, when he first got here attendance at home Men's Basketball games was an embarrassing 30-40 people in the stands. This year alone, atten-

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The Grand Opening of "The Other Place."

Dining Service workers want Union

Ray Sullivan Staff Writer

The employees of the Dining Services Department will be voting on whether or not to join the local 328 Chapter of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union at either the end of this month or in the beginning of April. Currently there are several other groups of employees on this campus which are union members, like the faculty and the janitorial staff.

It all started last year when some members of the Dining Services staff contacted Stephen C. Souza, Union Representative and Director of Organizing of the Local 328 in Providence. This Union represents several other schools dining services departments and represented the workers of Almacs Supermarkets before it was closed. "A group of employees approached me and we discussed the steps necessary for forming a Union at the University" said

Souza. "All they are looking for is to be treated with equality, and we're going to try to help them get

The employees feel that there is a certain amount of favoritism that is played between certain employees and the management. "People really get screwed there, if you're not one of their favorites, things are tough" said Pete Cavalieri, a former cook who now handles the responsibility of pre-UNION, Page 12

E-mail and the Internet

Ari Devin Ad Manager

Thousands and thousands of students use E-mail and the Internet. On any given day, a person can walk into the Computer Center and see the old Data General monitors and keyboards being used for E-mail and the Internet. The students are plugging away on the keyboards, writing letters to friends or even doing research for a class.

A year ago, the RWU technology at the computer center was slow and lacking. One year later, the upgrading of technology is increasing quickly, so that RWU is now becoming a place that can use the Web and also connect students, faculty and staff throughout the school. This is beneficial not only to the school's reputation, but also

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An Alternative Thank You

The group of students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program at Roger Williams University would like to thank the RWU community for their support during a series of fundraising efforts such as bake sales, candy sales, and a raffle contest. All of these were a great success and combined with all of the donations made the group was able to reach and exceed their goal of \$4,000 to pay for the trip which takes place during Spring Break. The winners of the raffle were: Celia Cackowski, Terri Ramos, Bryan Peretto, Amy Beth Johnson, Richard Stegman, Bryan Slowick, and Alicia Tower. The prizes were gift certificates to Stop & Shop, SS Dion, Golden Goose Deli, Aidan's, Domino's, Crimson & Clover, and Old Venice. The students would also like to thank the following members of the community for their donation to our program:

Volunteer Center Dean of Students Office of Orientation Counseling Center Maple/Nike Hall Council Alice Goodheart

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We thank you for your support and enthusiasm for our program, and due to the large response we have received, we hope to offer this program for many more students at Roger Williams University next year.

"The Bear" roars back about tennis

In an effort to help Mr. Ari Devin and others to understand several aspects of both the tennis schedule and program, I have undertaken this endeavor. I don't usually respond to articles of this nature, but perhaps this effort might help to promote insight.

I learned a long time ago that if an individual makes up his/her mind and then publicly expounds his/her position there is not much chance of changing their stance - so best ignore it. The fact that this individual's public denunciation was based on inaccurate information, lack of research, and one would have to assume, self created, hurt, and frustration, does not alter the impact of these published pronouncements. This reply is not for the writer but rather for those student-athletes who would like insight and factual information on this tennis situation.

First, I felt good about the appointment of the tennis coach when I made that decision. The individual was well qualified and worked well with the men's team last year. He did not, however, work as well as with the women's team nor was he content with some procedural responsibilities within the department. He talked of resignation last year over a disagreement on a scrimmage date. He, in fact, resigned his women's and men's position in the fall because several women's team members could not make matches and finally he resigned again at the end of December, leaving us little time to find a replacement. True, no one is in favor of this unusual number of away matches this year but that is hardly a reason of resignation. In his letter of resignation he mentions the lack of free time in his recently changed personal life. He enjoyed his coaching with us and we were happy with most of his work. He did not want to stay - how could you not let him go?

Second, "Bear" (Baird) does not do the scheduling our assistant director has that responsibility. His work with the tennis schedule was influenced by a number of circumstances. He had to drop several teams that we were playing to accommodate new members of our Commonwealth Coast Conference. In addition, we had to put ourselves in step to be scheduled by a conference coordinated next year based on our increased numbers within the conference - result a large number of away games for just this year! If the writer had conferred with the department as reported he would know, that based on my efforts as chair of the Tennis Tournament, the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship has been moved to Roger William's University so it is

another home event scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 1996.

The writer makes an interesting point when he states that "it's a fact that most student-athletes seem to not be able to keep up with the studies and the sport." I don't know where he got this "fact" but it also is not true! Our student-athletes do as well as if not better than their peers. We have each year identified more than a dozen studentathletes for our All-Academic team which starts at the 3.5 GPA level with many others at the 3.00 GPA stage. Overall our athletes do well.

It was also interesting that the writer stated that "I can't speak for Baird", however, that was just after speaking for me in the paragraph before the statement and the paragraph after the statement. I must confess however, I am guilty of one charge made by the writer. I do love the sport of basketball. After a career of playing the sport most of my life and having a successful career of twenty-two years of coaching on the University and College level, basketball certainly "Is my baby." For this fact I apologize to no one! I have coached basketball, I established the soccer program at the University of Rhode Island and I have served as golf coach at Rhode Island College in addition to teaching most sport skills in physical education classes. Do I enjoy some sports more than others - I do - don't you? This does not mean, as the writer would have you believe that I "decided that all of the other sports like tennis, soccer, lacrosse, and others are less important." All sports produce the same benefits and growth learning for the participants. I believe that all sports deserve full time coaches. I recommended starting in basketball for a multitude of reasons - I don't apologize for that recommendation either.

The fact remains that we have made some significant improvements in our program - we have a long way to go! Part time coaches will continue to come and go based on the pressures of their primary occupations. We try hard to keep good people but sometimes we fail - it's a fact of life. But that does not make it a "dark, cruel world" as the writer fears. I would sincerely hope that he does not give up but that he continues to strive for excellence and perseveres just like the old "Hoopsters" Jim Valvano and the "Bear" would like him to do.

We have a new coach, Mr. Frank Kowalik and the preseason practice schedule will not be late. We shall all support and watch with interest your performance during the season and the conference race. Bill Baird

Blame everything negative on the TV; social lives revolve around the tube

It can be said that RWU is, in fact, a suitcase school. It is also conjectured that this school is under a cloud of apathy and delirium where mediocrity is the norm. Granted, the people who know me think I'm a slacker. This is not my way of blaming it on others but my way of pointing something out: it rubs off on people.

For those of you that read The Hawk's Eye, I am sorry if you feel insulted. The students who read this paper obviously have an understanding of how this campus operates and have a right to be informed as they want to be left feeling that way.

Therefore, this vernacular is on why students should be utilizing their potential more and stop this lifestyle of bar-fly pride. That last sentence is the most radical thing

Often times, I have stopped and tried to figure out why this school takes on this "wasteland" connotation.

There might just be an answer to this: we're watching too much television. Everything on this campus is based around TV. Think about it, from subtle things like unit lounges being infested by people wanting to watch Friends or Party of Five to the more obvious things like the widescreen in The Other Place or the fact that most of the social events on this campus are movies.

Is there a trend here?

Now, in the last issue of The Hawk's Eye I wrote four stories, two of which were on television programs. Am I a hypocrite? Perhaps not because both were shows that I reviewed were science-fiction thus both are only followed by cult fans. I was not reviewing the regular Aaron Spelling mass media parade of well-dressed wits from the West Coast.

Can you see the inherent difference?

Next, when people are socializing I found that there is a television on. Is this an accompaniment? Does this add another element? Is the TV used to add another element when getting to know someone or studying with someone? Who knows. One thing can be for certain, it's not

even remotely informative or stimulating programming that is being taken advantage of.

The irony is, I think most people know that they could be doing something more productive with their time. I know because I find that when I am bored I simply watch television and, yes, having cable in the dorms has helped fight off the elements of boredom when not studying. Still though, what came first: the television or complacency? Which one is contributing to the other? Do people value prime-time more than the Dean's List?

Could it be that since childhood we are used to letting our minds get eased off from a days activities by sitting here in front of the old idiot box.

History major Jim Jessup was quite certain that TV has entributed to this campus's lack of enthusiasm which directly affects the way students think when it comes to our friend, the outside world.

"It's a shame that more students don't take advantage of the activities and extra curricular groups often. I'm into clubs that are under seven people. No one takes advantage of work-study off campus. People should just look around a little more," Jessup commented.

Another student I interviewed had another perspective on this. Graphic Arts Major Todd Karen believes that, "There's definitely a lack of respect for teachers and [the] administration, which often results in a lack of effort." Karen continued, "There's more to academics than just getting drunk and getting by."

The one thing that Karen stressed the most was that there is a "lack of desire to do any better." And most importantly, "In some cases more people should take pride in

Sophomore and Graphics Arts Major Aaron Osborn pointed out "I sort of feel the school incubates this attitude of laziness and just not caring."

"I don't know of any extra curricular activities. You just get caught up in this rut in not doing things."

That says it all.

Mike Gleason

Katie Rendine bids a fond farewell

Dear Almeida Residents, Almeida Staff, Senior Class, executive board and many others:

I want to take this opportunity to say farewell to all of you. I have accepted a wonderful job at another college. This new job is an exciting opportunity; unfortunately, it meant leaving Almeida prior to the end of the year. The purpose of this letter is to say thanks to a variety of people.

To the Almeida residents I want to thank you for always proving that Almeida is definitely a "Different World." Each of you have contributed to creating a community that is fun, friendly and most importantly a home. Some of you I have just met, others have been with me for the last couple of years. I wish each of you a very successful and enjoyable semester.

There are a couple of residents that I need to say a special thanks to for their support, assistance or friendship. They are: Pat P., Tom R., Joelle K., Greg J., Jimmy K., Tom S., Alick L., Jason T., Trevor H., Andy P. and Craig M. I thank you for the memories!

I leave the Almeida residents with a quote from Ralph Waldo Trine:

There are many who are living far below their possibilities

because they are continually handing over

their individualities to others.

Do you want to be a power in the world?

Then be yourself.

Be true to the highest within your soul

and then allow yourself to be governed

by no customs or conventionalities

or arbitrary man-made rules that are not founded on prin-

To my RA staff at Almeida...you have proven to be an incredible team. I thank each of you for a fantastic year filled with laughter, fun and unending support. A supervisor couldn't wish for a better group of individuals. I will dearly miss each of you. I want to say the following to the RA staff:

Heather: I want to leave you with a day filled with no stress and all the happiness that you so deserve. You have my unending thanks and admiration for all you have done for me.

Geri: I want your dreams to come true. Do not ever stop believing that you can reach themyou have the talent.

Andy: So many times we have joked with you and you always laughed and smiled. Just know that I respect all that you have achieved as a student. You potential is endless. Just remember all the tips I gave you!

Mas: You will always have my support and know that I believe in you. Your personality and abilities to work with others will take you far.

Dom: I leave you with my admiration for all you are able to achieve. With your determination and drive you will achieve all your goals.

Kristen: I only hope that I can leave you with a smile since you have always brightened my days. Thank you for the fun times and friendship.

Stacey: I leave you with Almeida. Almeida has been an important part of my life for seven years. I know that you will take care of Almeida and the staff. I thank you for your tremendous support and all the fun times that we have shared. Always know that you have my unending love and friendship.

To the rest of the campus RA staff I wish you all success throughout this semester. It has been wonderful working and getting to know you.

To the Senior Class Executive Board (Orin, Kelly, Tom and Zita): I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me this year to be one of the advisors to the Senior Class. Each of you possess endless talents and strengths. When the time arrives to walk across that stage and receive your diplomas, be confident that you have done an excellent job representing the Class of 1996! I'll see you in Boston!

To KC:

We have spent many years together and experienced everything that co-workers could! I will never forget singing in your car at midnight, eating the mud pies at the Casual Inn and the night from hell on duty. I want to thank you for the times and memories we have shared. I wish you and Frank all the happiness and may your wishes come true!

To Tony:

There are no words to describe my admiration and thanks to you. I have worked with you and have watched with pride as you developed into the professional that you are. For all the times that it isn't said, allow me to say - thank you and you are fantastic! You have been a true friend to me and I will miss you deeply.

I can never say thank you enough for being supportive, for all the fun fun times we shared and for being a best friend!

Farewell and thanks to all of you for the wonderful memories that I have of Roger Williams University!

Katie Rendine

Chorus Concert

Bristol County Interfaith Choir and RWU Chorus will join in concert on Palm Sunday, March 31, 1996 in St. Mary's Church, Wood Street, Bristol at 3 p.m..

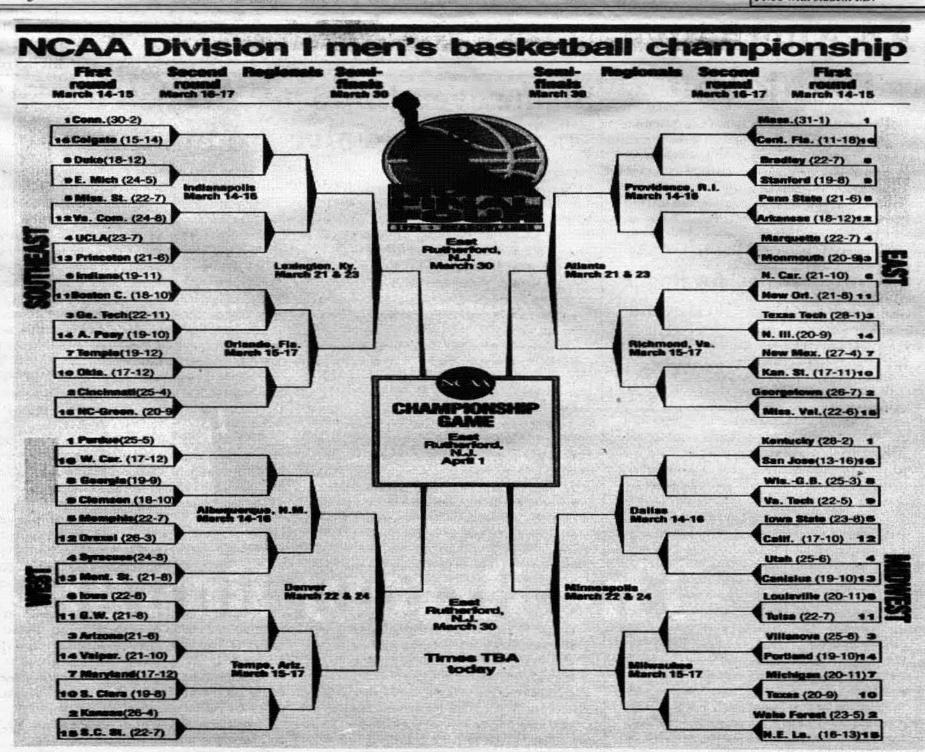
The program will feature selections from Handel's Messiah and music for the Lenten season. Among the works to be performed will be the Crucifixus from Bach's B minor Mass, Franck's Panis Angelicus, and The Palms by J. Faure. Selections by Mendelssohn, Gounod and Liszt will be heard as well.

Michael DiMucci and Matthew Hale of the RWU Chorus will be featured as will the chorus itself.

RWU Chorus was founded in January 1981 and is best known for its involvement in Bristol's traditional MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS Concert held each year in early December. The chorus numbers 25 members and members of RWU alumni living in the area sing with the group bringing the number to almost 30. The chorus is open to students, faculty, and staff in addition to alumni.

