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O-k-l-a-h-o-m-a spells success for PAC

By Ashley Cowan

Contributing Writer

As the legendary musical "Oklahoma!" opens its revival on Broadway this month, students at Roger Williams can share in the event with their own Performing Arts Center as the theater department prepares for its own interpretation of the show (chosen for the spring musical) on March 1.

However, the selection of the musical surprised many students, including some theater majors, when it was first announced. The usual cast of "Oklahoma!" consists of approximately 60-65 people, filled with chorus members and dancers, and with the limited space of the Performing Arts Center, some wondered how the show could be pulled off. In spite of these physical restraints, director William Grandgeorge slimmed down the "typical cast" to an elite 21 so that stage area would not be an issue.

When asked to respond on the topic, freshman cast member Fred Dobson said, "The space does limit the show,



Troy Marshall, who plays the part of Judd and Sara Bouton as Laurey during a recent rehearsal of "Oklahoma!" (Photo by Meaghan Hislop)

but we are all working with it. It will also be better with a smaller cast because each character will be fully developed and the audience will get to know everyone."

The story of "Oklahoma!," based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs, revolves around two love triangles of characters - Laurey, a pretty young woman, and the two men who

love her — the clean-cut Curly and the more ominous Judd Fry — and the more light-hearted trio of Ado Annie and her two suitors, Will Parker and a peddler, Ali Hakim. The show represents Rodgers and Hammerstein at their best with a memorable musical score and a unique integration of story lines and songs.

With its ten major songs in the first act, "Oklahoma!" is known as one of the longest shows in Broadway history. To accommodate the space and time limitations, the version presented at RWU, some of the dance sequences have been simplified and shortened; however, none of the songs or lines have been omitted from the show.

"Oklahoma!'s" popularity involving the tuneful arrangement of music and the witty script only seem to compliment the talented cast of Roger Williams University at this early stage in its development.

The first weekend of "Oklahoma!" was sold out, and the second weekend of performances, scheduled for March 21, 22 and 23, is expected to be just as successful.

Business fraternity attends provincial conference

By Julie Rotolo

Contributing Writer

Eight representatives from Roger Williams' business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, attended the L.E.A.D. Provincial Conference in Princeton, N.J. over the President's Day weekend. Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity that was established in 1907 to encourage the study of business and bond the commercial world with students of commerce. The fraternity promotes the standards of ethics in business and culture within the community.

The acronym L.E.A.D. stands for leadership, excellence and academics for Delta Sigs. The Delta Sigma Pi Leadership Foundation organized the event. The foundation contributes to funding gatherings like the L.E.A.D. conference around the country. The foundation also provides various scholarships to students who participate in Delta Sigma Pi.

Participants from at least 20 schools along the East Coast spent the weekend at Princeton's Marriott including, Bryant College, Bentley College, University of Maryland, Siena College and Georgetown University. The cost to attend the conference was approximately \$125 per person. An adviser from the Alumni Chapter in Boston accompanied the RWU students.

Various activities were held, such as Leadership Lingo, Motivational Awards, Retaining Talent, FUND

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Randall Kennedy speaks at RWU

By Blaine Moffa

Contributing Writer

Harvard Law professor Randall Kennedy gave an honorable lecture on Tuesday, February 26. Approximately 200 students showed up for the event, overflowing the CAS 157 lecture hall. Kennedy is a respected teacher and well-known author of the book "Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word."

He came to the RWU Campus to discuss the history and controversy surrounding what he calls "the most notorious slang used in America."

For someone who had little knowledge as to where the word originated or how it is used in society today, Kennedy's speech was insightful and educational. He provided an intriguing perspective for further contemplation for those who have always held interest in the subject.

Kennedy spent the majority of the night discussing the contents of his book. The first of three chapters describe where the word "nigger" might have developed and how it was widely used even back in the 1800s. The Latin word for black, for example, is 'niger,' which may have influenced the slang at a later period of time.

It became a phenomenon to use "nigger" as a term of oppression and racism during the 1900s, and this practice has only increased in modern-day music and movies. The second chapter highlights how the word "nigger" has appeared in court throughout the years.

Kennedy discussed how one judge told his courtroom to not refer to the African American defendant as a "nigger," but rather as a "colored person."

This raises the ethical considerations being made in courts; deciding whether the slang term is acceptable or appropriate to use. In the third chapter, Kennedy takes a look at how the term is being used informally as a part of our culture.

He related a story about a basketball coach who was disappointed in his team's lack of effort on the court. In the locker room, the coach told his team to play like "niggers," because, according to the players, a "nigger" is someone who works hard and with determination. After an uproar in their town, the coach was ultimately fired from his position at the school because he chose to use this word so freely. Kennedy explained to the audience that he felt it may not have been necessary to fire the coach, since his intentions when using the word in context he did were good.

After the discussion, Kennedy opened up the floor to any questions or comments the audience had. He seemed eager to take objections and rejections of his position, but failed to receive any. One of the most interesting questions was for a response as to why black people can use the word "nigger" to other black people as a friendly greeting, but when Caucasians use the word it is met with anger and controversy. Kennedy replied by saying that, for the most part, the word "nigger" has had the greatest effect on African Americans. The word

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

The Men's Basketball Team says thanks to their awesome fans! Coach Tom Sienkiewicz and the Men's Basketball Team would like to express their gratitude to all of the fans that supported them this season. In particular, they would like to thank all those who made the trip to Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire to cheer the team on in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament Semifinals. An unfortunate 69-52 loss to Colby-Sawyer did not dampen the spirits Hawks right to the final buzzer! A big thanks goes to the cheerleaders and dance teams for the time and effort they spent perfecting their routines and their outstanding performances, for decorating the gym for the final home game, and for their continued support. And thanks to the dance team for the delicious cookies and for the notes of encouragement! We are grateful and humbled by your loyalty and support!

