Almeida brawl results in residence expulsion

Ray Sullivan
Staff Writer

Violence erupted at the Almeida apartment three weeks ago when a fight broke out and carried over two days later. The fight led to three students being thrown out of campus housing and two students being arrested.

The incident stemmed from an unpaid phone bill from last summer. The Almeida Apartments were available for outsiders to rent for the summer. The audit system was not in service at Almeida, therefore one doesn't have to use a personal security code when dialing an outside line.

Julie Cahil was a resident in Room 423 at Almeida this past summer, and at the end of the summer she moved out of the room, but failed to disconnect her phone line which was provided to her through NYNEX. When Eric Engel, Kevin Beauchene, Ryan Dunn, and Peter Bildou moved into the room in the fall they made use of the phone that was given them. They said they tried on several occasions to contact the phone company and cancel the service, but NYNEX told them that Cahil had to cancel the service personally.

Cahil contacted the four men and informed them that she was being billed for long distance phone calls that they had been making. They agreed to pay the long distance calls, but then in addition to that she requested that they also pay for the monthly service charges. They refused, citing the fact that they were Almeida residents, and aren't normally required to pay monthly service charges in the first place.

In response to this, Cahil allegedly notified several of her friends, some of which were RWU students, others apparently from home, and asked them to convince the students to pay her the money for the service charges.

Car accident leaves physical, mental scars

Julie Smith
Staff Writer

"I came two inches from killing my two best friends," said John Kostek. On April 15th, a car crash took place that will change John's life forever.

The accident took place at 11:30 p.m. on Route 136 and resulted in three injured students who were admitted to Rhode Island Hospital.

Injured in the accident was sophomore James Wheeler, who suffered two broken ribs and punctured lungs, Clare Schinners, who had a sprained ankle, and freshman Kostek who received a gash on his head.

Kostek is being charged with DWI (Driving While Intoxicated). He flunked his sobriety test and registered a .159 on his breathalyzer.

Kostek began drinking at a party, but claimed he had "about two beers" the entire night, a time spanning approximately two hours. He also on valium, prescription medication, to reduce swelling and eliminate pain. The drug does not alter sobriety, but can make the patient drowsy, dizzy and nauseous.

Wheeler approached Kostek and asked if he could give both him and his girlfriend, Clare, a ride back to the dorms. Being that he only had two beers, Kostek felt as though he was capable of driving.

Kostek remembered being on Amawawson road for a while, the road was dark and his low beams were on. He strongly believes that he was not swerving or speeding, in fact he was trying to drive carefully. Kostek remembers turning his head for a couple of seconds to hear what Wheeler had to say, and before he knew it, saw a house in his beams. Kostek then slammed on his breaks, and nailed the house. The damage to the house was minimal.

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The RWU Year in Review

Joshua Mitchell
Christy Jewell

With the end of the semester just around the river's bend, The Hawk's Eye looks back at the highlights of the year and salutes those who worked hard to help make RWU a better place.

For freshmen, the year opened with a brand new General Education program called the Core program introduced by centra Shelton, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. Freshmen greeted the new program with mixed reactions but, with time, the program survived and prospered.

Freshmen were also exposed to a new ropes course called Project Challenge, a team building, leadership training experience. The program was brought about by Terri Ward, Mary Anne Quinn, Donna Darmody, and former Coordinator of Intramurals, Russell Rogers.

Many student leaders throughout Rhode Island were exposed to the course when RWU hosted the Wave, a leadership conference on March 31. Not only have new and exciting programs been instituted, but buildings have sprouted up like flowers on campus. RWU was awarded a two million dollar federal grant to build The Center for Economic and REVIEW. Page 4
The Hawk's Eye speaks out

This is the last issue of The Hawk's Eye for the 1995-96 year. Throughout the year the editors and staff have worked extremely hard to put out a high quality paper that the RWU community, from students to faculty to those visiting the campus, will enjoy reading. From our standpoint we have...

Dining Union receives support

I was pleased to read the article "A Union in dining services" in your last issue. On behalf of the Roger Williams University Faculty Association, I offer a hearty congratulations to my co-workers in Dining Services for their recent vote to unionize. I am certain that your decision will be rewarding in many ways, and I offer you our support for your splendid endeavor.

Unlike Vice President Schapper, who was quoted in the article as stating that "there is no need for workers to unionize," I believe that the three existing RWU labor unions have played a vital role in improving the working conditions of their members as well as helping the University meet its human resources needs.

For example, the Faculty Association's emphasis on job security, competitive salaries, and quality benefits has resulted in a stable faculty that has served the University well during the past two decades. Administrations come and go, but a solid core of faculty members has remained at RWU to carry the institution through periods of change and challenge.

The Faculty Association has guarded against arbitrary firings, unequal salaries and workloads, and other problems that commonly erode morale among the faculty at non-unionized institutions.

Besides affording me reasonable salary, benefits, and working conditions, the Faculty Association has provided me with a feeling of kinship for my colleagues; they are more than biological brothers and sisters, people to whom I can turn when professional or personal problems arise.

I am sure that my co-workers in Dining Services will experience the kind of benefits I've mentioned here as they begin to form their union. Again I pledge our support.

James Tackach

Faculty Display exhibits what teachers do outside the classroom

What are your faculty colleagues doing outside the classroom? During May a faculty display case in the library will show a variety of work that the faculty has been working on outside the classroom. For example one item that will be showing is Ted Delaney's piece, entitled "The Drowning," which won him the O. Henry award. His piece is about the trials and tribulations of a priest in Ireland which was published in American Short Stories 1995.

The faculty display will highlight all the productions of the RWU faculty. James Tackach, English professor says, "I hope we have a wide variety of material of books, articles, CD's, artwork, design plans, all which show the varied activities that we engage in outside the classroom. I hope the students walking past it will look at it and say, 'That's my English instructor, or that my history professor.'"

The faculty display is very common among other campuses and hasn't been done here in about ten years, for example, the URI library often displays faculty work. Tackach explains that the faculty display is a way for students to get to know a little more about their professors.

A student may be surprised to see that their professor wrote a book on something they weren't aware that their professor took interest in. The faculty display is aimed to the whole campus community, students, faculty, and staff. It's an opportunity for us to become more acquainted with the RWU faculty and community. Some other faculty members who accomplished work are being shown are Dr. John Turchi who has written several academic articles. Ramsay has published some engineering texts. Geoffrey Clark has a collection of short stories waiting to be read.

Susan McMullen, who is involved with the faculty union of public relations committee is helping collect the material and put together an attractive display. "I think it is a great way of getting to know the faculty better, being that I am a new faculty member. It is interesting to me to get in on all the things that the faculty do, and be more informed with their work," states McMullen.

Visit the library to stop and see the faculty display. The date hasn't been set yet, but will be announced in the near future.

Thank You Dave

I would like to take this opportunity to honor one of the hardest working and sincere people that I have ever known: Sports Information Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Head Wrestling Coach, and former Women's Soccer Coach, David Kemmy.

