Public Safety director named new chief of R.I. State Police

Phil Devoit
News Editor

After serving three years as Pub­lic Safety director, Brendan Doherty will leave RWU later this month to become superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, a position vacant since February. Gov. Don Carcieri announced last week.

Doherty, 48, served on the State Police for 24 years, retiring second­in-command as Major in 2004. He was tapped by the governor on April 4 to return to the force, this time as chief, becoming the fourth person in 40 years to head the State Police.

Doherty succeeds Col. Steven Pare, who retired from the force in February after five years on the job.

Carcieri has praised Doherty in the days since the announcement, saying he is confident the Cumberland resident has the respect of Rhode Islanders and the training to do the job.

“He is a person of unquestionable integrity and character,” Carcieri said in a statement. “I consider him to be an outstanding choice and we, as a state, are fortunate to have him leading the Rhode Island State Police. He’s inclusive, he’s decisive, and he has the leadership and vision to enhance the division’s tradition of excellence for years to come.”

Doherty said April 27 will be his last day as a university employee and that he expects to start his new job in early May. During one of his final visits on campus, Doherty expressed enthusiasm about the governor’s

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Pet peeves

Students break rules, keep animals

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

“It’s awesome to watch it eat,” says Franky Guthman, a freshman at RWU and the proud owner of a juvenile pi­ranha named Kimboilee.

Guthman says the fish, na­tive to the Amazon River and known for its razor­sharp teeth, can eat rodents, or even small birds, along with what he feeds it, live goldfish. While Guthman enjoys hav­ing the piranha, he says he does not want to keep another pet snake, but the school does not allow them, and he doesn’t want to get in any trouble.

While Guthman is break­ing no rules at RWU by own­ing a piranha, his situation highlights a larger issue at the school: Many students are in violation of the ‘fish only’ pet policy.

Within RWU’s dorms one can easily find an array of ani­mals from hamsters and snakes, to bunnies and scor­pions and more. In a single residence hall containing 71 dorm rooms, or roughly 10 percent, housed illegal animals.

The 2006­2007 edition of RWU’s student handbook states that ‘The University will not tolerate living accommodations disrespectful to the living environment of others’ and the student handbook states that ‘The University is

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‘First class’ provost to join RWU

Shawn Hogan
Asst. Sports Editor

When President Roy Nirschel formed a commit­tee to conduct a search for RWU’s next provost, he said he was looking for a candidate with a strong entre­preneurial spirit, a global view of education, an appreciation of research and formidable leadership abilities. Four months later, after several inter­views and a number of meetings, he chose Dr. Laura Niesen de Ahruna.

“We [the committee] all came together in the judg­ment that she would be a first class provost here,” In­terim Provost Robert Miller, who served on the search committee, said. “I certainly recommended to the president that she would be a very strong choice.”

Miller will leave RWU after Niesen de Abruna takes over as provost in the fall of 2008. Miller said he was personally impressed by Niesen de Abruna’s ex­perience and passion as both an educator and ad­­ministrator and that he feels the committee and Nirschel made the right choice for RWU.

“She had been a teacher for many years, and it was very important for the faculty that the provost understand what they do in the classroom and appreciate it,” Miller said. “Cert­ainly in the conversations, she displayed a high level of sophistication about aca­demic administration.”

Originally from Cincin­nati, Ohio, Niesen de Ahruna has worked in higher education for 31 years as both an adminis­trator and a professor. She currently works at Heidel­berg College in Tiffin, Ohio as the school’s Vice Presi­dent for Academic Affairs. She also is dean of the col­lege.

Niesen de Ahruna is studying at the University of Pennsylvania for a doc­­tate in higher education management, a degree she expects to receive in the spring of 2008.

Heidelberg College, founded in 1850, is a much smaller college than RWU. According to U.S. News and World Report, the school enrolls 1,230 stu­dents, 3,129 less than RWU’s 4,359. In addition, Heidelberg’s $33 million
The Pulse

I AM SCRAMBLERENT

"Because I like Big Words and I Cannot Lie"

Let's start this week's column off with a "Captain Obvious" statement. I, Jim Dugan, am not a female. That's right. So, coincidentally, I don't like the color pink, I hate the movie "Titanic," and more importantly for this story, I don't like shopping at the mall.

That being said, I am forced to go there on occasion, say Christmas, birthdays, and Auntie Annie cravings. And although I don't like the malls, there are at least two stores that I do love. Spencer's Gifts and Newbury Comics.

These are the only two stores I can think of where you could take care of your entire Christmas list in one place, so long as you're shopping for all college students. From drinking games to lava lamps, shot glasses to pirate memorabilia, they really have it all.

But my favorite things are these posters that define a positive attribute that someone may have. Have we all seen them on someone's wall before, either "Teamwork: there is no I" and are guaranteed to bring a smile to the faces of college students.

For example, the poster on "The World Chess Federation has recently imposed rules that require drug testing at the Asian Games for all chess players. This is extremely important for the sport because the events have had a long history of steroid use, shown most dramatically last year when one of the competitors went to move his rook and accidentally crushed it into dust."

Defiance — John Sheehan. Let me explain. Sheehan is a man from El Cerrito, California who realized that common logic said that most people arrested on concealed weapons charges had something hidden in their pockets or car, decided to overcome this misconception and was arrested on concealed weapons charges while completely naked.

Poignant — The Dutch Hell's Angels. Recently, the Hell's Angels in Amsterdam have come into some legal trouble and the city is threatening to ban all chapters in the club. But of course, you can count on the Angels to not just sit there and take it, so that group is rallying together to support their brethren.

Rancorous — Saudi women. Recently a Saudi man with two wives was upset at both of them. So during a recent argument, he jokingly threatened to add a third wife to the mix. His two wives promptly cut off his nose. And wow, I sure hope that doesn't happen when I add my third wife. Said the man in response to the, "You are the only way to restore my dignity is really to take a third wife now. I don't want to know what I'm going to lose next if I do that." Yeah, maybe they'll set him up with the concealed weapons guy.

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

NEXT WEEK, THE HAWK'S HERALD WILL DELAY DELIVERY UNTIL SUNDAY NIGHT. THEREFORE THE PUBLISHING DATE WILL BE APRIL 22.

