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RWU students save lives as local EMTs

Florentine Lehar
Herald Staff

It's only 1 o'clock in the morning. The alarm blares as Nick Pelletier, a Roger Williams University sophomore, groans on the cot in the back room of the Warren Rescue Station. Pelletier has been an EMT for almost two years. At only 19 years old, he volunteers for both the Warren and Bristol EMS. Now having the certification of a Cardiac Technician, Pelletier is the youngest Cardiac in the state and has even more responsibilities on the job that include interpreting the Electro Cardiac Graph (ECG), starting IVs and giving more medications.

Pelletier had to work and study for more than 150 hours for each level of training he received. There are three different certifications that someone can receive as an EMT: Basic, Cardiac and Paramedic, with Paramedic being the most advanced.

With 84 more incidents occurring during the weekend leading up to Final Exams than during the weekend of Halloween Chameleon Club, faculty and RAs alike are instating harsher sanctions in order to enforce the importance of final exams to students. The matter was brought to the attention of the University Life Committee of Faculty Senate, and they met to propose ideas and discuss the matter further, King said.

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Freshman Joe Strumolo, Faculty Senate Representative, attended the meetings as well. "Students need to remember that reading days are a courtesy granted to us by the administration. Students seem to forget and use them for partying," Strumolo said.

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RA's to enforce strict reading day rules

During the last week of the winter semester, encompassing the final exam period and the reading days from December 8 to December 15, there were 145 reported violations at Roger Williams University. According to the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct, of those incidents, 84 involved alcohol and other drugs, 36 involved quiet hour violations and 16 involved damage to the university. These events account for 11 percent of the incident caseload of the entire semester.

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This Is My End

Now Where's My Blindfold and Cigarette?

Wow. Is it really over? This year absolutely flew by. I still can't believe this will be the last column. I'll never write for this paper. Let me take a moment to shed a tear.

Woooooo! No more deadlines! Thank God! Somebody give me a beer! No, not really. I'm going to seriously miss doing this thing. Sure, there's been some rough spots: the letter to the editor ripping me, awkwardly talking to teachers about stuff I've written, and that kid in the Bosidy 200s who was drunk at 1 in the afternoon and kept screaming "You're terrible! You're terrible over and over again.

For the most part, I like everything that's come from writing this column each week. I love talking to random people and it's even better when they come up to me to talk about something in the column. It's a great way to meet people.

This past weekend, I was even randomly handed a number by someone with a note attached, asking me to write a column on them. Their suggestion for it was only, "I have red hair and blue eyes. My name is (blank)," followed by incoherent abbreviations and a lovely drawing of a flower. Still, it was completely awesome.

But alas, all good things must end. And so before I ride off into the sunset, I'm here to give you my last few words, to look back on what's been my college experience and offer some advice for those who will remain here next year.

1. Make as many friends as possible. Yeah, it sounds kind of cliche, but seriously, go meet people. It ensures that you'll never have a boring Saturday night because there will always be somebody doing something.

2. And with friends, make sure not to follow the cardinal rule: Bro's (before what Don Imus said) or chicks before (what Don Imus is). This is college. Half the relationships here last, like, two weeks. Friendships last a little longer.

3. Don't over-hype previous year's parties. What I mean is don't hold what you do this year to another year's standards. If you had the greatest Halloween Chameleon Club ever last year, don't expect this year to be better. You called it the greatest for a reason. If you're waiting for this year to top it, then you're probably just going to be disappointed.

4. At the same time, don't under-hype your weekends. You'll run out of them quickly, trust me. Every time you pass on a fun night out with your friends is just another night you're going to regret once you've run out of nights. Don't make excuses on why you can't go out; play like a champion. For example, a Cinco de Mayo party is nice, but not nearly as awesome as Cinco-Siee-Siee de Mayo party, patent pending on that one.

5. Don't sell yourself short when it comes to that guy/girl. I think we've all seen a couple at some point and asked friends, "How could he/she possibly have gotten him/her? They're way out of their league." Yeah, I could be that lucky. Instead of complaining, take it to heart. You can completely over-achieve, too. The key is not to doubt that you can. I've been lucky enough to do a couple of times myself. As for advice on how not to screw those things up once you've gotten your chance with this amazing person? Yeah, I'm not the person to ask for that, as I've proven time and time again.

6. Don't do 13 shots of cheap vodka in 2 minutes. No really, don't. This is just poor planning and execution (not that I speak from experience, since clearly I'd never make such a bonehead decision).

And while we're at it, as long as you're not obsessed with weight gain, switch to beer as soon as you can. It's better for games, stops so much drama, decreases the number of bad phone calls made, and saves a ton on carpet cleaner.

7. If you do end up getting cheap college stuff, you've never been getting beyond a being broke college student (I'd say this happens once you have to stop begging people for laundry quarters), then upgrade your beer. I love spending only 15 dollars a weekend as much as the next person, but once you go good stuff its hard to turn back.

8. Finally, enjoy every last drop of college. Never again will we be paid by our parents to party with a couple thousand people every weekend. There really is no turning back the clock, so leave no regrets behind.

For those who are walking with me in two weeks, I hope you've all gotten to do everything you've wanted at college. It's been a helluva four-five years, huh?

Amy's Advice

Dear Amy,

I have been seeing this guy recently, I will call him Chad, and things seem to be going really well. The reason that I am writing to you is for two things that just seem to be holding me back from starting a full-blown relationship with Chad. The first one is there are issues with his ex, as in he still talks to her on a regular basis and he has not told her about me yet. The other issue is that we do not have clear cut boundaries in our relationship, I don't even know what to call it — a relationship? I am confused, but I do think I like this guy enough to figure out those things out and try to make it work. What do you think of my situation?

