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Roger Williams University
An old friend says goodbye
After 17 years of dedication, Tony Ferreira calls it quits

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Tony Ferreira, after 17 years, has left RWU to try something new. Ferreira has no intentions of finding another college where he can be Director of Student Activities or Advisor to the student radio station or Senior Class. He left to go work with his brother-in-law. This is an opportunity to spend time with his wife and kids and cut down the commute time from his residence in Warwick.

Think for one moment; in 1979, when WQRI was a mere 10-years-old. That means no Law School, the Library was where the business building is now. The Other Place was a bar, the Paulino building was probably under consideration, no Unicards, and the Data Generals in the ACC were state of the art.

The same year, Ferreira was hired on as the night manager of the Student Union. From that position, he would go on to serving as the Coordinator of Student Activities under Auxiliary Services. In 1994, Auxiliary Services was dissolved into different departments. Ferreira's title changed to director - a lot more budgetary oriented.

After serving under three presidents of the university, the architect - if you will - behind ALIVE! Arts, the Penny Arcade, and WQRI empowered students to improve things. Consider this, WQRI was once the 10-watt WRQG that was being transmitted from someone’s room in Cedar Hall. It’s now about 500 watts and can be heard as far away as North Kingston, Cranston, and north of Fall River, Mass.

Right now, Assistant to the Dean of Students Michael Cunningham will be the surrogate Director of Student Activities. Cunningham hopes to have Ferreira's position filled by February 1, 1997. In the mean time, Cunningham and Associate Directors Mary-Anne Quinn and Gordon Wood will continue their diligence and devotion to the student body.

In an interview with Cunningham, he summed up the opinion felt by the administration.

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The Campus Entertainment Network couldn't book Pearl Jam, so they settled for the second best thing. Itchy Fish, the country's best Pearl Jam tribute band.

"We started a cover band because we can make more money," said Ziggy, lead singer of Itchy Fish. "We did Pearl Jam because we all like their music and know it. We have been covering them now for about two and a half years now."

Itchy Fish put on a great show. They opened with energy and this got the crowd into it, into a mosh pit that was. Watching Ziggy shake his strings-haired head and roll his eyes like Eddie Vedder, made it feel just like a Pearl Jam concert even without the lead singer.

During the end of the song Daughter, Ziggy sang the chorus to Pink Floyd's Another Brick in the Wall - the crowd went nuts.

At another point, Ziggy jumped in the audience and started break-dancing to show the crowd that he can groove with the best of them.

They did all the classics: Even Flow, Alive, Why Go, Jeremy, Animal, and Rearviewmirror.

The magic was loud. The Dining Hall screamed of such sound I think Stevie Wonder could have heard it.

The encore at the show was an amazing mellow singalong of Yellow Ledbetter. The crowd, with as little energy as they had left, went buckwild. For those of you who were at the show, I hope you had a great time. For those of you who failed to make an appearance - you missed a great concert.

Itchy Fish wasn't Pearl Jam, but who is? They rocked with pure spirit and capped off a weekend of non-stop entertainment compliments of CEN.

The Rhode Island Food Drive

Students fill the RWU Shuttle with food for the less fortunate.

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Here's why Santa is dead.

1) No known species of reindeer can fly. But there are 300,000 species of living organisms that fly, and while most of these are insects and germs, this does not COMPLETELY rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

2) There are two billion children (people under 18) in the world. BUT since Santa doesn't appear to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children, that reduces the world's child population to 15 percent of the total - 378 million according to Population Reference Bureau.

At an average census rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 918 million homes. One presumes there's at least one good child in each.

3) Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels East to West (which seems logical.) This works out to 822.6 visits per second.

To say that for each Christmas household with good children, Santa has 1/1000th of a second to park, hop off of his sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill his stockings distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into the sleigh and move on to the next house.

Assuming that each of these 916 million stops are evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false but for the purposes of our calculations we will accept), we are now talking about 78 miles per household, a total trip of 75-1/2 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding and etc.

It seems that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second - a conventional runway can run, tops, 15 miles per hour.

4) The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium-sized lego set (two pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons not counting the weight of the sleigh - about 353,430 tons. Again, for comparison, this is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth cruise ship.

5) 353,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance this will heat the reindeer up in the same earth's atmosphere. The heat pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 QUINTILLION joules of energy. Per second. Each.

In short, they will burn into flames almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them, and create devastating sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team will be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second.

Santa, meantime, will be subjected to centrifugal forces, 17,500 times greater than gravity. A 250 pound Santa (which looks ludicrously slim) seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315.015 pounds of force.

In conclusion - If Santa ever DID deliver presents on Christmas Eve, he's dead now.
I loved when my mother gave me that one-day warning that tomorrow me and my sister were going to have our picture taken with Santa Claus. That was when the preparation started - the food intake. I liked to call it "HELL" on Earth. Taco Bell, beans, chocolate and spinach mixed with Prune juice = bad news for St. Nick.

When I climbed up on good old Santa's lap and hit rip, I think every inch of jolliness and joy vanished from his fat-ass belly quicker than he could say Ho, Ho, Ho. He usually just said NO! I made him crane a speedy one-way ticket back to the North Pole. I killed reindeer. Santa's Rudolph's shiny red nose. Melted Frosty's ass. Had the butt-ugly Grinch begging for forgiveness.

I remember when my vindictive attitude started. When I was 12-years-old all I wanted was a Talking Tom & Jerry doll. How dumb. Doll how? You ironed? You pulled the string and Pee-Wee would say his famous lines from his Playhouse. Who'd a thought years later that he'd be pulling his own string in movie theaters and watching skin-flicks? Wicked Alanis Morrisette.

So, come Christmas - no Pee-Wee. Just My Pet Monster and GB Joe with Rock'em Sock'em. Very Disappoin­ting. Even since then I made a vow to strike as much pain as possible on the hairy blowup boy in the red suit.

Farting wasn't only weepage. Ed pulled his Kleenex look-a-like beard right off the hell off. One time it was my mother - she used to be a bearded lady in the Circus before she became a man. No, just kidding. She's a good guy.

One time the beard was genuine. I was playing tug-of-war on some old dude's face, trying to pull his real facial hair off. He gave me a black eye. I used to be a little punk. Now the guy is living in the streets and collecting pennies. His wife left him and his kids divorced him. Just kidding - I made that shit up. His kids still visit him on the weekend.

I used to piss my parents off. I loved flapping the bird right when the little elf was about to snap the picture. My family. Christmas card consisted of me, Santa, and my middle finger. Awesome.

I freaked out a lot of Santas too. They'd ask me what I want and I'd spit out a bunch of Adult toys and items. At age 13, I was asking for edible underwear, handcuffs, and electric shock collars.

I'm a bastard. I used to whisper little things to the young kids in line - scary stuff. Why do you think so many young­sters cry on Santa's lap? That's my work! I'd tell them that he was gonna sit on their face and suffocate them with his beard. One quickly developed mature eight-year-old got excited about it, but the rest usually soiled their diapers. Did you think kids were really just frightened of a 200-pound Rip Van Winkle? Please.