Amy's Advice

Dear Amy,

I am a senior who is about to graduate this spring. I am planning on trying to look for a job around here and live in Bristol next year and so is my girlfriend of 1-1/2 years. I am really happy that we both want to do the same thing and that we will probably be living near to each other. She really wants us to move in together. I am really not sure that I am ready to do that or that I want to, but when I try to nicely tell my girlfriend that she kind of does not listen to me. I really love her but I just do not think that our moving in together would be a smart move this soon. What do you think I should do?

Sincerely,

Jake

Dear Jake,

First of all, let me congratulate you on your impending graduation. It is also an accomplishment that you and your girlfriend have maintained a relationship while you've been completing your degree and will be continuing that relationship while starting out in the workforce. However, you are smart to realize that rushing into a big step like moving in together could really take a toll on your relationship or even ruin it beyond repair.

As much as any two people love each other, moving in together is a really big step. In fact, it is probably the biggest step, aside from marriage. I am sure that you are not the only couple facing this decision, either.

I would suggest making a pro-and-con list, but it sounds like you have your mind made up that you do not want to move in with your girlfriend. In fact, I would say that even if you have doubts about moving in together, that should be a clear sign that you are not ready. If and when you do make the decision to pack up, it should be at a time when you both feel ready for that step. Now the question is how to get your girlfriend to understand this without getting her mad or hurting her feelings. You have said that you have told her that you do not want to move in together, but sometimes when boyfriends say, "I don't want to," girlfriends actually hear, "I don't want to but I didn't exactly say no either." I think that makes it clear to her that she is not going to change your mind, and then you should share with her the reasons why you do not want to move in with her. This would be a whole lot easier if you could give her reasons that you value your relationship together and you feel that making the decision to move in together at this time could jeopardize your future together. I am sure that you have your own reasons why you think that, but if we were in your shoes, I would say my number one concern would be that getting into the workforce and finding a place to live is stressful enough without adding the pressure of moving in with a significant other until you have not thought of that one, it might be a good point to make on both of your behalfs.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: LOSS OF PROFESSOR

Dear Editor:

It alarms me how apathetic the student body of this university can be. We, the students, the university, are about to suffer a tremendous loss of an amazing member of the faculty. Dr. Dave Moskowitz, a political science professor who has been a member of this university for over 10 years, is about to be let go by university officials. This would be a huge loss for students, the political science department and the university as a whole.

Considering Professor Moskowitz is quite popular on this campus, it scares me that the students are so lethargic that there is not even an objection to keep him here. Moskowitz offers classes that both involve students and keep them interested; he is there for help if you need him or even if you just want to talk. How can students let such a great professor be "let go" without a fight?

As a student who is not afraid and wants her voice heard, I would like to say: How can this university even consider letting such an influential member of the faculty go? What is going on here? Can't officials see how remarkable this professor is? There are students who have chosen to take his classes every semester. Where are they now? As a student who has only taken his class for one semester I recognize the tragedy that is about to occur if he is let go. Students need to stand up and be heard; let the university know that you disagree with the situation and you want action. Dr. Moskowitz has been there for you and now it's time for you to be there for him.

Sincerely a concerned student,

Diana DeQuattro
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State House passes Darfur bill

The idea behind "targeted divestment" is that if investors and fund managers stop investing in the Sudanese government, its leaders will lack the funding to continue their alleged support of the genocide.

Targeted divestment is the evolved offspring of the less-focused divestment tactic used to help pressure South Africa into ending apartheid in the 1980s. That form of divestment didn't differentiate between supporters and detractors of apartheid and therefore ended up impacting the lives of peaceful South Africans as well as the perpetrators of it.

Supporters of Bill HB3142 say the issue has been better handled this time around. Targeted divestment is far more focused on companies that, according to sudandivest.org, "provide revenue (or arms) to the government, impart minimal benefit to the country's underprivileged, and have expressed no significant policy regarding the Darfur situation."

As Representative Almeida leaves the podium, the bill is called to order. Students from SNADS, and identical clocks on their computer mice, the House passes the bill by a unanimous vote. A small group of students watching the scene from the balconies overlooking the chamber applauds energetically at the result.

Torregrossa, an entertainment belong to the anti-genocide group STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur), and along with SudanDivestment and SaveDarfur, have spent the last 15 months conceiving and building support for the legislation.

In March, the fruits of their efforts began to ripen, a similar bill to the one just passed in the House was passed unanimously by the R.I. Senate. Now the two legislative bodies are given the power to set two bills and it will move on to the governor who will most likely sign it into law.

The leader of Brown University's STAND chapter, Scott Warren, is a big reason why the bill has made it to the Senate. At the moment of its passage, he is already working on legislation that it passed unanimously, and since it passed unanimously in the Senate, too, it really shows that the General Assembly feels very strongly about this issue," says Warren, who decided to pursue R.I. divestment in January 2006 after a successful campaign to get Brown to divest.

Warren's commitment to targeted divestment, and his success in turning it into legislation, shows the potential that students wield to affect change. Currently, at least 27 states have passed, or are considering passing, some form of divestment, and many universities around the country have severed their financial ties with offending companies. Sophomore Tyler Torregrossa said she hopes RWU will follow in the footsteps of these schools.

Torregrossa was one of the student founders of the Safe Educational Experience Week focusing on safe sex education at Rhode Island. The week, which featured events on sex tips, prizes and to be reo, was held on Monday, April 10.

"Each and every person on campus is encouraged to attend our programs in an effort to educate themselves in an entertaining fashion," Eric Rollo a member of IRHA said. "The goals for this program are to inform students about following safe and fun practices, and to be responsible to themselves and the people around them."

The IRHA has put on a similar event in the past known as "Sober fest" but in past years they have been re-vamping the event to make it more entertaining. S.E.X. week was born.

The week will kick off with a flavored oxygen bar in the Commons during Monday at lunch, which is said to create a healthier well-being for our students and body. The week will then be followed by unexpected surprises and exciting events such as a Take-Home Night program presented by the PEERs on Tuesday night.

