Shawn Platt, Academic System Administrator speaks out

This is in response to the article titled "Computers get a face-lift RWU" in the October 17, 1997 issue of The Hawk's Eye. First off, I want to thank the newspaper for giving information technology a positive response with what we are doing to benefit all of the RWU community. I believe we "Information Technology" are trying to implement the best technology available.

Secondly, I want to respond to the student regarding the Mac Classroom and the elimination of the public Mac area. We felt in the interest of the RWU community, usage patterns of specific computers, the procurement of 60 new Pentium 200's and the number of classes using Macs that the Mac Classroom was available for more than enough time, more specifically we felt that 71.5 hours a week for "public use" was ample time for students to complete their work. We know this may not be a good enough answer but when we implement changes for the good of the university we have to consider the entire RWU community as a whole.

Thirdly, I want to respond to the article written in the latest issue November 7, 1997 regarding the Macintosh's once again (page 6) particularly with regard to the way the sub-headline was worded. This is completely erroneous. It should have said, "The computer utilized the least..." not the "most." I believe this should have been corrected or at least verified prior to going to press.

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Dear RWU administration, faculty, and students I have had to make a hard decision to resign as the sports editor. I feel I cannot dedicate the time that is needed to be an efficient editor. I have often felt into the trap of over committing myself, but I have finally learned that I can't spread myself thin. I apologized and hope everyone understands. The position will be open for next semester. It is a big commitment but if there is anyone interested please contact The Hawk's Eye at ext. 3229. Good Luck on finals and Happy holidays.

Donna Zakszewski

Mulligan defends the admissions office

Angered student speaks out on previous editorial

To the Editor:

The following is a response to the Volume 8 Issue 2 copy of The Hawk's Eye. More specifically it is focused on the editorial titled "RWU: Keeping Up Appearances while telling bold face lies."

The editorial remarked negatively on the policies of the Admission Office as well as provided readers with false information regarding the Brian Nisenfeld case. The disappearance of Nisenfeld is indeed a tragedy. After speaking with authorities at the Bristol and Portsmouth police stations, I confirmed that Brian Nisenfeld is still on the missing person list. Simply put, the body remains found on Hog Island have not yet been identified as belonging to the missing student. Writing that, "It is a fact..." is not true and weakens the credibility of the editor.

As for the acts of the Administration on the October 26 Open House I can only say that I believe they were doing what they felt was best for the university. Approximately 600 students visited the campus that day. Majority of them took copies of The Hawk's Eye home with them. Whether or not it was experimentation of a new format, it was an issue that did connotate negatively. Personally I feel bothered that the newspaper is the only remembrance prospective students will have of Roger Williams University.

For future issues the staff might want to consider reporting the news while omitting the bashing of the University and its Administration. Publishing negative facts that are not reliable damages the reputation of Roger Williams University. I am certain that many students do not want the significance of their degrees from the University to be looked down upon.

This response is not intended to insult or offend anyone on staff. After speaking with a few, I found that long hours and hard work had been spent on having a paper to release to the student body. This is not however an excuse to succumb to articles that have not been thoroughly researched.

Courtney Mulligan
Admissions Advocate

Happy Holidays from the staff at The Hawk's Eye
The 'Bassx' on WQRI told by 'insider' What is "inappropriate behavior"? ... who should make the call? WQRI Unplugged

Ed Perry
Staff Writer

At a secret meeting of the WQRI board of directors, it was decided that I be dismissed as Co-ON AIR director and told to return my keys to the station.

The only reason cited: inappropriate behavior. This inappropriate behavior included giving the DJs a voice in how their club was being run, and as the station's General Manager Brian Kacmarsky put it "taking the DJs side at the meetings."

In all honesty I have to say that I am guilty as charged. It was my intent to improve the station by finding out what the students at RWU and the surrounding community wanted, this was openly frowned upon by the board who wished all decisions be made by the board alone.

Before anyone gets the idea that I'm leaving quietly let me make myself clear: I accuse the WQRI board of directors of "inappropriate behavior" and feel they should be allowed to vote out these guilty members in the best interest of the station.

Last year the ON AIR director was Joe Tine, Pat Gran was Promotions director, and Brian Kacmarsky was General Manager. Under this board I was verbally harassed via posted messages on the ON AIR booth, a blatant threat was left on my voice mail from the ON AIR director, and the booths security cameras were used to spy and listen in on private conversations.

When informed of this "inappropriate behavior" Brian laughed and said "it must be a misunderstanding."

I then allowed him to listen to the questionable voice mail message, after which he suggested I "drop the issue."

By standing up to the unfair practices of the board I became popular among the DJs who in turn voted me in as Co-ON AIR director with John Murphy.

As Joe was finally voted out, Pat Grant stepped down and appointed Joe director of Promotions much to the disappointment of the DJs.

At a board meeting Production director Dave Wilson made the comment about the female DJs "who cares if they suck, they're nice to look at."

I brought this issue up with Brian and suggested the position should have been voted on. I was told to "stop making waves."

At the onset of this school year Brian and Pat concocted a new director position, Assistant General Manager and Pat took this role.

It became apparent to me that the voice of the DJs would be ignored, the board could not be voted out.

In his new position Pat told me to "keep quiet about last year's situation, it's in your best interest to drop it. You're a member of the elite now."