I'm now, at age 21, just pretend that I have no idea that Santa is a myth. I climb on their lap and talk about the first thing that pops up. I ask all these questions about Santa and the Santas think I'm drunk. They give me a mind-candy cane to disguise my breath and tell me to get someone else to drive my yellow-lemon drop straight home.

Editorial: blurred ethics of dissection

Let's set aside, for the moment, a discussion of the journalistic ethics of publishing the unvarnished details of this latest essay under the guise of editorial commentary and deal instead with the ethics of the misrepresentation of reality it espouses.

Animal cruelty, as it pertains to the issue of supplying animals for dissection, is mostly illegal and such cruelties as cited by the author should be dealt with appropriately. While there are isolated instances of inappropriate treatment of animals in the collection business (I have never seen in any of my anatomy labs over the past 20 years an animal that had been drowned - it's easy to tell, we are, as a species, inherently cruel to other animals - pet owners, dog racers, horse breeders, beef farmers, automobile drivers, fishermen, veterinarians, delinquent thieves, meat eaters, and even the strictest vegetarians have all been shown to be cruel to animals. We kill animals for sport, profit, food, living space and convenience. The act of dissecting dead animals for educational purposes confers on us no more responsibility for their deaths than the activities of America­ns in general.

The characterization of dissection, per se, as being a violent exercise that drives away otherwise competent biolo­gists is a perversion of reality. The students I've lost over the years have mostly bailed out because they could not deal with the academic rigor required of good biolo­gists, not because of any violation of their sensibilities in my requirement that they know anatomy. By the same rea­soning it can be argued that being alive in 20th cen­tury America is a violent exercise - if you participate in any way in organized society then you share the responsibility for our proclivity to kill one another and almost everything around us. As a species we have driven to extinction most all large animals (by displacing if not outright killing them) and are poisoning most of the smaller ones. The ultimate extension of the arguments put forth by animal rightsists is suicide. If you eat on this planet, animals die - it doesn't matter if you eat them directly (the biologically appropriate thing to do) or simply displace and poison them as a consequence of American-style agricultural practices, they are still dead. If you use electricity or transportation systems, if you buy almost any commercial products, you are promoting and supporting activities that have resulted in the extinction of entire species. If it is your passion to end violence then devote yourself to reducing human popu­lations.

I am unaware of any peer-reviewed studies by anato­mists which claim one can learn anatomy better by not en­gaging in exercises in dissection. It has been said that com­mercial vendors are the academic neoliberal salesmen of the 90's. This is particularly so in reference to the teaching of human anatomy. The fact is that, except for graduate medi­cal schools, few undergraduate institutions can afford or have access to human cadavers. The substitutions of two­ dimensional glossy photographs, whether in laboratory text­books or on CRT screens, simply is not an adequate re­presentation of the complex, awe-inspiring, evolution­ary derived anatomical beauty of animals. In at least one univer­sity students of anatomy who refuse to engage in dissec­tions must sign a disclaimer absolving the university and the instructor of any responsibility resulting from the student's inadequate understanding of anatomy.

The claim that anatomists are somehow more respon­sible for environmental decline than other people is hau­ scour and reveals a weakness for specious and stylish ar­guments. Populations of frogs are declining, not because tabratory frogs are being dissected but because we instit­utionally deny them any significant protection of their habi­tats. Shark populations are declining but, it seems to me, primarily as a result of the effects of human testosterone - we are slaughtering them for fun and money, not for pur­pose of dissection.

Finally, the essay is internally contradictory. It begins by decrying the sin of dissection in all its circumstances and ends by suggesting that we get our dissection subjects from animal shelters. The purveyors of these ideas are di­splacing attention from the serious environmental issues of declining and human population growth. They seem to support the notion of the right-to-lifers whose efforts to cover the earth with spiritual humans will inevitably doom most of the other species we share this planet with.

Thomas Doty, Professor of Biology
Hanukkah is a true reminder of the past

If you’re not Jewish, you may know little about the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, but you probably do know about Santa Claus, the legendary man who brings gifts to children around the world. The history of Hanukkah is intertwined with the history of Santa Claus, and both figures have played significant roles in shaping the way we celebrate the holiday season.

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem following its defilement by the Seleucid Empire. The festival is celebrated for eight days and nights, with each day marked by the lighting of a menorah, a candelabrum with nine branches. The menorah was always lit on the eighth day, the day of dedication.

The legend of Santa Claus originated in the 19th century, when author Washington Irving wrote “Knickerbocker History of New York.” He described Santa Claus as a benevolent figure who brings gifts to children on Christmas Eve.

The parallels between the two figures are striking. Just as Santa Claus delivers gifts to children, the menorah is a symbol of G-d’s light guiding us through the darkness of the winter months. Just as Santa Claus is associated with Christmas, the menorah is a symbol of the festival of lights.

In both cases, the figures have become associated with the idea of giving. Hanukkah is celebrated with the giving of gifts, and Santa Claus is synonymous with giving gifts. Both figures have become cultural icons, representing the spirit of giving and generosity.

Pre-med major defends the act of dissection

If you’re a pre-med student, you may be familiar with the debates surrounding dissection in medical school. Dissection is a crucial part of medical education, as it allows students to see the inner workings of the human body and understand how it functions.

However, some people argue that dissection is unethical and that there are alternative methods of learning about the body, such as using computer software or animal models. These arguments are misguided.

Dissection is an important part of medical education, as it provides students with a hands-on understanding of the body that cannot be replicated by any other method. Animal models are not a viable alternative, as they cannot replicate the complexity and variability of the human body.

Dissection is a safe and ethical process, as long as the proper precautions are taken. The medical community has strict guidelines for dissection, and the procedures are designed to minimize any risk to the animals.

In conclusion, dissection is a crucial part of medical education, and it is essential for students to understand the inner workings of the human body. Pre-med students who argue against dissection are missing out on a critical component of their education.

The MANY Moods of Christmas Concert

The 16th annual MANY Moods of Christmas Concert was held on Saturday, December 7, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church on Wood Street in Bristol.

As usual the concert seemed to capture the spirit of the holiday season and bring the community together. The concert featured a variety of musical acts, including the Interfaith Choir, which performed a special holiday-themed program. The concert was a celebration of the diversity of the community, and it was a joyous way to ring in the holiday season.
The Meal Plan: Less for your money?

Students upset that they pay for meals they don't eat, but whose fault is it?

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It's 7:30 a.m. on a Monday morning and Amy Kamm has a 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. class, can only eat breakfast before her first class. She ends up falling back to sleep. One would think that Kamm should not be obligated to pay for the meal she just missed. However, at RWU, Kamm is required to buy a certain number of meals a week from the school cafeteria. Whether or not she eats them is up to her, but if she does not eat them, no money will be refunded or can be used elsewhere.

"I don't think I should be paying for meals I don't eat," said Kamm. "I think it is like being obligated to buy 15 or 19 meals a week, we need more choices.

Kamm is one of many RWU students who are forced to buy meals yet do not eat a good amount of them. Students who fall into the same predicament as Kamm live in Maple, Coler, Willow, and Nike Hall. Students who live at the Bayside Courts, however, have the chance to get a smaller meal plan or no meal plan at all.

Joe Massaro, an RWU resident at Maple, falls into the same category as Kamm. Massaro hardly ever eats at the cafeteria even though his meals are not refundable.

