Nirschel fails to deliver

Phil Devitt
News Editor

They gave Jim Carrey split personalities, put Ben Stiller in braces and convinced Gwyneth Paltrow to don a fat suit. Now the Farrelly brothers have their eyes on Roger Williams University.

Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the directing duo behind hit movies such as "Dumb & Dumber," "Me, Myself & Irene," "There's Something About Mary" and "Shallow Hal," will receive honorary degrees from the university during the commencement ceremony slated for May 19.

President Roy J. Nirschel announced Wednesday during an appearance on 88.3 WQRI, the campus radio station.

But the biggest announcement—the name of the 2007 Commencement speaker—never came. Dr. Laura Niesen de Abruna has accepted the position of Provost and dean of the School of Education, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.

"I am pleased to announce...that Dr. Laura Niesen de Abruna has accepted the position of Provost and Senior Vice President and that Dr. Meiko Komii has accepted the position of Dean of the School of Education," Nirschel said in an e-mail to the university community.

De Abruna, currently the dean and vice president for academic affairs at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, co-chaired a strategic planning council at the college where she oversaw construction on a $17 million dollar science complex.

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CORE drinking surveys produce blurry results

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Herald Staff

As the sun sets slowly over their Fall River apartment, Stephanie Colliton and her boyfriend pour pure golden fun into two oversized shot glasses. The liquid almost flows over the perfectly full shot glass, waiting to be enjoyed.

Colliton, a junior at Roger Williams University, enjoys nights like these almost every night of the week. While she does not consider herself to have a drinking problem, she does enjoy having good times with her boyfriend and a bottle of Jose Cuervo quite often.

To many college students, this may seem like a typical night and not shocking in the least. This may be because, although the majority of students at RWU do not drink excessively more than once a week, they still drink heavily on occasion and are exposed to binge drinking weekend after weekend.

Results from a RWU survey showed that the majority of students are drinking once a week or less, and that students' perceptions of drinking are exaggerated in comparison to the reality. Nonetheless, the survey also showed that many students still binge drink, which confirms the fact that college students get drunk for fun. RWU has many programs and departments that deal with drinking, and is doing its part in trying to lower binge drinking among students.

The Wellness Center at Roger Williams conducted a CORE survey last spring that included 1,389 students. The survey, developed by the CORE Institute at Southern Illinois University, asked students questions about their own drinking and alcohol habits and what they perceived about the habits of other students.

The survey found that students did indeed misperceive how often students on campus drink. The survey showed that 55 percent of students drank once a week or less; however, 77 percent of students thought that other students drank three times a week or more.

"College is perceived as a heavy drinking environment," Dr. Lisa Curtin, a professor of psychology and the associate director of research at the Institute for Health and Human Services at Appalachian State University, said. "These perceptions may be inflated compared to actual behavior. It is possible that students focus on knowledge of heavy drinking among their peers, but do not focus on the many times their peers drink moderately or not much at all."

Curtin explains that most perceptions of drinking may be based on memories.

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I think I can speak for everyone here as I say thank God for spring. It's about time that the warm weather arrived (other than that one random snow day the other week), and well, I couldn't be happier. Finally shorts can be worn, frisbees are again flying across the quad, and, I swear, good-looking guys are now coming out of hibernation in the spring. They're suddenly everywhere. Did I mention I love spring?

Plus spring means that summer is right around the corner, so very soon, there will be beach, BBQs, no school, free time, and HOLY CRAP. I'm graduating this year. Whose idea was that? This is unconstitutional, I object, they won't take me alive!

I'm not looking forward to graduating. Not one bit. I don't understand those in their class that are, the ones who have come down with senioritis already. Someday we all will look back and know the time we spent in college was the best of our lives. College is a time of living off our parents' money, partying every night if you want and getting to live almost next door to a hundred of your friends. Why would anyone want to leave? But since I don't have enough money to pull a Van Wilder, graduation is inevitable and there's no point in just wishing for more time.

No, instead I just need to soak in what little time I have left. Without trying to brag, I've been pretty awesome during my time here — I've done a lot of crazy stuff. However, there are still plenty of things I've yet been able to do. Last year, my buddy made himself a list of things to do before graduating, and on the last weekend he did things like shotgunning his first beer, taking his first body shot and burning down his first building (all right, I made that last one up). I thought 'I'd do the same thing this year. So, without further ado, here's my list of goals for the rest of the year.