Sincerely,

Rachel

Dear Rachel,

This is an all too common situation for both men and women of many ages. Whatever we (humans) start to develop a romantic bond with another, there will assuredly be some sort of confusion as to what each of the two people want from the growing relationship.

Having said that, I am sure that Chad is also freaking out a little bit about what path the two of you are taking. The part about still communicating with the ex is definitely worrisome, but it also could mean nothing. The worst case scenario would be that one or both of them still have unresolved feelings for each other, but the best case scenario would be that they really have managed to maintain a platonic friendship after the end of their relationship. I can attest that the latter is very possible, and does occur in life. Try to keep in mind, however, that he is also feeling nervous.

It is hard for me to advise you on whether you should continue with Chad because no one really knows what will happen or would have happened — I gave advice but I don't see the future. If I were you I would go with your gut. I did not say go with your heart, and I did not say go with what your mind says is smart. I think that you need to look at your situation as if it were someone else's (one of your own friends), and think of what you would advise your friend to do. This might help you clarify your own feelings, while also helping to decide if staying with Chad is a good idea or not. Of course, there are risks involved with getting into a romantic relationship, but only you can decide if what you might have with Chad is worth the risk of getting hurt.

Once you have figured out what it is that you expect from the relationship, you should probably have that conversation with Chad to make sure that you are both on the same page.

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Correction: In the April 27 issue, in a profile of Professor Michael Boiger, we misspelled staff reporter Melissa Yuen's name. We apologize for the mistake.
Students, faculty work to improve advisement

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Being away from home, getting along with their roommates and doing well in classes are just some of the problems freshmen face when coming to college. Another problem that can be added to this list is advisor issues, although there may be a remedy to advisor problems.

"We have representatives on the Student Affairs committee and [issues with advisors] came up with them. It was an issue that we decided to take on," ICC President and chair Al Borelli said.

After they had the advisement table where students could voice their opinions, they were asked to meet with faculty senate where they presented their findings. They then met with the Academic Advising Task Force.

"As members of ICC, we are representatives of the individual classes," Borelli said. "If a student feels uncomfortable with their advisor, they should have an outlet to express their concerns."

Although the research was not scientific, Earnest Offley said that he thought the table would be reliable because students would feel comfortable expressing themselves in a more informal way than a survey or through scientific research.

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The Absolute Truth

The MAJORITY (55%) of RWU Students drink alcohol once a week or less.

Data based on RWU CORE Alcohol & Drug Survey from April 2006. This survey was administered to 1,389 students in 145 class sections representing 35 majors.

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Foreign language interest sparks clubs

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Many high school students are required to take a language and, in turn, they join that specific language’s club. In a similar fashion, the Department of Modern Languages and Classics, is offering students chances to partake in clubs and programs involving different languages.

“The department is looking to open up more advanced classes, move forward to a major in Chinese and Arabic, and open up more advanced sections,” said Michael Quagliaroli, president of the Classics Club, said.

Amy Falcone, the Vice President of the Chinese Club explained that two new clubs are helping the department improve in interest overall.

Two new and clubs founded this year, the Chinese Club and the German Club, which both began in the fall of 2006. These two clubs have worked together to create more interest in their specific languages and culture.

The two clubs plan on sponsoring Oktoberfest in the fall, as well as taking trips together to Boston museums. According to the board, they will currently in the process of creating fundraising ideas to boost their budgets.

The Chinese Club, founded by junior Laura Burgner, was created due to an overall interest in Chinese classes, where about ten students meet every week for cultural discussions.

“I decided to start the Chinese Club because during my Chinese class, we always want to discuss cultural aspects about China, but it is difficult because of the lack of time,” Burgner said in regards to the beginning of the club.

Burgner also explained that the club centers around cultural topics like food, art, music and discussions of people who have visited China as well as occasionally hosting movie nights and trips to Chinatown. The group’s future goals for next year are events such as a movie raffle, authentic Chinese dinners and even more visits to Chinatown and dragon boat races.

The German Club has approximately 50 members and was founded by junior Jane Shaughnessy this year after inspiration from the Chinese Club and extreme interest from a number of German students, as well as the free food. The club has had meetings with “kaffee und kuchen,” coffee and cake, and an event where they created tie-dyed shirts.

“I started the German Club for us German students to get together with other students interested in Germany and German culture, and bring the culture, food, traditions, etcetera, to the campus community through events and discussions,” Shaughnessy said. Shaughnessy discussed what occurs at the German Club meetings.

“We’ve been speaking about Germany and culture at our meetings,” Shaughnessy said.

The club also participated in the Spring Weekend Block Party, and they are organizing an end of the semester BBQ in the realm of a traditional German summer picnic.

Relay to benefit cancer research

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Put on by the American Cancer Society throughout the United States and in other countries all over the world, The Relay for Life raises money for cancer research. At Roger Williams University, the event is sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity.

The relay host done in teams of 8 to 10 people on to raise money during the months leading to the event. At least one member of the team needs to be walking on the track during the entire event. According to junior Lindsay Bauer, co-chair of the event, last year, The Relay for Life at Roger Williams raised over $18,900 and this year they hope to raise at least $25,000.

All relay survivors are asked to come to the event and they usually are the first ones to begin the laps around the track. Along with the relay, there are games and other forms of entertainment. Later in the night, there is a luminaria ceremony where all the luminaria bags, which are dedicated to those who have passed away from, are fighting or have survived cancer, are on display with a candle lit in each.

