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Transgender week of remembrance
Honoring lost members of trans* community

Jacquelyn Voghel | Herald Contributor

In memory of those who have died as a result of prejudice and violence against members of the transgender community, the University recognized Transgender Day of Remembrance on the evening of Nov. 7. In the week surrounding Transgender Day of Remembrance, the University will host a variety of events that aim to educate and engage the University’s community on transgender issues and awareness.

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If you haven’t read anything by Kate Bornstein, or heard of her performance, you’re going to be blown away,” Anderson said. “The things that I learned just from reading her works, Bornstein were more mind-blowing, than any book that I’ve ever read or experienced. Her perspective and ability to elaborate on certain topics is something that really comes from within, and her writing is alone is fantastic. Just for us to get a glimpse of her performance.

Assistant Professor Laura D’Amore of the American Studies Department said Anderson’s sentiments, describing Bornstein’s performance as blending education with entertainment. “[Bornstein] is a pioneer in the concept of the gender outsider, or someone who lives and feels like their gender is outside of what we consider to be a binary gender system of male and female gender. She said, ‘I identify a spectrum, or a circle of identities that people can have. She tells about the way that people live with contradictions, ambiguities, and fluidities across identities, and she integrates all of these ideas into her performance. She can’t help but be educated and be helped by it.”

Furthermore, D’Amore added that Bornstein’s presence on campus is important for the University’s LGBTQ students. “[Bornstein] is a big deal in terms and queer spaces,” D’Amore said. “She’s a positive influence on LGBTQ people. Particularly youth. She is someone who speaks to young people who are actually struggling with depression and feels like their gender is outlaw, or someone who lives outside of what we consider their gender. She can’t help but be educated and be helped by her.”

Anderson encouraged students to participate in the events of this weekend. “I urge and encourage all victims of sexual assault to report the assault to Public Safety,” Moffatt-Limoges said. “[Sexual assault] is something we just don’t tolerate here on campus. If it is very seriously, and we investigate any claim of sexual assault, sexual abuse, or any kind of sexual misconduct whatsoever. We encourage victims to come forward, know that they have resources and support, and that they’re not alone.”

We are fortunate that this task force has already put in very solid groundwork, which I think everyone is looking more closely at and trying to tweak, just so everyone is really doing everything possible,” Andrade said. “Currently, there is more attention on trying to make more of a conversation amongst the students, and trying to help raise awareness that ‘It’s On Us.’ Everyone should participate in trying to prevent such acts from happening.”

Moffatt-Limoges hopes that educating the student body will help individuals feel more comfortable reporting sexual assault. “She also hopes that victims will feel encouraged to report sexual assaults to Public Safety, in addition to the sexual counseling and health services offered on campus.”

“The more the community, the more we can do to raise awareness that ‘It’s On Us.’ Working with organizations such as S.A.F.E. are focusing on goals that they identify with,” Moffatt-Limoges said. “We take it very seriously, and we investigate every claim of sexual assault, sexual abuse, or any kind of sexual misconduct whatsoever. We encourage victims to come forward, know that they have resources and support, and that they’re not alone.”
Once you get older though, you're just looking for friends. If you're young and you're looking for friends who willingly eat bugs. Even if you thought this was an attractive quality in a friend, I don't really expect to be finding bugs in my food. Now I certainly don't speak for the entire RWU community, but I do not want to have to worry about finding bugs in my food. I feel like that is a reasonable expectation when you are paying up to $15.51 for a dining plan this time of year. I, as a student, am expecting food to be served. Although it sounds almost cruel for the FDA to say that small levels of these disgusting additives to our food is acceptable, they do not get to worry about finding bugs in their food there. Not a fake bug, not a prank, but legitimate bugs to the students at RWU is something of which they should be ashamed. I understand that mistakes can be made when you are serving food to the number of students that our dining service does, but even small bugs in the food is one mistake that should never be made. Maybe a dish that did not get cleaned properly or some food that was undershot can be tolerated, but bugs in the food is unacceptable. I am not trying to destroy the credibility of the dining services at RWU. It may seem like it, but that is not the case. I am very grateful for Upper and Lower Commons and all that they do for the RWU community. Their theme nights are always entertaining and their food is normally good. I just think that they should be held accountable for their actions. I simply believe that it needs to be known that there were bugs found, on two separate occasions, in students’ food. The FDA, for reasons unknown to everyday citizens, actually has rules that say that certain levels of bug bits, rodent hair, and fly eggs are acceptable. The students at RWU were a kid and you would go because you're young and you would go because that was where I met my best friend. I remember the entire RWU community. Their theme nights were always entertaining and their food is normally good. I just think that they should be held accountable for their actions. I simply believe that it needs to be known that there were bugs found, on two separate occasions, in students’ food. The FDA, for reasons unknown to everyday citizens, actually has rules that say that certain levels of bug bits, rodent hair, and fly eggs are acceptable.