Dave's loyalty and commitment to this school and to his athletes is astounding. As sports information director, he is the one who hands us the front pages of the school newspapers and keeps us informed about our student athletes. And as the wrestling coach, from one of the worst in New England, to become regional and national contenders within one year. His work ethic and dedication to RWU athletics has kept him from his new family for past vacation work hours, regularly putting in 15+ hour days. Dave is the backbone of the athletic program and a crucial part of the faculty which makes the university great.

This is precisely why it was so unfortunate to see the school's newspaper publish such a slandering article (which was "not substantiated") on the front page of the last edition of The Hawk's Eye. It is an embarrassment to the newspaper and to the university to discredit such an outstanding member of our faculty. As a wrestler and a long time friend of Dave's, he has been nothing but a gentleman and a caring coach to me, and all of my teammates.

Thank you Dave for everything you have done for me.

Spencer C. McCombe

Congratulations!

Winners of this year's Faculty Association Scholarships are:

Shari Alvanas
April Bartnick
Chris Johnson
Colleen Meagher

$1000 awards based on academic performance and participation in the community.

Apply for next year's scholarships! If you are currently a full-time RWU student with at least 75 credits

Applications may be obtained from:

Tom Sorger SM 106
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The large group of Cahill's friends allegedly arrived at the 400 building Friday night at which time they, according to the residents of room 423, entered the room without knocking. When three of the residents returned to the apartment, they confronted the group.

The residents spoke with one of the members of Cahill's party, while the rest of the group waited outside of the apartment. Apparently while in the hallway, the group began to become loud and obnoxious.

Jason Trucchi, who lives in 422 said he heard the noise and went into the hallway to investigate the situation. After asking the group to leave, one of them began to curse at Trucchi and then pushed him. Trucchi pushed back at which the visitor, who at this point can only be identified as "Matt," took a swing at Trucchi. He missed and that's when the fight took place. Trucchi's roommate, Dino Verelli, heard the scuffle from their room, went into the hallway and said he was placed in a headlock by a man he identified as, "Justin.

The scuffle lasted for only a few minutes and oddly enough came to an abrupt halt.

"Everyone just stopped," said Verelli. After the incident Verelli claimed he talked with "Justin" at which he remembers "Justin" saying to him, "Hey, I'm drunk, don't worry about it, everything's cool." That was it for Friday.

The visitors left and everyone else just went back to their rooms.

Everything was quiet until early Sunday morning around 2:20 a.m. Another group, consisting of residents of the 200 building, and other non-RWU students came back to the 400 building, this time to visit Trucchi and Verelli.

They allegedly knocked on the outside door. The R.A. on duty, Andrew White, opened the door so he could talk to the rather large and boisterous mob that was there. White was pushed out of the way and the group proceeded to march to Trucchi and Verelli's room. Trucchi heard the noise and again went out into the hallway to see what was going on.

It was then that he was once again confronted by the foreboding crowd. This time however, the group had grown in numbers from the previous night, and apparently several of the young men in the assembly had an impressive build. Several witnesses placed the crowd anywhere from 15-25 guys. At one point Trucchi claimed several of the members of the group actually entered into Trucchi and Verelli's room. It was then that the group attacked Trucchi. Verelli, who had been sleeping, was awakened by the noise and ran into the hall to see what was going on. "All I saw was 15 dudes in Jay's face," said Verelli. At that point Verelli ran back into his room, grabbed a hunting knife and ran back out into the hallway with it. His girlfriend, who saw what he had grabbed the knife, chased after Verelli and implored him to "not do anything stupid."

Verelli claims he listened to his girlfriend and threw the knife back into the apartment. At no point did he actually point the knife at anyone, or physically harm anybody with it. "I freaked out, I was scared, actually scared for my life, these kids were big," said Verelli.

White proceeded to his room to notify Security and the Bristol Police, who both responded within minutes. White was followed into his room by an unidentified and hysterical young woman who witnesses said was "screaming and carrying on uncontrollably," Dana Whitley, also a resident in the Almeida Complex, apparently was also assaulted by members of the violent mob.

The fight was eventually broken up by members of the security department. When the Bristol Police arrived on the scene, they assessed the situation and took Verelli into custody and brought him to the station where he spent several hours in a holding cell. He was eventually released.

Several hours later that morning police returned to the 400 building this time to place Trucchi.

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mal, and the owner refused to comment.

After the crash, John looked over at Clare and Jim who were hunched over. "I thought both Clare and Jim were dead, due to shock," says Kostek. He remembers slipping out of the car, and then the cops and ambulances arriving. His memory is unclear to his admittance in the hospital.

Kostek spent a long time in the hospital which gave him a long time to think. He spent a long time thinking about the entire incident and what if things happened differently. He cannot change the past, but he can give advice to people who may find themselves in the same position. At a party, intoxicated, without a designated driver.

Here are a few thoughts John wants to say to anyone who may find themselves in the same circumstance.

"It is a way of life to grow up and learn from the mistakes that have been made. Though some mistakes are forgotten as soon as they happen, some linger on for ever. The future of one's life depends on each and every decision made, therefore a choice must be made, the right choice.

On April 12, 1996 the college atmosphere was happening as always, the fun, the parties, the drinking; but this night ended with such a great tragedy, a tragedy that will stay with me forever. At this point in my life I see these events occurring, I picture the accident in my head almost every second and when I sleep my nightmares are intense. Still, ringing in my ears is the crushing of metal and shattering of glass, I can feel the numbness, I can feel my heart stop. It only took a couple of hours to change my life, a change for the worse. At 19 years old I have a permanent police record, this record will limit my job opportunities, hinder further education, and create many economical and social problems.

During the time I spent at the hospital a lot of things were going through my head, I felt that I wasn't capable of going back to school. I was scared of what people now thought of me and how they would treat me. I was ready to quit college. I really don't know how to get my point across that drinking and driving DO NOT mix, but most people think that it is a cliché. Having a few drinks will impair the decisions you make and they will impair your capabilities of driving. I hope I am not looked upon as a bad example, but as someone to learn from. Everyday I thank God that my two very close friends are alive today and that they will recover without permanent injuries. But I know they will live with the mental scars forever. Please think before you drink."

(John Kostek)
The university's highlights of the year

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Environmental Development, a training site for workers in aquaculture, waste management and other fields to help deal with the economic and environmental issues facing the East Bay region. The Center for Student Development proved to be a convenient addition, combining Career Services, Student Life, Dean of Students, Counseling, and Health Services into one building. In the fall, Bayside Courts will allow independent apartment living for students while still remaining on campus.

Mario Gabelli, Wall Street wizard, donated close to a million dollars to the School of Business. Construction on the Administration building moved a lot of the offices but also made things a little easier for students who have to go to the Bursar and the Registrar. The possibility for telephone registration became a reality for juniors and seniors.

Coming back from winter break, students found The Other Place almost ready to open. An idea started by Andy Whitt, president of the Student Senate, the Central Perk wanna-be became a reality and a great place for students to socialize. The Poetry Club utilized it as a forum to perfume senior thesis's and the Campus Entertainment Network showed movies there.

Security got stricter with parking regulations. The new Director of Security, Michael Freeman, brought a fresh and apparently successful style to the department, enforcing rules and regulations fairly and consistently. Booting cars and writing more tickets made student rethink about parking in staff spaces. Next year security has even more amendments in store to make parking a better situation for everybody.