"A Sense the keys program was scheduled for Wednesday during lunch, during which anyone can create their own photo keychain focus on sticking a friend to not let friends drive drunk. SAFE is also putting on a Day of Silence on Wednesday, which is an annual day to bring "attention to anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools.

This week has been scheduled for Wednesday night to break the silence at 6:30 p.m. in the Intercultural Center. Following the event. On Thursday night, Jay Freedman is coming to speak on sex education.

Freedman has been a certified sex counselor for over 15 years and runs a college lecture, "How to Be A Better Lover." Freedman also is a nominee for the National Association for Campus Activities' ambiguous honor of "Lecture of the Year."

The last event known as the yearly Condom Casino, is ending the week out with a bang. Condom Casino is a program that focuses on fun games and winning condoms as prizes.

Mike McGarty, a sophomore member of the IHAA, is running the event.

"We have ordered 6,000 Trojan brand condoms," McGarty said. "It will be a night full of sex games and card games like Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack, Roulette."

This week will also have Mocktails served by cocktail waitresses. It is going to be a night full of fun, and a way to bring to what is being a week full of safe educational experiences and a good time to all who participate."
PROVOST: Ohio native takes position

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endowment is $44 million less than RWU’s $77 million. Niesen de Abruna said that she has had a major impact on Heidelberg’s campus community in her three years there. Since joining the college’s administration in 2004, Niesen de Abruna has worked on a variety of administrative programs ranging from strategic planning to curriculum development and international programs.

“I think they really needed somebody to kind of update and organize things and to be entrepreneurial,” Niesen de Abruna said of Heidelberg.

“So I did, I reorganized a lot of things in academic affairs and I helped them with a lot of new programs.”

Niesen de Abruna was a leader in Heidelberg’s two-year program review designed to find all of the strengths and weaknesses of the college’s academic departments. With the assistance of a program review committee, Niesen de Abruna determined which programs at Heidelberg warranted more or less funding and in the end saved the college $200,000.

“That [the program review] was kind of a big deal to me,” Niesen de Abruna said.

As part of the program review, Niesen de Abruna introduced six new majors into Heidelberg’s curriculum and worked to increase relations with nearby Tiffin University. One of the new majors she helped implement, forensic science, is a joint major with nearby Tiffin University. She also increased relations with the Tianjin Normal University in China to offer more international opportunities for students and led efforts to attract Chinese students to Heidelberg.

“We strengthened our international ties. This summer, students are going to go over and study at Tianjin,” Niesen de Abruna said.

In addition to her contributions to Heidelberg’s curriculum and international program, Niesen de Abruna worked on a variety of fundraising programs. She raised $17 million to build a new science center for the college, a project that included renovating two buildings and constructing another. She ran fundraising campaigns for undergraduate and graduate research and a variety of scholarships.

Before she arrived at Heidelberg College, Niesen de Abruna held a variety of high-level positions in higher education administration. From 1999-2004 she served as the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Communications and professor of English at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

Niesen de Abruna was the president of the Northeast Modern Language Association and the director of the performing arts series while at Susquehanna. She also served as an American Council of Education Fellow and special assistant to the president for strategic planning at SUNY-Oswego from 1996-1999.

Although Niesen de Abruna gave up teaching in 2000 and is now a full-time administrator, she says that she is still an English professor at heart.

“I knew I wanted to be in higher education from a pretty early age,” Niesen de Abruna said. “I remember when I was 19, I had some really dynamic interesting professors who opened a kind of new world to me in terms of learning. And I decided that I wanted to be like them, that I wanted to be an English professor like them.”

Niesen de Abruna began her college career at Smith College in Hamp­ton, Massachusetts where she majored in English and minored in French. After graduating from Smith College with a bachelor of arts in English, she began to consider a career in the law and worked as a paralegal at the New York City law firm, Lord, Day and Lord for one year. “I decided that being a lawyer wasn’t as interesting as being an English professor, for me,” Niesen de Abruna said.

Following her year in New York, Niesen de Abruna began working toward a master of arts and eventually a doctorate in modern American and British literatures at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She began teaching general literature and composition courses at the University of North Carolina in 1998 while working toward her master of arts.

Since her first teaching position, Niesen de Abruna has taught American Literature, African-American Literature and Caribbean Literature throughout the U.S. and in three different countries. She taught in Puerto Rico and as a Fulbright Scholar in Belgium and Luxembourg.

In the United States, Niesen de Abruna has taught at the University of Texas, Ithaca College and Susquehanna University. She said that having a global perspective in education is very important to her.

“I like to see lots of different places,” Niesen de Abruna said.

Of all the places she has lived over the years, Niesen de Abruna said that the East Coast has been her favorite and it was a factor in her decision to come to RWU. She also said she decided to come because she likes what RWU stands for.

“Roger Williams is such an exciting place and no matter where you come from, it has so many opportunities to grow and develop,” Niesen de Abruna said. “I remember thinking this would be an interesting opportunity and if I could get that job I would probably go.”

Niesen de Abruna said that she looks forward to working with Nirschel and the RWU administration in the continued development of the university. Niesen de Abruna says she wants to do something different at RWU, something that cannot always be found everywhere.

“I like the fact that there is a lot of great leadership at Roger Williams,” Niesen de Abruna said. “There is a lot of potential for the school to become a national institution and to gain in quality and gain in resources.”

Move Over Spring Break Finals Are Almost Here!

After spending a few days relaxing at home, hanging out with old friends or sunbathing in Acapulco, you are back to the pressures of academic life and upcoming finals.

• Do you find yourself coping with stress by drinking or partying too much?
• Are you eating poorly or having difficulty sleeping?
• Do you feel so stressed out that just getting through the day seems overwhelming?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you may be exhibiting symptoms of a mental health or alcohol-use disorder. The RWU Wellness Center and Counseling Center can help. We are offering free online mental health and alcohol use screenings.

To take these screenings online go to the RWU website, click on the Student Life link, then click on the Student Services link, and find the link to the Counseling Center.

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Danny Ruhl
Herald Staff

Four years after her last full-length album, Macy Gray has returned to the scene with Big. This album is one of the most cohesive collections of music she has ever produced. With help from Will.I.Am, Gray explores the R&B realm with a splash of old school. The album is infused with strong hooks and a few interesting collaborations.

