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New Technology Partnership Between RWU and COLLEGIS, Inc.

By Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg, Editor, with Heath Marell, Contributing Writer

Roger Williams University has joined forces with COLLEGIS, Inc., an information technology firm. Together, RWU and COLLEGIS will manage the University's information technology, telecommunications, multimedia and computer-related operations.

COLLEGIS, founded in 1986, is the leading provider of technology solutions to colleges and universities throughout the United States. The company provides "onsite information management expertise to handle all facets of an institution's administrative, academic and communications technology functions."

COLLEGIS brought a start up team to the RWU campus on October 27, 1999. Shortly thereafter, COLLEGIS professionals began assisting the university in the development of a strategic technology plan.

COLLEGIS is "bringing resources here to help our people," says University Vice President of Finance Thomas Oates. "The University's Information Technology operations and capabilities are critical to its future as an institution of higher learning preparing to enter the 21st century."

According to Peter Wilbur, the Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration at RWU, "We will have access to newer resources we never would have had before."

"We are here to be partners," says Les Daigle, Executive Director of the Technical Services Division of

COLLEGIS, and the COLLEGIS representative on campus. Daigle says people will notice many enhancements to Academic computing here at RWU. They would like to develop the idea of online classes, and are working with the Dean's Council to further this idea. "We will pool our resources," says Daigle. "COLLEGIS has technical, network and helpdesk specialists." They can also help the university save money on new computers and technology. COLLEGIS has connections with many technology companies and they can get a better deal on equipment than the university can by itself.

The University's system has been tested, and it is Y2K compliant. COLLEGIS has reviewed the Y2K plans that have been in place, and they "will be here" should any unforeseen problems arise.

The RWU/COLLEGIS partnership will enable the University to more efficiently and cost-effectively address many Information Technology concerns and plan accordingly for the future. COLLEGIS is developing strategic planning with RWU to help them determine where the University wants to be in the future with technology.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vice President Oates at extension 3233, Associate Vice President Peter Wilbur at extension 3365, or COLLEGIS Executive Director Les Daigle at extension 3148.

University working on expansion of Student Union

By Kristin Pinkerton, Contributing Writing

A proposal for expanding the existing Student Union would triple its size while adding a multipurpose room, a fixed seating auditorium, a ballroom, and a presidential dining hall, according to school officials.

The renovation could start as early as Spring of 2000, with a completion date of Fall 2001. The cost of the expansion could range from \$6 to \$8 million, funding for the project has not yet been determined. The university is currently deciding whether or not to use bond money or hold a capital campaign, asking outside donors for money for a specific cause.

The problems of overcrowding are apparent in the existing union, with long lunch lines and lack of seating in the dining hall, lack of seating in the snack bar, and a cramped bookstore.

The subject of the student union had been a "top priority, but had been before the increase in enrollment," said Michael Cunningham, Assistant Dean of Students. "It's just a matter of pulling it together and raising the capital."

"The lines at lunch are ridiculous," said sophomore Pam Brannock, "I only have a half an hour for lunch and it takes 15 minutes to get into the dining hall and another 10 minutes to get food leaving me with five minutes to eat and get to class."

The existing union was designed when there were only two residents halls and a much smaller student body. The plans for the new union include offices for the International Center, Multicultural Affairs, the Honors Program. The International Center and the Honors Program suite is currently located in Maple Hall, if they move to the Union the space will be converted into residence halls. Multicultural Affairs has two offices presently in the Center for Student Development and according to Cunningham he will have no problems filling the space. The student union will also under go a name change after the expansion and become the "Campus Center" or "University Center."

The Union has been a project for over a year now. Last December a team of administrators visited universities and colleges that are similar in size to Roger Williams and toured their student unions. After visiting several schools a report was sent to President Santoro in January. The president then requested an updated report in August and met with three to four architects and discussed preliminary plans. The president was not happy with the plans and the architect was changed. The new architect has developed concept plans and has worked with the university on the CEED building and the School of Engineering. According to Cunningham, the president is now happy with the concept plans.

"The design, is three times the size of the current building," said Cunningham, "It's a dramatic expansion, to the point where you won't even recognize the facility." Plans have been developed and the proposed date for breaking ground is spring of 2000, but they have yet to figure if the Student Union will be open during construction.

Student Senate ponders establishment of social fraternities at RWU

By Kerry McLean, Student Senate Press Secretary

Five years ago the idea of a fraternity on campus was brought to the Student Senate table and was rejected. This year the idea has returned to the Student Senate chambers and has created much debate. Freshman Brian Mallin proposed his intentions to bring Alpha Tau Omega (America's Leadership Development Fraternity) to campus, gathered a core interest group, and presented to the Senate a PowerPoint presentation outlining the benefits of a Greek social system as follows:

- Fraternities encourage superior scholarship. To be in a fraternity a minimum G.P.A. will be required.
- Fraternities increase the chances of graduating.
- Fraternities inspire high standards of conduct, good citizenship and school pride. Fraternities are required to do volunteer projects for the school and community.
- Fraternities inspire a sense of belonging. "Brotherhood is the foundation of the fraternity experience. Brotherhood combines the concept of individualism within the frame work of mutual cooperation."
- Fraternities develop leadership abilities. 85% of all Fortune 500 executives, 80% of all Presidents since 1900, 52% of current Senators are from fraternities.
- Fraternities provide social events for the entire campus.

For the last two weeks the Senate has debated the issue. Some Senators have expressed concerns about the behavior in fraternities while proponents fight the stereotypes of fraternities. "My boyfriend is very upset when people stereotype fraternities because he graduated from [school in a] fraternity," commented a senator.

"I came to Roger Williams because it had no fraternities," said a non-senator.

To make a more informed decision Tony Montefusco, who founded a fraternity at his school, and Michael Cunningham will speak to the Senate of the benefits, drawbacks and technicalities of bringing a fraternity, possibly followed by a sorority, to campus.

Senate can only pass a resolution declaring student support or non-support for a Greek system on campus. Traditionally, they only provide funding to groups that do not have membership restrictions and social fraternities clearly do not meet this standard.