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Do you remember when you were a kid and you would go outside with your friends and play in the sandbox? I certainly remember that. It’s such a polarizing memory for me because that was where I met my best friend. I remember thinking we were so cool because he would find all kinds of different bugs and eat them for fun. I can’t tell you why I thought this was an attractive quality in a friend, but I was young and you were young, and eventually he grew out of that phase. When you’re young, you expect to have one or two friends like that, kids who eat bugs for fun. Even if you think it’s gross, you let it go because you’re young and you’re just looking for friends. Once you get older though, you don’t really expect to be finding bugs who willingly eat bugs. There’s another place you don’t expect to find bugs, and that is in the food in the university dining room. Unfortunately, that may be changing if you are deciding to eat at Upper Commons. In the past week, two people I know have found full bugs in their food there. Not a fake bug, not for a Halloween celebration, and not an extremely early April Fool’s Day prank from the kitchen staff, but legitimate creepy-crawly from nature. Now I certainly don’t speak for the entire RWU community, but I do not want to have to worry about finding bugs in my food. I feel like that is a reasonable expectation when you are paying up to $15.51 for a dining plan this time of year. Serving bugs to your customers is inexcusable no matter what kind of food service establishment you are running. Doing it twice in the same week is downright disgraceful. If a university normally ranked dining services, serving bugs to the students at RWU is something of which they should be ashamed. I understand that mistakes can be made when you are serving food to the number of students that our dining service does, but even small bugs in the food is one mistake that should never be made.
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WRESTLING finishes third in RWU Invitational

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Some points by coming in first in his weight class. Sophomore Taylor Heron also had an impressive day. Although he did not win his weight class, Heron finished in fourth place. After losing his first round match, Heron won seven straight matches. Junior Dan Rashkow was able to make a run to the semifinal round for his weight class before losing to the wrestler who would go on to win. Rashkow started around and claimed third place in the weight class, winning the third place match with a 4-1 decision. The Hawks got contributions from a lot of their wrestlers and put in a total team effort.

The wrestling team will compete in the Dogg Parker Invitational at Springfield College this Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10 a.m.

BASKETBALL: Opening weekend shows pros and cons of young team

FROM AB

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HOCKEY: Hawks win 4-3 on special night

FROM AB

“We came together as a family, we listened to our coaches and actions, and bought into what we can skate capable of, there is no team in the country that we can’t skate with,” he said.

The night’s fundraising event was equally successful; over $1,000 was raised for the cause, and the game raised more than $10 thousand for the cause.

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Women's soccer makes history

Hawks continue playoff push and get to third round of NCAA Tournament

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Sports Managing Editor

The women's soccer team made history last week. For the first time in their program's history, they have made it to the third round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. After an easy 3-0 win over Bowdoin College, the Hawks took on host school Massachusetts Institute of Technology and won 1-0 in a thriller in overtime. MIT was ranked 24th in the country when the Hawks ended their season.

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Disappointing homecoming
After solid opening weekend, Hawks fall in home opener

Stephanie Nisbet
Herald Contributor

With 36.6 seconds left on the clock, the Roger Williams University men’s basketball team (2-1) and Brandeis University (3-0) were tied at 71. With 8 seconds to go, the Hawks missed a three, found themselves down two, with a Brandeis player on the foul line. It had been a night of multiple lead changes and momentum shifts, and time was running out for the Hawks to stage one final comeback.

