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Some students say "no" to the "CO"

Timothy Mannion
Editor

RWU student Eric Sweet never saw this coming. Like his fellow freshman Sweet will be making his housing selection next week. He will be saying bye to his bountiful triple in Willow because the new process has axed the CO (continued occupancy) process for first year students. "I'm kind of upset by the whole situation because I got a horrendous lottery number," Sweet said. "If I knew that we wouldn't be able to keep my same room I wouldn't have dropped one of my classes, even though that probably wouldn't have helped." Sweet said.

The administrations decision to drop the CO capability for students going into their third semester has sent a shockwave through the dorms. Currently anyone with 22 or more credits have the option to CO their rooms, since most freshman at the time of decision only have 15 to 17 to resume this automatically drops them from consideration.

Director of Housing Tony Montefusco sternly defends the decision, hoping to make the whole process more impartial.

"A traditional freshman has 15 credits. Some can bring in AP credits they have obtained from high school, which puts them up around the 18-21 range. As of right now the only freshmen who have a shot to CO their dorm rooms are the honor students who live in Stonewall. Those students in building Stonewall will be occupied by students scat­tered anywhere from 16-21 range.

Meet Peggy Deston, a campus icon

Tracey Lenio
Features Editor

As her second grandson entered the world last week, Peggy Deston continues to have her hands full, both with work and a bundle of joy.

Contrary to popular beliefs, Deston is not just "e-mail lady." Her job responsibilities are vast as she undertakes much of what encompasses the Office of Student Affairs.

Deston, a 2001 RWU graduate, has had a "thirst for learning," since entering the university on topics ranging from Betty Crocker - a made up name to the history of the country.

"When there were bad vibes when you said Peggy Deston's name," Deston said.

Although she had many responsibilities, Deston was consumed by the e-mails that she had to edit before sending out to the entire university on topics ranging from events to updates to advisories. "Some people don't know how to spell or punctuate so I spent a lot of time before sending the e-mails out," Deston said. "I had to be sure that every notice was sanitized by an advisor, director or author.

In the fall of 2005, Deston found the campus was not only deleting her e-mails, but also associating a negative connotation with name. "They [the campus community] think I'm like Betty Crocker - a made up name - they're shocked that I really exist," Deston said.

However, some students contradict that statement completely. "Even though there were a lot of Peggy Deston emails, at least we could sort them out," RWU senior Sarah Henley said. "But the school weighed their options and decided something needed to change."

"John [King] had to find a way to get the information out in a logical way," Deston said.

And something new was created: The Daily Dose, which students can find in their RWU e-mail boxes each day. The Daily Dose is one e-mail sent to the entire RWU community showing only events and announcements that are pertinent for that day. It is compact and minimizes the number of e-mails sent out to the university, each day. "I commend them [the team who created the Daily Dose]," Deston said. "It is very professional!"

Although condensed, Henley misses the old system. "I feel less informed with Daily Dose because I don't usually read over the entire thing. You always knew what you were getting with Peggy Deston emails, there were no surprises."

Despite this complaint, however, most seem to be pleased with the new system. "We have to scour the campus for criti­ces of the Dose so we can ensure that are doing everything we can to improve it," Vice President for Public Affairs Susan Rivers said. "We want to make the e-mails that we DO send out more effective."

"I check them out once in a while if I need to know times of events; sports and stuff," junior Carrie Gates said.

"Peggy has been relieved from being one of the multiple all-university and all-student email senders thanks to the introduction of the 'Daily Dose,'" Vice President of Student Affairs John King said. "These moves have resulted in a tremendous reduction of emails, a readily accessible daily update of activities, and more time for Peggy to spend helping people - all great outcomes!"

With the weight of daily e-mails off of her shoulders, Deston is able to concen-
OP-ED

Should RWU bring back football?

by Ashley Littleton

I didn’t start liking football until my senior year of high school. I wasn’t until my senior year that I truly enjoyed football. I was until my senior year that I really understood the sport. It was pretty much as fun as it gets. It’s something about the atmosphere, the way people can get incredibly crazy over one guy hitting another as hard as he can. No longer were football players big guys. They were athletes. They went out once a week in a front of a huge crowd, got hit, slammed, and sacked and yet every week they came back to do it again.

• Back in high school I never thought I would enjoy football. Fast forward two years, and here I am, writing an article complaining about the fact that I no longer get to watch finely tuned athletic machines beat the stuffing out of each other over a piece of leather. It’s because I miss it. I miss every single thing that has to do with football.

I know I am not the only one who feels this way. Yet Roger Williams has not had a team since 1987. It’s not as though our school doesn’t like football. At any given time, there is most likely a former high school hero around you, I found three defensive ends that lettered at division two schools or higher.

There is a Defensive Player of the Year from California, on the 1987 team. He lives in the room above me. In the same next to me, lives another defensive end, a linebacker and a defensive end. Then there is the team. His name was on a state championship. My friend was an All-League cornerback.

These guys come from all over New England and beyond. Every single player he and I miss, yes, even more than I do. Interest is clearly not the issue. I found that neither is school size. I researched football teams in division three CCC and division two NE10, and here’s what I came up with.

Since we are in a division three school, I am the only one of our rivals had football programs. I am the only one we have over 1,000 volunteers.

Roger Williams had at any of the four CCC rivals I checked, including Endicott and WNEFC, considering divisions are usually based on student body population, I then checked the numbers for some of the best colleges in the NE10. I found, again, there were just too many numbers more students than rising teams such as Assumption College and Merrimack College, and about the same number, but considering they are league powerhouse Bentley College. Assumption had one of the largest pre-season teams last year, listing as many as 30 prospective players, from as far away as Ohio,
Monique Stuart, a leader in the Roger Williams University College Republicans, antagonism to the Vagina Monologues, is still upset over the play and gave a speech in opposition of The Vagina Monologues on the night of March 1 in the School of Engineering.

