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Michael Dukakis to speak at RWU

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Staff Writer

Michael Dukakis, former Governor of Massachusetts and current professor of political science at Northeastern University, will be coming to RWU to speak on October 16.

Dukakis will be speaking about this year's presidential race between President Bill Clinton and Senator Robert Dole in South Hall 129 at 2:30 p.m.

According to Professor June Speakman, who is directly responsible for Dukakis coming, the former Governor will address the process of political campaigning.

"I had heard that he spoke at Johnson and Wales last year and I figured that he might

come here as well, and since it is an election year I thought he might have some interesting remarks regarding the process," Speakman said.

Dukakis, who was a presidential candidate in 1988 running against George Bush, has been out of the public-eye for awhile now. In January of 1991, Dukakis ended his last term as Governor of Mass. But his political career began long before that.

Originally from Brookline, Mass., Dukakis graduated from Harvard Law School in 1960 and in that same year he was elected chairman of his town's Democratic organization.

In 1962, he won a seat in the Massachusetts legislature and served four terms before he was nominated for Lieutenant Governor as the running mate of Boston's Mayor Kevin White.



Michael Dukakis

Although they were defeated by Frank Sargeant, in 1974 Dukakis earned the nomination for Governor and won. He was Gov-

ernor of the state for four years and then was beaten out by Edward King in 1978.

However, in 1982 he was reelected as Governor and in 1986 he was voted the most effective Governor in the nation after helping to pull the state out of one of its worst financial and economic crises.

In 1988 he was nominated to be the Democratic Presidential nominee, but lost to George Bush and after finishing his term as Governor in 1991 he took a break.

He taught classes at the University of Hawaii before going to Northeastern University in June of 1991.

"I enjoy working with young people and would encourage them to go into public service," said Dukakis. He also said that teaching enables him to "give students

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University to undergo reaccreditation process

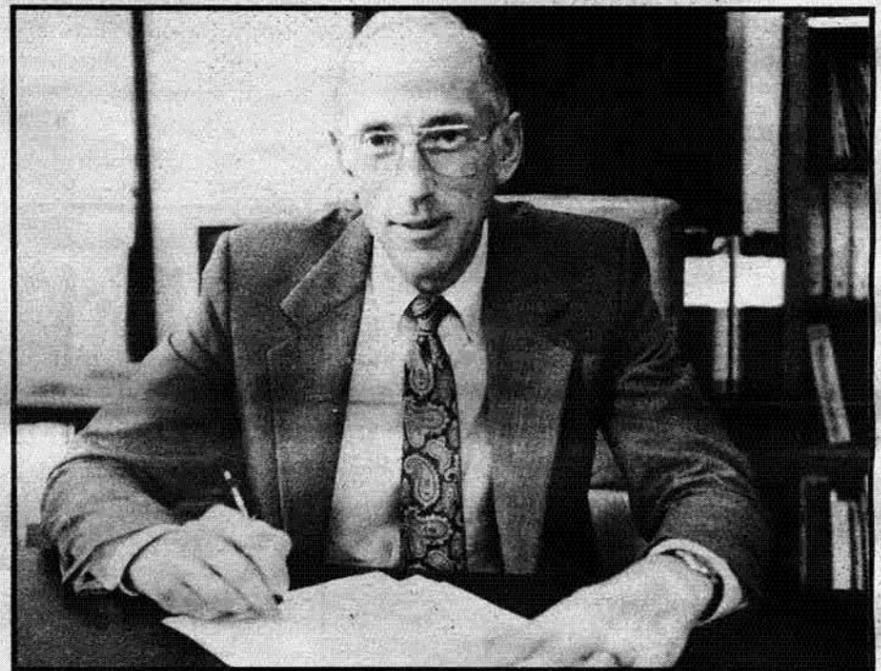
Beth Lebowitz
Staff Writer

If you see strange men and women walking around the campus in the next week, be helpful and friendly because they are the reaccreditation team. RWU is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission (NEASC), on Institution and Higher Education. All colleges and universities must undergo periodic evaluation for reaccreditation normally every ten years. RWU was last accredited by NEASC in 1985 and an interim report was filed in 1990.

"Out of three thousand institutions, virtually all are accredited," explains Dr. Malcom Forbes, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "The first step in reaccreditation is preparation of a self study. It's a voluntary association to police ourselves on a periodic basis. We look at each other and see if we are up to par."

RWU conducted the self-study during the 1995-96 in accordance with the standards established by the NEASC. The self study provides a description, appraisal and projection for all aspects of the University operation. The main objective of the NEASC team will be to validate the Self

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Malcolm Forbes

Full classrooms hinder one-on-one attention

Ella McNamara
Feature Editor

When Dave Diaz went to his first class of the Fall semester he was amazed that every seat in the class was taken, and there were still students hoping to add the class to their schedule.

"I had no idea that my class was going to be so full," said Diaz. "I need to take Technical Writing to fulfill part of my General Education requirement, but I also need one-on-one attention from my instructor in a class if I am going to succeed."

"Writing is not exactly my strong-suit and I already feel like I am falling behind because there is not enough time in the one hour that we meet for everyone to get individual attention from the instructor," said Diaz

Students decide to come to RWU for a variety of different reasons. One of the major reasons for many students is the fact that RWU was marketed to students as a small school where the students are able to interact and get one-on-one attention from their instructors. But recently General Education classes are becoming more crowded, less sections are available; allowing less time to be spent with each individual.

"It wouldn't bother me so much if the classrooms could accommodate the number of students in the class," said Jesse Dearden, a senior currently enrolled in an overcrowded Science in the Media class. "If everybody comes to class some students are left sitting on the floor or the windowsill and I don't think that's fair to the students. People don't show up to class because it's such a hassle to sit in such a big class."

It's not only students who are affected by the overcrowded classes, it's also affecting the teachers who teach the courses. Bob McRoberts currently teaches Autobiography and Self, "the course was designed to have 20 students, it's not the teachers responsibility to keep the promise to the students, 28 students were registered for the class," said McRoberts. "It's more difficult in large groups, by nature they expect me to lecture, they can get lost in a larger group and not be obliged to become part of the discussion."

Anthony Santoro, President of RWU, sees the issue differently.

"These caps on the classes are not just arbitrary. I think that there are some people that believe they have a unilateral right to determine how many people are in a course,

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Graduate programs at RWU?

Carrie Snodgrass
Contributing Writer

The first thing that everyone sees when they come through the gates of RWU is the Law School. Not many, if any, RWU undergraduates have actually seen the inside of this great grad building and if they did it wasn't for a class.

The evolution of RWU is progressing to a higher level of learning. The Administration is going to the implement three new graduate programs, but how these programs will integrate or if the programs will integrate with the existing schools in a matter of debate. While the Administration and Faculty feel that the graduate programs will give the school better learning tools and higher prestige; many students feel they will hurt the attitude and possibly ruin the reasons they came to RWU.

RWU wants to offer a Masters Degree program in Accounting for the Gabelli School of Business, a Masters Degree program in Psychology and a Masters Degree Program in the Criminal Justice and Paralegal for the School of Arts and Sciences.

President Santoro feels that these new grad programs are part of the natural evolution of RWU. "The school has developed from a two year college to a four year college to a university with a five year architecture program," said Santoro. "It makes



President Santoro

sense to expand and get graduate programs."

Some students feel that these new grad programs will stunt the growth of RWU by hurting the education of under-grads. Third year marine bio major, Cindy Bogdan said, "I think graduate programs will take away from undergraduate education."