This time the clock won. The Hawks left to Brandeis with a final score of 75-45 in their season home-opener Wednesday night, but the game was a fight to the very end.

“Getting out of the last timeout, they were on the line, so we were looking to push the ball and advance if it was missed. If they made it, we also had a different game plan, but they missed, which was in our favor. We just didn’t get the right shot off at the end,” said senior captain Angelica Rendall, who led all scorers with 22 points on the night.

Outside of missing layups, however, the Hawks were able to generate good scoring opportunities through their defense, and they put in six three-pointers as well. Brandeis offense, and they put in six three-pointers as well. Brandeis outside shooting, making eight of their 19 three-point attempts, while Brandeis converted 13 of 24. This game could easily have been determined at the final bell, but the two teams proved evenly matched in this respect.

“I think we did miss some big free throws, but [Brandeis] also got big offensive rebounds off the foul line that we should have had. We need to work on rebounding consistently throughout the game,” said Ariola.

Men’s basketball splits in opening tournament
Connor Casey
Sports Manager

If winning two games to start the season is better than winning one, then winning one game is better than winning none.

The Roger Williams University men’s basketball team went 1-1 in the annual Gilchrist & Rib models Tournment held at RWU. The Hawks were able to upset Liberty 75-65 on Friday night before being shutout by the University of Massachusetts-Lowell (3-7-1). All of the action on Saturday when they took to the ice for another non-conference game.

The rink was a (frozen) sea of purple on Saturday; Driscoll Arena looks good in lavender. The Hawks honored their teammate battling cancer, and put their own team in the zone, when they did.

Hockey for a cure
Hawks honor teammate battling cancer
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D’Woll’s Arena looks good in lavender.

The team was a (frozen) sea of purple on Saturday. Lavender ribbons adorned the glass and the walls, fans entered the arena by the busload dressed in various shades of purple, and the Roger Williams University hockey team (10-5-1) skated out onto the ice in specially-made purple uniforms for the night’s game against University of Massachusetts-Lowell (7-7-1). All of this was done in support of Hockey Fights Cancer, and this year, the cause took on a personal meaning for the Hawks.

“Obviously, our team as a whole was shocked to hear one of our teammates was diagnosed with testicular cancer this summer, and having it [Stover] had been a positive, incredible role model, it really hit hard to some of the guys,” said senior captain Jacob Ryan, who has been at RWU for the last two years. “We’ve been in the Hawks’ favor. We have very strict scorers, and when we don’t follow those scoring reports, upsets like this happen.”

Fortunately, the season is still young, and the Hawks have the chance to figure out exactly how to defeat their opponents. RWU returns to action on Saturday when they travel to Connecticut College for another non-conference game.
**WHO'S THE NEXT MR. RWU?**

Introducing two of the eight contestants and the coordinator in their breakout roles

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**SETH REINER**

*As the only sophomore contestant, Seth Reiner thrives in the competition with excitement for helping an amazing cause.* With a triple major in legal studies, Spanish and philosophy, Reiner finds the deeper meaning of Mr. RWU, which is helping the children while having fun. Reiner is also involved on campus, he is an RA and working for the housing department. In his free time he enjoys playing sports such as baseball, soccer and tennis and loves to watch European soccer. By his side throughout the competition is personal assistant senior Sam O’Neil, who Reiner met over the summer while they were both working as Orientation Advisors. Lebel feels that there is no other person with which he could imagine going through this experience.

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**ADAM MEYER**

**AS THE COORDINATOR**

Former Mr. RWU contestant Adam Mayer decided to take a leap into head position as coordinator of this year’s pageant. Having experience of what it is like to be a part of this contest, Mayer is excited to experience the other side of the pageant where he is able to organise the event. As a junior, Mayer is actively involved on campus; he is head RA in Stonewall and is involved in various organizations and clubs. In his free time, he enjoys hiking-outdoors and getting to know people on campus. Mayer decided to take on the position as coordinator because he feels it is important to give children the opportunity to live a life that many are fortunate to live. Mayer thinks back to his experience as a contestant and remembers how eye-opening the experience was. Not only was he able to raise money for a great cause, he also learned just how willing people are to help.