At this point I was well aware I was on the wrong side of the tracks, but I figured I could improve the station from within.

The first few weeks of broadcast were incredible, we had enthusiastic and talented DJs, and we had listeners across Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts.

I encouraged DJs to be themselves and have fun, to play the requests, and to team up and make better shows.

The board was terrified, they told DJs to cut the humor, tag team shows were broken up, and requests were to be ignored if they did not fit the jurisprudently outdated format.

I took a stand at the meeting, and after a ridiculous and infantile confrontation, the decisions were overturned.

Things went well for a while until a DJ was dismissed for breaking the log.

It was the opinion of the board that the DJ be "made an example of."

I voted this action inappropriate and was overruled.

I will be the first in line to defend freedom of speech, however in some circumstances such speech is "inappropriate."

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It was also the opinion of the board at the onset of the semester that if the Back to Bassx (the stations popular rap/urban music program) director dropped out entirely we could cut Back to Bassx because "they're really not that many black students at RWU."

It was also suggested and laughed about that DJs Riggs and The Riddler should not talk in slang "because they are from the suburbs, they're white."

At a later meeting Brian stated he was sick of the Student Senate telling the station that the WQRI funds were allotted by the Senate.

Brian referred to the Senate's President Dana Castricone as a "Bitch. If she tries to talk to any of you tell her to f**k off and call me."

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In many occasions Brian told the board to ignore messages from the Student Senate and the CEN.

A month ago a letter was sent from the Adult Correctional Institute in Warwick, a large amount of inmates were fans of the station and decided to write a few letters to me or what they have to say for themselves, those two assholes are out," Murphy screamed and stormed out.

This does not even include such "inappropriate behavior" as misappropriation of concert tickets and CDs or blatant FCC violations.

What remains to be seen is what the RWU community wishes to do about all this?

And if the Dean of Students, the Student Senate, or the Department of Student Activities don't do anything about this?

I think it's time we ask why? Remember, one hundred dollars is taken out of every student tuition as an activity fee.

It's your money, you should have the power to make decisions about how that money is spent.

As for me I've got a new job at The Hawk's Eye, and I intend to continue the fight until the situation is resolved.

There are a lot of interested and enthusiastic students at WQRI that are just out to have fun, I refuse to leave any of them behind.

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Senate.. what have they done for you lately?

Andy Firmin & Amy Hunt
Staff Writers

Over the course of this past semester, the Student Senate has been very active working for you.

They began the year with Spirit Week. The main event of this year’s Spirit Week was the Bonfire Pep Rally. This year’s pep rally was co-sponsored by CEN, and the Athletic Dept. All of the fall sports teams were introduced, including: the men’s and women’s soccer teams, tennis team, equestrian team, sailing team, crew team, and the rugby team.

After 99.7 The Edge pumped up the crowd, the captains of each team united to light the fire. Each team and the athletes were introduced by their respective coaches. After being introduced, the teams tossed a replica of their opponents mascot into the fire.

Following the Bonfire, many students stayed for the entertainment of Morgan White, Trivia Guy. The next event sponsored by the Senate was Midnight Madness.

Again the Senate had the help of CEN and the Athletic Department.

The beginning of the winter sports season, Midnight Madness started with a show by mentalist Robert Channing. He amazed the audience by performing many different mind-boggling tricks. After Mr. Channing’s thrilling performance, students had a chance to win t-shirts through contests like foul shooting.

The athletes on the Wrestling team, Volleyball team, and Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams were introduced.

The night ended with a basketball game between the men’s basketball team and the Lady Hawks’ basketball team.

In October, President Santoro was invited to attend a Senate meeting. The Senate shared some student concerns with the President, including fire safety in some of the Bayside Apartments, problems with the computer network, and the possibility of speed bumps installed on the road around Bayside.

The Senate also addressed its desire to improve upon the relationship between students and faculty.

The Senate told the president that they are working hard to make sure the faculty feels welcomed at various student events.

The President spoke to Senate about various renovations currently being made to buildings on campus, as well as the possibility of future renovations.

President Santoro was asked why there was not more classroom space in the new C.E.E.D building. He replied that the space was needed to accommodate more laboratories. He spoke of the renovations currently underway on the old science and math building.

He said when that project is completed there will be enough classroom space available for the University.

The President commented on Central Hall, saying that those classrooms are in need of work. He hopes that they can be refurbished in the future. President Santoro also noted that he would like to see the Student Union renovated.

That the university needs an auditorium and a newly renovated Union would be the best place for it. Added space in the student’s Union system.

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Student Senate, helping the RWU student body achieve more. Bringing you Midnight Madness, the Bonfire and Pep Rally, as well as aiding with campus renovation plans.

Student Senate would be used by Student Organizations, including the Hawk’s Eye and WQRL.

The Student Affairs Committee has been busy reviewing new clubs on campus.

The committee is also working on obtaining a mailbox, or an outgoing mail slot in the Student Union. The committee also looked into the possibility of coin machines in the laundry rooms.

Because of cost and possible vandalism, the administration did not support this idea. However, all of the laundry rooms have been connected to the student’s Unicard system.

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At first, many clubs saw this as another form of “red tape,” but as time has gone by, this system has proven to be both beneficial and efficient.

The Security and Safety Committee has been working with a new procedure for appealing parking tickets.

