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RWU, Bristol continue PILOT talks

Bret Earles
Herald Staff

Colleges and universities and the cities and towns they reside in have always needed to address the issue of re-payment. These PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) programs have always been a hot button issue between towns and universities. For several years now, the town of Bristol and RWU have been engaged in negotiations to arrive at an agreement.

RWU, as in the case with other colleges and universities, is a tax-exempt entity because it is a non-profit organization. Although RWU does pay for other services they use, the two services that they do not pay for are the use of the Bristol Fire and Police Departments.

According to Diane Mederos, Bristol Town Administrator, said "Town officials have been hearing for years from constituents that RWU "doesn't pay their fair share." I think that the perception has been that the university over-taxes our police and fire/rescue service without adequate compensation to the town. Whatever agreement we can come to that combats that perception would improve the climate in the community toward the university."

Jeffrey Gillisoby, Senior Director of Government Relations and International Programs at RWU, has been at the forefront of the PILOT negotiations with Bristol.

"Fire and Police are two services that we do not pay for, but students are still billed for the use of the rescue vehicles... and we now have EMF's on staff," Gillisoby said.

Both Mederos and Gillisoby have discussed possible solutions for the PILOT program, one of which they both mentioned was the university possibly donating or contributing toward a rescue vehicle or a ladder truck.

Mederos said that the negotiations have been, "more contentious in previous years." She continued to say that, "When I began my term, (December, 2004) one of the first things I did was reach out to the university and Dr. Nischel to have a discussion about how we can better work together. I think that the tone and things have been congenial."

Gillisoby agreed with Mederos saying that the perception that negotiations have been hostile has not been the case. "There were some good ideas and some ideas that were not so good... we do not just want to give a lump sum of money and say do what you want with it," said Gillisoby.

Gillisoby has reaffirmed the commitment of RWU to be a good neighbor and also to have a strong relationship with the town of Bristol, saying, "We are good neighbors to the town of Bristol, and it is important to be good neighbors."

"Overall, I would say that Roger Williams has had a positive impact on our community. The students have contributed many hours of community service, and have helped the economy by frequenting our local businesses, among others things," Mederos said. "RWU has enriched the cultural climate here, has employed many of our residents and has given us many good and productive residents who decide to stay here after graduation."

"The Bristol Phoenix's article highlighted the commendable contributions that RWU has and continues to make to the town of Bristol. Particularly, the awarding of scholarships to Bristol residents, which totaled 611,000 dollars and also the community, services that RWU students perform in the community."

Furthermore the university employs 370 Bristol residents and donated 60,000 dollars to various organizations in Bristol in 2005.

Mederos and members of the Bristol Town Council expect an agreement to be reached sometime in April.

Mederos has said the only thing that she has been frustrated with is the length of time it has taken to come to an agreement, but she is optimistic about the end result.

"I think that we will all be happy with the outcome."

Building names honor contributors

Phil Devidt
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Their names hang high above the doors of some of the most popular places on campus. Fixed to the walls of university buildings in gold and silver letters, they are impossible to miss. But these names are more than names. They are the identities of people with close ties to the university and their significance goes far beyond the concrete to which they are attached.

The Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences bears the name of the well-known Rhode Island personality Alan Shaw Feinstein. A former teacher and journalist, Feinstein retired ten years ago to devote all of his time to philanthropy. The Feinstein-based Feinstein Foundation, which he founded in 1991, is dedicated to alleviating world hunger.

Feinstein also believes in the importance of public service and dedicates much time to getting local students involved in improving their communities and helping people in need. This is also what led him to RWU.

"The university received a million dollars from the foundation to make our community service program a part of the curriculum," said Feinstein. "And it evolved from that because of my close relationship with Roger Williams University as well as a few other colleges and universities in the area."

The College of Arts and Sciences was named for Feinstein in recognition of his donation and the work that he does. Most buildings on campus are generally named for similar reasons.

"Usually, buildings are named for people because of philanthropic donations they have made," said Corporate and Foundation Relations Director Michele Allace. "It's not that they say 'I'll give you money and you can put my name on a building.' It's more often in recognition of what they have given us."

The contributions that these people make are often more than just financial ones.

"These are people who are usually very much engaged with the university, and not just in a money way," Allace said. "They are involved with where the university is going and in touch with what is happening."

Looking for a sensable design

Michael Herlej
Herald Staff

Take a look around. You stand in one of many wide-open fields, you see a number of old-fashioned red brick buildings, and you feel the historic aura. The campus proves to be able to accommodate the future while still preserving its rich history.

This is not Roger Williams University, it is the University of Notre Dame.

An observer at the RWU campus would see classically designed buildings, such as the Campus Library - a solid brick building with a high clock tower. A first-time visitor to the school may also notice the Marine and Natural Sciences Building, a classic-style brick building wrapped by green plants and surrounded by stone walls. Inlaid with a sense of the school's history and of the town in which it lies, the visitor may become confused upon seeing the new, angular buildings that better resemble something out of an episode of The

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From Bayside, with Love

"You Won't"

"Every time, I tell myself, 'never again,'" my roommate says to me shaking his head in disgust with a half-cracked smile and a bulging right cheek. It's 12:30 a.m. on a Wednesday night and I can only respond to him with, 'Do it again, you won't.' He denies, 'You right, I won't.' It's been four years and he knows the game too well.

There are many forms the Poor Pressure Monster can take when you're hanging out with your friends, none more powerful than the simple declarative statement "you won't." And it's much more than the fact that, if you wanted to, you knew you could. It's the tone; the haughty smile and the short pause that seems to last for days that forces you to give you're rhetorical consent. You respond eagerly, "Oh, I won't!" And you do it, whatever it is, because you'll be damned if you're going to let someone tell you what you won't do. You may come to regret it later, but for the moment victory is yours.

However, this form of peer pressure doesn't always come from someone else; it can also come from within. I was in 1776 on the western front doing math (it's explain later) when I decided to go buy a beer. I opened the glass door hesitantly and put my left hand around a cold 40 oz of Steel Reserve. And as soon as I touched the icy beverage, four years of experience flooded my every thought. I knew that eventually, nothing good can possibly come from the purchase of a Steel Reserve. It's literally a bottle of poison. "Am I really going to spend money on a bottle of poison?" I wonder as I recall the time I put on the mask from the movie Scared and burst into random dorm rooms lowering. I knew better. I let go of the bottle and shut the glass door. But then the little voice enters and he brings with him all the ensuing justifications. Game over.

Hey, I've got five weeks left on this campus, don't judge me!

And as the end nears, seniors continue to forge forward inventing new ways to creatively intoxicate. Well actually, I wouldn't define dumping a shot of Tabasco sauce into a full funnel as an "invention" (apparently it tastes like Buffalo wings) and I wouldn't call swotting a line of parmesan cheese accompanied with a slab of butter "creative intoxication." But hey, to each his own.

It's all in good fun, but I'll let you know where a good place to draw the line is: one million beers. I was involved in a lurid discussion last weekend that honestly went on too long. What would it take to drink one million beers? You'd think the first guy who blurted out "well you'd die before you even get halfway" would put an end to the conversation. Wrong.

I'll break it down for you (remember that math I mentioned a few paragraphs ago?) Let's start with a reasonable number, you drink three beers an hour, every hour of the day. You operate with a classy digital watch that goes off every hour that reminds you "it's time to find three beers." You might as well get it over with quick, because let's face it, one million beers are going to cost some serious cash and we both know you don't have the money to siphon on something sip-worthy. What does that mean? It means you're drinking one million Genny Light's, my friend! At $1.99 a 30 pack you can't go wrong (unless you have taste buds). So Mr. Frugal Alcoholic will only be throwing about four hundred thousand bucks for this little experiment (I can't look at that number without laughing).