The Alternative Spring Break was a new kind of Spring Break getaway. The Volunteer Center, headed by K.C. Ferrara, set up the program that sent 10 students to Neon, Kentucky to spend the time helping to renovate low income housing.

Bill Baird worked to improve the Athletic Department, starting with the basketball team. He hired full time coach Tom Sienkiewicz as Head Coach and as an Academic Advisor. The addition of a huge, inflatable Hawk as a mascot helped raise school spirit and increase attendance at the games. The Hawk was unveiled during RWU's first Midnight Madness event and gave a much needed boost to lagging spirit.

The Rugby team became New England Champions in November. This was the biggest win the university has had in years. Entertainment at RWU continued to be top-notch. G. Love and Special Sauce and The Beggars headlined during the fall and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and The Pharcyde rocked Spring Weekend. CERN's Single Out, Jon Stewart, and Casino Night all proved to be great events. Disney's Toy Story polished off the exceptional array of blockbusters offered this year. The Chameleon Club gave students a place to host a move on campus and continued to attract large numbers of students. The Snowball and Valentine Day Dance were both huge successes and seniors turned the Boston Park Plaza Hotel into a fan-fest for the Commencement Ball.

The University Series featured two different, yet informative speakers in Ben Vereen and Yegor Gaidar. Former Mayor of New York, Ed Koch, is set to kiss seniors goodbye with his Commencement address.

With the close of this year we find graduation on the front page. All in all it has been a very productive year for RWU. Under the leadership of President Santoro and many other smart and enthusiastic people at the university, next year should be even better. Enjoy the summer!
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Press Association

AIDS, for example, seems to be spreading in the community whose members are concentrated in the inner city, and this is a sign of the times.

On the other hand, there are some organizations that are trying to fight this trend. The New York Community Church is one such group. It offers counseling services to those affected by AIDS and provides support to their families. The church also organizes events to raise awareness and break down the stigma associated with the disease.

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Mentor Program eases college transition

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To many students, the word mentor could mean a trusted friend from high school who helped steer them out of a bad situation. Maybe it was the coach who told them not to give up when they were down when you felt low. Or, maybe it was an elderly neighbor who took him or herself to listen, answer questions, or make suggestions. Whatever the case, mentors can leave a lasting impression that can forever change our lives.

To Susan Burnash, a Communications major, Gloria Nagy represented the true meaning of mentor.

"As my writing instructor, she made me look deeper into what I wanted out of my writing and made me realize that I wanted to direct, as well as write," said Burnash.

It was a high school English teacher that Sue Vernieri, 21, Social Science major, remembers as affecting her life.

"Mr. Boyle made me look at things differently. He was very supportive of my aspirations and made sure I knew I could do whatever I wanted," said Vernieri.

"I tended to think that one of the reasons why I was able to travel to Europe alone and focus on international business." Sophomore Chuck Booth has a more recent experience with mentors. Booth, 22, a Marketing major, expresses his thoughts about two of his friends.

"Andy White took me under his wing and inspired me to get involved in politics. Josh Mitchell is always willing to make sure things were going right with me. He is a good friend and a great guy.

It is because of this positive attitude towards learning and friendship that RWU will be introducing a Mentor Program. The program's goal is to help smooth out the challenges and difficulties freshmen encounter during their first year.

"The basic idea of the program is to create a bond between a freshman and a mentor or senior student," said Jennifer Teague, 20, a sophomore CIS major.

As one of the founding members of the Mentor Program, Teague hopes to encourage qualified students to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

"Past sessions will be helpful in guiding freshmen as they look to help others by giving them information about classes, teachers, majors, clubs, and activities. In the past, Orientation Assistants (OA's) were responsible for those tasks, but will no longer perform this function.

One of the appealing elements of this new program is that the mentors will be assigned a freshman who shares the same major, therefore, the help becomes very individualized.

Additionally, this pair-up system gives freshmen first-hand information from students who are already familiar with the requirements of their major. This way they can ask for help with homework assignments or advice when choosing courses.

Mentor Requirements

Although this program will be on a voluntary basis, the following requirements are necessary for all the mentors:

- must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA
- cannot be on academic probation
- must be able to arrive early for training

Assignment and Training

Advertisements will be placed in the Student Life section of the Daily Times.

All interested students: Be sure to register for Contacting freshmen or their mentors.

Assignment sessions will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Student Center. This is an opportunity to meet your mentor for the first time.

If you are interested in volunteering your time as a mentor, please contact one of the following students:

Jennifer Teague
Christy Jewell
Dave Sorey

Jackson Katz speaks out on feminism

Former Harvard graduate provokes women's issues men's issues too

Mike Gleason
Staff Writer

On Monday April 29th, male feminist Jackson Katz gave his lecture to students and faculty on feminism. Katz is a former Harvard student and advocate for women's issues.

The organization, since its creation in 1988, is a grass roots organization that intends on breaking down the stereotype that pro-feminist men are not homosexual or sissy and that women who speak out on gender equality issues-like the ERA or Equal Rights Amendment-are not abrasive "womanly." The Women's Center, P.E.R.R. is one of those organizations.

The Women's Center, P.E.R.R. is the Department of Student Life, and the Counseling Center invited Katz down from Boston to promote his Men's Program (MVP) which Katz started at the University of Massachusetts. The Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

Katz talks to convince men that sexual assault is not a proper topic for locker-room humor and that domestic violence and date rape are never a "private matter.

Since 1993 the MVP staff has offered workshops for 1,400 athletes at 10 universities and lectured to another 3,500 high school students.

In this particular lecture he didn't feel it was necessary to quote figures and statistics to support his arguments-It has been a popular notion that all feminists argue about women.

In actuality, what affects women will-in turn-affect men. To think the contrary is, what Katz calls, "not intellectually honest.

Katz went on to stress that we look at acquaintance rape as an individualized occurrence. This culture is producing millions of abusive boys and men. This is an intellectually bankrupt approach, not within the argument of private sexual issues like race, creed, or economic background. The majority of the viewers of such movies are adolescents. Thus, the mature theme of sex and the science fiction and horror of the movie industry will embed an inchoate picture into young minds.

Katz also left a word to women, "Hear from men that there are men who respect women and wishes them good luck.

Jackson Katz began his crusade at the age of 19 at the UMass Amherst. In 1981 Katz was writing columns on feminism, men, masculinity, an anti-Reagan motif for UMSS's newspaper. In the future Katz said "he want to keep doing this and accelerating and thinking of other ways.

Already he has plans for a film, writing a book, and has slide presentations similar to "Football, Feminism, and Other Contemporary Contradictions."

These are entitled: My Con's Bigger Than Yours, Images of Violence and Masculinity in the Media and The Marketing of Presidential Masculinity 1972-1992, all are available at any bookstore.

The best is in an analysis of Hollywood and other forms of popular culture and the second being a contemporary analysis of political in the past seven presidential elections.

For RWU, Women's Center coordinator Barbara Grotta is hoping to get Katz to speak again August. Director of Athletics Bill Baird would like to see Katz return to speak directly with athletes as sports on campus are so prominent and have some influence of the morale of other students.