Coach Sienkiewicz

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Finally, the U.S. Olympic skating controversy has been settled. Over the past two weeks I lay awake at night aghast at the injustice done to our friends up north, our Canadian brethren. You see, every four years as the Olympics roll by, skating becomes an important part of my life.

I know I am not alone during my sleepless nights and our media gatekeepers tell me so. Each night on the local and national news, right at the top of the show there it was, "French Skating Official Makes Deal." Luckily we were all treated to a double dose of the misdeeds being covered in the lead story and in sports. The injustice, the foul play, the intrigue! Truly I was gripped by it all and wondered why the media hadn't seen the obvious reason behind this misjudging judge's judging: the French simply don't like the way French-Canadians speak the language. I know this event is vitally important, as is evidenced by Time and Newsweek dedicating their covers for two weeks in a row to the controversy. Each week they exposed more sordid details, along with pondering queries as to what the outcome of this debacle might be.

Of course there were other less consequential events taking place around the world. Here and there were a smattering in both print and air of war, terrorism, U.S. budgets, state budgets, campaign finance reform, the nation's most senior Roman Catholic Bishop's inability to admit he has wronged his parishioners, and Gary Condit announcing as he seeks reelection that the Levys should be grateful because his campaign will keep Chandra's missing person case before the media and public.

Yes I can sleep now: the Canadians have the gold and the Russians get to keep their medal too...zzzzzz.

Kevin W. Welch

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EDITORIAL

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

In the fall of 1999, the small pond behind CEED was dedicated to Mark Gould, a popular marine biology professor, who had passed on that summer. With that dedication, the pond came to stand as a token of Roger Williams University's appreciation for how he had furthered the college. Several years have passed since that dedication, and the only students who were directly influenced by Mark are seniors now. This does not validate the defamation of the pond. The variety of trash inhabiting the pond is quite diverse cleverly decided belonged in the pond, beer cans, a CEN prize and other assorted trash. While there is no need for throwing trash anywhere but in a trash can (or even better — a recycling bin), it is particularly disrespectful for trash to be thrown into that pond. Keep in mind that many of the current faculty members were friends and colleagues of Mark, and all marine biology students are indebted to the work that he put into the program. The pond is a small way to advocate the teacher-student relationship that is a critical aspect of this university, and I would like for the campus community to keep in mind the sentimental consequences of their actions.

Thanks,
Kate Mulvaney

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I would like to clear up some confusion that is running rampant among the student body and faculty here at RWU. As Director of the Department of Campus Programs, I am the administrator ultimately responsible for *The Hawk's Eye*. A staff member in my office, the Assistant Director, serves as the advisor to the paper and works with the student staff on production issues. The advisor reads each issue prior to publication to make typographical and grammatical corrections. The paper is then submitted to me. My role is to ensure that the content is not libelous and adheres to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics. If a story is questionable in either aspect, it is sent back to the reporter for further work. My department is currently working to develop a media oversight committee with student, faculty, and administration representation. This oversight committee would then take on much of the role that I am currently playing. I welcome any comments or questions regarding *The Hawk's Eye*.

Sincerely,
Tamara Von George
Assistant Dean of Students/
Director of Campus Programs

The fact of the matter is...



Weekly column by Features/Editorials Editor Steve Saleeba
writing from Florence, Italy

From the time many of us were in kindergarten, we learned of loyalty through our family, friends, community, and our country. Loyal is defined in Webster's Dictionary as unswerving in allegiance, faithful in allegiance to one's lawful sovereign or government, faithful to a private person to whom fidelity is due, or faithful to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product. Loyalty means much more than just these words.

Loyalty is your friend in elementary school who took the sole blame for a food fight, knowing that the punishment would be lessened if he mentioned your name.

Many organizations throughout history have been associated with loyalty.

The Italian Mafia's presence and power in the United States lasted for more than a half-century because of the loyalty that existed. Despite the fact that the Mafia is intended to be portrayed as an organization of criminals, Hollywood continues to produce movies that depict a fascination with the mafia, which focuses not on the crimes these men committed, but on the amazing loyalty that existed within these circles.

We watch bin Laden elude an overwhelming amount of military action. He remains hidden because none of his followers have betrayed him, nor has anyone spoken of his whereabouts.

Loyalty is something that the "bad guys" always seem to have.

The "good guys" believe in loyalty, also.

The good guys will wake up early on a Saturday morning and drive through two states to help their friend move his old, rotted-out couch and few belongings because he cannot afford to hire a moving company.

Loyalty is Ted Johnson, the football player who took a pay cut last season to help out his team, the Super Bowl

Champion New England Patriots.

Loyalty is the soldiers who died in a war in Vietnam when they did not even know what they were fighting for.

Loyalty is giving a kidney to a family member when theirs is failing, despite the risks.

I strive to be this loyal, to have this much love for my country, my family, my friends, my team, because this loyalty can only be seen as virtuous.

Scott Ryan Hagerman's comments prompted me to write about loyalty. He wrote, "Saleeba ended his article by asking about 'our women.' Apparently the Features Editor believes we should tend to the financial needs of Americans before those of Afghanistan. Is that right?"