So if you're drinking three beers an hour for 24 hours, 365 days a year, you're drinking 26,280 beers a year. If you keep this pace you'll be done in about 38 years. The mean age on this campus is probably 20, so guess what, by the time you're 58 you'll have finished off one million beers or you'll be dead before you hit 21. Imagine how good that last one would taste; it would have to be a bottle though. So, of course, after you finish you could throw it against the wall and watch it shatter into glass shards of victory! Drink one million beers. You won't!

Chris Villano
Herald Staff

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Dear Meg and Ash,

I have had the same roomate for two years now. She and I started out really good friends and slowly we began drifting apart. Now it's like we barely know each other and our friendship has actually turned to hatred. I've often found things missing around my room and I don't want to blame her, but who else could it be? Just recently a $300 piece of jewelry went missing. Do I confront her about this? Help!

-Afraid of Confrontation

Dear Afraid,

Well of course you have to confront her, but not necessarily in an accusatory manner. Ask her if she's "seen it around," or if she happened to borrow it and forgot to tell you. If your property is going missing, then something must definitely need to be done about it, but don't jump to any conclusions. Maybe you should tell her that you're going to tell the RA that some of your stuff is missing because you think someone may be breaking in. She may get scared and confess if she's actually done it. It's probably a good idea to get the RA involved either way. He or she may be able to help you with your problem. On a side note it's sad that the two of you were such good friends and have lost that relationship. Maybe you could talk to her about that and rekindle any friendship that may be left. Good luck!

Meg & Ash

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Ask Meg & Ash

Dear Meg and Ash,

I had a great freshman year. I made a lot of friends, was very involved in extracurricular activities and did well in school. I love BWU. The problem is that I made all new friends and lost touch with my friends from high school. I have to move back home at the end of the semester and really don't want to leave BWU. I think my summer is going to be horrible! What should I do?

-BWU Lover

Dear Lover,

First, we are really excited to hear that you loved your time at BWU. It is great that you became really attached to the school. We understand your problem as it is a common issue for a lot of freshmen. If you are on Facebook, look up your high school friends and send them a "long time, no see" message. Mention that you can't wait to hear about their freshman year and want to get together. Or instant message or email them. Are you getting a job this summer? You will probably make new friends at your job. If you are one of the lucky few that doesn't have to work during the summer, volunteer in your community (at the hospital or local Relay for Life etc.) to get to know others. Also, spend some quality time with your family. We also recommend staying in touch with your college friends and perhaps getting together with them once a month.

Have a great summer!

Meg & Ash

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Editor's Note: There will be no Hawk's Herald next week because of the Passover and Easter holidays. The paper will be back on the streets with a safe and enjoyable holiday. Eat lots of Matzah and search for colored eggs.

The Pulse
Names: Buildings named after philanthropists

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Feinstein, who received an honorary degree from RUW, remains in touch with the college that carries his name.

"We are in regular communication with the president, and we are very interested in the college's yearly community service project," said Feinstein. "I'm proud of the place and I wish I had time to step in more often."

Other buildings on campus, such as the Papitto School of Law, are named for the people responsible for their existence. Ralph Papitto, now Chairman of the university's Board of Trustees, was key in establishing the law school in 1997.

When he conducted a study to determine whether the school would be cost-effective, the study determined that it wasn't practical.

"Chancellor Papitto wouldn't accept that," said Chief Financial Officer James Nolan. "He had another feasibility study done and this time, it was accepted. Ralph, with his persistence, brought the establishment of the law school.

The Board of Trustees decided to name the school after Papitto in recognition of his substantial efforts.

"He was instrumental in getting the whole thing together," said Allan. "Our board, in naming the only one in the state. He recognized that there was a need and saw an opportunity. That's what led to his name getting on the school."

The field and athletic field just next door to the law school are named for a university trustee, too. The Board of Trustees appointed him to the Board when the center opened in 1983.

Mario Gabelli, whose name is also familiar on campus, serves as Chairman and CEO of the Gabelli Asset Management Company, a New York-based investment firm. Because of a financial contribution he made to the university, the School of Business now bears his name.

"Mario's involvement in the business world is in market management and stock management," said Allan. "He gave a very large donation and the business school was named in honor of him."

Gabelli, also a university trustee, remains involved with the School of Business and according to Allan, comes to university events when he can.

There is no set amount of money that determines whether a building on campus will be named after someone. And while some donations are public knowledge, other people choose to keep their contributions private.

"Sometimes people want their names on a building and sometimes people don't," said Allan. "Sometimes people just want to remain anonymous when they give very large donations. It depends on the person."

Buildings aren't the only places on campus that display the names of loyal benefactors; though even the ground students walk on his name attached to it. D'Angelo Commons, located at the heart of campus, was named for trustee Philip D'Angelo and his wife Jennifer in 1996. A stone bench also located on campus is inscribed to "Marshall Fulton, who worked and worked and worked for the reason..." Fulton served on the board of Roger Williams College in Providence and owned the RWU property which was farm land until 1967. He was instrumental in expanding the university out of the city into Bristol. The bench is situated to the right of the Roger Williams statue on the hill.

Many bricks on the walkway behind the hill are inscribed with names, too. The bricks were placed in honor of financial contributions made by alumni and faculty, and in memory of people who have died.

"There are people who gave smaller donations but they just wanted their name on something that belongs to the university," said Allan. "Wilson College in Providence absolutely love the place and for whatever reason, they are still attached and want to stay connected."

A conference center in the Marine and Natural Sciences Building was named in memory of Mark Gould, a professor who helped to create the Center for Economic and Environmental Development.

"He was a wonderful, very much loved professor on campus," said Allan. "When he died, people were very upset and wanted to do something for him. We recognized that there were a lot of people who still gave about what Wilson College had done. Family members and other faculty members gave money and the conference room was named after him."

Donations were also used to create the Mark Gould Memorial Scholarship and Research Fund, which began in 1999.

"The scholarship was established in response to an outpouring of sentiment and dedicated contributions from the entire University community and beyond," said Allan.

Access from the Marine and Natural Sciences Building, nestled in the library, is the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center. Named for a woman who graduated with the class of 1976 at the age of 80, the center serves as a meeting place for students and faculty, as well as the room many lecturers speak in every month.

In 2004, White, an artist and philanthropist, donated $500,000 dollars to the university. At the time, this was the most recent alumna who had ever contributed.

"Mrs. White loves the liberal arts, and a few years ago, she was thrilled with the direction of the university," said Allan. "She offered to do something for the library, and that led to the opening of the cultural center. It was something she was interested in, and that's usually how donations come about. The person involved has a project or has some kind of affiliation with what they too contribute to."

White, who turns 80 this year, remains involved with the cultural center. She attends many of the lectures and enjoys interacting with students.

"It's exciting to even talk to students," said White. "I love just talking with them because I can feel for them and see what we can do to suit things for them. I think there are a lot of opportunities in this world, and you don't have to have anything. You just have to do it and keep it up."

White finds satisfaction in seeing the cultural center used for the purposes she envisioned.

"My whole life is spent wanting to help people," said White. "I feel so close to young people and I like to do anything I can to give them a little push toward something that they really want to do — anything. I can help young people get that seed patted so that it will grow into a huge, beautiful something. That's what I'm living for.

"We wanted to motivate and inspire people to develop a healthier way of life in a team perspective so they would be more apt to commit," said Teves. "It gave these people who wanted to change their ways of living, but did not know the place to start."

We were able to allow individuals to become responsible for changing their eating habits. We reviewed all eating plans and made suggestions to them, as well as modifications.