A performance on campus with the jazz band is being planned for late April.

Tickets are available from Michael Cunningham, Dean of Students' office, or in town from Caron Jewelers, Hope Street. Admission purchased on campus is \$1.00 with student I.D.



Students fish for Financial Aid and net nothing

They lure you in with attractive awards, and wring you out by graduation

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1995 doesn't always reflect 1996.
That's why the RWU form asks if
there are any special circumstances in the family such as additional college tuition, high medical bills, divorce, or job loss. All
these can effect how much a family can afford to pay, says
Fawthrop.

When the award letter arrives you can expect to receive a combination of three forms of aid: grants scholarships and/or loans.

"Grants and scholarships, also called gift aid, are the most attractive forms," said Fawthrop. "They're free money."

Grant money is distributed on a need basis. RWU has \$3.9 million to award in grants. Workstudy is an example of a Federal grant, that students must earn in order to receive.

"It's our belief that students need to learn how to balance school, work, and a social life," said Fawthrop. "We also think students should be actively contributing to their education. That's why every eligible student receives work-study." On average students work 10 to 15 hours a week

Senior Randi Stoloff had this to say: "The school has no debt, can finance The Other Place and build another dorm, but they can't give out any aid. In my case, I'm involved with the University, and I've had several family problems where money has been tight. \$4.75 an hour for work-study is supposed to cover that? Special Circumstances added up to nothing."

Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and financial need. Because RWU is a Division III school it is not allowed to award scholarships for athletics.

For freshmen and sophomores (classes of 1998 and 1999) the amount of money available at RWU for merit-bases awards has dramatically increased, from less than \$100,000 to about \$1.2 million.

"I moved off campus because it was cheaper, but they won't give me any work-study. I know kids whose parents make more money than mine, and they receive financial aid," said junior Geoff Bogotuik.

"The institution wants to acknowledge academic excellence," said Fawthrop. Transfer scholarships and the Honors Program are examples of RWU's new philosophy. However, time spent working at a job is time that could otherwise be spent studying.

The third form of aid is probably the most misunderstood: the much-dreaded student loan. The catch is obvious. You've got to pay it back, with interest.

The Federal government's com-

mitment to grants has decreased while it is relying on grants more and more to assist students. "Anyone qualifies for these loans, regardless of need," said Fawthrop.

For the most part, students felt that their aid dropped considerably from their freshman year, as

Fawthrop states that 80 percent of individual students financial needs are met

the loans went up.

There are limits to the amount students can borrow. Freshmen can borrow up to \$2625, sophomores \$3500, and juniors, seniors, and fifth year architecture can borrow up to \$5500 per year. This gives a family about \$16,000 over a five-year period.

To confuse the process a bit more, there are two types of loans students can receive: subsidized and unsubsidized. If a student has demonstrated need, the loan is subsidized by the Federal government.

If no need is demonstrated, the loan is unsubsidized. The interest for a subsidized loan is paid by the Federal government while the student is in school and for a six-month grace period after graduation.

With unsubsidized loans, the interest accumulates while the student is in school and during the grace period.

It is the student's responsibility to pay this interest plus the principle.

Financial aid awards are not set in stone. Emergencies can creep up at any time and Financial Aid tries to help students out when they do. Federal law requires that they do this, however, not much money is available.

RWU has established an emergency fund for students having financial difficulties due to unplanned circumstances.

Within six years, the amount of money available has increased almost ten times.

In 1990, \$600,000 was available. This year the amount in \$5.6 million. "None of this increase is due to increased federal funding, but increased development efforts by RWU," said Fawthrop.

Almost 1,500 students receive financial aid, and of those, 900 students receive some aid from RWU. Fawthrop stated that about 80 percent of individual students financial needs are met.

Not all students agree with the

statistic, or that Financial Aid is doing their job the best they can.

Senior Dale Fieffe stated: "I don't think they make much of a commitment towards students, in



Lynn Fawthrop

terms of them staying here. It's unfortunate, there are too many kids leaving here that don't receive enough financial aid."

Fieffe also commented on his experiences in the financial aid office.

"There's no such thing as customer service. You're treated as a victim rather than as a customer."

Both service and lost paperwork were issues with many students.

"They're unorganized. There's no excuse for lost paperwork, because it's as good as money," stated senior Kwame Bartie. "Something has got be done about how students are treated."

'Break Away' from typical vacation

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Homes, Inc., a newer, smaller
public service agency. We wanted
to lend support to a lesser known
organization for our Break Away."

Instead of beach-earned suntans, these RWU students will probably return sporting aching backs and bandaged fingers.

Each morning they will pull on workboots, take turns cooking for one another, pack lunches and head off to work until day's end when they will return to their barracks-style living quarters and prepare the evening meal for each other, reflect on the day's progress and probably retire early.

Seth Grue, a sophomore Marine Biology major, reflected on his own good fortune, saying he wanted to "help those who are less fortunate and make a difference in their lives."

Seth also spends a good many out-of-class hours in the Volunteer Center on campus matching up students with volunteer opportunities

In an experience that may leave a lasting impression on these students, Ferrara reflected on just how this adventure took flight.

She first heard of this opportunity from colleagues in the Rhode Island Campus Compact, a consortium of professionals from area colleges committed to public service.

She proposed the idea to Richard Stegman, Director of the Department of Student Life, and through his support, she was sent to the 2nd Annual Break Away Conference at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

There she learned from the experts about "Break Away—The Alternative Break Connection"- a group of professionals dedicated to helping students and staff organize alternative spring breaks.

Ferrara learned about selecting

This first step for Roger Williams reflects a growing trend, - Matt Hale

a site, recruiting students, raising funds and planning all the logistics of this week-long adventure which the Break Away program describes as "The Week That Lasts A Lifetime!"

Being Director of the Volunteer Center at RWU provided Ferrara with a database of students to poll and determine the interest level. She received "enthusiastic replies from 10 of these young people" and the planning stage began.

Once RWU was officially accepted as a Break Away University, K.C. and the team set about raising the necessary funds to accomplish their mission.

It was determined that they would need about \$5,000 for this week. In addition to receiving

funding from various departments within the University, the group went out into the community and were well-received by area merchants who have become "partners."

They have held several on-campus fund raisers and each has contributed their own money as participants.

Christian Yantorno, a senior, has never gone on the traditional Spring Break. But because this is his last year in college feels that he "wants to do something good for people rather than just party."

Preparation for this journey also included Sunday night training sessions in which four CCRI Break Away participants came to RWU and shared their experiences,

In addition, the RWU team put on a supper and entertainment for elderly residents of the Benjamin Church Senior Center; participated in a training session with professionals from the Feinstein Institute at Providence College; and spent a day working with Habitat for Humanity.

Matt Hale, an intern at the Volunteer Center, said that "this first step for Roger Williams reflects a growing trend" which is nationwide in that many colleges and universities have already experienced the alternate Spring Break.

In Rhode Island alone, Providence College and CCRI have participated in Break Away.

Statistics published by the sponsoring organization show that in 1993-94 a total of 197 colleges and universities from coast-tocoast became part of the Break Away network.

Amanda Butvilas, an Administration of Justice major, looked intently at a map, trying in vain to find Neon, but this town was too small to earn a place in print. Undaunted, she observed that "small is good."

Butvilas thinks tha. this type of experience could be the beginning of "a lifetime commitment to public service for some participants."

As the weeks move swiftly towards the beginning of their journey, Ferrara must keep a close eye on every aspect of the planning stage to insure they have covered all steps in this first venture.

Feeling that these students have hit upon something that is creating a very positive feeling in the community, Ferrara points out that "another check from an area business arrived in the day's mail!"

With cartons stocked with food staples and tools, these pioneer adventurers from RWU will leave Bristol on March 15 in their fifteen-passenger van journeying southward as a team to Neon for a week of helping others.

Sue Malomo, a Business major, usually goes home and works during Spring Break. But this time "figured I would rather have this one week experience and give up the paycheck."

Sue was attracted to this particular trip because, as she put it, "you can actually see the results of your efforts."

Napkin Board

Donna Zakssewski Staff Writer

The Dining Hall has a new way to make use of napkins these days. Instead of just using them to clean up why not leave a message and tack it up to the Napkin Board. The Napkin Board is conveniently located to the right of the access desk as you exit the dining hall.

The Napkin Board was an idea brought to the Dining Halls attention by David Phelps one of the current chefs here at RWU. He previously worked at Williams College where he originally got the idea. Phelps feels "it's a better avenue for the students to talk to management."

The director of Dining Services Ben Colafrancesco said that "we tried committees in the past but they never worked."

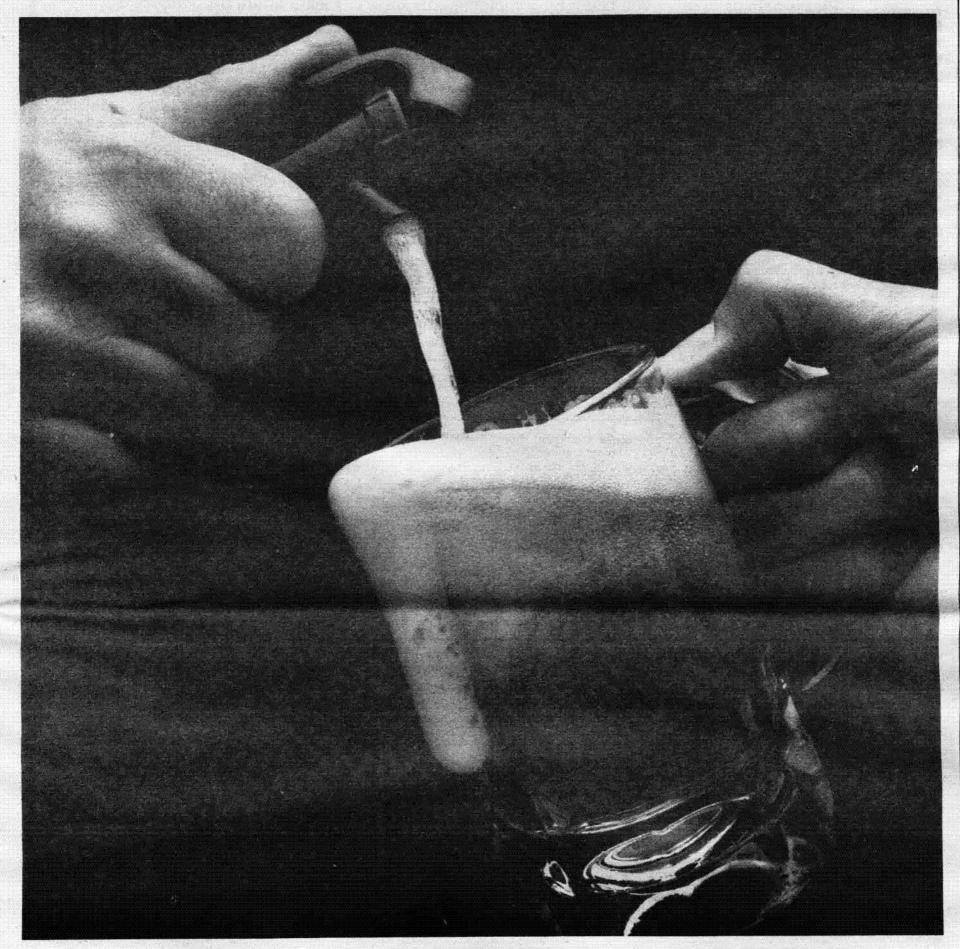
"The closer we are to our customers the better we can serve," said Colafrancesco. All the students seem to have a positive outlook for the new board.

"It's a great innovative addition to the Dining Hall," said freshman Andy Firmin.

Senior Matt Hale stated "I've never personally made use of the board, but I have friends who have and think it is a great idea!"

Junior Scott Palmer who can always be found in the dinning hall likes the idea also.

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A lot of campus rapes start here Whenever there's drinking or drugs, things can get out of hand. So it's no surprise that many campus rapes involve alcohol.

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Female Law Students face bias, study finds

College Press The Hawk's Eye

At a large Midwestern law school, a professor routinely calls his female students "little girl" and "sweetie"

Male students at a law school in the Northeast laugh outright at female students' comments during class. At another Midwestern law school, male students condemn women faculty, calling them "inadequate" or "bitchy."

These are just some of the incidents included in a new American Bar Association report that says female students entering law school can expect to find a chilly, male-dominated environment that hasn't changed much in the last 100 years.

"Elusive Equality," produced by the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession, found that male faculty members and students- even the young onescontinue to treat women disrespectfully.

"Barriers to equality still exist, despite the large numbers of women coming into the profession," Laurel G. Bellows, who heads the commission, told the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Women make up about 44 percent of first-year law students, compared to only 3 percent in 1968. But only 8 percent of law school deans are women, and only 16 percent of tenured professors are female.

The report found that female professors are rarely appointed to influential committees, and that women in law school generally lack role models.

The bias might stem from the fact that more women are becoming successful lawyers than ever before. "Young white males seem more threatened by women classmates today then in the past," the report said.

The commission recommends that law school adopt strict, antisexual harassment policies. Also, each law school dean should create a Committee on Gender that studies the education of women, the report said.

On a more positive note, the commission reported that some schools "with strong administrative leadership" actually fostered equal participation of women students and faculty.

Female college students considering law school should not be discouraged, Bellows said. "Law is an ideal profession for women" because they are natural problem solvers and relationship builders,

Cory Armon, former chair of

the commission, agrees. Not all law schools have male-dominated environments, and a women can pick and choose among schools, she added.

"There's a lot of potential things law school student can do," she said. "Investigate. Take charge of your own destiny. What's it going to look like at an individual law school? Ask people who are

She suggested writing a note to the dean if students say they are encountering bias.

The report was based on a study of 58 schools identified only by their size and by their regional lo-

Learning Disabled receive preferential treatment Americans With Disability Act states that all students have equal opportunities to learn

Lauren Alterman **Contributing Writer**

John had his schedule all set and it was perfect. He had back to back classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with an hour off for lunch. He got to the gym and checked the board of classes. This is when everything was no longer perfect. A lot of what he wanted was already closed.

"I have waited to take some of these classes because they were closed last year when I went to students get whatever they want,

including my seat in the classroom. Why do they get to register early? How is this fair? They also get to take their tests untimed. I want these benefits.'

Lately these questions have arisen and students feel that learning disabled students use their disability to their

advantage. A lot of people also see the accommodations that learning

registration, and learning disabled disabled students get, as benefits. Resources Center and Learning "The accommodations do not

> The accomodations do not outweigh being learning disabled,"

> > -Dr. Gillin

outweigh being learning disabled," according to Dr. Jeri Golovin Gillin, Director of the Academic Specialist.

that certain classes get closed out early is not due to the fact that these students get to register early, according to Loretta Shelton, Assis-

The reason

tant Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is an issue of "a few rather than many." LD students only make up 10 percent of RWU's student population. The reason courses get closed is because a lot of students are trying to get into the same class.

The accommodations that LD students get there to "fill the gaps that they miss," Gillin stated. Some students have note takers because they have trouble processing information. Untimed testing is available so that these students can demonstrate what they know. Some professors have their students write "I am Learning, Page 11

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What to do when your mind goes south, but you don't!

Joshua Mitchell Editor-in-Chief

OK, so you're not going to the beach this Spring Break.

It's highly possible that you're not alone. Although millions of students will enjoy spring parades such as Daytona Beach and Cancun, others will use their days off to work at part-time jobs, spend time with their families or go on a job hunt.