“It seems like a huge time commitment to give up an entire weekend, especially during finals week and since we have been planning the event since last October, but it is worth it to think of how many people are helped out by the money we raise,” Bauer said. “To give up a weekend and planning time seems like nothing compared to what the people who are suffering from cancer or the families and friends who have lost a loved one close to them go through.”

The event is open to all Roger Williams students as well as community members. The Relay for Life is currently scheduled to be held in the Field House and will begin at noon on Saturday, May 6 and will last until 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Study abroad boosts employability

Baltimore, Md. — (COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE) — There are now even more reasons for college students to consider studying abroad. A new survey of global human resource executives affirmed the value of a study abroad experience in the hiring process. Nearly three in four (73%) cited study abroad as an important when evaluating the resume of a job candidate for a junior-level position.

Furthermore, the study, conducted by Global HR News and commissioned by The Scholar Ship, showed that eight in 10 of the executives surveyed believed that a study abroad experience was an important factor for overseas job placement among their companies.

"As the world grows 'flatter,' the value of an international approach to higher education cannot be overstated," said Dr. Joseph Olander, president of The Scholar Ship, the first overseas study abroad program designed specifically for a multi-national student body and faculty. "The HR executives confirmed what we have sensed in today’s international business environment." Other findings in the study showed that “cultural awareness/sensitivity/tolerance” and an “international perspective” topped the list of the attributes valued by HR executives among prospective employees with study abroad experience.

Additionally, two-thirds (67%) of HR executives surveyed said that a study abroad experience within a culturally diverse student environment distinguishes a job candidate from others studying only with students from their own country.

Eight in 10 (80%) HR executives believed that an international education experience is important in distinguishing a candidate for overseas job placement.

Global HR News, a trade publication that covers corporate human resources policies development and its implementation, conducted the online survey in February 2007. Two-thirds (67%) of these surveyed worked in multi-national companies either headquartered or having a presence in the U.S.
Summer housing projects take place

Kelleigh Welch
Herald Staff

With the stress of final projects and tests building up as the spring 2007 semester ends, the only thought that keeps students going is the idea of summer relaxation only weeks away. But for the Roger Williams University Department of Residence Life and Housing, summer means preparing for the next year.

So what exactly will be occurring over the summer to prepare for the fall semester?

With the decrease in available apartments off campus, as well as the cost-effectiveness between campus housing and living off campus, more students are sticking with university-owned housing for the upcoming 2007-2008 year. According to Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing and Summer Conferences, “It appears that at this point we have retained more upperclassmen at housing than in the past.

This means that housing must keep up with renovations in the housing units, making the living situations for students better each year. "Overall, we will spend over a million dollars just on renovations this summer," said Montefusco.

So far, approximately 300 wooded adjustable beds were purchased to be placed in some Maple, Cedar, and Willow units to make the rooms look more residential and clean. New mattresses for these beds were also purchased for the upcoming year.

One of the larger projects the university will undergo following the end of the 2007 spring semester is installing a completely new fire alarm system in Cedar Hall. "That project alone will cost approximately $175,000," Montefusco said.

To list other renovations, appliances in Almeida will be updated from the average green appliances that date back to the 60s and 70s and overhead lighting in building 200 will be completed. Stainless steel closets will receive curtains to replace the closet doors that were removed for safety reasons earlier. Baypoint will receive new carpeting in some rooms, and along with Maple and Cedar, some bathroom areas will be renovated. Willow also will undergo a large project of removing the oil tanks in the ground to replace with gas heating systems.

With the new renovations for housing, it appears that living conditions will improve. However, some students are still not receiving a housing assignment for the Fall 2007 semester. The word is that these students should not fret.

"Roger Williams University guarantees housing for all four years. What students need to recognize is that we are making changes and moving people around, but they will probably be placed somewhere where they would have been placed in the lottery," Montefusco said. "A small waitlist will be manageable."

Since the deadline for freshmen entering the university was on May 1, housing for freshmen must be placed before those on the waiting list. "So far, the size of the incoming class is about the same size as the freshman class this past year," said Montefusco. "There may be a possibility for a few forced triples, but many institutions have to plan for that. We figure that college may not be for everyone, and need to plan accordingly."

Eventually, RWU will build a new housing unit somewhere on the North Campus. Although the exact location is still in question, housing is working to find the perfect spot.

"I would love to see improvements in the bathrooms for next year," freshman Niele Allard said. "It seems that no matter how many times the janitors clean the bathrooms, they still look old and dirty, as if the dirt never goes away."

The renovations are expected to improve living conditions for students, and will make dorm life a bit more comfortable. Freshmen and upperclassmen should be able to relax over the summer breaks and not worry about the status of their housing come the fall semester.

ADVICE: Calling for changes

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The report that Offley and Borelli put together reports that students said that "advisors were not approachable and often 'arrogant'... "advisors did not know the curriculum and often made uneducated suggestions" and "they needed life advice and outlook with their particular major."

The students were also encouraged to write positive feedback about their advisors which were written on the poster as well. According to Susan Hammond, Director of Advising Support Services, the results that ICC found echoed the results from a 2004 advising survey the task force conducted.

"The faculty has expressed the opinion that they would welcome training and support in best advising practices," Hammond said.

Hammond explained that there is a disconnect between the expectations of the students and what they have done traditionally in regards to advising.