As the idea of losing weight is not appealing to most individuals, the program offered prizes to the team who had the highest percentage of lost weight.

The winning team was chosen by the highest percent of total weight loss from the whole team over the six weeks. Team Fusion received a one-year free fitness center membership and 10 team makeovers with a local hair salon and nail shop artist at Salon Rhea with before and after pictures and also workout clothing compliments of the Athletic department," Teves said.

"There are three winners, Lorraine Laill and Phyllis O'Neill, who won free personal training sessions until June 1st with Mark Andreozzi and myself for their continued hard work, dedication and most improved overall strength and form in exercise."

Overall, the total weight loss over the 6 weeks was 99 pounds.

"The response from the participants was incredible," said Teves. "It showed that there are people on campus dedicated to bettering their own health and their lifestyles."

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RWU faculty strives to be the biggest loser

Based on the show seen by millions each week on NBC

By millions each week on NBC
Arch: Some question design of RWU buildings

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Jensen than from a small New England college campus.

These "modern" buildings include the latest addition to the Architecture Building and the adjacent new Student Union, which is nearing completion in its construction.

The new buildings will be a part of a comprehensive plan that includes construction, destruction, and renovation of campus buildings. This plan is not available to the public.

The reason for the construction of the new buildings, according to Associate Professor of Architecture Edgar Adams, is two-fold: to accommodate the increasing number of RWU students, and to carry the university into the next century by taking advantage of today's technological and material resources.

However, students and faculty alike have had trouble seeing these concepts come to life on campus.

"The new construction makes you wonder what and where the style of this campus is going," said Mike Meehan, a sophomore History Preservation major at RWU.

The new Student Union lacks modern and futuristic something that may be trendy today, but how will this look to people 20 years from now?" Meehan added.

Dr. Uller Cooper, a Professor of Architecture at RWU, who played a significant role in designing the campus plan, defended the modern look of the buildings.

"Every time period has different expressions of design," she said. "Architects are more free now to use new technology than in the past. Although there is a change in appearance, there needs to be continuity."

Adams, who also helped design the campus plan, showed support of the new buildings on campus.

"All buildings are dated - even the Admissions Office. The Marine and Natural Science Building is dated because it uses forms and materials that were specific to the 90s," said Adams.

Adams described how the University Library's clock tower is, architecturally, an aspect of the university to which many students on campus are related.

"If a building is only trying to draw attention to itself, then it will take away from the cohesion of the campus," Adams explained, "and I don't think any of these buildings do that."

However, the sizes of some buildings eclipse the size of others. For example, the three-story Campus Recreation Center, with its eye-catching glass entrance, is 124,000 square-feet - more than three times the size of most other buildings on campus.

Compared to the smaller buildings, large structures draw attention away from the buildings that originally served as the foundation of the campus.

Adams divided the campus' growth into three stages.

"Phase 1 was the original buildings (PCAS, Engineering Building, Gabelli Business School, Administration Building) which fit well with the site. Their light color made them almost appear out of the landscape."

"Phase 2," Adams continued, "involved the Campus Library, MNS, and the addition of columns in the front of Gabelli Business School in order to create a quadrangle. These buildings had a very heavy relationship to the site and provided the campus with an anchor."

"Currently, Phase 3 involves the addition to the Architecture Building and the construction of the new Student Union," said Adams.

"The new buildings are designed to draw one's attention to the Library's clock tower as well as the main entrance to the Mt. Hope Bridge and view of the Mt. Hope Bay. Though they are large, they try to compliment the anchor and foundation of the campus."

Adams says that the development of North Campus is important to the school, but it will take 10 to 20 years for the university to complete.

"First, the university must convince the towns that expanding the campus is beneficial to the towns," Adams said. "Also, we can't build more dorms until the sewage system is upgraded."

Again, the school's future plans for the campus are not available to the public, so Roger Williams students and faculty alike have no idea how the plans are to be executed.

Though the architecture faculty and those who had a hand in creating the master plan for the campus defend the new buildings, others fail to see the continuity described by Cooper.

"There is no cohesive look," Meehan said. "Look at Cooper Hall compared to Stone Wall. Look at MNS compared to the Athletic Center. Look at the Library compared to the new Student Union."

"They don't match," added Meehan. "It seems like they don't have a firm grasp of deciding how the campus is going to look."

While nobody is questioning the ability of the architects to construct buildings that would stand for many years, many students like Meehan are simply wondering if the campus will ever look coordinated, or if they will please the campus together one building at a time.

However, because people cannot see the campus plans, they must rely on the word of the architects - a fairly difficult task amidst all the construction taking place.

Whether or not the plan will come to fruition will be seen over the next year, the next 10 years, and the next 50 years. Until then, RWU students, faculty and visitors must walk around the campus in search of its identity.

OP-ED:

Students not thrilled with Spring Weekend music

The one event students on our campus look forward to is the spring weekend. It is a four-day activity with plenty of activities for anyone who wants to participate, including a highly anticipated concert.

It is a time for everyone to let loose and have a great time with their friends right before summer break. In past years, our school has had great musical acts such as WEIR, Jensen, Meehan 5, Third Eye Blind, and Harris Rhymes, all musicians who are known, loved, and respected. But this year’s decision has left many disappointed throughout campus.

This year’s musical guest for Spring Weekend will be Lifeshouse. Sophomore Sarah Robertson seemed disappointed in the decision.

"Lifeshouse?" she exclaimed. "Are you kidding me? How are we even going to dance to that?"

This is true of many students, when they hear of the musical guest that is coming to Roger Williams. Lifeshouse has had its share of two hits, but for a campus that has had great artists in the past, why on our 50th anniversary would we choose to have a band such as this one?

Students feel as though this was a big step back for the school, as it is considered out of touch with today's youth. It is not surprising that many students are disappointed with the choice of Lifeshouse.

"Lifeshouse is a change in style for the school," added Meehan. "It seems like we are going backwards instead of forwards."

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Lifeshouse is a band that has been around for over a decade, and has gained popularity in recent years for their catchy tunes and relatable lyrics. However, their music may not be as well received by the current generation of students who prefer more modern music genres.

"I think Lifeshouse is a great band, but I don't think it's the best choice for our school," said senior Alex Davis.

"I think the school should have chosen a band that is more relevant to our age group."

Students wonder if the school is trying to reach out to a younger audience, or if they are just trying to stay relevant with the current music scene. Regardless, the choice of Lifeshouse has left many students feeling disappointed and out of touch with their school's musical preferences.

"I was really excited for Spring Weekend, but now I'm not sure I'll go," said junior John Smith.

"I don't think the music is going to be what I was expecting."

While Lifeshouse may not be the ideal choice, the school is hoping to make the most of the weekend with a variety of activities and events. It remains to be seen how well the festival will be received by the student body. Until then, students will have to decide if they are going to attend or not.
Looking for a great workout that can burn up to 900 calories in one class? Want a workout that will test your endurance and raise your heart rate? Do great music and an inspiring instruction get you going? If yes, then look no further thanspin.

For those who have never heard of the intense workout, RWU spin instructors of a year and a half, Brandi Youngs describes it as, "a fitness class held on stationary bikes. By changing the resistance throughout, you can take students up and down hills, on sprints, and more."

Donna Darmody, Wellness Director at RWU, has been doing spin for three years. "I do it because for me, it is one of the most intense cardio workouts I have experienced in a class. In the past I have taken and taught aerobics and step aerobics," said Darmody.

According to Youngs, spin is beneficial for everyone because it increases your strength and endurance, works the calves, hamstrings, gluts, quads, and even the core.