Some students simply can't afford the price of a dream vacation; after-all, the costs of airplane tickets, hotel rooms, food and well, cold beverages, can really rack up. But that doesn't mean there isn't "fun in the sun" to be had:

With a little help from your VCR and a well-stocked video store, the sand and sunny skies of the beach can come to your living room. Here's a list of "beach movies"- from Frankie and Annette to "Surf Nazis must Die"- that takes the edge off a break when your mind has gone south and you haven't.

Widely considered the first-ever spring flick is "Where The Boys Are," which stars the man of the eternal tan, George Hamilton. This silly musical, which hit the beach in 1960, is all about college girls searching for Mr. Right in Fort Lauderdale. The movie never pretends to be anything than what it is - a cheesy teen-age beach movie.



Of course "From Here To Eternity" isn't really a beach movie (in fact, it won an Academy Award for best picture in 1953), but there is that famous beach scene involving Burt Lancaster and Deborah Kerr rolling passionately in the Hawaiian sand. Heavy stuff for lovers and well worth a trip to the video store. Just be careful not to re-enact the passionate moment when your parents are home.

"Beach Party" (1963), with Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, kicked off a series of flicks that can best be described as "quintessential beach movie," for a lack of a plot to summarize. Others that followed are: "Muscle Beach Party" (1964), "Pajama

Party" (1964), "Beach Blanket Bingo (1965), "How to Stuff a Wild Bikini" (1965), and "Ghost in the Invisible Bikini (1966). The Patrick Swayze and Casper comedy about ghouls in G-strings.

other not-to-be-missed beach movies from this era include the entire "Gidget" series, which store. Just be careful not to re-enact the passionate moment when your parents are home.

"Beach Party" (1963), with Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, kicked off a series of flicks that can best be described as "Moondoggie."

"The Endless Summer" (1966) has some historical significance, if you will, in that it popularized the sport of surfing. It also led to nu-

merous remakes and a sequel in 1994, "The Endless Summer II," which not only proved the search for the perfect wave never ends.

Unfortunately for 1970s fans, beach movies seemed to hit a dry spell in an era that favored platform shoes and disco, over navel-covering bikinis and surfboard wax.

However, the classic "Jaws", which might not exactly fit under the label "beach movie," was released in 1975. This Steven Spielberg flick features not only a killer shark harassing a small New England beach town, but also that famous "shark approaching" music.

The film "Malibu Beach"

(1978) takes a slightly more risque spin on the 1960s beach-blanket movies, and stars a dog trained to snatch the tops of girls' bathing suits. Brief nudity ensues, as does fist-fighting, car-racing and potsmoking in this empty-headed movie.

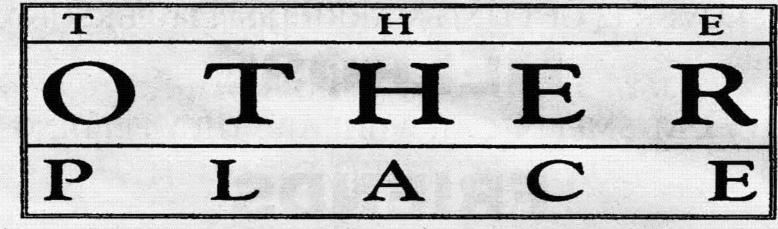
But the 1980s introduced a new breed of beach movies, starting with tough high school guy Matt Dillon playing a cabana boy in "The Flamingo Kid" (1983). His character, a Brooklyn teen-ager, falls for the good life and decides that selling Porsches is better than going to college.

"The Sure Thing" (1985) is another coming-of-age flick about two mismatched college students (John Cusack and pre-"Melrose Place" Daphne Zuniga) who fall in love while on a cross-country road trip to L.A. over spring break. "It tops everyone's list of great break movies," said one critic.

They're back! Somehow, Frankie and Annette made a comeback, albeit unsuccessful, in 1987 with "Back to the Beach." He's still singing, and she's still wearing polka-dot dresses, but this silly beach movie deserves to be buried in the sand. Pee-Wee Herman cameos in this flick, re-living his famous actions in underground porno theaters.

Call it a coincidence, but the cult favorite "Surf Nazis Must Die" also surfaced in 1987. This

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Tales from the Vestibule

Julie Smith Staff Writer

The vestibule has been around since the fall semester of 1995 and already has made quite a reputation for the people who work there. Stories have been told from prostitutes, to pimps, and about how the Checker's pizza delivery lady broke down in hysterics.

Sitting behind a desk, monitoring the students who walk in and out of Cedar, calling their rooms when their delivery has arrived, what could a person working at the vestibule possibly witness? If your curiosity has piqued then stay tuned for Tales from the Vestibule.

The people who work at the vestibule sit behind a desk inside a window watching the Cedar Hall residents go to and from their dorm. On some occasions the job can be boring and on others the job can get pretty interesting. On the days in which the vestibule is quiet, the vestibule workers tend to socialize with others and get some of their studies done. On days that the vestibule tends to get rowdy and people get out of control, the workers of the vestibule call security to bring the situation to an end.

One worker tells the story about watching a prostitute and her pimp enter the vestibule. A member of the hockey team had allegedly called a prostitute for "initiation."



The vestibule worker stated, "The prostitute was a colored lady, with braided hair and bright pink lipstick dressed in black, wearing a leather mini skirt and high heels. She wasn't very attractive, she was hideous!" She expected \$200, and the hockey player only had \$100, so she left angrily, coming back with her pimp. The pimp drove up in his Lincoln car. The pimp was a rather large man with his hair slicked back, wearing a pair of thick glasses. He was wearing a large chain around his neck and had on a lot of gold rings. Also, he was wearing a brown polyester shirt, with the top button open. "He looked as if he were something straight out of the Mafia," stated a vestibule worker. One of the students friends ended up covering the other \$100

Kristen Alger, another worker, witnessed the Checker's delivery person have a raving fit. The Checker's person came by with an order for one of the students. When Kristen called up to his room, there was no answer. The pizza woman left the scene in anger, without giving the student his pizza. She apparently called his room after she left and was very rude to him. She said, "Now I waited for you, now I am going to come back, will you wait for me?" The student came downstairs to the vestibule and explained to Kristen what had happened. So he gave Kristen his money so that when the woman came back she would pay for it. He also asked that she not be tipped. The woman returned and exchanged the pizza Cedar, Page 11

Different breaks for different folks

Lisa McDonough Staff Writer

Ahhh...Spring Break. It's the most sacred week of the second semester; the only chance for students to kick back and relax. Whether they are soaking up the rays on the beach or hanging around their house, students are happy to just get away from campus.

Among the students questioned, most replied that they would be traveling to their homestates to spend time in their missed homes. Students have different plans on what they're going to do at home. Pyro Peretto stated, "I really need to look for a summer job. It's better that I look now because if I wait till summer, the jobs will all be taken." He's just another one that realizes the importance of money.

Josh Levinson is also going home, but doesn't plan on being there that often. "Since I live close to Boston, I plan on hanging out there a lot and going to the shops in Quincy Market. My friends from Roger Williams live nearby, so I'm also hoping to meet them somewhere, like The Hard Rock Cafe."

Many students are leaving the country to explore new cultures and activities.

Jim Menzoian, who's going to the Bahamas, has his break planned out. "Lying on the white beaches, the clear blue water, and a golden beer in my hand! Can I just say that I can't wait to leave?" Someone is even venturing all the way to Italy! Jason Marold will be visiting his girlfriend for a week in Milan. Whoa! Some people really know how to spend a vacation!

"I really need a break from the stress of school so I'm going to Montreal, Canada with some friends from home. We have so many things to see there, but our main goal is to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade," explained Katie McGrath.

And there's always the school trip to Jamaica.

The vacationers will depart on March 17 and return on the 24th. Students from schools, such as, URI, RIC, and Salve Regina will also accompany RWU students on this trip.

Each day there are different activities with special student discounts and party cruises. Jen Sousa stated, "I am especially looking forward to the day trip where we visit Nigril. We'll be going around to all the shops and then the day will end with a Ziggy Marley concert. The whole day only costs about \$50. You can't beat that!"



Is Hip Hop dead? Or is it just chillin'?

Alick Le 'tang **Greg Tate** Rap Writer Mugs

Hip-Hop as we know it dead? In 1968 trumpeter Lester Brown concocted a skit where he answered the same question of jazz with the rejoinder: "That depends on what you know."

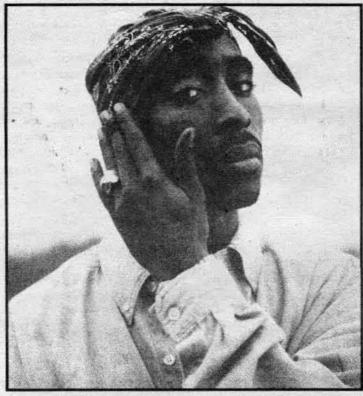
"I bring the pain" by Method Man, rapper of Wutang Clan, illustrates what young men in the rap industry have to do to stay alive.

· Rap has come along way from the back in the days. Where the faster you rhymed the better you were considered.

Rap has topped the music charts across the world since it hit the streets. Rap stars are no longer men in their mid twenties, they are now women and children born with the talent of rhythmic flow. However, as mainstream as rap has become, there are still mixed reactions to it.

Now we have Gangstar rap and Hip-Hop, the difference - a few curse words and derogatory statements. My definition of rap is as follows: "Rap is none other than a rapid accentuating pop style with a good beat."

LL Cool J with his new Mr. Smith joint is back again better than "mama will knock you out."



Are you ready? Hey Lover the duet with Boyz II Men came out with a driving force which paved the road for the rest of L.L's album. On his latest album, there are just two jams which have been turning the heads of all radio listeners. Doin It and I Shot Ya are following the tracks of Hey Lover.

If you have not heard of any of these hits, your missing out. Trust the man, Mr. Smith and Get Da Drop On 'Em will also make the charts. Remember you heard it right here - from this mug!

And by the way, look out for the latest remix of Brandy's, Sitting up in my Room, a duet with LL. It's the Bomb!

Tupac Shakkur, never seems to phase, you just can't help buying his albums. Despite the fact that the album was due out a month ago, it was something to wait for. I don't really have to tell you how good it is, do I? Just listen to his song California Love with Dr. Dre and you decide if his jams are still that. The entire album is filled with rhythmic bounce and jams that will

keep you grooving till you drop.

Method Man is just too good. In other terms - he is MASSIVE. He has stepped into a different world, broadening his roads with his latest duet with reggae star Capelton in Wings of the Morning. This New Yorker came on the charts only two years ago, it seems like he's been around forever.

On first laying eyes on him, the words of his songs seemed so far fetched, yet I look at him now and they were like the words of a prophet, predicting the future. If your looking for one of his best jams, your all I need, the duet with Mary J. Blige, is still available.

Lastly, the boyz are back with an even better album which will knock your boots off. Kriss Kross is back singing...making Gs so blow up on these...the latest club

If you don't remember who they are, just think back to their last hits Jump Jump and I Miss the Bus. If you thought those were the jams think again. Their entire album is great from cover to cover.

When Hip Hop can't be sold like fast food, maybe a revitalized underground will emerge again.

Look out for more educational info on artists of today from your Back 2 Bass X DJs, Slick and Q-Dawg, and the fabulous trio at Two. Catch our Sunday shows from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Keep it real

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low-budget Troma film plugs itself with the words, "The beaches have become battlefields, the waves are a war zone..." and features the usual beach movie essentials and a twist: sand, sun, nuclear radiation.

The year 1989 saw two new beach movies, "Weekend at Bernie's," with kids Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman cavorting on the beach with a stiff, and "Shag-The Movie," which stars Phoebe Cates and others reveling in the fun of beachside beauty pageants and dance contests.

Enter the 1990s and even more chic beach movies, a la "Beverly Hills 90210." Patrick Swayze stars with Keanu Reeves as the ultimate surfer dude in "Point Break." Like, it's his karma to find the perfect wave, dude.

Robin Hood Kevin Costner's 'Waterworld," currently number one on the "Top Video Releases" list, is an atypical beach movie. There may be no beach in this flick (in fact, the entire world is submerged), but there's still sun, waves and beautiful people. It cost nearly \$200 million to make , but its only a few dollars to rent.

So as you wave goodbye to your classmates, don't cry. Sunny skies, beachballs, and great ocean waves are only a video store away. And if you don't have a VCR, don't worry. There's always "Baywatch."

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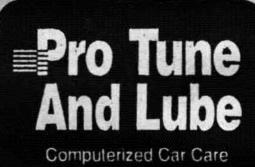
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Cedar's stories

Continued from Page 9 for the money. She expected to keep the change but Kristen told her that the customer did not want to leave a tip. She went ranting on about how this is the way she makes her living.

When she left the guy came down to get his pizza and everyone told him what the pizza woman said about him. So he called Checker's pizza complaining about the service and told them everything she did and said. Checkers apologized and said the customer is always right.

To add insult to injury, Checkers had the woman come back and deliver the student another free pizza to make up for her poor behavior

She came back with another pizza complaining about how they got her in trouble. Then she broke down in hysterics crying, "My mother just died, I just slipped and fell on ice, my car was just stolen, and I have a sprained ankle." The people watching this gathered around the vestibule so the woman wouldn't give the workers any more problems. A few days later Kristen found out that the woman was fired.

Another vestibule worker, Ed Perry told of a few situations that happened to him. One time he was on the fifth floor of Cedar lending out his keys to a visitor that needed to get in. After he threw his keys to the visitor, the visitor then threw the keys back, but instead they got hooked on the door, the door slammed shut, and Perry was locked out. Because it was the 11-3 a.m. shift, the book of numbers wasn't around. Perry had to wait around so Ed had to wait around for about forty-five minutes for someone to let him in.

Another story Perry witnessed was a pizza delivery man who locked the keys into his car in the middle of the winter. After he came back from delivering the pizza he then realized what had happened.

So the delivery man asked if he could use the vestibule phone to call his manger to pick him up and drive him back to his house, to get the extra set of keys.

Perry explained to the man that out of campus calls don't go through, and that the man would have to walk to the nearest pay phone which was next to Maple.

So the delivery man asked Perry and his friend Paul to watch his car while he made the call. When the man came back from making his call, two kids were trying to break into the man's car. The man ran toward the two kids and scared them off.

Strange things usually occur between the unusual shifts of 11-3 a.m. So if anyone is looking for a job of excitement, then sign up to work at the vestibule.

Perry concluded,"If I had a dime for every Mohawk, purple haired weirdo I saw go through there, then I would be rich!"

Disabled Learning benefits help students to compete

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LD" at the top of their tests. This
is because the LD students that
are in that class have grammar
and spelling problems, so if there
are a lot on their test, their grades
will not suffer.

Early registration is so that LD students are not locked out of classes that they need at a certain time. Their class schedule is directly related to how they learn.

People with ADD, attention deficit disorder, have a problem sitting through classes back to back, especially hour-and-a-half classes.

All of these accommodations are required under the law. Section 504 of the Americans With Disability Act states that you cannot discriminate against disabled people. Everyone will have equal opportunities to learn.

"These accommodations just even everything out and it makes learning equal for all students, Gillin stated.

There was a study done that gave students without learning disabilities a timed test and an untimed test. The untimed test showed a 1 percent improvement rate. The same two tests were given to LD students. They showed a 40 percent improvement rate.

There are different disabilities

that range from visual and auditory perception and integration to motor coordination.