Stuart graduated from Roger Williams in May 2005 and is now the Program Officer for the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, a conservative women’s organization located in Virginia. Stuart claimed that the RWU administration did not approve of her advertising. Although the Vagina Monologues are quite well known on campus, only about 15 people showed up for Stuart’s presentation.

According to Stuart, rather than see the Vagina Monologues as a party of the V-Day celebration to stop violence against women, she sees it as pornographic in nature, offensive, and objectifying to women. The play is supposed to empower women, but Stuart claimed, “It empowers them to go out and be sluts if anything.”

Stuart went on to talk about her experiences with the Vagina Monologues while she was still attending RWU.

In an effort to counteract the Vagina Monologues, Stuart had re-written the entire play replacing “vagina” with “penis” and had called her creation the Penis Monologues, unaware that there was an actual Penis Monologues already in existence.

Stuart had placed fliers for the play across campus with slogans such as “my penis is studious” to match the V-Day posters that held the slogan “my vagina is flirty,” and even invested in a penis costume that became known as Testiculosity, but the RWU administration did not approve of her advertising.

The RWU administration had found the Penis Monologue fliers to be offensive, but Stuart claimed that the Penis Monologues fliers were just as offensive and “opened the doorway” to women being groped on campus.

Stuart explained that she doesn’t want to insult people and thinks that young women on campuses involved in putting on the Vagina Monologues at their schools really do believe that the play raises money and helps stop violence against women.

After her speech was finished, Stuart opened the floor up to questions from the audience. There was an intense discussion between the members of the audience themselves and between the members of the audience and Stuart over her claim that short skirts and high-heel boots made girls look like sluts.

Many members in the audience thought that girls should be able to wear whatever they want, but Stuart disagreed claiming that short skirts provoke men to commit acts of violence against women. Nancy Rafi, from Kingston, R.I., had rented a theater in order to put on the Penis Monologues but was then barred from placing the title of the play on the marquee. In her speech, Stuart had argued that Rafi should have accepted the theater owner’s decision about the play’s title.

During the question and answer session, Rafi explained that Stuart had her story wrong.

“We wanted to show how we could get the community to embrace putting the name of the play on the marquee of the theater,” said Rafi.

Ultimately, Stuart’s goal is for the play to disappear. Censorship, however, is not the path Stuart and her colleagues want to take. Instead, they plan on educating women on the absurdity of the Vagina Monologues, and thereby change women’s minds and have the women themselves choose not to put on the play.

“I thought it [the turnout of students] was good,” said Stuart, “I mean I think many of them walked outta here, you know I think some of them I probably didn’t change their minds, but at least hopefully they’ll think about it.

“You know that’s really what I’m here to do is just get people to think. They don’t necessarily have to agree with me, but I’m just giving them a new way to look at this play that they probably didn’t think of before.”

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Many students have showed interest and some have already applied for their free passports. "Around 75 students applied for free passports. The numbers are changing everyday, and we are still expecting more students to come," said Hayden.

"I can honestly say that I was pretty excited when I found out about the free passport. It's the greatest thing this school has done thus far to reward students for their academic performance," said sophomore Matt Triece.

The eligible students were contacted through e-mails and letters...

"I am very excited. I don't know about other people, but I'd rather get a free passport than a letter that says, 'Congratulations, you've made the Dean's list. Please send another $250,000 to receive this letter again next year.' So in short, great programs," said Troy, Thursday, March 30 from noon to 3:30 p.m. and Friday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mary Tuff Cultural Center will host Passport to Your Future.

Eligible students, Hayden explained, will sign up for passports and get their passport photos taken at no cost.

The students not only save about a $100, but they are encouraged to think seriously about going abroad to broaden their horizons and become more "Americano-Centric."

"We think we know things but we actually ignore a lot," said Nickel. "I just went to Africa for the first time, everybody was black. It was very different and an amazing experience."

"So focus last words," he added. "Be bold, be brave and go do it."

Senate meetings open to the public

At 7:50 p.m. the meeting was closed. Though this meeting was particularly long, the Senate was able to tackle the tough task of interacting with the people in charge of the school bookstore. Like any issue raised to the Senate, the problem was confronted and discussed. Though issues are often difficult to solve completely, the senators can report back to students with their progress.

"All of the senators are involved in the school and know a lot about RUW, and we are here to help students with anything at all," said freshman senator Alcina Merceau-Ferre.

"Also, we can relay anything a student tells us to the Senate as a whole to try and make things better at RUW," she added.

The Senate is already looking ahead to next year. Some senators have already declared their candidacy for next semester. This past week, they held the budgeting meeting for next year. The Senate manages to focus on the present while keeping an eye on the future.

"It is worth it to remove all the doors," posted freshman Davina St. John. "I don't like a door because you can't play basketball on it."

Anthony Francotore joked.

Many saw the changes as a way to prevent students from using the doors for drinking games, but there is a "hurtful [other] reasons" according to Montefusco, such as the cleanliness and maintenance.

"Students can just buy a piece of plywood and put it in their rooms," he said, "emphasizing the more practical reasons for the changes."

"Also, students who live in dorms with doors who close with sliding doors, such as those in Baystate, would not have to deal with the doors opening of the halls."

Another concern of students is that the curtains would not meet the fire codes that also prevent them from having top-up tissue in their rooms. However, the manufacturer assures that curtains meet the NFPA 701 fire code and the BDAST fire code, among the most strict fire codes.