"In two weeks I have seen the cafeteria twice," said Massaro. "He eats most of his meals at the university snack bar. However, rather than being able to substitute a cafeteria meal for a snack bar meal, he has to pay more money. It is like Massaro has two meal plans. The first meal plan is the one he does not eat and the second meal plan is the one he does eat. "I think the snack bar should be part of our meal plan," added Massaro. "If I don't eat the meals, why should I pay for them?"

Kamm and Massaro are not the only RWU students who are upset about the way our meal plans work. Kevin McWilliams, a sophomore at RWU and resident of the Bayside Courts, feels that meal plans should work a different way.

"There should be a declining balance on the unicard where the money can be spent anywhere, so, if you miss a meal you won't be wasting money," said McWilliams.

Even though McWilliams is a Bayside resident with more options for meal plans than other residents halls, he still feels like he is being cheated. McWilliams pointed out how "Some days I have a class and I just don't have time to eat. However, I feel obligated to eat because I feel like I'm wasting my parent's money by not eating."

Happy Almogela, the Assistant to the Director/Coordinator of Housing, believes that people are paying for meals they don't eat "because that is their choice not to eat them."

As far as people who live in resident halls other than Bayside who do not want any meal plan, Almogela explained, "Legally, we can't leave it up to the students to decide." The main reason Almogela gave is because the other resident halls do not have cooking facilities. Therefore a student may suffer from malnutrition without a meal plan. Almogela also pointed out that "It is a national regulation at any campus I have been at."

The meal plans for RWU students who live on campus but not at Bayside are as follows: 19 Meal Plan: Offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday-Friday and brunch on the weekends at a cost of $160 per semester. 15 Meal Plan: Offers any 15 of the 19 meals served per week at a cost of $162.50 per semester. Bayside residents, however, have more choices.

Bayside residents can choose from the Continental, the Basic, the Deluxe, the seven dinner plan, or the five dinner plan. The Continental offers lunch everyday with brunch on weekends for $699 per semester. The Basic is the same as the Continental plus $150 on the unicard. It costs $799 per semester. The Deluxe offers the same as the Basic plus 10 dinners throughout the semester for a cost of $849. The seven dinner plan offers dinner everyday. The five breakfast plan offers brunch Monday through Friday.

The unicard dollars which are offered by both the Basic and the Deluxe may be spent in the school for service outlets only. Both the cafeteria and the snack bar at RWU are connected financially. However, according to Hillary Casella, the Assistant Director of Dining Services, if people were allowed to eat their meals at the snack bar: "The snack bar would never be able to hold the amount of people."

Some people like Josephine Bayside resident at RWU, feel that if they miss a meal they should be able to have that meal twice over. Bayside residents, however, have more choices.

"If I miss one night I should be reimbursed by being able to get a sick tray along with eating my dinner the same night, or whenever I feel the urge,"

However, according to the "Dining Hall Procedures" found in the Dining Services Student Guide, "if you're on the meal plan, the card reader will indicate Permit or Deny (if you've already eaten that meal). If you have a debit account, the balance will show your available balance."

Almogela explained how Dining Services gets a certain budget from the government and that budget split up for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. "It really comes down to financial reasons. However, according to Bayside residents, they feel they should have more choices."

Therefore if someone eats more than what they are supposed to eat they should be able to get enough food to feed people who just want to eat their one meal.

Living on campus is required for next year's students

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When you entered RWU as a freshman, there was the option of living in Willow, Cedar, or Maple Hall. You also had the decision of living in a single, double, triple or a quad. In your sophomore year, the options were available with the idea of having off-campus housing or living in a house or apartment with a group of friends.

Pretty good options for any student right? All of those halls and setups with students will still be available but will be no longer minus one.

Starting with the 97/98 freshman class, the students will be required to live on campus freshman and sophomore year. This "new rule" is really not so new. Two years ago, President Anthony Santoro, Dean of Students, Karen Haskell and Director of Student Life Richard Stegman, along with Admissions implemented that freshmen must live on campus. The reason behind the decision was so the new students would fully benefit from campus life. All of the faculty members involved wanted to require the sophomores to live on campus as well.

"We wanted to ease into this requirement," stated Stegman.

The reasons for going forth with the on-campus requirement for the first two years is because the first two years are academically challenging. With being on campus, the students have better opportunity to take advantages of all the resources offered to them," added Stegman.

Studies have shown that living on campus has a positive effect on the students. Closer relationships form with faculty and friends. A higher level of involvement takes place, and a respect for the campus grows.

"I believe the freshmen and sophomore will grow from this on-campus experience," stated Haskell.

"The relationship between students and faculty will be more prominent and life-long." Santoro believes strongly in the implemented housing rule. "The first two years are the most important in a college experience," stated Santoro. The facility is needed for freshmen who have the same institution rule of living. "From what we saw and heard from faculty and students, the quality of the campus went up. The campus environments were at a high caliber," added Santoro.

There is nothing unusual about RWU taking on the new living situation. Many schools have already adopted the rule because the belief of the students are better assisted.

"When the students stay on campus, the staff and faculty build a strong foundation," said Stegman. "A two-year relation ships utilization of all the clubs, events, and people as possible."

Generally, sophomores that think the off-campus is not done learning all that they can. That extra year on campus really helps the student to become comfortable in themselves, also the year gives the student better direction, stability.

"By junior year, the student should have absorbed a great deal, and they should feel confident to make any decision that comes their way," said Santoro.

All discussions with area schools indicated that freshmen and sophomores living off-campus is premature. "Students should fully enjoy campus life," said Haskell. "This includes not only socially, but the accessibility to buildings, computer, etc., also with the relationships with friends and staff."

The quality of the on-campus experience, students get if they disagree with this housing plan, students should look at what is offered to them through the university. Cedar Hall, the typical freshman experience with long halls and tons of neighbors. Willow and Maple Hall for the more apartment-type life in a quite environment. Bayside is also an option if one chooses to live in the "real apartment" style dorm with friends. Do not forget if you are 21 years of age, the option of living in Almeda Hall which is located off of Metacom Ave. for an RA-free experience.

"Most student's know that living on campus for the first two years is such an incredible experience that it can make them richer in life. Students get so much academically and socially - the students really get the whole package of a true college experience," finished Santoro.
You Said It!

What are your plans over Winter Break?