With the new parking appeals policy under way, there has been a decrease in the number of appeals filed.

In the past, students were required to make their appeals in person. Under the new policy, anyone wishing to appeal a parking ticket is required to write a detailed report of why they feel they should not be obligated to pay the fine.

The parking appeals application is available in the Student Senate office.

The committee is also working on fire safety issues in Bayside Apartments.

At the same time, the committee has been assisting the Department of Security and Safety, in installing speed bumps on the road around Bayside.

Over the course of next semester, the Senate will continue to work with Information Technology to address the ongoing problems with the computer network.

We will also work on ways to increase faculty and student realizations. As the Senate continues to address problems here at RWU, they are also involved with other Rhode Island Colleges and Universities.

A state wide organization of student government has recently been created. the Rhode Island College Gate Assembly (R.I.C.A.), is now under way. The R.I.C.A is a body of Rhode Island college and university students, representing all student needs in the state.

All students are welcome to attend Senate meetings, which are held every Monday at 6:30, in the Senate Chambers, located in the Student Union.

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Are household accidents a baby sitter's fault?

The Louise Woodward case brings national attention to child care safety

Lisa McDonough
News & Features Editor

Michelle Perkins never thought the kids she baby-sat for would ever get hurt. And if they did, she never thought she would get blamed for it.

One day while playing with Connor and Jacqueline she had a horrifying experience. As the two young kids were running into the playroom on the porch, Jacqueline, who was two years old, became curious with the door hinges.

She stood there and ran her small fingers over the metal. Michelle was already in the playroom with Connor and was trying to get his favorite toy out of the toy chest.

The family dog wasn't allowed in the toy room and Connor remembered this, ran over to the door, and pulled it closed, not seeing Jacqueline on the other side.

She walked in the house, viewed the scene, and immediately began to yell at Michelle.

"What did you do? You should've been watching her more closely!" Michelle was shocked. She knew it wasn't her fault. It was an accident and it wasn't even Connor's fault.

After the mother's breakdown, Michelle walked home and decided her baby-sitting days were over. Accidents happen everyday. Intentional assaults also happen everyday. How do we distinguish the two?

As in the Louise Woodward trial, her case was a lot more severe than Michelle's. In the aftermath of the case, baby-sitters, nannies, and au-pairs may be less willing to care for children in the future.

No one wants to be held accountable for something they didn't do. There are many benefits in child care, but do they outweigh the risks?

As far as baby-sitters rights are concerned, they are protected from lawsuits in the case of everyday accidents, like Michelle's. These are different from intentional assaults, such as murder, because it's harder to prove that the sitters are negligent in their actions.

"It's hard for the parents to sue because a broken leg or getting fingers slammed in a door are basic accidents that can easily happen to anyone," senior paralegal major, Pam Miliken.

According to Marcia Wasser, a Nanny Specialist who was interviewed on the Today Show, it's helpful if there is a written employment agreement between the caregiver and the employer.

There are many benefits that adolescents receive from baby-sitting. For a junior high or high school student with a busy day, after school baby-sitting is a great chance for students to earn some extra cash and gain leadership experience before entering into true adulthood.

Depending on the age of the child, sitters may have a chance to relax. If they are watching infants, who probably spend more time sleeping, they may be able to get some homework done.

On the other hand, if they have a handful of kids who are hyperactive, it will not be a relaxation session.

"I gained the experience of learning how to take care of kids. "

Laura Turner of Child Development

I think it really depends on the true verdict of the Woodward case. If it was a definite fact that Louise harmed this child, it wouldn't change the way people feel about baby-sitting. On the other hand, if she is truly innocent, people may be more worried in holding this position. No one wants to be accused of something he or she didn't do."

Michelle had done her job well and if she couldn't see it then, then I'm not sure if she ever can.

"I think it really depends on the true verdict of the Woodward case. If it was a definite fact that Louise intentionally harmed this child, it wouldn't change the way parents feel about baby-sitting. On the other hand, if she is truly innocent, people may be more worried in holding this position. No one wants to be accused of something he or she didn't do," stated Laura Turner, professor of Child Development.

It is important to realize that parents are not always the ones doing the blaming.

People who work in day care centers may also be at risk for being accused. According to junior Carrie Snodgrass, she was criticized by the people she worked for.

Snodgrass went up behind a boy named Shaine and touched him on the shoulders.

The boy fell to the floor screaming, "She's strangling me!" The parents of the boy weren't upset after what happened because his uncle had died the day before and they figured he was just really upset.

"I couldn't believe it when the people I worked for came up to me and gave me a hard time. I didn't do anything wrong; it's not like I was rough with him. It was a light touch."

To avoid problems like these, parents should visit every child care environment to see what would suit their preferences.

Au-pairs are foreign exchanges, where the person comes to enjoy America and see what their family has to offer.

There are many benefits in both day care centers and in-home services. Centers offer more educational environments but being at home is less institutional.

There is also the advantage of having one-on-one attention with a nanny and the child may have fewer sicknesses because he isn't constantly with other children.

"If you're sharing your children with someone else, it's easy to get frustrated and blame things on the caregiver," explained Lorraine Dennis, a retired professor of Child Development. "What we need is the best child care centers we can get."

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You could be the next victim...AIDS does not discriminate

Kelly Seafarissello
A&E Editor

For a moment, picture this scenario...freshman year, Joe Smith meets Jane Scott in English 101.