According to Hammond, faculty has traditionally delivered "prescriptive advising" in which the faculty meets with their advisor during registration and determine the best roster for their classes and that is it. However students come to RWU expecting advisors who will supervise as high school guidance counselors did.

According to Hammond, one of the biggest problems in high school is grade inflation.

"50 years ago and even 30 years ago this was not necessary, students out of high school had solid time management skills and knew how to put together research papers," Hammond said.

Then, students usually could listen to a lecture spreadsheet and have a small discussion session or meet privately with a professor, but high school students are not accustomed to that pedagogy.

Hammond heard about ICC's project; reviewed the data and thought it was good "anecdotally."

"The comments in the survey and the comments in the poster were almost identical," Hammond said. "Faculty believe they are delivering good advising, but students want a more holistic model."

After the 2004 survey was conducted, the faculty created an advising task force which has been meeting for 18 months. They will be presenting their data to Presi­dent Nirschel with recommendations about improvements to the advising process in May.

Meanwhile, ICC plans to co-sponsor an "Advisement Fair" in the fall to try to establish better relationships between advisors and advisors.

"We met with Dr. Jennifer Campbell and Dr. Clancy Wilson and they are reps of faculty senate and we discussed our findings fur­ther with them," Borelli said.

"We came up with new ideas that they would present to the Acad­emic Advisory/Work Force and the Faculty Senate."

According to Hammond the changes in the typical college student are not just a challenge for advice.

"Everyone on the college cam­pus is challenged by this develop­ment at RWU: staff at CAD, SAO, advocates themselves," Hammond said. "We have all been challenged and a bit frustrated from what traditionally we expect freshmen to do and what they are doing."

READING: Stricter rules

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that puts our Reading Days and study time in jeopardy."

One of the ideas that the commit­tee discussed was the timing of finals.

"We are not saying that the number of reading days need to be re­duced, we are just saying that Thursday and finals do not start until Monday, that is a problem," King said. "We are looking into requesting Saturday exams in the future so stu­dents do not have a whole weekend to cut loose."

Strumolo believes a minority of students give the rest of the RWU campus a bad name.

"The majority of students are be­having, but there is a small few that give the image of the whole campus going into party-mode," Strumolo said.

As students head into final exams week, King advised students to re­spect the 24-hour courtesy period.

"Students who get in trouble will be told to go home and will have to reschedule any exams. They will lose all the points and their GPA," King said. Students and RAs need to know that they will be given a great deal of support in enforcing noise and other violations."

During exams week, King said the Lion’s Commons will be open until 2 is. The Upper Commons will be open until 4.

"The character is being challenged this semester," Strumolo said. "Everyone here is working toward a better Bryant for themselves and others."

"Everyone is working hard to make sure this happens," King said. "We don't want to lose the good reputation we have."

"We have all been challenged to make sure everyone stays on track and works diligently," Strumolo said.
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Students magazine boosts presence on campus

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crowd,” Lincoln Cohoon, Co-Chair of Campus Entertainment Network, said.

“I was worried that people would do more than throwing stuff and chanting,” Cohoon added. “The concen­tration was more at that end than whether or not Ludacris would show up.”

The assistant DJ for Ludacris, DJ JC, kept the masses entertained from 10 p.m. to around 10:30; however, the crowd grew restless and eventually boomed him off the stage.

According to John Lindsay, Asso­ciate Director of Student Programs & Leadership, Ludacris was late be­cause he was at the Tribeca Film Fes­tival in New York. CEN and SP&L had pushed the concert back a half­hour, but did expect Ludacris to ar­rive at RWU by 10 p.m.

Though he was late, Lindsay said Ludacris had the quickest “time-to­stage” time he has ever seen.

“He went into the hallway, took his jacket off, and had a microphone in hand,” Lindsay said.

The audience was quick to for­give, as Ludacris was given a hero’s welcome when he finally did begin his set.

After a brief introduction, Lu­dacris mingled with his sidekick and label-mate Lil’ Fate, opened with one of his earliest hits, “Southern Hospitality.” Once everyone began to “throw them bows,” the show was in full force.

“We were asking for refunds, but could not convince the stage they got kicked,” Cohoon said.

The controversy that took place on campus last week regarding WQRI DJs’ using Don Imus’ “nappy­headed hops” comment did not phase Laude, who included the songs “Area Code” and “You’re A Hoe” early in the set list.

The songs included lyrics such as, “I got hoes in different area codes,” and “You’re a hoel said that you’re a hoe.”

“We only talkin’ about specific women in that song, you know that right?” Ludacris asked the crowd after “You’re A Hoe.”

Aware of the controversy that al­ways surrounds him and his music, Ludacris sang the song “Freedom of Preach,” which shows respect to all individuals who are a “freedom seeker.”

“The critics never talk about those songs,” he said.

Claiming to have “so many hit songs” that it was hard to choose which to perform, Ludacris asked the au­dience for requests. He covered all the hits of his career to include his latest, “Here and Now.”

Ludacris performed with his sidekick and label-mate Lil’ Fate, opened with “Southern Hospitality,” and closed with “Money Maker.”

For freshman Allegra Hachey, who got in line just before 6:30 p.m.

to get a front-row spot, the wait was a little too long.

“It was only there for an hour,” Hachey said. “If he was there for longer it would have been better.”

Despite the wait, Hachey said CEN and Ludacris “definitely set a high standard” for future Spring Weekend concerts.

The security was tight at the event, with university staff, public safety officers, and Bristol Police con­trolling the crowds.

At least six students were ex­corted out of the concert before the main act took the stage, and police made several arrests of students who appeared intoxicated and both side­side the Campus Recreation Center.