Basically, the learning disabled have a neurological based difficulty that causes them to process language in a different way. This neurological disability-is most often noticed in the classroom, however is is not that apparent so that those with the disability can be noticed in class by

RWU has about 225 Learning Disabled students, typical of all colleges and universities

classmates.

RWU has about 225 LD students, which is pretty typical of all colleges and universities. This is the same at Ivy League schools also, according to Gillin.

Gillin believes her students are struggling to learn and do not use their disability as an excuse. They just want help so they can succeed at this university.

"Students are coming in to see

me desperately looking for answers. A lot of them had not been documented until college because of the harder work load."

LD students experience many difficulties. One is the processing of information. There are inconsistent discrepancies between in-class and test differences.

Another is the processing of language. This effects their ability to understand and follow directions and they may even appear to be inattentive.

Other LD students have weaknesses in their automatic memory. They struggle to remember letter formations, math facts, days of the week, and months. These are all distracting to classroom performance and that is where the accommodations come in.

"I have never used my disability as an excuse or to my advantage, because there is no advantage. I struggle every day to learn and I look at some people who learning comes easy to, and I am jealous of them. Why in the world would they be jealous of my struggle?" stated an unnamed student.

Another student said that "If I did not have the accommodations, like note takers and untimed tests, I would not be able to be where I am now, in college and doing well.

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HOT NEW BULBS

Martial Arts Club invites new styles

Lisa McDonough Donna Zakszewski Staff Writers

Do you want to know how to relieve stress, improve, your health, defend yourself, and learn how to attack everyday problems? If you do, then join the Martial Arts Club.

It combines aerobic workout in a disciplined manner. All new members are welcome, even people with little or no experience.

The advisor, Jim Morris, who is an alumni of RWU, has been with the program for 7 years. If you want to join, the sessions are held Mon-Thu from 8:00 to 10:00 at night.

Improving your health and getting in shape are just a few benefits. Stress relief and self-defense are big factors. Senior Nikki Duprey is a new member who recently joined. "The advisor and his assistant, Fred Foley, convinced me to join to control my anger so I wouldn't break things."

In this club, you'll learn about control through meditation in a disciplined structure.

"Participating has helped me bring balance between school and other activities," explains President Chantelle Giguere.

Another benefit is the laid back out the Martial Arts Club?

atmosphere and the welcoming of new styles.

"The thing I like the best is how it's not at all strict and it's just as good as a dojo, with no cost," states Treasurer J-D Corsom.

Styles used are represented from countries, such as Germany, Brazil, and Ethiopia. The club is always open to all styles, as well as levels of experience.

It is based on Shotokan Karate, which offers a solid foundation for a beginning Martial Artist.

"Each style has its own strengths and weaknesses, and a person has to find the one they are most comfortable with," states advisor Jim Morris. Experience is not needed.

"In this organization, a belt is just something to hold up your pants. It doesn't show that you're better than anyone else," explains assistant Fred Foley.

Unfortunately, former president Ken Skelley, had to recently resign as president.

"I couldn't give enough time needed to be president because of other priorities, but I'm still involved as secretary."

He had four years of previous experience and wanted to stick with it

So, if you need a break from your daily routine, why not check out the Martial Arts Club?

Napkins

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"It shows questions are getting feedback, and it provides an easy method for everyone to give their input," said Palmer. He also finds it FUN to read!

Cafeteria worker Gerri Lima agrees that "the napkin board is a great idea; making all the students voices heard."

"If they keep up with it and truly value the opinions voiced by the student body then it is definitely a good idea," said sophomore Chrissie Rondano.

She also states that "there's usually a lack of communication between the dinning services and the students but now that the Napkin Board is in effect we have the chance to relate."

Ben Colafrancesco loves to respond to the writers of the questions and comments left on the board. He writes back on the printed white paper and posts it up.

"I do not write back to anything that is inappropriate or not signed though,"stated Ben firmly. So make sure you sign your name! Recycling the napkins also comes in to play.

Instead of just throwing away unused napkins recycle them by leaving a message on the Napkin Board. This is the students chance to give their honest feedback.

If you have a question, a comment, or if you'd like to leave a recipe for the dining services it is encouraged that as you leave, tack a napkin to the board!!

The Ride Board is a service for students

Donna Zaksszewski Staff Writer

Take advantage of the newly designed ride board.

The image of the ride board was changed this past fall to meet the needs of more students at the request of Karen Haskall, Dean of Students.

Tony Ferreira developed the new design to make it easier for board to make location references

Anyone can request a ride home, to work or even to the store. The board is there for anyone who needs to be somewhere and does not have a way to get there.

The ride board has had a problem with vandalism. The maps, pens and clipboards have been taken.

Tony Ferreira has been replac-



residents and commuters to use. The ride board is located in the Student Union to provide residents and commuters easy access to it.

The ride board consists of one form for rides needed and another form for rides to give.

Several maps are posted on the

ing these items, but he says, "that it only hurts the students, not him when these thefts occur."

The ride board provides a great opportunity for freshmen, upperclassmen, and commuters to get where they need to go. Take advantage of this service.

Sunday night mass in the CSD

Kelly Scafariello Staff Writer

So it's Sunday and you're Catholic. You want to attend church, yet you have no way of getting there, unless of course you hot wire a friend's car or take the "famous" shuttle bus. Does that sound a bit inconvenient? Yes!!

There is a solution to this dilemma. RWU offers to students, an opportunity to attend mass in the Center for Student Development building located across from Cedar Hall every Sunday evening at 8:30. "The time, 8:30 p.m. is extremely convenient, especially if you are anything like me, who has trouble with waking up in the morning," said senior Don Williamson.

The church, St. Mary of the Bay, is located in Warren and donates their service of goodwill to the RWU community by having two priests come to perform the mass - two priests switch off each week.

"Mass is very worthwhile for students, but I would like to see more participate," said Father Timothy Gorton. "It would be nice to see a permanent chapel on the campus."

The students felt the same way.

"This is such a great service to the students, it is extremely beneficial," said Kathy Kolek, a sophomore Senator.

Courtney Mulligan, a freshman said, "The mass is convenient, especially for those who do not have access to a car."

Father Gorton encourages students who attend regularly to let others know about the mass.

So round up a group of your friends and come celebrate on Sunday nights at 8:30 in the CSD!

Dining Service employees fight to form a Union

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paring the food. "The whole thing
has been building up for years
now, it's simple, we just want
equal treatment, I don't think
that's unreasonable."

Two years ago the management instituted a system of merit in which the employees are annually evaluated by their supervisors and receive a raise according to that evaluation.

Several employees mentioned a fellow worker named John Pacheco who allegedly had a problematic leg which caused him to be absent from work on different occasions. According to the workers Mr. Pacheco allegedly received a poor evaluation and subsequently no raise because he apparently wasn't one of the management's' "favorites". Michael Schipper, Vice President of Human Resources commented by saying: "We feel it is inappropriate to discuss individual situations".

In fact no one from the Dining Services Management actually wanted to talk about the matter personally.

Instead they shipped all questions to Mr. Schipper, who graciously spoke on behalf of the management staff. "We feel that Food Services does not need to be represented by a union because it is only management themselves that can grant the workers anything" said Schipper. Schipper also thought that: "In a union, both the best and worst workers

make the same money, we don't think that is fair, that's what we're trying to avoid with the merit system".

The employees interviewed by The Hawk's Eye were under the impression that they spoke on behalf of the majority of their fellow co-workers, Schipper disagrees: "Those who are trying to unionize are a small, vocal group of employees with a history of having disagreements with the management because the management was simply doing their job, enforcing the rules." "If they had a problem they could of always come to us", said Schipper.

"We came to them several times, and each time it got us no where" said Tom Camara, a five year veteran of the department who currently is a cook with much seniority. "I don't think that most employees feel that they are getting a raw deal" said Schipper. Camara responded with: "He's ten miles off course if he believes that, for us to even have come this far we've gotten the consent of a lot of good people".

Whether the two sides can reach an agreement or not is undetermined. After the vote comes many employees are worried that if the vote doesn't come out in favor of unionization that they will be given a "hard time" by the management. "By having a union everyone is forced to go by the rules, both the workers and the management, everyone's equal" said Camara.

"Dance for Life" to be held at RWU

Melissa LeComte Staff Writer

On Friday, April 20, the first annual "Dance for Life" is scheduled to take place in the Paolino Recreation Center.

This 24-hour dance-a-thon is to support the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Sheila Morris-Sardina, owner of local florist 'Crimson & Clover' is chairperson of the event:

She has worked with a number of people in a benefit in which she hopes will bring everyone in the community together as they work to fight in the battle against cancer.

Junior Evan King is a member of the committee to organize the event. "Sheila is a caring, generous woman who does all that she can for the community. I decided to work on this project to try and give something back to her that she endlessly gives to others".



The list of sponsors for the event grows by the day. The Hawk's Eye, as well as Student Senate are included in this group.

Andy White, President of Student Senate said, "We felt that as the Senate, a representative of the University, we don't want to look like we're involved only in ourselves. We want to give something back to the community, and it is a great cause to get involved in."

The Hawk's Eye was also proud to help sponsor the event. "We wanted to help as much as we could. We think it's a great idea and we hope people will contribute both their time and energy for the benefit of people with cancer," said Josh Mitchell, Editor-in-Chief.

This 24-hour event will feature sounds from country western to rock n' roll, a night for all ages.

If anyone would like to join the committee, be a sponsor, a dancer, or would just like to attend, you can contact Karen Williams at the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Computer Center integrates E-mail and Internet

Continued from Page 1 to the students who use these capabilities to increase their education.

"This was a massive transition," said Ron Black, RWU's chief information officer. "We had to test it out and make sure it worked before it went into use."

The changes have come since Anthony Santoro took over as RWU president.

"President Santoro is technology based," said Black. "He gives" us the ability to acquire technology and my staff and I make it work."

"Originally, the plan was supposed to go into process for the beginning of the year. However, to make sure it worked correctly, the process took longer. We also wanted to take the time and made sure it fit the student need," said Black

"We had to do it one step at a time," said Sean Platt, Unix and E-mail administrator.

However, in the end Platt and Black believe the 11 or 12-hour days the team put in to get the system underway were well worth it.

With these changes, RWU students will enter the world of the Web. Nielson ratings reported over 37 Million Americans have access to the Inernet. With the new alpha system the Web is free. America On Line, Compuserve, and Prodigy all have fees.

A Web site is a place on the

internet that combines text and pictures. It brings business, government all at the touch of a keyboard and a mouse.

According to PC Magazine the top ten Web sites are Apple, Compaq, Digital, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, NeXT, Novell, and Browserwatch.

The internet system itself is an "alpha" system. It runs off its own server that was much different from the old system.

The old system ran off Brown University's internet site and contained Wordperfect.

"The Wordperfect program running off of the old Data General systems made the computers slow," said Black. "When the computers at Brown went out with the rainstorm, so did the computers at RWU. The new system runs through 'Logon America' which is a local internet provider. "It is more then two times faster than the old system," said Black.

Black said the terminals on which the students do E-mail and the Internet are "dumb terminals."

There are no graphics for these terminals. The decision to move the Word Processing terminals to the PC's was based on the idea that the internet and E-mail would be much quicker.

The RWU system is based on PC technology, which many students are already familiar with.

"There might be an explosion of PC's coming into the school next year," said Platt.

With the notion that the dorms are now connected, students will want to buy computers and have them in their dorm room. Students will be able to only hook up to the school with the proper software, said Platt. The software is not that expensive and it can go onto the tuition bill.

Platt said the team is adding that software to about 25 computers a week to allow the dorm connections

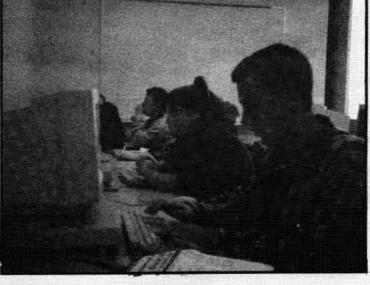
Graphics for the Internet are also being added in the PC classrooms. They will have full capability for all Internet procedures.

Also in the works is a plan to add another 10 or 12 dummy terminals. The computer center hopes to have "dial up" working and installed by April 1.

As well as these additions the University, through student interns, is developing its own Web pages. By April 15, the new sites will be in operation.

In the past the web sites were used as a recruiting tool; now they are being used as a tool for the students themselves, said Black.

Even with the changes, the Computer Center is keeping its stance on not charging a computer fee. They also believe that when you look at other campuses within our are, that these other schools are charging for paper. That is not the case at RWU. Black, and Platt both agreed that with the cost of



tuition, there is no real reason to add a lab fee.

As for the future, Black said, "Teleconferences and many other things could be used as an educational tool, but they won't take the place of education," said Black. "In the future, lap-top computers could be treated like a required text. From there, the student could connect with everything. It is a real possibility."

Students have had mixed reactions to the changes.

"The faculty have it better," said Laurel Wimmerstedt, a junior Historic Preservation major.

However, Samantha Bohlinger said, "It is a major improvement with the whole entire system. They made it easier with the addition of the address book." Use of

the Web is mandatory for HP majors.

Justin Koehler, a freshman said, "I like the system, but I just don't like the monitors."

Most of the students would like to see the images that the Web has to offer and they soon will be able to. They will be able to do this either from their own personal computer or with the use of the PC's in SB222 and SB223.

"The system is hard to get used to." said Karen Maday, a Business major. "Being a senior and only having one semester to get used to it isn't really easy."

Freshman Brian LaPierre said, "I used it for the first time a couple of weeks ago. It was fun. I talk to some of my friends for free. I basically use it for E-mail."

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

International Cultural Holidays, a European organization with headquarters in Amsterdam, will be conducting a summer program at Roger Williams University during July/August 1996. The program attendees are European high school and college students ages 15-23. Positions are available for a program director and several program assistants/instructors. Responsibilities include:

- Supervise and assist with program activities
- Lead classroom learning sessions
- Coordinate field trips
- Assist with the overall administration of the program

Interested individuals should be:

- Well organized and able to make presentations in front of a group.
- Outgoing with excellent communications skills.

Courses in education and/or experience with youth programs a plus.

For consideration please submit your resume or the following information to the Conference Department located on the first floor of the Student Union by March 25, 1996. A representative from International Cultural Holidays will be on campus March 28/29, 1996 to conduct interviews.

Name	Age	Class	
Major			
Address		Telephone #	

Briefly list education/work experience.