Youngs said that many factors determine how many calories are burned in each class.

Like said, "it depends on how much you weigh, how hard you work, your muscle mass-to-body fat ratio, etc. Generally the consensus is that it can burn 500-900 calories an hour. That's half the reason we love it."

Lindsey Maguire, an RWU junior has been doing spin for a year and a half, and likes it because of the rush it gives her while working out. It's the best workout I do."

Spin is also for beginners. Lauren Carlegio, also a junior at RWU, recently started spinning, and is glad she tried something new.

"I like to go spin with my friends. I like the music we listen to and I especially like the way I feel when it is over," said Carlegio.

When the ride gets tough, the music seems to be what really keeps the riders going.

"What I like about it is the music. Makes the hour go by quickly and it is easy to get my heart rate up into a training zone," said Darmody.

Youngs agreed, "If the music is good you can get so into the ride-the-true file and the whole time you are having fun!"

On the toughness of spin, Maguire noted that "it's easy if you make it easy. You have the ability to go at your own pace, but the instructor is very motivating and keeps me going."

She also optimistically said, "I think the more you do it the better it gets and you feel very accomplished in the end!"

Youngs thinks that one of the many reasons to try spin is that, "It's a great way to change your workout routine- it's fun and energetic."

Maguire agreed, "I suggest that everyone tries spin. You have to be ready to be challenged. It's a great way to get a cardio workout. It's something different than the elliptical and treadmill."

Carlegio also thinks that everyone should try spin at least once because "it is an overall fun experience and is very rewarding in the end."

She continued to say, "I think every one should try spin. If you are the type of person who doesn't particularly like working out in the gym, but want to work out, like me, I would absolutely recommend trying spin."

Darmody points out that spin is a hard workout by suggesting that "anyone serious about getting a cardio workout should try spin."

"Everyone should experience the intensity of the cardio workout. Pilot University getting better video equipment

University getting better video equipment

Lindtyn Tucker
Herald Staff

The Media Studies Department at Roger Williams University is planning on purchasing new video equipment that will enable the university to produce DVD quality footage that can be transmitted via the Internet, enabling the community to broadcast newseworthy events from right here on campus.

The new equipment will enable the department to "do what we call IP TV," said John Moffa, head of media services.

"Essentially what equipment does now is via Internet. A video is paged in from the conference room into any Internet port. Audio video is then taken and set to modulate which puts it out on channel five, the campus bulletin."

According to Vice President of Public Affairs, the new equipment will be "a useful way to allow our students to watch athletic events, cultural events, and other happenings on campus that they might otherwise miss. When we post these videos on our website, student's parents and friends will also be able to access these events. Also, the equipment will be useful for public affairs and marketing, but also for sporting events and speakers."

According to Moffa there are many long term goals in regards to the Media Studies Department.

"We would like to be able to produce video news releases to air on network news. We would like to increase the visibility of the University."

Moffa also mentioned the possibility of putting a decoder over at the Cox video room. This way, the university will be able to shoot programming to Cox over the internet, and this way things like speakers or sporting events could be put out over Cox Live. It is also speculated that in the future the university will be able to put out promotional DVDs, commencement videos. "The possibilities are endless," said Moffa.

As of right now, the university has verbal confirmation from two different local networks say who they will take 3-5 minute packages on any subject related to RWU.

On slow news days they will put the footage on their program.

"However, if the footage is not broadcast quality, they will not air it," Moffa explained. "What we do here is very good, but not good enough quality to air on network news."

If it's really cool that the school will be able to broadcast its footage on local news stations," said junior Jennifer Dill. Of one of the problems RWU faces is that it does not receive enough positive exposure. If the community was able to stay interested about interesting and positive events on campus, they may look at the school with a little more intrigue and respect.

In addition to news coverage the equipment may be used to make promotional videos for prospective students, but also to persuade different corporations to donate money to the school so it can "build its endowment, raise more scholarship money, and enhance its curriculum," explained Rivers. "Again, that also directly benefits the students."

Rivers explained that the equipment also has the capability to be used to train interns who plan on working in the communications field after graduation.

"Media Services has asked for a budget of 100,000 dollars. The department, which is located in the basement of the library, will be responsible for the new equipment. Moffa, however, does not seem to agree with Rivers on allowing interns the use of such equipment. "I don't think anyone else can really handle 100,000 dollars worth of equipment. You can't just give a thirty or forty thousand dollar camera to students to take out into the field."

Although this new addition to RWU sounds beautiful on paper, the university has yet to come ahead and decide to actually approve the equipment. "There is a lot of logistics involved. We can't just throw money out and buy this stuff right away, a lot is involved logistically,” said Moffa.

In order to properly handle the equipment the department will need to enhance its staff. "The biggest problem you face is staffing; who will be in charge of equipment. We're hoping to get a higher professional staff. The equipment management is going to be a lot of work, but once people see what it can do it is going to light a fire," Moffa speculated.

In regards to purchasing the equipment Rivers explained, "As an institution of higher education, our expenditures are always primarily driven by the needs of our students."

Students who plan on trying one of the spinning classes should step by the Recreation Center for a schedule of spin and other group exercises.

"When I started here 11 years ago there were no multi-media rooms—now we have 41, Moffa said. "The Nischtel administration really embraced technology; they realize its importance. [Nischtel] is very supportive of technological advancement."

The Media Services department has not yet chosen a distributor from which to purchase the equipment.

"We have talked to many vendors but we need to get competitive bids. Prices vary greatly from dealer to dealer. What we need is a vendor who deals with this level of equipment," said Moffa.

Details such as staffing and related logistics need to be worked out before a decision can be made and the equipment can be purchased.
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**Wired**

**RWU's Food Critic: Double Dose**

Kathina Corwin

**Herald Staff**

Rose and shine! It's time for the most important meal of the day. That's right, breakfast. It's that morning pick-me-up everyone craves, and The Liberty offers a variety of restaurants to choose from. Some are good, some are bad, but let's face it; by the end of the year, you sometimes feel like anything would beat the customer.

The Liberty Café, located on 576 Monticello Ave, in the Bell Tower Plaza, is a quintessential diner that offers breakfast and lunch seven days a week.

The inside is small and decorated in country-style red, white and blue decorations. Seating is limited, but there's plenty of room to sit at the counter.

I sat at the counter and was served immediately to my surprise and enjoyment. Breakfast is not one of those meals I like to eat leisurely, mostly because the food gets cold too fast and also because I'm not considered a "morning person."

I ordered my favorite, the No. 1: two eggs (any style), two slices of toast, and home fries all for a whopping $2.25, you join me in the "nice." If the price doesn't satisfy you, the taste most certainly will. Everything was delicious.

In order the eggs assembled and they were perfect, cooked nice and fluffy, no nasty, the wheat toast was crispy and covered in melted butter and the home fries were a sight to behold.

The portions were so big that I had trouble finishing my plate. Everything was made fresh and right in front of me and served in under 10 minutes. In the end of all this, I had a nice tall glass of apple juice.

In addition to the scrambled eggs portion of this patrician diner can order a wide variety of omelettes (which are prepared with three eggs). Some tend to be the typical found at any eateries, but some more such as the Pepperoni (thick pepperoni, mushrooms, spinach and cheese) proves to be unique.

If you're looking for something a little lighter, try the PB&J French Toast. This concoction is a regular French toast but instead of toppings, it's stuffed with plum butter and jelly.

Two of the most popular breakfast meals are the Liberty Waffle Special and the Liberty Blini/milk Pancake Special. Although priced slightly more than the other meals on the menu, these specials are definitely worth the extra cash. Both the Waffles and Pancakes are topped with blueberries, strawberries, whipped cream and with a garnish of powdered sugar.