At least two students were arrested for disorderly conduct, according to Joshua Hiscock, As­istant Director of Student Programs and Leadership. Additionally, several students were turned away at the door, one for having a fake ticket and others for having someone else’s ID card, Hiscock said.

“For the most part, students were pretty good, but a few students caused problems,” Hiscock said.

“The concert was perhaps the biggest in school history, according to Lindsay.

“A few [students] (Raymond) was big, but he wasn’t at his award­winning prize like Ludacis is now,” Lindsay said.

Such a big star has big demands, with the university staff, public safety officers, and Bristol Police con­trolling the crowds.

“We felt like we were more than throwing stuff and chanting,~

“I have faith as a graduating sen­ior that this club will continue to work hard and tirelessly to foster, cre­ate and share art with this campus,”

“People from all fields of learning have just as much insight to offer. To get more people involved, we’ve been promoting the magazines through posting flyers and other external paraphernalia, but I think the primary factor in making the magazine well known is word of mouth.”

“If students would like to get in­volved with AWE, or if they have a poten­tial publication, they should contact wvu.iilti@gmail.com.
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Witek, a resident of Amosia, Connecticut, was the president of his grade school as well as the president of his high school class.

"The main reason I did it in grade school and high school is because of my dad. He never had the chance to do anything like that so this is me building up for that," Witek said. "I've always had an inclination for service and I always try to do things better than I have before, but I think I've been pretty successful in that theme, just kind of went with it.

Witek said that his daily tasks as Student Body President usually include many problems and concerns of the student body, but he also has to face some bigger, more pressing issues. One of the biggest has been in the works since his freshman year.

"We were trying to get students on the board of trustees and finally now we're allowed to have students on committees," Witek said. "It's a big step, a big start because a lot of schools have that and we never did, so it's taken four years to really cap that up.

"It is very exciting, among his fellow senators, Witek is highly respected. Veronica Columb, Vice President of Student Senate, said she and Witek work together frequently and she feels comfortable turning to Witek for help in answering any question.

"A lot of people come to me with questions or concerns and I'm never afraid to ask Mike for help in answering them," Columb said. "I'm always like Hey Mike..."

Colin O'Reilly, Student Treasurer, had similar things to say about the man. "I think that he and Witek have a very good professional relationship.

"I think he likes to talk about something, or I'm not positive, I'll usually go to him about that," O'Reilly said. "It's specific to a budget, then I usually ask Colin [Columb], too, just because she was treasurer before me and she's been able to help me out. But, Mike's sat on finance committee for three years now.

When he is not busy serving as the go-to guy for many students and senators on campus, Witek says he enjoys a wide array of hobbies and activities.

"I play guitar, listen to music and read a little bit. Back at home, I also volunteer at a fire department and I work on an ambulance," Witek said. "This year and last year I've been interested in photography, so that's another hobby of mine.

Another one of Witek's hobbies is baseball. While the majority of the students who attended his high school were New York Yankees fans, Witek was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox. He followed them carefully to this point.

"I just grew up watching them. My mother is a Yankee fan, so I kind of followed suit and fell in love with the Sox," he said.

While Witek's title may carry with it a number of responsibilities other than schoolwork, Witek knows that he has to stay focused on his degree. He is also preparing to become a Fire Officer in the U.S. Navy.

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Emily Chappell
News Editor

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, seniors Christopher George, Richard McMahon, Joseph Sgambato, Matthew Ciabotte and Mathew Palumbo, Ryan Ciabotte and Nicholas DiRobbio will walk across the stage as the seven seniors from the Rhode Island ROTC program. The seniors have spent their last four years doing more than the average students.

They have trained and prepared for the United States Army by going to classes specifically for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), including Physical Training three mornings a week, labs and field training exercises.

To enlist in the Army ROTC program, one must sign a four-year contract. This contract states that you serve four years through college then four years active duty or eight years in the Reserves.

While some students join ROTC for a chance to serve their country after graduation, the members have other reasons to join as well.

"It is a way that I could serve my country but also be able to go to college," McMahon said. "Delaying my military training was a dilemma because I was a Marine, but I wanted to go to college."

Witek serves on the Student Senate for the last four years and will be graduating in May.

"I have a question about that thing," Pelletier said. "The biggest thing I've learned is that I really don't know that much about that, but I've learned a lot from it.

Some of the members of ROTC have always wanted to join the program and have done so in college. For others, such as Wilson and Pelletier, they went through programs in high school, including the U.S. Naval Reserve and the Air Force Cadet program.

In order to contract with the Army, you must commit to four years of school and have an obligation to the Army for four to eight years after.

When looking at collapse I knew I wanted to be in the Navy," Witek said. "Mike's father was in the Army and I knew I went to go to school," Ciabotte said.

"I enlisted in the ROTC in my sophomore semester and joined ROTC about a year and a half later. It was a chance to stay in school and still serve in the Army."

Junior Sam Albahari enlisted as a sophomore when his residents last year, seniors McMahon and Palumbo, pushed him to join. He went on to lose over fifty pounds and pass the physical training test to contract with the Army.

"To be contracted with the Army is something I've always wanted to do. It gives you the opportunity in college and when you graduate, you become an officer," Palumbo said.

Through the program, the members have learned more than what they need to know out in the field including leadership, job training and experience with working with others.

The seniors believe their leadership has influenced the underclassmen, as well as their fellow seniors, greatly.

"As a senior, I feel that this year's group of seniors is definitely a tight knit group. We have always been there for each other and have always been there for each other throughout the year. We are like a team," George said.