The Student Se

Recent Accomplishments

- *Co-sponsored & organized annual Club & Organization Fair, with Dept. of Student Activities, where a record number of students attended and enlisted into clubs and organizations
- *Co-sponsored first annual Midnight Madness at RWU
- *Created & funded the renovation of
 "That Place" to The Other Place, with a
 matching contribution from President
 Santoro
- *Co-sponsored a Chameleon Club with The Campus Entertainment Network
- *Continue to allocate funds to all clubs and organizations
- *Recognized 5 new Clubs (Habitat for Humanity, S.A.D.D., Poetry, Mountain Biking, Model United Nations)
- *Continued work with Security on parking issues
- *Continued to aid students in appealing parking tickets
- *Aided in creating & expanding the RWU shuttle service
- *Helped institute Handicap accessibility on RWU shuttle service
- *Continued to award an annual scholarship to a RWU student of outstanding achievement
- *Aided in creating Class ranking
- *Continued representation of the student body at the University Curriculum Committee meetings
- *Held annual Induction Ceremony for the Executive boards of all clubs & organizations
- *Organization of the Annual Protection Day
- *Organized Christmas Toy Drive in aid of local orphanage
- *Co-sponsored annual chorus Many Moods of Christmas concert in Bristol
- *Annual contribution towards
 Thanksgiving Turkey basket drive in
 aid of less fortunate families
- *Recreated Environmental Action Coalition and aided in the design of a comprehensive recycling program for RWU
- *Contributed towards the Multicultural Student Union Film Festival
- *Contributed towards the Volunteer Center's Alternative Spring Break in aid of helping less fortunate families

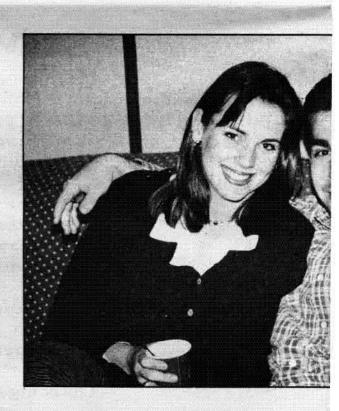


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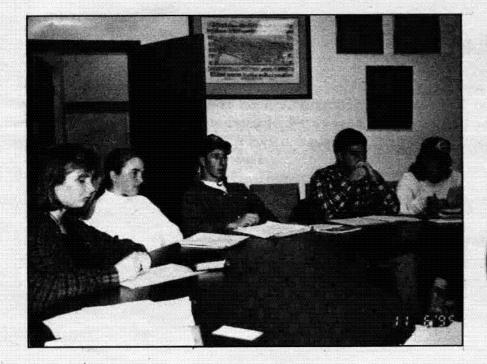
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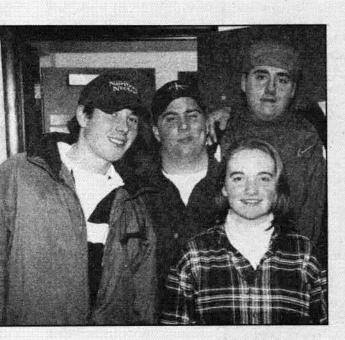
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Senate in Session:
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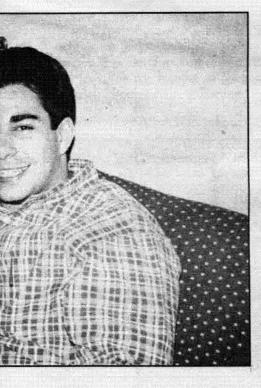


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Current & Future Goals

- *Planning annual Safety Week
- *Increasing Senate Visibility
- *Increase student involvement in clubs & organizations
- *Contributing to the American Cancer Society's Dance-a-thon in aid of raising money for cancer research
- *Researching the validity of having a Greek system at RWU
- *Working with Dining services to improve services & possibly extend dining hours
- *Increasing quality of services at administrative offices (i.e. Registrar, Bursar, Financial Aid etc)
- *Representing student input into Administration's plan to institute mandatory winter intercession
- *Input into raising academic standards
- *Establish guidelines to ensure higher levels of instruction by faculty & staff
- *Ensuring that student opinions based upon faculty surveys are properly accounted for
- *Organizing activities to increase school
- *Assisting in the Orientation program for incoming students
- *Assisting in the continuing success of The Other Place (i.e. extended hours, new furniture, more programming etc)
- *Raising awareness of the new recycling program & environmental issues
- *Continuing to work with the Athletics Dept. to improve facilities, services & obtaining of new equipment
- *And any other future student concerns
 (These can be addressed at Senate
 meetings held at 6:30pm every Monday
 in the Senate Office, located in the
 lower floor of the Student Union or by
 contacting any of your senators
 personally)

Uniting Force

Happy Gilmore mocks Golf and makes laughs

Chris Trimble Amanda Faist Love Writers

olf is a game of mental toughness and self con trol. Golf is like art, it is impossible to be perfect. Adam Sandler's new movie *Happy Gilmore* is a perfect example of this.

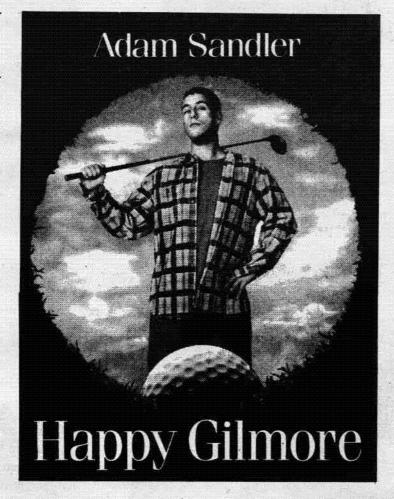
Sandler plays a hockey player who has a goal to play professional hockey. He is a tough bastard, with a powerful slapshot. Happy is always bragging that he is the only person ever to take his skate off and try to kill someone.

Happy never makes it to the pros because there is one minor problem - he can't skate for shit.

The plot of this hilarious movie is that Happy's grandmother hasn't paid her taxes in nearly twenty years, which in return helps Happy find a hidden talent.

Due to a challenge by two repo men, Happy picks up his grandfather's old golf clubs and drives a ball over four-hundred yards. Happy is convinced to play professional golf and after a few tournaments he realizes he can earn enough money to pay off taxes in order to get his grandmother's house back.

In his little adventure on the PGA tour, he runs into a cocky tour veteran, Shooter McGavin, who is a complete asshole. Shooter is be-



lieved to be one of the top players on the tour throughout the movie, and do anything to earn a victory.

Happy Gilmore's view towards golf in the movie is rather amusing. For instance, one scene he jokingly says "I'd kick my own ass if I was caught wearing pants like those." He isn't the ordinary, picture-perfect golfer.

He tries to play a relaxing sport with a hockey "goon" mentality. This mentality is shown by the throwing of golf clubs, his quick temper by beating up the spectators.

Shooter McGavin feels Happy should be thrown off the tour for his unprofessional behavior. However, Happy is a crowd favorite and brought a new meaning golf.

In another scene, Sandler is playing in a Pro-Am with celebrity game show host, Bob Barker. During the round he is constantly being nagged by one particular spectator by being called a "jack-ass".

Bob Barker believes Happy Gilmore sucks at golf, this pisses off Happy and they begin to fight. He tells Bob Barker, "The price is wrong, bitch!", but Happy then gets his ass kicked.

As the movie progresses, Gilmore learns more about the proper etiquette of golf and how to control his temper. If these new actions aren't met, he will be thrown off the tour.

The two people that will help him change completely are ex-progolfer, Chubbs, and the tours public relations director.

In Happy Gilmore, Adam Sandler is outrageously funny and tries to show a different perspective of golf which is liked by all.

He is continually growing fast as a movie actor and soon will be placed in the category of top comedian actor in the near future.

We definitely enjoyed this movie with a different view towards golf and highly recommend this to all sports fans.

It was great watching Sandler show that golf is more than a boring game, with old people wearing funny clothes. We give it two clubs up!

Cherry Orchard

"Cherry Orchard" played at the Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 8 in front of a pretty full house. The play, by Anton Chekhov, is set in late 19th Century Russia and is about the tale of a land-owning woman who own a cherry orchard and is in danger of losing it due to debt and generous but frivolous spending. She had been in Paris for five years and finally returned home to Russia where she learned of impending auctioning of the land. She reunites with her friends and family and they try to figure out a way to keep their

The characters are witty and well brought to life. Director Peter Wright did an outstanding job, as did the rest of the technical and support crew.

This production was especially memorable for two seniors who chose this play as their senior project. The two seniors, Karen McCaffrey, who plays the landowning woman, and Jenifer L. Brady, who plays her adopted daughter, both turned in strong performances. Another outstanding performer was Johnathon Bashford, who played a student intellectually ahead of everyone else. The entire cast deserved acclamations for their efforts. We can definitely count on seeing more great stuff.

Ray Sullivan

Conditions:

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- All listed rates are inclusive of all utilities, cable, computer data lines, phone service with free oncampus calls
- Students will be notified generally within five (5) working days as to the status of their application.
- When conflict arises concerning availability preference will be given to those students requesting two semester or full year leases.
- 12. The housing damage deposit must be submitted to the Bursar before Student Life will assign space. If your application is not approved your deposit will be refunded.
- In order to provide the appropriate atmosphere, all apartments will be leased based on one person per bedroom. Exceptions will be considered at the written request of a student.
- Generally undergraduates will be housed in the 200, 300, and 400 buildings and Law students will be housed in the flats and townhouses.



Beginning March 11, 1996 you can reserve space in Almeida by submitting a \$250 deposit to the Bursar

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For further information contact Student Financial Aid 254-3100.

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Two Semester lease	\$860 month. Total: \$7740 for 9 months
One Semester lease	\$900 month. Total: \$4050 for 4.5 months.
Monthly lease	\$1000 month.

Available for two stud	artment / Townhouse enis.
Twelve month lease	\$780 month. Total: \$9360
Two Semester lease	\$810 month. Total: \$7290 for 9 months.
One Semester lease	\$850 month. Total: \$3825 for 4.5 months.
Monthly lease	\$950 month.

Standard rates are the one semester leases at \$900 monthly for one bedroom and \$850 for two bedroom. Reductions are given for twelve month and two semester leases. A surcharge is added for monthly leases.

Questions?...contact the Department of Student Life, 254-3161.

Vitapup Fiction - underground N.Y. music

Joshua Mitchell Editor-in-Chief

hat the hell's a Vitapup? Half vi tamin and half puppie? Kind of. "It's actually a slush-puppie," said Melissa York, the drummer of the energetic East Village "no label band" Vitapup.

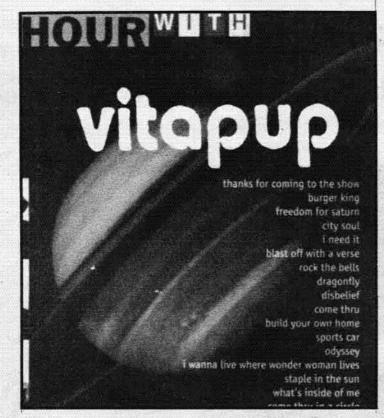
Hailing from New York City, the funkdafied trio has been a local favorite in the underground scene for a little over a year now.

With Ray Heatley on bass, vocals and lyrics, Greg Griffin on guitar, and York slamming away on the drums like "Animal" from the Muppets, Vitapup grooves with banging bass-lines and long lasting, licking lyrics.

an hour with vitapup

The group's debut album, an hour with vitapup, roars with message-oriented idealism and gutsy, in-your-face noises. Produced and engineered by the band, the album projects everything that's twisted about the Big Apple.

"Live and on the record, they



cleanly and crazily fuse the best parts of the 'ha, ha, fuck you' punk, hardcore's paranoid political idealism, spoken word, hiphop, and moody classic rock," said Time Out New York Magazine.

Vitapup is one collaborated ball of energy, genuine, out-spoken, and just plain cool. They're like a real-life "Three's Company" minus the Mr. Roper. Or if you tuned in when Don Knotts played the landlord - Mr. Furley.

Anyway, the band wreaks of sitcom status. They're all vegetar-

ians (With a preference for gourmet Chicken), they're slick speakers, and they basically just like to live off the fat of the land.

They invite rappers and poets on-stage to improvise while they jam and tell funny anecdotes about their trials and tribulations of being indie rockers.

I mean, this is perfect Central Perk material. I could totally see Vitapup on Friends . Melissa could jam with Phoebe Cates as she sings her annoying little "Kitty Cat" songs (Rumor has it that

watching York beat the life out of her drums as she shakes her hair madly like Beavis or Butthead is one of the best things to do when visiting New York). Forget Letterman or Cats.

Greg could talk movies with Matt LeBlanc and maybe find out what drugs the guy was on when he agreed to star in a movie with a friggin' monkey. He could hopefully engineer a decent movie for the budding star, preferably something like City of Lost Children, without Dunston, Bubbles, or

Ray could philosophize with Courtney Cox, maybe ask her what it was like to get her big break from a Bruce Springstein video. Then he could tell Jennifer Aniston how nice of an ass she has and how he throughly enjoyed her Rolling Stone cover.

Vitapup is just pure fun. Listening to their CD reminds me of when I used to mix all the sweet flavors of a slush-puppie, and then make funny faces in the mirror.

Grab their debut CD - they rage with a punk mix that sounds like Kurt Cobain screwed Coolio and dwelled into one sound!

Submitted to you and yours is this processed, plastic captured boombastic bastard blue-eyed rapture of three punks from outta town. If it was like they said it was we'd be singing their songs. Dig in this frenzy and find your own truth.

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The GOP Presidential Race



Bob Dole

Christy Jewell Staff Writer

The presidential elections are in November, which means that we have eight months to figure out what each candidate feels. The Rhode Island primaries are being held on February 5th, one of ten states to do so. The 51 primaries (Puerto Rico gets to vote) are all held over the course of five months.

During those five months most of the candidates will be dropping out, until three major candidates are left: one Republican, one Democrat, and one Independent. There are three major Republican candidates still in the race: Bob Dole, Patrick Buchanan, and Steve Forbes.

Each one has a very different philosophy on how the country should be run. Many people don't take the time to figure out what each candidate feels, and many people don't even bother to vote. College students especially are a group that have been known not to go to the polls. Do we not care?



Pat Buchanan

Since voting is so important, what follows is a quick guide to the Republican candidates and a little on our current president.

Patrick Buchanan was the winner of the New Hampshire primaries, the primaries that usually determine who will win the presidency. Buchanan claims to be an anti-Washington warrior for the common man, but his life tells a very different story. He has a degree in journalism and has been a presidential speechwriter, as well as Communications Director for Reagan. Buchanan has strong conservative views on most topics. He is against NAFTA, abortion and homosexuality. He also feels tax cuts are important

The current front-runner is Bob Dole. Dole is already into politics, having had a seat in Congress since 1969. Steve Forbes has softened him up with negative ads; Buchanan has stredded him with sound bites. What did Dole do? He called George Bush. His style is swallow your pride and stay in

Dole wants to do some things other candidates do, but not as



Steve Forbes

much. Like Lamar Alexander, who dropped out of the race recently, he wants to give some power back to the states, but not as much. Like Forbes he wants a flatter tax rate, but not completely flat. After easily winning New York's primary, the Senate majority leader has nearly 40 percent of the delegates needed for the GOP nomination.

Magazine publisher Steve Forbes is a businessman. His platform is the flat tax. He believes that all people should pay the same amount for taxes, a percentage of their income. His plan would mean that families taxes would go up if they make more money, and go down if they make less. His plan also exempts the first \$36,000 in income for a family that consists of four people and any investments would not be taxed. How can this dorky looking man fit the mold of a politician?

The Clinton re-election theme song is softly playing. Clinton is well positioned, well armed, and ready for the GOP challenge. The real question is: Are you going to

Juggler Bill Fry was a comedian with balls

Melissa Cogswell Staff Writer

omedian/Juggler Bill Fry, visited RWU on Friday, March 8. His performance was supported by an enthusiastic audience.

One reason why he sparked such a big crowd was because he did little tricks and gimmicks dur-

Fry started off the show telling a comical story about an exgirlfriend, while juggling three small white balls which "illustrated" the story. He was sexually oriented but in a tasteful manner.

For one of his acts, titled "Head" he required a female volunteer. The volunteer had to hold up the comedian's legs, while he stood on his head and juggled three colorful nylon handker-

Being unsuccessful at the first try, upon his second attempt he made the witty remark, "Alright! Head twice in one night!"

Another part of his routine he called "Body Parts", which had a few simple rules. First, the audience would yell out any body part, which he would then have to juggle off of at least three times.

