President Roy J. Nirschel, Luther Blount and Governor Donald Carcieri broke ground at the site of the future home of the Luther Blount Shellfish Hatchery and Oyster Restoration Center.

The architect for the project has already been hired and after the summer, when permits will be acquired, the true groundbreaking will take place in the fall. The center is expected to be up and running by the fall of '07 with the hatchery, faculty offices, a new boathouse and a path to make the waterfront more accessible.

Q&A with President Nirschel:

The scoop on everything RWU

by the Herald Editors

What is the biggest problem that you see here that needs to be fixed?
I don’t think that everyone is aware of, and therefore as proud of, all of the accomplishments of the university. The student newspaper has been helpful along with the Daily Dose and university updates, but still, you talk to people sometimes and they say ‘I didn’t know that. I didn’t know that.’ So I think the lack of awareness of all the accomplishments of the faculty and of the students who do tremendous stuff. I think people don’t have a sense that the students are as good as they are. It’s a big deal to get the kind of speakers we get to campus, and I am not sure if that is really recognized.

What has been the most gratifying experience as president of this university?
Seeing the things that have happened during my years here are very gratifying. It has been five years; the place has gotten bigger, the place has gotten better, and we’ve gotten an international reputation. Students are graduating in record numbers and students are staying. To see the overall progress and growth both quantitatively and qualitatively is also rewarding. We had 7,500 applicants this year for 1,050. A few years ago, we had about 3,300 applicants. We are pushing 90 percent this year.

When I got here, I asked ‘Who is in charge of retention?’ and people said ‘well, uh nobody.’ Nobody was in charge of retention, so you can’t solve a problem if nobody is in charge of it.

So then I asked well, ‘why do people leave’ and they had various responses but nobody had any actual facts. So the first thing we did was give out surveys to actually ask students. They left for a lot of reasons. People were leaving because they missed family and friends or because we didn’t have enough faculty, didn’t have enough student life, didn’t have enough housing and the food that we could work at to fix. We didn’t have enough faculty, didn’t have the recreational center. When they went home, they said to family and friends ‘oh I go to RWU, and they said ‘Rogers College?!’ ‘Mr. Rogers’?! Hiring more faculty, making improvements (we’ve put tens of thousands of offices, 300 offices, a new boathouse and a path to make the waterfront more accessible.

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First Lady

Laura Bush to speak at commencement

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Features Editor

As RWU prepares for the annual commencement ceremony, the last piece of the puzzle has been revealed. On May 20, First Lady Laura Bush will address the graduates and their families as the commencement speaker.

“This has been in the works for over a year,” President Roy J. Nirschel said.

Rumors have been flying around campus for months that the First Lady would be joining in the commencement ceremony, but it was not confirmed until late last week.

“They [the White House] sent us a release on Friday, and that’s how we found out it was official,” Nirschel said. “Because of security reasons we weren’t positive beforehand.”

Nirschel and wife Paula, have had a relationship with the First Lady for several years because of Bush’s involvement with the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women. The initiative, founded by Paula, gives Afghan women a chance to study and live in the United States at one of 10 universities that have gotten involved. Together Paula and Mrs. Bush have worked to forward this program.

“I asked her [Mrs. Bush] in May if she would accept an honorary degree at RWU. She actually accepted then but had to secure that this would be possible. I am not surprised that she followed through on her desire to attend our graduation,” Paula said. “Mrs. Bush is very committed to education. She is a great supporter of the Initiative To Educate Afghan women and all that this program stands for.”

Not only will Mrs. Bush’s attendance be made public, but the First Lady is expected to be up and running by the fall of ’07 with the hatchery, faculty offices, a new boathouse and a path to make the waterfront more accessible.

Laura Bush to speak at commencement

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Poster designed by Alex Harrison
From Bayside, with Love

"Small addiction leads to habit"

Bounce once, bounce twice, grab the ball, bend the knees, square the shoulders, tuck the elbow, visualize, fluid motion, release. No one ever told me exactly how to shoot a free throw, they just told me to find a comfortable process and repeat it every time I stepped to the line, and I did. I was always a bad free throw shooter, but once I felt relaxed in my process, I looked forward to shooting them. Amidst the pressure of the game, the relentless sprinting and the general confusion that was high school basketball, I was always able to find some sort of peace at the free throw line. All eyes on me, perfecting the process performing the dance, my own private art form, it was addictive.

That was an art form that became a small addiction. But I see happening the opposite way every single day, addiction that becomes an art form. All of my friends are artists and I’m a witness to their work. Some are chain smokers, some are beer drinkers, pot smokers, pill poppers, gym rats, whirped lovers, some are a mixture and some are something completely different. But they all have one thing in common; they’re all masters of their craft.