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**TIM LEBEL**

**AS BUDDY THE ELF**

Student body president senior Tim Lebel is taking his leadership skills to the Mr. RWU competition as a contestant. With a Spanish major and minor in educational studies, Lebel is looking to convey the idea that charity work is something rewarding and fun. In his free time, he enjoys participating in clubs and organizations on campus and hanging out with friends.

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**SETH REINER**

*Lebel will be portraying his fun and genuine side as Aladdin, and Tomczyk will be Jasmine. As for his talent, he admits it will be fun and everyone will know the act.*

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Lebel is doing Mr. RWU because the fundraising aspect personally affects him. In his high school, he took part in Mr. TKS (Tolland High School) in his hometown of Tolland Conn.. Lebel has a good idea of what the experience is like and feels it is a great culmination of everything he has done. As far as winning, Lebel knows the competition is secondary.

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*Lebel will be portraying his fun and genuine side as Buddy the Elf Along with that, his talent portion of the show is left a surprise.*

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Putting the ‘Thanks’ back in Thanksgiving

Troy Robinson
Herald Contributor

Ah, Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful day towards the end of the year when Americans get to gorge themselves with food without feeling guilty for it. It’s a day when gluttony is permissible.

Now picture yourself on Thanksgiving Day: Perhaps you give a quick prayer before you dig into your scrumptious meal. Or perhaps you mutter a ‘Thank you’ or two before ripping into that succulent, oven-roasted turkey. Then, with the turkey devoured, you move to savor the stuffing, the mashed potatoes, the green beans, and then move to conquer the stuffing, with the turkey defeated, you sit back and watch the dishes. That is the typical Thanksgiving Day when being thankful is merely an excuse for over-indulgence. While we’re taking our turkey-induced naps, we fail to think of those who are less fortunate than us. There are people in America who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal. Likewise, there are people who cannot afford a roof over their head. Why, then, do we continue to complain about what we don’t have when there are people with far less?

The problem is that we take what we have for granted. While a 17-year-old, for example, thinks that the Wi-Fi isn’t working, there’s a boy of the same age facing food death on the streets, without a hot meal or a cozy bed to go home to. According to The National Center for Family Homelessness, over 1.1 million children experience homelessness, and go hungry every year. Enough said. What are you going to do about our country’s sorry Wi-Fi connection?

This Thanksgiving, look around your dinner table and be grateful to have people you love and care about; because not everyone is that lucky. Reflect on everything you have, and consider the unique opportunities that life has to offer. Once you are truly grateful for the life with which you’ve been blessed, you can give a meaningful and heartfelt thanks.

But not so fast. A quick prayer and heartfelt thanks are nice, but they aren’t going to make a difference in the world. Do you really want to show how thankful you are this Thanksgiving? Then take the time to help someone less fortunate than you are. It could be by helping an elderly neighbor carry groceries to his or her front door; it could be by donating to a local food drive for the homeless. It could be by volunteering at a local nursing home. The choice is yours. But whatever choice you make will give you the good feeling of knowing that you made someone’s day a little brighter. Thanksgiving dinner is certainly something to look forward to. After all, what’s better than being surrounded by great food, family, and good friends? But always keep in mind that you can share your fortune with others, and give something to be thankful for too.

Alessia den Boggende
Herald Contributor

Rhode Island native Debra Mulligan is an associate professor of history with a unique and creative way of teaching. Mulligan presented at a regional conference on Sunday, Nov. 15 for the National Historical Honor Society, an organization of which she has been a part since her senior year of college in 1981. She has also written a book on J. Howard McQuinn, Harry Truman’s chairman of the Democratic National Committee. She plans to publish the book with McFarland Press by Sep. 2016. Mulligan attended Providence College, and has known from the age of five that she wanted to be an educator. Becoming a university professor was her dream.