There may be no one in Rhode Island that has brought me more joy during my time then Linda Clarke. I can't help but be filled with happiness, laughter, and occasionally indigestion every time I see her sign. I really need to thank her for her billboard in front of her billboard and having it framed. Another of my goals before I graduate is to visit a store that I hope you've all seen: The Incense and Sword shop. Lying just beyond Stop and Shop and right next to a whole lot of broken down cars and some sweet yellow Ferrari, the Incense and Sword shop remains a mystery to most of us. So many questions arise from it. Why sell swords and incense at the same place? Do people need nice aromas while sword battling? Who on earth comes up with a place like this? Man, I can't wait to find out.

Now, before my next goal, I just want to say I encourage no one else to partake in it with me as it may result in lose of limbs, birth defects, and possibly leprosy. I'm talking about swimming in the Mt. Hope Bay. I couldn't tell you just how much disgusting and nasty waste is actually in that water, but there is a "Save the Bay" campaign for a reason. Nonetheless, going for a swim is something that has to be done. And to honor my beach patrol at home, it has to be a midnight skinny dipping run. There's no other option.

My next goal involves two of the residents on campus; well, more so their names. First is King Philip. Ok, I hate to get historical on everyone for a moment, but for those who don't remember from high school history, King Philip was a Native American chief who led a revolution against some settlers. Now he actually dies somewhere in Mt. Hope Farm, and there's a tombstone marking the spot. Finding it — that's the hard part, but I will.

Then there is Founder's Brook. Now I've been told that there actually is a Founder's Brook that runs somewhere near the building. I half expecting it to be nothing more than a puddle. I mean really, what a brook? And why is it important enough to name a building after it? And while we're asking, what exactly does Almeida mean anyways?

Finally, last year one of my friends came up with a fantastic objective, one that sadly wasn't quite fulfilled, but hopefully can finish this year. It was simple, after some "preparation" time, to play Twister in every building in this school. Right hand green in the architecture building, left foot yellow in North Campus. It would be awesome.

There are some more goals I have as well, but bad things would probably happen if I started talking about goals involving the bridge (arrested/depression counseling), partying (AA meetings), and giving people shaking their head at me in contempt). I think everyone should make their own list, and I wish you all the best of luck in completing them, especially my fellow seniors.

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Nirschel said he looked forward to working with DeAbruna as the university works on its own construction plans as part of the administration's Roger Williams 2020 development plan.

"We look forward to employing her strategic planning acumen as she assists us in the goals of our Plan 2020," Nirschel said. "She will be a remarkable addition to the university's administration.

Ramji currently is a faculty member at Wheelock College in Boston, where she has worked for 26 years, Nirschel said. She has worked in various departments at the college, including the School of Education and Child Life.

Ramji has a Masters degree in education from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in government from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

"We welcome Dr. Ramji's experience as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, her involvement with developing and sustaining Professional Development School partnerships and her fundraising experience as we continue to build upon an excellent foundation in advancing the School of Education toward national recognition," Nirschel said.
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Options aplenty for vegetarians

Kelleigh Welch
Herald Staff

In today’s world, it seems that everyone knows at least one vegetarian. However, vegetarian options in large dining halls can be limited. Thanks to the new dining commons at Roger Williams University, vegetarians are able to find something for dinner besides salad.

Since the opening of the Commons for the fall 2006 semester, vegetarians on campus have been provided with a high selection of food, that not only accommodates their tastes, but also their specific form of vegetarian lifestyle.

According to former vegetarian, Heather Dowd, who had to stop her vegetarian lifestyle due to health issues, “The new dining hall is better than last year. We only had a choice of one specific vegetarian meal (usually quiche), pasta, or salad [last year].”

The Commons first has a selection specified for vegetarians in the classics section, where five to six dishes, ranging from beans to vegetarian quiche, are put out each meal. Although many vegetarians students do not feel like eating from the classics, there is the stir-fry section, where tofu is offered to replace any meat and poultry products. If the vegetarians do not want their food touching the same surface that meat has touched, they can request their food cooked separately in a pan. Finally, if these more creative options are not appealing, vegetarians are welcome to eating pasta, pizza, veggie burger, or making their own salad at the salad bar.

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The only way to get no protein is to stop eating,” laughed Bennett when asked about her own health due to being a vegetarian. “It is so easy being a vegetarian if you actually care about your reasons.”

To ensure people get enough protein each day, they must monitor their health more closely.

Bennett’s favorite dishes at the Commons include the macaroni and cheese, “Slippery Moes”, and the vegetarian quesadillas. However, depending on the day and what is offered, Bennett may stick to a simple veggie burger.

“They should give more selection...

A separate station is set up everyday with vegetarian options in the Dining Commons.