Quite possibly the craziest of substance abusers is the pot head. Actually, I’m not really feeling the term “pot head,” let’s change it to “chemically induced euphoria head.” The possible variations involved in the process of getting high are endless, but I’ll focus on just one. Cut the cigar down the middle, toss the edges, delicate, make a fold, add the mixture and set the edges dry with lighter, spark, watch for canoes. The process he endures when he flies to the other side of the Atlantic, when he fights (most likely her fault). Well ... in an effort to console him I ended up getting too friendly and we slept together. She doesn’t know, but I’m just waiting for him to tell her and for her to explode ... what do I do???

-Made a Mistake

Dear Mistakes,

Yikes! This sounds like an extremely tricky situation. Although it sounds like their relationship was a little rocky that still doesn’t mean you’re allowed to sleep with your friends boyfriend! Both you and her boyfriend have made a mistake that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. It sounds like this guy shouldn’t be in this relationship and it sounds like you don’t respect your roommate that much. In all honestly you need to talk to her first. This guy could turn around and pin the whole thing on you and then good luck getting her to “understand.” Explain the situation and how it happened and then back off. She is going to hate you for a serious amount of time. You need to be prepared that she may never want to speak to you again after this. That’s a price you may have to pay for what you’ve done. Just make sure you get to tell your side of the story. She may forgive you, but it’s going to take time.

Meg & Ash

Meg and Ash are RWUs own personal advice gurus. These experienced advice columnists have contributed to the Hawks Herald for over a year and are ready to take on more of your emotional challenges. Write to Meg and Ash at askmeg_ash@hotmail.com.

Monday is custodian appreciation day ... Make sure to give a big thank you to your custodian!
Nirschel: Life in charge of RWU

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They take [what the university is doing] as personal or they bring up something that happened 25 or 30 years ago that is irrelevant today. But I think you have to be good-natured, and I am pretty good natured plus I love what I do. It’s good when I am sure that we are right and moving ahead in a positive direction. There is rarely a day when I think to myself ‘oh what am I doing here?’ I really cannot think of one.

We had some difficulties two years ago, as you may remember, and I was out of the country. I felt terrible being away. I cancelled my trip and got a flight back, but it was frustrating because I wanted to be here. I wanted to be here not to do battle, but to respond on behalf of the university more quickly and more emphatically than had been the case. That was a frustrating day.

How many e-mails do you get on a typical day?

I generate a lot of e-mails. I bang out e-mails all the time. On a typical day, I could get a couple dozen to some days I could get up to 50 or 60. I am pretty good at getting back to people unless I am irritated with them about something.

What do you like to do in your free time when it is not a seven day work week?

I am a big, big movie fan and I am a huge reader. I love to read different kinds of things. I like foreign films and Sundance Festival films. I do a lot of exercise: biking, hiking, I am a so-so tennis player. But, I enjoy watching sports, particularly college sports. I like to travel. Last year, I visited seven countries mostly on business, I like good food. I don’t cook as much as I would like but I am a pretty excellent cook if I do say so myself.

Here is your chance to go on the record: Is your driveway heated?

Have you ever actually seen snow in my driveway? The pool is heated in the backyard and then of course the sauna. Then underground of course, I have the Batcave tube that sends me across the street. I pass under the pool, the sauna and the heated driveway.

[In all seriousness] I hate to lose the mystery, but the driveway is not heated.

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arrival be exciting for everyone, but mainly for the Afghan students who know that their investment in this program is huge and her decision to come is directly reflecting the program in which they are a part.

Because of her vested interest in the international advancements that RWU works so hard to further, Mrs. Bush has only agreed to speak at RWU’s commencement turning down many other universities.

“Her primary interest is in the Afghani women but really on all of the global initiatives here,” Nirschel said in regards to her expected speech topic. “She is coming to help graduate the first ‘class’ of Afghani students.”

Although it cannot be confirmed, it is to be expected that the Secret Service have already visited campus and the surrounding area.

When asked if they have made appearances at RWU and if background checks were bring processed for each person attending the ceremony, Nirschel said, “I have no comment.”

As President Nirschel’s fifth year as president is quickly coming to a close, both he and his wife can be proud of the advancements and relationships they have formed, especially with Mrs. Bush.

“We are very fortunate that she chose to be a significant part of our graduation this year!” Paula said.

“We don’t yet know how she’s arriving, maybe by car or maybe by helicopter,” Roy said. But, we are all very excited!”
Gas prices drain more than just the well

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

"America is addicted to oil." President George W. Bush spoke these words in his State of the Union Address in January. Roger Williams University students are now questioning how this "addiction" will affect their lives and their wallets.

Oil has been continually rising throughout the spring months. Students are worried that prices will continue to rise until they are unable to fill their tanks.

"It was $2.65 last week and now it's $2.89," said senior Kellie Corcoran. "It's impossible. I think people know we're gonna pay for it."