Other students feel that RWU is big enough and if the school expands anymore it will wreck the atmosphere that they came here for. Jeremy Griffin, a 5th year student said, "It doesn't affect me, but at the same time I'm tired of hearing the growing pains of the university. I came here because it was a small school."

Dr. Malcolm Forbes, Vice President of Academic Affairs, thinks there is a demand in the community as a whole for graduate

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An RWU law student passed along this twist on the "Macarena," to the Providence Phoenix.

On Roger Williams Law School now Rhode Island has its eye on, to make things worse the *Journal* thinks Dean Ryan's tellin' lies on...Eh...Ralph Papitto.

Administration doesn't want to hear the students feedback, 'cuz they're all way too busy counting each and every greenback, but the students really mean it (they won't be back) Eh...Ralph Papitto.

Saw in the paper that Santoro thinks that this is funny, he thought that we would follow just like bees go after honey. Has he forgotten that someday alumni will make money? Eh...Ralph Papitto.

Whoever had this idea must have been a real "Einstein," hey hasn't everybody heard he had to pay a big fine? Is this because we're gonna name the Clinics after Feinstein? Eh...Ralph Pappito.

If you wanna pay a tribute put a plaque up in the hall, if you doubt there'll be any impact check enrollment in the fall. I'm grateful, I just do not want his name up on my wall... Eh...Ralph Papitto



Absolut Mitchell

I hate advertising - it's so not true to itself. I saw an ad the other day that had some foxy lady prancing around in a skimpy bikini. Actually, skimpy's an understatement, I've seen more cotton on the top of an aspirin bottle. Anyway, so the *Sports Illie* wanna-be is bouncing around the beach like Pamela Anderson reincarnated as a basketball and then the product comes up: The Black & Decker dirt devil. What the hell? Where's the connection?

How about Milk's new campaign? Throw some birdturd on the lips of famous people and hope we sell. Yeah, like Spike Lee with a diluted fluffernutter mustache is gonna really make me wanna jet to the refrigerator for my daily calcium. I'd rather milk the cow myself. I like that kind of stuff.

People and Absolut ads are pissing me off too. They treat them like they're baseball cards or something. "I'll trade ya 'New York' for 'Citron'." Get a life!

Another good example is putting a half-nude Jenny McCarthy on a CD cover to sell beach songs. That's so cheap - it's like throwing Brad Pitt in Speedos on a cover to sell NKOTB's comeback album.

Calvin Klein is no exception either. Throw some facially-impaired youngsters with pierced nipples and tattooed bodies in your clothes and call it advertising. Talk about opening doors for modeling, Quasimodo and The Elephant Man are splashing on some blush and waiting anxiously by the phone. And who are these people? They look like heroin addicts. They're so skinny I bet they have to wear skis in the shower so they don't fall down the drain. No seriously, I bet when they walk in a pool hall people chalk them up.

The guiltiest place, without a doubt, has got to be Hooters - "restaromp heaven on earth." Beautiful women with,



There's milk on my face. Aren't you thirsty now?

well, hooters stroll around, take orders and look pretty. How the hell did they get away with naming the place that? They disguise what they're really selling by using an owl as their mascot. Please, they could of called it "Woodsy's." Now, being the malinist (the opposite of feminist) that I am, I pose the question: Why isn't there a Hooters for women? I'm always recognizing inequality. They could call it "Hot-Dogs." Chippendales could bounce around and Lambada with female customers. But whatever you do, don't really order a hot dog - the men might get envious and become disgruntled nude boys. It won't be pretty!

Josh Mitchell

I'm walking in your spider-Web

Are you getting the most out of the World Wide Web? Probably not! The content you request from the Web is interpreted by a program called a Web browser on your computer. The actual Web browser you use can display the same Web page very differently from another browser. That is the essence of the browser battle - to utilize the content of the Web in a more efficient manner and with greater quality than your competition's Web browser.

Today's web pages implement a variety of options to enhance their information. Such options include the use of data tables, frames, fill-out forms, animation, and slew of multimedia effects along with many other features. In essence, the more of these features that a Web browser supports, the better the browser. Recent improvements to the presentation of Web sites include VRML (Virtual Reality Markup Language) which displays 3D rendered scenes; and Java and Active X which are both for running applets- small but useful programs.

Which is the best Web browser to use? That question is easily narrowed down to two browsers: Netscape Navigator 3.0 and Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0. "The choice may seem trivial, but it has enormous implications. The company that dominates the browser market will dictate online standards and change the way we use the Web" *PC MAGAZINE*. Netscape has long enjoyed its standing as the leading browser with an 80% market share. Only recently has Microsoft's browser become competitive.

Navigator and Internet explorer now offers similar options to end users. They both include collaboration tools for the Internet such as point-to-point Internet telephones, which let you talk to other users anywhere in the world over an Internet connection (without long-distance charges). Both browsers include Internet E-mail and Usenet newsgroup readers. Internet Explorer and Navigator provide in-line support for a variety of audio and video formats. Microsoft's Internet Explorer also supports MPEG videos, which Netscape Navigator does not.

Both browsers are fine conventional sites. But enhanced sites offer additional features which the browsers display slightly differently. In most areas, Internet Explorer, not Netscape Navigator, now leads in displaying these ornamental styles. Both browsers also offer solutions for developing Web-based applications. Netscape has pioneered the concept of the browser as an application host for quite some time. Microsoft's only option was to clone the Navigator platform. However, Internet Explorer introduced Active X, a new standard that offers significant benefits to developers in 32-bit Windows environments.

Due this fall, Microsoft will release version 4.0 of Internet Explorer. Rather than expand the functionality of the browser itself, Microsoft will combine the Internet Explorer with Window 95 and NT's Explorer. The new hybrid will display the Web as well as your local machine and network. The view of the Control Panel, Desktop, and Explorer will be augmented by an additional Web view. Much of the new interface will be based on the Active X standard which will allow you to place interesting functional elements on your desktop, such as an Internet news ticker.

Which is the best solution for you? Microsoft's Internet Explorer 3.0 is only currently available for Windows 95 and NT while Netscape's Navigator is available for most popular platforms including Macintosh. Microsoft plans to have additional versions of Internet Explorer available for other platforms, including Windows 3.1x. If you do have Windows 95 or NT, I'd suggest Internet Explorer 3.0 as your Web browser. You can get the browser for free at <http://www.microsoft.com/ie>. However, if you plan on visiting sites which use extensive Java applets, you might want to consider Netscape Navigator found at <http://www.netscape.com>. Right now, there is only one winner in the battle of the browsers- you! In the future, Microsoft will easily take the largest share of the market away from Netscape.

Bryan Peretto

Be smart - safe sex is the best

Have sex on us! Safe sex or no sex. That's what everyone keeps saying. Well, we are here to tell you what you already know, no sex is the safest sex. But let's all be realistic, countless numbers of people on campus have sex every day. So we are not going to tell you not to engage in sex, that would be hypocritical, but we are, however, going to tell you to make sure that you know the facts, because we are not going to bore you with them in this editorial. Bottom line is you know the statistics (if you do not, you should find them out). No one wants to be sick, especially

not with AIDS, not even mentioning all the STD's that are so prevalent. So, if you are having sex, have smart, safe sex, on us! Use the condom, and keep using them! Sex is fine, but smart, safe sex is orgasmic! Know your partner and know yourself. Be smart because you only get one body, you only get one life!