Jane and Joe sit next to each other throughout the semester and start to like each other. Joe asks Jane to go out to dinner that Saturday night. She accepts his invitation because she likes him.

Eventually, one date leads to a series of dates...Jane and Joe are now boyfriend and girlfriend.

Their relationship begins to heat up and both Jane and Joe decide to have sex.

They have been dating for two months and feel ready to consummate their love. Because they are responsible individuals, they talk about protection against pregnancy.

They come to the conclusion that birth control is the best way to prevent any mishaps. Jane goes on the pill and they have sex.

Three years have past and Jane and Joe have been dating for three years now.

Life is going great for both of them, so well that they plan to marry after graduation in May and start a family.

Jane and Joe live happily ever after, right? Unfortunately, it did not work out that smoothly for the happy couple.

What they did not ever discuss with one another were previous partners in which they were sexually active with.

Joe never thought about it because Jane was the first person he slept with. Jane never thought about it because she only slept with one other person, but that was back in high school with the class president.

He was popular and he came from a wonderful family with a reputable background.

One day, Jane's mom calls her up at college and tells her, "Jane, you will never guess what...that popular boy Bill Doe, the boy that you graduated high school with...he just died of AIDS." Jane cannot fathom such a thing, it can't be, not Bill, he was so popular and nice.

Then, Jane realizes that she had sexual contact with him. What this meant was she not only had sex with him but with all the other people he had sex with and even though they only had sex once, she could be infected.

She is aware that it is possible that she could have transmitted the infectious disease to her long time boyfriend Joe.

She gets tested...Joe is HIV positive. Joe gets tested...he is HIV positive.

With the scenario of Jane and Joe, it is to demonstrate that everyone, regardless of age, race, sex, and or sexual preference, anyone is susceptible to this incurable disease we know of as HIV.

Time after time we have been overloaded with information regarding HIV and AIDS. We are told how serious it is and how it leads one to death. How to prevent the disease so we can live happily ever after just as Jane and Joe were supposed to.

The question I pose to you is this: how much do you REALLY know about the deadly disease?

Take a little test with your self and see if you can honestly answer the questions listed below.

What does HIV stand for and what does it do to a healthy body?
What does AIDS stand for and what is it really?
How many people are affected with the disease nation wide?
What is an HIV test?
Why is HIV on the rise?
Where is the disease found?
As you read these questions, many of you may feel that you know the answers. Let's see how much you honestly do know.

HIV stands for Human Immuno Virus. The virus attacks the body's T Cells, which are markers in the blood system that helps us to stay healthy. A healthy T Cell count is 1,000 or better.

The virus attacks the cells that help the body fight diseases. Unfortunately, the human body cannot fight off this particular virus.

This leads us to the next question of what does AIDS stand for?

AIDS stands for, Acquired Immuno Deficiency System. One needs to understand that people with HIV DO NOT die of AIDS.

People are diagnosed with AIDS. What that means is very simple.

When HIV attacks the body, it fights and fights but eventually starts losing the battle.

Losing the battle is when the T Cell count drops. If the count drops between 100-200, that is an awful immune system.

At that point, one is diagnosed with the Acquired Immuno Deficiency to the System, which allows sickness to come to the body with the lack of ability to fight it off.

There are over 30 million people in the nation affected with the disease.

Sean Sasser, AIDS activist and HIV positive who spoke at RWU on Saturday night, claimed that out of those 30 million, about 91% of the people are heterosexual.

An HIV test is a way of testing to see how the body's antibodies. (white blood cells) react to HIV.

The test looks to see how the body's antibodies, (white blood cells or T Cells) are working.

There are three results to the test.

The first result is positive. The positive result shows that the body has been exposed to the virus and that the cells mentioned above are creating an army to fight the disease.

The second result is negative. The negative can mean two things: either the body has not been exposed to the virus or the body is not producing a big enough army for the disease.

At that point, one should wait six months without doing anything that would put them at risk and then get a second test, the determining test. The six-month period is referred to as the window period.

The third result is undertermined. The undertermined result is the lab or test taker error. At that point, one must get tested again.

If one has been following the news, newspaper or has read any current studies, they would state that AIDS is on the decline. With modern drugs out on the market for people with the virus, that is true.

That DOES NOT mean that HIV is on the decline too. The reason for the decline of deaths caused by AIDS is because the current drugs are helping people with the virus live a longer life.

What is being discovered is that HIV is being spread now more than ever. People are hearing that less individuals are dying from the disease, so that must mean the worry is over.

HIV is on the rise because people are letting their guard down.

Generally we think that something as horrible as this cannot happen to us.

Take a look around the campus; look at how many people are having sex.

Think how substances impair many peoples' judgment, i.e.: alcohol and marijuana.

When one becomes impaired they are more likely to have unprotected sex. We tend to forget what we learn or we do not practice what we do learn.

HIV is found in people young and old, in all races, male or female, gay or straight.

HIV is everywhere.

The virus is transmitted in four different fluids. The four fluids are vaginal secretion, semen, blood and a mother's milk.

Traces of the virus have been detected in saliva, urine and sweat; however, it is not in large enough quantities to infect anyone.

What we need to know to protect ourselves is that HIV can affect our lives personally.