"We are always involved in each other's lives through school and the Army. If someone understands one thing more than the others we really help each other out. We motivate one another," Palumbo agreed.

"The other guys are my best friends. We come together when we need and we are always there to help each other shin," Palumbo said. Junior Greg Woods also stated the senior's presence will be greatly missed.

"The seniors are good and squared-away guys. They have influenced my life by just watching, seeing what they do, and leading by example," Woods said. "ROTC makes me realize how I am being armed, it is immediate removal and we have to pay everything back or maybe enlist right away. Seniors are there to guide and watch with ROTC. They help us out as much as they can but they do not abuse their seniority."

For those interested in the ROTC program, the seniors also offer advice.

"Those who want to get involved should keep working hard. Find that drive and go with it, do well in school and enjoy your time while you're at college," George said.

Others are in agreement.

"If you are interested, definitely try it out," Palumbo said. "We have a great group, with 7 of us coming strong. For a small school, our program is outstanding."

Once the seven graduates leave, Bristol, Rhode Island, they will be dispersed all over the country. The final duty station for Crown and Palumbo will be Fort Drum, New York.

"Although the senior's shoes will be hard to fill, Albahari and the rest of the seniors are ready."

I will be able to make ROTC even better for everybody else, just like they were able to make it better for me," Albahari said.

Owen Coomaray
Danny Ruth

Herald Staff

Led by the lead single of the same name, "Because of You" demonstrates only moderate growth from R&B up-and-comer, Ne-Yo. Currently charting at position #5 on the Hot 100, the first single "Because of You" is infused with a musical arrangement that is very similar to Ne-Yo's previous material (i.e. "Sexy Love" or "Stay"). Though extremely catchy and with a clear demonstration of its ability to be a hit on radio and television, "Because of You" seems almost redundant and leaves much to the imagination.

There are a few select songs on the new disc that show promise for Ne-Yo as an artist. "Leaving Tonight" is a beautiful duet with failed-idol turned superstar, Jennifer Hudson. The ballad gives a perfect collaboration between Jennifer's rich voice and Ne-Yo's sultry tone. Telling the story of jealous lovers, "Leaving Tonight" is very reminiscent of 60's R&B with meaning.

"Go on Girl," my personal choice as the second single, is a mid-tempo heavy-R&B story of failed love. With a strong bass line, smooth vocals and an impeccable flow, "Go on Girl" would surely be a hit. "Crazy" features a spot from Rod Stewart but this guest spot does not add anything special at all to the song. It certainly does not save it from being at most a mediocre track.

In conclusion, "Because of You" is a good example of an artist going with the recipe that achieved them success in the first place. Though similar to his first release, Ne-Yo has gone with a smooth R&B sound with a very simple message. Though very catchy, "Because of You" ends with you wanting more substance. Though the disc has highlights, like the aforementioned duet with Jennifer Hudson, this could because of the mediocre and myself wanting to hear much more from Hudson, not Ne-Yo. I would recommend this disc if you liked his first release "In My Own Words" or "Confessions" by Usher.

Ne-Yo, "Because of You" C

Billboard: Number Ones

The Billboard Hot 100
Makes Me Wonder
Maroon 5

Hot Ringtones
What Hurts the Most
Rascal Flatts

Hot Rap Tracks
I'm A Flirt
R. Kelly or Bow Wow (Featuring T.I & T-Pain)

Hot Singles Sales
Brianstorm
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EMT: Students encounter tough situations

"The worst injury this guy had was that the guy cut the cord, fell, hit the ground, hit his head on the wall and then hit the floor unconscious," Pelletier said. "We got the call 'possible suicide' and this thinking worst case scenario. We get there and this guy is sitting on the floor, he be, with the cord still around his neck, smoking a cigarette."

Another call for possible suicide involved a nurse. "The lady took the equivalent of like eight boxes of Benadryl," Pelletier said. "She's a nurse. She should know that's not going to kill you, just make you sick."

In another case, Pelletier and his crew received a call for a wellbeing check, which is where police and EMTs will check up on someone who has not been heard from in a while.

The EMTs found the apartment full of beer cans and the man lying on the floor. When they went to check his pulse, he opened his eyes and said, "Who [heck] are you?" The man had purchased caller ID because his sisters kept bothering him, and refused to pick up the phone whenever they called him.

Sometimes Pelletier's young age comes into question, but he is always able to show people that just because he is young, it does not mean he is not a great EMT.

A native of Warren, Pelletier started his EMT training because his father and all of his father's friends were EMTs. "I admired the people that do it." While it is a thankless job usually, he said, "There are times when you do get recognition from your patients; it's a good feeling."

Because of his work with the EMS, Pelletier hopes to become a physician's assistant to make sure he continually keeps learning and doing the right things. Pelletier will talk to the doctors when they bring a patient to the Emergency Room and "pick their brain."

"Pelletier is a naturally inquisitive person," said Par- ley of his fellowawan. "He's got people who think about why that is."

Pelletier volunteers for Warren every week and for Bristol every other week. He is also in the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) at Roger Williams and works at a private ambu- lence company over the summer. It seems like pretty heavy load.

"I have a day planner, that's the most important thing," Pelletier said. "You have to know when to procrastinate and you have to know when to skip class. I take a lot of naps. I have a 'Do Not Disturb' sign and I use it."

Pelletier plans to train and become a paramedic, is currently working toward becom- ing a firefighter, works 36 hours for New England Ambu- lance each week, and is a Resident Assistant in Stonewall.