Having sex is complicated. It means being responsible for yourself, and especially your actions. Hey, sex is fun, but let's remember that all the fun in the world is not worth dying for.

University to face reaccreditation process

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Study and to answer four basic questions: Does RWU have a mission to appropriate to an institution of higher education? Does RWU have the resources necessary to achieve this mission? Is RWU achieving this stated mission? And, can RWU continue to achieve this mission?

According to Forbes, the CORE curriculum and the new resident hall as well as the new Math and Science building that is in the works, will help to achieve all those goals.

"Accreditation takes into account the kind of student body you

have," said Forbes, "the same evaluation of Harvard took place, they look at the financial underpinnings of the university, and are equally interested in what is happening in the classroom as well."

The NEASC team will have read the Self Study before coming to campus and during their three days here (October 21-23), they will speak with students, faculty and staff to determine the accuracy of the report, to identify strengths and concerns, and to ensure that the university meets the standards for accreditation.

"There is a very close relationship between the faculty and the

students here," added Forbes. "I think that will be obvious to the team." The nine member team consists of representatives from other institutions in the New England region. The team will contain representatives from the University of Hartford, Clark University, Mass. College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Lesley College, Bentley College, The University of New England, New England Conservatory, Norwich University, and Suffolk University.

"It is very, very unlikely that we will not be reaccredited this year," said Forbes, "we have improved our student body, added the new

dorms, and the library just to name a few improvements, since the team last visited in 85."

The RWU community welcomes the visit by the NEASC team and pledges its support and cooperation on October 21-23. Let us all show them the warm hospitality which is characteristic of the university. An open session with members of the team will be held on October 22 at 3 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

Anyone who would like to meet with a team member individually should contact the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs at x3096.

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a better sense of what political life is really like."

Dukakis is looking forward to coming to Roger Williams and has heard that we are "a good liberal arts school."

Later in the evening Speakman, who recently was quoted in *Glamour* magazine about women in political advertising, will be speaking about the role of political ads in campaign races.

After Speakman's talk there will be a movie shown, *Power* with Richard Gere, which looks at how political consultants can shape a candidate to be what the consultant wants. The next night Frank Capra's classic *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* will be shown, which looks at how a new politician handles the corruption of politics in Washington, D.C.

The lectures by Dukakis and Speakman are part of a series of presentations by politicians who are currently running for office. Also scheduled to appear in the near future are Giovanni Cicione and Patrick Kennedy.

Graduate programs set to fit into the natural evolution of Roger Williams

programs. "People have approached us with respect to graduate program offerings because they'd rather go here than somewhere else," said Forbes.

Forbes thinks that people would rather come to RWU because it's a unique school that offers a combination of professional studies and liberal arts. According to him, it gives the same variety of a big school while staying relatively small.

Some students feel that the school shouldn't offer any graduate programs until the undergradu-

ate programs offer more. Janelle Hirschkopf, a 2nd year pre-vet major said, "They should offer more marine bio. This school is supposed to be big on Marine-Bio. They should offer more for pre-vet students, too. I won't get into grad school from here."

Many others feel that the arts are getting short-changed. Sherry Smythe, a second year dance major said, "Involve the Arts." Sherry Sndor, a second year theater major said, "I think there should be graduate programs in the arts, like dance, theater, and visual arts."

Dr. Gary Lambardo, Dean of the Gabelli School of Business, feels that without these three new programs the school will not be as effective as it could be. Lombardo said, "To be successful, the school needs to provide coverage of these topics."

Lombardo thinks that the new accounting program will, "provide an educational experience for students who are serious about their professional careers." RWU needs to have this grad program because a student now needs 150 credit hours to sit at a CPA, Certified Pub-

lic Accountant, exam.

Dr. Mark D. Gould, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, feels that the grad programs will better educate students, giving them more chances in the job market. "Students are more competitive in the job market with advanced degrees and that's extremely important."

The debate whether or not these programs are a good idea will linger in the heads of the entire RWU community. Most faculty and some students feel that it is a good idea while others either dislike the idea or really couldn't care less.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

SPRING 1997 REGISTRATION

1. Collect course schedules and registration materials from your school/area office.
2. Make an appointment to see your advisor to review major, general education or Core requirements and identify courses to be completed. If you are not sure who your advisor is, contact your school dean's office or call the Registrar's office at ext. 3130 and they will help you.
3. Report to the Bursar's office for validation of your registration card before your registration day.
4. Submit your signed and validated card according to the Registration Schedule (see below) to the Registrar's Office located in the Administration Building.
5. Returning students who fail to register prior to December 21 will be subject to a \$150.00 late registration fee.

REGISTRATION DATES

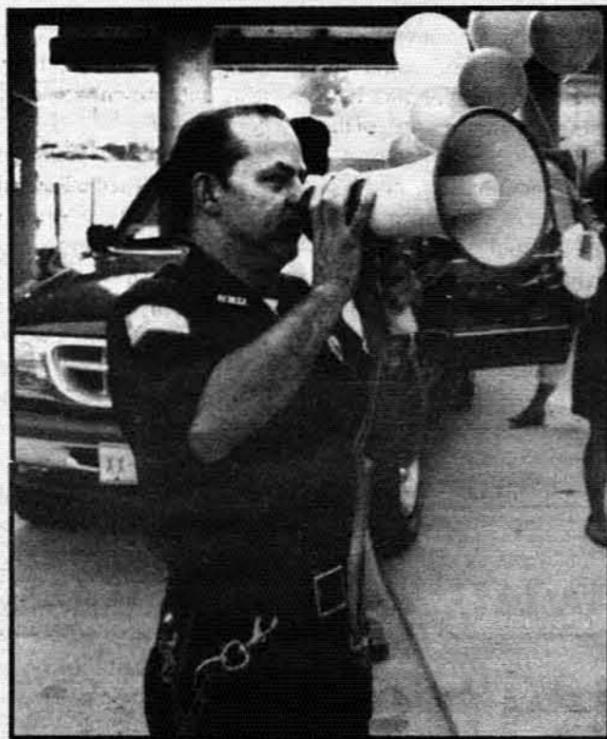
- Advisement begins.....Oct. 8
- Telephone Registration.....Oct. 24 - Nov. 1
- In-Person Registration Begins.....Nov. 4
- Late Registration Begins.....December 21
- Add/Drop.....January 27-February 14

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

CLASS	FIRST DAY
All Fifth Year Seniors	Thursday, October 24
All Fourth Year Seniors	Friday, October 25
2nd Semester Juniors	Monday, October 28
1st Semester Juniors	Tuesday, October 29
2nd Semester Sophomores	Wednesday, October 30
1st Semester Sophomores	Thursday, October 31
All Freshmen	Friday, November 1

 Note: In-Person Registration begins on November 4, 1996, after all students have had the opportunity to use the Telephone Registration System. Many classes will be filled before In-Person Registration begins. Therefore, we strongly recommend that all students use the Telephone Registration System. In-Person Registration will be on a first-come first-serve basis and will not be designated by class.

Prevent crime and promote awareness in October



Lance Hashim

Security - spreading the word about crime prevention..

Lisa McDonough
Staff Writer

Do you know what's so special about October? Besides being the month of Halloween, it's also National Crime Awareness Month and the Department of Security and Safety is striving to maintain a safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

All this month Security will be leaving safety tips on your voice mail. At the end of the month, Security will

pick a day and if you know the tip given on that day, you'll be registered for a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate to the Swansea Mall.