The virus can attack a loved one, family or friend.

The virus can attack you. How important is that family member or friend to you?

Imagine life without that person. How important are you to yourself? How much do you respect and love yourself?

We tend to fall into particluar patterns in life, leading us into certain behaviors; i.e.: unprotected sex.

We put roadblocks up for ourselves, which only hurt us in the long run. Assume responsibility for your own life.

Think about the analogy of: you can lead a dog to the water but you cannot make it drink.

The facts and ways to prevent HIV are out there. Sasser stated, "What you do before and after all the facts and ways of preventing, that is the most important." He continued, "Within their realm, everyone has individual responsibility."

Think back to the scenario presented in the beginning. Do not be the next victim. Don't end up like Bill, Jane and Joe, be smart, be safe and above all, be aware.

The AIDS Ribbon: what the nation has come to recognize as a symbol of the disease

"Within their realm, everyone has individual responsibility"

-Sean Sasser
“There was a time in my life when I traveled constantly. When I returned to L.A., I realized that many of my friends had died from AIDS complications. A lot of people hadn’t noticed the incredible loss because it happened gradually. To me, it was a sudden blow.”

-Glenn, California

“I worry about my friends. One guy I know was pretty serious with someone and eventually had sex without a condom. I called him, and we had a long talk about taking chances. I told him he’s crazy to gamble with his life. With AIDS around, it’s better to be safe than sorry.”

-Tom, Illinois

What exactly the Quilt means and how it started

From a single panel to a tapestry of hope and remembrance

The NAMES Project Foundation displays the quilt some 2,200 times each year all around the world, an unavoidable reminder that no one is immune to AIDS

In early 1987, gay activist Cleve Jones made the first panel for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, a 3-foot by 6-foot piece of cloth decorated to honor the life of his best friend, Marvin Feldman.

At a time when many had turned their backs on AIDS, Cleve started a symbol nobody could ignore.

As word spread, people from all over the country began sending Quilt panels to a tiny storefront in San Francisco called the NAMES Project.

That October, a group of volunteers solemnly laid nearly 2,000 panels on the National Mall in Washington, DC, dramatically calling the country’s attention to the devastation wrought by the epidemic.

Like AIDS, the Quilt has continued to grow at a staggering rate.

Today it contains more than 43,000 panels, handmade by tens of thousands of people from all over the world.

Adorned with everything from teddy bears and photographs to poetry and loving messages, each Quilt panel pays unique tribute to a friend or family member who has died of AIDS.

What began as a refusal to let the names and lives of lovers and friends be forgotten has grown into the most recognizable symbol of the AIDS epidemic.

But the Quilt is more than an ever-growing memorial to people lost to AIDS. It is also a potent tool for HIV prevention education and a catalyst for political action against the epidemic.

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“I miss everything the most,” said Scott Bishop, 33, of Sandown, New Hampshire. “So many things have been taken from me, it is not even funny any more, time to worry about kids. My life has taken a upside down. A nurse has to help me eat, brush my teeth, shower, everthing is hard.”

Bishop became paralyzed from the chest down last August when a 16 year old boy, driving at 92 miles an hour, crossed the dividing line and struck his van heading in the other direction.

The driver, Jason Smith, and his friend, Ernie Glover, were both killed when the collision sent both boys flying 20 feet onto the pavement. Neither one of the 16 year old boys were wearing a seat belt.

Bishop has a wife and two children ages seven and two—the accident has been hard for them to deal with physically and mentally.

Bishop used to install air conditioning and refrigerators, but is now forced to train for a new job on the computer.

“I think teens ought to wait a couple of years before driving, to save their own life—especially if they are irresponsible. I mean, the year before, they were only 15—it takes a long time to get used to a vehicle and learn how to handle it.”

Since the accident, the mother of the 16 year old driver, Donna Smith, has formed P.A.S.T. (Parents Against Speeding Teens). She regularly speaks at my son’s schools and in Driver’s Education classes about the accident that killed her son due to irresponsibility. She also bought the car itself, a Honda Prelude, which was ripped in half, taken to the local high school to scare teens into lowering down.

Bishop says that is too early to tell if he will allow his children to drive at age 16, but he

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America where they are sold legally. According to a recent University of Texas study, forty-three percent of people de- claring prescription drugs at the Mexican border were actually being brought roofies into the country. They can sell them for as little as one dollar a pill. Some teens combine the pill with alcohol for a quick high. The drug is most popular in states such as Florida and Texas, where 100,000 of these pills have been found during the last few years. It causes short term amne sia, also making the user feel fearless. Roofies also cause de- increased blood pressure, memory impairment, drowsiness, vision problems, disorders, and nausea. Numbness, tingling, convulsion, shock and collapse may also occur once the drug has left the body. Roofies are illegal in the United States, but are imported from Mexico and South America.

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According to James Azar, the Director of the Center for Counseling and Students Development at Roger Williams University, there is a significant dif ference in mentality between a 16 year old and an 18 year old.

He said that there is a lot more peer pressure at age 16— they think that bad things will happen.

“Between 16 and 18 years old, teens go through a develop mental stage called impulsivity.

When you are 16, you are more prone to thinking you are immortal,” he said.

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Although this student claims that there are several other students on campus who use this drug, she says that she has not heard of any one using it for the purpose of drugging and raping another student.