Despite the confidence of the Housing Program and the practical reasons given, students still offered mixed reviews.

"A door could be good for having your mirror and laundry on," said Stu, "the room would look less "classy" with a door."

"It could be interesting," said freshman Nick Yining.

"The reasons for changing it are fair enough," said Eddie, "but not worth sacrificing the money on."

"We will focus on Baystate first," Montefusco said. "We expect that students will like them."

Deston: Formerly known as the email lady

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more on some of her other tasks. Although duties are far too long for even a bullet list, she is now more importantly known as the "Laundry Lady." Students may come to Deston in need of quarters for their laundry.

Aside from her work at RUW, Deston has many outside hobbies that help her keep a well-rounded life. She has a passion for theater, where she once acted but is now an active member. She recalls a story from a London trip where she saw the production of "My Fair Lady." Anthony Hopkins played the part of Henry Higgins in the National Theatre, and I had front row seats. I just starred into his blue eyes the entire performance," Deston recalled.

In addition to theater is Deston's love for travel, or gifts of sand for when her students travel. In 1996 when students from Lynch's Mountain, and to comply with her obsession with the Red Rock, "sand from Dubelier Field in Cooperstown."

Deston's greatest pride is that she can peg yourself all of her endless responsibilities, which include her job, new grandchild and staying close with her students at RUW with whom she regards very dearly.

"I have had a full and interesting life," Deston said.

"I am blessed."
RWU students becoming entrepreneurs

Kurt Zane
Herald Staff

Part-time jobs, summer jobs and work-study are some of the more common ways college students get money for the semester, but several RWU students have thought of other ways to make some quick cash.

Lately, several fliers, posters and business cards have been circulating campus-advertising businesses started by students. This idea benefits students because having small businesses in RWU lets them stay on campus and they don't have to travel far to have their computer fixed, get a haircut or get architecture supplies.

These entrepreneurs on campus have definitely thought about this, and are trying to cater to the freshmen class, who are not able to have cars on campus and may have to rely on the small businesses to get what they need.

Sara Law, an RWU freshman, says, "It's hard not being able to have my car on campus. I have to rely on the shuttle or a friend, and sometimes they are not always available. It is a good idea to have these types of businesses on campus, it's more convenient for those of us who don't have cars."

Matt Wolf, an RWU senior and student entrepreneur, runs Timberwolf's Hobby Supply out of his Stonewall room. He has been in business for about two semesters. Timberwolf's Hobby Supply sells hobby woods and accessories mainly to architecture students. Wolf is open for business 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"I quickly realized a business opportunity and finally decided to follow my idea this year," said Wolf.

After being in business for nearly a year, Wolf has produced a profit from a minimal $500 investment in inventory. To this day I have made $65 sales and I have 46 individual customers, many of which are repeat buyers. My total sale to this date exceeds $1,000, which doesn't sound like a lot, but it is impressive." Wolf is actually contemplating what to do with the profit he has made so far. He is not sure whether or not he wants to keep it or donate it. He recently studied in Mexico and is thinking about giving some of his profit to a children's shelter he visited there.

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"I was out of the question," said Wolf.

"It is not sure whether or not he wants to keep the business after he graduates from RWU."

"I have always been good with computers and it seemed like a good idea," Wolf said. "I got the idea of making shirts and selling them on campus," Wolf said. "I sold the shirt and made $100 profit for the remaining years at RWU." There are a few other businesses on campus besides RWU graduates and Timberwolf's Hobby Supply. There is a barber who cuts hair out of his Stonewall room and a student who makes customized shirts.

Sophomore Dana Pope, another student entrepreneur, just recently he started up RWU's Grad's. RWU's Grad's is a computer business that was started as a project for his Business Enterprise class. Pope's business is a computer troubleshooting, hardware upgrading, and customizing company designed solely for students.

Even though Pope has only been in business for about 15 days, he is already on the right track to being successful.

"An idea and a $100 investment can be a marketing plan," Pope said. "So I have been on the road to being successful."

"It is not clear whether or not he wants to keep the business after he graduates from RWU." Pope said.

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**RWU's (interim) Food Critic: “Transfer”: The finest campus can offer**

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

For eight issues now, The Hawk’s Herald has reviewed restaurants around the Bristol area. But how do these food options compare to our own options at Roger Williams University? This, as the interim Food Critic, is exactly what I planned to find out.

I secured the expansive menu of the well-known "Snack Bar" on the first floor of the RWU Student Union. Some mistakenly refer to this as "Transfer," and I don’t hesitate to remind you that the term "Transfer" is derived from the periods of time between 2-4 p.m. for lunch and whatever hour encompasses the evening.

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Restaurant Ratings (1-5)  
Food: 4.5  
Service: 4  
Price: Thanks Mom!
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Portion in which, in lieu of parading in the cafeteria’s selection, you are allotted six dollars’ worth of food and expected to make it into a full-course meal. Oh, and no refill allowed at "Transfer." Sorry.

But I digress. I made my selections: ratatouille, a double cheeseburger, fries, a fountain beverage, and a cup of soup, for good measure. Before I inserted my selections into the highly technological ordering system (touch screen) and a digital number calling, I made the Snack Bar a well-oiled machine when it comes to customer satisfaction (I checked to make sure that my food groups were covered: Meat: check. Grease: check. Sugar: check. Obligatory food that could actually pass as a vegetable but not quite: double check).