Being safe at RWU is not difficult; many safety precautions involve outright common sense. "We're very lucky in our environment because most problems involve students vs. students, rather than students vs. strangers. It's all about being aware of your own actions," explains Michael



Treeman, Director of Security and Safety.

Some general precautions to go by are the following:

1. **Walk with a friend after dark and avoid the beach area at night.**
2. **Lock your door whenever you sleep or leave your room.**
3. **Never admit an uninvited non-resident into your building.**
4. **Don't prop open any exterior doors to the residence halls.**
5. **Lock your car at all times.**
6. **Report suspicious activities or persons to Security.**
7. **Know these important numbers: "Help" x4357 - for Emergency and**

x3611 - for Non-Emergency.

The Department of Security and Safety is a fully staffed operation which monitors campus activity 24 hours a day. For example, if you have to park at Old Ferry Rd. late at night and feel uncomfortable about walking to your resident hall, call Security and they may escort you to your living area.

Also, the department is there for noise patrol in the residence halls. If there is an extreme amount of noise, don't be afraid to call security if the RAs can't help.

Roger Williams' Security also seeks to maintain safe and healthy living conditions on campus. Alcohol and other drug related behavior



which is abusive, disruptive, or illegal is not acceptable.

"Alcohol is the biggest crime we face, said Treeman. Ninety-five percent of all violent activity is related to alcohol."

"It hasn't been bad with crime so far," said Freshman security worker, Ben Owen. "If people didn't drink alcohol, there would probably be no major problems on campus."

"We're really trying to get people to think about this month. Last year we never had a campaign, so this year we want to make a difference," reiterated Treeman. "Again, it's a very safe campus but there's nothing wrong with taking precautions."

"Roofies" - the date-rape drug

The Boston Globe

For hard-core insomniacs in 64 countries, Rohypnol - or "roofies" is just what the doctor ordered.

Every day, about one million people in the world take roofies to sleep or to undergo surgery, according to its maker, Swiss pharmaceutical giant Hoffman-La Roche. Ten times stronger than Valium, the drug has been available for 20 years abroad.

But only in the United States - where the drug cannot be sold legally - have "roofies" spurred an uproar causing thousands of women to cautiously eye their party drinks.

"Except for a few isolated places," said La Roche Vice President, Carolyn Glynn, "what we're hearing in the United States is No. 1" for concerns about Rohypnol.

Documented cases of sexual predators drugging women in Florida and claims

of similar rapes in other states have served to bolster America's reputation as a violent society. Meanwhile, in this country, the drug is more commonly used as a "come down" drug or a cheaper downer for teen drug abusers, according to law enforcement officials and the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic's studies in San Francisco.

Heroin addicts use roofies to "self-medicate withdrawal symptoms," they say. Cocaine abusers use it to reduce their anxiety and agitation. Teens and young adults use it to enhance a buzz from beer or marijuana.

The Drug Enforcement Administration wants Congress to reclassify Rohypnol to the same category as heroin, cocaine, peyote and LSD. In most states, it's listed as a foreign prescription, making it legal for personal use even though it can't be sold in U.S.

La Roche opposes the move to rank their sedative

with hard-core drugs. "It ignores the worldwide use of this medication," company Vice President Dr. Robert B. Armstrong testified to U.S. Senators, "and has the potential to penalize patients for whom it has been prescribed."

Protecting \$100 million in annual profits, the company also fears U.S. reclassification might frighten away foreign users or even influence other countries to make Rohypnol an illegal substance.

The company never sought to market Rohypnol to American doctors because of competition from similar drugs and the high cost of federal approval. But the company does support tougher U.S. penalties for trafficking in roofies or using them to commit rape.

Last week, a bill passed the U.S. House giving rapists who use Rohypnol and other powerful tranquilizers up to 15 years in prison.

Sexual aggressors

A recent study suggests that men who are sexually aggressive may give clues on their eventual behavior early in life.

Psychologists at the University of California at Los Angeles have found that men who dominate and mistreat women when they are young may have a tendency to commit sexual harassment and sexual assault later in life.

The study, authored by Neil Malamuth, traced the behavioral tendencies of 172 men for 10 years.

Malamuth listed risk characteristics of each man, ranking them in numerous categories, including:

- the acceptance of violence against women;
- general hospitality
- sexual appetite;
- being uncomfortable stepping outside tradi-

tional male roles;

- exaggerated masculinity;
- impersonal sex; and others.

Malamuth found that eight of the nine men who topped the risk characteristics admitted to being sexually aggressive toward women.

"It's not fair to say that someone who exhibits some or all of these characteristics will turn out to be a rapist but attitude does give some identification on later behavior," Malamuth says. "Men who show signs of sexual aggression sometimes act on these feelings."

Although Malamuth says a high level of stress also can contribute to sexual aggressiveness, he cautions against making hasty decisions on a person because of stress levels.

Don't *Les Miz* it at the PPAC

Josh Mitchell
Editor-in-Chief

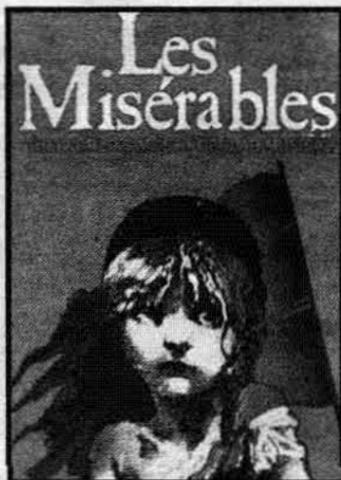
It has been dubbed "the world's most popular musical" and has been seen by over 35 million people—it's *Les Miserables*.

The touring Broadway version of the show returns to the Providence Performing Arts for eight performances, October 22-27.

With its captivating music, revolving set, state-of-the-art sound and descriptive costumes, the show is brilliantly constructed. Not only do the lights and special effects create a visual triumph, but the superb acting satisfies the spirit. It has one wondering, how much

more amazing can this get?

This melodramatic production focuses on Jean Valjean, the Man of Mercy, and Javert, the Man of Justice. The musical depicts Valjean as serving 19 years of hard time for his original offense of stealing a loaf of bread to feed his hungry family. It then follows his 20 years of exile as an outcast and shows him diligently trying to escape his past by changing his name and establishing himself as both a factory owner and a mayor. During his flight from broken parole, Valjean is able to avoid Javert, the law of the land, and encounter many frightening obstacles. A revolution, the responsibility for his worker's illegitimate child and



six major death scenes, one of which is a slaughter of 20 plus people at a barricade.

The production ends with

Valjean's daughter, now a woman, learning of Valjean's unfortunate past and approaching him before he dies and joins the spirits of those who died in the revolution.

"It's monumental, don't Miz it...The show's technical aspects create a visual feast while the astonishing costumes compliment the overall performance," boasted the *Providence Journal*.

The music in the operatic musical is nicely represented and does an exceptional job in enhancing the performance. From the powerful and soul-stirring, "Do You Hear The People Sing?" to the emotional and weepy "A Little Fall of Rain," the combination of the songs is majestic. Other songs,

such as "Master of the House" and "Beggars at the Feast" help relieve tears and present some excellent comic relief.

Les Miserables premiered in the United States at the Kennedy Center in December, 1986 and opened on Broadway March 12, 1987. This musical has been seen by over 38 million people in more than 23,000 performances worldwide.