"If I don't keep busy, I just sleep and feel like a waste," Garmon said. "It's a lot. I love it though." Pelletier and the other students use the spare time they have when at the rescue station to do homework and catch up on sleep. There can be days when there will not be a single call on their entire 12 hour shift. Then there are days when they do not return to the station for their entire shift.

The students have learned to balance their vol- unteer work with school and other extracurricular activi- ties while still finding time to have a social life. Like colorful comic book characters sav- ing lives, these EMTs are students by day and heroes by night.

Online social music network at epicenter of college rock resurgence

LONDON—(DEREGIATE PRESSWIRE)—The col- lege rock revolution is exploding and Last.fm is becoming the key destination for college music fans fueling those bands' success.

London-based Last.fm is taking college campuses by storm with its "social music rec- ommendation engine not only intelligently recommends new songs, artists and local concerts online, but it also connects members based on their tastes."

As new statistics reveal, the artists most-listened-to amongst Last.fm's student user base are overwhelmingly the vanguard of the new college rock revolution — The Shins, Modest Mouse, Arcade Fire, etc. "The fans and artists are moving up the chart in response to the buzz around the music, as their fans and fans of the bands connect online and bring their fans together," said Martin Siskel, co-founder of Last.fm.

Last.fm is also overcoming MySpace as the best on- line service for new college bands looking to follow in the footsteps of independent heroes such as Death Cab For Cutie. Audio streaming quality is higher, there are no song upload limits and — as the statistics show — there's a fan community of college students on the site hungry for new college rock sounds. Student bands can use the site to connect to users who know they will be into their music, while their fans can spread the word with embeddable music players for their personal blogs and websites.

"It's a great way for college students to connect on a global scale," said Martin Siskel, co-founder of Last.fm. "You can connect with other players, or platform—whether you listen to Chopin, Coltrane or Coldplay—we're a place for you to meet people with similar tastes and to learn about the newest artists based on your current favorites."
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Last Week's Results
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday**

- **Campus Events**
  - Last Expression Session Blow Out: 9 p.m., Hawk's Hangout
  - Movie Releases:
    - Spider Man 3 Starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Topher Grace Rated PG-13
    - Lucky You: Drew Barrymore, Eric Bana, Debra Messing Rated PG-13

**Saturday**

- **Campus Events**
  - Ballroom Dance Club Event: 6 p.m., Hawk's Hangout
  - Dance Series: RWU Dance Theatre: 8 p.m., The Barn: $5 for students
  - Concerts:
    - Comedian Stephen Lynch: 6:30 p.m., $27.50

**Sunday**

- **Concert**
  - As Cities Burn, Cool Hand Luke, Olympia, After the Sirens: The Living Room: 9 p.m., $12

**Monday**

- Alive! Arts Series Event: No Sir!: 8 p.m., The Barn

**Tuesday**

- **Campus Events**
  - Penny Arcade Film: Wild Child: 7 p.m., CAS 162
  - Concerts:
    - Amber Pacific, Meat, and Monty Are I, Just Surrender: The Living Room: 7:45 p.m., $12

**Wednesday**

- **Campus Events**
  - Last Day of Classes: IHSA presents Late Night Breakfast: 9 p.m., Upper Commons
  - Concerts:
    - Shadow Fall, From Autumn to Ashes: Lopas: 7:30 p.m., $15

**This Week's Results**

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SOFTBALL: Hawks on the brink after Thursday's loss to Endicott

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A chance to make up for the deficit in the bottom of the inning. With two on and two outs, Jake Damond

DACKERS: Finishing up his career

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leader for the rest of the team and that many of the other players look up to him not only as their co-captain, but also as a friend.

"Adam was the type of kid to show you the ropes," sophomore outfielder and pitcher Chris Ziakas said. "I didn't even know him, but we became friends fast.

"His work ethic and commitment to the team is ubiquitous," he added. "Win or lose, he has something positive to say and that is the sign of a true leader.

Saturday afternoon, the Hawks faced the fifth ranked Curry College, who had hosted the University of New England on Thursday. The Hawks were 1-1 against the Colonels, losing 5-4 and winning 6-5 on April 1.

If the Hawks win on Saturday, they will travel to Endicott College, who is off to a hot start in the conference. The Hawks hope to get back on track after a tough loss to the Colonels.

"We are on a roll, and we are determined to win," said Ziakas. "If we win, we will be in the top five in the conference, and that is what we want."
CORDEIRO: Recounting the past

CORDEIRO faced many big league hitters including Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Aaron, and 23 innings against "The Big Red Machine" (Cincinnati Reds) minus Pete Rose. He faced these Hall of Fame hitters during big league spring training appearances; however Cordeiro never made it into a major league game.

"My career could be described as fairly successful," Cordeiro said. "I would have loved to make it to the majors, but I was the victim of circumstance." He has a handful of stories that are filed under "close but no cigar." "In 1960, I was sent down from Triple A to Double A to switch from being a starter to a reliever," he said.

"I was playing in Houston's organization, and their pitching coach came down to see me pitch. After the game, he told me to pack my bags for the minors. When I arrived in Houston I was informed of a trade that went through sending starting pitcher Mike Cuellar to Houston. Because of the trade, I was no longer needed, so they sent me back down to the minors."

Cuellar, a four-time All Star, went on to win 20 games and share the Cy Young award in 1969. Cordeiro, jokingly said, "There are no hard feelings."

"Another time was when I was with the Pirates," recalls Cordeiro, "they needed a lefty reliever so they went down to the farm to get me, but the day before I had hurt my elbow. I was only listed as day-to-day, but they didn't have time to wait.