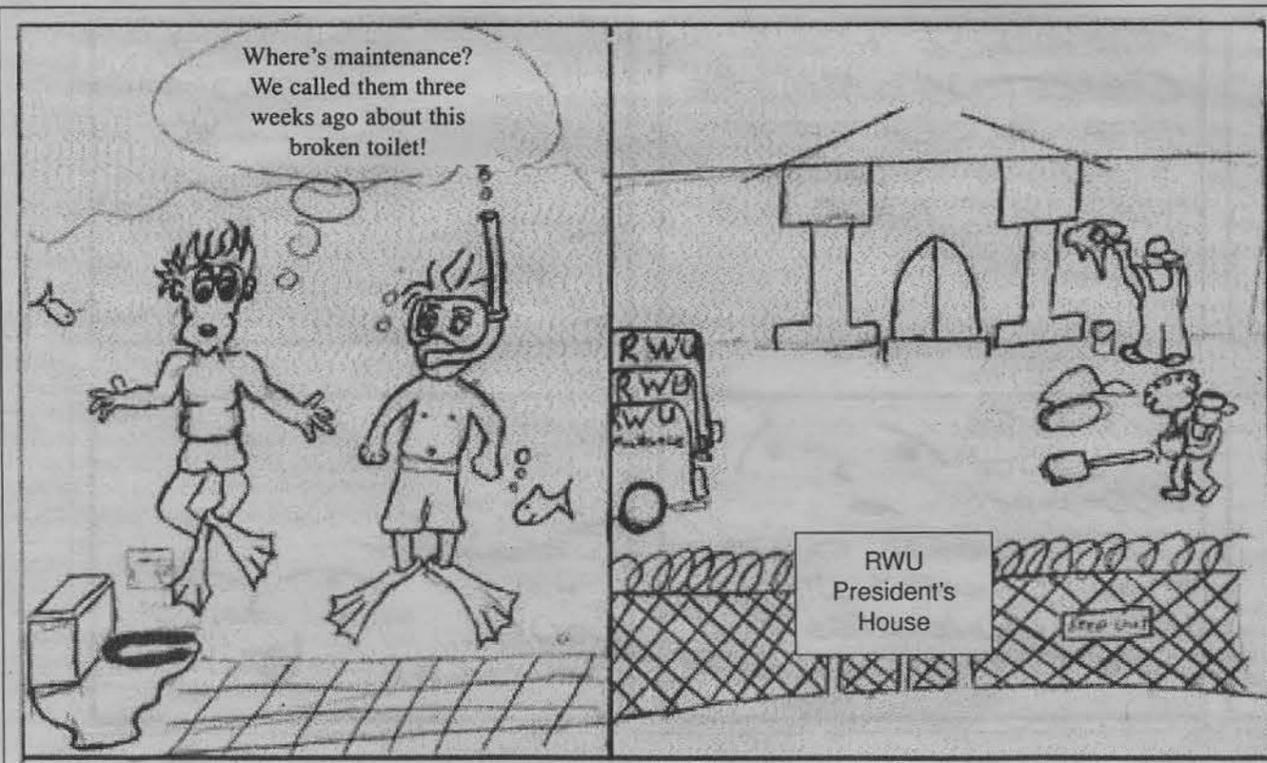
Of course that is right. Just as I would be quicker to help my family and my friends, I am quicker to help my country, rather than help a country that, I believe, is not willing to help the nation I live in.

Mr. Hagerman asked, "Why is it that people living in the richest nation in the world, with the largest federal financial student aid program in the world, deserve to go to our school for free over a person who would otherwise have no chance at going to college, let alone such an expensive American college as Roger Williams?"

My answer is that we owe it to them because of loyalty. It is the American woman's great-great grandfather who fought for our independence and our freedom. It was her grandfather that fought to keep it.

These women are our own, and for that, they should be given a better opportunity than anyone else in the world.

Nowhere do I say we should shun the Afghani women. However, let us first take care of our own, the ones who remain loyal to a country that, although it might not always have the right answers, remains the country we live in, and should not be taken for granted.



Campus Life

a cartoon by

Ryan Beaudoin

EDITORIAL/NEWS

Career Fair April 3

The Roger Williams University Career Center is hosting the 6th annual Career Fair on Wednesday April 3 in the Paolino Recreation Center from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is for all students and alumni looking for full time and part time positions, summer jobs, internships or volunteer opportunities. The Career Fair also provides an excellent chance to start exploring companies and organizations that are of interest to you. Companies from across the country, related to all majors have been invited to attend, including many service, alternative and non-profit agencies. Now it is up to you, the Roger Williams University students, to make the 2002 Career Fair a success!

To prepare for the Career Fair, the Career Center staff will be in the Student Union during the lunch hours March 18, 20, 26, and 28 to answer

questions and review resumes. If you are planning on attending the fair it is strongly recommended that you have your resume and cover letter reviewed before spring break during the Career Center drop-in hours and then attend "How to Work a Career Fair." The program will be offered March 20 at 3:30 p.m. and March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Intercultural Center. Attendees will learn job fair etiquette and how to make the best impression with employers.

The Career Center Staff is ready to assist students in our office before the April 3 Career Fair. Make an appointment to have your resume and cover letter critiqued. We can also assist you practice interview techniques and research companies. Visit us in the Center for Student Development, call extension 3224 for an appointment or e-mail us at careers@rwu.edu.

Nature's Finest Mirror



New weekly column by staff writer Garry F. Dow

A gentle fog has just rolled in over the Mount Hope Bay in Bristol, R.I., leaving the surrounding landscape a washed-out gray blur. Definitions that had begun to fade earlier have now completely disappeared. The dirty white fog hovers over the bay like a giant cloud, making it almost impossible to discern the earth from the sky. Somewhere, in the distance, the reassuring clang of a buoy can be heard by a boat captain blowing a ship's foghorn as it passes through the bay and up past the Brayton Point Power plant in Somerset, Mass.

Brayton Point is located just about five miles northeast of Roger Williams at the mouth of the Lee River, which feeds into the Mount Hope Bay. On a clear day you can see the plants smoke stacks from the cafeteria.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual press release from April 12, 2001, the Brayton Point Power Plant was the top polluter of the year in Massachusetts (and for that matter, all of New England) last year, producing and releasing 1,363,956 pounds of "pollution."

In and of itself this means very little. It makes no comment on whether or not the number of pounds of pollution released is higher or lower than the legal limit, nor does it comment on the severity of the pollution. Furthermore, it fails to tell us much of anything about how the pollution relates to state health standards or how the proportion of pollution shipped offsite compares to the proportion of pollutants released into the land, water or atmosphere. In short, this number tells us "jack" about how the power plant affects us.