"Hopefully, I'm going to get a job as a Winter Intersession RA, so I'll spend most of my break here and take a class,"
-SUE MALOMO

"I'm going home to Wildwood, New Jersey to spend the holidays with my family...Oh, and I'm probably going to be doing some gambling while I'm there."
-TONY MONTEFUSCO

"I'm hoping to go home and find a high-paying job, work 40 hours, and come back to work as an Orientation Assistant on January 23,"
-FERNANDO GONCALVES

"I'm gonna spend all my time playing Bingo at Foxwoods."
-MASSIMO ASTROLOGO

"I'm going to spend the holidays with my family, and then maybe come back here and take a class. Then, maybe I'll go to Florida for a couple of weeks,"
-DAVE PERROTTA

"I'm planning on taking a class over break so I can maybe graduate early."
-MANDY DUNN
The Director of Student Activities will be missed

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By Jean Mitchell

Everyone has people they admire and respect. People they want to emulate and be like. When I came to RWU almost four years ago now, Tony was one of the administrators that took me under his wing and guided me in the right direction. A freshly elected Class President with enough energy to blow up a small African village, I wanted to get involved and he was there to show me the system and the paths to do so. His door to his windowless office was always open, and there he'd be booking concerts, scheduling meetings, or going over contracts. Tony breathed RWU - the glass was always half full to him. I'd have an event and be disappointed about the turnout, and he'd stress the quality not the quantity. When I and an Advisory Board member had to set-up the entire Valentines Day Dance ballroom by ourselves, there he was helping us and putting us on the back. Small gestures that meant a lot to an aspiring leader. One time he gave me a hat from the movie Die Hard, my favorite. Three years ago, when I coined the slogan The Funky Future Fest for Spring Weekend, he was the first to congratulate and praise me. Last year, during a long layout weekend for The Hawk's Eye, Tony treated us to some pizza. He was just a considerate, nice and good person. That's what made him so good at his job. Being a student that has been extremely involved in the coordination of school events for close to four years, I worked closely with Tony on many different projects. I saw how he operated. Always professional yet fun. Sometimes to the book, but always fair and receptive to the voice of the students. He liked to see student's dreams become realities. Helping students coordinate different activities is a time consuming job - especially for a man who was balancing every club and organization's budgets single-handedly. It required lots of enthusiasm and long hours.

Tony was a work horse. Typically, he wouldn't leave his office until 8 or 9 p.m. He couldn't, he still had paperwork to go over. That was the way he worked. A hundred percent pure adrenaline. I'm gonna miss the man behind the scenes. Already do. He's driving a Pepperidge Farm truck now, and I guarantee he's the most diligent cracker-serving worker out there.
The Christmas Carol

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Ebenezer Scrooge in a dress. Could it be? This year’s version of “A Christmas Carol” performed at Trinity Rep, took a timeless classic and added a delightful new twist. For the first time in 20 years, a female took the lead role.

Anne Scurria was cast as a greedy Ebenezer Scrooge, a role that seemed as though it was made for her. Even though the portrayal of a woman running a bank during that period of time seems almost unbelievable, it works because it appeals to human nature.


Scurria along with the entire Dickens cast portrayed real individuals, bringing humor to the stage, and a light-hearted feeling to the audience.

In an intimate setting, such as that of Trinity, the audience becomes unified with the cast. One feels as though they too are a part of this holiday tale. Cast members scamper across the stage, which consists of the entire theater. It is not unusual for the Ghost of Christmas Present to appear right before your eyes, or a villager to sit down next to you.

Seeing “A Christmas Carol” comes to life on stage brings home the true meaning of Christmas, which is often forgotten in our commercialized society. It truly is a meaningful experience, one that will have more significance than the hustle and bustle of frenzied holiday shopping. While many have the attitude that the holidays are a time of presents, “A Christmas Carol” shows what Christmas is really about, the importance of family, love, and generosity.

The Christmas Bug and the Pressures of the Holiday

Josh Mitchell
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Where were you when you go shopping for the Christmas bug? I was stuffing a truckload of turkey in my face at my Aunt Harriet’s crib, when I was struck.

I heard Frank Sinatra singing “The Christmas Song” and with much joy and anticipation, I realized that the big day is only around the corner. Trim the tree, bake the cookies, and spank the reindeer: “Tis the season!

Wait, what am I going to get people? Where am I going to find the time to shop? I have no money. What if they don’t like what I get them? I’m about the whole family situation! STRESS! Why does Christmas overwhelm us all? Isn’t it suppose to do the opposite and bring joy and happiness to our lives?

Look around this festive season and you’ll find a bunch of uptight and pressured “elves.” What’s wrong? Why does the season’s supposed to make us jolly and gleeeful have people suffering like scrooges when they should be smiling like Santa?

Are the demands during the Holidays really that bad or are we just too realistic in our Christmas ways?

The majority of us get festive “burn-out” because in our heads we create an ideal picture of what Christmas is supposed to be like. If our activities fall short of that perfect vision, we stress out - we strive too hard to establish a “Brady Christmas” instead of just going with the snow. Oops, flow.

It’s unhealthy, we burn out when we expect too much from Christmas and ourselves.

Think about it, there are enough pressures and expectations on us during the year. Can’t we at least enjoy ourselves during Christmas? It only comes once a year, I promise not to try as hard on the other 364 days.

So go relax and stop diligently dwelling on whether or not Uncle Henry will enjoy the President Santana glow-in-dark underoos you got him. (I’ll wear them if he doesn’t like them.)

Christmas is way too commercialized now and we have to just dodge the hype and deck our halls with boughs of holly.

That’s my plan. I’m having the epitome of a Martha Stewart Christmas. Right now I’m going to listen to the Chipmunks sing “Jingle Bells” and then I’m going to watch the Grinch steal Christmas.

That’s what the season is all about; not worrying if little Jimmy will like the Red Ryder BB gun or if cousin Lisa will enjoy her new make-up set.

I don’t know about you, but give me my two front teeth and a partridge in a pair tree and I’m as funny as Frosty.

Well, with Christmas pressures hitting their zenith, one of the best things we can do is embrace the season early and start making plans as soon as the decorations go up. More importantly, we can have fun doing it.

Go caroling, build that snowman, make that wreath. Appreciate your situation and make it the best season yet by working to bring the Rudolph out in everyone.

Remember, every time the bell rings an angel gets their wings. Thank Quasimodo for that, the pose guy got arthritis in his shoulde from pulling so hard and often.

Random thought: What does a Taos have to do with a Bell? I’m opening a place called: “Hamburger Horn.”

Oh yeah, how could I forget. I’m gonna watch “It’s A Wonderful Life” 138 times or until my eyes fall out like snowflakes.

Think twice, act once and may God Bless and keep you safe. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Happy Holidays from The Hawk’s Eye!

Thanks for a great semester of fun and exciting things for us to cover.

Enjoy the break and we hope you get that Red Ryder BB gun you been asking Santa for. Be careful though: "You'll shoot your eye out, kid!"

Good Luck on Finals and have a great New Years!
I'M DREAMING OF A PAGAN CHRISTMAS?

Josh Mitchell
Editor-in-Chief

Every year I seem to learn something different about the wonderful celebration we call Christmas. A new tradition, a slice of history about the holiday, I never know. In the U.S., Christmas is really two days stuffed into one - Jesus Christ's birthday and an exchange of gifts with family and friends.

Did you know that the decorated evergreen tree, the yule log and mistletoe were part of pagan holidays? Yup, and the day Christmas was observed moved around too, until the fourth century when the powerful Roman Emperor Constantine declared Dec. 25 Christmas day.

Pagans used to celebrate Dec. 23 as the birthday of the sun. The mistletoe was the symbol of life because its green branches stood out at a time when the rest of nature seemed to have died. In winter, all the fruit is off the trees except for the holly tree, which has bright red berries.

The holly was part of pagan decorations in Germany, where trees were decorated with food and candles. As people converted to Christianity the trees remained important to them and their culture so they connected their traditions with Christmas. Many Christians thought it was important to convert the pagan traditions as they had converted the people. So rather than prohibiting evergreen decorations, church leaders put them into a religious context; utilizing religious symbols like angels, stars, gold crowns and the shepherd's crook.