Senate would like to encourage students concerned with this issue to voice their opinions to their Senator or attend a Senate meeting on Mondays at 6:30 in the Senate Chambers (next to the Snack Bar).

This article submitted by the Student Senate. Any questions should be addressed by calling x3312.

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You can reach us at x3229 or by leaving a note in the *HE* mailbox in the Department of Student Activities.

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Letter to the Editor

The Student Senate would like to clarify and reaffirm its position on a few issues from the Volume 10, Issue 4 edition of *The Hawk's Eye*. This issue contained two articles with misleading and incorrect information having to do with the Student Senate.

The article entitled "Five Elected to Student Senate" mentioned "the club for the Architecture", otherwise known as AIAS (American Institute of Architectural Students). This club was reported as having a \$10,000 budget. This information is false, and was not verified with any member of the Student Senate before being printed in *The Hawk's Eye*. Furthermore, the article took great pains to criticize the advertising the Senate did for the election, but only spoke to those who had run in the election about the advertising. Clearly, Senators who were a part of the organization during the election would have been a much better source as to what advertising was done for the elections. Unfortunately, none of their comments were used. To clarify, posters and fliers were displayed around campus, a banner was put up in the Student Union, letters were sent to approximately fifty students who were identified as strong potential candidates, and Senators sat at a table in the Student Union and handed out application forms in an effort to encourage people to run in the election.

The Senate also felt misrepresented in the article entitled "Confederate Symbols Under Fire" and would like to reaffirm its position on the Confederate flag being displayed on campus. The article stated that "the Student Senate considers this an issue of free expression". This is also completely inaccurate. The Student Senate had passed a resolution on the Confederate flag issue and had given a copy of that resolution to *The Hawk's Eye* prior to the article being published. Neither that resolution, nor any member of the Senate were consulted about Senate's position before that statement was included in the article. The resolution that does clearly state the opinion of the Senate is as follows:

"We, the Roger Williams University Student Senate, resolve that the removal of all representations of the Confederate flag from the Roger Williams University campus will be a decision made in ill haste.

It is our feeling that the student body should be free from censorship of symbols representing their state heritage. Roger Williams University is a community based on a diverse foundation and every aspect should be represented and recognized.

The Confederate flag depicts a different era in the history of the United States that should not be forgotten. To ban this flag would be to eradicate the lessons learned from this time period in history; no action taken now can change the events of the past.

If we were to remove the state flags of Georgia and Mississippi from our campus, we would be dividing the unity of these states brought together to form one nation. There is no justification for the removal of a state's adopted emblem simply because it contains an image that some people perceive as hateful and discriminatory. Many people today display the Confederate flag as symbol of their southern roots and heritage, not as a symbol of racism and hatred.

Therefore, the Student Senate resolves to support the United States of America as one nation united; instead of closing our eyes on the past, we look to learn from it instead".

On October 27, 1999, the Student Senate approved and distributed this resolution to President Anthony Santoro, Executive Vice President Joe Hagan, Dean of Students Karen Haskell, Faculty Senate President Jim Potter, and ACT Committee Chairperson Diane Comiskey as well as *The Hawk's Eye*. In addition, three Senate members represented this resolution at the Multicultural Student Union forum on Sunday, November 7th.

For any further information feel free to contact Senate Press Secretary Kerry McLean at ext. 6354. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

Y2K: The End of the World?

By Becky Steele, Staff Writer

Y2K...what it is about this acronym that strikes fear and paranoia into the hearts of many people these days? If you go to any search engine on the Internet, and type in "Y2K," you'll get thousands of links to sites that are the home pages to companies and individuals selling everything from survival gear to military rations to guns of all varieties. The idea behind having such merchandise readily available is that all computerized systems will go down when the clock strikes midnight on the 31st of next month, and that our friends and neighbors will potentially go loco and try to kill us or steal our food.

But do you think that any of this will *really* happen?

In the year 999 around New Year's Day, there were riots, mass religious-oriented suicides, cults, murders, you name it. Then the year turned to 1000. What happened? Nothing. The world didn't end, Jesus didn't descend from the gates of heaven and declare Judgment Day. It turned out to be just another day, just another year. Folks breathed a sigh of relief and went on with their lives for another thousand years.

Now here we are. For all our technological and social development since then, we now find history shamefully repeating itself. We have mass panic in growing numbers. We have many religious organizations preaching that the end of the world is near. How far *have* we come, really?

Sure, computers may go down. But seeing as how every single major corporation including Microsoft is hastily working on Y2K compliant software in fine capitalist tradition, I don't see potential computer problems lasting longer than a week or two. I'm no computer person, but it seems to me that a lot of people are using technology to cover up the very same type of superstition and paranoia that nearly drove contemporary society to madness a thousand years ago.

If the world is going to end, or if the year 2000

marks the end of society and culture as we call it, our own panic and ignorance would be the cause of it, not some outside, theoretical doomsday prophesy.

Order and civility make a society. Without it, we're no better off than our medieval ancestors and just about as safe. We should therefore welcome the new millennium in an objective light, and if any problems arise, hey, cross that bridge when and if we come to it. We should take the lessons history has taught us to heart, and remember that mass panic is mass anarchy. Our own actions can either save us or destroy us.

Dear Members of the Rainbow Alliance:

Please excuse the crude letter format. I am just bursting with ideas and I need to share them with you. I read your article in *The Hawk's Eye* ("My Perspective: Reviving Stonewall") about a week and a half ago, and my heart went out to you. I became very frustrated with the fact that this campus is on the verge of losing a vital part of its student organizational body and no one seems to care. It bothered me so much that I began to think an awful lot about how to raise awareness and support. Then, last weekend, I attended an RA conference here at RWU. I'm not an RA, I'm a PEER, but I was presenting at the conference. Anyway, I went to a program there called "Residence Halls have Closets Too," and it was wonderful! I brought back an idea that I would love to share with the group. And, I hope it would be ok if I were to join the club even though I'm straight. My boyfriend is also interested in helping out. Please let me know when and where your meetings are and whether or not you would like me to attend.