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Food Critic: Castigliego’s Restaurant

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Walking into the restaurant, it doesn’t look much like a tiny hole in the wall directly next to Sip & Dip Donuts on Route 136. We sat ourselves at a small table by the window. Be prepared for seafood because that is the only thing on the menu. We started off the meal with lobster bisque. After hearing good things about the place, I was disappointed. It left something to be desired — lobster — but it was okay for the reasonable price of $3.

We each got a fried seafood plate with onion rings, and then we ordered fried shrimp and fried clam strips: clam strips cost $8.45 and fried shrimp cost $12.45. The dinners also came with a side of coleslaw. The plates came with fries and there was no substitution for onion rings, so we spent an extra $2.95 for the side.

The dinners were amazing with the batter crisp and delicious as was the seafood certainly fresh. The onion rings also were a hit. The portions were enormous, and we regretted not splitting them in dinner. However, we made a nice leftover meal for the next day.

We ate next to our ordered baked fish plates which came with an extraordinary presentation: they had lemons in a flower shape on the plate.

When we were being served, the chef brought out the food himself, making sure we had everything we wanted or needed. Our waitress was also very friendly making jokes with us, and overall very personable.

Other items on the menu included chowder ranging from $2 for a cup to $6.95 for a quart. There were also various sandwiches including a clam sandwich (the most expensive) for $13.25 and a tuna sandwich (the least expensive) for only $4.25.

Castigliego’s Special: “Shrimp, scallops, clams & oven roasted fresh mushrooms served over pasta (red, white or Aglio olio)” cost $11.50 for half a pound and $15.50 for the full pound.

The only item on the menu that was not seafood was spaghetti and meatballs for $6.95.

Castigliego’s is great for takeout, but the atmosphere wasn’t particularly great for dining in. A few lobsterers and fish hung on the walls, and the tables all had tablecloths and were set with silverware. According to management, they were still designing the decor. If you are in the mood for a good seafood dinner, we recommend Castigliego’s Fish ’n Chips.

Castigliegos
1 - 5
Food: 3
Service: 5
Price: 4.5

(above) Castigliego’s Restaurant features numerous seafood dishes and is located on Route 136. (Bottom) A waitress takes an order Thursday afternoon inside the restaurant. The room was sparsely decorated but the service was very pleasant.

Alumna dreams of dancing to Disney

Kelliegh Welch
Herald Staff

For ages, the childhood dream for many girls has been to become a part of Walt Disney World. Some want to dress as princesses, while others want to dance and perform in one of the park’s shows or parades. For former RWU student Alyson Pereira, her childhood dream may become a reality.

Pereira, 24, is currently involved in a nationwide contest through ca­reerbuilder.com, in which she is compet­ing for a spot as a parade performer in Disneyland.

“I sent in a video of me, and it was picked as one of the top 20 final­ists,” explains Pereira. “Now, Amer­ica needs to vote online for who they think should win. Whoever gets the most views and votes wins the job.”

The voting ends on March 31.

Pereira also explained how she found this contest. “My mom was actually the one who suggested I apply for it. If it wasn’t for her I would never have known about it. She sent me an e-mail one day, and it read, ‘Aly, how would you like to start your career in Disney?’ With that e-mail she also sent the link with all of the contest information. I thought to myself, ‘Hey! I’m up for anything! Plus, I love everything Disney!’”

Pereira graduated from B.M.C Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass. in 2001. She began attending RWU that fall, and graduated in 2005. She was a theatre major with a psychology minor.

“My favorite classes at RWU were definitely my theatre classes. Also, I enjoyed my aesthetic course with Professor Gary Shore, and my biology classes,” said Pereira.

Shore recalled Pereira, saying, “Aly is a beautiful mover and a great student. I had her in several classes and she dedicated herself to every single assignment. As a result she was always developing her skills. Her dedication and development seemed to transcend to the other students in the classes.”

During her time at RWU, Pereira was a member of Alpha Chi, the stage company, and the environmental and animal rights club. She was also a member of a local hip-hop perform­ance troupe called “Off The Curb,” and is still a member today.

“My favorite pastime at RWU would have to be spending time with my friends. Also, I loved going to all of the special events on campus, for ex­ample spring weekend. In addition, I loved attending the Chameleon Club dances,” Pereira said.

Pereira currently lives in As­sonet, MA. She teaches hip-hop classes and a musical theatre class in the Boston and Newport areas, in addition to working at her fa­ther’s pizza parlor in Assonet.

“I work about 40 hours a week. That includes teaching about 10 classes a week (Hip-hop and Musi­cal Theatre), working at Assonet Pizza and performing with my dance troupe,” explained Pereira.

“I drive about a 14 hours a week to just get to those places. My sched­ule varies by the days and weeks, but normally I just go from one thing to another. I usually leave the house at 10:30 a.m. and arrive home anywhere between 9 and 11 p.m. On a good day, I’ll be home at 6 p.m.”