Many students could not explain why they thought the prices were constantly increasing. Sophomore Nicole Sami said, "There's absolutely no legitimate reason for it to be that high." Many students and Americans agree.

The truth is that the price we pay at the pump is affected by everything from the price of the barrel to the few cents the gas station adds on. Most of the price we pay, about 59% is the cost of crude oil. Another 10% is the refining of the oil and about 11% covers the distribution and marketing. On top of that price, 29% is taxes and there are a few cents added on by the gas station.

Many students are complaining that perhaps the markup is occurring because of the coming summer months. This is not, however, gas stations deciding that they want to make more money. This is a simple supply and demand formula. The demand for gasoline is higher in the summer and since the supply is the same, prices inflate.

Another concern is that refineries are not filling to capacity, causing increases in price. Basically anything that affects the oil from the time it is drilled until the time you pump it into your car can cause changes in price.

The problem that has arisen lately is that there are large profits being made by gas company individuals, and this has many students questioning why gasoline prices are really rising.

"The gas companies are like 'we haven't seen profits like this in years'," senior Quinn Stuart said. "It's ridiculous."

Some individuals, however, have noted that worrying about gasoline prices is a lost cause because there is nothing we can do about it. "I don't even look at the price anymore, I need gas and so I just fill up," Junior Mike Botti said.

Foreign language professor, Anthony Hollingsworth, has also taken the prices as they come and commented that "I have to fill up every three trips but that's the world. That's what we call supply and demand."

Professor Hollingsworth has also taken a glass-half-full look at the gas prices. "Maybe it's a good thing to curb our addiction to gasoline, she said. If it all of a sudden becomes more beneficial to ride a bike or walk it will be better for our health and the environment."

Many students would take the opportunity not to drive their cars, but it seems unrealistic in suburban America. Quinn Stuart said, "I wish I could be less dependent on my car but there is no way. We don't have the option of public transportation. We have to drive a car."

Perhaps it is the lack in choice that affects students immensely. A student can decide whether he or she wants to spend the two or four dollars on coffee, but gas is expensive at every station. Perhaps it creates such animosity on campus because most college students have very little money.

Gas station managers were unwilling to comment on gasoline prices. However, to find the cheapest gas station nearest you go to www.rhodeislandgasprices.com or www.automotive.com/gasprices. Simply enter the zip code and nearby gas stations will be listed with gas prices.

New media outlet for creative pens, minds

Traci Harris
Herald Staff

Roger Williams University will debut a new literary magazine before the school year is over.

Since the literary magazine began in the spring of 2005, faculty and students have been working hard to get it going.

After all the hard work, the magazine promptly named Roger will be sent out throughout the country.

Nora Almeida, a senior creative writing major is the production editor and has been working on the magazine since it started.

Almeida explained that Roger is "an arts and literary magazine that is comprised of fiction, poetry and art work that is submitted by national and international writers and artists, many who are literary professionals and have previous publications."

Ryann Edwards, assistant professor of creative writing, is the faculty editor of the magazine. She was hired two years ago with the plan for her to start the magazine.

According to Soto, the literary magazine is "more of a university wide initiative, it's an official part of the department of creative writing and English literature, and its charge is to establish a national high quality art and literary magazine."

Jennifer Desmond, a junior majoring in creative writing, is the layout/design editor.

Desmond has also been passionately involved in Roger.

"I have been involved with, what is affectionately known as "lit-mag," since the first class was offered in the spring of 2005, and I have been in the class every semester since."

"Our literary magazine publishes poetry and fiction at this time, but we plan to implement more art just like our cover designs, as well. The work is submitted to us by writers and then goes into a process through which we accept or decline work. We do not publish every piece that comes to us," said Desmond.

The literary magazine put out an ad and received poem and short story essays from around the world.

"We log them with all the titles and then go through and read everything first, and if it's a strong piece or a maybe piece I put it in a pile and it goes to faculty editors and student editors. And then we decided what we want to run from what has been submitted," Soto said.

The students are the ones that are handling work of real writers from all over the world and all over the country.

Various roles were given to staff and editors of the magazine.

"The editors and staff are responsible for selecting, editing, proofing, querying and laying out each submission. Editors are responsible to oversee production tasks and correspond with all authors," Soto said.

Although the magazine is primarily comprised of professional pieces, students are welcome to submit their work of short stories and poems that will go through the same process that everyone else has.

"Anyone is welcome to submit, but they just have to know that they're in a pile of professional writers and experienced writers, and one of our jobs is to reject a lot of people," Soto said.

But if students are just interested in becoming a part of lit-mag they would need to follow a set procedure. Students must be a second semester sophomore and must get permission from the instructor. In addition to that, they also need two references.

Anyone that is interested has to go through an interview with Soto to talk about topics such as previous experience and qualifications.