The tradition of the yule log dates way back to the Middle Ages in England, Ireland and the mystic Nordic islands. The Norsemen, who believed in the enormous power of the gods, honored above all others Odin or Thor, the Yule. To the Norsemen, the sun was the giver of all life. To pay homage to Thor, they celebrated the deity's sunny summer times throughout the year.

Their biggest festival included the burning of a Yule log. It was originally burned as a bonfire to honor Thor and bring good luck for the New Year. Although the original tradition stated that the log be lit on Dec. 21 and continue burning until Jan. 3 or 4, about 12 days, the date for the burning was later changed to Christmas Eve as the Nordic tradition blended with the Christian celebration of Christmas. The lighting of the yule log tradition may have died out because colonists had to burn wood for warmth and so the symbolism behind the burning of the log was forgotten.

Christianity's celebration of Christmas has been criticized by some religious groups. For example, Jehovah's Witnesses reject the holiday. In their Watchtower publication, an article on the birth of Christ said: "Beside the fact that its origins are in pagan celebrations, we have also seen that Christmas does not represent truth, since Jesus was born in October."

Evergreen trees were a symbol of life for Pagans because their branches stood out at a time when the rest of nature seemed to have died.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
A time to rest and relax

The Hawk's Eye

Going home for the holidays sounds like such a pleasant phrase and a welcoming idea. It is a break from school, a time to see family and friends, alone and relax after a long stress filled final weeks of school. But the fact of returning home for five weeks is not as sweet as the candy canes being passed around now.

For many, returning home to the family is giving up new-found independence, over-indulging in the goodies, and spending loads of money on clothes and supplies. Your piggy bank has no money in it.

What is supposed to be a break from the stress, turns into more of a stress-filled situation thus, finding which both is burned out when stringing up the lights.

There are reasons why the break is often disappointing from a family standpoint, and they can be solved.

As your luggage is tooted back into your old room, remember that some of the new found freedom you've enjoyed may disappear. Walking in the door at four a.m. is okay at school, but parents may get a bit disturbed when you walk in and trip over the cat on the way to your room.

The school is going to be a stress-tilled time this year. School food is always going to add some weight, partially from the ingredients, partially from the stress and physical activity. School food is always going to add some weight, partially from the ingredients, partially from the stress and physical activity.

But don't blame yourself, just eat right.

Stay away from large portions of goodies. Fudge and other homemade desserts are traps, but having a little isn't bad. Because of the snowy and cold weather, it is nearly impossible to exercise regularly.

Just don't pig out. If you feel hungry, look for fruits and vegetables or other healthy snacks like popcorn or crackers.

Winter break is about five weeks long this year. If things get rough just hint the bullet. In no time school will be back in session.

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HOLIDAY HINTS
Holiday Time Is Tea Time

(NAPS)—More than ever Americans are learning how to help the holiday season become enjoyable. A hot and refreshing cup of tea makes a great treat when you come home from a holiday shopping trip, soccer or football game, Christmas tree trimming, or whatever is traditional with family and friends during the holiday season.

Table "Tea" tea when planning your party drink list. Cold tea makes a great base for a holiday punch—especially at tea parties or at the beginning or end-of-the-year gatherings. Hot tea is a terrible party drink too, particularly when spiked with cinnamon sticks, orange slices or candy canes. Hot or cold, tea is a great drink for designated drivers.

The holidays will be even more merry if you teach your guests to the Teley Tea Folk, who are now being introduced to America. Also being revived in the U.S. is the ever-popular Teley Tea jingle—"Pure Taste is Tiny Little Tea Leaves in Teley Tea."

Led by "Gaffer," the Teley Tea Folk are whimsical, fun-loving characters who have found their way into the hearts of tea lovers in England and Canada. Gaffer is the resident Teley Tea expert on tea recipes. To cut winter's chill this holiday season, Gaffer suggests the following Teley hot tea recipe:

**Teley Gaffer's Maple Madness**

5 Teley® tea bags
1-2 tbsp. maple cinnamon
3/4 cup vanilla ice cream
Shake tea bags, syrup, and ice cream in a blender. Pour into 4 cup boiling water. Cover and leave 5 minutes. Remove tea bags. Pour into teacups and top with a scoop of ice cream and a dusting of cinnamon. Makes about 4 servings.

Other recipes might include adding cranberry juice or apple cider syrup. For a free copy of additional Teley hot tea recipes, write to Teley Recipes, Teley USA, 100 Commerce Drive, Shelton, CT 06484.

Many of the carrots using today were originally hyrnes composed in the 1950s. They include: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "On Top of the World."
From The Santa Clause to It's a Wonderful Life; holiday movies help capture the joy of Christmas

Josh Mitchell
Editor-in-Chief

Every year new holiday-oriented movies are re-gurgitated by Hollywood. Some are good, some substandard, others become late-night reruns. Possibly the most famous and most watched holiday movie is It's A Wonderful Life, starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. The best cheesy movie turned good has the famous line: “Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings” in it.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas is probably the best animated and universal tale about Christmas. Dr. Seuss's green, cartoon character has become as traditional as Mistletoe—it's nearly impossible not to hear the song “You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch” during the festive season. If you live on campus, you’ve probably seen Miracle on 34th Street. This is the 1947 remake of the 1941 black and white classic starring Natalie Wood and Maureen O'Hara. This festival flick poses the famous question: “Is there really a Santa Claus?” The ’94 version stars that cute little girl from Mrs. Doubtfire. Arguably, the funniest and well-known holiday film would have to be A Christmas Story. The story of the boy who wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas but can’t have it because people tell him: “You’ll shoot your eye out kid.”

I grew up with this movie and with the dorky kid that used to make chocolate milk commercials. I love how the mother gets the daughter to eat her meatloaf and mashed potatoes by telling her to “show mommey how the little piggy eats.” The part when the kid gets triple-dogged dared to stick his tongue to a freezing flagpole is a riot too—the leg lamp shade would also look sweet in my dorm room.

Scrooged, made in 1988, stars Bill Murray as a mean TV executive. Bobcat Goldthwait brings his annoying Police Academy voice to the scene to create holiday madness and the fairy chick that use to be Latka’s wife on Taxi, kicks some ass with an iron. Murray’s monologue at the end is possibly the best Christmas summary ever. The masterpiece of Christmas has got to be Ernest Saves Christmas. Ernest steps up for the retiring Santa and has elves asking: “You know what I mean, Vern?” With the future of Christmas entrusted to our hapless munchkin, it’s no surprise to find snow falling on Florida and reindeer on the airport runways before all is put right on the night before Christmas.

The infamous National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation may rank up toward the top of college student’s favorites list. Chevy Chase as Clark Griswold has his Xmas bombarbied by visiting in-laws, massive electrical light short and a sneaky squirrel. The best is when he chews out his cheap boss by calling him everything in the book. Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas, entertains with its stop-motion photography and electrifying music. When jumping Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King, becomes bored with Halloweens he decides to terrorize Christmas. The effects are awesome and the story is witty and interesting.