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Thank you,
Kristy Neveu
PEER - Willow Hall

Stop Counting Pennies

Editorial by David Remington, Contributing Writer

It is very unfortunate, nay it is more than unfortunate, it is disturbing and disappointing that this opinion needs to be forwarded in print. It has come to my attention that professors are being monitored and restricted in their ability to make copies on campus. Why?

This is actually a rhetorical question because I'm neither concerned nor do I desire a response from any official at Roger Williams. I don't care why because the issue is indefensible and ridiculous. Students at this institution pay top dollar for an education and the administration is trying to shortchange those students whose majors, minors or core concentrations require extensive copying of non-copyrighted material.

I am most certainly an advocate of environmental awareness, but I feel rather certain that the issue is (as it has been discussed by faculty and staff that I've eavesdropped on) money. Since I have no reason to doubt that the issue is money, let's examine, for a moment, where our money is being spent. I am relatively certain I am not the only member of this community who has noticed that lawn care seems to be one of the top priorities. Then there are the improvements to the Gabelli School, improvements that appear to be mostly cosmetic. Of course, it would be negligent of me not to note the tents that seem to go up and down two or three times per semester for various functions. All of these activities are far more expensive than any number of copies could possibly amount to, yet they add nothing to my educational experience.

Roger Williams University is now ranked fifteenth among 98 northern liberal arts colleges according to this year's U.S. News & World Report. While this is a notable achievement, one needs only to look deeper into the numbers to see that there is a real problem with the allocation of the university's resources. Only 37 of the 98 schools listed have worse freshmen retention rates (70% at RWU) listed in the report and only 42 of them have worse graduation rates (50%). The last telling statistic in the article was that Roger Williams University ranks 60th in alumni giving, a telling sign of either alumni dissatisfaction or decreased earnings, either of which could be the result of the administration's neglect and misguided allocation of the university's financial resources.

I found the most alarming statistic in U.S. News & World Reports rankings to be the financial resources rank at Roger Williams. This statistic measures the average spending per student on instruction, research, and education-related services. How did the administration come up with the number to submit to U.S. News if copies are not a valid instructional, educationally related service to the students? Did the administration calculate lawn care and if so, why weren't we first?

Before anyone gets the idea to tear into the facts of this article, I do not attempt to suggest that I have any more numbers or statistics than I've already stated to back my claims. I will, however, assure you of this, more thought went into this article than went into the administration's actions when they thought to short change us. Let's get real and stop counting the pennies!

Diversity Survey Update

By Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg, Editor

The ACT committee has been meeting to discuss the results of the diversity survey, as well as the Confederate flag issue. They have recently have created a mission statement and defined their goals.

"The mission of the Roger Williams University ACT committee is to build a more diverse and inclusive community, grounded in respective differences, based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, class, marital status, political affiliation and natural origin."

The ACT committee has three goals. One, to see that the diversity survey results and report are acted upon; two, to let the campus know that prejudice will not be tolerated; and three, to increase minority presence substantially.

The results of the diversity survey are on reserve in the library. If you have any questions about the ACT committee or the diversity survey, please contact Diane Comiskey, Co-Chair of the ACT committee at extension 3140, or Dean Karen Haskell at extension 3093.

Are Resident Assistants Cracking Down Too Hard?

An editorial by Brooke Snyder

Cedar Hall, a substance-free dorm, consists of three hundred and twenty freshmen with a few upper-classmen. There are fourteen trained Resident Assistants in Cedar Hall. The hard-working, devoted Resident Assistants team is made up of Frank Maenza, first floor; Sengdara Phongsavan, second floor; Danielle Paquin; second floor; Chuck Stanley, Head Resident Assistant, second floor; Carl Palamaccio, third floor; Heather Woodyard, third floor; Allison Meyer, third floor; Kyle Bamrick, third floor; Jeff Ball, fourth floor; Sara Dumas, fourth floor; Mary Hebert, fourth floor; Lynn Turcotte, fourth floor; Jim Seward, fifth floor, and Liz Rapoza, fifth floor. The Resident Assistants' job is to accommodate students' needs and to make sure that the students are safe. Safety has always been a primary concern for each Resident Assistant in Cedar Hall. After interviewing five of the fourteen Resident Assistants, one Resident Assistant, Mary Hebert defends herself as well as the other RA's. "It is not a matter of being strict. We don't make up the rules, we simply enforce them."

The common rules and regulations are well enforced in Cedar Hall; however, some of the residents do not always abide by these rules. Do you think that the Resident Assistants are being "too strict?" For example, quiet hours are ten o'clock at night on weekdays and 12:30 at night on weekends. Does anyone sleep in Cedar Hall anyway, and if so, when? It is a well-known fact that residents living on campus, especially living in Cedar Hall, begin their weekend on a Thursday night after quiet hours. Resident Assistants are not being too harsh on their residents by warning them to be quiet or documenting them if they are out of hand, they're simply enforcing the rules. Liz Rapoza states, "There are too many warnings for quiet hours and I will not think twice about writing them up. No questions asked."

People must understand that you only get what you accept. If the Resident Assistant is submissive to rudeness from their resident, then the Resident Assistant shouldn't expect anything more than disrespect. Carl Palamaccio says, "You have to give respect to get respect, plain and simple." Liz Rapoza feels that she has an equal understanding between herself and her residents. Since Cedar Hall is a substance-free dorm, the "bag check" every night annoys residents traveling through the doors. Students don't realize that the "bag check" is for their own safety. Let's just say that a gun in an unchecked bag came through Cedar Hall, how would that make you feel? The next time you roll your eyes

when dealing with the "bag check," instead, you should thank your lucky stars that Resident Assistants around you are looking out for your well-being. Living in Cedar Hall, one must understand that it is living in a community, in which the rules apply to everyone residing. Pets, cinderblocks, and candles can prove to be useful to you, but can be a detriment to others around you. Loud musical instruments such as amplifiers and drums are not allowed, but according to Chuck Stanley some people still have them. The seemingly overwhelming rules appear somewhat meaningless, but the rules do in fact serve a purpose.