So, those are all the things we don't know. Here is what we do know. The Brayton Point Power Plant is owned and operated by US Gen New England Inc. This company is, in turn, owned by Pacific Gas and Electric which was successfully sued for over \$340 million in what has come to represent one of the greatest victories over big business pollution in the history of the United States. It has become so famous that a

couple years ago Stephen Soderburgh made a movie about it. It was called "Erin Brockovich."

In August 2001, while everyone here at RWU was beginning to think about ending their summer jobs and getting back to school, Brayton Point (BP) was busy submitting a request to the EPA requesting a variance from the Federal Clean Water Act that would allow them to "legally break the law." BP argued that the plant has no adverse effects on the surrounding environment and that even if it does, under their newly proposed plan, pollution levels would be reduced to the levels they were in 1985, solving the problem. Unfortunately, returning emission levels to those of 1985 still breaks the law under today's standards.

By now you may be wondering, "What exactly is this plant doing that is so bad?" So, here it is in a nutshell. BP uses water from the Mount Hope bay to cool its machinery. Essentially water is run through the machines and, in the process, heat jumps from the metal of the machinery into the water. Furthermore, up until the fall of 2000 BP used unlined holding ponds right next to the bay to store toxic combustion. Sounding more like "Erin Brockovich?" It gets worse.

Prior to 1984 the plant used a "once through" cooling system that ran water through the machines and then into storage tanks and ponds on the premises before sending it back through the plant. In 1984, BP modified their cooling system so that part of the plant was constantly pumping new water into the plant and old water back out into the bay. No more holding tanks! Interestingly enough, fish populations in the bay, especially previously thriving Winter Flounder populations, began to decline at the same time.

Why? — A temperature increase, or as science people would put it, "thermal pollution." Fish can only withstand a certain degree of temperature fluctua-

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Business

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Raising, Recruiting, and Chapter Awards. RWU students represented the Nu Sigma Chapter. Amongst the national chapters, RWU ranked sixteenth out of at least 150.

Several professional speakers, such as the National Grand President and James Murray, founder of the Ronald McDonald House, gave seminars.

"He was really good," remarked Jen Bell, president of the RWU chapter, of Murray. "It was a great chance to learn

more about the professionalism of the fraternity, and compare our success to chapters from other regions."

The whole weekend was not just "business," however. There was entertainment scheduled, including a semi-formal dance on the second night of the conference.

Overall, it was "a networking opportunity and a chance to make lifelong friendships," said Bell.

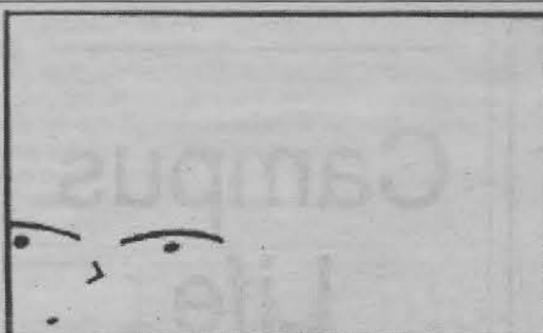
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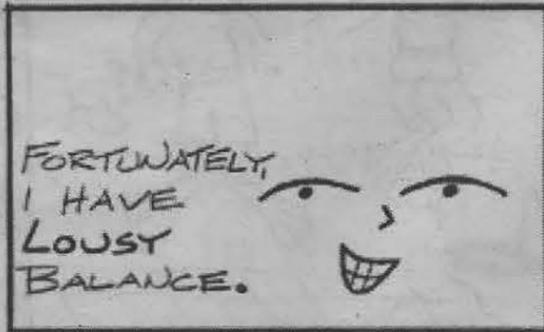
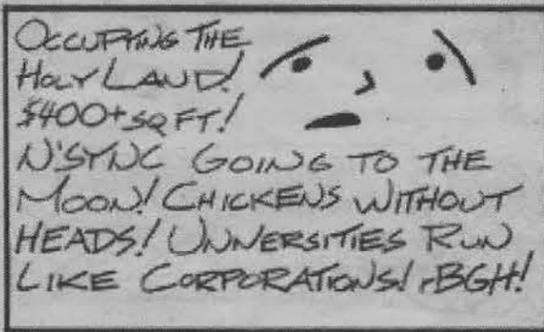
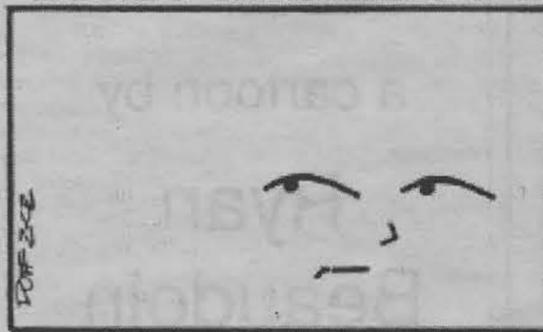
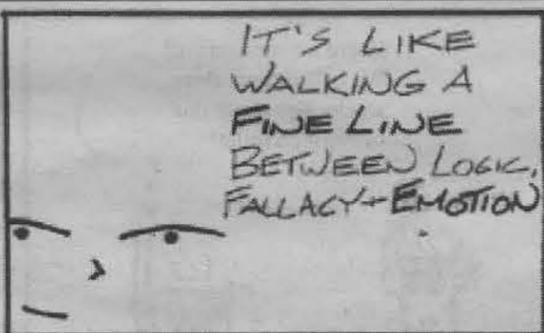
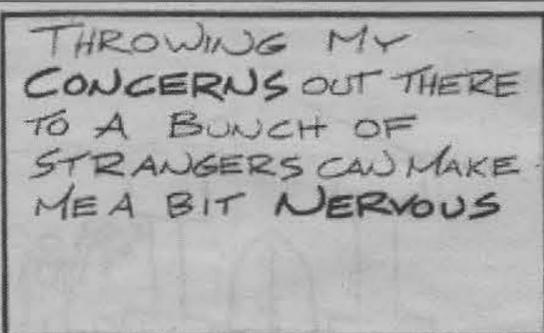
is associated with racism and hatred that was never directed at Caucasians. In this respect, many Caucasians do not have the authority to use the term because their lives were not affected by it as greatly.