The \$4.2 million production coming to Providence is one of the most costly and elaborate Broadway shows ever mounted for touring and replicates the Broadway production in its entirety. This production has set numerous attendance records, selling out in virtually every city it has visited.

The singing and dancing barn

Donna Zakszewski
Staff Writer

The Performing Arts Center proudly invites you to come visit the barn to see RWU performances. The fall event schedule is packed with entertainment. The first main series play was *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel, directed by Peter Wright. It was chosen as a senior class project by Jennifer Forcino.

"Jenn really played the part and did a good job," said Christine McCartney, who was also in the play. "Each night at rehearsal they got progressively better."

It was a tribute to the spirit and valor of the past and its people. All 7 actors and actresses worked hard to entertain the audience, especially the parents during parent's weekend.

The next upcoming play is *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams, directed by William

Grandgeorge. It opens November 15th - 23rd. This play is classic of the modern American Theater, a memory play, a poet at bay in a soulless St. Louis society.

Doing a Good One for the Red Man is a one-act play by Mark Medoff, directed by Lorna Susi. It underlines a biting condemnation of our infamous treatment of the American Indian. It will be taking place on December 6th.

Also on December 6th another one-act play is *For Whom the*

Southern Belle Tolls by Christopher Durang, directed by Amanda McDonald. It's like William's *Glass Menagerie* turned upside down:

For the music lovers the fall musical is *The No Frills Revue* by Martin Chamin, directed by Dianne Crowell. This wacky musical revue makes fun of the world today as we know it. Plays are not all that is going on in the Performing Arts Center there is also the dancing series. The dance club

concert is choreographed and performed by dance club students. On December 12th 13th 14th the RWU Dance Theater presents new innovative works with choreography by faculty members and guests artists. This show will feature Heidi Henderson of the BeBe Miller Dance Company of New York City.

For reservations or more information on the Performing Arts Center just contact the barn at x 3620.

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The AIDS Quilt in Washington

Kelly Scafariello
Staff Writer

In the US, AIDS is the leading cause of death of Americans aged 25-44, an estimated 650,000 to 900,000 Americans are infected with HIV, (Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus), about 70 percent don't even know they have it, and more than 311,000 Americans have died of AIDS-related complications.

In Rhode Island there are 2,585 cases of HIV positive test reports. R.I. has the ninth highest percentage of women with AIDS in the country and the 16th highest AIDS caseload in the US. Over 1,466 people have been diagnosed with AIDS and of those diagnosed, 828 have died.

Internationally, more than 22 million people are already infected and by the year 2000, between 30 and 40 million people will be infected with HIV.

In 1987, families, lovers, and friends in home and community centers who knew someone who has died of this disease decided to do something to represent the loss and increase public awareness. This was when the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt started.

The Quilt advocates for a reasoned and humane response to the epidemic, and demands action

from our nation's leaders to bring people's dying to an end. The Quilt contains 45,000 memorial panels that show the names of people who have lost the battle to AIDS. The Quilt is 30 football fields of fabric.

On October 11-13, the Quilt was shown in its entirety for the last time in Washington, D.C. There were 70,000 names read, unbroken for three days by 2,000 readers. Some of the readers were celebrities, educators, people with AIDS and family members who took turns at the podium. Over 10,000 volunteers participated in the three-day display to help with the unfolding of the Quilt.

The Quilt covered over 26 miles of walkway fabric which allowed people to get closer to each memorial panel. The planning to show the Quilt on Columbus Day weekend began a year and a half in advance. The NAMES Project Foundation which helped put together the Quilt, has 40 U.S. chapters and seven regional display committees that worked closely with the San Francisco NAMES Project to recruit and train volunteers and help raise \$1 million dollars to make the display happen. Even though the three day event attracted a great deal of public attention, the Quilt was a year long campaign of national aware-

ness and education. When Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education heard, about the Quilt presentation, she wanted our campus to get involved. Darmody contacted the DDC, Dean's Diversity Counsel, which was started by Karen Haskell, Dean of Students. "The DDC is the Women's Center, Hillel, Christian Fellowship, MSU, LGBA, International Club and the Newman Club combined to work on the theme - human respect," said Haskell.

With the help of the DDC, the students at RWU were given the

opportunity to view the Quilt. Thirty-six students attended the trip along with three chaperones - Tony Montefusco, Donna Darmody, and Terri Ward.

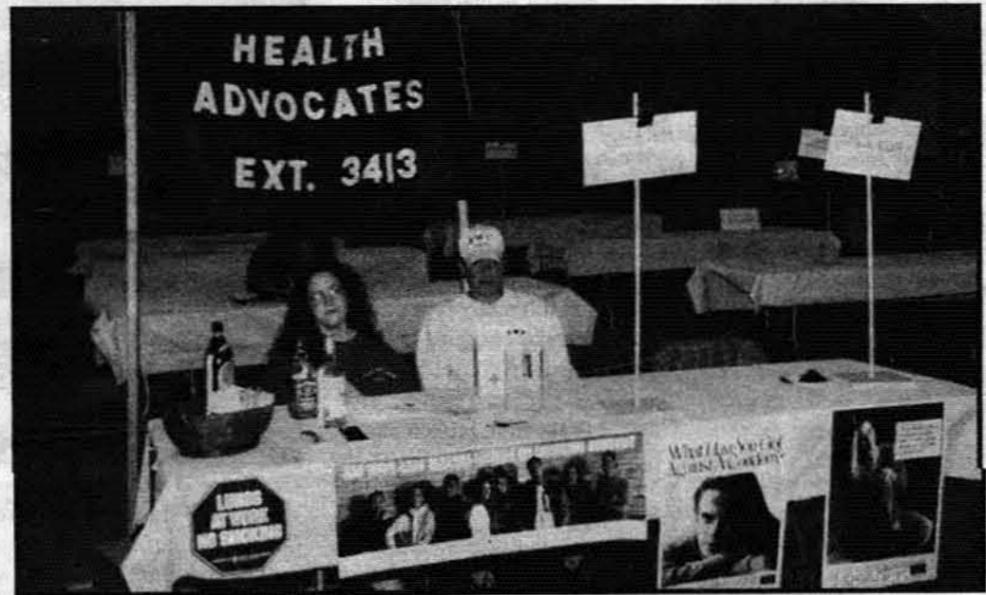
"This is a major experience for the students," said Darmody. "It will be a reality which hopefully they can share what they learned to others on return from the trip."

The students who went on the trip were trained before-hand. The students learned the unfolding and folding of the quilt, also a discussion session was offered for support to learn how to cope and deal

with this reality.

For students that wanted to attend but couldn't, in December, a few panels from the Quilt will be brought to the RWU campus. The panels will hang from the library foyer. "This was done last year, and everyone stopped to look at them - reality hit," said Haskell.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the Quilt contact: The NAMES Project 401-847-7637. If you need or want an HIV test, Health Services offers a confidential test for only \$15. Call them at x3156.



Health Advocates work to raise awareness and to inform people about worldly health-related issues.

Student Services Update

David A. Gingerella, Director of Student Services (401) 254-3520; October 3, 1996

IN THE NEWS:

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO USE TELEPHONE REGISTRATION TO SELECT CLASSES FOR SPRING 1997:

You can register for your Spring 1997 classes beginning on October 24th. You will need to meet with your advisor and receive financial clearance from the Bursar's office prior to your registration date.

After you meet with your advisor and receive financial clearance, you will be issued a 5 digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) for telephone registration (TREG). Instructions on how to use TREG are included with Spring schedule packets. The packets are available from the department secretaries or from the Registrar's office. In person registration begins on November 4th at the Registrar's office.