To clarify, the term "documented," "written up," or given an "IRF" (Incident Report Form), all means the same thing. Chuck Stanley brings up a good point when saying, "people assume being written up is negative, but it is not. People don't realize that it entails more than just an issue of misbehavior; it serves as an aid for those who are dealing with mental issues and insecurities. When Resident Assistants have to face issues of misbehavior such as loudness and rudeness, they are documenting the person's actions, and not doing it out of reasons of dislike or not. Sara Dumas stated, "There are no Resident Assistants out to get their residents. Documenting is a matter of safety."

Recently, there was a Health and Safety check in Cedar Hall. Two Resident Assistants from each floor conducted a room-to-room check so that all residents are living in a safe environment. Sara Dumas and Jeff Ball confiscated what seemed to be a small "bar," containing approximately thirty empty bottles, out of one room from the fourth floor. If the Resident Assistants happen to see items that go against the rules, they have no choice but to confiscate them. In the beginning of the year, each student was given a sheet containing a list of items that were not allowed. Is it too much to ask to just not have these items in view, or to just not have them at all, especially if you are given advanced notice?

If there is a conflict of interest between you and your Resident Assistant, there are options. Since there are numerous Resident Assistants living among you, you can talk to anyone of them. Chuck Stanley, the Head Resident Assistant, is always available as well as Kurk Sanger, the C.O.R.E of Cedar Hall. Wherever you go there will always be rules to follow, there will always be someone there to tell you no. Let's face it, rules and regulations are unavoidable. Remember, as long as you respect the ones enforcing the rules, you will be respected in return.

I would like to express my sincere apologies to both the Student Senate and Megan Pratt. In last week's issue of the Hawk's Eye, Megan quoted me on the level of funding the AIAS receives from the Senate. The information I offered Megan was incorrect and I apologize for any confusion the quote may have caused.

Steven Morgenweck
Associate Director of Student Activities

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Alumni Spotlight

Christina Rondano

By James Christiansen, Intern

Christina Rondano, class of '98 and Communications Major, is currently enrolled in her last semester of graduate school at St. Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. Christina is pursuing her masters/teaching certification in Special Education. In the spring she will be completing her degree through two student teaching internships. In addition to graduate school, Christina is employed as a substitute teacher, assistant pre-school teacher and as a part time office administrative assistant.

Kathy Kolek

By James Christiansen, Intern

Class of '98 and Communications Major, Kathy Kolek is working as an Account Coordinator for Target Marketing and Promotions in Boston, MA. In this fast paced job that is constantly changing, Kathy is currently working on promotions for big name clients such as Jose Cuervo Tequila, Goldschlager, Bostonian and Rockport Shoes.

Student Spotlight

Chuck Stanley

By Marc Stroum, Staff Writer

Whether it's being a Resident Assistant, leading the volleyball team to a thrilling victory or, helping the school with decisions as Vice President, Chuck Stanley has gone above and beyond his call of duty as a student here at RWU.

Stanley entered the school as a freshman in 1996 and has developed into an extraordinary student leader in many aspects of the school.

Now a senior, Chuck is originally from Cambridge, Mass., but now lives in Lincoln, Mass., 20 minutes west of Boston. Because Stanley is so busy at school, he rarely has time to go home. Even in the summer he is working full time as an Orientation Advisor.

Stanley is well known around the school from his various extracurricular activities, which he has taken full advantage of since his start in college. Stanley has many different leadership positions to go on his resume. He has been an RA for 3 years in Cedar, he was elected to student senate his freshman year, hall council freshman year, he was resident of the month freshman year, (his greatest accomplishment), he has been a student ambassador for 3 years, captain of volleyball for 2 years, and is vice president of his senior class.

As an RA, Stanley is always there to help, whether it's to talk about issues or to assist someone with homework. He always puts in that extra effort.

To go along with these many accomplishments, Stanley also is a double major in Social Science and Education, with a minor in creative writing.

Stanley has had many wonderful experiences during his off time. He has coached at various volleyball camps in Massachusetts and has interned at Bryant College, where he helped teach 2nd graders in a summer program. No matter what, Stanley is always involved with volleyball.

Stanley has begun to think about what life will be like after college. Since he has been an RA, he would love to get involved in Student Life or as a Dean of Students at a major college. He mentioned Chicago as a possible place of interest. Better yet, before getting into the real world, Stanley is looking into the graduate assistantship program at URI.

Whatever direction Chuck Stanley goes into, he has an excellent resume accompanying him. His many leadership positions on campus has had a positive impact on his life and has helped to give him the proper leadership skills he needs to succeed. He says, "RWU has given me a broad education background and has helped me become the leader I am today." Well Chuck, we here at the Hawk's Eye wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Photo by Marc Stroum, Staff Photographer

'Tis the season

How to survive the common cold?

By Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education

Well, it's getting near the end of the semester - the work is piling up, midterms are upon you, fatigue has now permanently set in and just when enough is enough - what happens?

You get a cold.

Yes, colds are so prevalent (Americans suffer about one billion per year) that the term "common cold" is often used. The common cold is an upper respiratory infection caused by more than 200 viruses.

The virus attacks and multiplies in the cells that line the nose and throat. Colds usually appear gradually, three to four days after the virus invades. Your nose runs, you feel congested and you may have a headache. Other symptoms such as a scratchy or sore throat, sneezing, achiness, cough, watery eyes and a general feeling of tiredness may appear. These are signs that the body is fighting the infection.

Colds last approximately one week but can linger longer.

Unfortunately, there is no medicine available that directly attacks the cold virus. Antibiotics combat bacterial, not viral infections, so they are useless for the common cold. Antibiotics may be prescribed if your cold has led to a secondary infection such as bronchitis or pneumonia.

Cold care medicines are aimed at relieving symptoms and immune system support.