Grotta, in her over all opinion thought he was "Good...powerful with fact that a male was giving the message." She was also pleased to see the large turnout of students, particularly men, for the Monday night event. Katz's intelligence and background in sports shows that men can put aside their masculine side and focus on issues that they care about.

For RWU students, Grotta recommends taking several courses like "Psychology of Women", "Self-Family and Culture" and "Psalms of Psychology and Culture".

Further reading: Grotta recommends includes:

Boys will be Boys: Breaking the Link Between Masculinity and Violence; Mensch: The Making of an Owner of Play: Sports and the Problem of Masculinity and Refusing to be a Man.
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The Commencement Ball

Boston Park Plaza Hotel
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When your wallet's dry
Students get breaks and discounts in Bristol

Tricia Cassell
Contributing Writer

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ome of the most famous words heard on campus are "I'm starving and I have absolutely no money!" Are you sick of going door to door in the dorms begging for loose change? Or are you selling back your L.L. Bean clothes just to buy a barrit? Well, believe it or not, there are ways to get by with little or no money with the help of the Bristol community. Many restaurants and businesses understand that most college kids are broke, so they give us a break. From restaurants and bars to hair salons and hair styling salons, discounts and coupons are at our disposal and you might not even know it. So read closely because you are about to be let into some big bargains.

Thinking about getting your hair cut and you just don't have the money? At Belthower Hair Stylists, they give college students a 10 percent discount when showing a college ID. A woman's hair cut regularly costs $17 and with a discount, you can get it for $15. For men, hair cuts are $10 and you can get one for $9. For the best deal in town, Frenchy's Barber Shop offers women's and men's haircuts for $7.

Feeling a little pale from our never ending winter? How about a nice tan or some color in those cheeks? P.D.'s Tanning Salon offers great deals and packages for college students with a valid ID. You can visit the salon for $4 a tan or buy one of their packages; 6 visits for $20 or 10 visits for $30.

Francesca Durante, a junior commuter, said, "I love to tan. It's not only relaxing, but having a tan always makes me feel better. It's affordable too."

Now to the important subject: FOOD. Many people get those munchies a few hours after dinner and are looking for that something they crave, and inexpensive. Kait St. Laurent, a junior said, "It's always late at night when I get hungry and have no food in my house. I usually always go to a restaurant where I can get discounts or use coupons. If I use my college ID, I usually get at least 10 percent off and can save money." Pizza is always a winner, and how you go wrong when there are so many pizza places and tons of coupons? Many restaurants even except competitor's coupons, like Ricotti's.

D'Angelo's is a great place that delivers for those people who don't have cars or the money to put gas in them. They distribute coupons for delivery, where you buy one sandwich, you get one small sandwich free. There are several bars/restaurants that offer special parties and discounts to college students. Kristen Leech, a senior commuter said, "I'm definitely a bargain hunter, and if a coupon is staring me in the face, I'll use it."

The Clubhouse in Bristol has weekly specials. On Tuesday nights, they have 5.50 tacos and $1.50 buffalo wings. You could buy a whole dinner for less than $20.00. On Friday's, there is FREE buffet from 4:00 to 6:00.

Topside bar and restaurant are hosting their second Senior Night party planned for May 10. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served and a DJ to entertain. Owner and alumni of RWU, Bruce Sweeney said, "There's a cover charge at the door, but the money just goes back to the seniors. These parties are always great fun for the students to relax and have fun."

So if you're sick of taking cash advances from your credit card and gambling your last $50 bucks at Foxwood's to buy some food, the bargains are looking right in the face! Get your coupons and go to town, there's a world of discounts out there!

FEATURES

'Fighting in defense' under investigation

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under arrest. The charge was felony assault. Apparently the same girl who had earlier followed White into his room, filed a report with the police claiming that Trucchi had held a knife to her throat. Trucchi was arrested and also brought to the station where he would spend the remainder of the morning in a holding cell.

"These charges are crazy," said Trucchi. "How the hell could I be holding a knife to this girl's throat? I'm a big man, I don't fight. I'm a business major who went to the same university."

"Her charges are completely false," said Whitmore. "I was at my apartment the whole time," said White. The Department of Student Life conducted our internal investigation in which they interviewed several witnesses.

"We have found no evidence through our investigations to support this woman's claim," said Richard Stegman, Director of Student Life. The matter is still under investigation.

In response to the weekend's allegations, the Department of Student Life has decided to remove three students from student housing. Dino Verrilli, Sean Vallor, and another student who has not been identified as of yet. Trucchi and Verrilli are seniors, and members of the basketball team. Vallor, a junior, is a member of the hockey team. Vallor, who now lives off campus, could not be reached for comment. Verrilli, a four year member of the basketball squad, who until recently had never been in any kind of trouble. He appealed to his parents to allow him to stay on campus for the remainder of the year at RWU, but was denied.

"The students who we have decided to remove from on-campus housing chose to take the confrontation too far, students must understand that we will not tolerate conflicts being resolved by violence," said Stegman.

"We are a community of learning, it is critically important that violence never be used as a means of resolution," said Karen Haskell, Dean of Students. "When a situation like this occurs, the university is forced to deal with it seriously."

"I feel like I gave something to this school and now it feels like 'I'm getting kicked in the a**," said Verrilli, who has now been forced to "crash" on a friends couch because he lives three hours away and is graduating in less than two weeks.

"The thing to remember is that these kids came to our apartment looking for a fight, we did nothing to them, all we did was defend ourselves," said Trucchi.

Dance-a-thon a success despite lack of crowd

Melissa LeComte
Staff Writer

Although the crowds weren't knocking down the doors on April 19-20 in the Falcono Recreation Center, the 1st annual "Dance for Life, presented by the American Cancer Society," was still a success. Sheila Morris-Sardinha, Chairperson of the dance-a-thon was pleased with the results.

"It thought it was a tremendous effort. Everyone worked hard, and produced a wonderful product," said Morris-Sardinha.

The talented group transformed the ordinary looking gym into a magical display. The "Remembrance Tree" was a tree where a donation gave recognition to a loved one who lost their battle to cancer, or those who are either struggling to overcome the disease, or cancer survivors. Included on the display was a book "Twentysomething with Breast Cancer" which was sold to be purchased for $15, and proceeds went directly to the ACS. The author of the book, Linda McCoy, was at the event during the opening ceremony. McCoy, a cancer survivor, lives in Portsmouth and just ran the Boston Marathon. Her kind actions were the result of her cancer and support from the students.

The student turnout was not what was expected. Since the dance-a-thon was held on campus, the committee expected RWU to get involved.

"The ten dollar admission charge was what kept students away," said Josh Mitchell, Editor of The Hawk's Eye. "It's not that they don't care or think that it's not a good cause, it's just not economically feasible for students to pay that much."

This was not just supposed to be a benefit for ACS, but also a way of bringing the community and the University together. Some students participated in the planning and production and got involved in the cause for personal reasons.

"I wanted to do something for the ACS because both of my parents are cancer survivors and this organization has done so much for others. I was disappointed that more of my friends didn't make the effort to attend, because the $10 went to a very good cause," said Nicole Tau, a member of the event committee.

The dance-a-thon was a 24-hour fund-raiser, but a participant did not have to dance the entire time. Some participants chose to make the event any way some who some did not attend. The entertainment was also disappointed to perform for such a small audience.