If in the process he dropped an item, the audience had to say in its best New Jersey accent, Whadda ya do?" He would then hit himself on the head with the object.



Taking a rest, Fry decided to have a little fun with bumper stickers. Enlightening the crowd as to how humorous the world looks through a comedian's eyes, he showed several bumper stickers.

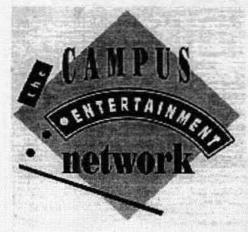
Though some were already seemingly funny, he explained them further as to how they could be even funnier. For example, one sticker read, "If you don't like my driving, call 1-800-EAT-SHIT". He said that when he called, the voice that answered replied "Hello. Taco Bell Headquarters."

One of Fry's most interesting tricks to watch, which he also claimed as his favorite, was his "Cigar Box Juggling". This was actually a fancy rendition of his opening trick.

Donning Shakespearean apparel and an accent, he told the story of how Cigar Box juggling began, while the boxes illustrated his narration.

For his final eye-catching trick, Fry juggled flaming torches. You can just imagine his dismay when he dropped one and an audience member exclaimed, "Whadda ya do?"

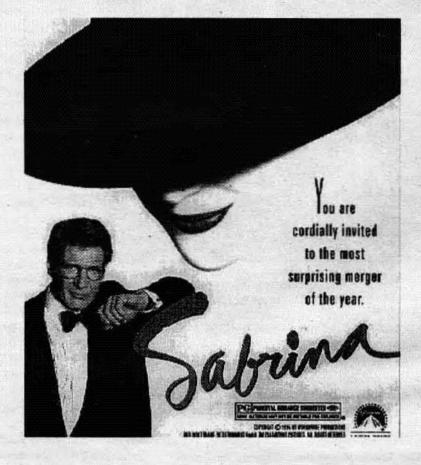
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Letters to Cleo rock at Lupo's

Mike Gleason Senior Staff Writer

upo's Heartbreak
Hotel was graced
by Letters To
Cleo's presence on Friday March
1. Prior to their mind-blowing
performance the audience was
graced by two other Boston-based
bands.

For starters was Jules Verdone and her entourage (including Cleo's lead guitarist Mike Eisenstein.) Verdone, on a side note, scolded the mosh-pit enthusiasts that they were responsible for the safety of others.

They were followed shortly by Gravel Pit who came out to stun the crowd with their hard-core/ punk sound.

If you haven't heard of Gravel Pit they're your standard punk line-up but with a better vocalist and with some more usage of keyboards and harmonica just for kicks. With their 40 minute set they roared like a pack of wild carnivores while the moshers had their ecstasy.

Thus, Letters To Cleo came on stage around midnight ready to wake everyone up after getting their batteries worn down by the first two acts.

One interesting aspect was the fact that they had the same highenergy sound which they carried out to the crowd last May during the Spring Weekend.

However, to see them with

their more faithful fans and Boston/Providence devotees they had an even better chemistry as they were playing in the club atmosphere they are used to playing in. Not that they sounded terrible in the Recreation Center.

Furthermore, this time they were headlining and since they released their second album "Wholesale Meats and Fish" shortly after their show last spring, coupled with their debut "Aurora Gory Alice, had a larger number of songs to choose from and the

A bra was lobbed on stage just for fun!

longer show gave them a chance to show how they have seasoned as a live act and have a better understanding of each other individually as musicians and together as

On an extremely less technical note there were quite a few groupie-related incidents involving women's lingerie took place during the Cleo's set.

First, a bra was lobbed onto the stage as a token of appreciation of Eisenstein's guitar playing. In shock he merely placed it on top of his amplifier.

Drummer Stacy Jones ran out from behind his drum set and reminded him of the Motley Crue tradition of putting such gifts onto their microphone stands.

Singer Kay Hanley, having watched this with amusement, called for one that would fit her. The audience soon responded, with a black lacy number.

At the end of the song, she picked it up and held it up against herself, commenting that it was too big for her. Many laughs were heard coming from the audience. Later a third one intended for a petit woman, such as Hanley, was thrown at rhythm guitarist Greg McKenna and bassist Scott Riebling. All three were thrown back to the audience at the end of the performance.

In a less ribald matter, Cleo tried out several new songs that will be coming up on their next album (date of release not determined yet.)

Most importantly, they played the "big three" songs that have been released to commercial radio (including WQRI/88.3 FM who plays them on a regular basis) those being "Here And Now," "Awake," and "Demon Rock." As well as other Wholesale Meats and Fish gems like "Acid Jed" and "Jennifer."

Letters To Cleo, with a bit of irony, has the indie-pop sound but not the teen-angst of most other punk rock acts. Oh well. Regardless of the fact that it was terribly cold last Friday night, Cleo and their two opening acts made the commute to RIPTA- and then trying to find a ride back to campusworth it.

RWU Model Nation delegate and return

Christy Jewell Staff Writer

he Harvard National Model United Nations conference has come and gone. Roger Williams University Model United Nations has also gone and come back.

This years delegates, Rodney Simmons, Greig Isdale, Isabelle Gomes, Tanya Srabian, Sarah Moyer, Sung-Youn Sohn, and Christy Jewell, all went as delegates to the country of Panama.

Each student participated on a different committee and each committee covered different topics

Everyone is excited about the chance to go again next year. Junior Sarah Moyer said "it was a wonderful learning experience that I look forward to next year."

The group as a whole is excited about next year, and are getting ready to start the application process again.

Advisor Ernie Greco and Professor June Speakman have submitted a class proposal that will make the group a class open to all students.

The class is also open to students who want to learn about the United Nations, but it is recommended for anybody who wants to participate in the group next year. The experience is one that few will forget and it is a time to make new friends and reconnect with old ones.

The students come from

United Nations

schools all over the world from schools as close as URI and Brown to schools as far away as Japan and Africa.

The committees are run by Harvard students, but they are by no means dull or boring.

In fact they can be lots of fun. The topics cover a wide range of interests and fields. Some of the topics that were covered included: Infant Mortality in the World Health Organization committee, The Re-admittance of Cuba in the Organization of American States committee, Geostationary Orbit in the Legal committee, and Arms Registry in the Disarmament and International Security committee.

For some of the delegates friends have been made and email is exchanged on an almost daily basis. For others there is little mail but plenty of happy times are remembered.

These three days were days that will remain in the memories of the students for at least another year until they get the opportunity to go again.

Maiden hit Providence with Iron at Lupo's

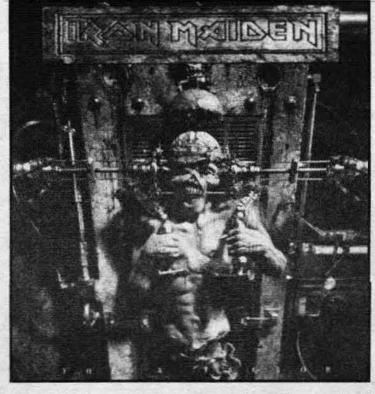
Josh Speert Staff Writer

oes anyone out there remeber the 1980's? It was decade of big hair, gaudy jewelry, and total rule by the Republican party. As for the music, most Americans were either a fan of "new wave" such as groups like Duran Duran and Culture Club or into "heavy metal" such as Judas Priest and Scorpions.

Another heavy metal band which achieved international status in the mid 1980's were British rockers, Iron Maiden who became notorious for selling out arenas in a heart beat. However, due to the growing demand for "alternative music" such as Smashing Pumpkins and Soundgarden, Iron Maiden haven't been able to appeal to today's young audience, but have proved to their loyal fans they're not dead yet.

On Valentine's Day, Iron Maiden played at Lupo's Heart-break Hotel in Providence, a big step down from their usual Fleet Center Arena shows in Boston, but none-the-less performed with smiles on their faces for two full hours.

Opening up for Iron Maiden were Los Angeles based, Fear Factory, who displayed a more contemporary style of metal using keyboards to give a futuristic, machine-style appraoach. Their faster



tempo and heavier sounds may not be exactly the typical band to open up for the old-school Iron Maiden, but were succesful in whipping the crowd into a frenzy.

"Maiden," as they've been dubbed by fans, first entered the metal scene in 1980 with a self-entitled E.P. and have been busy touring and putting out albums constantly for sixteen years.

Maiden started off with the following lineup: Paul Di'anno on lead vocals, Dave Murray and Adrian Smith on lead guitars, Steve Harris on bass, and Cive Burr on drums. Only Murray and Harris remain in the band today.

In 1981, Maiden quickly put out a follow-up release, Killers, which included the popular anthem, "Wrathchild." This tune was second in the set at Lupo's and was a great blast-from-the-past for many older fans.

Number of the Beast came out promptly in 1982, introducing Bruce Dickinson as the new lead vocalist. At this point, Maiden had become a target of controversy considering their lyrical content focused mainly on the occult. In actuality, they were fun-loving soccer players ("football" as it is called in their homeland) who played against teams such as **Def Leppard**, another popular rock group at the time.

This succesful release was also a turning point for the band in another respect. They landed their first worldwide tour as an opening band for heavy metal pioneers, Judas Priest.

From this album, Maiden played "Hallowed Be Thy Name," and the title track at Lupo's. It remained a mystery why they didn't play "Run to the Hills," their first song made into an MTV video, and possibly their most popular tune to this day.

In 1983, a new drummer, Nicko McBrain replaced Burr and Piece of Mind filled the record store shelves. From this album they surprisingly only played "The Trooper" considering this was when Maiden was at the highlight of their career. They used this tune as part of an encore.

Powerslave came out in 1984 being their fifth release in only five years. Again, Maiden surprised the crowd by only playing one tune from this album, "Two Minutes to Midnight,"

After this album, Maiden took a brief break from the studio to tour for two years, but didn't take a break from putting out another recording. In 1985, their second live album, Live After Death was re-

leased. Their first one was Maiden Japan, a hard-to-find recording of a live tour of Japan in 1982.

After the long, international tour, Maiden returned to the studio and released Somewhere in Time in 1986, another success. Unfortunately, from this album they only played "Heaven Can Wait" at Lupo's, neglecting to play their smash hit, "Wasted Years."

Maiden skipped another year to record before putting out Seventh Son of the Seventh Son in 1988 which they only played "The Clairvoyant" at Lupo's.

At this time, Maiden's popularity began diminishing due to the lack of interest in heavy metal and an introduction to alternative music made popular by "generation X," a label put on kids by the "baby boom generation."

Although Maiden's musical style became somewhat outdated in the world of music, they continued to prove they won't give up after releasing an appropriately named album, No Prayer for the Dying in 1990. At this point, Adrian Smith had given up and was replaced by Janick Gers. They didn't use any tunes in their set from this album at Lupo's.

High-pitched lead singer Bruce Dickinson's final recording with the band before going solo occured in 1992 with Fear of the Dark.. They played two songs from this album at Lupo's: "Afraid

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SURFING THE NET FOR SPRING BREAK Iron Maiden brings

College Press

Your skin is as pale as the underbelly of a fish. Your campus is shrouded in a blanket of snow. Your favorite accessory these days is a parka.

But not to fear, spring break is only a few days away. Imagine soft grains of white sand beneath your feet, hot rays of bright sun on your skin, rushing sounds of blue ocean waves in your ear.

But before you surf, perhaps you should surf - the 'Net, that is.

Many popular spring break paradises now have sites on the Web, true treasure troves of information on local hotels, nightclubs, tourist attractions - even vivid pictures to give a weary student a fix until its time to cavort on the beach.

Whether your dream vacation spot is sunny Florida or the ski slope of Colorado, chances are there's a web site you can visit way before you jump onto the plane or cram into your roommate's '85 Chevette.

Not only can you gather some great ideas on which paradise to visit, but you can also find out lots of practical information: where to stay, whether a passport is required and what you should tell your parents about why you need to go there.

For instance, there's Daytona Beach. Or, as its web site deems it, "the hottest break on the planet!"

Underneath a picture of scantily clad student-type frolicking in the surf are the words: "Spring Break in Daytona is Hot. Twenty-three miles of wide, smooth, sandy beaches. Driving directly on the beach. Outrageous clubs. And thousands of college students from every corner of the continent."

From the main page, browsers can link to The Beach, Night Clubs, Health Clubs, Sports Illustrated Beach Club, Accommodations, or Weather...Click on Weather, and, like other sites, the Daytona Beach site lists up-to-theminute online weather report. Today, the forecast is "dense fog developing." That doesn't sound good, perhaps a reason why the site explains, "We have had many days with lots of bright sunshine, perfect for getting a great tan. How is it where you are?"

The site also provides answers to some serious, commonly asked questions. For instances, can you still drive on the beach? (Yes.) What is the legal drinking age in Daytona Beach? (Twenty-one years of age, but many nightclubs admit students 18 and up.)

And, more importantly, why will my parents want me to go to Daytona Beach? (Career Fair, March 14-16) Apparently, student can meet with major employers from across the country on those days, and the attire is casual. But

bikinis may be too casual.

Before you leave this site, be assured that the mayor has actually "proclaimed Daytona Beach the Spring Break Capital of the Universe," in case there were any doubts.

It's time to leave sunny Florida and explore - virtually, that is - the wonders of Mexico.

"Welcome to Cancun," says this site on a bright turquoise background. "The World's Most Popular Resort."

The site features an online form, which you can fill out with any questions you might have on lodging, food or entertainment. But the site still offers plenty of useful facts, including some colorful Caribbean history...

"Little more than 20 years ago, Cancun was just a Mayan name, a deserted, sun-drenched island off the Northeast tip of the Yucatan peninsula," the site reads. After the first hotel opened in the 1970s, "Cancun was well on its way to international resort stardom."

Average temperatures hover in the 80s, and the sun shines more than 240 days of the year. In addition, the site informs browsers, "the turquoise waters host swimming, wind surfing, parasailing, snorkeling, scuba diving and sport fishing."

And the site lists the practical stuff: Bring your passport or your original birth certificate. Don't

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Iron Maiden brings their classic metal music to Lupo's

Continued from Pg. 17 to Shoot Strangers" and the title track.

It took three long years to find an appropriate replacement for Dickinson and to put out their latest release, *The X Factor* in 1995.

Their trademark: Eddie, the rotting corpse!

Blaze Bayley took over the spotlight and seemed perfectly satisfied to perform at a small night club despite Maiden's history of great success.

They played every song from this album. Being that Bayley is new to the band probably explains their lack of playing vintage Maiden live.

Over the years, Maiden had changed their style of dress from spandex clothing and studded leather wristbands in their early years to T-shirts and jeans today.

One thing this group hadn't changed over the years was their

trademark duel harmonic guitars, galloping drum beats, incredible up-and-down-the-neck bass lines, and high-range vocals.

Another thing which contributed to their image was their trademark - Eddie: a rotting corpse which appeared on every album in a different style creating a concept album approach such as Eddie in an electric chair in *Piece of Mind* or as a spoof on the movie "The Terminator" in *Somewhere in Time* with Eddie posed like Arnold Schwartzenegger.

Mascot, Eddie appeared on stage as part of Maiden's act in their arena tour days. Unfortunately clubs like Lupo's don't have enough headroom for a ten-foot corpse. Talk about being deprived due to lack of space.

Anyhow, there weren't exactly any complaints as Maiden performed a solid performance ending with a double-encore, and their word that they'll return.

It doesn't seem like anything can kill this band. I think they're truly made of Iron. Let's just hope that it doesn't rain - they could rust!