STUDENTS MUST GET FINANCIAL CLEARANCE :

You will need financial clearance in order to register for Spring and Intersession classes. Only students that have paid their Fall bill in full, have outstanding financial aid or loans to cover their balance or have made payment arrangements with the Bursar's office will receive financial clearance.

If you are not sure if you qualify for financial clearance, you should contact the Bursar's office at (401) 254-3520 between 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. We will be glad to answer your questions.

1997/98 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 1997:

It is never too early to begin planning for next year!

The Financial Aid Office will be sending 1997/98 Renewal Applications to all Financial Aid students in early December.

It is **extremely important** that families return the application prior to the March 1st deadline.

To insure that the application is received by the processor on time, it should be completed and mailed no later than February 15th. **Do not send the applications back to the University or use overnight or registered mail. First class mail should be used.**

Contact the Financial Aid office at 1-800-458-7144 ext.3100 if you have any questions.

SPRING SCHEDULE INCLUDES SATURDAY CLASSES.

This Spring the University will be offering several Saturday classes. You should check them out! Taking a Saturday class can reduce your weekday load, or take a lab on the week-end instead of during the week. Registration for Saturday classes can be done through TREG.

WINTER INTERSESSION

The Winter Intersession schedule has been completed. We have added classes and, in fact, for the first time will be offering classes from all four Schools as well as Gen Ed and Core Classes!

You may stay in your resident hall room at a cost of only \$100 for the entire month, (\$150 for Bayside residents). The full meal plan (three meals per day, 2 meals on weekends) is \$425. The tuition for a three-credit course is only \$420.

INTERSESSION IS MORE THAN TAKING CLASSES!

Intersession is a great way for you to reduce your course load, and it gives you the opportunity to get individual attention from instructors. In addition, the men's basketball, wrestling and hockey teams, and the women's basketball team will play several home games on campus.

Intramural athletic games will also be held, Dining Services is planning special dinners, and Student Activities has planned a number of programs. **We strongly recommend that you take advantage of the Intersession.** Intersession class schedules are included with the Spring schedules.

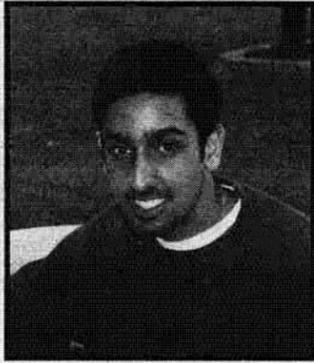
All the presidents men, and a woman

A glimpse into the lives of the Class Presidents

Elizabeth Stefanow
Staff Writer



Lisa Hickey: Freshman Class President. Hickey, originally from Somerville, Mass., is excited about working with the smallest freshman class ever. "I want to be a positive voice and welcoming spirit for the class of 2000," said Hickey. The Freshman Class traditionally co-sponsors the Valentine's Day Dance with the Sophomore Class. Along with being President, Hickey also promotes school spirit as an RWU cheerleader. A Communications major and DSL work study, Hickey has a lot of personality and energy and should be a strong leader for the Class of 2000.



Romey Sabnani: This year's Sophomore Class President is Romey Sabnani, from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Sabnani is honored to be elected, he feels that his friendly and outgoing personality have helped him get elected. The Sophomore Class plans to hold a Valentine's Dance and also a voluntary work program to rake leaves at the Veterans Home in Bristol. Besides being the Class President, Sabnani is also a member of the Honor's Program and Multicultural Program. He wants the class to know that he is willing to do whatever he has to do to make this year a successful one. In addition, he is on the dean's list and has been since first semester freshmen year.

"I am looking to make big changes for the sophomore class this year and to improve for the better of the class." He also states that "He's grateful to the other officers of the sophomore class who have been very supportive."



Charles Booth: For the past three years, Charles Booth from Wrentham, Mass., has been the Class President for the Class of 1998. Booth feels that his hard work and dedication to his class helped him get reelected. Besides being a marketing major and the Class President, Booth is also involved in rugby, crew and serves as a student Ambassador. What are some things that the Junior Class has to look forward to this year? The Snowball Dance, which is predicted to have a large turnout, a Faculty Jail in which faculty members will have to be bailed out, and an organized trip to Les Mis at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Some advice that Booth would like to lend to the Junior Class is to get involved and give suggestions to help make the year more beneficial for the class.



Josh Mitchell: has been President of the Class of 1997 for the last four years. Mitchell, a Communications major from Hingham, Mass., is extremely enthusiastic about Senior year. "We have a great chemistry, a lot of ideas, and the ability to make this year unforgettable," said Mitchell. The Senior Class has tons of events already planned. On October 19th from 1-5 p.m. behind the Student Union, they're celebrating the annual Oktoberfest. After that, Spring Break is their main concentration and then the Commencement Ball, which is being held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Aside from being president, Mitchell is involved in a number of other organizations on campus. "We wanna pack places with our events," said Mitchell. "We want people to enjoy themselves, this is it - the last year to totally just live it up."

Classes

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well I can't let them. I can't imagine if every faculty member said they only wanted to teach 15 people I would have to double the number of faculty that we have," said Santoro.

David Gingerella, the Director of Student Services, believes that the administration is looking out for the student's best interests.

"Our intent is to have as many full-time instructors teach as many of the classes at the most convenient time for the students as possible because they're our best instructors; they're the most accessible for the students and that's what students pay for," said Gingerella.

The faculty at RWU have a course load of four classes, therefore if two sections of the same class are open and the faculty member already has their course-load for the semester, the university would have to hire someone else to teach the course, which costs the university more money.

"What I want to do is bring that average up higher because I can effect savings by doing that and the money will go towards reducing the cost of education," said Santoro.

Students, faculty and administrators seem to have different views on how large classes

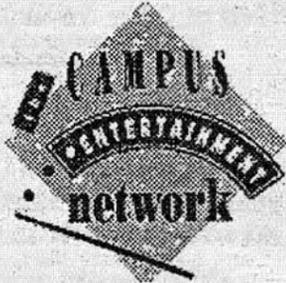
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C.E.N *n.*

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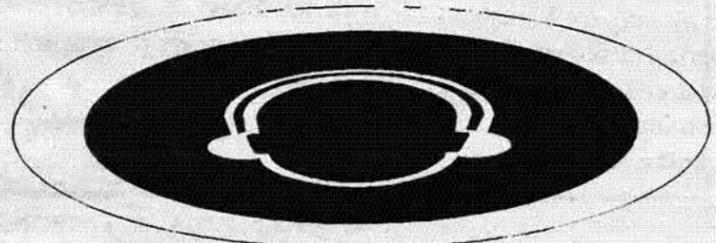
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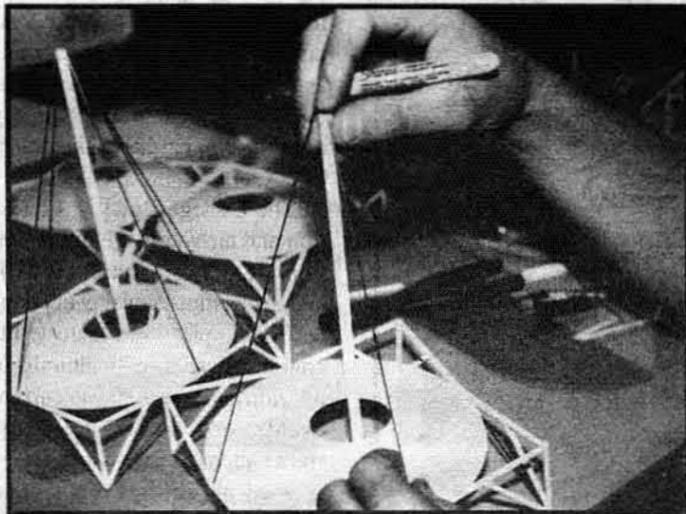
Recent architecture graduate finds success

Public Relations

Typically, college graduates spend years toiling in obscurity before realizing career success. However, Karl Daubman, of Warwick, R.I., is far from typical, as demonstrated by his selection as sole winner of the highly prestigious Renzo Piano Building Workshop competition.