The Liberty No Carb Special is another popular dish. For just $4.95 a plate full of three eggs (any style), three bacon slices and three sausage links will be delivered to your table.

The last started item on the menu is the Liberty Egg Special. This meal, consists of two eggs (any style), two pieces of sweet bread, French toast, bacon, sausage and home fries. This jam packed plate is for a mere $6.95.

The Liberty Waffle Special proves to be the most expensive meal on the menu in another favorite, the No. 3: three eggs and two eggs. A little heavier than plain eggs, with home fries and toast, but it will keep you filled all afternoon. The eggs was cooked to perfection, even for a small Café such as this.

Whatever you crave when you wake up in the morning, the Liberty Café has a menu choice between their choice of eggs, a variety of vegetables, egg sandwiches, croissants, French toast, Waffles, pancakes and more.

With the motto, "have a star spanned day," how could you not be entitled?

I highly recommend going to the Liberty Café, overall it was the best breakfast I've had in a long time.

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Tony da Monkey

**Adapting Very Special to the Herald**

We are writing from the office of Cliff McGovern; our post as employees of the Maintenance Department (which, at this moment in time is leading to a lot of "The Food Critic" reading sessions). We have discovered a large felony. The "Food Critic" has yet to observe the greatness of Boston's local Orgia's Market. Orgia's traditional atmosphere has apparently been integrated into the chic culture of college-going youths.

This charming small town market serves daily traditional, workers and the like who flood the market in a mass exodus for a sandwich of extreme delight. Known by locals as a gem in the heart of Boston, this market assembles sandwiches every single day and orders out for this.

The feeling provided by this establishment's ambience is reminiscent of those times of family markets located at the end of your neighborhood street.

On our visit to this market, we were welcomed to be on our lunch break and entered the market. We were greeted behind the counter greeted us with "hello." As Adapting and I perused the store (the had already ordered our order via phone), the scent of assorted meats and crisp vegetables drew me to the rear of the store, where the infamous "The Works," was about to be created. The early afternoon light filtered through the glass and then I spotted some hanging sausages.

At first little of it, but this market in Boston, that (whose name can be seen in the following note), reminded me of the markets my grandmother used to bring me to as a child. Upon exiting this lovely nonsensical, pickled and hot peppers, all artful in a hearty green salami. This two inch square can be found on the counter with ham, turkey or roast beef but no way you have it, "The Works," available for $5.95 or make even $10.00 with a combination of cheese, thereby defining the sales figures.

Located on 370 Wood St., it is often over filled by students who generally stick to more beaten paths. However, through out the cozy the center of Bi. Orgia's has been recently discovered for the good that is a family name for three generations. Orgia's has preserved the feeling of a fine neighborhood butcher, providing an ethnic and fresh variety of quality food.

How can one judge the goodness according to the "Food Critic" 370 Wood St.? A person can only hope that they taste buds have been well rested and prepared for a prudential dose of salvia. Joy, Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oddly, it is a place for a college student who is looking for a quick delicious meal that doesn't burn a hole in the pocket.

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

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**Restaurant Ratings (1-5): Food 5 Service 5 Price 5**

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**Katrina images portray social injustice**

**Timothy Meenan**

**Editor**

The third lecture in the Thurgood Marshall series took the viewers to a new medium this year. The lecture, which was held in the Appelate Courtroom of the Law school, was a virtual demonstration of images that were full of virtual simulation that still plays our courthouse.

Of the distinguished speakers were Mrs. Thurgood Marshall and Regina Austin, a professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania.

After a brief remark from Mrs. Marshall, Austin took the floor and the open microphone.

"The images of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina have had a profound impact on our society. Our government has a chance to show these people it didn't. They didn't because they were poor and black," Austin said. "Pay close attention to the people we are going to see. Human beings are the issue we are supposed to protect and be." Austin then unveiled a slideshow of the images of destruction left by Katrina's power.

"Usually lectures bombard you with words. I'm going to bombard you with images. Images that humanize the situation, giving a reason to stand up for socialization in our society," Austin said. The pictures consisted of the many who have fallen from the disaster. Homeless and displaced looking for refuge under embankments. Military tanks rummaging the streets and the American dream suffocated under the water. "These pictures tell us what the government tried to deny. Their response was very slow and many in New Orleans lost their lives," Regina added.

Regina went on to speak about how the images captured truth. She believed the American public was riveted by the images.

"Katrina advanced the cause of social injustice in this country," she said.

After the initial slideshow was over, Regina flung the topic into other mediums. She showed clips from "Born Rich," a documentary film about the young rich American, whose first sense of reality when it comes to the poor. "Isn't it weird that we as a society have a hard time looking at the poor, but love to live in the rich," Regina pondered.

Regina went on to question the filmaker's agenda with not getting some of the more controversial scenes in the final cut.

The third part of the lecture was based around a story of an African American, Vernon Evans, who was convicted of killing two people and was sentenced to the death penalty.

The audience watched a 17-minute documentary film made by two lawyers outlining his case against the law. The lawyers broke the fact that the one eyewitness to the crime at all, he has been wronged. The individuals schizoid. Not mistaken this witness, who could have set Evans free, "slipped through the cracks" of the investigators during the trial and retrial. Evans faced an upheld battle against racism.

After the lecture was over, Roger Williams Law School was presented a local Emery award for their help in a documentary film about the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education. Following the ceremony the guests were led to a photography exhibit formed by John Chaker and other artists.
Couple of the Moment:

Matt Lofaro and Katie Toye

Reporting by Elizabeth Liederman

Interview With Matt:

1. How and when did you meet and start dating Katie?
I met Katie last year through my good friend Garrett. We hung out a lot with a group of people but then started talking on the phone a lot last summer. When we got back to school, we started dating in December.

2. What is it about her that really gets your adrenaline pumping?
Katie is a great girl. We have a great time together whether we are going out to a bar and getting blackout drunk or hanging out watching TV. She is deep, dead gorgeous and has the sexiest eyes.

3. Has she met your family?
Yeah, I took Katie home for the first time and we went to New York City to meet my family. My parents, especially my mother, love her and my sister likes her a lot too. But the funniest thing my parents met her at school (Katie and I weren’t dating yet) and Katie was hanging out wearing a “Shirt Gaming is for Tough guys!”

4. What would you say are her greatest traits and why?
Katie is a very loving and caring person. She isn’t selfish and would put her friends or family before her anything. Katie is very attractive and sexy. She has beautiful hazel eyes, a hot body and a pretty smile.

5. What kinds of things do you do together, when together?
During the day, we’ll just hang out. We run errands if we need to or just drive somewhere like Newport or Providence to chill and eat dinner or something like that. We love going on road trips, and I got Katie obsessed with New York City. At night we love to drink and party, and just hang out with our friends.

6. What things would you say are key to making your relationship work?
Honesty and trust are things that have always been important to us. As people who have dated each other, we have a workmanlike relationship that can definitely work. Katie and I are always honest with each other and are never afraid to talk about things that are on our minds.

7. What’s the greatest/most memorable thing you’ve ever done for her?
She probably works harder over Christmas than I do. So I’m gonna say the flowers. I sent her two dozen roses on Christmas and her birthday. She loved them (and I scored points with the family).

8. How did you guys end up together?
We were best friends and then started really liking each other, and towards the end of the second semester, mid-December, we decided to start dating.

9. What would you say are his best qualities?
Matty is so funny and that is how we first hit it off, we both love to have fun and laugh. He is so kind and caring, and we would both do anything for each other. I know I could talk to him about anything because he is so understanding and loving.