Kennedy's attitude and personality could almost be misleading — he even had to state at the end of the seminar

that he was in no way encouraging people to go out and use the word "nigger" freely. However, he made his case clearly that there might be a way to make the word more neutral, and to fear it a little less. With his lecture, attendees were provided with an insightful look into an unusual topic.



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ARTIST OF THE ISSUE

Spotlight on: Sarah Whitlock

By Jessica Latimer

News Editor

Q: When did you start being interested in art (drawing, graphic design, sculpting, etc)?

A: I was always overly interested in art. As a child I only wanted to do arts and crafts like paint and sew and draw pictures of my cats and house. My parents couldn't get me to stop painting...it was all I wanted to do. As far as graphic design, I became interested in that in high school when I took my first design class and realized it was the perfect way to incorporate art and creativity into the corporate world.

Q: What is/are your major(s)? How does art come into play in them?

A: I am Junior, double majoring in Visual Arts (graphics) and Sociology/Anthropology. The visual arts incorporate arts such as painting, drawing, and sculpture as well as graphic design, which is computer-based.

Q: What types of artistic things do you enjoy doing the most?

A: I enjoy painting very much and of course designing. Of all the arts, I do appreciate painting the most and I have since I was young.

Q: Do you experiment with any other forms of art such as writing also? Or do you play an instrument? If so how long have you done so and what other form of art was it?

A: I have always enjoyed creative writing, as I always had a wild imagination. I have a strong attachment to the arts so I have tried almost every aspect of art. I played the piano for 9 years and now I am trying to play the guitar. I also danced for 12 years-ballet and jazz.

Q: What do you hope to do to involve art in your life in the future?

A: I intend on being a designer, and if not work for an advertising firm or design agency, then become a freelance designer with my own clientele and business. I also never plan on giving up art as a hobby and a passion. I will continue to paint and draw for fun through my life!

Q: Have you ever exhibited or displayed anything, or related such things?

A: I have had several of my pieces displayed in art shows over the years, especially in high school. Since then, none of my work has been showed formally.

Q: What is your favorite type of art?



Sarah Whitlock, shown here in her dorm room, is our Artist of the Issue. Sarah is both a painter and a graphic designer.

(Photo courtesy of Sarah Whitlock)

Q: I enjoy many types of art, but painting, especially oil painting, is my favorite.

Q: Is the program here at Roger Williams conducive to your talent?

A: For the most part, the art department is conducive to various talents in art and helps develop students practically. The experiences I have had have been positive and helpful and I have enjoyed the classes I have taken. The teachers have promoted all kinds of fine arts and have helped me apply my tal-

ents and open my eyes to a more sophisticated style and holistic view.

Q: Any other comments or additions?

A: I believe that unlike most fields of study, art is a constant challenge, and no artist truly knows all the answers. It can be very difficult and frustrating, but overall, it is inspirational, and can be somewhat of a journey to find your own style and unique approach. I would encourage anyone who is interested to pursue the arts!

RWU hires Jeffrey Gillooly as new campus "facilitator"

By Laurie Schorr

Staff Writer

In an effort to better facilitate on-campus communication, Roger Williams administration hired 34-year-old Jeffrey Gillooly to fill the new position of Executive Assistant to the President and act as a "go-between" for all departments on campus.

Hired on February 1, Gillooly came to RWU from Newbury College where he had the opportunity to work with then-President of Newbury, Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. He will once again work with President Nirschel as RWU's Chief of Administrative staff and will oversee all students, faculty and administration on campus.

Furthermore, Gillooly will complement student life administrators such as Richard Stegman, the Dean of Student Affairs, and Michael Cunningham, the Dean of Academic Development, yet will take on a broader spectrum of responsibilities.

"I can compare my position to that of Dean Stegman for example, however, I do foresee more forums and departments. Whereas Dean Stegman works specifically in student affairs, I will be involved in that and more."

Among Gillooly's "more" responsibilities are serving on the presidential cabinet and assisting President Nirschel in scheduling and monitoring meetings and appointments, creating travel and business plans, providing background information about people with whom President Nirschel meets, overseeing cross-communication between the President and other offices within the Administration Building, assisting with planning and implementing fundraising

and other events, and generally being the "eyes and ears on campus."

"I am looking at how we can use this position as a facilitator," Gillooly explains, "I can be reached in a second and can make sure that the president gets the information he needs to then provide the given answer. I see myself as a facilitator to the students, faculty and staff in making services and information to and from the president's office better communicated." The new assistant plans to actively communicate with each department on campus, from academic affairs to residence halls to health services.

Born and raised in Louisville, Ky., where his family still resides today, Gillooly left the South after graduating from high school and attending Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

"It was my first trip to New England, and I fell in love," Gillooly remembers. He received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Dartmouth and then returned to the South to take graduate courses at Vanderbilt College in Tenn. Finishing with a Master's in Higher Education and Administration, Gillooly once again moved north where he found a position at Middlebury College in Vt.

"I wore many hats," Gillooly says of his experience as Middlebury's Assistant Director of Student Affairs from 1997 to 1999. "I had the opportunity to do many things. I had a good view of student affairs, ranging from residence affairs to counseling to administration to judicial affairs; I got a good understanding of what student life meant."

After two years however, Gillooly found Middlebury and the surrounding area too isolated and looked for a more challenging opportunity. He and his

wife looked at options around the Boston area, where he found a position at Newbury College in Brookline, Mass. One of the people who interviewed him was Newbury's then-President Nirschel.