With the surprising amount of time that Pereira spends a week between her jobs and practices, when asked if she enjoyed it, she replied, “Yes I do enjoy it. I’m getting paid to do what I love. Also, I’d rather be busy than bored.”

Between her jobs, Pereira also tries out for various contests and per­formances.

According to Pereira, she hopes that she will win this job with Disney; however she also has other ambi­tions.

“My dream job would definitely be to become a successful actress in Hollywood. Honestly, I would love to work as an actress who films in movies and TV shows. In addition, I would love hip-hop dance profession­ally in Hollywood,” explained Pereira.

Pereira keeps herself going by en­couraging herself, through the sup­port of her mother, and never backing down.

“I get a lot of support from my mother. Without her I’d be nothing. Some of my other family members support me as well, but some of them think I should be doing something other than dance and theatre. They think I should get a ‘real’ job, but they’ll never understand. And the more they say that, the more I want to do what I love and the more I want to pursue a successful career in it, es­pecially a career in Hollywood!”

Now, the only thing standing in Pereira’s way of accomplishing her dream of becoming a Disney dancer is the American public. To help Pereira get this job, log onto http://www.careerbuilder.com/dream·j ob· applicant.asp?tid=2&yid=tellywesal, and vote. Anyone can participate.
Students direct, write one-act plays in Barn

Written by Leo Butler, a British playwright, "The Early Bird" is college Directed by Charlie Stone, agreed that directing a play is a totally new experience. "I was never any interested in actually directing the show because it is my time at directing," Heilman said. "I am proud of my cast and the show so far as I know everything will turn out great."

"Grillers Monthly," a comedy that tells the story of two couples who always try to outdo each other in every aspect of their lives. Although the One Acts are entirely run by students, it does not mean that the time commitments are not as rigorous.

"Generally we have rehearsed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, twice a day for a couple of hours each rehearsal," sophomore Caitlin Humphreys, an actress in "A Big Misunderstanding," said. "During Tech week we have rehearsed everyday for about three hours each day."

Freshman Kevin Fennell's "A Big Misunderstanding" is a comedic one-act play and takes the point of view of the Snakes.

Along with writing, Fennell is acting in Erin O'Connor's "Retrieving Files," about a young woman who teaches her grandmother how to use the Internet.

"There is a lot of time commitment for a play. I don't see my dorm much and I really think they should attach apartments to the barn," Fennell said. "The commitment is worth it."

Sophomore Sara Panaceo, an actress in Ashley Matthew's "Wishing You Were Here," said she enjoys the amount of involvement the theater department allows her.

"I had several classes in the barn this year and last," Panaceo said. "During this play, I've become very close to my cast mates and my director [Stacey Sayles]."

"Overall, the One Acts plan to offer a wide variety of entertainment for students and allow seniors to perform in one last show before graduation."

"This is the last show I will be in here at RWU which makes the whole process a little bittersweet," senior Erin O'Connor, performing in "Grillers Monthly," said. "But I feel that the Theater Department has prepared me enough for when I graduate into the real world."

Interview with Alex

Alexa Reesop & Brian Beckelman
Reporting by Kristen Kodes

Interview with Brian

Seeing that both of you are seniors, what are your plans together for after school?

Plans for after school: nothing changes.

What was the best thing that Alex did for you?

Surprised me with a gift of a framed picture of us together.

What is the best thing that you did for her?

Agree to do couple of the moments in the school newspaper.

What is your all-time favorite food?

It's a toss up between a cheeseburger and fries from the Golden Reef Diner, RVC, NY and top sirloin steak with beans.

What show on television does Alex have to watch weekly?

The Big Bang Theory used to be Grey's Anatomy.

If you can describe your relationship in one word, what would that be?

Incesting.

If you could give other couple advice on how to maintain a healthy relationship, what would it be?

Never lie, have mutual respect, and speak your mind.

The Hawk's Herald, Friday, March 30, 2007
To better serve you, the student body, the Student Senate wanted to put together a list of reminders about parking on campus. We called up our good friends at MythBusters to help us out. Apparently they must be running low on show ideas because they actually decided to bust some myths for us. The whole gang took a trip out to Bristol to check out some of these myths. They strapped themselves in and hit the streets of Roger Williams University. Ready, set, go!

Myth: Parking in a No Parking Zone will earn you a $30 fine.