Some things you can do are as follows:

- 1) Drink large quantities of fluids, especially hot liquids as those soothe the throat and help loosen secretions
- 2) Gargle with salt water to help reduce swelling of the throat
- 3) Get plenty of rest
- 4) Choose over the counter medications that are single action remedies. Some examples are pseudoephedrine for nasal congestion, dextromethorphan with cough syrup for cough and acetaminophen to ease aches and pains. Cold medicines that claim to relieve many symptoms at once are not often the most effective.
- 5) Inhale warm, moist air (shower, boiling water or vaporizer) to soothe inflamed mucous membranes

The best remedy is to try to prevent yourself from getting a cold in the first place. A healthy lifestyle, including proper diet, rest, exercise, limited stress, and positive mental attitude keeps the immune system at peak performance. Drinking alcohol to excess the use of other drugs especially marijuana compromises the immune system.

Another key to prevention is an understanding of how the virus spreads. Colds are not usually spread by coughing or sneezing but through hand to hand contact. If you shake hands, touch or hold hands with an infected person (who may not have developed symptoms yet) and then touch your eyes or nose you are likely to infect yourself with the virus. You may also 'catch' the virus after touching a hard, non-porous surface such as a telephone or doorknob shortly after the infected person has touched it. So, wash your hands often and avoid touching your face, use disposable tissues rather than a handkerchief and avoid prolonged contact with people who have colds.

If your cold doesn't clear after a week to 10 days, and you have other symptoms such as a red, sore throat and a fever, you should go without delay to the Health Services.

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Major Changes at the School of Architecture

By Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg, Editor

Many changes have taken place at the School of Architecture. First of all, it is no longer called the School of Architecture. It is now officially known as the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation.

This (pardon the pun) historic change reflects the true direction of the school, now that Art, Historic Preservation and Art History are integrated. The school is no longer a design only school, but a place where all of the building arts are taught. The school has broadened its horizons by offering new classes and new programs, as well as awarding new degrees.

There are also new faces at the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation. Four new professors have been hired to teach the various courses offered at the new integrated building arts school. These professors are William Morgan, Bennett Neiman, Luis Carranza and Nermin Kura.

"These are very exciting new changes," says new Architecture Professor William Morgan. "This is a very strong school. It has always been a good school on the verge of greatness." Morgan adds that he "loves teaching here."

There are currently 320 students in the Architecture program, as well as 75 in Art, 75 in Historic Preservation, 10 in Art and Architectural History.

Seven degrees are currently offered at the new school. Under development are degrees in five other areas, including a Master's degrees.

Several special programs are offered at the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation. Study Abroad options are available, to study in Rome, England, Prague, Brno, Vienna.

The school of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation is a "diverse community of students and faculty dedicated to the creation and stewardship of the built and cultural environments."

Discussion around Confederate flag continues

By Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg, Editor

On October 27, 1999, the Roger Williams University Student Senate passed a resolution on the Confederate Flag issue. In the resolution, the Student Senate "resolved the removal of all representations of the Confederate flag from the Roger William campus will be a decision made in ill haste."

The Student Senate resolution goes on to say that "the student body should be free from censorship of symbols representing their state heritage. Roger Williams University is a community based on a diverse foundation and every aspect should be represented and recognized."

The Student Senate resolves to "support the United States of America as one nation united." They want to learn from the past, instead of "closing their eyes."

School President Anthony Santoro sees the Confederate flag as a "very difficult issue," one he has been struggling with. To that regard, Santoro says he will no make a decision on his own, but will look at the recommendations of both the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate, as well as the findings of the ACT committee.

Santoro understands how the Confederate flag is a very difficult symbol for minorities, but he also understands that we "can't forget history." He says people have the right to fly the Confederate flag, and "if we ban it, what are we saying to people from those states? To minorities?"

"Free speech is invaluable," he says. "There are some things we will have to tolerate" in order to "retain our freedom." "If we ban the flag, where does it stop?"

"I personally find it [the Confederate flag] offensive, but I find a lot of things offensive that I would fight for anyway," says Santoro. "I don't know the answer to all these difficult questions."

President Santoro is waiting to see what the ACT committee decides on the Confederate flag issue, as well as the diversity survey results.

Perspectives

Presented by the Dean's Diversity Council

By Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg, member of Hillel

Roger Williams University's Hillel is here to serve the Jewish community on campus. Every year we organize High Holiday services, Shabbat dinners, and numerous other activities. We strive to preserve Jewish culture by raising people's consciousness about our heritage. As a member of the Dean's Diversity Council, we also work with other minority clubs to promote cultural awareness and diversity. All Hillel programs are student-initiated, and there are numerous ways for you to become involved.

In the fall of 1989 this group started with fewer than 15 members and now has almost 20 members. RWU's Hillel serves the need of the Jewish community on campus with a number of activities. Holiday parties, discussion groups, and planned events with other Rhode Island college Hillel groups, including Johnson and Wales, URI and Brown, highlight some of the activities of Hillel. RWU Hillel provides the opportunity for students to meet other Jewish students from colleges around the state.

Hillel has many activities planned for the Spring semester to promote our cultural heritage. There will be a Purim carnival at Temple Shalom in Middletown, and a Passover Interfaith Chocolate Seder. Hillel will also be inviting a Holocaust Survivor to come speak for Holocaust Remembrance Day. A trip to Jewish related sites in New York is also in the works.

Junior Lauren Hauptman is serving as Hillel's president for a second year. Other members of the Hillel Executive board include Vice President Susannah Platt, senior; Secretary Jeremy Korchak, junior; Treasurer Deborah Henchel, sophomore.

The faculty advisor for Hillel is Mel Topf, Professor of Communications, who can be reached at extension 3237, if you have any questions. Also available to answer questions or concerns is Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, extension 3469, of Temple Shalom in Middletown, who is on campus from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Tuesdays. Jagolinzer's office is located in Cedar Hall.

Hillel has great social programs, including day trips and outings, as well as holiday meals and activities. All are welcome to attend meetings, which are held Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. in the Center for Student Development lobby. For more information, please feel free to contact Hillel President Lauren Hauptman at extension 5445.

Dean's Diversity Council Statement of Purpose

"The Dean's Diversity Council works to encourage openness and appreciation for the diversity on our campus and in the world. We celebrate our differences and our commonalities as human beings."

For more information regarding the DDC, please call the Office of the Dean of Students at 254-3042.