“I’ve always loved teaching,” she said. “I love kids, I love helping people. It’s great to see the fruits of your labor. It’s amazing to see your students leave you and graduate and be able to see the great things they do afterwards. I like the feeling of knowing that I was able to help them.”

Mulligan’s favorite part of her college career was finding her history major, and then going on to attend graduate school.

Mulligan is passionate about the many classes she teaches, but her favorites are Modern Japan and History of Rhode Island. If she could propose any class she wanted, it would be a “Commemoration and Culture” seminar. Mulligan enjoys seeing the two sides of history, and believes that is would be a great class.

Professor of History Debra Mulligan understands the struggles that her students go through since she has been through the same.

Professor of the week

Mulligan: Merging art and history
Roger’s backyard

Best breakfast in Bristol:
3 places to cure your hangover

Shana Sims | Features Editor

Snapshots

The Sunset Cafe, located in downtown Bristol, has many delicious breakfast options at student-friendly prices.

**FEATURES**

Sunset Cafe

This cafe has healthier and unique options, such as a salmon plate and polenta cakes. They offer plenty of homemade classics as well, including granola from scratch. They also have gluten-free pancakes. Breakfast is available until 3:30 p.m. daily. They also serve beer and wine for brunch. For a quality sit-down breakfast place, this is one of the best values in Bristol.

Sip ‘n’ Dip

Sip ‘n’ Dip is famous for their coffees. They also have a selection of pastries and bagels, as well as breakfast sandwiches. Sip 'n' Dip is located just down the road from campus on Hope Street, and closes at 10 p.m. daily. It’s a great place to stop on the way to class for off-campus students. However, don’t expect the most friendly service.

The Beehive Cafe

This cafe has healthier and more unique options, such as salmon plate and polenta cakes. They also have gluten-free pancakes. The atmosphere is casual, and the service is fast and friendly. On weekends, there is often a line out the door. They are open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. For a quality sit-down breakfast place, this is one of the best values in Bristol.

Letters from London

Adapting to London fashion

Immediately upon my arrival, I immediately began to notice a difference in culture. Not only was the food slightly different, but there was an obvious contrast in fashion. In America, a normal outfit for a female college student might be a pair of jeans, boots, and a blouse. For males a typical outfit might be a pair of sweatpants and a t-shirt. If you wear this type of clothing in London, you stick out like a sore thumb. Everyone can tell I am a student because of my blue jeans. Someone doesn’t even need to hear me speak to tell that I am American, they just know. London is one of the fashion capitals of the world. Walking down Oxford Street is like being in an outdoor shopping mall.

Popular stores in America, such as Forever 21, and H&M are there as well as stores unique to London. The style seems to be more professional than in the United States. Popular London fashion statements are big coats, sweaters, and a lot of black. RWU junior Kristen Peragine is taking a London Fashion class during her study abroad experience. "Fashion in London is really a free for all. If you like it, you wear it. People have their own style here and I love it," Peragine said. "On campus and at home, everyone tends to have very similar style. People wear the same pieces, but there judgments can’t be made about what anyone’s wearing because everyone’s style is how they desire."

I rarely wear a jacket here because the weather is so nice compared to the cold New England weather that I’m used to. At this time of year, most Londoners wear jackets. They can be anything from big furry coats, to leather jackets to professional pea coats. Women usually wear long sweaters with a scarf, tights, and boots. The boots are generally mid calf length rather than tall boots. As far as colors, they tend to stick with neutrals that will match with anything. Accessories are not as popular in London as they are in America. Statement necklaces are popular, but women don’t tend to wear a lot of bracelets or large earrings. Men in London never wear sweaters or suspenders. They tend to dress more professionally and give more consideration to what they wear. They wear suits with ties, or a casual sports jacket with a nice pair of pants. They tend to dress more professionally and give more consideration to what they wear. They wear suits with ties, or a casual sports jacket with a nice pair of pants. After being here for over two months, my own personal style has evolved. Not only can you learn about the history of a city while studying abroad, but you tend to immerse yourself into many aspects of their culture and style.

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In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlights selected student conduct statistics from the semester prior. The outcomes of cases during spring 2014 resulting in suspension or expulsion from RWU are listed below.