The lead single, "Finally Made Me Happy," is a duet with soul legend Natalie Cole. Though Cole only shows up on a small portion of the track, singing mostly background vocals, the collaboration adds another level to the single. The song itself expresses the aforementioned old school feel. A few weeks after release the song to radio, it still has not charted, which might indicate that the public is not ready for Gray's return.

The album itself debuted at number 39 in the U.S., selling approximately 23,000 copies. Though not an amazing debut, it is in line with the sales figures from her previous album which only went on to sell 134,000 copies.

Other mentionable songs include "Strange Behavior," in which Macy depicts a strangely comical story about killing her husband for insurance money. As she sings, "He'd be here but he's deceased," Gray vocalizes on a piano driven-track. "Okay," is a rather radio-friendly track that is heavy in the kick-drum. My personal favorite track on the disc is a song entitled "Treat Me Like Your Money." This song is a mid-paced R&B piece about Macy's man being more concerned with money than with making her happy. The song is made by its extremely catchy chorus and the way the track actually works with Macy's unique voice.

All things aside, this is one of Macy's best CDs yet. Though some might not consider her to be the best vocalist on the block (me included,) there is something about the album that will require you to press repeat on your iPod. With collaborations with Natalie Cole, Fergie, and Will.I.Am, "Big," shows a new side to Macy Gray and actually gives you a good feeling. I would recommend this CD if you like her previous stuff or if you fell in love with Fantasia on American Idol.

Macy Gray, "Big" B-

Tom Thibodeau
Herald Staff

Folk singer-songwriter Willy Mason makes a bold statement with his latest album If The Ocean Gets Rough, which emanates a very rustic sound. Released March 7th in the UK and March 20th in the US, the album contains eleven tracks written and performed by Mason.

Mason got his start when he was signed to Conor Oberst's record label "Team Love," which released Mason's first LP. Mason's first solo album, 'Where the Humans Eat," was released by "Team Love" in the US (2004) and by Virgin Records in the UK (2005), reaching #38 on the UK charts. Mason also started a band, which is comprised of Nina Violet on viola and backing vocals, as well as Zak Borden on mandolin.

In spring 2006, Mason, Violet, and Borden, along with other musicians, toured the USA and Europe. Mason has also released three EPs. His first, "G-Ma's Basement" (2004), was the only EP released in both the USA and the UK. His other two EPs, "Hard Hand to Hold" (2004) and "Hard to Lie Down" (2005), were released exclusively in the UK.

My favorite track on If The Ocean Gets Rough is "We Can Be Strong" (3). The track is about a student who signs himself out of high school and decides not to go to college. The student explains that his decision is a regretful one, and watches as his friends successively drop out of high school.

"If The Ocean Gets Rough" is filled with strong vocals from Mason, which also give the album an almost restless, but at the same time, calm feeling. The acoustic guitar complements Mason's vocals with a folkcountry style that makes the listener slowly tap his or her foot instinctively. Overall, If The Ocean Gets Rough is a great listen if you're looking to just mellow out or if you want to relax after a long day.

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Service learning class offered

Kelleigh Welch
Herald Staff

"Required community service: a phrase that makes many students cringe in their seats and an action intended to help better the community. For Roger Williams University, faculty have tossed the idea of community service, and replaced it with the concept of service learning."

The Feinstein Service Learning Program is designed to provide students with service opportunities that relate to their academics and their major. Currently, whole classes or parts of classes are being dedicated toward service learning.

According to Service Learning Coordinator, K.C. Ferrara, "Service learning is service that is intentionally tied to a course and can compliment teaching."

Ferrara said that, in order for a service to be classified as "service learning," it must incorporate three things.

First, the service to the community must be necessary and meaningful. Second, the service must enhance academic learning, and finally, it must give students enhanced civic engagement.

"Service learning is meant to be long term," Ferrara said. "It should make a deeper impact on the students."

The School of Education provides a course that does just that. The purpose of EDU 380: Theory and Practice of Service Learning is to teach the fundamentals of service learning.

"The class will educate future teachers on how to use service learning in their own teaching," Ferrara said.

For the 2007 spring semester, seven service learning-based classes were offered. For the upcoming 2007 fall semester, 15 classes will be offered. Each class will incorporate service learning to a specific major in the university.

Examples of these classes are ARCH 434: Social Aspects of Architecture, which is a research-based course that helps non-profit organizations, and COMM 400: Special Topics in Visual Essays, which also helps non-profit organizations advertise themselves over a whole semester.

Communications Professor Roxanne O'Connell teaches the Visual Essays class as well as the Electronic Communications class required for all Communications majors.

"The purpose of the electronic Communications class is to provide students with the needed technology tools for multimedia projects," O'Connell said.

One particular project requires a group of students to work alongside non-profit organizations to help raise money for the organization or to help get volunteers.

Organizations that were involved during the 2006 fall semester included the Audubon Society, Special Olympics of Rhode Island, and AIDS Awareness.

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—K.C. Ferrara

SENATE PROFILES

Name: Shashwat P. Baxi (Senator)
Year Standing: Sophomore
Major: Political Science Major
Where do you want to be in 5 years: In 5 years I plan on being ready to finish graduate school somewhere in Washington D.C.
What is your favorite sport to play: My favorite sport to play: No question, baseball!
What is your favorite place on campus: My favorite place on campus is The Commons. I love eating and socializing with all of the people there.

Name: Jayda Blinn (Senator)
Year Standing: Sophomore
Major: English Literature/Secondary Education
Where do you want to be in 5 years: I want to be teaching at Marshfield High School.
What is your favorite sport to play: I love to DANCE!!!
What was the last concert you went to: Hootie and the Blowfish

Name: Jessica Karkut (Senator)
Year Standing: Junior
Major: Biology and Secondary Education
What is your favorite place on campus: My favorite place on campus is The Commons. What is your favorite sport to play: My favorite sport to play is soccer.
What does your perfect ice cream sundae look like: My perfect ice cream sundae would be cherry-vanilla ice cream, maybe some chocolate ice cream, a little bit of whipped cream, chocolate sauce, a cherry and sprinkles.