"He sold me on the institution and was really the primary reason why I ended up at Newbury," Gillooly comments on his introduction to President Nirschel. "I came out of our meeting energized. He could have sold me on anything at that point with his enthusiasm. His vision and his enthusiasm was infectious."

Gillooly was hired as the Director of Campus Activities for Newbury in 1999 and worked his way up to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. For three years, he dealt with various initiatives, including President Nirschel's plan to achieve national accreditation for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) and transform Newbury from a junior college into a four-year baccalaureate college.

"I worked very closely with Nirschel on the part of student affairs during this time, and it was quite a task to move towards accreditation, but through his strong leadership we were able to succeed," says Gillooly. "Moving towards a true baccalaureate college means working to change the entire culture of the community into that of a four-year college. You have to consider traditional college events and really raise the bar of on-campus culture. Nirschel's vision was great for that. He carried the plan through."

Gillooly heard through a colleague that there was a job opportunity open at RWU and was immediately interested. He approached Human Resources here and inquired about the position; he was informed that this was the first time

such a position was being offered at RWU, that there was a national search going on to find someone to fill the position. He was invited to view the campus and meet the staff.

"I have to admit, it was a no-brainer when I got the opportunity to work here," he says. "The campus is beautiful and the people are tremendous too. Plus I would be able to work with Nirschel again, who, in my opinion, is a top-notch leader."

During his first few weeks at the university, Gillooly has been introducing himself to students and staff and hopes to continue to utilize his skills in student and campus affairs.

"My dedication has been to my career for the students; it has always been the first and foremost concern to educate the students," Gillooly says, "certainly that will not be lost with my new position."

Gillooly wants to use his experience in student affairs at Middlebury and Newbury by becoming involved with a large range of constituents at RWU.

"With Middlebury and Newbury I had the chance to gain an understanding of university life, from the trustees down to the students, and I was able to widen my vision of college systems," he mentions.

As for working with President Nirschel, the new Executive Assistant is very excited.

"I know him as a leader, I know what he can do for institution," he says of the RWU president, "I truly believe that Nirschel is the right person for this university at this time. It's serious business and he will carry through the strategic planning process."

Currently, the 'serious business'

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Softball Team returns from Florida, prepares for season

By Niki Fitzmeyer

Sports Editor

While most Roger Williams students were preparing for their spring break getaways, whether it was heading home or to a place with a warmer climate, the Lady Hawks softball team was gearing up for their trip to Fort Myers, Fla. where they played eight games in order to get ready for their up and coming season.

As of right now the team is coming together really well, even though there is still lots to work on. As each year passes it appears that the Lady Hawks continue to gain a great abundance of fresh talent. This year the Hawks got started on practice earlier than ever.

Coach Stephen Pappas said, "Preparing the team is like Christmas shopping. No matter how early you start, you are always running around at the last minute trying to get everything done."

The team welcomes back with open arms three players who Coach Pappas believes "could be the considered the best players in the league at their positions." This includes senior Lauren Hall, who was named CCC Pitcher of the Year 2001, junior catcher Laura Bednarz, and sophomore shortstop Erin Keating.

Although the pre-season rankings

have not yet been released at this time, the Hawks are expected to be the pre-season favorite. Their record was 18-1 last season. The two teams that the ladies are looking forward to meeting up with will be Endicott College and University of New England who are going slotted to be in the top three.

Coach Pappas had very positive things to say about his team.

"I am looking forward to lots of leadership from my tri-captains Hall, Bednarz, and senior Renee Case, which I have reason to believe will be there. The hard part is not winning a championship, it's trying to find a way to repeat it."

Another player that helps the team stay on track is junior Jen Sherman who holds the role of Academic Captain. Sherman's job is to make sure that the ladies keep up their exceptional grade point average.

Last season the team may have lost three seniors whose leadership and skills will be hard to replace, but they have gained six new freshman faces to help plug the holes.

"As of right now the starting line-up has not been set, but freshman Michelle Picard looks like she'll be a first baseman to reckon with in the league," said Coach Pappas.

The Lady Hawks open their season this Friday, March 22 at 4 p.m. on the softball field.

Gillooly

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involves mapping out where each division of the university must be in the next five to 10 years, including the new on-campus construction and changes in programs, faculty and administration, all of which Gillooly is actively overseeing and collaborating on.

"There are changes that I am excited to be a part of here," he remarks, "it is truly an exciting time in the history of RWU. We are ready to make the step to raise the university to the next level, and it is a rare opportunity to be involved with that and to get a chance to be a part of history."

For the new assistant, who recently moved into an apartment in Bristol with his wife, his four-year-old son and his nine-year-old son in order to take the job at RWU, the experience of working and living in the area has also been an exciting change.

"My nine-year-old son and I travel

the bike path nearly every day," he mentions with a smile, "I jog alongside him while he rides on his bike, well, until he outgrows his training wheels. It's great."

The new Executive Assistant wants to remain at RWU and in the area, even when his son does learn to ride a bike that can go faster than Gillooly can jog.

"I am currently looking to buy a house in Bristol," he says, "I am unfamiliar with the area, but it is like a little secret to us. I am hoping to be here for the long term. However, all this is not something that can be accomplished overnight."

Gillooly made it clear that he will remain available to be contacted by students, faculty and staff in order to enhance on-campus communication. He can be reached at his e-mail address, which he checks hourly: jjillooly@rwu.edu.

Police Blotter

Sunday, Feb. 24

At 1:37 a.m., a student was transported to Newport Hospital from Willow Hall for a supposed medication or drug reaction, police said.

At 5:45 p.m., police seized marijuana that was confiscated by RWU Public Safety officers.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Police responded at 1:58 p.m. to the report of the larceny of a Play Station from a room in Stone Wall Terrace.

Friday, March 1

At 9:36 a.m. Public Safety requested a police officer to pick up paraphernalia.

Three plastic straws were seized.

At 10:49 a.m., police were called to pick up drug paraphernalia.