Since the class is small, it is also very competitive. There is currently a waiting list for those who are interested.

Soto has acknowledged the hard work and effort that the students put in. The class meets once a week for three hours, but each student puts in an extra three to six hours of their own time outside of class.

"I really can't say enough about this staff, in terms of their goodness and their wholeness, honesty and willingness," Soto said. "To date the students are really professional and they've learned an incredible amount about literary publishing, what it means to be the writer, when it means to be the editor, they've seen both sides or that, and dealt with strict deadlines."

As of now, Roger will come out once a year, but once things get rolling, it should come out once per semester. Soto looks forward to the future and troubleshooting to fix errors. "Hopefully the following year we'll have a staff that's consistent enough and a system that is mechanized enough that we can put out one a semester."

Everyone is excited for Roger to make his debut and are ready to see the final product.

"Roger is the product of almost two years of hard work and the result of collaboration between administrators, faculty, and students," Almeida proudly states.

Roger will be sent to the writers, other universities, bookstores, and writing programs all over the world.

Students can pick up the first issue of Roger in the library, bookstore, and various other spots in May. And for now, Roger will be free to all for the first time around.
Internships: road to opportunities

Phil Devitt  Herald Staff

The first day on the job was nerve cracking. John Rae. As a new addition to USA Today's marketing bureau in Boston, he wasn't sure what to expect. He didn't know what his job would entail, how his work would be measured, or whether the shirt and tie he had on were overkill.

Rae says that the uneasiness soon dissolved. He grew more comfortable with his work and was welcomed by his colleagues who treated him as an equal. But there was one problem that they didn't have to deal with him. Rae's colleagues were full-time employees. He was an intern.

Rae, a senior Marketing major, landed his internship with USA Today at the end of last year. As the only intern there at the time, he was younger than his co-workers who had all had years of experience in the newspaper business.

"I thought I was going to be the one who gets the coffee, but it was cool," Rae said. "I didn't have to worry about coffee, but he did help his coworkers come up with promotion strategies to increase the newspaper's circulation. He also built databases and traveled to local colleges to make sure copies were selling. And by the end of the experience, he felt more self-confident.

"I felt like I could just walk in, sit down and do what I had to do," he said. "I didn't feel out of place. I just knew my role and didn't have to be concerned with searching for a job," Career Center Director Patricia Finn said. "I advise them to go to their supervisor and say 'I have these projects that need to be done. If not, I will call the supervisor myself and take them.' According to Finn, the bad internship experiences sometimes turn out to be quite helpful.

"A different kind of not working out is when the student goes to the internship, is given plenty of work and comes in at the halfway point or when it's all over, sits down and says 'Oh my God, I don't ever want to do that with my life,'" Finn said. "That is actually a very successful internship because the student learned something very important from it. It's better that you find that out at an internship than six months into your first job."

Rae believes that as he searches for jobs, his internship will help him land interviews and possibly find employment. "On your resume, you have that hands-on experience," he said. "I can show them that you can work well in teams or by yourself. You can just sell yourself because when you have that internship, you have background and the experience. And if you can sell that, you can sell anything."

Student bands rock the campus

Lauren Kalberg  Herald Staff

It's a pretty typical scene: a group of college students sitting around and playing instruments together. This type of "jamming out" is common on college campuses around the world as students take time off their academic schedules to relax through music-making.

Full time college students taking on the challenge of developing, creating, and promoting a full-time band is not as common on campuses.

Peter Bartash is a junior who has played and performed with many bands throughout college. Currently he plays with the John Schrader Band, a rock group based in Bartash's home state of New York.

Bartash says finding time for both school work and the band has been "pretty intense," but he is confident in his band mates and their ability to work together. He has been as large as 120 people, and his band mates appreciate his hard work too. Lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the band, John Schrader, said about Bartash, "What a gift this guy has; I have searched a LONG time for players of his caliber with his type of feel. I have to have this guy in my band." To hear John Schrader Band go to www.myspace.com/johnschraderband

Chris Stuck is another musician on campus who has struggled to balance his time equally between creating music and completing homework. Last year Stuck played with the Hot Sextet, a band which has since broken up. Stuck said he would rather practice as much as he wanted or have room on your schedule for those electives, go for it."}

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Jade Palace: Tastes like royalty

There's nothing like cheap Chinese take-out on a rainy night to boost your spirits. Bristol has a few different places to choose from, but I decided to try somewhere I'd never been before. Jade Palace, located on 531 Wood Street, offers Chinese Cuisine to dine-in or take-out. Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there is an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for only $5.50. They accept the Roger Williams student ID and there is no delivery charge. So far, so good.