"I can't believe that more people did not attend. The group did a wonderful job putting together, and I wish that they had more of a turnout for all their hard work and effort," said ForLeGro, bassist for the opening act "Riverside Blues." Many talented acts donated their time and money to this cause which is so beneficial to a great number of people.

Overall, the first annual student Life to allow so many would consider to be a success, but for Morris-Sardinha, and the committee who worked for so long, "I'm happy we raised money, it was a success."

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Adjusting to a new culture for an education

Julie Smith
Staff Writer

"I remember the first place I visited when I came to the United States was Harlem, New York," recalls Ken Yamanaka. Ken remembers Harlem to be the nastiest place he ever visited, with a lot of violence and no one talking to each other. "Dorothy was definitely not in Kansas anymore."

Imagine spending the first four years of your life in one country, speaking only one language, adjusting to only one culture, and then suddenly leaving it all. Ken Yamanaka, a student at RWU gave it all up for an American education.

"I was born in Japan, I studied the U.S. and I always wanted to go there," the US meant freedom to Ken, but was it really? One thing Ken may never be free of is the stereotypes that will follow him. He states, "Some Americans think of me as dumb, like I am dumb, they treat me differently because I look different, I speak differently with a funny accent. I doubt myself a little about what I do, because I feel like I wouldn't be just as lost if they went to another country." Ken came to the U.S. in the seventh grade, at the age of 14, because his father's company had transferred to New York. In Japan the educational system is a lot more strict. To even be eligible for college a student must be at the top of the class. In the U.S. anyone who wants to go to college has the opportunity. There are many community colleges each differently meant for a specific field of major. Adjusting to U.S. culture was a struggle at first. "I remember back in middle school, I was teased because I couldn't speak clearly. My classmates got mad at me, and I didn't know the language well enough to speak back to them, letting them know how mad they made me." When Ken first came here he only knew basic words, but through middle school and high school his vocabulary improved. "I have come a long way and I feel good about it." Ken believes he will always struggle compared to a person who has lived in the U.S. their entire life. He will have to work twice as hard as the average student. When an American comes to class, he doesn't have to worry about how fast the teacher is going to speak, or how he should understand the class. Not only does Ken have to grasp the concept of math or science, but he has to understand what the teacher is saying. Ken will never know or understand the little uncommon words and terms that Americans use. He didn't know the word gay had two meanings. Sometimes a teacher will say something that will lose Ken completely.

Ken taught him as if he doesn't understand anything related to the American society. However he does not feel that all of his teachers treated him like that. He learned a lot from many and was treated with the most up right respect at RWU by teachers, was treated well by Scott Yonan, Ken's advisor, Dave Melchar, and Scott Yonan, one of Ken's advisor's. He is very happy that he is here and that he is learning more and more every day. When came to RWU, he was placed into ESL, which stands for English as a Second Language. ESL is a program for international students. Scott Yonan, advisor of student, Ken Yamanaka, takes the reigns at Career Services

Patrick Lennahan takes the reigns at Career Services

Ella McNamara
Features Editor

How do you find a job after you graduated? Patrick Lennahan, the new Director of Career Services, can tell you. Not only did his outstanding work at a prestigious position, but now he's looking to help RWU students and alumni conquer the difficult task of finding their own employment opportunities.

Patrick Lennahan, now living in the Almeda Flats until his family moves to Rhode Island, is anxious to establish his whole life and not just his professional life. "Almeda is not bad, there are a couple of late night evenings, but they are doing what all college students do well, have fun," said Lennahan, "Hopefully my wife and kids will be here in the middle of the summer. We wanted our kids to finish out the school year and then we have plans to sell the house in Plattsburg and buy one in Bristol or Portsmouth."

Lennahan attended Seton Hall University in West Orange, New Jersey. It is there that he received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Literature. Directly after undergraduate school, Lennahan went on to graduate school at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York where he received his Doctoral studies in Counseling and Student Personnel Administration. He studied a variety of different things including research on ego involvement in the career.

When Lennahan was at Cornell he was extremely involved in residence life. During his first three years there he held positions through the housing office. He started the university recycling program in residence halls as well as implementing a linen rental service, not to mention being a residence hall director.

"During his third year of graduate school he planned to go into psychotherapy. After leaving grad school he did quite a bit of work with people who were recovering from drug and alcohol abuse. He then realized he wanted to go into something more short-term, which is how he shifted into career services. In careers you can be more directive with your client and I find it to be much more enjoyable, " said Lennahan.

Lennahan was in a Doctoral program but as he describes it, "I had the good fortune to fall in love, get married, and I needed to support a family so I took a professional job." "My goal is to help every student who attends this university to get paid for having fun after they graduate," said Lennahan.

Lennahan is no stranger to working with students. Prior to RWU he was at Marist College, in Poughkeepsie, New York where he was the Director in the Office of Career Development and Placement. He stayed there for three years until he moved on to the State University of New York, College at Plattsburg, in Plattsburg, New York. There he was the Director of the Career/Life Planning Center.

"I have come a long way and I feel good about it," Ken Yamanaka

Patrick Lennahan takes the reigns at Career Services

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Lennahan only planned to stay in Plattsburg for a few years, but ended up there for 15.

"Every time we got ready to move children were in a situation which made it difficult to move, whether they were starting high school or finishing," said Lennahan.

After most Lennahan's family moved away from up-state New York, he decided that it was finally a good time to pack it in, and now in Rhode Island they are closer to their family in New England.

"This job happened to be available at that time, it was the only position that I applied for, and it was successful in pursuing," said Lennahan.

"I still get to be in buildings, but I'm not sitting there when I finally have to stop and ask for directions, all the people I have meet have been wonderfully friendly and very helpful," said Lennahan.

Lennahan was invited to campus for an interview and spent the entire day there meeting with the search committee, put together by Karen Haskell, Dean of Students, groups of students and department heads. Everyone who met with Lennahan filled out an evaluation sheet, then the committee made their decision about who to hire based on skills, experience and if he fit RWU.

Faculty are not usually hired mid-academic year at RWU but it does have its advantages and disadvantages.

One advantage is all programs are in place, and you don't have to hit the ground running. If he was hired for July I would have been pressured to work with Kathy, student assistant to Director of Career Services to hit the ground running when he didn't know the community, so he spent a semester to participate in something that's already in place, and, three months to get a handle on RWU and the system. He defines Ken as a "good friend who understands me, and when I'm patient with me. Those people make me feel good about myself and make my days

"He made a good transition, it can be difficult to come in mid semester the programs were all ready ongoing and he's doing a good job working with them," said Julie Rego, Secretary to the Career Service Center.

"Ken works with college students they are not dramatically different from one campus to another. What I find a lot of fun and interesting is that I'm dealing with different academic departments here," said Lennahan. "I have not really worked with engineering students before, so that's a lot of fun. I've worked quite a bit with a business school so I'm working on the transition with the students who are business oriented." "With work with students every step of the way. As they make their career progression and bring a part of it and really helping them."

Lennahan said.
Gordon Wood, the Stage Crew Wizard
The Associate Director of Operations sets up all major events at the university

Melissa LeComte
Staff Writer

Gordon Wood is a name which may not immediately ring a bell for everyone, but his familiar face is one that can definitely be recognized by all in the RWU community.