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Screenwriting 101: A Crash Course

By Chris Sparling, Staff Writer

The desire to write the great American novel has updated itself with time, and has manifested into the desire to write the great American screenplay. Our culture as a whole has become obsessed with pop-culture, and in particular, with the medium of film. Do you have a great idea for a film? Who doesn't? There are an innumerable amount of waiters, bartenders and busboys living in Hollywood right now who have an idea for the next great film, but only a few will actually sit down and write an entire script. For the most part, people are not willing to invest the time and effort that is simply the nature of the beast that is Screen writing. The other reason is that people just do not know how.

Just as is the case with most things in life, Screenwriting has rules. Knowing proper format, what to capitalize and when, and other formalities are all necessary factors to writing a script. It has been rumored that a Screen writing class may soon be offered here at Roger Williams, but nothing is concrete as of yet. After speaking with members of the English department, the class is still in the concept stages. So, until such a class is available, if you are in the least bit interested in how to write a script, here is a crash course.

The Nuts and Bolts of Screen writing:

- * A script feature length script should be between 90 to 120 pages. This is because each page of script generally translates to one minute of screen time.
- * Most scripts follow a standard three act structure: the introduction of the conflict, the climax and the resolution. Plot points and plot twists are also included in various portions of the story.
- * Each step of the three act structure typically takes place within the thirty page increments of a 120 page script.
- * Scripts are always written in typewriter font, which is the Courier font on computers, but have recently also started appearing in Times New Roman.
- * Character size of written letters is 12 point.

Writing a script is no easy task. There are far more intricacies entailed than just those highlighted here. However, there is hope for you if you still have that deep yearning to write the screenplay to that great movie idea of yours. The first, to reiterate, is to enroll in a Screenwriting class such as the one supposedly that is soon to part of the curriculum here at R.W.U. The second is to do some homework on your own. There are several sources available on the topic of Screenwriting, and some recommended readings are *Screenplay*, by Syd Field and *The Guide to Standard Script Formats*, by Cole/Haag. In addition, there is a great deal of Screenwriting software for computers in the market today. These programs essentially format your script for you as you write it. Some of the most popular script writing software available are: *Script Thing*, *Final Draft*, *Scriptwriter*, and *Scriptor*. All are great programs and will certainly help alleviate any stress brought on by trying to go at it the old fashioned way.

The Multicultural Student Union

By Lucas Marks, Contributing Writer

The Multicultural Student Union (MSU) is a student run club whose purpose is to promote multiculturalism on the Roger Williams Campus. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the works of MSU for the past few years.

An important aspect for any student organization on this campus is community service. Every year MSU has been very active in community service. Last year we held two organized projects. During the first event, five of our members participated in the spring clean up of the Ronald McDonald house in Providence. It was a fun day for everyone involved. It was a lot of work, but still very fun. Last year we also held an auction of our members for a dinner date. The proceeds from the event went to "Hope For Kids". All our members participated either as being auctioned off or cooking the dinner. This year MSU participated in the November 4th Meningitis vaccination clinic here at RWU for the second time. We also plan on doing more community service this year.

One of the most important roles of MSU is to recognize and support the many cultures on this campus. In the past we have always participated heavily in Black history month. This year we were able to help celebrate Latino month in September, by giving Latin dance lessons for three weeks at the Almeida Recreation center and going to a Latin club night. This was an important set of events for MSU since Latino month in September and planning events for the start of the school year is very difficult.

MSU also presented an issue forum this year. The issue forum was reminiscent of our first forum three years ago. That forum dealt with racism. This year's forum dealt with the confederate flag and those state flags that have the confederate flag within them. Students attended the forum from many different groups on campus; Hillel, student government associates, basketball players, staff members, and many others came.

The future for MSU holds many events this year. Already in the works is a book club discussing the works of women, Latino, African-American, Asian and various other authors. There is also a literary magazine that will be published by MSU. This magazine will highlight works from many different cultures presented by students from Roger Williams. The most important event that is now being planned by MSU is Kwanzaa scheduled for December 11th. This is the first year that MSU is primarily responsible for this event. In the past it was mostly done by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Kwanzaa will be held on Saturday December 11th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union. We plan on making it as successful an event as it has been in the past.

If you are interested in the works of MSU please join us every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in The Other Place.

Magdalena Flats kicks off Theater's Main-Stage season

A Review

By Chris Sparling, Staff Writer

The R.W.U. Theater Department opened its main stage play season with a performance of the Preston Jones play, *A Place on the Magdalena Flats*. It is a story of a small cattle ranch in Magdalena, New Mexico.

The plight of a seemingly never-ending drought takes over the already mundane, cattle ranching lives of those who reside there. The main focus of the play is on the Grey family; a simple family living on the flats and doing their best to endure the drought.

In a stoic fashion, Jason Weaver tackled the lead role of the cattle-rustling Carl Grey. His wife, Charlene Grey (played exceptionally by Sharon Knapp), is a young wife carrying their first child, only to lose it during one of the plays most dramatic moments. Frank Grey, played by Tim Hartmann, is the uncoordinated and useless younger brother of Carl. His antics and also his aspirations to leave the ranch to attend college that help push the story along.

The play was extremely well directed by Peter Wright, with the only exception being a minor blocking problem (the actors turned their backs to the audience far too much for it to be effective). The stage crew and the light operators deserve a great deal of credit for creating an amazing set for this production. Although there was an occasional binge of overacting and actors slipping in-and-out of their western accents, the acting as a whole was quite good. Solid supporting performances were turned in by Brian Stewart, Sarah Bouton, Rob Smith, Jill Petrocelli and Ellen Choquette.

So, it's the end of the semester and time to wind down...