10. What is the most memorable thing Matty has ever done for you?
Matty and I first started going around Christmas break, which was also my 21st birthday. Matty told me he wouldn’t be able to come to celebrate my birthday because we were a five hour drive away and too close to the holidays. I woke up on my birthday to two dozen pink roses from Matty, and I was so excited when he later told me he would be coming to surprise me for my birthday. It was the first time I had ever received roses and it was a perfect birthday.

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13. What interests do you guys share?
Matty and I both love sports, and we are always watching some game on TV. He came to all of my basketball games this season even though basketball isn’t his favorite sport to watch and he taught me a lot about hockey and baseball because I didn’t know much about either of those sports. We both love going out and having fun with our friends, and I think our relationship works so well because our personalities are very similar.

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Lemonade Stories" directed by Mary Mazzio, examines the role mothers have played in the success of modern entrepreneurs. "Bombshuiters," directed by Sky Feigul, examines the lengths farmers in Cambodia must go in order to farm land that is still littered with landmines and unexploded ordnance.

Although many students have not yet heard of the festival and its connection to RWU, many students who have heard the news are excited for its arrival.

"To a good idea to have it here at Roger Williams. As a sense, I wish they had something like it in past years as well. I'm looking forward to it, and I'll be going," Joanna Champagne said.

At the festival, students, faculty, and members of the community will have a chance to watch the films, meet the directors, and participate in discussions.

The Roving Eye Documentary Film Festival is open to the public and free of charge due to the large number of sponsors and the donation of space from screening location hosts. A schedule of the exact times and locations of the documentary films can be found at:

http://www.fil-festival.org/rovingeye.php
Clapping, cheering and standing ovations were some of the reactions expressed during the Outstanding Women's Reception, an event to recognize all of the exceptional women at RWU who have dedicated themselves to making this campus a more accepted and improved community.

"When the program began in 1997, the first reception had 25 women honored," Director of Residence Life and Director of the Women's Center, Jen Stanley said. "In our 10th year we now have 195 [women] honored!"

The BayPoint Conference Center was packed full with women who were notified of their nominations, anticipating their award. With smiles on their faces, the women sat in chairs or on couches, awaiting the beginning of the afternoon.

The March 9 event opened with two of RWU's most influential women sharing their thoughts of the struggle women have had to overcome and how they have restructured their time at the university.

"I'm the oldest fossil at RWU," Associate Director of Admissions Gloria McMurrugh said. "I was never a feminist, but women can overcome any challenge when given the opportunity. I was hired into a man's office of five men and they said I wouldn't last, but I've been here for 30 years!"

McMurrugh discussed her years spent here while recapping the differences between the buildings from when she first arrived in 1976. But above all of the architectural changes, she nostalgically said, "I have a treasure chest of stories that could take all afternoon to tell."

As Nancy Hood, the next speaker, took to the podium, the 60-year-old psychological counselor and professor described the lack of women focused activities, including a Women's Center, when she first arrived. Not only at RWU was there a missing link between the female students and their plea for their rights, but also men seemed to have all of the control.

Hood was determined to change that. "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle," she said. "We had a women's group during our lunch hour... there were a lot of changes on campus, there were even women athletes!"

After a group photo and desserts that dressed the table like a beautifully wrapped present, the award's ceremony began, with the President of the Women's Center, Ellen Messina and Vice President, Denise Nalbone, called each name and handed out 105 certificates to those recognized that were present.

"This year's RWU outstanding women's event was a big success and we had a big turnout," Messina said. Following the ceremony, with Hilda Soares, Cash Operator at the Snack Bar, receiving the applause and attention, a PowerPoint slideshow was shown.

"We introduced a few new features this year, inviting two long-time RWU faculty to speak at the event and showing the slideshow that highlighted famous women that have visited our campus over the years and various events that the women's center hosts every year," Messina said.

To be recognized by the Women's Center, a faculty or staff member must nominate a candidate or candidates that he or she believes to be "outstanding." They must create a short biography of the person they deem worthy of the award.

"We want to recognize women who are not always in the limelight," Stanley said. "We send a call to campus for nominations... we are not competitive, we honor everybody who gets a nomination and display their bios in the library.

Being a huge advocate of women's rights, Hood talked of her hope to see a woman in the oval office in her lifetime. Additionally, she challenged her audience to not go back and to be more proactive in the fight for everlasting women's rights.

"This is no time for silence, this is a time to roar!"

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RWU steroids not rampant, but present

Fitness Coordinator and Personal Trainer Mark Andreozzi said that student-athletes have to be careful with their use of steroids. Andreozzi, who has been at RWU for several years, has heard of cases where athletes use steroids before taking team tests. He is openly against using steroids.

"People shouldn't use steroids because of the side effects. Of course when they are tempted to use, they always look at the upside of the drug. They never glance at the downward spiral they could be on. Guys look at the cover of muscle magazines and girls look at the cover of Cosmopolitan and say I want to look like that no matter what," Andreozzi said.

As of right now, college and high school levels and college and high school levels are currently waiting in the wings. RWU Athletic Director George Kolb is familiar with the ongoing situation, but being at a Division III school the steroid allegations haven't hit this level.

Kolb is an orthopedist of an athlete using an illegal substance and they failed a test, we would do something about it. We are prepared to take immediate action, luckily it hasn't been an issue though," Kolb continues.

At the Division III level, the NCAA requires only tests to take place at tournaments. A failure of an illegal steroid or stimulant would cause a one year calendar ban and a last year of eligibility.

"So far it hasn't been an issue here," Sailing coach Matt Lindblad said. "In my sport, fitness and endurance is the most important thing out straight. Steroids are like the 800-pound gorilla in the corner of the room that no one wants to look at and never questions. It's a real sad case that I hope no athlete or student ever has to face."

Kolb is hoping the steroid issue will eventually turn into a learning aspect.

"We follow the NCAA guidelines. Other than that the only thing we can do is to try and educate our student-athletes. We have a Wellness Coordinator on campus for students to gain some perspective. Also, they can speak to Mark Andreozzi who can help the student-athletes without looking towards illegal supplements."

Andreozzi has seen faces walk in and out of the gym and a few have raised suspicions. When asked about what he believes that some people are using steroids at RWU Andreozzi explained, "Yes no doubt in my mind, but I could be wrong. I think steroids have always been around. The baseball issue, Barry Bonds, and BALCO. It's always been there, it just more visible now. I think as a matter of fact, what we've done in Division III, a local gym or even a Division I locker room, we need to educate about it."

"When looking at the edge of the graph, stronger and faster, and faster from an illegal steroid and will produce more body mass ten-fold to what they would have put on with all those supplements, they would logically turn to steroids."

Camelli correlates the steroid abuse to today's professional athletes.

"The average sports fan can tell which athlete is on 'roids. You see Barry Bonds crushing home runs and football players doing incredible things. Everyone either wants to play like them or have bodies like them. Steroids made them what they are and these kids want to be like their idols."

Richards concurs.

"Professional athletes who disappeared after the testing are highly suspicious. You look at Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro, these guys are not playing right now, you have to wonder," Richards said. "Barry Bonds is running around this issue, using his son and family as a shield. The steroid debate will probably rage on for years."

The heavy burden of this investigation will lead to other guilty names. The 800-pound gorilla finally has a name—steroids. Fans are the ones who have caused our culture and sent a wave of suspicion that lies under every root.

"We live in the so-called 'AEM' society where people want instant gratification. They don't want to work for months without seeing an impact. But those are the people who turn and find out the dark side the hard way. Acne, mood swings, shrinkage and more. It's troubling," Andreozzi said.