If you like Home Improvement, you’ll love The Santa Clause. Funny man Tim Allen stars as Scott Clavin in this touching tale of a divorced dad who struggles across the chance to become Santa Claus. The technical miracle of physically turning Allen into Jolly Old Saint Nick is amazing. If none of these rise your stocking, there’s always Home Alone, Charlie Brown's Christmas Special or The Nutcracker. Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all - stop crying!

Mike Gleason
Staff Writer

For some time I have heard about people getting the “Holiday Blues.” Though I understand what the term meant but never quite fashioned this concept. Come to think of it, the notion finds me around a year ago. In as much as I was raised Catholic, religion and Christmas were two different things. Religion being Mass on Sunday and Christmas being a materialistic orgy. The only difference between an intimate and a material-goods-consumption orgy is that one is done in a bedroom and the other is around a Christmas tree and your whole family is invited. Blushing?

Anyway, Christmas worked in two planes while growing up: Going to Mass in the morning and then coming home to the traditional Christmas. These days I am agnostic and use Christmas as an excuse to sleep late. Like I’m the only one doing it! I suppose I could bumble with a bicycle if I was so inclined, but this paper is a natural resource and should not be wasted. The other reason being that I don’t think it’s cool to complain about the commercialization of Christmas. Either a: it’s been done too many times or b: not like it’s going to change anyone’s mind about this sort of thing.

So then, what’s my point? Well, I’m in the journalism concentration for Communications and want to prove my worth as a writer. Just kidding. Seriously, though, I have been noticing people get into the same time “Holiday Blues.” The root of the problem is the dysfunctional lives we lead. Dysfunction goes over all cultural and lifestyle. It seems so particular group is to blame. The truth of the matter is, in advertisements and other forms of media, various and sundry archetypes stereotypes emerge. In the art medium the one that stands out is Norman Rockwell’s pieces on Christmas Day in nuclear households. Perhaps this is what Rockwell imagined in a stopan. I’m not terribly sure. If it is his idea of one however, scores of people try to recreate that every year.

This is where these “Blues” come back in. On the morning of December 26th the expectation of how Christmas will look in 364 days comes to mind or family celebrates “Boxing Day” as well. The day before either the alcoholic in the family was there and the chaos we’ve been hiding emerge or the elderly grandparent or the other family you could not suit their holiday. Though it is发展壮大 alcoholic abuser arrives. This is why December 26th is not so bad anymore. Once again it’s over. Then again there are those of the “survivor” stuck. These are the people who regard Christmas as the best time of year. They also tend to be idealistic and have a small family. I know you must come from a small family because I am the youngest of eight. The only difference between my family and yours is that I was spoiled consistently through the mid 1990s. The Catholic guilt would not set in for a few more years. Lucky me.

Furthermore, the realization that what you are about to give someone will be back on the racks at the store you bought it from within the next thirty-six hours. I have people return gifts that could not suit their needs. This brings me back to the “Black” appeal. This part of the seasonal depression works as a two-way street. Not only are you receiving the most indefensible plotters of Holiday irritation but you throw back into your relatives faces by finding the department store that sold it to them.

What is to be said for all of this? I’ll tell you: In a world of disposability and no down-payments until the next calendar year the most significant holiday in the western world is now a parody of itself. In sum, if you cannot handle the holiday season speak to your doctor about Prozac. It is the best time of year for you, don’t make it worse for anyone else by not spoiling their fun of returning items the day after Christmas.

Happy Holidays and if you get bored while on vacation simply get a job in retail as they will be missing help with exchanging items and giving refunds.
That's entertainment, baby!
Did you know?

Since the Holiday is drawing near, shopping and getting through finals can cause headaches. How can we all try to prevent them? According to the National Headache Foundation, 45 million Americans have headaches bad enough to seek help from a doctor.

There are many different types of headaches. The most common type (about 90% of all headaches) is the tension headache, a dull pain and a feeling of tightness around the the scalp and neck. Most headaches are caused by stress, fatigue or depression, hangovers, hunger, caffeine withdrawal, food additives, allergies and sinus problems.

The only thing that can prevent headaches is relaxation. So, when you're rushing around this Holiday Season, remember to take breaks between studies and eat well, it'll make things easier on your cranium.

Compiled by Sarah Lizotte

Interesting Fun Facts to Talk About

Over the holiday we all eat alot, but do you find that you feel full when you've only eaten a little bit?

* Eat smaller meals more often. Keep nutritious snacks around like: yogurt, cheese, muffins, peanut butter, deviled eggs and raw veggies. It's not too hard to prepare some of these foods and have them around through the Holiday Season.

* Chew food slowly - this prevents your stomach from becoming too full too quickly.

* Limit greasy foods, butter and rich sauces.

* Make sure that the liquids you drink have nutritional content, such as juice, milk or milkshakes.

* Limit the amount of liquid you drink with each meal.

Happy Holidays
When all else fails - cheat!

Vadim Benderman
Hawk Eye Alumnus

You can drink lots of coffee and cram the night before your final, or you could take the easier approach - simply cheat your way off! That's right, why not? You're gonna fail anyway, might as well. It's definitely the way to go. Oh come on, why are you so surprised? It's not like you haven't done it before. But, if you're gonna cheat, make sure you do it right and don't get caught.

Here are some suggestions that have been proven successful over the years:

1) Writing all info you need to know on the back of the notebook. This has been student's favorite for many years, simply write the needed information in allotted space, and place the notebook directly on top of your schoolbag when taking the test. Make sure the information is not too visible. Chances of getting caught: 1/20.

2) Take a piece of paper and write the info you need to know. Tape it around the base of your ball cap. Once the test begins, wait for a little while, then, when you need to look, pretend like it's really hot and take off your cap and sneak a peak! Chances of getting caught: 1/2.

3) Write out your cheat notes, and simply stick 'em in the base of your ball cap. Once the test begins, wait for a little while, then, when you need to look, pretend like it's really hot and take off your cap and sneak a peak! Chances of getting caught: 1/2.

4) The old write on the arm and pull up your sleeve can always come in handy if you're good at it. When attempting this, be confident - don't look nervous cause that's what teachers are looking for. If you're not experienced by now at this one, then this isn't the one for you. Chances of getting caught: 2/15.

5) One of my particular favorites, that is if I would commit such a terrible felony, would be the write the info on your shoe. This is one of the most fool-proof methods of acing your exam effortlessly. Chances of getting caught: 1/160.

6) Come to class early and write out all the info you need on the table you plan to sit at. Be careful, this can easily turn into a disaster if someone sits at that table, and boy would you make their day! Cover the notes and make sure no one catches onto your little scheme. Always erase, and destroy all evidence immediately following use! Chances of getting caught: 1/20.

7) The Classic Cheat Sheet is yet another method that depends on your ability to keep cool. If you're not sure, this isn't the one for you. The method is also among the easiest for teachers to catch so I wouldn't recommend it. Chances of getting caught: 1/4.

8) Create a 90's cheat sheet that comfortably slides out of your sleeve. This one is all about timing. Chances of getting caught: 1/3.

9) Cheating off the person sitting next to you - I have my doubts about this one. What if that person is cheating off you? Chances of getting caught: 1/3.

10) Using one of those graphic calculator/electronic watches that allow you to program the thing ahead of time.

Only downfall, in the amount of time it takes you to program all that stuff, you could probably learn the material in the same amount of time. However, this is ideal for math and physics courses, if your teacher doesn't catch on. Chances of getting caught: 1/10.