I proceeded to enter my selections into one of two touch screens. The Snack Bar, clearly, spares no expense. The menu selections are fittingly divided into four groups: my double cheeseburger was easy to find. At "Straight from the Grill." It might as well have said "Artery Clogs." It’s no surprise why I use here every day last semester. Once finished, the nifty machine actually prints out a slip of paper as receipt of the purchase. I pounded myself a drink and scooped myself a cup of soup. In 30 seconds, the Snack Bar serves "do-it-yourself" atmosphere. Scoop your own soup, shovel out your own pizza or carbon, and sometimes, on late Sunday nights, when you’re under-stuffed, you might have to head into the back and fry up some chicken fingers; here, dining becomes more of a meal, it is an experience.

My food was served promptly and the prices were reasonable. We’re not talking McWiards’ Dallas Menu here, but when considering the product and the atmosphere, one must understand that the prices have to be somewhat inflated in order to keep tabs with the competition. Given the circumstances, I was satisfied.

The double cheeseburger was melt-in-your-mouth good. I always like it when the crust is so seasoned in grease that the burger literally devours on your tongue. You can feel the impending heart-attack. The fries were reasonable, but I could have stood for some more salt. I don’t like salt—my own fries. I don’t feel like the salt shakers with which I am provided do an appropriate job of balancing the sodium content of the fries. They must ultimately be soaked fresh out of the salt. So that the salt is literally dissolved from the heat, into the potatooey goodness inside the crisp fry. There is no way for me to reconstitute this scene on the plate, minutes after the fries have cooled.

The soup, however, made the meal. It might have been the best broccoli-cheese soup I’ve ever had. (Mom, if you’re reading this, I’m sorry, but it’s over. Your soup is no match for me; it’s not a broth, it’s not a soup, I don’t want it. I don’t want to taste it. I don’t want to buy it to the hotels, I don’t want to make it near my house. If you see me making the soup, I want to know a day in advance so I won’t be there.)

(A side note: it’s been my life’s dream to make a Godfather reference involving soup. I’m glad I was able to finally cross that off the list.)

In all, the experience at The Snack Bar was everything I had dreamed of and more. If you’re looking for a new dining option, check out this accessible location on campus; it’s probably within walking distance from your dorm.

Do you have a restaurant that we should review? Email your suggestions to...

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**Students spend Spring Break cleaning New Orleans**

Yasmin Delfi
Herald Staff

Imagine over the course of a few hours the exhausted forces of nature have altered your life to a dreadful direction. Once you had a house, now you are homeless; the blowing wind and quaking water have wiped out most of your life’s work, beautiful dreams and memories.

This nightmare turned reality for the people of New Orleans as they were left victims of one of the worst natural disasters in the twenty-first century, Hurricane Katrina.

Five international students of Roger Williams University decided to challenge themselves and go out of their comfort zone to help get homes in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana during their spring break.

Siwar Khashif, Maya Mannu, Abdel Kedder Edyessay, Priyanka Joseph, and Younous Diri explained that helping people is not bound by nationality or country of origin, rather it is an innate impulse instilled in the human race and is immense in learning how to bridge the world.

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The five students greeted the house of Ruth Hayes, and expressed their happiness to be able to share their community service experience in New Orleans with the Hawk’s Herald and members of the RWU community.

Abdel Kedder Edyessay, a student from Morocco, majoring in political science, had this to say: "I will never forget those six days in New Orleans. You can’t imagine how uplifting it is to bring happiness to people’s lives, especially when they really need you. It is an experience that makes you grow as a person. It broadens your view of the world and your sense of responsibility towards others. These are moments and feelings that will be part of my mind and heart for the rest of my life.”

Though hundreds of homes and some entire neighborhoods were destroyed by the hurricane, it seems that the students felt attached to the city and its people.

Maya Mannu from Jordan, majoring in political science, said: “New Orleans is a wonderful place, people are so friendly; I enjoyed the City, the people and the experience of volunteering. I can simply say helping victims of Katrina was a great investment of my spring break.”

Priyanka Joseph, a student from India, majoring in political science and creative writing, agreed with Maya.

“What is incredible is the human spirit that carries on in this city. Even though many have left, many still remain and more are planning to return. People in New Orleans still laugh and play jazz, they still welcome visitors in their life, nobody is an outsider here. Now I love it and it is so beautiful—I will return one day,” Joseph explained.

During the interview, Siwar Khashif said that she was very hesitant to go to New Orleans after the Hurricane. Looking back on the entire experience she was delighted that she went there and helped people.

The five international students, part of the plus program (Partnership for Undergraduate Studies), wished that they could offer more help to Katrina victims.

"Transfer" is the finest campus can offer.
Look out Fender, here comes Zagorski

Mike Zagorski, a fifth-year Architecture major, plays a guitar he crafted and built himself. Zagorski has built eight guitars in the last three years.

His first guitar was built with the help of his father for the woodwork, and a friend to do the paint-job over the summer in 2003. The entire process took Zagorski a summer of dedication and referring back to the books, but now Zagorski admits it only takes a combined time of 40 hours to complete a final product.

"I can move along pretty quickly, it's basically just going through the motions," said Zagorski. "There isn't much going back to the books anymore I needed help on the first one cause I had no wood working experience, but now after watching my dad I've been able to do it."

Although he isn't in the market to sell his work yet, Zagorski has built guitars for interested buyers before. A few years back, he built a guitar for a friend in his hometown for a $700 fee. Only $200 of that money was profit for the young music lover.

Zagorski, who has been playing guitar for the past seven years, was influenced by '60's music such as thrash metal and bands like Metallica and Megadeth. He fell in love with the sound, and soon after, with the types of guitars his idols played.