Come see the softer side of Senate...
Mondays at 6:30 in the Senate Chambers
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### Clue Corner

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- **Answer:** 2, 4, 6, 8

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In the past few years, the College Republicans at Roger Williams University observed some with issues such as a controversial scholarship in 2004 and "The Penis Monologues," and were suspended in 2005. However, with their renewed club status, according to Vice President Jonathan Porter, the College Republicans, headed by Dana Peloso, have been building a conservative base on campus to enlighten students about conservative ideology.

"Dana and I have said from day one, we are not going to be a 'shock and awe' political group," Porter said. "Being a conservative does not mean you are offensive or callous."

Former president Jason Mattera and the College Republicans developed a "Whites Only Scholarship," which promised $250 to a white student. The scholarship asked for an essay "Why you are proud of your white heritage" and any applicant was also required to attach a picture to verify they were Caucasian. The scholarship even specified: "Evidence of bleaching will disqualify applicants."

"I told him (Mattera) I opposed the scholarship," College Republicans adviser June Speakman said. "I understood the political point but thought that it was less inflammatory. Although I do think, it was a smart move, just not civil."

The following year, the College Republicans created "The Penis Monologues" in opposition to "The Vagina Monologues.

This year, the College Republicans have focused their efforts on the campaign season last fall, the College Republicans worked for Gov. Don Carcieri, Senator Lincoln Chafee, the Bristol Republican Town Committee, the Portsmouth Republican Town Committee and other local candidates.

"First semester, we put in well over 100 hours a week into volunteer time on various campaigns," Peloso said. "Our members acted as campaign managers, campaign coordinators, volunteer captains and volunteers for the governor's campaign as well as a Senate campaign and many state rep campaigns."

For the group's work on the campaigns, three of the club members were awarded for their hard work with an all-expense paid trip to the "Western White House," former president Ronald Reagan's ranch in Santa Barbara, Calif. Despite the group's activism in campaigns, the group recognizes the campaign's overall apathy toward politics.

"It was particularly disheartening when only approximately 80 students voted in Bristol during the November elections," Porter said. Although elections did not see a good turnout from students on campus, Porter said he was pleased with the level of dedication from their members.

"I was nervous at the beginning of the year about recruiting members since the Roger Williams student body is generally apathetic toward politics," Porter said. "We have about 15 students who don't only attend every meeting and event, but are willing to do any tasks that are asked of them. Our members also get their friends involved and we have slowly expanded our membership throughout the year."

Sitting down at these meetings on Tuesday nights, the College Republicans throw out a lot of new ideas, and sometimes hold meetings involving brainstorming with President Roy Nirschel. Peloso said he is trying to create a new image for the group since they were put on probation in the fall of 2005, by involving more of the campus community and making sure everyone feels welcome.

"I am a Republican and I thought the meeting was interesting and funny," freshman Pat Murphy said. "They never once made me feel out of the group, just because I was new."

Past events the Republicans have sponsored include the showing of the movie "Obession" in conjunction with a speaker on the topic of radical Islam. The description of the movie was: "As we sleep in the comfort of our homes, a new evil rises against us. A new menace is threatening, with all the means at its disposal, to bow Western Civilization under the yoke of its values. That enemy is Radical Islam."

The College Republicans also hosted a lecture on Reagan with Floyd Brown.

"We're trying to bring out a younger crowd," Peloso said. "The College Republicans have conservative values, moral standing and really can have variations from everyone whether they are independent or what."

Peloso laughed when he was asked if he thought the group had changed.

"Jason Mattera is my friend and got me involved in the College Republicans," Peloso said. "I want to create more conservative methods though, without pissing off the

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With a new club status and an event coming up which will hopefully catch the eyes of many students on campus, the College Democrats at Roger Williams University are looking forward to making huge strides in the political world.

While still in their infancy, the College Democrats have sponsored an event that, along with "The Least of These," brought "The Least Boys of Sudan," a movie that follows two Sudanese refugees and their trip to America, to campus.

"The College Democrats first lost their club status in early fall of 2006 due to a lack of active members and irregular meetings. The club, however, worked to regain their status, with junior Shannon Donahue and sophomore DJ Orton taking the reigns."

When Donahue left for Italy to study abroad this semester, she nominated sophomore Katelyn Porter as president of the club, with Orton as vice president. The club was placed on trial status at the end of last semester and was granted full club status early on in the spring semester.

"The College Democrats are very different this year in that we are a very motivated group," senior Ellen Messali, a member of the College Democrats, said. "This group has a lot of energy and life, and a lot of great ideas. As much as I enjoyed being a part of College Democrats under previous leadership, the people who have organized the group this year really make those of us in the group want to get our message out on campus and want to get other students interested in politics."

One of the goals of the College Democrats is to increase political awareness on campus in all aspects. "It is not a secret that Roger Williams is a politically quiet campus," donated by both a strong College Democrats and College Republicans chapter on campus, it will help facilitate a more politically active student body," club member Amy Torregrossa said. "It will help to pull students out of that isolationist attitude that tends to occur when living in such a tight knit community."

Messali agreed.

"It is so important that young people like us exercise our right to vote and make changes in the world," Messali said. "Orton believes that politically aware students will be able to have a larger impact in their community. "Students at this university and other college campuses need to realize that simply by voting, we can greatly change our countries' course in areas that will leave a long lasting impact such as in healthcare, the environment and a huge federal deficit."

Torregrossa agreed.

"By the time we graduate, we hope that the community of RWU will be one of the most politically loud campuses around," Torregrossa said. "We hope that people will actually have a reaction when political figures come to campus."

Sophomore Sarah Dallon, a current club member, believes the involvement of the club will help attract more students.

"The College Democrats has been continuously expanding. We have taken initiatives to interact with students and get people involved in which ever capacity they would like to," Dallon said.

An up and coming event the College Democrats are looking to host is a first amendment campaign, allowing students to become more aware of their rights.