Wood is the Associate Director of Student Activities of Operations. Although the title of the job has changed over time, the dedicated worker to hold this position has not. He has worked at RWU in the field of operations for almost seven years.

His job is not simple. It entails making sure that all of the events on campus run smoothly, and are set up on time in an efficient manner presenting a nice outlook to the community.

"Gordon is a dedicated worker, and we are very lucky to have someone as experienced as he is, 'running the show.' He makes my job easier by taking care of scheduling and planning of many events," said Tony Ferreira, Director of Student Activities.

"The best part of the job is viewing the finished product, and seeing people enjoying themselves at events," said Wood. "I realize that I had something to do with putting them on, and that's a good feeling. But the worst part of the job is the hours."

One event can require up to 40-50 hours of work between scheduling, preparation, and actually putting on the events. A concert, such as the weekends past performance of "The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and The Pharcyde," can take up to 20 hours of preparation on the actual day of the performance. The stage must get set up and broken down, lights and sound have to be adjusted, black curtains get placed to make the scene attractive, and security must be stationed throughout the gym.

At present, Wood supervises Stage Crew which consists of about 38 students. Their duties include assisting Wood in the setup of events, operations, security, sound and lights, and are taught to run the weekly movies.

"Gordon is a great guy to work for. I wish more people appreciated the hard work and effort that he does. Without him, most of the events could not go on," said Joe Tine, a Stage Crew member.

"Gordon loves RWU," said Michael Oetbaum, a Stage Crew member. "He comes in on Sundays sometimes to work events."

A typical day for Wood is hectic, it consists of a great deal of preparation, making sure upcoming events are taken care of, and notifying all people on campus of future events. He also must assign a crew to each event.

"Out of all the conferences I've attended, all I've heard is praise about Gordon," said Becca Collins, a member of Concierge.

The hardworking group, along with Wood, put on between 120 to 150 events per year. There are 2-3 events on campus every week. Some of these events are not always seen by everyone, such as seating for the Performing Arts Center for all of their shows in addition to setting up for the senate forum.

"At conferences for some of the organizations I'm involved with, including members from other schools, our programming is always rated very highly," said Wood.

Movies, Chameleon Clubs, Lectures, Day-Time Programs, Art Galleries. These are just some of the events that Gordon Wood and his Stage Crew are responsible for setting up.

Although he feels that attendance could be a little higher, it won't stop him from pleasing the crowds. "My main focus is that the people who do come, enjoy the event, and get something out of it," said Wood. "To him, its quality, not quantity that matters most.

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"Will Calhoun, a close friend of Ken, says, "When I met Ken he was very open and he understood the American culture and language very well. He wasn’t shy and timid like you would expect someone to be after moving to a completely different country. Ken seemed to fit in much easier and was able to adapt very well to a new way of life and culture. He doesn’t seem like he ever let his nationality get in his way of the forwarding of his new life."

Another friend, Bronwen Lapidus, describes him as the typical nice next door neighbor who stops by every so often.

In the year 1999, Ken will be forced to go back to Japan. He does miss his country, but if he could choose, he would rather live in the U.S. When he visits Japan, which is about once a year, things feel different. After living so long in the U.S., Ken’s visits to Japan will never feel the same.

Japan is so different from the U.S. that the way people speak, dress, eat, drive, their physical appearance, and much more. "People in Japan use the same color, dark hair, I don’t see blondes, red heads, etc.

As for the school system, it is too strict. A person goes to school for over 7 hours a day, 300 days a year. In Japan we only get a one month Summer break and a small Winter break. School for me was small, and hard. You had to wear a uniform everyday."

One thing Ken definitely likes here is the long three month Summer break.

Ken has been living in the U.S. for about seven years and still it is hard for him. The language is very hard, being able to know all the rules that exist, and knowing all the cases which the rules are broken. He speaks the language fluently, but his writing skills need work. He realizes that in America a person is judged by how he/she speaks, and because of that American school systems stress the importance of good writing and speaking skills.

Ken believes that it is a large diversity that makes up a community.

Everyone shares the same hopes and dreams, which is to succeed in life. He also wants to have a healthy family and marry a wonderful person. These are dreams shared by everyone, so what makes anyone better than anyone else?

"I know I have a disadvantage to Americans. People will treat me differently or may dislike me because of who I am, but I am proud of who I am! I am lucky to be a part of the U.S. and to be given the opportunity to get an education here."

"I hope you all have your mouth guards 'cause we're going to kick you in the teeth!" exclaimed Ascending The Trees rhythm guitarist and lead singer freshman Eric Falconer. This was the pre-cursor for a high-impact and high energy evening in the gym during RWU's Battle of the Bands. Unlike other Battle of the Bands events, in the former "That Place", the crowd turns out was exceptional. This year, Student Activities brought us over to the gym not for a basketball game. Yegor Gaidar, Registration or Lottery, but to appreciate RWU's undiscovered talent pool.

Ascending The Tree had the advantage of being around the longest and have already begun playing in small clubs in Boston. Headed by Falconer, A.T.T. played an original set with the exception of Smashing Pumpkins' "Disarm" and Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Natvie Son".

Second on stage was Pat Tho­mas. Pat Thomas played an un­compromising mixture of Santana, The Greatful Dead, Phish, The Red Hot Chili Pep­pers, heavy metal and whatever else they could find to be inspir­ing. Bassist Jesse Adams noted that the style of music was each individual's style of playing.

Most significant of their playlist was the third song "Brother James", a multi-tempo piece that got me out of a sleep deprived state. Like Ascending The Tree, Pat Thomas played their covers in the same style as the band's own. Covers are better that way.

Third into the show was Inside Out. The entire set was cover songs varying from Rock & Roll anthems like Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion", Led Zeppelin's "Rock & Roll", and the Jimi Hendrix Experience's "Fire" and then onto more popular current hits like "Get" from Collective Soul and "Name" by the Goo Goo Dolls. During the Hendrix cover lead guitarist Mike Doherty improvised during his solo, jumped off the stage, and played directly in front of the crowd.

Fourth to take the stage was Archendoth, the name taken from the old video game. The first song played was the Beatles anti­authority song "Fight for Your Right to Party." Immediately Archendoth broke the monotony of bands with tightened rhythm and careful orchestration. Essentially, the band admitted that they had only practiced three or four times together and were really in it for the fun of Battle of the Bands. Also played was U2's "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and the Pink Floyd classic "Money." Most impor­tant here is that "Money"'s noted bass line was performed on a stand-up bass which is the most original aspect that any of the bands had taken to make covers sound like their own.

Last and far from the least was Movement. The name of the band spoke for itself. As they were the headlining band that evening it was up to them to come up something purely original and daring in every sense.

Their first song was an instru­mental in which band members encouraged students to get up and move around. During their second song, "Crab Legs" there was a re­turn of the band with the tight rhythm however they appeared to be thoroughly loosen up.

In the fourth song "Soul Blue" Movement's female vocalist came unbound like she sat in the back­stage all night waiting impatiently to come out and release herself to the audience. With all of these elements described, the judges must have felt obligated to give Move­ment first place.