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Continued from Page 21 forget the sun block and "a light cotton sweater" for cool evening breezes. Exchange your money in small amounts, since the peso cannot be exchanged back to U.S. dollars. Don't forget to buy a bottle of Kahlua.

If you speak the language, the site also claims "a little Spanish goes a long way in building a friendly warm relationship" with the Cancun natives.

The Cancun site, similar to the Daytona Beach one, also answers some commonly asked questions. Is the water safe? "Cancun is home to the largest water purification system in all of Mexico," the site claims.

this site: it has coupons for students who like to clip and save or rather, print and save.

For instance, get a free cap or T-shirt with the purchase of an island cruise, snorkeling trip or jungle tour. And Carlos 'N Charlie's offers a free pitcher of margaritas with lunch or dinner.

For those not interested in Florida or Mexico, the web site of South Padre Island in Texas invites users to explore the Lone Star State's only true tropical island with the words, "Let's Padre!"

If you didn't know it, now you do: South Padre Island is "the center of the party universe during Spring Break" with its Gulf of

One more thing to add about Mexico location, 34 miles of coastline and "125,000 of the hottest guys and gals from more than 100 colleges and universities." "No shoes, No shirts, No problem," boasts the site.

> Where to stay? Choose from more than 5,000 hotels and condos, some with the views of the Gulf, others with views of placid Laguna Madre Bay and "the twinkling lights of mainland Texas beyond."

> And then there's the practical information, such as what airlines fly there (Southwest, American and Continental) and what airports serve the island (the well-known Harlingen's Valley International and Brownsville/SPI Airports).

This site, too, has a "check the weather" link, complete with a four-day forecast. "Mostly sunny and unseasonably warm, high from the middle 80s to the middle 90s."

Of course, let's not forget that to some, winter is not a bad thing.

For those students, there are the virtual slopes of Colorado. This website contains everything, from a list of the resorts to cool pictures of skiers and jagged mountains etched against the skyline.

There's a map of Colorado, and vacation packages and specials for resorts in Aspen, Vail and Colorado Springs, among other locations.

And not only is there a link to the statewide weather report ("snow in the mountains, going down to 20s"), there's a link to statewide ski conditions.

For instance, at Arapahoe Basin, there's a powder surface and between 93-119 inches of base. Sixty-one out of 61 trails are open, and so are all five lifts.

So, as you sit in your dorm room and wait for spring break, remember there's more to do than just dream. It's never too early in the year to Surf.

One last website to visit is "Spring Break '95 Yearbook," which is a collection of pictures, grouped by state and then by college, of party animals on location during last year's spring break. Anyone can submit photos via mail or the Internet.

PPAC shines like a star with Webber and Tommy

Arts Center has erupted this year with Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacles: Phantom, Jesus Christ Superstar, Music of the Night, and now their most recent, Cats.

If you saw Music of the Night, you noticed that the Cats songs didn't come with furry costumes and kitty-cat make-up. March 14-17 that will all change. Grizabella the Glamour Cat will hypnotize Providence when she brings her stunning and touching performance of "Memory" to the PPAC. Originally, a lyrical delight with words the poet T.S. Eliot wrote for

The Providence Performing his grandchildren, this longest running Broadway show of all time will have you meowing with pleasure when you see little radiant, skin-tight shag carpets jumping with joy.

> The Who's Tommy, a rock opera, excels by utilizing rapid choreography moves and state-of-theart technology. The musical follows the life of Tommy Walker, a kid who becomes deaf, dumb, and blind after witnessing his father kill his mother's lover. Introduced to pinball, Tommy falls head over heals for the game and becomes a messiah figure, snapping out of his

catatonic state.

Powerful songs like "See Me, Feel Me," and "Pinball Wizard," strike hard with amazing chords and moving lyrics. The MTV technology compliments the music and makes seeing the show a unique experience.

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Sofball set to kick off season

Jen Fox Sports Editor

This year's softball team is a very young one. Consisting of all freshmen and sophomores with the exception of one senior, the team still plans to do very well this season.

Heather Miller, the only senior on the team this year, is the captain. This is her fourth year on the team, and she plays third base. She believes that even though the team is a young one, they will still do very well this year.

"The infielders and most of the outfielders are returnees, and the newcomers on the team are showing excellent playability. They will definitely be a benefit to the team this season," she said.

Head Coach Lee Wilber shares Miller's enthusiasm about the team. "We have all freshmen and sophomores with the exception of Heather, and it's going to be a nice little team with a lot of potential for the future," he said.

Even with such a young team, Coach Wilber has a few young players who play like veterans. "I've been coaching women's softball for a long time, and I've never seen a better shortstop than Michelle Burnham. Also, our pitcher Melissa Murphy was outstanding last year, and she's pitching even faster this year," he said.

The team has a very tough



schedule ahead of them. A lot of their games are doubleheaders, which is tough on any team.

"Melissa Murphy pitches most of the doubleheaders. It's really hard on her and the team because we only have about 10 minutes between games, so we try and relax ourselves. We have to try not to think about the game before because if we won by a lot, we have to psyched ourselves up to play the next game. If we lose, we have to ha try and forget the first game," an Miller explained.

When the doubleheaders are played, only the first game counts for the league standings, and the second counts for the team's record.

Only the first game of a doubleheader can help the team qualify for the playoffs, so this basically means the second game has no real significance except to say they won it.

The goal of the team this season is to make the final four of the playoffs. They lost last year in the quarterfinals in a heartbreaker to Salve Regina, 1-0.

Salve is one of the tougher teams they have to face this season. The other two teams they have trouble with are Anna Maria and Curry College.

What this year's team lacks in age, they make up for in attitude. RWU should look for the softball team to do very well again this year. "I'm very excited about the team this year, and I hope to win 15 or 16 games this season," Wilber concluded.

Men's Hoop all done

Ray Sullivan Staff Writer

The RWU Men's Basketball Team finished their inaugural season under the direction of new head coach Tom Sienkiewicz with an overall record of 8-17, going 4-10 in the conference.

The Hawks last regular season game was against the Colonels of Curry College on February 17.

The two teams battled back and forth with neither one quite able to pull away. The Hawks would finally make a run in the closing minutes of the game which insured them of the victory over the same team they beat at home by 30 about a month ago. When the final buzzer sounded RWU had pulled off the five point victory winning 89-84.

Jason Trucchi was the high man and led all scorers with 26 points and 11 assists. Big man Kevin Chadderton netted 21 points, had 11 rebounds, and swatted three shots. Scotty Kofoed hit for 50 percent from the three-point arc as he chipped in with 16 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Jason Simoneau helped the cause with 9 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists.

The Hawks went into their first round game of the Commonwealth Coast Conference against Colby-Sawyer as the heavy underdogs. It was a game in which the blue and gold never got the chance to get into any kind of a flow. And even though the battle of the boards was close, it was still won by Colby-Sawyer.

Defensive breakdowns and mental errors led to Colby-Sawyer running off scoring spurts which the Hawks could not recover from.

At the end of the game Colby-Sawyer had run away with it, ushering the Hawks out of the CCC tournament and ending their season.

In his last game with the Hawks, Trucchi would once again lead the way for his team. He scored 23 points and had eight assists. He proved himself to be one of the most consistent players on the squad this year.

Brian Fleming had a good night, he netted 15 points, and two assists. Jason Simoneau, who had been receiving more playing time as of late, turned in another good effort with 11 points. Greg Driesch and Scotty Kofoed each chipped in 10 points in a losing effort for the Hawks.

"I've got to give these guys a lot of credit, none of them ever quit they all just kept working hard," said Coach Tom Sienkiewicz. "We're learning together and getting better, it's tough to stay positive when you're not winning consistently, but none of these guys gave up and for that I've got to respect them."

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Laxmen set for season

Continued from Page 28 MIT this year and enter the ECAC playoff birth," said Cooney. "We're taking no prisoners this year."

Considering the massive influx of freshmen this year, Cooney is looking forward to molding the young blood into champions. "The new wave of lacrosse players will take us to the next level," he said.

At the present time, Cooney is working the players to the limit. The inclement weather had forced the team to spend practice indoors, but running and getting conditioned is Cooney's top priority at the moment. Working with Cooney are two new assistant coaches, Christopher Rung and Ian Stover.

In addition to the major changes in coaching staff, two players moved up to the position of co-captain. Senior Gary Scogna and junior J.P. Blaise replaced Warren "Lumpy" Danzenbaker and Mike Breard who graduated last May. Along with Scogna and Blaise is senior Tom Roach, at his second year as co-captain.

According to Scogna, there is an abundance of freshmen who will become contributing factors to a successful season. Among those he pointed out were attackman Ryan Birmingham, midfielder Ben Redfield, defenseman Charlie Henderson, and goalie Ray Butti as players to



watch for.

Scogna is pleased with the attitudes of the younger players, considering a great number of the 1996 team are rookies "They have great respect for the older teammates who will shape them into better players," he said.

Scogna's personal goal is to be successful as a captain by helping the Hawks become one of the top schools in New England.

The first game of the season will be played at Wesleyan College, a Ivy League team in Connecticut, with a reputation of being tough to beat. A victory over Wesleyan could bring more attention to RWU as an even more reputable team.

Scogna, as most of his teammates, welcome Cooney and look forward to the season with him in control. "He's very knowledgeable about the game," said Scogna. "I'm sure he will do a great job in directing us back to the Pilgrim League championship."

Sophomore defenseman, Paul Gerencser is satisfied with Cooney's performance: "He's an enthusiastic coach, and he's easy to relate to because he's practically as young as us." At age 25, Cooney has potential for an extensive career at RWU.

"He's working us hard right now," added sophomore middie Brendan MacNamara, "but it will definitely pay off in the long run. I'm looking forward to this season with him as coach."

Fan attendance is a greatly appreciated factor in the team's performance according to Cooney. He also mentioned players to watch out for are attackmen, Evan Gould, Eric Seigel, and Drew Kellar. The three combined totaled for 114 points in their debut season last year.

Other players Cooney stressed as up-and-coming are face-off middie, Nate Fuller, and a strong defensive line-up including co-captains Scogna and Blaise. Also on defense is Todd Kramer, a transfer from Drexel University who Cooney mentioned as an essential player for defending the crease.

The first home game of the season is Thursday, April 11 at Nike Field. Let's hope the snow ends by then. If not, the laxmen will be well prepared. As former coach Ford once mentioned, "The freezing weather is what makes us northern teams tough."

Iced off in playoffs

Jen Fox Sports Editor

This year, the hockey team finished second overall in the ECAC North division, which qualified them to play in the ECAC tournament.

They were seeded fourth, which gave them a home ice advantage over fifth seeded Bentley College for the quarter-final game.

The team came out strong in the first period, with James Pazzaglia and Gregg Towsley scoring the first two goals of the game. Towsley's goal was beautiful. He was on a breakaway, and was pulled down from behind.

While sprawled on his stomach, he was able to slide the puck inbetween the left pipe and the goalie's left leg with the shaft of his stick.

Bentley was able to score two goals by the end of the period to tie the game at two apiece going into the second period.

Towsley scored the Hawk's third goal of the game 1:50 into the second period, but Bentley went on to score five unanswered goals during the rest of the period. Senior co-captain Dave Mowry attributed this lapse to the number of penalties the team had. "Penalties killed us. When we got a five minute major, that's where the game turned around. After two goals, we fell into a hole," he said.

Going into the third period down by four goals, the Hawks had a lot of ground to cover to catch up. Bentley scored three more goals in the third period, but Dave Curtis and Towsley were each able to tally a goal.

Curtis' goal was scored on a breakaway, where he was able to flip the puck up over the goalie's right shoulder. Towsley's goal marked his first career hat trick.

The Hawks were disappointed with their 10-5 loss in this game. "We didn't go into the game with intensity, it was more of an overconfidence," said senior Eric Baxter. "We had almost beat UMass Dartmouth (seeded first) a few nights before, so our confidence was definitely up."

The team also had a problem with attendance at this very important game. Even the DJ came and went. "The DJ came, set up, and left. We didn't even have any warm-up music, which every other school has," said Baxter. "I think if we had the crowd support, and the DJ was rocking, it could have gotten our momentum up."

Sometimes people don't realize how important a good crowd is to a team, especially in playoff games.

Even though the team didn't go as far as they would have liked in the playoffs, they had a phenomenal season that will be remembered for years to come.

Men's Sluggers looking to erase last season's problems with new work ethic

The Hawk's Eye

The 1996 RWU baseball team is out to gain some respect. Firing coach Al DeSalvo, who never had a winning season in his tenure, and hiring a proven winner, Valentino Innocente, was the first step in the long process.

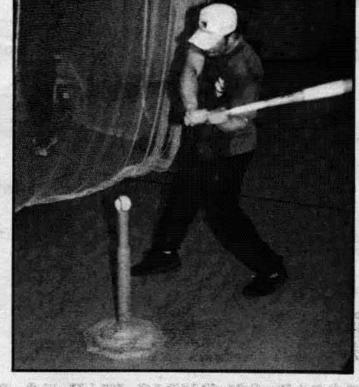
Last year the team finished 1-23, by far their worst record in history. On the field, the team lacked enthusiasm and the desire to win. Off the field, they rarely hung out as a team and seemed to lack any chemistry at all.

Innocente formerly coached at Bishop Hendricken High School, where he led the team into the state finals 8 out of his 12 years. He has also spent time as an assistant with the Community College of Rhode Island, who have developed several Major League ballplayers over the years.

"It's time to take a step up now. I'm always looking for new challenges. When I heard there was an opening I took a look at the program and set some goals for myself," said Innocente.

Challenge seems to be the key word. And to this point, coach has risen to it.

After fumbling for years to raise money to go away on Spring Break, the team has finally done it. A solid fundraising program has resulted in a trip to Cocoa Beach



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next week. RWU will be playing against teams from around the country to prepare for the season

set to begin on Sunday, March

Because of the bad weather teams in the Northeast face at this time of year, going to a new climate helps

teams gain an advantage over their opponents. It also creates unity, which is essential for a team to win. Tri-captain Chris Johnson is entering his fourth and final year, as are seniors Dave Sigler, Randi

> Stoloff and Orin Wilf. They would like nothing better than to leave with a winning season.

> Junior captains Chad Baird and Jake Hodge are impressed with the team's attitude so far,

"I feel so far there's been a lot of team togetherness. A lot of guys are working hard and want to win, especially after last year," said Hodge.

"Everything he's done has made us a better team," added Baird.

Part of this is the recruiting of potential players in the coming years. The team has never had a recruiter and could be one of the reasons they haven't won.

Innocente has also recruited some solid assistant coaches. Steve McManus and Mike Sibolle are working with the players to correct the bad habits they picked up with DeSalvo's teams.

They are bringing their talent, skills and work ethic and it has begun to rub off on the team since they began practicing in the beginning of February.

The team has been using wooden bats to help them hit the ball more solidly, and has been working hard on the fundamentals so when they get outside they can concentrate on more game situations.

A pitching rotation has been organized, as well as set relievers and closers. Everyone on the team will have some sort of a role essential to the team.

The team looks as though it will be solid and organized, and would like the support from the students through the season.

"The attitude and work habits are coming around," added Innocente. "Once we start winning, it will catch on."

Golf

RWU has their own Co-Ed Golf team. "Having golf in an institution like RWU is important because with such a diverse student body, there is bound to be students who have experience in the sport," said Bill Baird, Athletic Director.