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What Steve Perceives:

Get away for awhile; take a trip to the Lonely Island

Steve Ammon
Herald Staff

Get away for awhile. Take a trip to the Lonely Island.

Forget about stepping through a wardrobe and into a land filled with lions, wolves, and ubiquitous little English kids. Instead, be the Larry American you know you can be and sit yourself down in front of your computer monitor, get those fingers tapping, and log into the paradise of TheLonelyIsland.com.

Yet another underrated but deserving website packed with humor that needs to be recognized by the college students it is geared toward, “TheLonelyIsland” has the equivalent of an entire season of comedy television, jam-packed into one internet site.

TheLonelyIsland.com is host to the lovable “Glork” video featured on YouTube.com, but has so much more to offer. Along with comedy-skits and shorts, the trio Yoruma, Aikawa and Andy, dive at you with a unique blend of youth comedy that leaves you wondering why it hasn’t hit the TV screen. Well, it tried, but it got denied.

Instead of making it to the boot tube, the three comedians that posted their professional-looking skits online for the whole world to enjoy, sure it can be tedious sitting in front of a screen with a group of friends around you watching internet comedy, but it’s worth it when you take all your pals to TheLonelyIsland.

You have choices too. Watch a full episode of the show, “AwesomeTown”, or just view whatever tickles your fancy. These three comedians have the site loaded with skits that will keep you going back for more like it’s Grandma’s homemade apple pie.

Featured on TheLonelyIsland.com is a music video parody of “The Ying Yang Twins” called “The Bing Bong Brothers.” They incorporate the beat and melody of those catchy rap tunes, but revamp it by adding their own lyrics along with a skit to complement its hilarity.

Not enough to convince you? Then give it another chance and watch them bash the essence of “The OC,” with their skit called “The BU,” short for “Malibu.” There are endless clips to watch, and enough to pull you away from the couch for a bit, so at least it will feel like you are being productive sitting in front of your computer screen.

Not only do Alvin, Yoruma and Andy have the talent to rip apart cheesy teen television dramas, but they were also blessed with the ability to create and direct a bundle of side-splitting music videos with lyrics that will stick in your head like a catchy “Lilo & Stitch” tune.

So take a load off. Pack your bags, and settle yourself down with the website that will surely make you forget about your significant other. TheLonelyIsland.com offers you enough comedy that it’ll make you forget that the new season of “The Chapel Show” is even going to show its face.

After all, what’s more relaxing than taking some time for yourself on a lonely island of humorous serenity.
Sports, My Way: Your stock in Bonds

Christopher Porish
Sports Editor

It's time to make your mind right. New. Now. No straddling the fence.
You either like Barry Bonds or you hate Barry Bonds.

And you have to make your decision now, because this season could be one of the most tumultuous of your life as a fan if you don't pick a side. Let's take a few minutes to review exactly what is going on and what it means to Barry Bonds in the next six months.

He's going to pass Babe Ruth for second on the all-time home run list. This will inevitably be followed by the question of race, since it has been largely accused that Barry Bonds hates white people and has continued on his steroid-induced pace simply to pass the white Ruth.

There is also going to be a huge media circus thrown both by Major League Baseball and the media about the historic accomplishment.

There are going to be at least two additional revelations regarding the steroid controversy, followed by at least two Bondsthefts chastising the media.

There are going to be at least three moments when Bonds hits tape-measure home runs that make him look like either the best baseball player in the world or a man who has more steroids in his veins than blood.

Then you're going to be at least one stint on the DL, leading media conglomerates to wonder aloud whether his injury problems will cost him a shot at Hank Aaron's record.

In September, there will be playoff races, epic crown threats and Bonds inching closer to the all-time home run record.

Barry Bonds will surpass Babe Ruth this year for second on the all-time career home run list. If he stays healthy, he may pass Hank Aaron. And I couldn't care less.

He may ... MAY ... surpass Aaron's record this year.

And for fans of baseball, it is simply not acceptable to jeer and cheer in the park. It is one of the most disgusting things that have ever existed. It is all but conclusive that his home run record is tainted. You either care or you don't. That he cheated. You either care or you don't.

Of course, neither you nor I know for sure that he was ever involved in steroids. But as far as we know, this is the only way Barry Bonds can ever pass the best baseball player in the world.

And there cannot be any in between.

Of course, nojury will convict you for rooting against one of the most prolific figures in professional sports. Since 1986, Bonds has hit 2,743 home runs, 1,853 RBIs. Bonds has never had a season with more than eight fielding errors and has won an astounding eight Gold Gloves. He won six MVPs in the National League, including three in a row from 2001-2003.

Of course, rooting for Bonds is sort of like rooting for the New York Yankees, but I tolerate Yankees fans so I won't complain.

But I could help you make up your mind. This is a guy who once told former Rookie of the Year Ron Kittle that he doesn't sign autographs for white people. This is the same guy who admitted to taking "the cream" and "the clear," but said he "thought that one of them was flaxseed oil.

This is the same Barry Bonds who frequently says "test me. Test me any time you want," then refuses to take drug tests.

This is the same Barry Bonds who once said, that he could never play in Boston because the city is "too racist."

It is not far to yourself nor to the very nature of the game of baseball to both look down on someone while lauding their accomplishments. In the offseason before the 2001 season, Gary Sheffield demanded to be traded. During the first game of the season, Sheffield was met by a chorus of boos.

Two home runs later, the crowd chanted "slay him" and "you can't slay him here." Sheffield gave a curtain call, a move that rocks of hypocrisy.

Let the same thing not happen to Bonds. Let not the same fan who threw a syrupy at him on Monday night give him a standing ovation when he eclipses the home run record. Force him into the criticism that is so deserved, or plead apathy and appreciate his contributions to the game of baseball.

And for your sake, don't do both.

Open letter to Yanks/Pats fans

Dear Pseudo-Sports Fans,

It's as if you know you're boiling the blood of all those who believe in the sanctity of sport. You proudly display your love for the good guys, while simultaneously stomping on all that is right in the world. You who think you are. You're the hybrid Yankees/Patriots fans, and you, sir or madam, need to stop.

You wear a Yankee hat and one day, and a Patriots jersey the next day. Your actions are downright scandalous and are cause for immediate removal from the sports world. You may be thinking something along the lines of "I can root for who I want, what's it to you?" Well, please allow me to do my best at explaining why your mindsets will lead you to eternal purgatory.

First of all, if you're from New York and you are a Yankee fan, then you're stuck with the Giants on, even worse, the Jets. I'm sorry. I know that is an unfair fate, but that's how life goes.

For those of you from the Palmetto State who claim to be "close enough to New York," but "still a part of New England," let me tell you something: when you put that Yankee hat on, you're giving the proverbial middle finger to all New Yorkers. You've turned your backs on us. We don't want you. Your cargo shorts are no substitute for the American flag, and your Yankee hat alone will give you the free pass that allows you to carry on the Parkway without penalty.

The truth is you're doing it for your own selfish reasons. If you're from New York and you're from the Patriots, you're basically saying you have no loyalty to your own team. You're saying you don't care about your team, and you're just sticking it to us because you want our team to lose. You're basically saying you don't care about the game of football, and you're just trying to create a rivalry with us.

That being said, it is a disservice to all fans to pick and choose the best teams to be "your teams." To be a fan of the winningest team in baseball history and the most successful team in the NFL's salary cap era is not a coincidence. You do not know pain like most fans. You do not know what it's like to be starved of a championship. If you never endure the suffering of most sports fans, then you can never understand the essence of being a fan.

The fact is that the post-2000 Yankee teams have been ensembles of talent. They've been the best team on paper that money could buy and have left fans hungry for a championship after six whole years of coming up short. Meanwhile, the Patriots have embodied the essence of the word "team." Through fairly notable players have left New England, the Super Bowl teams were a group of unselfish individuals working together to win a championship.