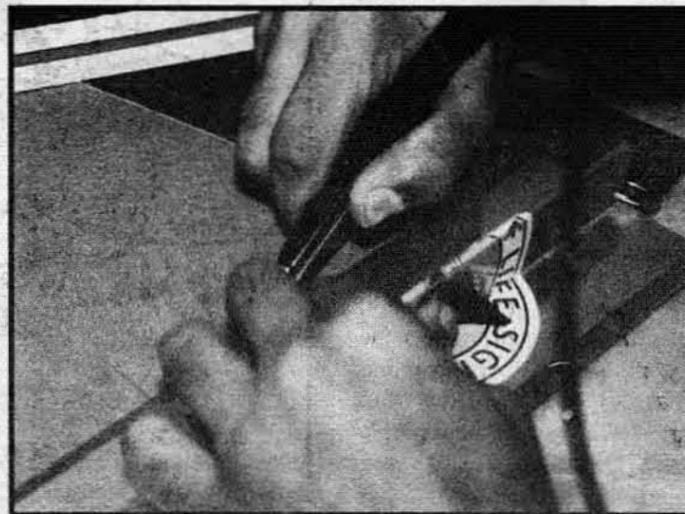
A 1995 graduate of the School of Architecture, Daubman was the top choice from among hundreds of young architects throughout the world submitting entries into this competition.

He calls his honor a "great opportunity" and is quick to give credit to his alma mater in preparing him for this significant achievement.



Daubman will gain select professional experience by working over a six-month period with Italy's Renzo Piano, one of the world's leading and most influential architects. Among his many respected achievements, Piano designed the Pompidou

Center in Paris and, most recently, Kansai Airport in Japan. Daubman was awarded a \$10,000 stipend for living expenses during his tenure with Piano's firm. Daubman's good fortune means good news to the university, according to Dean



Raj Saksena.

"It says that we've arrived," Saksena said. "It is a clear indication that our architecture program is gaining worldwide recognition for educating young people who possess the comprehensive, skills and expertise nec-

essary to realize their full career potential."

Recently employed at Boston, Mass. based firm of Amsler, Woodhouse and MacLean, Daubman left on September 25 to begin his term with the Renzo Piano Building Workshop.

Are you thinking of going to law school?

The 1996 Law Forum, a free law school recruitment program sponsored by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and participating law schools, is coming to Boston this fall. More than 110 law schools from across the country will be represented at the Boston forum at the Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington

Avenue, from Friday, November 1 through Saturday, November 2.

Every year, thousands of prospective law students take advantage of this program as an opportunity to do some one-stop shopping for the right law school. At the forum, students are encouraged to talk with law

school representatives about what their law schools have to offer. They can ask about specific admission criteria and get firsthand advice. Students can pick up any admission materials, including catalogs and application forms.

Students are encouraged to attend information sessions pre-

sented by a live panel of experts on the admission process, financial aid, and issues of importance to minority applicants. Videos covering everything from what you need to know to apply to law school, to what you can do with a law degree will be shown throughout the weekend. Students may also purchase LSAC

publications, including LSAT preparation materials.

The Law School Forums are held every year in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Boston, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC. For more information the forums, call (215) 968-1001 or visit <http://www.lsac.org> on the Internet.

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Board is mandatory for those students residing in Resident Halls and is optional for Bayside.

Applications are available at the Department of Student Life.

Housing Applications must be completed and approved by the Department of Student Life. Please come to the Office to pick up your application.

INTERSESSION CHECK-IN is at NOON on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1997.

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SHOOTING SUPERSTARS - THE COLLEGE BOWL

Donna Zakszewski
Staff Writer

Part I

The point guard catches the ball, he shoots, it goes in, and the crowd goes wild!! This is how Team Bayside went home with a victory at the Superstars basketball tournament - total teamwork.

Over 300 people came to the event either playing or just watching and cheering with spirit. There were more people than expected which made it even more fun. The referees consisted of members of the Women's and Men's Basketball Teams including Melanie Hendsbee, a staff Devo member, Mike Brown, Becca Collins, Sue Pasqual, Keith Manuel, and Rob Sewell.

"This being my senior year I was very excited to see resident involvement, because over my past four years living in the residence halls, I've never seen such unity development within all the units," said Collins.

"I want to give a huge thanks to all the helpers and participants in everything so far," said Terry Ward, Associate Director of Student Life.

The new goal of some of the teams is to get on the "good side" of the travel-board with the updated places. The "good side" of the board is the side facing the



entrance to the Center for Student Development. It's better than walking around the board to see a team's name.

Stay tuned on the upcoming events. For example, the Brown Bag Lunch series on Wednesday the 16th, should be less aggressive than basketball, but still worth points. Then comes the academic side with the College Bowl starting on the 20th. Also in that week on the 21st is the make your favorite recipe. Don't let your team give up because there are still loads of points to

be won.

Part II

The RWU College Bowl wants to pick your brain!! The first ever RWU participation in the National College Bowl is happening next week. RWU's College Bowl is a combined event with the Campus Entertainment Network's (CEN) "It Could Be Anything" and the close race of Superstars. There are only 26 teams from Superstars and Justin Camputaro, the Chair of the "It Could Be Anything Committee" is looking for

other teams outside of Superstars to participate. This is more inclusive of commuters on campus as well. There is a limited number of spaces and time is running out so if you have a team contact Justin at x3248 in the CEN office.

The College Bowl is a question and answer game of general knowledge and quick recall. Game questions cover every conceivable topic, from history, literature, science, multiculturalism, religion and geography to current events, arts, social sciences, sports and popular culture.

The College Bowl was brought to us from the Association of College Unions International (ACUI). It officially began inter-collegiate competition in 1977. It was first on the radio then on television. The College Bowl was entered in the Congressional Records as "TV entertainment at it's best." It successfully combines entertainment and academics into a popular game. The players, the audience, and the whole school can benefit from the College Bowl program.

"I used to watch the College Bowl on TV and I feel it is a terrific idea to have it here at RWU," said Karen Haskell, Dean of Students.

"We have never done this before at RWU, it's a unique type of programming...we hope it will be a good turn out with the resi-

dents," said Staff Devo member Jeffrey Kaine

"We would like to see it become a tradition here, it has a nice base with superstars, and next year students will be familiar with it," said Mary Ann Quinn, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

This event is one of the biggest. It takes place over four days. The first three days are the elimination rounds. Then after the finals the winning team and other chosen stars will form a varsity squad consisting of eight members.

"It's not just the smartest team that necessary will be the winners - it's the team that works the hardest together. The College Bowl is a good way to build enthusiasm," said Staff Devo member Kim Berger.