Last academic year, we observed an increase of students separated from RWU due to incidents of sexual assault and harassment. Separations due to incidents of physical assault and fighting also increased. We also highly encourage students to report such incidents. Please remember that suspension from the University is typically for 1 semester up to an indefinite time and usually begins immediately. Expulsion is permanent and once found responsible, students are immediately withdrawn from their classes. Suspensions and expulsions are listed on students' academic transcripts. Students are responsible for all financial obligations for the semester when the sanction occurred. During suspensions and expulsions, responsible individuals are banned from University property. In accordance with state and federal laws protecting the privacy of student records, identifying information in the following report, such as names and genders, is excluded.

Spring 2014 Student Conduct Suspensions (5)
• 2 suspensions for selling marijuana on campus and possession of marijuana with intent to sell at Willow. These students were arrested.
• 1 suspension for domestic vandalism, alcohol, failure to complete sanctions and violation of University probation at Baypoint. This student was arrested.
• 1 suspension for activation of a false fire alarm while under the influence of alcohol at Willow.
• 1 suspension for domestic vandalism, setting off a fire extinguisher requiring building evacuation, and failure to comply with University officials while under the influence of alcohol at Stonewall and on campus property. This student was arrested.

Spring 2014 Student Conduct Expulsions (2)
• 1 expulsion for selling marijuana on campus and possession of marijuana with intent to sell at Willow. This student was arrested.
• 1 expulsion for domestic assault, threatening behavior, and sexual misconduct off campus in Bristol. This student was arrested.

We also find that a number of students lose housing privileges during the year due to probation violations and/or multiple alcohol or drug violations. We hope to create an awareness of response to community disruptions as well as to educate students to think before you act and please make decisions that will positively benefit the community. Education, restoration, and protection are the intended outcomes of the Student Conduct system. We seek to enhance the educational missions of the University and the Division of Student Life by setting and promoting high standards while treating each student with dignity and respect. If there are questions about the process or behavioral concerns, please contact us at 401-254-3042 or contact a RA, Core, or Public Safety at 401-254-3333.

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Looking for something fun to do on campus on Thursday nights?

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Bias Education Response Team Report to RWU Community

Statistics based on spring 2014 data

The Bias Education Response Team (BERT), a University committee comprised of students, faculty and staff, will be reporting each semester on the bias related incidents that are reported and investigated in the prior semester. Our goal is to educate, increase knowledge about bias incidents and to provide information about what happens in our community. This article is follow up to our October 23 information in the Hawks Herald. During the spring 2014 semester, 7 bias incidents were reported. Each was investigated and, where appropriate, was adjudicated through the Student Conduct system. Bias related violations of the RWU Code of Conduct receive enhanced sanctions ranging from educational interventions up to expulsion from RWU.

A bias incident, as defined by the Division of Student Life’s Bias Education Response Team, is “an event that has the effect of demeaning or degrading an individual or a group and is motivated in whole or in part by the perpetrator’s bias of a group or persons based on their actual or perceived disability, race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or gender expression or identity.”

The following is a summary of reported bias incidents from the spring 2014 semester:

- Incident of written bias based on national origin sent through Twitter
- Incident of written bias based on race at Bayside Courts
- Incident of written bias based on national origin sent through Twitter
- Incident of written bias based on sexual orientation at parking lot H
- Incident of verbal bias based on gender expression at Maple Hall
- Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Stonewall Complex
- Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Lower Commons

The Bias Education Response Team committee affirms the University’s mission to promote a respectful community and is committed to fostering a healthy and safe environment for everyone. In addition, we are committed to preventing further acts of bias by educating the RWU community about the effects of bias actions and the impact on all of us. In our spring semester report, the committee will also summarize educational efforts and training opportunities offered during the academic year.

If you are a victim of or witness to a bias related incident please report this to Public Safety or your RA or Core, Student Conduct and Community Standards, and/or Bristol or Portsmouth Police Departments. These resources are listed on the Bias Education Response Team web site: http://www.rwu.edu/about/university-offices/public-safety/bias-incidents/hate-crimes

RWU also has a confidential reporting form located at the Reporting page on the Tegrity site, http://www.rwu.edu/about/university-offices/public-safety/crime-prevention/confidential.