The crowd response to Movement's taking first place was somewhat different. Freshman Stacy Bowowski reflected, "I think Inside Out was the best band." But definitely thought highly of move­ment.

Christina Isley said, "I think Ascending The Tree should've won. They were the best and the lead singer (Eric Falconer) is really hot." So it goes.

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Lisa McDonough
Staff Writer

Y ou know the scene. It’s 2:00 a.m. You’re drinking 10 cups of coffee and your desk is a mess, covered with 100 different worksheets ranging from American History to Calculus. As the night gets older, your bed looks more and more inviting, but since you partied every day for the last year, you must learn this material.

Then, you look at the clock which reads 7:00 a.m. and realize that you fell asleep on top of your history notes with the stereo blaring out your favorite CD. And you have a final in an hour. What do you do? Well, you won’t ever be stuck in a situation like this if you follow this no-freak-out guide to final exams:

First of all, you get a head start by hanging in the library and listening to music real loud, said Bill Ramsey.

Another piece of advice is to forget about caffeine. You may be awake for a while but come test time, you’ll crash.

"I don’t depend on coffee at all because it will burn me out. Instead, I study in little sessions and stick to it. It will take a whole lot of stress off your back if you study a little from each subject everyday. And who knows, you may just get that A you’ve been desiring all year," said Jen Bren.

"Some classes are harder than others, so I always study a couple weeks in advance," said Jen Bren.

Students do the easiest things to take a break from studying. Kim Bire said she “runs naked through the courtyard,” to relieve stress. “I play cards, eat, or go for a walk by the water,” said Sandra MacCue.

“I go joyriding in my car and listen to music real loud,” said Bill Ramsey.

Marcus McCorison
The former director and librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, Marcus McCorison, spoke at RWU on Friday, May 3. McCorison’s talk, titled “Random Recollections,” focused on early American history and was held in the Main Library.

McCorison previously headed the American Antiquarian Society, a learned organization that gathers, preserves and promotes serious study of the material of early American history and life. The Society also conducts programs on the history of the book in American culture.

A graduate of Ripon College, the University of Vermont, and Columbia University, he holds numerous honorary degrees from such distinguished schools as Assumption College, College of the Holy Cross, and Clark University. The author of several published works, he has received many awards in his field.

Hosting the event was President Santone, director of development Elizabeth McCarthy, and members of the Friends of the Library Steering committee, including Chairman Jim Edelstein, Taki Damaskos, Fran Katzman, Alyx MacLeod and Alfred Shephard all of Bristol, Ada Mogayzel and director of university libraries Carol DiPrete, both of Providence.

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Hawk's Eye All-Star Team
Six athletes are chosen by the sports writers as all-stars

Compiled by Jen Fox and Ray Sullivan

This year the staff of The Hawk's Eye has decided to name their own select team of student athletes. We like to call it, The All Hawk's Eye Team. We have selected three young men and three young women who we feel have gone beyond the realms of your ordinary student athlete. The honorees picked have proven themselves to be self-sacrificing individuals who have shown themselves to be leaders on the court, field, or ice.

For the all-women's team, we chose: senior Nicole Burnett, junior Devin Miller, and senior Vivian Vieira.

For the all-men's team, we chose: junior Dave Curtis, senior Spencer Conti, and senior Jason Trucchi.

Nicole Burnett, who plays both basketball and soccer, is a leader on both of her teams.

For the soccer team she leads the team and the conference in goals with 23 goals. She set the new single season school record for goals, and was named MVP of the RWU invitational team.

On the basketball court she also came up big. Although injured for most of the season, she came back strong on the last nine games. She averaged 4.3 points per game and 4.7 rebounds. Her strong work ethic will be greatly missed next year.

Dave Curtis has been an extraordinary player on and off the ice for the hockey team. He led the team in goals with 29 this season, which was one short of the school record. It is predicted that he will be a captain next year because of his great leadership and playing ability.

Spencer Comacco has been the captain of the hawk's graders for the past three seasons. He ended his career as the all-time leader in every statistical category. He was second on the team in wins and ended his time here with an overall record of 91-40. His dominating force on the mat will be tough to replace.

Jason Trucchi transferred to RWU two years ago from Dean Junior College. His presence was immediately felt when he came here and this season he served as the teams captain. He lead the team in scoring (15.6), total points (390), holds the schools record for best free-throw percentage (83.1), lead the blue and gold in assists (4.6), steals (1.2), and minutes played with 35 per game. Out of the 51 games he played here, he started all but five of them.

We wish to thank all of the athletes who were not chosen who also performed well for their teams. See you all next season. Have a great summer!

Softball finishes season just under .500

Jen Fox
Sports Editor

The women's softball team took a share of halfway through the season. After beginning the season adissappointing record of 3-7, the women finished 8-5 for a final record of 11-12.

"We didn't start off too well, but we've done really well lately," captain Heather Miller said.

The team was led by sophomore pitcher Melissa Murphy who finalized the '96 campaign with 110 innings pitched, a sparkling ERA of 1.59.

Sophomore shortstop Michelle Burnham and senior Miller paced the hit attack with averages of .340 and .467 respectively.

The Hawks were seeded sixth in the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament, where they played Salve Regina University in the quarter-finals. In an earlier matchup, the Hawk's won 6-5 and took the win with them into the playoffs. They defeated Salve 5-4. This marked the first time Salve was knocked out in the first round in over three years.

"We beat Salve in the quarterfinals, which is something we've never done before. This is also the first year I can remember that Salve didn't make it to the finals," Miller said.

"I feel that with the two strong victories over Salve, the team gained the confidence and experience they will need to remain a contender for next year's championship," Burnham said.

Unfortunately, RWU lost in their semi-final game in the final inning to Regis College 6-5.

"In the semi's, we were winning up until the seventh inning. The other team got a lot of hits, and we made some errors," Miller said.

Overall, the team had a lot of chemistry. They had a very rough start, and they were able to pull themselves out of it.

"We ended up playing very well together. The team had a lot of differences, but we came together in the end," Miller said.

As for next year, the team should have a very strong turnout.

"I feel that with the two strong victories over Salve, the team gained the confidence and experience they will need to remain a contender for next year's championship," Burnham said.

"The team should do really well next year. Everyone is returning next year with the exception of myself and Michelle Burnham, who is going to UCONN. There are players who are great at their positions, so the team should be solid next year," Miller predicted.

This is enforced by Murphy.

"We will be losing Miller and Burnham, two key players offensively and defensively, but I feel that the shifts in the infield positions will be filled," she said.

Melissa Murphy delivers a pitch in the snowy spring
Men's Baseball program begins rebuilding
First season with new coach billed as a success despite losing record

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Staff Writer

The Hawk Nine finished their inaugural season under the direction of new head coach, Val Innocente, with an overall record of 10-19. Last year's squad managed to compile a dismal record of 1-23, so this year's team can be looked upon as a major improvement.

In the conference playoffs, the Hawk's were seeded 8th and matched up against 9th seeded New England College. Freshman hurler Nate Craven went the distance for the Blue and Gold striking out 13, and giving up only two earned runs on eight hits. Kevin Kenny had two RBI's on two hits. Brendan Flaherty had one RBI on two hits, and Chad Baird added to the offensive effort with two solid hits. Dave McKenna knocked in what would eventually be the game winning run, as the Hawk's posted the victory over New England College, 10-3.