I was feeling extra lazy and decided to get take-out, hoping that it wasn't going to take the usual 40-minute wait that most places claim. I ordered the C16, Sesame Chicken combination platter which comes with pork fried rice and an egg roll. To my surprise, the food was delivered to my apartment in 20 minutes; not bad, considering they originally said 30 minutes. If there is one thing I hate about take-out, it's the wait. I don't consider myself the most patient person in the world and it's worse when I'm hungry.

The delivery guy was friendly, made conversation, and went on his way. I definitely give a few points for this because there is nothing worse than awkward delivery drivers. Sometimes they have a bad attitude and quite frankly, it ruins the dining experience. I ordered take-out to avoid the little annoyances that can happen at a restaurant, and I was happy that the Jade Palace delivery guy was pleasant.

The food arrived in a nice white plastic container with a plastic lid securely fastened to the top. I'm only mentioning this because I despise the aluminum containers at China Moon. They are way too flimsy and I feel like I have to wear protective gloves just to get the food out of the bag because it's so hot. Also, a plus, the Jade Palace container is microwaveable, so if you're a fan of leftover Chinese food like myself, you can appreciate this little convenience.

The food overall was pretty good. The rice was moist, not too dry and the chicken was a nice little crisp to it. I especially liked that it wasn't dripping in sauce. Sometimes there is just a ridiculous amount of sauce and I can't handle it. It's messy, it makes the chicken lose its flavor, and well, it just doesn't taste good. Jade Palace's sesame chicken was delicious and I happily ate the leftovers for lunch the following day.

The best part about this entire meal, however, was the price. For any combination platter at Jade Palace, the cost is $6.50 and there is plenty of food. In fact, I noticed something interesting. Usually, whenever I eat Chinese food, an hour later I'm hungry again. No matter how much I eat or how full I feel, I can't help but be hungry soon after. This wasn't the case with Jade Palace. I actually felt content when I finished my plate and didn't go running back to the fridge for a quick snack.

Definitely go check out Jade Palace. It's cheap and it tastes good so you really can't go wrong.

Do you have a restaurant that we should review? Email your suggestions to...
Couple of the Moment:
Trevor Marsha and Liz Nye

Interview with Liz:
1. How did you and Trevor first meet?
I've known Trevor since we were kids, we even "dated" in 6th grade - but of course elementary love doesn't actually work out. However, thankfully we have always stayed good friends and we had another chance in ninth grade.

2. What are some of his appealing qualities?
He's funny, sweet, athletic, smart and charming. Not only that, but he's the type of guy that girls love to hang out with, the kind that you don't find very often - the kind of guy that most girls dream of.

3. Before he proposed, did you know or sense Trevor was The One?
I knew that Trevor was the one after five months of dating. Which, when thinking back on it, sounds crazy because we were only in 10th grade ... but he's definitely the only one I've known Trevor set the whole thing up. Well, I went to school together practically our whole lives. I moved to the same "was funny, sweet, athletic, smart and charming. Not only that, but he
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Interview with Trevor:
1. How did you meet Liz, and how long have you known each other?
Liz and I went to school together practically our whole lives. I moved to the same town as her when we were in first grade. The first time that Liz and I met (that I can remember) was when we were in fifth grade.

2. At what moment did you know Liz was The One?
The moment that I knew Liz was The One was probably about after three months of dating her. She always made me feel like I had butterflies in my stomach, which is the best feeling in the world. Liz and I can do anything together because we have a lot of similar interests, but not only that, neither of us care about what we do as long as we can do it together.

3. How did you eventually propose to her?
I asked Liz if she would like to go to the Olive Garden for dinner on Feb. 13, which was a Sunday at 6 p.m. It was her favorite restaurant and I had never been. So of course she said yes. Then I told my dad that I was going to propose to her then and told him what time I was going. He asked if I had gotten the ring yet, it was two weeks before and I had said no. Then he said well let's go. So we went and got the ring and then he told me he had made reservations for the same night and time, and that he was bringing his girlfriend and my brothers. Oh what a treat this was. Well the day came and I had to work a third shift at a gas station, then first shift at a family restaurant, and then I could sleep.

My dad was already there and told all the waiters and waitresses what was going on. Luckily Liz didn't see him but I did so I sat on the side facing him because he asked for a table overlooking mine. As it turns out I couldn't eat a thing, so I wanted to ask her before the meal came. So I moved to the end of the table then went to her side on one knee. I told her that she meant everything to me and I loved her and then asked if she would marry me. She almost started to cry, but said "Yes of course!" and then I said, "I have one more thing to tell you." She looked puzzled; then I told her that my dad was right behind her, as he was standing right behind her. She looked up and then he said him and me, and rested my hand on her shoulder. "I almost cried in front of your dad."

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5. Did the shift in status from girlfriend to fiancé change or alter your relationship at all? No not really. It was mostly other people making a big deal of it because we were so young (seniors in high school).