11) Perhaps the most fool-proof method of them all is "the Combo," a technique involving the use of the ball cap, and the shoe substitute method. Here you can vary your movements and be more inconspicuous. Chances of getting caught: 1/3.

So go party away - after all, you deserve it! All it takes is a couple of minutes, and you're all set. These are simply some suggestions, and if you have better methods - I wish you luck.

The amount of time it would take to write out your cheat notes is sometimes not worth it. Challenge yourself, you're better off simply taking the test fairly - Yeah right! Oh, by the way, I pulled these figures out of my own sleeve.

The Hawk's Eye does not promote cheating.
Is being an RA worth the free Room and Board?

Christy Jewell
Staff Writer

Resident Assistants have a tough job. Their job description asks them to speak with residents when they have a problem or need someone to listen to or document a person for having alcohol. Recently however there have been reports of RA’s being put in danger for doing their job.

A national study by the Chronicle of Higher Education shows a 26.3 percent increase in homicide in 1994. RA’s have to deal with resulting trauma from this or in some cases the emotional or psychological problems leading up to this.

“An RA has not been threatened or hit in the seven years I’ve been here,” said Terri Ward, Associate Director of Student Life.

Training seems to be the biggest factor in that. Ward explained that the RA’s are trained specifically to try and keep a situation from escalating. The training includes showing RA’s how to approach situations without acting accusatory and role playing to learn as best they can how it could happen in a residence hall.

“The RA is just documenting what they see, hear or smell,” said Scot Weiner, University Judicial Officer.

This may help when it comes to angry students. The RA’s aren’t the ones making a judgment on them. They just write down what they see. The judgment is up to someone else. And RA’s frequently use their training to help students deal with a situation before it gets out of hand. Although they aren’t trained counselors, they are people and sometimes just knowing that you can talk to somebody helps.

Another factor that helps RA’s is that everybody on campus knows each other. “People are less likely to act out in a physical sort of way in a small community,” said Scott Kroll, Bayside’s CORE.

The fact that people often know each other also means that there is a level of respect there.

“The students respect the RA’s and the RA’s respect the students,” said Ward.

“If people treat people with respect the risk is lower,” said Kroll.

All of this doesn’t mean that there is no risk involved with the job. “These things do happen,” said Ward. “Things like that are just not tolerated.”

Ida Lee Wootten, a news officer at the University of Virginia, says that, “Students have experienced a surge in Student Life complaints from parents and students.”

Wootten said that when “Johnny plays his stereo too loudly in his dorm room, it often doesn’t occur to his neighbor’s to knock on Johnny’s door and ask him politely to turn the music down.”

The solution at U.Va. was to offer student orientation programs that teach students how to cope with each other. “RA’s are there to build a healthy community,” said Weiner.

Michael Doherty, Cedar Hall Administrative Resident Assistant, said that his favorite part of the job is “interacting with people.”

“The RA is an integral part of the residence hall,” he said. There is a great deal of respect for the RA’s on campus he believes. As he roams the halls of Cedar he sees lots of people he knows, some of them on his floor and some on others. All of them treat him with respect. And he returns the favor.

“When somebody respects you they’re more apt to listen to what you have to say,” said Doherty.

The small campus contributes to the level of respect and the small amounts of violence. “We’re not a big institution. We all kind of know each other. That helps a lot,” said Ward.

Everybody grows from the experience in the end. Students need to learn to live with each other, and here in the safety of a residence hall they have help learning to deal with people with a certain level of respect. The challenges the RA’s face in a constantly changing environment help them grow and help their residents grow.

“You get out of the experience what you put into it,” said Doherty, “and that’s true of the RA’s and the residents.”

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Josh Mitchell
Editor-in-Chief

Tony and Emmy Award winner Mandy Patinkin brought his Broadway talent and ever-changing soft crooning voice to the Providence Performing Art Center last Saturday for a night of pure entertainment and fun.

Accompanied by Paul Ford on piano, Patinkin celebrated the songs of Stephen Sondheim, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and other classic composers.

The concert featured selections from his 1994 recording "Experiments" that include songs from nine decades of popular music, and selections from his new recording, "Oscar and Steve" which pays homage to Hammerstein and Sondheim.

With a basket of pretty flowers in both hands, Patinkin came on stage and didn't waste any time. He did what people paid to see - sing. And, boy can he.

Patinkin, who won the Tony Award for his Broadway debut as Che in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita," and was again nominated for his starring role in the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "Sunday in the Park with George," was amazing.

Not only is he a great singer, he's funny too. "Do you guys read my column?" he asked, referring to Mark Patinkin's, a columnist for The Providence Journal. He said he uses his surname to hide his identity and then he realized that he made a wrong statement and called himself an idiot.

Patinkin won an Emmy Award in 1995 for his role as Dr. Jeffrey Geiger on the acclaimed television series "Chicago Hope." His television and film credits are numerous including the starring role as Quasimodo in a live action remake of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" for TNT. Eat your heart out Disney. He was also in the cult film, "The Princess Bride." In fact, at the end of his performance he said he never ends a show without saying: "You killed my father, prepare to die."

The highlight of the night was when Patinkin brought three people from the audience up on the stage to help him with a song: A Rabbi, a car salesman and a home-maker - excellent chemistry for laughs. They were singing and dancing and Patinkin was ranking on them like crazy.

The whole show was just a good time. Patinkin got the crowd to participate in his rendition of "Trouble" from The Music Man. After sweating like crazy after the number he said: "Now I know why Robert Preston is dead."

It was this type of humor and wit that Patinkin mixed with his music to create a spectacle of joy.

WHAT TO BUY PEOPLE WHEN YOU HAVE NO MONEY

Jed Hatch
Contributing Writer

The holiday shopping season is here, and for most students, that means opening a pencil-thin wallet to buy presents for loved ones.

"Anything I can't afford is going on my credit card," said Bill Ramsey, 21, a RWU sophomore. "So I'll just be paying it off the rest of my life, along with my student loans."

Stop right there!

Presents for family, friends and even your favorite professors don't have to cost a fortune. With only a few dollars and lots of creativity, you can give someone a fabulous present.

"To make the ultimate cheap gift, go to a coin store and get coins that have a hole in them," said Brandon Lafond, 19, a sophomore at RWU.

Buy different colored silk cord, and make necklaces. "It'll only put you out $5-$10, and you can make them all different to give to all of your friends," he said.

John Garrigan, 19, offers two words of advice for holiday shopping: thrift store.

"For the past two years, I've gotten people things from the thrift store," he said. "Thrift stores are the absolute best places to get gifts. Even if it's dumb, they'll laugh."

Liz Delorey, 18, a RWU sophomore, said she fills small baskets with tins of flavored coffee or cocoa.

"They are inexpensive to make, and you can even use stockings instead of baskets," she said. "They make great gifts for relatives and extended family members."

It's all good advice for those students whose generous impulses might leave them with a depleted bank account come the New Year. According to a recent Gallup Poll, the average shopper expects to spend about $800 on presents this holiday season.

Of course, that forecast comes from a poll of 1,009 consumers with a mean income of $32,730. Most college students, even those with full-time jobs don't earn nearly that much.