With five years of college under his belt, Zagorski has high hopes to return to his hometown this summer and spend his time working and building guitars. He plans on taking his designs and models and selling them to his local guitar shop, before trying to start a business of his own-distributing a line of his personal guitars.

"I want to come up with a design that is new and unique. That's my goal," said Zagorski. "I don't have too many designs right now, it's just sketching. But once I am home and I don't have to worry about homework and classes, I'll be spending most of that time making new models. My favorite is the flying V guitar, but there are basically two shapes, so I don't know how to come up with something new quite yet."

Student abroad captures images of Paris riots

"Eighty thousand young manifestants (protesters) plastered themselves with STOP-CPE stickers, linked arms, and marched through the streets of Paris, waving banners, and chanting vociferously for the French government to listen to their complaints about the controversial new labor law, CPE."

In the largest demonstration yet against the contract premier embauche (CPE), manifestants began marching at 2:30 p.m. at Place Denfert-Rochereau on the left bank of south-east Paris, and rolled into Place de la Nation on the right bank two hours later, still with boundless energy and stamina.

Against the advice of the U.S. Embassy and my program director, I was waiting there on the sidewalk at Nation to meet them, and watched for two hours as the manifestants streamed past. When I arrived around 3:30, the streets were empty and calm. An hour later, the circular place was flooded with the protestors and a sea of speakers.

I left around 6:45 as the last manifestants were marching towards the place. According to news reports, some angry protestors moved back to the site of Thursday night's riots, Place de la Bastille, revealing more havoc in the historic square.

(Courtesy of www.boloblog.com/Project_blogs)

Do you know a couple that should be the next Couple of the Moment?

Please e-mail the Hawk's Herald if you have friends or know a couple who are love-worthy for these interviews. Due to the lack of lovely-dovey participation from campus love-birds, the love guru could not supply her weekly feature. She needs the campus love to spread its wings and stop being so shy!

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What are RWU grads doing now?

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Jason Turcotte, a 2006 RWU communications graduate, started off majoring in Secondary Education and English. It wasn’t before long, second semester, freshman year that Turcotte decided to change his focus.

“I didn’t feel like the education major was the right fit for me. After taking the intro to Mass Media class, I thought that right away I definitely wanted to switch,” Turcotte explained.

While many communication majors struggle to find work in the field, Turcotte and others said RWU prepared them well and that employers were eager to hire an RWU graduate.

Turcotte began writing for the Hawks’ Herald newspaper his sophomore year. Since the communication professors do their best to get all students involved and prepared for life after graduation, some constantly hound students to get articles into the newspaper.

Turcotte agreed and said that they definitely helped. “I used all my student newspaper clips to get my internship. And both of them were paid internships too.”

According to Turcotte, his job hunting process was different than most. “Ted [Delaney] was like, why don’t you call the managing editor right now?” he said. “So he actually yanked me out of class, I sat in his office, made the call, and an hour later I was running back to my apartment looking for a tie because they wanted to interview me right there.”

Most students do not expect to jump right into a job immediately after graduation. “I definitely have to give some credit to the department for landing me my first job. It was nice to know what you were doing before you graduate,” said Turcotte.

Unlike Turcotte, Kathryn Masci came to RWU knowing she wanted to continue her interests in art.

“Came to the accepted students’ day and saw the art work from current students in the Graphics program and knew right away that was what I wanted to do,” said Masci. “When it came to picking my courses, Sharon DeLucca [Associate professor of Graphic Design] helped and made great recommendations.”

Turcotte is currently working as Editor at the Warren Tribune.

Masci’s bags have been featured in several magazines and hope to be sold in small stores. As well as creating her own name company, Masci works full time for an agency called Synergy Media designing car ads.

Masci shares a similar opinion with Jason Turcotte agreeing that the RWU program was sufficient in providing direction so students succeed.

“I feel that the RWU program gave me the information I needed in my field. In the graphics program we covered many different types of projects that will come up in the real world and I have been able to take from all those projects and apply the skills I learned in my current job,” said Masci.

Since similarly to Katherine Masci, Adam Maust has also known what his focus would be well before he narrowed his high school search.

“I was traveling with my family touring schools in New England. We randomly stopped by RWU on my way down to Newport. I met Professor Groce (Poli Sci), which gave me a great look at the school’s campus and I liked it so much I went and saw the campus”. He said.

As to the candidate, my name is Johnathan Delaney and I am running for president of the RWU student senate.

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Throughout his college career, Johnathan Delaney has held many different positions in different organizations, including MOS, the student senate, and the United Nations Student Assembly. He has also been a part of several clubs, including the Association of Black Students, the International Affairs Club, and the Greek organization.

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It's no big secret that we have been saturated with Reality Television shows like syrup soaked pancakes. Sometimes it's hard to take it all in at once. Every channel you flip through has been infected with some new creative series that highlights the lives of "everyday people."

Sure, it serves as a sort of catharsis from our own mundane lifestyles, but when will there be a cure for the ongoing inundation of these shows? Well, the vaccine can be delivered in three simple words that are guaranteed to cure your reality TV sickness: "Grounded For Life."

"Grounded For Life" slowly became extinct much like all other television sitcoms did when the meteor-sized success of Reality TV came crashing to the scene. But thanks to syndication and DVD technology, it has managed to reanimate from the graves of forgotten comedies, and walk the earth once again.

This slapstick comedy has a unique approach to how it is narrated, using flashbacks to explain the plot of each episode: Its fast paced, witty originality highlights the lives of an Irish Catholic couple living in Staten Island, Sean Finney, played by Donal Logue, and his wife Claudie, played by Megan Price, are a young couple trying to raise their three kids. The problem is: their kids seem to be raising them.