"We want students to understand what their rights are," Torregrossa said. "Once students realize what they are entitled to, they will be more willing to stand up for themselves, or fight for what they desire. In understanding their first amendment rights they will understand what en· velops they can and can not push. It is all just a way to get students to understand what they are entitled to."

Despite their political differences, Porter said that the College Democrats and College Republicans are not hostile toward one another.

"Essentially, we are both trying to raise awareness of politics on campus and create discussion about these topics," Porter said. "Although we may view things differently, we are all passionate about what we believe in."

With an election year approaching in 2008, the College Democrats plan to work towards awareness of the voting and election process.

"It is very important that we get out the vote in 2008," Orton said. "It very well may be one of the most important elections of our lifetime."
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itics of leadership, Roby asked the athletes in the audience what qualities are important in being an effective leader. The question brought about responses such as, "trust," "respect," "commitment," "loyalty," "encouragement," and "responsibility." Roby said leaders must be able to address conflict, even though it is uncomfortable.

"There is one issue in organizational behavior is people's lack of willingness to confront each other," he said. "Sometimes that happens on a field." Leaders must have courage, said Roby, which means one has to "make a statement, back it up, and challenge those who don't live up to it."

For athletes, Roby said a small action can go a long way. "There might be people in the stands that want to go after your opponent, but they see you lean in and help him up," he said. "That takes the edge off."

Using the qualities described for leadership, Roby said the same valence can be applied to sportspersonship. "Anybody can lead from any seat," he said, using himself as an example.

Roby, a native of New Britain, Conn., was the first member of his family to ever go to college when he attended Dartmouth College in 1974. There he made the varsity basketball team during his sophomore year, and was named co-captain for his senior year. While Roby maintained a level of importance off the court, his playing time diminished, as he played in just seven games during his senior season. Though he was playing less, "Coach Gary Walters made me feel important, like I had an important role to play."

Under Coach Walters' influence, Roby grew an interest in coaching. He worked, as an assistant coach for Dartmouth, Army, and Stanford, before going to Harvard University as student staff for three years. In 1985, Roby earned the head coaching job at Harvard, making the then-28-year-old the second youngest coach in Division I at the time. "I wanted to be an educator...I was using football as a way to teach," he said.

Six years later, Roby left basketball coaching and ventured the world of business. In 1991, he worked promotions for Reebok International. His hard work got him promoted to vice president of US marketing.


Recently, Roby assumed the inter-institutional athletic director position at Northeastern University, which he will work in addition to his duties as director of Northeastern's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. The center, as Roby described, "is a social justice organization that just happens to use sports and social change to achieve our goals."

The center includes a staff of former athletes who help educate youth about diversity and violence prevention.

As Roby pointed out, "You don't need a 'C' on that sheet, on that uniform, to be a leader."

Roby pointed out the key factor in having sportsmanship and being a leader: perspective.

"Perspective means that I'm so exasperated about getting turned up every day," he said. "Perspective's the being trapped, run the situation you find yourself in, and not wanting more than you have.

"When you lose perspective, you run into problems."

As his prime example, Roby used Barry Bonds, the seven-time MVP. "Sure-fire first-ballot Hall of Famer, as his prime example of someone who let his ego cloud his vision and lose his perspective."

Roby said that though Bonds had "all the tools," he was not getting the same attention that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were receiving on their chase for the single season record. Roby said he believes this envy led Bonds to steroids.

"[Bonds] lost his perspective on what the heck he was doing playing baseball in the first place," Roby said. Roby then used Zinedine Zidane's actions in last year's World Cup as a prime example of how athletes should never act.

Zidane, who came out of retirement to help lead France to the final of the World Cup, had been opposed Marco Materazzi of Italy during extra time in the championship game. "There is no explanation," Roby said.

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10) Rocky V (1990)

Tommy Gunn: You don't own me! You don't own me! Nobody does! I was wrong in my youth. Nobody should be wrong in their youth.

Rocky Balboa: Well come and get it! If this doesn't just give you the chills... (Roach doesn't know what does. By chills I mean the kind you get when you're feeling complete embarrassment for an utter stranger. The only comparison that comes to mind is that poor kid in middle school who pees all over the hallway. It's yourself in his shoes; you, yes. But that's not only the dialogue terrible — and I know Roby is supposed to have some kind of a sense of humor — but at some points in the movie I feel like I'm watching "Forest Gump," "Stupid is as stupid does." They really needed to put out his latest movie to redeem all that was lost in "Rocky V."

9) Any Given Sunday (1999)

If I hated this movie, I'd be liar. Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, and Jamie Foxx did an amazing job portraying the behemoth happenings in what was supposed to be the NFL in this film. However, it was what was happening on the field that brought the film down. For anyone who is not a blind, the game is not like that at all. My man Willie Beam would be dead three times over in that movie.

8) The Babe (1992)

With John Goodman starring in this film as Babe Ruth, it traces The Babe's philandering goals and how he promises to "Little Johnny" to hit the boy one homerun. Ughhh. That's what he had to say about that. Where's the true story about the Babe, the NC-17 version with cigars, house, and women? I think that my next goal in life, write the screenplay for "The Babe: Uncovered." I can see it now...sold on late night television sandwiched between that dumb Carson Daly show and Girls Gone Wild infomercials. That's a pretty decent target market.


Tagline: "Fair play, Chicks dig scars... Glory lasts forever" "It's about being a guy... Between Keenan Reeves and that Make 'em Ups guy [Orlando Jones], this movie had to make the list. Keenan has the personality. Orlando is just boorish and Orlando should be banished from this country just because those worthless comeos...一部... Okay, anyone really drink 7Up?"


Let's do a quick comparison here. "The Longest Yard" using football as an avenue to reform convicts. "Gridiron Gang": Using football as an avenging force, as puns, as human interest stories... Where do they differ? "TYL": Starring Burt Reynolds (original) or Adam Sandler and Burt Reynolds in the re-make, "Gridiron Gang": Starring The Rock, formally from the WWF, and "Fmp My Ride" star Xabihat. Well, do I need to go on? "Air Bud, 7th Inning Fetch (2002) Not only does name give you that uncomfortable feeling, like when the school nurse had to check you for lice. Keenan has the personality. Baseball and college sports cannot play baseball. It's not possible. The first "Air Bud" movie, though just as terribly bad, was at least a little realistic. I have actually seen a dog make a basket on some dumb day-time television show."