So, I ask you, hybrid Yankees/Patriots fans, where do you value your team? Do you want a 198 million dollar payroll? or do you want to root for players who are willing to take pay cuts to pay for your team? To choose both is illogical, confusing, and hypocritical.

My suggestion - leave the "Guy Who Came Back From A Stroke To Try To Win Another Championship" Boston jersey in the closet and throw on the Alex "Highest-paid Prima Donna Who Unfortunately Happens to be the Best Baseball Player on the Planet" Rodriguez jersey. You're on the other side. There's no turning back now.

Yours Sincerely,
Michael Harby
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 Hogan's Heroes: Are the '06 Sox building a team identity?

Shawn Hogan
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Like many Red Sox fans, I have been concerned about the team being able to hold it together after losing pivotal players such as Johnny Damon. The new well-known spring training fights also served to feed my doubts about the team being able to work together this season.

Also, after a poor '05 season, star pitcher Curt Schilling did not show much improvement during spring training. It seemed to me as if it was going to be another middling season for the Red Sox.

However, on Monday when opening day came around and Schilling threw a total of 117 pitches, allowed only two runs and crushed the Texas Rangers, my season outlook changed. It was almost unbelievable, a team that looked as if they might be falling apart and destined for trouble was able to put their differences aside and play as a team again.

It looked like they were having fun out on the baseball field. There was no bickering or arguing, they played the game as best they could.

For those of you out there who are somewhat superstitious like I am, there were definitely good signs for the success of the Red Sox this season.

The team was able to play well together as it seemed as if they were falling apart.

David Ortiz pointed out the second in an interview after the game where he stated that Monday's game was the first time in six years that the Red Sox had won on
The grass is always greener... ...when new groundskeeper Matthew Clement is working on it

Shawn Hogan
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Roger Williams University's new Grounds Supervisor Matthew Clement might not play professional baseball, but he can definitely attend to an athletic field better than most.

Throughout his life, Clement has always enjoyed working outside. Clement believes that one of the most important things for any organization to have is an outdoor landscape that looks great.

He also feels that it is important for people to enjoy their jobs. Clement says that people need to be able to get up and want to go to work in the morning. That is one of the main reasons why he went into the landscaping business.

"I think one of the greatest things about working in the landscaping industry is that you get to see the end product," Clement said. "After all the hard work, I love to see people enjoy that work."

The RWU Department of Facilities Management hired Clement less than a month ago, on March 24.

His current job description is to oversee all of the landscaping activities that take place on campus. He is also in charge of managing the school's landscaping equipment.

Before coming to RWU, Clement worked as a golf course superintendent in New Jersey, where he gained a lot of experience in the maintenance of sports fields. Clement explained that he has always had a passion for working with sports fields because he likes to give players a sense of pride.

He also believes that having well-maintained campus grounds will give students and employees alike a sense of pride in their campus.

"I am a firm believer in the idea that if you can put out a good product," Clement said, "then people will be less apt to simply trash it, maybe instead of throwing their trash on the ground they will carry it in the few extra feet to a trash can."

While Clement does have a strong passion for athletic fields, his responsibilities are currently maintaining the campus grounds in general, not the athletic fields. However, he explained that the school is looking to upgrade the condition of its field so his role may be expanded.

Before working in the field of landscaping, Clement worked as a manager at a LESCO store, a company that sells turf products to the landscaping industry (turf courses, for example).

Although he has only worked at RWU for a few weeks, Clement is very impressed with both the campus and the people on it.

"I think the Roger Williams Campus is beautiful," Clement said. "The location is awesome, I think there is a tremendous amount of potential."

"Everybody here has been great to work with," Clement continued. "Everybody has been very friendly in offering advice."

Clement wants to take full advantage of the RWU campus potential and make the campus look as good as it possibly can. He feels that having a well kept campus is essential to the school's success, because it can influence students to come to the school or not.

"What I envision here," Clement said, "is that when people pull into the campus and see what it looks they will get that "wow" factor."

"It is the first impression that matters," Clement continued. "As soon as you walk in, you have already formed an opinion about the school, before you talk to any students or administrators."

Hogan: Sox starting to look like a team

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opening day. This I take to be a sign, a sign of good things to come this season.

After last season, I take any positive event regarding the Red Sox to be a sign of something good to come. I think this change in the team may really represent a change in the luck of the Boston Red Sox.

to get away from the superstitions aspects of the Red Sox, Schilling played a key role in the team's victory. I remember as I was watching the game, thinking that he looked like he did back in 2004. I probably am not the first to admit that I was a little worried about his pitching this season, mainly because of his ankle injury.

Monday proved me wrong about his potential for this season.

I would not say that Schilling is back to his old self yet, but at least things are starting to look up for him. If Schilling remains consistent, along with the rest of the team, they then have a real chance of going for this season.

While the Red Sox did not win their second game on Tuesday night, they still showed improvements as hard as they could. I'm not going to let their loss ruin my optimism for this season. Not only that but Tim Wakefield did most of the pitching that night and his knuckleballs were all over the place.

Despite losing their second game, there are still some very positive signs that point towards success for the Red Sox this season.

The team coming together along with Schilling throwing incredibly well provides great promise for the season.

Softballers focused after heartbreaking end to '05

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Junior captain Gina Marie Martino was on the field for the final out of a 5-4 CCC title game loss to Endicott College in extra innings last year.

"I was definitely disappointed. It was a really tough game to lose, it was extra unfortunate to end it here, but it ended the previous year, and they're a huge rival for us... I was close with one of the senior third-chain (Michelle Pierce) and it was even harder to watch her play her last game, so that stung more than the actual loss."

The women's softball season is midway through their 2006 season, and the team hopes to continue the success that has made them one of Roger Williams's most exciting teams.

Head coach Steve Pappas says that last year's loss will not affect this season, however.

"We approach every year basically the same way," he said. "The loss to Endicott was disappointing, but I'm not going to use it positively or negatively."

Mariano also says that this year is a new season with fresh possibilities.

"It's kind of like a business," she said. "We know what we have to do in order to win, it's a matter of whether or not we get it done. We're a very talented team and if we use the skills that we have as well as what the coaching staff provides us with, I'm confident that we can go very far in the CCC."

The team began this year with their annual spring trip in Cape Coral, Florida. The coaching staff, made up of Pappas, pitching coach Kim Warrington, and assistant coach Dave Charbonneau, was said to be pleased with the trip, each of which is allocated to defining player's roles.

"For the most part, each athlete was probably the best player on their respective high school team and now they find themselves competing for a position," Pappas said. "We try to stress that everyone is important to the team."

Even though six Hawks made the all-conference squad last year, the team focuses on the team concept and does not single out any particular player's performance.

"I want my players to realize that their successes would not be possible without the help of some people other than those you read about after each game," Pappas said.

However, the coach said he was impressed with the team's defense and that they were hitting with "considerably more power than anticipated." He also said that the players in supportive roles have "contributed immensely."

After finishing either first or second in the regular conference regular season five of the last eight years, the team's high expectations are not surprising.

"Our goal is to finish as high as possible in the regular season. We are a very strong team in the playoffs, and it's as good as we thought it was going to be," he said. "Then, to win the conference tournament and advance to the NCAA Regionals, that'd be great."

Pappas says that this team is a fresh start with new faces but the same focus.

"We have a very new team," she said. "We have two transfer students, three freshmen, and two new sophomores. So we've had to teach each other on the field a little bit, but I'd say we're past that point now. We all seem to have a good grasp on the types of players we all are."