To test this myth Jamie and Adam parked multiple cars all over campus—on grass, in a fire zone, outside Bayside, in a handicapped parking spot without a certified handicapped parking permit, in a cross walk, and well... you get the picture. After a full day, they returned to the cars to look for the obliviously bright orange ticket. Low and behold all of the cars had a ticket on the windshield. However, upon further inspection, the MythBusters discovered that not only did they owe the school a ridiculous amount of money, but they were charged $100 dollars for parking in a handicapped spot and $75 for parking outside of Bayside. In conclusion, Jamie and Adam suggest not only that you do not park in no parking zone but also that parking outside Bayside and in handicapped parking is even more expensive. This myth gets the green light—PLAUSIBLE!

Myth: Load/Unload Passes allow residents to park outside of residence halls for 30 minutes to load and unload stuff from their cars.

To test this myth, Grant, Kari, and Tory devised a fool proof plan. Grant parked his car outside of Stonewall without a pass. Tory and Kari went to the front gate to get a load/unload pass from Public Safety. They both parked their cars outside of Stonewall as well, but Tory left his there for three hours. When they returned Kari was the only one without a ticket. This myth is given the right of way—CONFIRMED!

Myth: Freshmen can have a car on campus.

Jamie and Adam took this myth on. They disguised themselves as RWU resident freshmen (not an easy task with all that facial hair) with popped collars and all. While passing the front gate, they were stopped by a public safety officer. They were issued a $100 ticket just for driving on campus! To further test this myth, they snuck onto campus using the north entrance and parked their cars among the many in J Lot. When they returned they also had a $100 ticket. So after extensive research, Jamie and Adam put this myth to rest—freshmen can't even operate a car on campus, let alone park it somewhere. Stop sign ahead—BUSTED!

Myth: You can’t receive a ticket after 5:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m.

Kari, Grant and Tory decided to test this out. They each parked their cars, with RWU permits, in parking spots all over campus. Tory parked his car with an orange pass in G lot at 5:00. Grant figured he could now park outside of Stonewall without getting a ticket. Kari parked her car in a no parking zone in the Almeida parking lot. When the gang went to move their cars the next morning, Tory was the only car without a ticket. The three went to see parking expert Kate Tobin to find out why. Kate explained that while parking permit color restrictions aren’t enforced between 5:00 pm and 7:00 am, but Public Safety still tickets in any other no parking zone. The team decided to give this myth yield sign, because you still can’t park anywhere on campus. So, yield ahead—IMPROBABLE!

Myth: You can appeal your parking ticket.

The whole team took on this myth, since they racked up quite a hill owed to RWU. They went to the student senate office and picked up multiple forms to appeal their tickets. Student Affairs Chair Shashwat Baxi was there to help them out. Fortunately for Discovery Channel, the team could appeal the tickets because they were in the 2 week time limit. However, all the tickets from the handicapped spots could not be appealed. After the committee decided they decided to appeal the tickets mostly because they were helping us out, but they told the team that if they were really students they would have to have a valid reason to appeal their tickets. The MythBusters waved this myth through traffic—PLAUSIBLE!

The MythBusters Gang and Student Senate hoped you enjoyed this parking experiment and hope it will help you make good choices about driving and parking at Roger Williams University. If you have any questions, contact the Student Affairs Committee in the Senate office at Ext. 3312 or e-mail the Chair at sbaxi317@hawks.rwu.edu. Don’t bother asking the MythBusters about this, they will probably deny ever being here...

Meet the Student Senate Clubs and Organizations Committee and Start Getting Involved on Campus!

The Student Senate Clubs and Organizations Committee’s job is to recognize all clubs and organizations, ensure all clubs and organizations are meeting their requirements, create policies governing clubs and organizations, to assist in the creation of new clubs and organizations, and to serve as the liaison between Student Senate and the clubs and organizations on campus.

The Clubs and Organizations Committee meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Senate Chambers in the Recreation Center. All students with concerns or comments about existing clubs and organizations on campus are welcome to attend these meetings!

Want to get involved on campus? Here’s a list of the Senate-recognized Clubs, Club Sports, and Organizations currently on campus:

Organizations

Student Senate
Campus Entertainment Network (CEN)
Hawk’s Herald
Inter Class Council (ICC)
Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA)
Multicultural Student Union (MSU)
WQRI 88.3 FM

Clubs

Alternative Entertainment (AE)
Alternative Spring Break
American Chemical Society (ACS)
American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
Art Society
Ballroom Dance Club
Balls to the Walls (Racquetball)

Best Buddies of Rhode Island
Checkmate Chess Club
Chinese Club
Chorus
Cigar Club
Classics Club
College Democrats
College Republicans
Colorguard
Construction Management
Cycling
Dance Club
Elizabethan Society
Environmental and Animal Rights (EAR)
Financial Managers Association International (FMA)
Fitness Club
Future Teachers of America (PTOA)
Hillel (Religious)