(Courtesy of Trevor Marsha)

Do you know a couple who should be the next Couple of the Moment? E-mail us: hawksherald@gmail.com
President Roy Nirschel's quest to bridge worlds and make RWU a campus with global connections. The presence of rescue scholar and professor, Dhurba Rizal, is one that seems to mirror this idea of making connections throughout the world.

Professor Rizal, a Lhotsampas, is living in America in exile.

"I used to live in Bhutan, a small kingdom nestled between India and China," Rizal said.

According to The Providence Journal, around the turn of the 19th century in Bhutan, the government started recruiting peasant farmers from Nepal to clear heavily forested areas of the country's humid southern lowlands. The descendants of these original Nepalese immigrants (Lhotsampas) maintained their own distinct culture, speaking Nepali and practicing Hinduism. In 1958, the Lhotsampas were granted citizenship.

Rizal was born in 1965 in the village of Phundran, in the Phuntsholing district of Bhutan. His family, including his parents, two sisters and his brother, escaped to Kathmandu, Nepal, in 1978. He then lived with a family friend in a small village in Nepal until he received a grant from the International Institute for Education (IIE) in 1992 to continue his education in the United States.

In 1991, after his uncle was placed in prison for speaking out against the government, Rizal was told by a family friend on the police force that he too might end up in prison. Soon after, Rizal moved to a camp for seven months before he received permission to continue attending college in America in exile.

"I really enjoy the vibrant academic environment and melting pot of mankind in the United States," Rizal said.

As a professor at Roger Williams, Rizal teaches Ethics in Public Administration to the graduate students and Conflict, Refugees and Security to undergraduate students.

"I have really enjoyed teaching here," said Rizal. "I have been happy to teach my students about the world: that it is very diverse with a multitude of culture, people, tradition and religion. It has more to offer than what one can anticipate."

As a refugee, Rizal has a very different perspective of foreign affairs than other teachers may have.

"I try to blend my teaching experiences of different countries and approach it from Global perspectives and dovetail it to meet the needs and demands of the students," Rizal said.

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Recycling rumors raise the heads of the RWU Recycling Committee who are working hard to keep the recycling on campus. The rumors have suggested that the recyclables that people have put into recycling bins are not actually being recycled. According to the recycling committee, this is not true.

"From what we are hearing, a lot of students and maybe even some faculty don't recycle because there's the rumor out there that the university is pretending to recycle and that the staff that goes in the recycle bins really ends up in the regular trash, which is not true. It couldn't be further from the truth," Scott Yonan, the co-chair of the recycling committee and Special Assistant and Ombudsman to the President, said.

According to Yonan, their theory is that RWU faculty and staff members may also get the idea that the recycling is being thrown in the trash because they see the custodians place the trash and the recycling together into one large container. What they don't see, he says, is that after they gather both the trash and the recycling, custodians separate the two into a dumpster and a recycling toter (a 96 gallon blue, plastic recycling bin on wheels with a lid).

"We don't know exactly where the rumors are coming from, we can only guess, but they aren't true," said Yonan.

Co-chair and RWU senior David Smith, says that the committee is working for almost two years hoping to finish a total of 17 new bins on campus. Smith got involved right away, emailing the president, speaking to Vice President for Student Affairs John King. He then partnered with Smith to take action. Once they had the full support from the administration, they then found students and staff that were interested in getting involved in recycling to make a plan.

"The beach cleanup was a tremendous success. Then that led to, 'OK, so there should be recycling at Baypoint,' and we got that going and that was really successful," Smith said.

With a passion for recycling the committee got to work and are proud of its present accomplishments.

"In Baypoint right now we have nine totes. The students in Baypoint are doing an awesome job of recycling. There has been very little contamination," Yonan said, speaking of the trash that is some-times mixed in with the recycling. However, he comments that at times there is some confusion.

"Students have a 12 or a 20 pack of a 'beverage,' drink the 'beverage' and the empties go back into the cardboard container they were in and that goes into the bin. Students, we think, don't realize that the cardboard is considered contamination." Smith doesn't think that students are purposely contaminating the recycling, and says that, "no one is to blame, we just want to make it clear."

Smith believes that students at RWU want to help out. "If I'm the only one that's recycling, then why would there be nine totes? We need more totes. People want to do it. It's if it's exposed to them they are going to do it. This is a beautiful thing, kids actually want to do good. It's not that they don't care about the environment, they do care.

The recycling committee is working on increasing the amount of recycling cans and bins all over the campus.

"At this point we have paper recycling bins in almost every office on campus, including within another week or so they will be in every office on campus," Yonan explained, pointing to a cardboard box with the Roger Williams University recycling logo and a list of what can and cannot be recycled on it. At this point there has been 50 tons of paper recycled and Yonan says that with the new efforts in place for next year we will recycle over 100 tons of paper.