Sunday, March 3

Bristol Police arrested Thomas John Fleming, 19, of 47 Samoset Rd. in Winchester, Mass. at 4:37 p.m. on an affidavit warrant for Possession of Marijuana-1st Offense.

Bristol Police arrested Dominick Joseph Gabriele, 19, of 10 Hoover Rd. in Riverside, Conn. at 5:58 p.m. on an affidavit warrant for Possession of Marijuana-1st offense.

Spring Sports Team Captain Profiles

Men's Volleyball Captains

Name: Chris Jorge
Home Town: New Bedford, Mass.
Position: Outside Hitter
Year: Senior
Major: Business Management

Sports Achievements (high school and RWU):

High School - South Alliance Conference all Star 96, 97, 98, Boston Globe All-Star 97, 98, Boston Herald All-Star 97, 98, Standard Times All-Star 96, 97, 98

RWU - Vassar Tournament All-Tournament Team 2001, 2002, RWU Tournament MVP 2000, Broke Service Ace Record 2000 Season, National Player of the Week 2000 Season, EIVA D3 Second Team All-Star 2000-2001 Season

Number of Years as Captain: 1

Goals for the Season: To win the Odeneal Conference so we can be placed in the Molten D3 Playoff Birth

Name: Jake Reynolds
Home Town: Riverside, R.I.
Position: Opposite
Year: Senior
Major: Business Management

Sports Achievements (high school and RWU):

High School - First Team All-Star Rhode Island, First Team All-Division Rhode Island, First Team All-New England Jr. Olympics

RWU - RWU All Tournament Team 2000, 2001, Verizon Academic All-District One Men's Spring at Large First Team, RWU All-Academic Team

Number of Years as Captain: 1

Goals for the Season: To win the Odeneal conference so we can be placed in the Molten D3 Playoff Birth

Softball Captains

Name: Renee Case
Home Town: Brookfield, N.Y.
Position: Second Base, Outfield, and Utility
Year: Senior
Major: Biology

Goals for the Season: Defend our title as CCC Champs, be stronger offensively and defensively, uphold our reputation as "the strongest team in the conference, and break the "wins in the season" record for female varsity sports at RWU.

Name: Lauren Hall
Position: Pitcher
Year: Senior
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU): 2001 Pitcher of the Year

Name: Laura Bednarz
Position: Catcher
Year: Junior
Major: English
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU): RWU Rookie of the Year 2000
Number of years as captain: 1

Co-Ed Equestrian Team Captains

Name: Melinda Lawrence
Home Town: Sterling, Mass.
Level of Competition: Open
Year: Junior

Major: Business Management
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU): RWU - competing in Regionals
Number of Years as Captain: 1

Name: Sara Clark
Home Town: Chelsea, Maine
Level of Competition: Novice
Year: Junior
Major: Communications
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU): RWU - Fourth place at Regionals, April 2001
Number of Years as Captain: 2

Lacrosse Captains

Name: Seth A. Funt
Home Town: Setauket, N.Y.
Position: Long Stick Middle
Year: Senior
Major: Marketing
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU): RWU- 2nd Team All Conference 2001, 2002 Player to Watch
Number of Years as Captain: 2
Goals for the Season: Win the championship and to work well as a team. We want to have positive influence on and off the field.

Name: David J. LeBlanc
Home Town: South Hadley, Mass.
Position: Attackman
Year: Senior
Major: CIS
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU):

High School - Gazette 5 Star, First Team All-League, All-Western Mass 1st Team, Bay State Games Athlete
RWU - 2nd Team All-Conference, Player of the Week CCC

Number of Years as Captain: 2
Goals for the Season: Win the CCC Championship and have fun doing it as well as being a leader for the team.

Name: Cory R. MacEachen
Home Town: Wilton, Conn.
Position: Defense
Year: Junior
Major: Business Management

Sports Achievements (high school and RWU):

High School - 1998 CT Div. 1 State Champs, 1998 #8 National Ranking, 1995 CT Div. 1 State Champs, 1995/96 Fairfield County Champs, 1995 #2 National Ranking

Number of Years as Captain: 1
Goals for the Season: To win the CCC Championship, and to beat New England College for the first time.

Name: Sean Kelley
Home Town: Derry, N.H.
Position: Defense
Year: Junior
Major: Architecture
Sports Achievements (high school and RWU):

High School - All-American
RWU - 2001 2nd Team All-Conference, 2002 Player to Watch
Number of Years as Captain: 1

Look for more sports team captain profiles in the next issue of *The Hawk's Eye!*

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Young Squad, Ready for Action

By Marc Stroum

Staff Writer

Well, another baseball season is upon us. As the Yankees and Red Sox get primed up in Florida, the Hawks have their team getting prepared for battle in the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

This year's team will be led by three junior captains. Josh Rosen, John Kelly and Colin Whalen have been sharpening up their leadership skills over their first two seasons and are ready to lead this year's team. All three of these players have made major contributions since their arrival in the 1999-2000 season. Rosen and Whalen have worked as starting pitchers and have logged many innings in the outfield, and Kelly has been used in the bullpen and as a starter over his career.

The senior leadership will not be lacking either as Bill Walker, Brian Raynor, and Carl Melchar will help the underclassmen mature. Transfer Shawn Rogers will add depth on the mound and a number of freshman and sophomores will be called upon to step up and take a leadership role.

Coming off an up-and-down season last year, the Hawks look to be contenders in the CCC. Last year they finished in the middle of the pack and made it to the semifinals, losing in the double elimination format to Salve Regina and Anna Maria.

This year's team is filled with talent. The depth is the most they have had in recent history. The bulk of the team are freshman and sophomores, 14 out of the 23 players, so these players should fill the roles left by the three graduating seniors from last year's squad. Chris Sullivan, Steve Browne, and Matt Killam were lost to graduation after four

outstanding seasons with the team. With a solid nucleus, finding players to fill these voids should not be a worry.