With that win, the Hawks earned a spot in the quarter-finals where they would face off against Wentworth Institute of Technology. The Hawk's had dropped two close games to Wentworth in a doubleheader earlier in the season. Wentworth led the game 3-2 until the late innings when they finally broke it open. Mental errors from the Hawks, and an awakening of the bats from Wentworth led to RWU being down, 8-2. The Hawks added three more runs, but it would not be enough to stop the team that would eventually go on to capture the CCC crown, as they were ousted out of the tournament, losing 8-5.

Sophomore Matt Dionne pitched seven strong innings for the Hawk's. Chad Baird, Dana Altobello, and Wally Moquin led the offensive charge for the Hawk's. Senior Orin Wilf provided solid defense in the field. Even though the tournament was over, the season went on. Thesingle up the middle off a 3-0 pitch to drive in the winning run and seal the victory for the Hawk's in a thriller.

The Hawk's would end their season on a sour note by traveling to Connecticut to face a tough team from the Coast Guard Academy. In their double header, the Hawk's pitchers were hit hard. Freshman Brian Laurie was the lone bright spot, pitching solid innings and shutting down the high-paced attack of CGA. The Blue and Gold ended their season by dropping two.

There were several bright spots during the season. A Spring Break trip to Florida paid off as the team got a head start on the season. The team also hosted five 300 hitters, including a team leading .363 by Junior Chris Moorthy. Brendan Flaherty and Wally Moquin hit .351 and .337 respectively. Junior Dana Altobello hit .319 and senior Chris Johnson hit an even .300. Overall the team hit .267 with 30 doubles and 13 triples. Flaherty also finished second on the team in stolen bases with 11, one behind leader Dave McKenna.

Defense improved greatly. Orin

The pitching greatly improved over last year. Junior Keith Bettencourt finished 3-1 on the mound and exhibited pinpoint control. He led the team with four complete games. Freshman Nate Craven led the team in K's with 26 in just 24+ innings of work. Randi Stoloff pitched well with three complete games.

The slugs pulled off some big wins during the season, including their first victory in over four years to rival Salve Regina. Coach Val Innocente says he has a lot to look forward to as far as the outlook on next season goes. "I'm very happy with this season, over the last half of the season the team came together and learned how to win," said Innocente. "The seniors did a great job in leading the team, I was very pleased with their performances. The Hawk's will lose Tri-Captain Chris Johnson, Orin Wilf, Dave Sigler, and Randi Stoloff. Coach Val has been busy recruiting some impressive talent for next year's squad. The team looks to produce another impressive and competitive season next year.

A majority of the teams made the playoffs, and few teams had an overall poor season.
Men's Tennis undefeated in conference
Win doubles title - place third overall in conference championships

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This year's tennis team led by First year coach Primal Kowalski won the Commonwealth Coast Conference regular season with an undefeated record of 7-0. They hosted the CCC finals this year, where they placed third out of eight. Senior Ari Devin and Junior Andrew Pearce won the doubles title. They did this without ever playing with each other. In addition, Junior Andy Pierce played with a badly sprained ankle. The doubles team had to win two matches before making it to the pressure-filled final.

"Andy played with more heart than anyone I have ever played with in any tennis match," said doubles partner Devin. His tremendous forehand kept us alive in the first two matches," said Devin. "Ari and Andy winning just proves how talented our team is," said junior captain Max Astrologo. Senior Tim McIntyre reached the singles final, but he was defeated 6-2, 7-6 in the match. Tim's consistent play and pretty style of finishing got him that far.

As well as these players Mark Scarlandelli, Max Astrologo, and Joe Garibaldi all reached the semifinals of the tournament.

The team finished with a school record of 11-3. They finished their season with a win against CCC tournament champion Nichols College defeating them 7-2. The Hawk's finished four points behind Nichols in the tournament.

This victory over Nichols gave the men the regular season conference championship.

However the season was not a storybook throughout.

"Earlier in the season we got blanked," said Andy Pierce.

The Hawks men's began the season poorly. They were generally 2-2 without conference-match losses to Johnson & Wales and UMass Dartmouth (eventual Little East Champions). "The UMass Dartmouth Match really brought the team closer. The team was on a down slide," said Pearce.

The Hawk's success actually started the year before. They broke the school record for wins in a season and also developed a young nucleus of players.

Unfortunately, two of the six players transferred and they had a coaching change. So there were spots that needed to be filled.

Lacrosse team improves slowly in year of rebuilding
Team was dominated by freshmen and sophomores - they look towards a strong future

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The RWU lax team finished their season after compiling a record of 3-10. The Hawks posted possibly their biggest victory of the season in 16-6 win over conference powerhouse, M.I.T. M.I.T. is the defending Pilgrim League Champs and last year defeated the Hawks in the Conference Championships. This year however the Blue and Gold dominated the contest from start to finish. Proper offensive execution combined with solid defense lead the Hawks to the victory.

Drew Kellar lead the offensive charge by scoring 4 goals. Eric Siegal turned in an impressive day by netting 3 goals and giving 3 assists. Ben Redfield and Chris Cokas each scored twice, while both helping out with two assists. The Defensive stint was lead by freshman goalie, Ray Butti who had 20 saves in yet another impressive outing.

The Hawks knocked off the Colonels from Curry College in a Pilgrim League game, 15-10. The offense was lead by Siegal who came up huge with 7 goals and 2 assists. Ryan Bermingham chipped in with four goals, and Kellar supported the efforts with 1 goal and three assists.

The team got hammered by Colby College, 14-3. The limited offense was provided by Siegal, Kellar, and Mike Giunta, who each scored a goal respectively.

The Hawks ended their season with two losses, they bowed to nationally ranked Connecticut College, 16-8. In their last game, they were spanked by Plymouth State College, 26-6.

This season, a lot of young players had key influences. Sophomore Kellar had a total of 40 points, which was by far the top on the team. His classmate, Siegal was second in points with a total of 26. Just behind him was freshman Cokas with 22 points. Freshman goalie Ray Butti was immediately thrown into the position, and did a splendid job. He made a total of 214 saves, and a save percentage of .616. This percentage marked the third highest in school history.

Other key players that will be returning are mid-fielders Ryan Bermingham and Benjamin Redfield. They combined for a total of 38 points this season, and should prove to be a good offensive team next year.

On defense, juniors Jean-Pierre Blaise and Howard Brande will be returning to help defend the net again next year.

The team is only losing one senior, co-captain defenseman Gary Scogna. He had only one shot on goal, but he was able to score. He also had an assist this season.

After losing several key seniors from last years squad that went 9-5 and made all the way to the conference finals, as well as the loss of their head coach, Mark Ford, to Division I Rutgers (who is currently ranked 20th in the nation), they had a lot of rebuilding and adjusting to do.

The new head coach, Pat Cooney, has helped the Hawks look toward this past season as a rebuilding one, and keep it as what has always been a strong and creditable program. Next year's squad looks promising, the team hopes that the culmination of this year's talent combined with Cooney's leadership will result in another great year.