The varsity squad will proceed to the regionals in February where they will compete with others worldwide to determine who will go to the nationals.

"I'm looking forward to having great competition here, so our varsity squad can kick ass at the regional," said Camputaro.

This is a great way to get more points for Superstars, for each round a team makes it to they get 1500 points. Put on your thinking caps and get your hands ready to hit those buzzers as you scream the correct answers.

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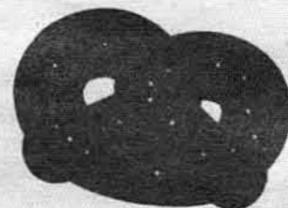
Top 10 reasons why to go to Oktoberfest



Drinks!!!

10. If you don't go, who am I gonna throw up on?
9. No one goes to Gillary's during the day, we'll go afterwards.
8. You're gonna graduate in May; might as well get drunk now.
7. You're too old to go trick or treating.
6. We had such a good time at Septemberfest.
5. You're Irish, and if you don't go, a drunk little leprechaun is gonna appear and hit you over the head with a bottle.
4. We're filming a new movie, it's called: "GULP FICTION."
3. I'll buy you one, if you buy me one.
2. What else are you gonna do on a Saturday? Do homework? Yeah, okay!
1. Good music, good food, and good friends. Bullcrap! There's gonna be alcohol there.

Food!!!



October 19, 1-5 p.m.

\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

Positive ID required.

RWU HEALTH WATCH!!!!

Did you know?

Generations of drinkers have passed along numbers of folk cures for hangovers, but none of them can actually prevent hangovers. To reduce hangovers, drink slower. Space your drinks out so that you metabolize the alcohol. Avoid whiskey and other dark liquor and stick to clear liquids like vodka. Dark liquor gets their color and flavor from a substance called congeners, which adds to hangovers. Drinking often triggers the dehydrating effect, so try drinking a large glass of water or fruit juice before going to bed and again in the morning. This replenishes lost fluids. Don't take Tylenol or Advil if you have been drinking because it could damage your liver. Aspirin, coffee, and a cold shower may help your hangover, but the best remedy is time.

Any student concerned about alcohol abuse may call the Health Educator @ x3413

Compiled by Sarah Lizotte

McDonalds

"Modern Menu"

Best Bets:

- *Mcgrilled Chicken Classic
(450 cal, 11 gm fat)
- *McLean Deluxe
(420 cal, 15 gm fat)
- *Chunky Chicken Salad
(420 cal, 15 gm fat)

Worst Bets:

- *Quarter pounder w/cheese
- *Big Mac
- *McChicken sandwich
- *Chef salad
- *Quarter pounder

Um, Yummy!

FUN FACTS...

The average American opens and shuts the fridge 22 times a day.

When you're really, really stressed, exercise. It gets your mind away from your problems.

The average American spends 72 minutes outdoors each day. The rest of the time is spent inside buildings or cars.

When you crave junk-food, try a healthy substitute like Cheerios or Quaker Oats.

The next time you get stressed list 10 things you've enjoyed doing the last month, then focus on them.

Yo-Yo Dieters more depressed

Yo-yo dieting may be hazardous to your health as well as to your physical well-being. People who regain weight feel bad about themselves, so their self-esteem suffers and their depression worsens. The key to weight maintenance is changing your lifestyle, not constant dieting.

"Mary-moe, she's a vegetarian"

Kara Boone
Staff Writer

There is no such thing as simple vegetarianism anymore. It used to be, "I am a vegetarian, I don't eat meat." Now there are different levels of vegetarianism? Between vegans, lactovegetarians, and lacto-ovo-vegetarianism, a person could go crazy figuring out the difference.

Veganism is the strictest form of vegetarianism. These people exclude all animal products, including dairy foods, from their diet. However, vegans have the

most trouble consuming all the necessary nutrients. Most Americans get calcium and vitamin D from milk, but vegans may substitute Soy milk fortified with these nutrients as well as B12 for cow milk. A lactovegetarian allows dairy products but excludes meat, fish, poultry, and eggs. A lacto-ovo-vegetarian's diet excludes meat, fish, and poultry but includes eggs and dairy products.

Besides the ethical reasons for being vegetarian it is one of the healthiest diets. Vegetarians have lower rates of heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure and may

even relieve the symptoms of arthritis. As stated in the January 6, 1996 issue of *Science News*, "300,000 people in the U.S. die each year as a result of poor diet." In general, those who eat a vegetarian diet, weigh less.

Statistics have shown that 12 percent of students on all college campuses are vegetarian, and that number is climbing. RWU is not an exception. Students have requested more non-meat dishes at the Dining Hall, and an effort to meet these request is being made.

"We experiment weekly with a new salad, most being vegetar-

ian," said Ben Colafrancesco, Dining Hall Manager. "We realize there is a demand for more vegetarian dishes and we want to please everyone." Colafrancesco insists that "feedback is important. Let us know what you like, don't like. Bring in recipes from home."

When asked, one particular RWU vegetarian student stated his disappointment with the vegetarian choices. "Besides salads, they don't really serve any other foods," said Romey Sabnani. "I have the lunch only program and they serve the veggie burger in place of the chicken burger, but

there should be other choices. For example, one day they had chicken quesallas. Would it have been that hard for them to make up some vegetarian quesallas?"

Colafrancesco wants to stress that he and his staff are not overlooking the vegetarian population. He's willing to listen to the concerns of any student and their frustrations with the food service. Enter the napkin board. Students are given the opportunity to place both positive and negative comments on a bulletin board to the right of the door to the Dining Hall as they are leaving.

Circumcision causes a loss of sexual sensation

Circumcision, the surgical removal of the foreskin of the penis, developed into a routine practice in the U.S. in the twentieth century. The U.S. is the only Western nation to practice routine, non-religious infant circumcision, where roughly 55 percent of baby boys are still forced to undergo this painful surgery, done usually without anesthesia and always without the infants consent. Worldwide, 85 per- cent of males are NOT circumcised.

In 1971 and 1975 the

American Academy of Pediatrics concluded that there are "no valid medical indications for circumcision" of the newborn. In 1978 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists endorsed this position, as has the American Academy of Family Physicians, the College of Pediatrics Urologists, and the Canadian Paediatric Society. Thomas J. Ritter, M.D., in his book *Say No to Circumcision!* (hourglass Book Publishing, 1992), details forty compelling reasons

why circumcision is not in a child's best interest.

Routine circumcision adds \$240 million/year needlessly to burgeoning medical costs, and it is not risk-free. The complications are numerous, and can be tragic! Circumcision also causes a loss of some sexual sensations and function. For the uncircumcised male and his female partner, the foreskin enhances sexual pleasure.

Some men who were circumcised as infants and wish

they had been left intact have undergone surgical and non-surgical foreskin restoration techniques. The book *The Joy of Uncircumcising: Restore Your Birthright and Maximize Sexual Pleasure* by Jim Bigelow, Ph. D. (Hourglass Book Publishing, 1992) describes these techniques, and can be ordered at most bookstores. The best solution ultimately, however, is to NOT circumcise infants in the first place!

Where as million of males

in this country are subject to genital mutilation by routine infant circumcision, millions of females in Africa, parts of Asia, and many Islamic countries are subject to genital mutilation by female circumcision, excision, and infibulation. Procedures run the gamut from removing only the clitoris or clitoral hood to removal of a major portion of the vulva and closing of the vagina, with only a small opening left to permit passage of urine and menstrual blood.

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