Maxine Sweet, vice president of consumer education for Experian, a credit information services company, offers tips for students short on cash.

First, to save extra money for holiday shopping, "consider skipping those costly snacks from vending machines," she suggested. "Think about other treats like video rental and magazines that you can do without...in the spirit of the holiday giving."

Also, "an act of kindness is worth more than any holiday gift money can buy," she said. "Look at your gift-giving list. Would an elderly relative rather have a room painted or a garage cleaned than a cheese-of-the-world assortment pack?"

A student might offer free babysitting services to an older sister or brother with young children, she said.

And just spending time with your family can be a great gift. "It doesn't cost a cent, and it makes the season truly special," she said.

For friends, Turner said she will probably give her old standby: candles. "They're always cheap. I always buy my friends candles," she said. "They're probably sick of it."

RWU senior Jon Landau, 21, ticks off all the people on his shopping list: "My folks, my brother, my sister-in-law, my other brother, my next-door neighbors. Then I have my girlfriend and her folks and her brother."

Landau works full-time at a mountain outfitter store. "I make decent money," he said. "Most of the gifts I buy are from my store, so I get, like, 70 percent off. So that's a little easier."

A good gift idea, he said, is a subscription to a beer-of-the-month club. "You can pay the first couple of months, then they can pay if they want to keep it up," he said.

Robin Elliott, 21, a RWU senior, said she likes to give gift certificates.

"You can always give gift certificates to music stores, like a $5 one," she said. "Then they can go buy a CD, and it will be real cheap."

Even with a host of inexpensive gift ideas, holiday shopping is still out of the question for some college students.

"I don't think I'm going to do any this year. I have no money," said Roger Bodie, a RWU student. "The greatest gift is no gift at all."
THE FINAL DANCE PROJECTS

Photos by Lance Hashim
It's that time of the year again!
The end of the semester is quickly approaching and BUYBACK is right around the corner. This year, to make BUYBACK better than ever, not only are we offering top dollars for your textbooks, but we're also giving away some great prizes! Everytime you sell a book, you'll receive a numbered ticket. The more books you sell, the more chances to win! Drawing for the prizes will be held at noon on December 18th. Winning ticket numbers will be posted at the Bookstore. Good luck!

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The toughest match for them is anticipated to be Binghamton. Viera notes that there have already been milestones for the team. "We beat Williams last week, and that is the first time in the history of athletics at RWU that any team here has ever beaten Williams," explained Viera.

Cost Guard and Plymouth State, the defending champions look to be the toughest opponents for the Hawks this season. Sean Vickrey, a freshman from Yorktown N.Y. wrestles at 190 pounds, and he sees the experience as very different. "In high school people know who you are. Here, no one cares who you are or who you were. It is much more physical wrestling than I am used to."

Tri-captain LaScala states, "I feel good to be able to help others out, and the coaches. We are all like a family. We push each other on the mat and in the class room with work. It is really nice that the team gets along so well. The team should do really well this year, we are a young team. I am looking to go to the Nationals. We all just keep pushing each other to reach that higher step."

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**Chris Trimble**
Staff Writer

"I think we are a better team this year than we were last year," said senior captain, James Pazzaglia. Last season the hockey team went 15-5-1 and qualified for the ECAC playoffs for the first time in nearly five seasons. But, this year's Hawks are looking for an even better season.

The Hawks are led by quad-captains David Curtis, Chris Jennings, James Pazzaglia, and Gregg Towsley. Curtis has had a solid two-year career as a Hawk. Last season he led the team in scoring with 29 goals and 21 assists for 50 points. With his creativity with the puck, Curtis should be an offensive threat.

Chris Jennings, the backbone of the team's defensive corps for the past three seasons, will be an asset to the Hawks with his aggressiveness and punishing checks. Expect Jennings to lead the defense this season.

The other two captains, James Pazzaglia and Gregg Towsley, should also be a major factor in the teams success. Pazzaglia and Towsley are both looking to have strong seasons.

"All four are proven leaders on and off the ice," said head coach, Don Armstrong. "We will be looking for them to lead us to another successful season."

The Hawks are off to an outstanding start once again, with 3 victories and a tie in their first four games.

"We could be better," said Chris Jennings. "Right now we have a few injuries, we are a young team, but as the season moves on we will bend together."

When asked what are some of this year's strengths of the team, James Pazzaglia replied, "The defense and goaltending are our team's strong points."

Leading the Hawks on defense are Jennings, senior Jason Cleary, sophomore Chris Cabas and Vincent Garino, and freshmen Dave Schremser and Stephen Talano should see lots of action. In between the pipes is steady Scott Gaudreau.

As for the season, their first game was against Framingham State. The Hawks won 6-4 and were led behind the performance of Pazzaglia who scored a hat-trick. In a 5-5 tie with Worcester State, Curtis had two goals and an assist and Pazzaglia had a goal and two assists. Goalie Gaudreau has played very well once again and has played a solid defensive corps.

Against a wicked Wentworth Institute, the Hawks looked unstoppable, winning the game 7-1. Seniors Joe Silvia and Chris Jennings led this way offensively, both having two assists. Goals were scored by seven different players; Steve Pappas, James Pazzaglia, Chris Colas, Matt Grieve, Gregg Towsley, Michael Furgiuele, and Jeff Cleary. Once again senior goalie Scott Gaudreau had a solid game between the pipes before giving over to freshennial goalie Sal Talamo, who made quite a few big saves.

Overall, goal leaders for the Hawks are Pazzaglia and Curtis, with five each. Pazzaglia also leads the team in assists with seven for a total of 12 points. Goalie Scott Gaudreau is 3-0-1. As for the team, they are 3-0-1, also.

When asked if the team has any goals for the season, senior captain, Jennings answered, "Our goal is to win. Last year's playoff loss to Bentley left us with a bad taste in our mouths. So this year we want to win it all."

So for this season, the Hawks have showed us just that, winning. Only time will tell if they win the whole tournament. Their next home game is December 11 against pesky arch-rivals, Nichols College.

Wrestlers led by three experienced veterans

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Three experienced wrestlers head-up a very young and talented team this season. The Hawks have no seniors, and lost only one wrestler this season, Spencer McComb. Tri-captains Kevin Neville, Keith Medeiro, and John LaScala, all juniors, head up the team.

"We will look to the three captains to lead the team this season. John is an All American, Keith and Kevin have the potential to be too," said the Assistant Coach Scott Viera. "These three captains have a hard work ethic and will not be satisfied until they win the Nationals."

Last season Neville was injured just prior to the Conference Championships and Medeiro took the semester off, so they will be looking for their chance this season, especially since Medeiro placed in the Conference Championships as a freshman.

Another strong leader for the Hawks looks to be sophomore returnee Angelo Diaz. He placed in the Conference Championships as a freshman. Nine rookies help to make the team stronger this season.

Pete Douchet, out of Timberlane High School in N.H. who is wrestling at 142 pounds looks to be a big contributor, he was just named the Pilgrim League Rookie Wrestler of the Week.

Jeff Wasser wrestling at 165 pounds from Frontier High School in South Deerfield, M.A. will wrestle at the heavy weight position. "The new freshman look real good. They are just young," ex-WRESTLE Page 19

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