"Those guys last year were awesome for us, they had a great four years here, but playing behind them last year were some talented younger kids and now they are ready to step in," said Kelly.

The early season goal for the Hawks is to ultimately win the league and take home a CCC championship, earning them an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. There is more to that at stake. They are eager to return home from their trip in Florida with above a .500 record, which has been tough to come by over the years.

Things are shaping up nicely for the Hawks as warmer weather in the month of February has enabled the team to get a lot of work in outside. In a scrimmage against a tough Wheaton College team, the Hawks came away with a 7-3 victory looking sharp in all aspects of the game.

Kelly went on to add, "We are a veteran team, but a young veteran team, we have a strong outfield, solid pitching and lineup that puts the ball in play."

The team is headed back down to the sunshine state to participate in the Gene Cusic Classic, which is held annually for hundreds of baseball programs across the country in Fort Myers, Fla. This year their competition includes Hope College, Calvin College, Trinity College, College of New Jersey, and Messiah College just to name a few of the tougher teams on the schedule.

The Hawks will return home on March 20 for their first home game as they will take on a powerful Worcester State squad. League play will begin Tuesday, April 2, and the season will turn into high gear during that month.

Rugby prepares for March 23 season opener

By Niki Fitzemeyer

Sports Editor

One sport here at Roger Williams that tends to get overlooked is the rugby. The main reason that this sport is always overlooked is because it is considered a club sport and not a varsity team.

With a new coaching staff which includes head coach Chris Palombo and assistant coach Mike Cox, the club's president, senior Shaun Carrillo, can already tell that the team is off to a "strong start and will continue to progress as the season continues."

According to Carrillo, "Rugby combines the conditioning and team work like a soccer team would, with physicality and coordination that is needed by a football team."

After a great fall season the team is happy to welcome back two strong players, senior scrumhalf Andy Sarna

and senior second row Jay Forrester. Both players just returned from a Semester Abroad in Italy.

"The return of these two guys has given the team a great morality boost since they both bring with them their leadership skills and experiences," replied Carrillo.

The main focus of this season is going to be "The Beast of the East Tournament," which is played in Portsmouth, R.I. on the weekend of April 20. The team also hopes squash Providence College, which is now ranked #1 in Division 2 and Holy Cross, a team that the Hawks have beat in the past.

The first home game is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at 1 p.m. on the Nike Field, which is located near North Campus.

The team also encourages new people who are interested to come check out a practice or two. The team can be found practicing on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays on North Field from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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tion before they die. On average, the warmest the bay tends to get is about 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Water flowing out of the plant can be as warm as 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Over the course of about a month the power plant will take in as much water as there is in the entire bay. This means that the power plant is pumping approximately 53.3 million gallons of water a day through its machinery. This has led to an 87 percent decline in eight different species of finfish. Still not worried?

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Lacrosse looks forward to successful season

By Niki Fitzmeyer

Sports Editor

With spring shortly approaching the Roger Williams Lacrosse Team is looking forward to another game-winning season. After enduring an abundance of 6 a.m. practices, as well as several grueling afternoon sessions, the Hawks plan to attack the competition with full force.

Just recently Face Off Magazine posted the official pre-season coaches' poll for the 2002 College Lacrosse Season. This year the Hawks were posted in the fourth slot, a slot lower than the 2001 poll. But with any poll, the readings are not always accurate and the Hawks believe that they have what it takes to win the conference.

This year the top three teams for the Hawks to beat are Endicott College, New England College, and Gordon College. Last season the Hawks ended up beating Gordon College by one point, just in time to save the team from going into overtime. Another team that the Hawks plan on defeating is Wentworth Institute of Technology.

This was the team that the men lost to two times. One of those times knocked them out of the playoffs.

As of right now, Coach Marty Kelly feels "the team is coming together nicely. We had a scrimmage verse MIT a few Saturdays ago. And while we certainly need improvements in a few areas, I was generally happy with how we played."

Kelly added, "I feel we have a number of players that will provide a real threat for us offensively, and I feel we will have a very solid defense as well."

After only losing two seniors to graduation last spring, this year's seniors are stepping up with the focus of ending their college lacrosse careers with victory. Senior middie and the team's leading scorer in points Sean Sternberg, a 2002 Player to Watch and 1st Team All-Conference Player, plans on returning to the field after suffering from an injury to the collarbone this past break. Two senior quad-captains to keep an eye on are attackman Dave LeBlanc, the team's second leading scorer as well as a 2001 2nd Team All-Conference player, and long stick middie Seth Funt, 2001 2nd Team All-Conference player and 2002 Player to Watch. Senior attackman Peter

Awn returns for his fourth year as a varsity starter, while senior Tim Sullivan has moved from defense to face-off specialist.

Two new junior captains who plan on making a lasting impression are defensemen Cory MacEachen and Sean Kelley, an All-American in high school as well as a 2002 Player to Watch. Other juniors who will be stepping up and trying to make their presence known on the field are middie Mark Gryzlo and defenseman Mike Favaloro.

Sophomore starter Jamie McCoy will defend this year's goal with a little help from sophomore Ted Ryan on the side. Other sophomore players include middie Kenny Seitles and long stick middies Chris Hyde and Dan King.

The Hawks also welcomed three new faces to the team. Fourth year architecture major Josh Lowe returns as middie after taking last season off. Junior attackman Dave Andrews and sophomore defenseman Justin Lynch both transferred into RWU this fall, and are looking forward to making their mark.

Right now there are many talented freshman, but the primary ones to look for are CJ Annunciata on attack and Ross Baker, Doug D'Auria and Joel

Cohen in the midfield.

"I certainly hope we can put ourselves in a position to compete for the CCC Championship and go to the Division III NCAA Tournament," Kelly said. "I couldn't think of a better way to send the seniors out and provide additional incentive for the two captains who are returning in 2003."

This spring break the team will head to Port Richie, Fla. for a little pre-season action. The Hawks open their season on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. on the Bayside Field.



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