Constance De La Rois, Associate Director of the Intercultural Center
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Bias Education Response Team co-chairpersons

Correction
In the Nov. 6 issue of The Hawks’ Herald, a headline on page A6 read “Hawks improve to 8-0 win over Salve Regina.” The headline should have been “Hawks improve to 8-0 with win over Plymouth State University.”

Correction
In the article “Sexual Assault Series: Part I” in the Nov. 13 issue of The Hawks’ Herald, a sentence on page A3 stated, “Last academic year, there were two cases of non-consensual sexual intercourse and two cases of non-consensual sexual contact, which resulted in suspensions from RWU.” To clarify, two of the cases resulted in expulsion, and the other two resulted in suspension.

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National Absurdity Day
Nov. 20

Every year on Nov. 20, the unofficial holiday National Absurdity Day is celebrated across the country. National Absurdity day is the single day of the year that you can act absolutely absurd without having to make excuses. It’s also a day to reminiscence on the absurd things that have happened throughout our lives, and in history as well.

“Why? Perhaps the unknown creator of this strange day was stressed out, bored with day-to-day life, or had just worn out his or her brain trying to make sense of everything all the time,” says The Daily Grind.

We all need to take the time, occasionally, to let loose, do crazy things, and act ridiculously, so take this opportunity to do so while celebrating National Absurdity Day.

“How far you take your absurd antics is up to you,” says The Daily Grind. “Unfortunately, tomorrow isn’t Erase Your Memory of Yesterday Day, so be careful with your absurdity.”

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Marketers have predicted, however, that one of the largest displays in the world, which was lit for the first time the night of Nov. 18, will certainly capture the audiences’ attention.

This billboard will be the biggest and most expensive digital billboard to ever hit Times Square in New York City. In an article published in The New York Times, “Times Square’s Biggest and Most Expensive Digital Billboard Is Set to Shine,” Emily Steel provides ample information on the massive display.

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It is also stated that the billboard will be made up of nearly 24 million LED pixels, each of which contain little red, blue, and green lights. These lights project an even higher resolution than the best television sets in the world today.

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With that said, it is expected that this extraordinary billboard will generate more views and consumer attention than ever before. The Universal Everything studio collective will be the first company to be advertising on the massive screen in front of the Marriott Marquis hotel. They will occupy that space until Nov. 24 when Google is scheduled to take over as the debut advertiser; their campaign is expected to run through the New Year.

Largest and most expensive billboard
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Ashley Williams
Entertainment Editor

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Question of the week:
What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving and why?

Steve Messina | SENIOR
“Sweet Potato Casserole because I’m not a huge fan of turkey.”

Carly Martin | FRESHMAN
“The breakfast because I don’t like turkey.”

Carleigh Tattersfield | SOPHOMORE
“Having everyone at the table eating because it’s fun.”

Nick Vines | FRESHMAN
“Going home because it’s a good place to be.”

Courtney White | FRESHMAN
“I really enjoy stuffing because it’s a family tradition with my entire family.”

Chris Haines | SENIOR
“I get [paid] time and a half because I like money.”

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving and why?
In recent history, modern technology has proved to play a huge role in many people’s lives. Being in the digital age, we are more connected than ever before, while remaining in environments of the same time. The play “Dead Man’s Cell Phone” by Sarah Ruhl, put on at the Performing Arts Center in honor of Roger Williams University founder George Allen, takes a closer look at the digital age.