The school currently has 32 yellow gallon toters, and the committee is expecting 26 more to arrive soon. The committee hopes of getting more attractive recycling bins to place besides the trashcans and also more outdoor recycling bins for special events.

Valerie Walker, a junior and member of the recycling committee, explained that increasing recycling bins is part of a larger plan.

"We have two phases that we are playing out. We are actually hoping to finish phase one by this summer with the new more aesthetically pleasing bins inside and outside and next to each garbage can and more of the yellow bins." In phase one the committee hopes to have a total of 17 new bins on campus, however, it's not that easy. The bins and cans are very expensive, around a whopping 675 dollars per can, therefore the committee needs to spread out their purchases of the bins over time. Phase two will include expanding to the remainder of the locations.

"It's going to be big to have a recycling can next to all the other trash cans on campus," Walker exclaims. She thinks that with the recycling cans available, students won't be faced with having to throw something in the trash that can be recycled. "They would be more willing to recycle if it's there," she said.

But Yonan argued that recycling has been going on long before Smith and the committee started their work.

"For example, everything from dining services, all the cans, plastic containers for mayo and vegetables and all the cardboard, everything has always been recycled," he said. "There was always recycling going on there. They didn't need a push from us. They were doing it. They just weren't braging about it."

The committee is also making more efforts to increase the recycling on campus and housing.

"There are bins in King Philip and Baypoint. Baypoint bins are outside, so no one really knows about them and at King Phillip people just put trash in them. But that could also mean that people just don't know they are there for recycling because there are no signs and it's not made clear," Walker explains and adds that they are looking into getting bigger signs to make the recycling bins more noticeable.

Along with the efforts to provide more recycling bins and containers, the committee is thinking about creating a website, "On the website we were thinking, students can check up on progress or maybe committee meetings," Walker explained.

"We are also trying to find alternatives to the Styrofoam containers used in the snack bars. We work on the little things like that," sophomore and committee member Meg Gardner said.

The committee is not only looking for more ways to recycle ordinary recyclables, but has also considered other environmentally safe options for the campus. With influence from a trip to Yosemite Park, Smith has suggested to try and get campus vehicles to run on recycled cooking oil.

"Even if we can get just one vehicle on campus running on Fry-O-Layer oil. That would be so cool," Yonan said. Yonan is looking for new creative minds and students who are as passionate about recycling and asks that interested students contact him at x3389.
What Steve Perceives:

"Wonder Showzen" Explosion: Learning has never been this fun

Steve Arnearc
Herald Staff

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The show contains such controversial material that it makes even the average college student question how they get away with it.

Comprised of skits, interviews, and child-like props, "Wonder Showzen" is the evil twin of "Sesame Street," Close your eyes and picture Big Bird and Snuffieoffogus as sadistic, alcohol-driven advocates of negativity, and it still wouldn't come close to the wickedness that is "Wonder Showzen."

Using puppets as hosts, "Showzen" uses a sugar-coated, fun-for-the-family appearance with a twist of sheer evil. Its clever techniques of manipulating clueless children to conduct interviews and say the raciest phrases is what sets it apart from any show on TV. Part of the "Sick Em Friday" block on MTV2 (channel 57), at 9:30 p.m., "Showzen" will give you a reason to delay your weekend activities for a half an hour in order to reconnect with the bad kid inside of you.

It's a nostalgia through a dysfunctional yet humorous looking glass. Focusing on topics such as time, outer space, birth, and patience, each episode is comprised of out-of-control cartoons that teach valuable life lesson as they should have been taught to us growing up, to prepare us for the actual issues we face everyday.

A must see highlight of the show titled "Beat Kids," stars young reporters out on the streets asking questions that are sure to have some FCC workers' panties in a twist.

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Knowledge is power, and "Showzen" is now in control.
The Hawks dropped the No. 1 matches in both singles and doubles but won every other match. Jay Dennis, Justin Anderson, Ryan Fayed, Adam Barnes and Dan Roberts won their singles matches for RWU. In the doubles competition, Dono won an 8-0 contest, while Roberts and Fayed earned an 8-1 victory.

In the semifinal match, however, the Hawks fell in a close contest. Bolte and Dono won their respective singles matches in straight sets and Dan Roberts rallied from a set down to win, but the Chargers took two of the three closely contested doubles matches to pull out the win. The Hawks end their season at 11-7. Colby-Sawyer will face Salve Regina on Saturday at 1 p.m. for the championship.

The Hawks jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first three innings and never looked back, earning a win just one day after their team's come-from-behind win over Curry College.

Junior Adam Dackers and freshman Kevin Simpson both singled and scored on Alex Perry's triple. Radd DeWeese followed with a run-scoring double. The Hawks were cross-free in the game and will advance in the winner's bracket of the conference tournament on Saturday. RWU (20-19) will face the winners' bracket winner Friday at 10 a.m. and will need to win two games to advance to the conference semifinals.