4) Bring It On (2000)

The only reason I decided this movie was not the worst sports movie of all time was because I have crashes on Gabrielle Union and Kirsten Dunst. Each has that girl-next-door kind of vibe, though Gabrielle has a bit of a attitude. Sorry, I'm guessing here. But, content-wise, we should take a page from the government's "it's okay to fart in movies" campaign. They never, ever drop a nuclear bomb again. We should never even make a movie about cheating ever again. And not for nothing, but there are guy cheerleaders in this movie. That's just foreign to me.

3) Caddyshack II (1988)

I am going to take a famous line from the first "Caddyshack" movie and make it into an accusation to the heroes in this film. If Maggie O'Hooligan is yelling at Danny Noonan in her deep Irish brogue... "Well, Bunny farts nothing" That's all I have to say about that.

2) Like Mike (2002)

I have no idea how the greatest sports movie of all time (Michael Jordan allowed his name to be attached to one of the worst movies of our time. "Like Mike" not only has the utterly annoying "Lil Bow Wow" just shortened to "Bow Wow" (Is that supposed to make him seem tougher? Seriously, anyone with the nickname "Bow Wow" has lost all respect. "Bow Wow" just sounds like the noise a miniature poodle makes...at least worst is more like a lab). I truly believe the sole reason for the increase of gang violence in America is due to this movie.

1) Drumline (2001)

Although this movie may not be directly related to sports, I saw enough of a connection that I just could not leave it off the list. With C-Level talent like Nick Cannon (Yes, girls from BSK) and Orlando Jones (Are we sensing a trend here?) this movie did not have a shot from the get-go. I watched all 118 agonizing minutes of this film, I understand the plotline, but I still ask myself why? Why would anyone waste possibly months (assuming they are writing below a 6th grade level) writing this script? Why? That film went over as well as a fart in church. Please, a justice somewhere, issue an injunction so Shaun Shecks and Tina Gordon Chism will never make a film again.
The Sports Roundup

Baseball

The baseball team opened CCC competition on March 31, with a two wins over Eastern Nazarene College. In game one, pitcher James Lydon pitched six innings and struck out five Crusaders in the 10-4 win. In the second game, ENC earned an early lead of 6-0, but that would change in the bottom of the fourth. The Hawks recorded six runs on two RBIs by Jamie Dahill and Brian Hurdt to even the 9-6 victory.

The next day, the Hawks grabbed two more wins against Nichols College. In game one, pitcher Bobby Criscuolo both pitched complete games for RWU. Criscuolo struck out four in his contribution to the 12-7 win over Nichols.

The team dropped games to Wheaton College and Wentworth Institute of Technology but tied for the top spot in the 12-11 and RWU is tied for the top spot in the CCC.

Lacrosse

On Friday March 31, the men's lacrosse team recorded its second victory of the season in a 17-8 win over the University of New England. On Tuesday, April 3, the Hawks extended their winning streak to three with a 15-9 win over Salve Regina.

The team's overall record is now 3-4. The women's lacrosse team recorded a 19-7 victory over Rhode Island College last Thursday. Kasey Beckwith led the scoring with five goals. The winning streak continued with a 20-6 win over UNB on Saturday, which was the highest goal total ever for the team.

On Tuesday, April 3 the Hawks were back in action against WNEC. RWU battled to a 14-14 tie at the end of regulation, but lost the match 15-14 in overtime. Kara Smolcos led the team with three goals in the game.

On Friday the Hawks won 13-5 over UMass Dartmouth, followed by a 13-2 win over Regis College on Tuesday. Their overall record is now 6-5.

ATHLETICS: Growth in numbers, quality

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"Nirschel says the main role athleticism plays in admissions is helping to attract students with strong academic records that also want to play a sport during their college careers at RWU. She explained that for many prospective students, one of the biggest questions they have is if they can play a particular sport or not.

"We want to enroll students and they want to enroll students, but athletics hits markets and targets that we as regular admissions counselors wouldn't be able to hit," Nirschel said. "They have a unique opportunity to offer something we can't— a position on a team," she said. "The coaches are able to get potential students' attention through athletics and, through that, draw them into the university."

Men's Lacrosse Head Coach Martin Kelly, who also serves as RWU's intramurals and recreation coordinator, says that recruiting is a major part of his efforts to attract prospective players to his team and he feels it is important for other sports as well. Kelly says that while he wants to attract good lacrosse players, he also likes to look for recruits that are good students as well.

"I tend to like to focus on kids that can really get in on their own merits as opposed to taking the angle of being a student athlete," Kelly said. "We like to look for kids that have their act together because you are here to go school, first and foremost."

Kelly said he feels that the increase in the number of full-time coaches to, combined with the stronger teams, has helped to attract new students to the school. He says that many students who want to play a sport in college tend to gravitate toward schools that have a decent full-time coaching staff.

"We have been told by admissions that the retention rate of student athletes is higher than the general student body," Kelly said. "I have always felt, without looking at concrete numbers, that was always true just from the fact that athletics are more connected to their team and the school."

"I don't know if it really gives them an incentive to study, I try to portray that [the importance of schoolwork] onto my team, that if you really want to play lacrosse you have to do this to get this — and this is studying and this is lacrosse."

Kolb feels that having a strong athletic program is not only good for the athletes that play competitively, but also for the general student body as well. He says that having strong teams helps give students a sense of pride in their school, which he says makes them want to stay at RWU.

"I feel that intercollegiate athletics provide community for the university. It causes people to come together," he said.

Kolb also noted that by constructing the new Campus Recreation Center RWU provided students with a portal to get away from the academic aspects of their lives and something for their health and well being. He feels that this is one of the keys to having a successful athletic career.

"We're also club sports, intramurals and recreational," Kolb says. "We have the ability to impact every student on this campus, from a top soccer player through somebody who just wants to come in and hop on an elliptical occasionally. We've looked at that and we take it seriously."