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Pre-Kwanzaa celebration gets under way at RWU

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Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration of heritage, spirituality and culture which is celebrated for seven days.

Kwanzaa was created and initiated by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga on December 16, 1966.

The focus of Kwanzaa is centered around seven different principles called Nguzo Saba. When an African-American family comes together to celebrate Kwanzaa, one of the major ceremonies is to re-dedicate themselves to the Nguzo Saba.

There are also many different symbols relating to Kwanzaa, for example the flag colors red, black, and green. Red for the blood, black is for the people, and green for the land.

The Mkeka (m-kay-cah) is a straw mat on which all the other items are placed. It is a traditional item and therefore symbolizes tradition as the foundation on which all else rests.

The Muhindi (mu-heen-dee) is the ear of corn which represents the offspring or products of the stalk.

The Kikombe Cha Umoeja (kee-coom-bay chah-oo-moe-ja) is the unity cup which represents the first people of Kwanza.

The Zawadi (sah-wah-dee) is the hand made presents and gifts, and the Karamu is the high feast which brings the community together.

Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26 through January 1, but unfortunately Roger Williams University is closed for Christmas break, so the office of Multicultural Student Union and the Bridge to Success program comes together to celebrate a Pre-Kwanzaa celebration.

This celebration started in the fall semester of '95 with a dancing group from Boston, Africa drummer's, vendors of African arts and products and Soul food.

The main point of this ceremony is the lighting of the Mishumaa (mee-shoo-mah). The Mishumaa are the seven candles which represents the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Mishumaa are placed in a candle holder called the Kinara (kee-nah-rah).

So, for every day of Kwanzaa a candle is lit for each principle which consists of Umoeja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self determination), Ujamaa (Cooperative economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), Imani (Faith).

For the last three years the Pre-Kwanzaa celebration has taken place in The Other Place and on December 13, the time will come for Pre-Kwanzaa.

"The Kwanzaa celebration has been excellent and has been growing each year", said Riwan Fayahian.

"That's what makes it special, you know that it gets better each year and more people come."

This celebration is bringing back the dance troop from Boston who came to perform in the first Pre-Kwanzaa celebration.

The troop is called Nia which happens to be a principle in Kwanzaa meaning "purpose".

They have performed around the state of Massachusetts.

This year's Pre-Kwanzaa celebration will be bigger. It will feature the Faith choir, which is a student organization of singers from Roger Williams University student body. As well as the Sisihaz, which is a group of dance stepping from Thomson Middle School, and Rogers High School.

There will be the traditional lighting of Mishumaa and re-dedicating of the Nguzo Saba.

In addition there will be two vendors and the arts crafts from the Bridge to Success program that the students and mentors created.

There will also be a free raffle and an informational booklet at the celebration.

The Pre-Kwanzaa celebration will involve students more because of so much student and faculty involvement.

The Pre-Kwanzaa is growing every year and has become a tradition on the Roger Williams University campus.
Trinity Rep’s A Christmas Carol Brings Joy

New Director Amanda Dehnert recreates the holiday classic

Kelly Seafariello
A&E Editor

Every year holiday oriented plays burst into the theaters in hopes to catch the, “in the sea­son” spirit in folks young and old.

One of the most well known plays of all time that seems to catch that spirit, is the production of Charles Dickens’, A Christmas Carol.

The Trinity Repertory Company is presenting dual cast production of the classic play led by Trinity vets, Timothy Crowe and Anne Scurria. Both Crowe and Scurria play Ebenezer Scrooge.

This year’s production has two casts, giving the play a different but refreshing view of the play.

A Christmas Carol is directed by the young and talented Amanda Dehnert who is 24 years-old.

Dehnert, a 1996 Trinity Rep graduate has claimed not to change the play in any major way.

In a Providence Journal interview she states, “...It’s important to tell the story year after year, to renew the experience.”

When I attended this classic, it was obvious that it followed true to form. The play started off with a group of car­olers singing, “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” outside the Scrooge and Marley office.

While that is taking place outside, Scrooge, who at that time was played by Crowe, was working diligently for all his money.

We all know how this play goes. Scrooge, has love for only his money with everything else being “Bah Hum­bug” is visited by three ghosts.

The past, present and future of the play. These ghosts show old man Scrooge the error of his stingy, ungrateful, cold ways, in hopes to spare whatever is left of his life and make good to him and all those around him.

So we all know the play, why should one want to go see it? The answer is simple: Trinity Rep adds unique flare to this somewhat dry classic that appeals to the audience.

The actors bring to the audience, that of which is the body of people in the town.

The audience mingled with us in outside scenes. They would scurry around wishing everyone in the audience a Merry Christmas, shaking the hands of some.

The interacting done by the actors to the audience kept them fully attentive and wanting more.

It was a fabulous touch because it is something that is not often done in productions.

Another reason for going to see the play at Trinity Rep is for the quality acting.

The actors were convincing in their roles but also very versatile. For example: Bob Cratchit, played by Fred Sullivan Jr also played the char­acter of Belle’s Husband. It was challenging for the actors to hold these positions, but they mastered the task.

Timothy Crowe, who played the role of Scrooge has been with Trinity Rep since 1970, giving him quite a resume with great experience.

As Scrooge, he portrayed sternness, strength and a good deal of humor that went over well with the audience.