There are many stories like this throughout

CORDEIRO's professional career or as he says, "I could go on." He made the most of his chance, including playing 10 years of winter ball from 1963-1973 in Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Nicaragua. As a result of playing winter ball and minor league ball at the same time, Cordeiro ended up playing 10 months of baseball a year.

By playing so much baseball, Cordeiro often wonders if playing almost year-round caused his fastball to lose some velocity. "I might have been able to throw 96 mph instead of 85 mph if I had not played winter ball," he said. "These are the little things that you find yourself wondering once you retire, but at the end of the day, it was out of my hands."

He finds himself wondering what it would have been like to pitch in the majors, but he says he has no regrets. He lived baseball and enjoyed every moment, and as he says "I never thought about life after baseball, I never had to." When he did retire in 1975 due to personal reasons, he decided to stick with baseball and pass on his knowledge by taking a job at RWU as the head baseball coach in 1979. He has been involved with RWU for 24 years, starting in 1976, and in 2005, he took the Alumni and Community Relations Coordinator position.

After this year, he is retiring from his full time job and taking on a part time position here at RWU. But as long as Cordeiro is here, there will always be someone knocking on his door eager to hear the amazing stories of the glory days.
A day in the life of Bobby Criscuolo

It's late spring and that means two things here at RU: finals and playoff baseball. This past Tuesday, the Hawks beat up on Eastern Nazareth College and look to do so against their next foe, CCC foe. To gain greater insight into what it is like to be part of this team during the playoff race, I followed around one of RU's most enigmatic figures — Bobby Criscuolo. This pitcher has a fiery fastball to go along with his fiery personality. 

5:00 a.m. — Alarm goes off, playing AC/DC's, "Hells Bells." Bobby snirks, and with his eyes still closed says to himself, "It's game time."

5:10 a.m. — Enters the kitchen where he places a dozen eggs in a blender, shells still on, mixes in a protein supplement, and downs the concoction in 5 seconds. Upon completing screams, "Strike three!"

5:18 a.m. — Jumps into his white man-Saturn and heads to his favorite hunting grounds: The D'Angelo Commons.

5:28 a.m. — Sets up tee stand. Site quietly waiting for his prey. The injury changed his baseball game. Cordeiro said, "He's taking a nap at the desk in the athletics office of RIC."

5:34 a.m. — Sees unsuspecting campus cat walking directly under the tree in which he was perched. He drops down onto the animal, wrestling it to its death. Softly states to himself, "Criscuolo one, fee-line nethin'."

6:00 a.m. — Back to his room, where he guilt and began to marinate his catch in beer, bullets, and egg whites... "The gunpowder brings out the flavor and the hotel uses the egg whites for protein."

6:12 a.m. — Stakes napped. Does fifty push-ups.

6:15 a.m. — Walks back into dorm, pours water on his sleeping roommate and tells him he's taking a "cat nap." Giggles uncontrollably.

7:47 a.m. — Challenges kids to a bet that he could throw a rock from the Almeida shuffle to Willow.

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Double Disappointment

Men's lacrosse eliminated from playoffs in double overtime

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The injury changed his baseball career forever, but his passion for the game did not falter. Dackers worked closely with Athletic Trainer Kristin Laffa, the head of BWU's athletic training program in the off-season so that he could recover from his injury and play again.

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Through daily sessions with Raffa, Dackers was able to recover from his injury and take the field at the start of the 2005 season, his junior year. Although his injury has prevented him from playing as much as he would like, Dackers has still contributed greatly to the team.

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Softball falls to Gulls

The top-seeded softball team fell to the No. 2 Gulls of Endicott Thursday afternoon by a score of 6-2 in the third round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament. The loss sends the Hawks into the loser's bracket, where they will host Curry College in a do-or-die game Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Gulls got out to an early lead Thursday and never let go. After Laura MacNeil gave up two runs in the top of the first, the Hawks had

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Dackers, team player, looks to end career as champ

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RWU employee, former pitcher, shares stories of past

Gregory Walsh
Contributing Writer

What defines a successful career in baseball? Is it how many home runs you have hit? Wins you have next to your name? Or is it the fact that you can look back on your career with fond memories and amazing stories?

I had a cup of coffee in the majors," Ray Cordeiro said while sitting at his desk in the athletics office of Roger Williams University. Cordeiro spent 17 years in the minor leagues spanning from 1958-1975. During that time, he played for the Kansas City Athletics, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Chicago White Sox, and the Pittsburgh Pirate organizations.

When asked about what it takes to have a successful career in baseball, Cordeiro said, "You need to set goals for yourself and do the best you can in order to achieve those goals. Forget about what others think.

As a relief pitcher, Cordeiro was told that he had the ability to make it in the majors. As a result, he was invited to numerous major league spring training camps throughout his years in professional baseball. This allowed him to pitch against many of the greatest baseball players in history. "I threw the best curveball of my career to Hank Aaron," Cordeiro said. "And sure enough he shot it into left for a hit."

Through Aaron got a hold of his curve, a left-handed hitter whom Boston fans called "Yao," couldn't touch it. "[Carl] Yastrzemski, with that big lefty swing of his, couldn't touch my curve," the left-handed Cordeiro says with a chuckle. "I struck him out twice with it. He was a little mad about that."

In his 17 years of experience, See CORDEIRO p. 15

Hawks on the Horizon

CCF Playoffs Games

Friday, May 4
Baseball
Home v. Wentworth - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 5
Softball
Home vs. TBA - 10 a.m.