To complement the recreational aspect of RWU athletics, Kolb opened the Recreation Services Department, designed to meet the recreational needs of every student, faculty and staff member at RWU. Kolb says that he is very excited about this service, because it helps the Athletic Department become part of the effort to make RWU a better place to go to school.

"Those are the things that we take a lot of pride in and my feeling is that we are absolutely a part of the educational process," he said. "For me professionally this is the best thing that I have ever been a part of."

Nirschel also recognized the significance.

"The mind and body thing is something that goes back to the ancient days of the Greeks and the German Gymnasium wellness and health in both mind and body are really important," Nirschel said.

During his time at the University of Miami as vice president for university advancement, Nirschel raised the funds to build a new recreation center there. After he finished his project at Miami, Nirschel said he fully realized the purpose of athletics on a college campus.

"It [building the recreation center] changed the culture when it went to work out I'd see a janitor working out, I'd see a student working out and I said, 'Boy, it's a great way to bring people together."

Nirschel said he feels that by creating a common rallying point for the student body, the new Campus Recreation Center as well as the improved athletic program has helped make students want to be a part of the RWU community.

To complement the recreation department, the University established a service-learning program to offer students the opportunity to earn academic credit for community service.

"We are really excited about this," said Jay Bateman, director of community service. "The students who have participated have really enjoyed the experience, and we have seen a lot of positive feedback from our partners."
The state of RWU athletics

Part one of a two-part series

Shawn Hogan
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the first things Dr. Roy J. Nirschel did after assuming the presidency of Roger Williams University in 2001 was to tour the campus. Of all the facilities he walked through that day, none remained in his memory as much as RWU's Old Campus Recreation Center.

"I went through the old gym, it sent a message to me. It was kind of a crummy place; it was a throwback to a different time," Nirschel says. "It sent a negative message about student athletics, wellness, health and recreation on campus."

Nirschel's first impressions of the state of athletics at RWU proved to be correct. With only four full-time coaches and little funding RWU's Division III athletics program was a barely noticeable part of the campus community in 2001.

That would soon change.

"I remember saying to myself, I am a student here spending all this money, and I come here and what is there to do?" Nirschel said.

Later that fall, Nirschel hired current George Kolb as director of athletics and persuaded the RWU Board of Trustees to approve funding for a new $15 million Campus Recreation Center. Since then, the development of the athletic program has closely mirrored the growth of the university itself.

"Building this rec. center has been an important project for the university and it is worth its weight in gold," Nirschel said of the project.

Today, the RWU Athletic Department has established itself as perhaps one of the top programs in the Commonwealth Coast Conference. The department now has 15 full-time coaches and 75 percent of the fall and winter intercollegiate sports teams recorded winning percentages of .500 or better in their 2006-2007 games.

"Coach Kemmy had one of the best wrestling seasons ever, [soccer coach] Jim Cook, in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, went to the NCAA again and almost beat New York University, the team that went to the final four," Kolb said. "You know, that is a statement."

With these improvements, athletics has become one of the most expensive programs on campus; Nirschel estimates that RWU spends a significant portion of its yearly budget to maintain the Campus Recreation Center and the outdoor athletic fields. This leaves one to wonder what kind of a role RWU's athletic program plays on campus to warrant the amount of work and money that has gone into the program since 2001.

When it comes to admissions, it seems that athletics plays a prominent role.

In the past five and a half years, RWU has increased the acceptance rate by 20 percent while at the same time improving its retention rate and attracting more students to the school than ever before.

Currently 66 percent of all students who come to RWU graduate from the university, a 50 percent improvement over 2001, Nirschel said. Assistant Director of Admissions Kristy Newe, who serves as the admissions liaison to the athletic department, feels that there is a strong correlation between the improved athletics program and the increased interest in RWU.

"As athletic liaison I am kind of the point-person for all the coaches, so I work very directly with them in managing their recruits," said Newe, who has worked in the admissions office for three years.

As a Division III school, it is unlawful for RWU to give out athletic scholarships or give athletes preference when it comes to financial aid, but nonetheless athletic recruiting does occur on campus. Newe says that it is common practice for most of the coaches to submit a list of preferred applicants to the admissions department and then track their progress throughout the admissions process.

"We have a way that coaches can flag their athletes in admissions and I send them lists periodically of the status of all their specific recruits," says Newe. "Some coaches really narrow that list down and they will only notify me of students they are really actively recruiting and some coaches will send me lists of tons and tons of students who have ever once even mentioned that they may be interested in playing a sport."

Newe says the relationship between athletics and admissions is more of a partnership than anything else and that coaches' lists fail to give athletes advantages over students that do not play a sport.

She said, "We are Division III, so academics will always come first and we're not the type of institution that really tailors a class. A coach can always advocate for somebody and certainly get a good preview, but anybody can advocate."

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Perspective on leadership

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"You're playing in a game and your opponent elbows you in the head. Your boys are in the stands and they see you get whacked in the head. Do they think I'm a punk? You've got a decision to make."

This scenario was introduced by Peter Roby when he spoke Monday to a gym filled with mostly Roger Williams University athletics in an event hosted by the athletics department.

Roby followed with the proper solution: "I've got 12 or 14 other teammates I got to be thinking about. It's not about me. If I knock that guy out, then all of Roger Williams and its student athletes knocked him out."

The example was used to drive home Roby's stressing of the importance of sportsmanship, leadership and perspective.

Rather than define the character...

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The worst sports movies of all-time

I have to tell my half dozen faithful readers out there (three of which are family, two others are roommates, and I'm just assuming out of almost 4,000 undergrads, there must be one of you out there) that this whole writing thing isn't as easy as it seems. The writing itself is pretty easy; it's the whole topic issue. I'm 21 years old, I don't have a whole lot of life experience to draw from. Like all of you, I am a product of the '90s: fast food, fast entertainment, and fast women (I added the fast women part for dramatic effect. I don't even know what fast women means). What I'm trying to convey here is that with this exposure to the media, it has molded my perception of the world to a certain degree. I've never auditioned for a television role, but I see Johnny Drama make a fool of himself weekly and I project myself in that light. If you are that one true reader I have, I want to shed some light on my sports prejudices...the definitive worst sports movies of all-time.

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