“Dead Man’s Cell Phone” is a new and unique play that has created quite the stir within the arts world. Despite its short run of only three weekends, the play has already received a number of prestigious awards, including the “Alan Jay Hood Hayes Award” for Outstanding New Play. Like many others in the crowd of this production, Kominski was moved by the higher message being conveyed in the show. “Even when we are with other people, all too often our attention is on whatever it is we are doing on our smart phones,” said Kominski. “Hopefully now that we finally get to use our cell phones, we’ll have the time to search and recite them out loud to us, capture pictures and videos, interact with others within seconds – the list goes on. The lesson that we learn in this play – and the thing that most people know in their minds, but would have trouble admitting – is that sometimes the ‘benefit’ of smartphones are more harmful than helpful. People are often too blinded by all of the good things cell phones have to offer, and therefore fail to recognize the dangers that they can cause. Sadly, people would rather send a quick, abbreviated text, than simply dial a phone number and at least have a phone conversation.

Our generation is slowly losing sight of the necessity of face-to-face interaction and that is an important part of our society.”

“Dead Man’s Cell Phone,” was another piece to add onto the list of beautiful, yet haunting truths of modern communication and relationships.
The Hawks’ Herald

ENTERTAINMENT

Courtney Danforth
Herald Contributor

Let’s face it, we are all guilty of sitting in front of the TV on a rainy day with our bag of munchies and fluffy blanket to watch an episode or two of our favorite show; or perhaps a whole season worth.

“Last year, I watched all eight seasons of ‘It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,’ but I’d say I watched about 10 hours a week...I like it because I think it’s hilarious and very well written and acted, and the cast is great,” said junior James Paternostro.

Nowadays, consumers have entire television series, along with thousands of movies, at their fingertips, thanks to streaming media companies like Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube. “I absolutely love American Horror Story,” said Ashley Williams, the Hawks’ Herald. “It’s such a great show. It’s so interesting. It’s very suspenseful and there’s something new in every show. It’s such a great psychological thriller, and I think it’s great anything that has to do with horror. So anything that has to do with ‘American Horror Story,’ “It’s such a great show. It’s so interesting. It’s very suspenseful and there’s something new in every show. It’s such a great psychological thriller, and I think it’s great anything that has to do with horror. So anything that has to do with ‘American Horror Story,’

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The actual act of obsessively watching television shows is not what degrades mental or physical health; it is the mere act of sitting down for long periods of time. The sedentary behavior that goes along with binge watching TV is what can cause serious health and lead to anxiety or depression. In terms of physical health, sedentary behavior is often associated with obesity. “The problem with weight tend to be more sedentary. We don’t actually know if it’s people who are sedentary become obese or if it’s obese people tend to be more sedentary. We don’t actually know the direction of the relationship but in general, we know that sedentary behavior is not good for us. We can’t undo the negative effects,” Toolsey said.

DIY: Pilgrim hat cookies

Surprise your friends and family this Thanksgiving with a fun dessert to finish your feast. Follow the five easy steps below to make your own batch of Pilgrim hat cookies.

Step 1: Collect your ingredients. You will need a package of chocolate wafer cookies (such as Nabisco Famous Chocolate Wafers), a package of small peanut butter cups, and one tube of orange frosting with piping tips.

Step 2: Lay the cookies out on a work surface.

Step 3: Squeeze a small dot of frosting in the center of each of the cookies. A small amount of frosting should be enough to cover the whole cookie.

Step 4: Unwrap as many peanut butter cups as you have cookies, invert them, and then gently press each one down into the frosting.

Step 5: Use the frosting with a round piping tip to make a “hat-band” around the peanut butter cup and a square “brim.” Remember to let the frosting set before storing the treats.

Note: The cookies can be made up to three days in advance, as long as they are stored airtight at room temperature.

Put together a fun Thanksgiving Day dessert in just five easy steps.

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The negative effects of sedentary behavior cannot be undone. After sitting in front of the TV and eating chips for four hours, for instance, a person cannot cancel out that behavior by going for a jog, so it is best to prevent this behavior from happening. “The problem is not actually watching TV, it’s the behavior that goes along with it. It’s the stuff that we do while we’re watching TV that’s the problem,” Toolsey said.

In regards to being a healthy “binge-watcher,” Toolsey suggests giving up every 20 or 30 minutes to walk around in order to not practice sedentary behavior. Another suggestion is to eat small portions of food since people tend to associate watching TV with eating fatty foods like chips or cookies. Watching TV before going to bed can cause sleep deprivation which has many harmful effects on the body.

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