They deal with constant drama with their children, but most of the issues and comedy revolve around the sketchy yet hilarious younger brother of Sean, Eddie. Played by Kevin Corrigan, Eddie's character brings to the sitcom an array of mishaps and misunderstandings which keeps the rest of the family on their toes at all times.

While Sean and Claudie are trying to manage Eddie's follies, they also are faced with the looming angst of their oldest child, Lily (Lynsey Bartlett).

This isn't just your cliché dysfunctional family show, this is a comedy worth buying on DVD or watching every day on channel 38 (ABC Family) from 4:30 p.m.

"Grounded For Life" offers a dash of uniqueness that makes you remember how wonderful a well-written sitcom used to be.

So forget about your "Law and Order" and the "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," because "Grounded For Life" is one step back in the past before reality TV that should serve as a blueprint for what sitcoms should be in the future.
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Sports betting grows as a popular and dangerous pastime on campus

Zachary Tsouoili
Herald Staff

It was September 11, 1985 and Pete Rose had just surpassed Ty Cobb for the Major League Baseball hits record with 4,192. Rose was on top of the baseball world, but only four years later in 1989, "Charlie Hustle" was banned from baseball for life.

Pete Rose was accused of betting on baseball while playing for and managing the Cincinnati Red's. However, he is not the only athlete, professional or collegiate, to get into trouble for their involvement with the gambling atmosphere. In the mid-90's Arizona State University basketball standout, Steven "Hedake" Smith, was paid Mr. Pete: a fellow student to shave points in games.

In more recent news, long time NHL journeyman, Rick Tocchet, was charged with financing a gambling ring.

Not all betting is illegal though. In 1991, gambling became legal in Las Vegas. According to recent data, the most money is spent on the track, placing bets over the Internet has become more popular, however it has become somewhat of a grey area.

The Department of Justice claims that online betting is illegal, but many online casinos still manage to take bets from online gamblers. The federal government has set up law enforcement for this type of situation. But only six states: Illinois, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Dakota, Michigan, and Oregon, have outlawed online betting.

"I use Bovod online. I like it because it has poker and sports betting," said Roger Williams University Sophomore and occasional better, Will Hootstein. "It depends what sports season is up, if football and basketball are in season, then I bet more." According to the Vice President of Student Affairs John J. King. "While there is no specific reference to gambling or sports betting in the student code of conduct, it would be covered under the category pertaining to illegal activity in violation of local, state or federal law.

"Sports betting is ripe for scandal, financial loss, relationships with people of questionable backgrounds and most importantly - addiction," King said.

"While it may seem harmless to some, I have seen it disrupt academic and professional careers and result in extreme debt.

So what makes what Pete Rose, Steven Smith, and Rick Tocchet wrong? In Pete Rose's case, he was disseminating insider information. He was placing bets, while he was playing: managing the Reds. For many years, Rose never admitted to actually betting on baseball. That was until 2004, when Rose finally admitted to the public that he had bet on the sport. He wrote his confession in his autobiography, 'My Prison Without Bars', and although he admitted to betting on baseball, he never said he bet against the Reds.

Just like Rose, Arizona State Sun Devils, Steven Smith and Rick Tocchet wrong. In Peter Rose's case, he was disseminating industry information. He was placing bets, while he was playing: managing the Reds.

"Someone who shaves points is just trying to make sure that their team does not cover the points spread. Smith was approached by fellow ASU student Benny Sloman, a bookie, and the two conspired to fix four games during Smith's senior season. Smith served a sentence of one year in prison for his actions, and now advises young college athletes to not make the same mistakes as he once did.

Most recently, Rick Tocchet, who is currently an assistant coach for the Phoenix Coyotes of the NHL, was found financing an underground gambling ring based in New Jersey. Federal undercover investigators found that the ring was taking in more than 1,000 bets from clients, and processed over 1.7 million dollars. Tocchet still faces charges of conspiracy, promoting gambling and money laundering. By far, the charge of money laundering, the process of concealing the true means of illegally making money, is the most serious.

"I don't think by just seeing a sports figure gamble that promotes it to a younger audience," said sophomore Chris Syrek. "It's the benefits of making a quick buck without having to put in any effort.

"It honestly had a similar view, he said "It didn't affect me, but it's a bad game. Pete rose affected the game because he had insider information, and that's cheating."

So with the NCAA basketball tournament currently taking place and Super Bowl XL just passing, this is the prime time for gambling on sports. According to Hootstein, "With over $3 billion spent on sports gambling in Nevada per year, about $100 Million comes from the NCAA alone each year.

"Occasionally I do a March Madness pool. They are fun. I like college basketball," said Syrek.

"I never played back in the day, but I like that you win the bet and the money, you have all that much more to spend on the next bet," Syrek concluded.

"If you lose the money on a bet, then you will lose the money, you have lost back. It is a vicious cycle."
**Sports, Sports, My Way:**

**Sox vs. Yanks - The Report Card**

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

Who needs introductions? I'm grading the Red Sox and the Yankees position by position, and you're reading it. Enough.

**Catcher:** The Sox still have Jason Varitek. Much to the dismay of some of my friends, "Dougie" (Doug Mirabelli) will no longer be going deep for Boston (although rumors are circulating that Boston may resuscitate him, so hold out hope, Beets). John Flaherty skipped town in New York for Boston, tried to catch Wakefield's knuckleball exactly once, then retired. So it goes — you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Looks like Josh Bard, the Cleveland catcher acquired in the Coco Crisp deal, will get the backup nod. Meanwhile, the Yankees have Jorge Posada. Stills, isn't he the 45-now?