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Chameleon Club
Dance Party
10 pm - 2 am Dining Hall

Nov. 20
Super Saturday Movie
The General's Daughter
8 pm Dining Hall

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Jim's Big Ego
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Dec. 4
Super Saturday Movie
Tarzan
8 pm Dining Hall

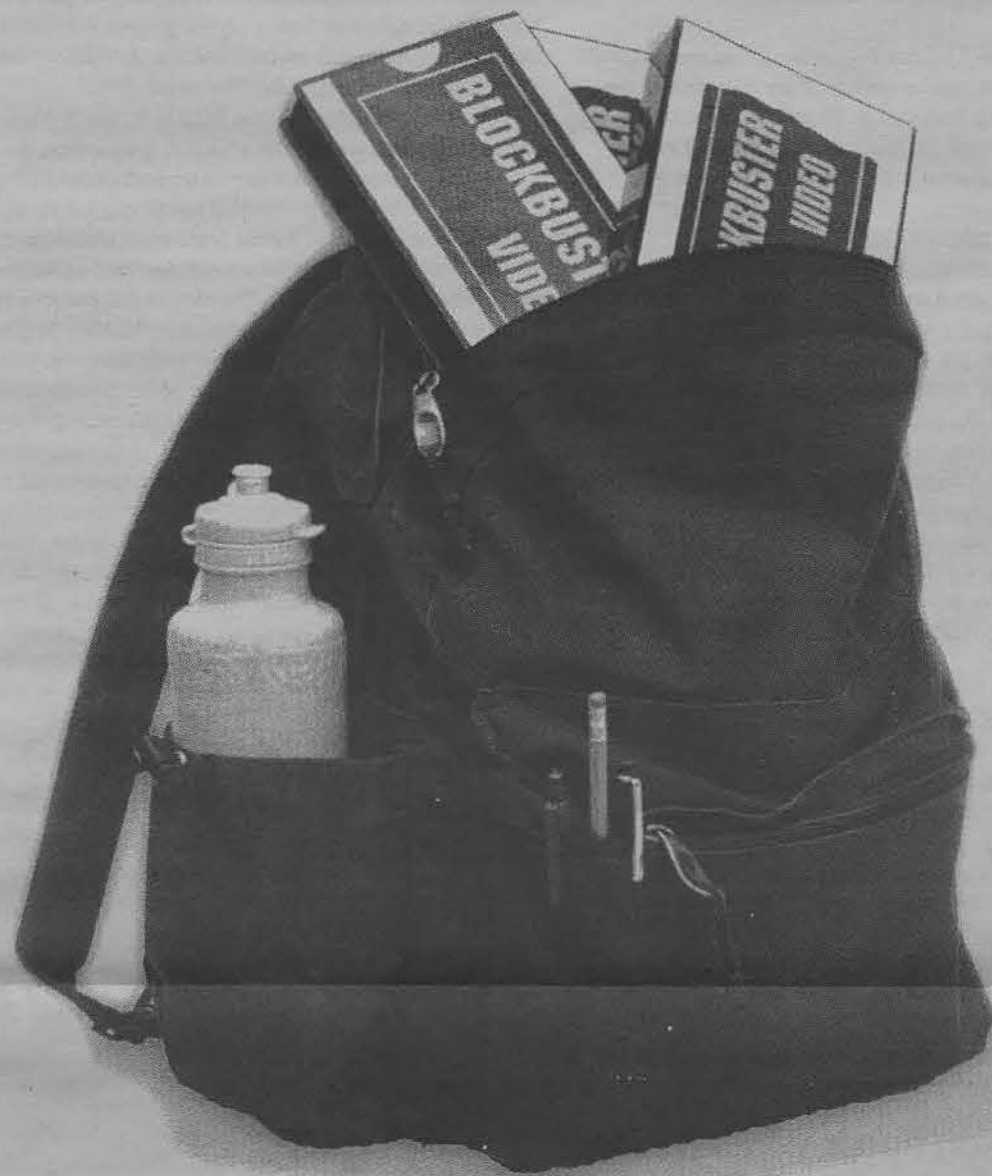
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RWU Sports



Men's Soccer misses ultimate goal but makes history in the process

By Marc Stroum, Staff Writer

A season that began way back on August 21st, will be remembered for an amazing run late in the season when the Hawks beat three league teams in the playoffs including Gordon College in the Championship game to become Commonwealth Coast Conference champions.

The ride began when the Hawks coasted into the playoffs winning their last seven games. It did not even stop there. Everything was going the Hawks' way, they were healthy, motivated, and feeling strong.

The first playoff game took place at home on Tuesday November 2nd against Nichols College, whom the Hawks beat easily during the regular season. They disposed of the Bison's rather easily. Stuart Hulke led the scoring with two goals and an assist, while teammate Adam Sweet added another goal to round out the scoring. Keepers Greg Sommerville and Dave Capuano preserved the shutout victory by each recording one save apiece.

The Semifinals had the Hawks facing a very talented Colby Sawyer team. Earlier in the season Colby Sawyer had kept the Hawks scoreless for almost 115 minutes in a game played up in New Hampshire. Well this time around it was time for a little revenge and for the Hawks to put on a scoring display. Well they did just that netting 5 goals in the game on the way to a 5-0 shutout victory. Every player got involved in this victory which couldn't of come at a better time heading into the championship. Brent Malo led the Hawks with two goals and two assists, while Hulke added two goals and one assist and freshman Kris Dalen got a goal late in the game to close out the season for Colby Sawyer. Matt Snow and freshman Bob Carey also dished out assists in the victory. Greg Sommerville had another strong game in net notching his 7th shutout of the season.

Saturday November 6th, the day the soccer team had been waiting for since the double sessions of preseason was finally among them. All season the players had been waiting for this moment and for the seniors it was their last chance to finally get that championship trophy. A win would guarantee the Hawks a NCAA division III bid and a loss would end the season.

The game started out very slow with both teams playing very solid soccer with few scoring chances. The first half ended still deadlocked at 0-0. As the second half began, Gordon College came out firing and got an edge on the Hawks taking a 1-0 lead as the ball went off a defenders head into the back of the net. This miscue had the Hawks hanging their heads and the season for the time being looked like it was coming to an end. Nine minutes later Hulke on a direct kick set up the ball and quickly shot it towards the near post of the goal while the defenders and goalie were busy setting up a wall to block his shot. Meanwhile the ball was sitting in the back of the net and the Hawks were right back in the thick of things. Players got their heads back into the game and the silenced crowd was going nuts (especially the Hawks student section who attended every home game and were basically part of the team).