Historic Preservation
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) (Religious)
John Jay Society (Criminal Justice)
Marine Science Club
Martial Arts
Mock Trial
Model United Nations (MUN)
Musician's Guild
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
Newman Club (Religious)
Outing Club
Pep Band
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Psychology Club
Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
Scuba Club
Sexual Advocacy for Everyone (SAFE)

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Crew
Men’s Rugby
Men’s Volleyball
Track
Women’s Rugby

Interested in joining any of these clubs or starting up a club that is not on this list? Any student can join or start any club! The last date to try to start a new club by coming before the Clubs and Organizations Committee is April 4th, 2007. For more information, feel free to contact:

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DRINK: Students view the glass half full

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of extreme drinking or on stereotypes of college drinking habits.

Senior Julien Bernier considers himself to be a social drinker. He only drinks on weekends, but when he drinks he usually gets drunk. “I think a lot of students drink three to five days a week, definitely Thursday through Saturday, and possibly a few other days as well, but those vary. I have early classes, so I can’t drink, but if you don’t have to get up early, why not go out and have a good time,” Bernier said.

The CORE survey showed that 72 percent of students drink at least once a week, showing that most students do enjoy drinking as part of their college experience. In the survey, 66 percent of students admitted to drinking five or more drinks at their last social drinking occasion. Donna Darmody, the Roger Williams Wellness Coordinator, explained, “Binge drinking is defined as five drinks in a row for males, and four in a row for females.”

This information about binge drinking reflects a major study done in 2004 that showed over 80 percent of college students reported drinking alcohol, and about 40 percent reported heavy drinking.

One problem with the survey, Resident Assistant in Willow Jane Shaughnessy, explained is that many students have no idea how many drinks they are consuming unless they drink cans or bottles of beer. Students fill up large Nalgene bottles with an alcoholic beverage, and consider it one drink, but in actuality it may be two or more drinks.

Many students, whether they drink every day or abstain, will have a “drunken story” to tell due to the binge drinking that occurs on campus. Sophomore Alexandra North abstains from alcohol because she does not like the taste. Regardless of her drinking habits, North still has stories regarding alcohol use on campus.

“I don’t understand what’s fun about getting so drunk that you don’t remember what happened. Isn’t the point of having fun having memories of having fun,” North said. “It’s all anybody ever talks about: how drunk I got last night, how I passed out, how I did this stupid shit. Last year someone set off a fire extinguisher in one of the washing machines. It set off the fire alarm at 3 o’clock in the morning in the middle of winter and it was freezing.”

Freshman Jenny Rapp, however, believes she saves money by drinking on the weekend instead of going out. Also, she believes drinking is part of college culture. “We drink, say funny stuff, and get a kick out of it. We have fun. We’re in college; it’s what we like to do,” Rapp said.

Brown University has taken many steps to try and lower the amount of binge drinking with the primary goal to make the campus safer for all the students.

“We want students to make good decisions,” Heidi Hartzell, the director of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards said. “We try to make sure students know our policy. It’s written down, we have it on our website, and we’ve even published it in the paper.”

The university’s policy, which Hartzell says is in line with other colleges and universities, gives students three chances before they are removed from the residence halls. A first-violation results in a $50 fine, a warning, wellness referral, and parent notification, a second violation increases the fine to $100 and can result in residence hall probation, and a third violation puts the student on university probation and removes him or her from the residence halls for at least one semester.

Hartzell explains that most of the incidents involving alcohol are more traditional. Students are often documented because they are walking in the halls with an open container of alcohol, which is prohibited on campus regardless of age. Most of the violations are first or second year students.

Along with judicial consequences, the university is attempting to help students drink less. The Wellness Center and the H.A.W.E.S., the Health and Wellness Educators, provide alcohol prevention programs, workshops, and campaigns for students while Student Affairs and Campus Programs try to entertain students without alcohol. Campus Programs tries to get students out of their dorms and begin the year with the club fair.

“We want to give them the opportunity to find their niche,” Tamara Von George, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Campus Programs, said. “Campus Programs and CEN, the Campus Entertainment Network, try to give students something to do every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night.

CEN puts on many popular programs such as concerts, Spring Weekend, and, of course, the infamous Chameleon Club.

“Chameleon Club has been around for a long time,” Von George said. “It’s a night club in a safe environment. Students like going to it, and of course, we are addressing the issue of pre-gaming. All the changes that have been made, such as more police officers and EMTs, and earlier closing of the doors, have been made to make it a safer environment.”

With more common space available for students this year, such as the Hawk’s Hangout students are also able to engage in non-drinking related activities. The space features pool, foosball, ping-pong, a television, and a video game console.