Red Sox: B, Yankees: C

**3B:** It's about time the Sox gave Kevin Youkilis a chance to start full-time. JT Snow will give them some backup, and to see how the Wily Mo Pena hasn't been ruled out with some playing time there. A solid thirdman if I ever heard one. Yanks should have a good year. The Yankees will start Jason Giambi, which could go either way, and prospect Andy Phillips will back him up when he's burned from steroid use again.

Red Sox: B, Yankees: B

**1B:** A HUGE Mark Loretta fan, although his numbers have declined as he's gotten older, and he's never played in a major market. The Sox still have Tony Gwynn Jr. and Alex Cora in backups although Graziano shouldn't be in town much longer (Einstein says he's willing to deal him so he can start for somebody else). The Yankees have Robinson Cano, I feel about Cano the same way I used to feel about Alfonso Soriano when he played in New York. He's just a beast; his potential is limitless, and he's so much fun to watch. I wish he was wearing my uniform but, nope, I could never do that.

Red Sox: B, Yankees: A

**2B:** With Bill Mueller gone, Mike Lowell takes over as he was acquired as a salary dump in the Josh Beckett deal. This Sox were hoping he'd return from two years ago, scow, say, however, that's set in stone now and he's all washed up. If that doesn't scream "_ctrer controversy" then I don't know what does. Maybe moving Youkilis over here isn't such a bad idea. The Yankees, of course, have Mr. March, Alex Rodriguez. He'll put up huge numbers when the Yankees have 13 or 14 or 15 hits and he'll suffer in close games. But he's still one of the five best players in the league, even if his hips ARE purple.

Red Sox: D, Yanks: C-

**SS:** This is specifically written for my buddy Dan. Alex Gonzalez is not even close to a second-division shortstop. He cannot be mentioned in the same breaths as Renteria, Orlando Cabrera, or Julio Lugo. What you wish for and what you get are two different things. If Boston's smart, Gonzalez and Cora are patches until Dustin Pedroia trewdly (although I'm concerned about his health problems lately). The Yankees, meanwhile, have Derek Jeter. Man, I do hate Derek Jeter.

Red Sox: D (for now), Yanks: A

**Leftfielders:** Boston has more than two batters, than they know what to do with. Not trading Manny was the best thing this team did all year long, and Coco Crisp is a player Sox fans can get excited about. It's becoming increasingly clear that the Sox don't trust Trot Nixon, especially after adding Pena in a deal for Arroyo, signing Jason Giambi in a minor league deal, and holding on to Canadian WHC Brett McKim from dear life. I LOVE, Nixon, but Willy Mo or Stein would probably look better staring every day. New York's got Godzella, Sheffield (who might be number three on my "players I hate" list behind Bonds and Jeret) and Johnny Damon. May you burn in hell, you glorious back-stabbing hypocrite.

Red Sox: A-, Yanks: A

**DH:** The Red Sox have Big Papi, and even with Manny backing him up, he's approaching Barry Bonds' "never pitch to him in any circumstances." The Yankees have, uh, Bernie Williams.

Red Sox: B, Yanks: B

**Starting Pitching:** As Einstein said, all teams love their pitching staffs in March and hate them in June. As good as that sounds, the jury is out until Beckett and Schill show they're healthy. Wake's knuckelball knuckles, Clemente's arm, Joba's arm, etc. The Yankees and Sox are stacked. The Yankees have an aging Randy Johnson (although he's got a game plan, I think) and the Yankees have Mike Mussina (who DOES not have a year left in the bank) and three pitchers who came up huge for this team last year but need to do it again if New York has any shot.

Red Sox: B, Yanks: B

**Relief Pitching:** The Red Sox have their usual ugly ugly ugly ugly ugly ugly. The Yankees probably have their best since the Pettitte-Kennedy era. The Red Sox have a "closer?" (they appear to have a probk: ....

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**Men's lacrosse on a mission**

Christopher Parish
Sports Editor

What do you do when your team loses in the semifinals of the Commonwealth Coast Conference and then your eight seniors graduate? If you're Head Lacrosse Coach Marty Kelly, you re-tool, start seven freshmen and make another run at the CCIW crown. I always feel like we can win our conference," coach Kelly said. "If we win our conference we can get an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament, so we're looking to get the the NCAA's this year."

The task might be more daunting than it's been in the past. Kelly admits that the team is "very young," but takes pride in its strengths. Among the few returning is goalkeeper Bobby Heasley, an All-CCI honorable mention from last year who should anchor the team's defensive corp. Two of the upperclassmen on the team, Ryan Baker and Dave Plessis, have been named the captains of this year's squad.

But the youth of the team can't be questioned: of the 33 players on the roster this season. Of those, 17 are freshmen and eight are sophomores. "Seven of our freshmen are starting," Kelly said very matter-of-factly. "I think it's a little bit of both (seniors leaving and a strong recruiting class). Some of our freshmen were recruited heavily and others were recruited lightly but they have all practiced." With any young team, the mental game invariably becomes more crucial than the physical game. In the games leading up to the season, Kelly said "some of the factors have been the difference at times. In the team's first game against UMass-Dartmouth, the Hawks stormed out to an 11-6 win.

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David Ortiz is backed up by one of the five best hitters in all of baseball. And if I was a pitcher, I still wouldn't throw him anything in the strike zone.
**Spring Sports Preview: Teams look promising as the weather warms**

**Men’s Tennis**
The Roger Williams University men’s tennis team began regular practice for the spring season during the first week of February.

Since then, the practices have been going very well according to head coach Chris O’Brien. Coach O’Brien, while he is very optimistic about his team being successful this season, believes that it is too early to start making predictions.