The rest of the half remained scoreless with both teams having ample opportunity to find the back of the net. As the first overtime period began, both teams looked extremely tired, but that did not stop the Hawks as they pressed hard on the offensive end. 2:55

into the first OT Hulke busted through the defense heading down the right side of the field and at the last minute he crossed the ball through the center of the box to Adam Sweet, who buried it in the back of the net.

Bayside field was crazy. The 600 fans that lined the sideline charged the field along with an emotional Hawks' bench. It was complete mayhem. The field was mobbed. There was a pile of players and fans next to the goal and many other students went and tackled Stuart Hulke who was laying on the ground exhausted from playing his heart out. The Hawks were victorious and thrilled that the ride would continue with a first round NCAA game at home on Wednesday November 10th.

This championship was the third in Roger Williams history, most definitely the sweetest of all victories with a NCAA appearance, the first ever in school history.

The first round game was played against the 14th ranked team in the nation, Keene St. College. The Hawks were thrilled just to make it there, but a win at home in the first round against a talented Keene State team would have been terrific.

Despite playing their hearts out the Owls of Keene St. proved to be to powerful for the Hawks as they won 5-2. The Hawks did put up a respectable fight and without a doubt made themselves more known in the New England area for college soccer. To have a home game in the first round was truly amazing. Banners were up around campus and every student was talking about the Men's Soccer team making it to the NCAA tournament. With a one o'clock game time it is amazing that the team had so many fans on the sidelines cheering them on.

Despite losing in the first round, the Hawks had nothing to be sorry about. They had a truly amazing season in which they were rewarded with a championship and a first ever appearance in the Division III NCAA tournament. It was great to watch this team play and they provided us with many enjoyable weekends and weekdays on campus. With a majority of the team coming back next year, we can only hope for the same great season they had this year. Thanks to the players and coaching staff who made this all possible.



The 1999 Commonwealth Coast Conference champs
Photo by Marc Stroum, Staff Photographer

Cross-Country team reaches finish line

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The men and women's cross-country teams finished their seasons by competing in the New England Division III Championships Saturday, November 13, at UMass-Dartmouth in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

In the men's race, the Hawks had three runners compete and did not register a team score for just the third time this season. Senior Joshua Curtis (Shrewsbury, MA) finished a solid final season by placing 106th in 27:10. He ran his fastest five-mile time by nearly a minute and had perhaps the finest race of his collegiate career. Freshman Josh Shapiro (Anaheim, CA) placed 187th in 30:05, his best time of the season. He improved each and every race this year and will be a solid runner for the squad in the years to come. Sophomore Greg William (Eastchester, NY) finished 215th in 36:18 to round out the team's performance.

On the women's side freshman Heather Kuil (Concord, NH) continued her fine rookie year by finishing 142nd in 20:47. She ran one of her fastest times of the season, as did classmate Lauren Conroy (Westport, MA) who placed 186th in 21:46. They were the only two women who competed in this major event. They were the top two runners on the squad all season and have very bright futures ahead of them.

Women's Hoop team shooting for title

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The women's hoop team will also open up their season with a tournament this weekend. On November 19 and 20, they will be in Saratoga Springs, New York, competing in the Skidmore College Tip-Off Tournament.

The squad is slated to play Amherst College in the first round at 8 p.m. on the 19th with the host school playing the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in the other first round game. The consolation game will be played at 1p.m. on the 20th and the title game will be at 3 p.m.

Coach Ray Brown has brought in a host of newcomers who figure to make an immediate impact on the team. He also has some solid veterans back. Guard Melissa Bellotti (Middlebury, CT), forward Sara Kennedy (West Springfield, MA) and forward Christine Incalcaterra (Islip, NY) will all be in action. Junior forward Alison Fry (Walpole, NH) the top rebounder from a year ago, is still out with an injury she suffered in soccer and probably won't return until January.

Men's Hoops season under way

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The men's hoop team opens their 1999-00 season on November 19, when they participate in the UMass-Dartmouth Tip-Off Tournament in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

The Hawks will play Clark University in the first round at 6 p.m. tonight. The host school will play Fitchburg State College at 8 p.m. in the first round. The tournament will conclude tomorrow, November 20, with the consolation game at 1p.m. and the Championship game at 3 p.m.

The squad will be led this season by seniors: All-Conference First Team pick Liam Carr (Glen Ridge, NJ) and Robert Sewell (Rumford, RI). Coach Tom Sienkiewicz has a veteran group that includes All-Conference Second Team player Chris Venino (Holmdel, NJ), Kenny Nappi (Shelton, CT) and Michael Lynch (Rumford, RI). The squad is coming off an 18-9 season and their first Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship in 12 years.

Their first home game will be Tuesday, November 30, when they host Connecticut College, a NCAA Final Four team last year.

Hawk wrestlers hit the mats

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The wrestling team started their season with a solid third place finish in the RWU Invitational tournament held last Saturday, November 13, in the Paolino Center.

Division II American International College took first place with 193.5 points, Worcester Polytech was second with 185 and the Hawks finished a solid third in the 14-team field with 111.5 points. Junior Pete Doucet was the top finisher, posting a 3-1 record and finishing second at 157 pounds. Doucet missed most of last season after having knee surgery and returned to the mat without missing a beat, as he had a strong tournament. Sophomore Joe Curran went 5-1 and took third at 149 pounds, and senior Tim Grady went 4-1 and placed third at 285. Freshman Paul Santamaria had an impressive debut, going 4-1 and placing third at 133 pounds.

Sophomore Danny Davis returned to the lineup after sitting out most of last year with an injury and placed fourth at 165 pounds with a 3-2 record. Sophomore Jeff Bernard had his best tournament at the college level, posting a 4-2 record and earning fifth place honors at 174 pounds. Sophomores J.D. Mislak and Brian Bagdon placed sixth at 184 and 197 pounds, respectively, and Freshman Dan Lipson had a fine collegiate debut, finishing with a 3-3 record and in sixth place at 133 pounds. Sophomores Joel Resnick and Mike Pierce and freshman Scott Barger all wrestled well despite not placing.