For Collins, it is simple: “Our excuse is that we can only drink like this when we’re in college.”

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Tic-Tac-Toe Anyone?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday
On Campus
Stage Company's Festival of One-Act Plays $2 for students, $4 for staff and faculty, $6 for guests, 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Repeats until Saturday, March 31

Ballroom Dance Club and CEN present: "Shut Up and Dance" Hawk's Haven, 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Concert Rocky Venable and the River, My Morning Radio, The Living Room $12, 9 p.m.

Friday
Movie Releases
"Meet the Robersons" Starring: Daniel Hansen, Wesley Singerman Rated: G

"The Lookout" Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels, Matthew Goode Rated: PG


Saturday
On Campus
CEN Comedy Upper Commons 9 p.m.

Concerts
The Boardworlds, Skin Candy, Big World
The Living Room $8, 9 p.m.

Saturday
On Campus
Shelton Whitehouse Meet and Greet Post Office Cafe in NAB 12:30 p.m.

Concerts
Patrick Kennedy Discussion on the Iraq War CAS 157 6:45 p.m.

Monday
On Campus
ICC Merchant Fair Rec. Center 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday
On Campus
CEN Film: Stomp the Yard Upper Commons 9 p.m.

Wednesday
On Campus
Free Press and Emerging Democracies with Michael Foley Mary Teft White Cultural Center 2 p.m.

Concerts
Raq Century Lounge $12, 9:30 p.m.
I head out of the apartment at 6:30 on a Friday night.

"Let's go! Game starts at 7! Gotta beat the traffic!"]

I'm yelling. I must be excited.

We squeeze into the car, make the pre-request stop at KFC, and head into the city. Approaching the arena, we can see the place is hopping — fans of all ages shapes, and sizes don jerseys of their favorite players as they flock to the entrance.

After searching for a parking spot for a half hour, we finally head into the building. The ticket lines are 30 people deep, and there's hardly any room to breathe, let alone walk. The crowd is buzzing. Tonight's going to be great.

We make our way in and find our seats. The place is packed and a fresh sheet of ice lies in front of us.

Pre-game activities start and the seats are filled. Fast-forward 20 minutes, and the first fight of the night begins. The game stops as the two brawlers square off (as if they're in an Irish pub in the 1800s). "Eye of the Tiger" starts playing and trumps. It does. The two players exchange blows before the hometown guy finally takes his foe down to the ice. The crowd erupts, and for a second I can almost swear I am in a real city right now.

Then it hits me.

"Holy crap...I'm in Providence."]

At some point over the past few years, the magical City of Frogs may have sprinkled some stardust on our capital city and instilled some spirit in the place. That visit to a Providence Bruins game took place last Friday at the Dunkin' Donuts Center, which was filled with 8,741 fans.

Just last year, I made the same trip to a Providence game, except instead of joining an enthusiastic crowd, I entered a nearly empty arena with people who were about as enthusiastic as the next spectator dog on YouTube. The game was hardly bearable, except maybe for the low-life in the front row trying to talk trash through the Plexiglas.

But that problem is more — people are coming out in huge numbers to go to these games.

"We've had pretty good fan support all year," said Scott Gordon, head coach of the P-Bruins.

Gordon, who doubles as both the radio voice of the Providence Bruins as well as the team's director of marketing and public relations, cited free giveaways, such as bobble heads, t-shirts, and hats, as another reason more fans are coming out.

"Attendance-wise, we're always trying to get more people here," Boryczki said. "The more people we can get here, the better."]

The whole situation is promising for the Baby B's. The team currently sits in third place in the Atlantic Division, just three points behind the Hartford Wolf Pack for the second spot. Though the B's haven't won The Calder Cup since 1998-99 — the team's only championship — they're hoping to put together a run this year.

Just last season, they were getting hot going into the playoffs, and fans were confident about a Calder Cup run. The B's are back here again, and fans are looking for another run this year.

"We're going to keep playing our own style of hockey and trying to win. You earn it as you go, and every guy on the team is trying to win a championship."
Smells like baseball season

"The Rob's" season preview

After a week of selling myself over my gambling debts as a result of my March Madness brackets tanking worse than the 1993 cinematic adventure "Waterworld," I tried to take my mind off the shame and ridicule I had endured over these past few weeks. The only thing that saved me was the knowledge that baseball was less than a week away. Fantasy baseball rosters filled and I sized up the teams in my respective leagues (one reason fantasy sports are ruining real sports), then I got to thinking about how the Yankees and the Red Sox match up this season. It should be another fun year. So here is my preseason analysis and predictions of teams of interest at RWU: the Red Sox, Yankees, and Mets.