Crowe captivated the audience with his deep voice and body language. He proved to be a leader in this classic play.

All the actors, from major roles down to the minor roles did well.

At one point during “the past,” the ghost of Christmas past, played by Dan Welch was speaking to Scrooge.

In the midst of his dialogue, a piece of the ceiling had fallen down. Without a hitch, Welch replied, “I’m doing my best here,” as he looked up to the sky.

Crowe, in his Scrooge char­acter came back with, “I hope you have enough money to pay for that.”

Quick wit and more talent pulled that little mishap into a shining moment. The crowd loved it, as they roared with laughter for a minute or two.

The play also involved three rotating casts of local children from Bristol to Warwick. These children were: Matthew DeSulva, Carmen Rexroad and John Birt as Tiny Tim; Alexandra Boyd, Chloe Damkoehler, Katherine Den­nis, Bianca DiSarro, Mariah Elly, Ethan Epstein, James Gould, Nicholas O’Neill, and Elizabeth Ricardo as the other Cratchit children; Merrill D’Arezzone, Elise Fargnoli, Chloe Hurley, Emily Mason, Scarlett Shire and Christine Snukil as Scrooge’s sister Fan at different ages; and Ryan Bailey, Haley Lish, Brab Davis.

Wicke-Davis, founder and chair of the Department of Dance and Performance Stud­ies at RWU did a phenomenal job with staging the actors ac­cordingly in each scene.

Overall, the play was some­thing worth seeing. If you have some time over the next couple of weeks, give Trinity Rep a call and order tickets.

The play is running now un­til Dec. 28. Ticket prices range from $24 to $37 with discounts for students, seniors, disabled and children under 12.

Curtain times are 7p.m.

Timothy Crowe in the role of Scrooge

Kenney, William McKenna, Kate Richman and Bennett Schlesinger in other roles.

Much to my surprise the play was choreographed by RWU’s own, Kelli Wicke-

Monday, Tuesday and Wednes­day, 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday with 12 noon and 4p.m. performance.

For ticket information and exact schedule, call the Holiday Hotline at 401-456-0000.
Ohh, it feels so good

Mase releases first album, titled Harlem World

Jason Liuzzi
Staff Writer

Hip-Hop, rap and dance music has taken over much of the airwaves nowadays.

Whether you go to a club or just turn on the radio, this genre of music is more than just mainstream. For now let's focus on hip-hop.

Mase (Mason Bertha) a Brooklyn based rapper began his career as a guest artist on hits produced by the notorious B.L.G., Junior Mafia, and Puff Daddy. Now he has released his debut album Harlem World which features guest appearances by Puff Daddy, Lil' Kim, Busta Rhymes, Total, and The Lox to name a few.

It almost seems like Mase is a guest artists on his own album since many of the songs feature other rap artists.

This does necessarily make the songs any better on this album. Typical rap beats like others Puff Daddy has produced does not make this album different from the rest.

Although Mase does have talent, his sound is funky, up tempo, and party like.

Again, nothing out of the ordinary. It's just like any other rap CD that Puff Daddy has produced.

Most of the songs contain bouncy rap beats and catchy lyrics like "Feel So Good" and "Love You So."

Both contain samples of his songs made earlier.

For example, the song "Love You So" contains and sample of "Ooh Boy" and an other song called "Cheat On You" contains "Don't Stop Till You Get Enough" by Michael Jackson.

Most of the songs produced by Puff Daddy contain samples, or excerpts from earlier hits.

I think this is the reason why these types of songs do so well. Most of the songs on this album are this way.

Some of the other songs are less up beat. Mase combines R&B vocals with rap beats to produce songs that are mediocre.

His current single "What You Want" features Total and has a funky sound to it but it not as good as some of the other songs.

He actually tries to rap to a slow song called "Jealous Guy" featuring 112 but it just doesn’t fit his style.

All in all, Mase’s Harlem World is nothing out of the ordinary.

It’s a good party CD, but your best bet is to wait until you hear the song on the radio and if you like it, just buy the single.
Richard Cabelus
Staff Writer

RWU Men's basketball team started this years season off with a bang by knocking of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in a 68-67 nail biter.
The games climaxed when 30 seconds left in regulation, when junior Greg Driesch from Old Lyme, CT made two critical free throws to put the Hawk's up by one.
The Coast Guard Academy had one final chance to win the game but came up short.

"It was an edge of your seat thriller," said Hawk's head coach Tom Sienkiewicz.

Since the opener against the Coast Guard Academy on November 25, the Hawk's have dropped there last two games.

In a close contest against Connecticut College, RWU lost in the final seconds.

The score being 65-63.

Two days later RWU lost at home by ten to Rhode Island College.

The season is still young however, and the Hawk's have yet to play a conference game.

With 21 games remaining, the prospects for a winning season look good. RWU will go on to play Suffolk University in Boston on December 6 and will then play host to Salve Regina on the 13th.

Salve Regina being the first inter-conference game this season, it will be a critical game if the Hawk's want to jump out to a good start in the conference.

On a individual note, Junior forward Greg Driesch was named RWU's Athlete of the Week for his clutch performance in the season opener against the Coast Guard Academy.

For the Hawk's under new head coach, Raymond Brown, the game was a tough loss. However, it is one of the premier teams in the conference and a five point loss is bigger than the team has fared in recent years.