The scoring started early, with the Leopards scoring twice. The Hawks evened the score with their own first goal. The game-winner. The goal came with 10:02 left in the fourth. Tony Plescia scored his second goal of the day on a 21-yard shot. Earlier this week, Karen Smolca was named to the CCC Weekly Honor Roll and freshman Jackie Criss was named to the Rookie Honor Roll for their contributions to the Hawks last week. The Hawks won two of their three matches.
Men's baseball team wins a thriller

Michael Hurley
Herald Staff

With one out and a man on third in the bottom of the ninth, junior Adam Dackers stepped to the plate looking to drive home the winning run. What he saw instead was a wild pitch, allowing senior Kevin Thompson to hurdle home to win the game.

The Hawks' 7-6 victory over Curry College kept them in the winner's bracket of the CCC Tournament.

Curry jumped out to the early lead, scoring three runs in the top of the first, but RWU pitcher Brian Hurld settled down in the second and the Hawks' bats came to life. Freshman Alex Perry advanced fellow freshman Kevin Simpson to third base on a hit-and-run. Two batters later, Thompson singled to left, scoring Simpson. Freshman Andrew Haycock followed that hit with a grounder to first, scoring Perry from third.

The Colonels answered quickly, scoring twice in the top of the third. Lown, Curry's pitcher, helped himself out, doubling off the wall in left, before David Vincent drove him in. An error by Thompson at third allowed Vincent to score.

The pitchers remained hot until the bottom of the fourth, when Haycock drove in a run on a bloop loaded groundout to the second baseman. Senior co-captain Travis Cooney came up next and ripped a double down the left field line, scoring freshman Radd DeWeese.

Entering the game with a 4-1 record and a stingy 0.83 ERA, Lown ran into trouble in the bottom of the fifth, when Simpson sent a ball into the right-center field gap. A walk and a mound visit later, Daweese drove Simpson home on a base hit to right. Freshman Jimmie Dautical followed with a sacrifice fly to center, which sent Perry across the plate and put the Hawks ahead 6-5.

Hurld cruised through the top of the sixth, and the Colonels brought in freshman Matt Buonaiuto in the bottom of the inning. Buonaiuto threw a hard fastball to start, a fastball with a lot of action, retiring the first nine batters he faced. Hurld was still throwing hard in the seventh, but gave up the tying run.

Freshman James Eydon replaced Hurld in the eighth, and allowed no hits in his two innings of work.

The Hawks put up the bottom of the ninth with a base hit to right field. Pitcher Chris Zitzik struck out on a sacrifice bunt attempt, but Cooney made up for it with a double to the left-center field gap. With the winning run just 90 feet away, Buonaiuto threw a pitch in the dirt that gave away the lead from catcher Bill Galvin. Thompson sprinted to the plate and slid headfirst, as the Hawks walked off with a playoff win.

Sports, My Way: A pipe dream trade option

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor


These are some, if not all, of the reasons why I'm not jumping at the opportunity to write an insightful, thought-provoking column this week. I've also been foaming at the mouth after hearing quite possibly the sexiest trade rumor (and that's all it is, sadly – a rumor) in the history of Red Sox Nation on WEEI this past weekend.

Check this out: The Red Sox send highly touted prospects Jon Lester and Manny Delcarmen (and maybe Craig Hansen) to the Florida Marlins. They also send Manny Ramirez to the Mets, who send Lastings Milledge to the Marlins. In turn, the Marlins send Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis to the Red Sox.

Amazing? You bet. Conceivable? Not with the Red Sox on the mound with maybe a knuckleball from Tim Wakefield mixed in there every five days, and you're talking about a Red Sox team that could win 100 games with Alex Cora batting three times per inning.

However, the team would actually have David Ortiz and Miguel Cabrera batting third and fourth, respectively, plus Coco Crisp leading off and eventually Dustin Pedroia hitting behind him. Somebody tell me that team doesn't win 120 games.

Given the solid, stable club that Minaya has built in New York (look at their lineup card sometime and you’ll swear he was running a fantasy baseball team, not a big league roster), handing over the World Series trophy isn’t worth getting his prized possession when he knows he could very well win it all himself in a year or two.

This isn’t the time to be letting dynastic rules the roost when you’ve built such a solid franchise. Dealing with the Yankees is bad enough, and if Steinbrenner ever learns to covet young pitching instead of overpriced superstar hitters, they’ll be a formidable contender again.

But again, it’s all a pipe dream. Deals like this just don’t happen, and the Mets are too smart to work out a deal like this. If the Sox are going to pull a rabbit out of a hat, they need to find a team that’s stupid enough to blow past the long term repercussions of the deal.

So what are the Phillies doing these days?