I'm going to start off with the team with arguably the best two young infielders in baseball - Jose Reyes, David Wright - and quite frankly the team I could care less about...so, this probably will be the best analysis I will ever give. The Mets weren't very active in this year's free agency but they didn't really have to be. Their one "big" signing of Shawn Green at a rate of $10 million per year was a bit suspect, but this is not Kansas City, and the Mets won't die by eating a contract like that. The Mets do have a bit of security in right field even if Green decides to pull a Chuck Knoblauch. Lastings Milledge, the 21-year-old outfielder, has tremendous promise and as I see it will be the starter by the All-Star Break. Besides that, and when (or if) Pedro can come back this season, the Mets look pretty much the same as last season: the best lineup in the NL, and a solid pitching staff, even without Pedro.

The Rob's Prediction: 93-69, Losing in the NLDS.

If you've been reading the column this semester you know I'm a Boston guy and you'd probably skip over this section, writing it off as complete R.S., but I'll do my best to be unbiased.

The Good.

The Yankees again have the best lineup in baseball: one through nine in their lineup can get on base and drive in runs. Keep an eye on Josh Phelps throughout the season, the guy has been hitting the cover off the ball and plays solid defense, enough so that

New York Yankees

Rob D'Angelo

Herald Staff

Softball streaks into season

Softball players celebrate a run against Coast Guard Academy on Wednesday. The team is off to a hot start, going 5-1 over the week.

Courtesy of RWU Athletics

The softball team recorded a 7-3 record over spring break, and upon returning from sunny Cape Coral, Fla., the team forgot to cool off. Since returning, the team has gone 5-1, including two victories against last year's Commonwealth Coast Conference champion, the Endicott Gulls.

Back in action last Friday, the Hawks hosted the Falcons of Fitchburg State College. The first game required extra innings, but Ashlyn Couture drove in the game-winning RIBI in the bottom of the seventh to secure the victory for the Hawks, making the final score 4-3.

In game two, the Hawks rolled to a 7-1 victory, behind the pitching of Laura McRae, who allowed only one run.

On Tuesday, the team took on Endicott, looking to avenge the Gulls' three wins over the Hawks last season. In game one, Endicott took the early lead with a two-run first inning, but with junior Kristen Rea on the mound, the Hawks would not allow another run. RWU took the lead with a three-run third inning and added two more in the fifth, eventually winning 5-2.

In a closer game two, the Hawks again allowed the Gulls to take the early lead, as lead-off hitter Jenna Lazzer singled and eventually scored to put her team up 1-0.

The game went back and forth, with the Hawks eventually winning 5-3.

With Coast Guard Academy visiting for a double-header on Wednesday, the team stretched its five-game winning streak to six with a tight 11-10 win.

The second game was also a high scoring affair, with RWU jumping out to a quick 3-0 lead after the first inning. After scoring another two in the second inning, the Hawks held the 5-1 lead. A resilient Coast Guard team battled back, scoring in four of the final five innings, including two runs in the seventh to secure the win.

Hawks junior LeElli Lewis went 3 for 3 in the game, including a double, triple and home run. She scored three runs and knocked in three RBIs.

The Hawks return to action Saturday with a 1 p.m. double header at Gordon College.

This week in RWU sports

Baseball gets solid pitching, struggle to score runs

The baseball team did not get out to the start they would have liked this season, as they dropped two of their three games this past week.

On Thursday, March 22, the Hawks lost a pitching duel to Johnson & Wales. University at home on Saturday. In the first game, sophomore James Lydon, who was named CCC Pitcher of the Week, improved to 3-0 and tossed his third complete game of the short season. He allowed just two hits in the game.

In an even tighter game two, the Hawks fell 1-0 in extra innings.

Baseball Results

Game 1
1-0

Johnson & Wales

Game 2
3-2 vs. Brandeis
Game One
W, 2-0

Game Two
L, 1-0 (9)

Overall Record:
5-8

University by a score of 2-0.

Mike Malcolm allowed just three hits and one earned run in seven innings of work, but was saddled with the loss as RWU could not score.

The Hawks threatened in the top of the ninth, loading the bases with one out, but JWU got out of the jam and took the victory.

The Hawks then split a doubleheader with Brandeis University at home on Saturday. In the first game, sophomore James Lydon, who was named CCC Pitcher of the Week, improved to 3-0 and tossed his third complete game of the short season. He allowed just two hits in the game.

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Men's lax team gets first win, drops CCC opener

The men's lacrosse team dropped their home and conference opener, 14-7, to conference foes Endicott College last Saturday at Bayside Field.

Joe Healey, who was named to the CCC Honor Roll, led the Hawks offensively with three goals, while

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