The Hawk's however won there season opener. In the Rivier College Tournament on November 21 they defeated Rivier College 77-75.

With the win the Hawk's got off to a 1-0 start and a second place finish overall at the tournament.

Since the loss to Regis the Hawk's have dropped two more games to U-Mass Boston and Rhode Island College.

In a close game up in Boston, RWU lost 80-76 and at home against Rhode Island College RWU lost big in a 97-38 blow out.

The season is still very much young and hopes are high for the women's basketball program.

One of the main reasons for the Hawk's high hopes is the addition of new head coach Raymond Brown.

The women are thrilled to have Brown aboard.

"Coach Brown brings experience and energy to the team and it is great," said one RWU player.

Richard Cabelus

Men's spikers look to dominate Division three for another season

Beth Lebowitz
Editor in Chief

A brand new coach coming the season for RWU men's volleyball.

With 15 tries out, new coach and RWU alumni, Charlie McCarten, plans to keep all of them. "There's a lot of talent here this year," comments McCarten. "I see no reason to cut anyone."

With over 12 years of coaching experience McCarten graduated from RWU in 1990, and total over 17 years of playing experience.

A graduate of Glenn Dale High School in Rhode Island, and a California native, McCarten has spent most of his life involved with the game.

"I love to coach and I love to play. I don't see why these boys shouldn't have a great season. Our first match is a tough one against Springfield. We only have five home games and that's disappointing," McCarten states.

The players are equally excited as well."I am confident that we will do well this season," says senior co-captain

Luke Barron, a Math major from Vermont.

"We had a good season last year," he continues, "we didn't lose a great deal of the team, that's good. The freshman come middle it's very strong. I think that we have the potential to win every game we play. I would like to be EIVA Divi- sion three champs this season.

As for McCarten, I am building confidence in him with every practice," Barron finishes.

Tom Knox, a senior crimi- nal justice major from Masse- chusetts says, "McCarten runs practices well. The Hawk's look really good. I would just like to play well, maybe start this season. The team is strong this season because we only lost two players from last season," Knox concluded.

Junior architect major Mike Tarramella, from Mary- land, felt the practices thus far have been good.

"We are at a good point in practices. Everyone is feeling comfortable with one and other. That is a good thing. We have such a deep bench. Deep in positions we never had before, that is going to help us in big games this season. There is just a lot of talent this season," Tarramella adds.

Barron saw starting action as a setter the past three years, and Knox saw some action at offside last season, and Tarramella was a driving force for all season. Another player who makes an intense contribution is co-captain and senior John Harper.

Harper has seen starting ac- tion as a hard hitting power from the right side of the net. He is equally as good on de- fense as on offense. Harper will be a heavy player in the outcome of this season. Look for him to break some more records this season as in the past.

Freshman rookie Pete also looks to be a determining fac- tor from the middle this sea- son.

Returning, and sophomores Chuck Stanley, and Kevin Measor are also going to be important to the team as well senior Dave Thomas.

The Hawk's look to start the season with a home opener against Springfield College, long time rival and heated competitor, in January.

Until then, it will be a long and exhausting pre-season for the Hawk's.

Richard Cabelus

Staff Writer

RWU's women's baskettball team dropped there conference opener on November 25 at home against Regis College.

The Hawk's under new head coach, Raymond Brown, kept the game close with a halftime score of 34-32.

In the second half, how- ever, Regis poured it on. The Hawk's managed to keep the game close with the efforts of freshmen Melissa Buttryman and Melissa Bellotti who combined for 24 points and 24 re- bounds.

In the end though RWU fell short losing 65-60. The loss to Regis was a tough loss. However, it is one of the premier teams in the conference and a five point loss is bigger than the team has fared in recent years.

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RWU Rugby finishes out a strong season

Kerry Walsh
Staff Writer

Rugby is a truly unique sport. It is a very popular na- tional sport in countries like En- gland, Ireland and Australia.

The rugby heroes in those countries are as popular as Troy Aikman, Dan Marino and Barry Sanders in our country.

Roger Williams is fortunate to have its own team. The he- roes on this team are not well known outside of campus but they are very much appreciated by those who know them, watch them and respect how dedicated they are, how tough they are and how much they sacrifice for the team and for Roger Williams.

Rugby seems like a cross between football, the extreme games, and the American Gladiators.

To make it even more amaz- ing, rugby is played without helmets or pads.

Speed, strength, endurance and toughness are needed by the players. Bruises are the rule of the day.

Paramedics not far away. It takes days to recuperate and get ready to practice for the next match.

New spectators need a cal- culator and a dictionary of terms (What is a scrub?, What is a try?, How many points do you get for the various scores?)

Experienced spectators know better. They just go with the flow and enjoy the battle because each game is truly a battle.

This was a solid year for the Roger Williams rugby team which was ably coached by Bill Gonzalez and co­ captained by Dan Curtin and Mike Wooley.

The President of the club is Jeff Sigliano. Their biggest victory was against WPI.

They had very close calls with Providence and Babson. The loss against Babson was a heartbreaker. Babson coaches, players and spectators all ex- pressed admiration for the courage and determination that Roger Williams displayed in what was one of Babson's toughest matches of the season.

One of the Highlights was the victory over Worcester Polytechnical Institute.

Last year WPI defeated Roger Williams at RWU. This