During spring break the men’s tennis team traveled to Arizona where they played in seven preseason matches. They emerged with a record of one win and six losses; however, coach O’Brien remains optimistic about the team’s chances of succeeding in their conference.

“We do look very strong for the conference,” O’Brien said, “it is kind of early to tell, but we did face some very tough competition over break.”

The men’s season will officially begin this Thursday, March 23 when they play a home match against Rhode Island College at 3:30 p.m.

**Women’s Tennis**
As most sports fans at Roger Williams know women’s tennis has traditionally been mostly a fall sport, but this year the team is going to play in the spring.

The team will be playing, but they will have very limited schedule. Currently, the team is only slated to take part in two tournaments.

Despite their limited schedule the women’s tennis regular practice the third week of February. They also traveled to Arizona during spring break, where they participated in a total of four pre-season matches, winning one and losing three.

Coach O’Brien feels that the women’s team, like the men’s, looks very strong for their matches in the spring. The women emerged from their fall season with an overall record of 9-5.

The women will play their first match on Thursday, March 23 against Rhode Island College. The action starts at 3:30 p.m. Their second match is currently scheduled for Sunday, April 2, which is an invitational tournament.

**Women’s Lacrosse**
The beginning of the spring 2006 season marks the Roger Williams University women’s lacrosse team’s third season. Head coach Emily Kiablick says that she has been very pleased with her team’s performance during their pre-season practices.

“The girls definitely have high standards,” Coach Kiablick said, “they have done really well and grown a lot this season.”

During spring break the team traveled to West Palm Beach, Florida for the week to participate in three pre-season matches. They then returned to Rhode Island on March 13 for their first match against Suny Potsdam College, which they won 9-8.

On Friday, March 17 the women’s team took on RPI in their fourth match of the season, which resulted in a 9-5 loss. This leaves the teams overall record at 1-3.

Coach Kiablick is very optimistic about her team’s chances of success in the conference.

“We have not played enough games to know where other teams stand in the conference,” Kiablick said, “but I know that we have improved a lot.”

The women’s lacrosse team has ten new players this season, which leaves Coach Kiablick with a sense that the team is only going to continue to improve throughout the season. The team will play their next match at home against Curry College on Tuesday March 28.

**Softball**
Despite the cold weather, the Roger Williams University softball team has been conducting regular practice since the first week of February.

Head coach Steve Pappas feels that teams practice has been going very well this year and he is very pleased with his team’s performance.

**Baseball**
The Roger Williams University baseball team began their 2006 season with 15 new freshman players and only 12 upperclassmen.

Currently the team has three seniors, five juniors and three sophomores, making the team a very young one. So far this season, Coach Derek Carlson has been very pleased with the performance of these new players.

“They are young but they are talented,” Carlson said.

Coach Carlson is very optimistic about the future potential of his team and he looks forward to watching the freshman players develop their skills.

“The quicker the freshman mature the better we are going to be,” Carlson said, “Because they are very talented.”

Over spring break the team traveled to Arizona where they participated in a total of eight games. The team returned to Rhode Island with an overall record of three wins and five losses.

The team will be back in action on Saturday March 25 when they take on Curry College at an away game starting at 12:00 p.m.

**Nats: Soriano’s troubles a distraction in D.C.**

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problem, which allows for players to act like this. Our society has put professional athletes on a pedestal and they are not coming down in the near future.

After having just recently returned from Arizona with the RWU baseball team, I have found a new insight on student athletes and the game of baseball.

More than 25 young men gave up their spring breaks to travel 3,000 miles away to play in a baseball invitational and more importantly to play a game that they love and cherish.

Other university sports teams, such as the men’s and women’s tennis teams, softball, and men’s and women’s lacrosse, also gave up their breaks to travel across the country to train for the upcoming seasons.

On our fields, it doesn’t matter where you’re from, how old you are, or where you play; once the jersey goes on, we are all the same team. These guys put with missed classes, make-up tests, and extremely long hours just to be able to play competitive Division-II sports. The student-athletes live and breathe the game all year around and there is no off-season. To these athletes, end to all athletes; Soriano’s actions were a complete and total slap in the face.

Why do professional athletes forget that it’s a game and they are getting paid to play for a living? With his attitude, Mr. “Sorry-ano” would have not even been allowed to play on my little league team. **LAX: Talented youth ready for upcoming season**

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“We had a tie in the second quarter,” Kelly said, “but we overcame them 7-1 in the second half.”

During the team’s Florida trip, the Hawks showed some vulnerability but played strong against one of the better teams in the country, Kenyon College, ultimately falling 19-9.

The team ended their Spring Break trip with a match against Plattsburgh State, a game that also ended with a loss, 18-10, although Kelly was optimistic.

“We probably could have won it,” he said. “I know that sound silly when you lose by eight but we played well. I think our inexperience and our youth showed up, but we got better throughout the week.”

The team may have no better instructor. Kelly, entering his fifth year as coach of the Hawks, was once a member of the D-III National Champion Nazareth College squad and still ranks all-time in goals, assists and points and was named to the school’s Hall of Fame in 1998.

With a winning percentage that ranks sixth all-time at RWU, Kelly’s team last year finished 8-9 despite a very tough schedule. A double-overtime win in Wednesday’s playoff versus Wentworth showed the team’s tenacity last year before the team finally bowed out to eventual-champion Endicott.

“They’re still the king of the hill,” Kelly said of Endicott. “In our conference, Gordon looks like they’ll have a good team and New England College is always good.”

Kelly’s squad of determined young-sters will have to top all of them in order to earn the CCC crown for the first time in school history.