In addition, RWU is very fortunate to have a golf course nearby to practice and play on. They use Wanumetonomy Country Club in Middletown.

Coach Tony Pinhero has been coaching here at RWU for the past nine years. He has guided the Hawks to victories almost every year. His record of 49-48-2 includes the fall and spring seasons. The fall season is longer because graduation cuts off the spring season early.

The fall is mainly bigger because of the new freshmen coming and all the interested upperclassmen as well. At the end of the fall season, the team goes away for two days to compete against 48 teams all over New England in NEIGA (New England Invitational Golf Association).

At a recent golf meeting, Coach Pinhero was surprised to see so many interested students. Senior Captain Mark Stachowicz is looking forward to a "rocking" semester. "The new talent brings a good assessment to the team," said Mark. "This is my last semester and I wish to make it my best."

Donna Zakszewski



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Baird committed to winning Spiked

Continued from Page 1 dance has jumped to 250-300 people a night in the stands. In fact, over 450 people came out to support the Hawks against their game against the Anchormen of Rhode Island College.

Baird has been accused of favoring the Men's Basketball team, and not paying attention to some of what are considered to be the "smaller sports". RWU has one of the best Division III Lacrosse teams in New England, but they simply don't receive much support from their fellow students.

In Baird's first year as A.D. all teams combined averaged to win just 34.4% of their games, last year that number jumped to 54.2%.

Just a few years ago the Women's Basketball team had a record of 0-23. Baird went out and hired Ellen Bruckshaw, who herself was a star player for the University of Rhode Island in her playing days.

The very next year the team executed an unbelievable turnaround by going 13-11, something that probably wouldn't have happened if Baird hadn't hired When coach Bruckshaw. Bruckshaw was forced to take a year off because of her pregnancy, she was replaced by interim head coach Bill Foley, who recently resigned, as the team next year will once again be coached by Bruckshaw. Foley had this to say about Baird: " Bill is one of the which is why he has earned the respect of so many coaches. He's revised and up-graded arrange-

In Baird's first year teams combined to win 34.4% of their games, last year that number jumped to 54.2%

top professionals I've ever been associated with, you can't argue with success, all the teams wins ratios have gone up". RWU Golf Coach, Tony Pinhero is one of two coaches who have been here the longest. He and Hockey Coach Don Armstrong have both been here for nine years, they've each seen many other Athletic Director's come and go, however none have impressed the two as much as Baird.

"I think Bill is the best A.D. we've had since I've been here" said Golf coach Pinhero. Coach Armstrong feels that Baird has done an excellent job despite the fact that the University cut \$33,000 dollars from his budget. "Bill has done a fantastic job as far as I'm concerned, for the situation he's been given you really can't ask for much more".

Baird has been instrumental in bringing new ideas to the school,

ments with the computer center and the Vice President of Academic Affairs office on the procedural steps in checking the eligibility of student-athletes. He is constantly staying on top of informing coaches on whether or not their players are making the grade and taking at least twelve credits a semester. If a player plays while ineligible, his team must forfeit the game and sometimes the player is further penalized. Baird tries hard to avoid this situation.

He had a new tile basin constructed for the whirlpools and purchased two new full body whirlpools for the training room. He redesigned the entire athletic awards system for all participating athletes. He constructed a new equipment room on the main floor of the gymnasium for wrestling mat storage and intramural/recreation distribution. He helped lay out plans for the new field to be used by the Rugby and Lacrosse teams at the Nike site, also brought that field electricity and installed bleachers. Baird worked with female students to organize and develop a Women's Rugby team. The new PA system in the gym is there because the Baird found out the old one had been broken for four years without anyone doing anything about it. These are just a few examples of what Baird has brought to the Uni-

Many people are concerned with where the money goes and how that is deiced. Some people have the conception that Baird gives money to only the sports he favors (e.g. basketball). Baird says that his personal opinions of a particular sport have nothing to do with who gets how much

Some of the factors that decide how the money is distributed are: Number of players on the team, away game scheduled, and how expensive the equipment. The Men's basketball team is not the team that receives the most money in the department, not by a long shot.

"I'm committed to doing what's fair" said Baird. "My goal for all our teams is for them to dominate in their respective divisions of the Commonwealth Coast Conference.'

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ran smoothly. Injuries were the least of the problems the team faced. "Casey had severe tendonitis, and Tartamella had an arch injury, and both men came in healthy. There's no one to blame for these injuries, we have a long season...and a bad floor. That's what happens when the two are mixed," stated Bouvet.

The EVIA's were another story. Poor scheduling almost forced the men to miss the tournament. "I am very surprised to find out that our coaches do not do our scheduling," said Thompson." I am upset that the Athletic Department didn't want to take the blame for anything, that even though the scheduling has been done this way since volleyball has been played here. Thank goodness we got into the tournament and we were able to go! I'd like to see our coaches make our schedules instead of the Athletic Department. It doesn't make any sense to have a wrestling coach make a volleyball schedule," said Thompson.

"The best team doesn't always travel in the nicest bus," stated Bouvet. "Volleyball, in general, is the sport with the least funding. Here, the team is number one, and we are treated badly! It's understood, the team accepts it, and we're doing just fine!"

Building for the future

Continued from Page 28 lieve in delegating responsibility. and they are always there for the team if there are any problems.

Both Baxter and Mowry transferred from other schools early in their careers, but that didn't stop them from making their marks in the point standings. Baxter is 11th all-time in the assist category with a total of 46. He also finished the year tied for fifth in the point standings with 16. Mowry had a total of 77 points in his three years here, placing him 14th alltime. He was third in the point standings this year with 40.

The third senior, James Pazzaglia, was an honorary assistant captain at the end of the season because of his effort in pushing the team to be their best. "James really showed his leadership on the ice. Eric and I are great in the locker room and off the ice, but James pumps us up on the ice," Mowry said.

Even though Pazzaglia was only on the team for two years, he was on his way to becoming the all-time leader in assists. In the two years he was here, he ended up the fifth highest in assists. He was also second in scoring this season with 45 points.

With the loss of only three seniors this year, there is a very positive outlook for the team next year. "Next year looks really good for the team. The team's leading scorer, Dave Curtis, will be back. There will also be leadership from Gregg Towsley and Chris Jennings, and Scott

Gaudreau will be back in goal," Mowry said.

Baxter and Mowry predict that Curtis and Jennings will pick up the titles of co-captain, and Towsley may be an assistant.

The team's leading scoria, junior Curtis, will be back next year to try and break some records. This year, he was one goal short of the season record of 30.

Juniors Sean Vallor and Towsley will also be back next year. They were both in the middle of the point standings, and are overall solid players.

With the loss of only 3 seniors, there is a positive outlook

Michael Sophomore Caramamte will also be back next season. He finished fourth in the standings this year with 32 points, and he led the team in game win-

On defense, junior Jennings will also be back. He was tied with Baxter in the point standings, and is a very offensive playing defenseman.

In goal, junior Gaudreau will also be back. He recorded 628 saves and played 1,228 minutes, which broke both school records for a single season. He also recorded four assists.

The people on the team who should not be ignored are the

"Look for some of the freshmen like Chris Cokas and Todd Norton to step up and play a bigger role for the team next year,"

Both captains felt that this year may have been the beginning to a strong future for the team. "This is the precedent. Hopefully the team will build on this year, and in 10 or 15 years, we can come back and show our kids that this is where we played our college hockey," Baxter said.

Baxter and Mowry also hope that the university takes more notice in the team next year for a few reasons. The first is that the team at RWU is getting stronger, and needs the support from the school. The second is that hockey is a very big sport in the North-

"We want the school to realize that hockey is very big in New England, and it deserves more attention than it gets from the school," Mowry said.

The third reason benefits the school the most. After a season like this, people will look at it as a possible school to attend to play hockey at. "I think the season has helped the school out a lot when it comes to recruitment for the future." Baxter said.

After this season of firsts, the RWU hockey team will be a team to reckon with next year, and definitely in the future.

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Continued From Back Page also were undefeated for most of the year. UConn recently won the Big East Tournament, and was the regular season ending number two. UCLA is the defending national champion. With so many solid teams, this year's tourney should be absolute insanity. What else is new, it is March Madness.

You can win a national championship without a top notch center, UCLA did it last year. But nobody wins without spectacular guard play. UConn has All-American Ray Allen, Georgia Tech has freshman standout Stephon Marbury, and Georgetown has superstar Allen Iverson. These are the guys that want the ball in their hands at the end of a game when the game is on the line, perhaps a national

The next ingredient in winning a national championship is to have a go-to guy. The superstar usually rises above all and plays better than all expected. Last year it was Ed O'Bannon for UCLA. This year many teams have a superstar that can step up for his team and lead them to victory. For instance Marcus Camby of UMass is one of the best players in the nation and future NBA star. Also there is Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, he is one of the top bigmen in the nation. UConn has the high flying, flashy Ray Allen, the Big East player of the year. Another is Villanova's Kerry Kittles, he is Mr. Everything to his team.

Another ingredient for winning the tournament is strong free-



Marcus Camby

throw shooting. In the NCAA tourney you either make the clutch free throws down the stretch, or you go home. Some of the best free-throw teams in the country are UConn, UMass, Kansas, Kentucky and Syracuse. You don't win unless you make the key shots.

The final ingredient in the winning the national championship is the easiest to figure out. You must play strong defense. Great defense will keep you in every game, no matter how bad you are shooting the ball. The teams that play great defense in the country are UMass, Georgetown, Wake Forest, Cincinnati, Arkansas, UConn, and Ken-

My picks for the Final Four are UMass, UConn, Kentucky, and

However, UCLA, Georgia Tech, Cincinnati, Georgetown, Wake Forest and Purdue could make some noise in the tournament. It should be another great touranment, with lots of excite-

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Shooting for the future | March Madness

Hockey team already looking ahead



Jen Fox Sports Editor

Who would have thought that the hockey team would have done so well this year? "If you would have told us at the beginning of the eason that we would end up 15-5-1, we would have told you that ou're lying," senior co-captain Dave Mowry said.

The team did indeed post this

outstanding record - the best in the program's nine year history at RWU. This is due to the great coaching, leadership, and playing by the team.

The coaches this season did a fabulous job. Head Coach Don Armstrong was able to reach a milestone this season by posting his 100th win. This was his ninth year (he's been with the team since it's birth) as head coach. This was Ed Lee's second year as assistant coach. The team thinks

very highly of their coaches, and they have a great respect for them. "We really appreciate Ed Lee. He's a great practice coach, and he really knows his hockey. Don Armstrong is great too," Mowry

As well as having great coaching, there was great leadership on the team. With senior Eric Baxter and Mowry as captains, the team had a very strong on and off the ice force pulling them. Both be-BUILDING, Page 27



Georgetown superstar Allen Iverson.

Chris Trimble Staff Writer

It is mid-March, spring is almost here. Major League Baseball starts in less than three weeks. NHL and the NBA playoffs will be soon upon us. But right now we have March Madness on our hands. The NCAA Basketball Tournament is finally here to drive sports fans crazy for the next

three-and-a-half weeks.

For a team to win the 64 team tournament, they must have a few things: solid guard play, a go-to guy, free throw shooting, and of course defense. The regular season is one thing, but the NCAA's are quite another. The pressure on a team to win six games is extraordinary. UMass goes into the tournament as the regular season number one, they also were un-MARCH, Page 27

Volleyball spikes Athletics Men's team believes they are treated unfair

Beth Lebowitz Staff Writer

A strong tradition of excellence and above average seasons go hand in hand with quality players and quality coaching. Men's Volleyball ended their season with a strong finish, numerous titles and banners as well as two players ranked nationally. Who could ask for more?

Their season finished 17-3 (as of 2-29-96). The Hawks won the RWU Invitational and went into the East Coast Tournament (the EVIA's) ranked eighth, and left ranked first. The Hawks are considered the best men's volleyball team on the East Coast.

The importance of the EVIA's is tremendous, as is the competition. The tournament consists of teams from Divisions I through III.

"We beat St. Francis, they're Division I and they have a lot of athletes on the team with big scholarships," said assistant coach Didier Bouvet. "We were the best team there," added co-captain Shawn Thompson. "I'm also predicting another banner for the Division III champs," he added. The Hawks also beat The American University of Puerto Rico for the number one spot in the EVIA's.

The team's accolades do not end there. Sophomore setter Luke Barron was voted MVP of the

RWU Invitational, as well as the RWU Male Athlete of the Week recently. "Had there have been an all tournament setter, it would've been Luke," said Bouvet.. Senior hitter Thompson was named to the All-Tournament Team at the EVIA's, and was also "Male Athlete of the Week". Sophomore power hitter John Harper was named to the All Tournament Team at the RWU Invitational, as well as the All-Tournament Team at the EVIA's and player of the

"When you think of all the top Division 1 and 11 teams you think of Pepperdine or UCLA, and these teams would obviously have nationally ranked players," said Bouvet. "But a small Division III school like RWU, it's very rare!"

Harper is ranked number 20 in the nation in for kill percentage, and number 18 in the nation for hit percentage. Senior co-captain and middle Scott Minnis is also ranked number 10 in the nation for blocking percentage and hit percentage. With all this talent, it is not difficult to see how the men's team has had such a successful and impressive season.

"There is no one outstanding player," said Thompson. "I've been playing for four years now and it's never been this much fun." Freshman middle starter Mike Tartamella added that "the upperclassman push us to play at a higher level, we all want to win, that's what it's all about."

"There are also no egos on the team," commented Thompson. "With the level of experienced players on the court it would be easy to have egos, there are none! We all know that there's a job to do. We are all focused for the season, we will be the best Division III team I know we can be!" The freshmen look to be strong contributing force to the team. "There's a lot of potential, they are very good for freshmen. Aaron Casey and Mike Tartamella will play a very important role next season."

"I couldn't pick an MVP for the team, the whole team is great this year. They pulled together through some games this season. When we met NYU, it was a true team effort to win. We were down two games, and then we came back to win the next three games to win the match." Bouvet ex-

"I'm going to miss the team and the coaches," said Thompson, "but I am not going to miss the way we were treated by the Athletic Department. I'll miss the other seniors too, we've played together for four years. I look forward to watching the team do it all over again next year!"

The season's record does not, however, reflect that everything V-BALL, Page 27

New Lacrosse Coach vows 'No Mercy' on Pilgrim League

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Look out your window-There's a good chance it's probably still snowing. Although RWU had endured one of the most brutal winters ever, the lacrosse team has been dedicated to train hard for this upcoming, and much anticipated spring season.

Many changes have been made to the team including the replacement of Mark Ford. "Fordo", as dubbed by players, recently gave up the position of head coach to work for Rutgers University in his home state of New Jersey. His oaching career at RWU included our consecutive Pilgrim League tittles. It was a great loss to the amily-like team.

However, succeeding the throne s former assistant coach, Pat Cooney. Having played three years at RWU, Cooney helped carry the Hawks' winning tradition through

to his senior year. As a captain, he became top point scorer in 1993 and played all positions except

Anyone on the team can agree Cooney is the best to fill the slot of head coach with his previous lacrosse experience. He played for Shaminade High School on Long Island, one of the best programs for the sport in the Northeast. He continued to improve his skills as he tore up the field at the U.S. Naval Academy. Afterwards, he transferred to RWU in 1991, bringing his team to the status of league champs for his three years here.

Cooney's greatest focus for his debut season as head coach is to win back the Pilgrim League championship, after their disappointing loss Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a score of 16 - 9. This was the final game of last season, and the first time they didn't win the title in five years.

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