Papitto controversy lingers

Phil DeWitt
News Editor

The university announced the appointment of 13 new members to the Board of Trustees Thursday, nearly two months after former board chairman Ralph Papitto resigned amid allegations he spoke a racial slur at a May meeting.

The new trustees include six women, four international members, four people of color and two alumni, according to Richard Bready, the chair of the board. They, along with seven returning trustees, bring the board's membership to 14, the highest number the board has seen in years, President Roy J. Nirschel said.

The changes come after months of mounting pressure on the university to diversify the board, which for years was in violation of its own bylaws and riddled with conflicts of interest, according to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

"We have quite a few women of color, people with different global backgrounds, and that's reflective of the direction the university is moving in," Nirschel said. "It had always been my hope that the board would become more broad, now diverse."

Arleen Voieto, former Rhode Island Attorney General, Rodney Butler, treasurer of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Hala Taweel, president of the University of the Middle East Project, were among those listed as new trustees in a press release issued by the university.

The board has been chaired since Papitto's July resignation by Richard Bready, CEO of Nortek, Inc., a company Papitto founded in 1987. A March 26 "Notice of Concern" issued to the university by NEASC accused the board of violating regulations on term limits, and criticized its lack of diversity. Of the 16 trustees on the former board, 14 were white men and two were women.

"I don't believe the board paid as much attention to its bylaws as it should have and it was really out of sync with the rest of the university, which has been seeing growth and incredible progress," Nirschel said, adding that the board's bylaws have since been rewritten by former State Supreme Court Justice Robert Flanders, an independent party.

June Speakman, president of the Faculty Senate, said she hopes the new board will be more accessible and receptive to students and staff under Bready's chairmanship.

"There was no relationship (with the previous board). In 12 years at the university, I never met Mr. Papitto or any other board members." Papitto allegedly uttered a racial slur at a May 2 board meeting while discussing the NEASC report.

"They want us to add more poor kids and they want us to add more, well, I can't call them in—," Papitto was quoted as saying by former trustee Ralph Papitto, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, using the phrase "nappy headed" by two WPRO DJs, and the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ralph Papitto, using a racial slur at a board meeting which occurred around the time that Papitto resigned.

Issues surrounding race at Roger Williams University have become part of the campus conversation, especially since Papitto's resignation from the Board of Trustees. Upon hearing of Papitto's resignation, many students geared up for more backlash regarding race towards the campus.

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Just add water

A new main entrance was built this summer featuring a public safety huts and a reflecting pool to improve traffic flow and safety for pedestrians in the area. The guard-huts allow a lane for visitors in need of information and a lane for thru traffic.

Public Safety Director steps in, encourages student input

Michael Hurley
Managing Editor

When former Roger Williams University Public Safety Director Brendan Doherty accepted the position of superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police in April, he left a large pair of law-enforcing boots to be filled in the offices of North Campus.

The vacant director position was filled by a 28-year veteran of law enforcement, J. David Smith, who most recently served as chief of police in Narragansett, R.I.

"This isn't a job," Smith said of his new position. "This is a very unique opportunity to be a part of the growth of the university."

Since taking over in July, Smith said he made it his mission to speak
LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter in support of the President of Roger Williams University, Dr. Roy Nirschel. When a negative event occurs on campus there is an instant media frenzy, while a good deed often goes unnoticed or unacknowledged. Dr. Nirschel is a versatile president as well as a hands-on member of the university community, who continually shows his care and concern for students, faculty and staff.

As a steady fixture on campus, he stands out in his accessibility. This is not a president that you will find confined to his office, in his board meetings, or at executive luncheons. Rather, this is a man who connects with and reaches out to all levels of the university community, from the janitors, to the grounds keepers, to the professors.

It is not uncommon to see him personally visit dorms, take countless trips to the athletic fields and prioritize such things as campus beautification to ensure the comfort and safety of students, faculty and staff. As a dedicated university staff-person of 23 years, I would like to take this opportunity to commend his down-to-earth leadership and commitment to making Roger Williams a first-rate university.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Lebeau

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Professor of the semester: a casualty of change

Theodore Applebaum
Herald Staff

Last semester, Roger Williams University announced that students had voted Moskowitz "professor of the semester." Less than two weeks later, he cleared out his desk, unsure if he would be returning this fall. He is currently in the final stages of arbitration.

Moskowitz is a man swept up in a wave of shifting expectations of professors and students alike as the school attempts to find their niche in the competitive universe of higher education. According to Dee DeQuattro, "that's the sky is falling point of view. (They think) 'If I polarize it for enough I can demotivate them.'"

Including Moskowitz, there are currently five RWU faculty members in arbitration, four regarding denials of promotion. One of these cases involves the Political Science chair, June Spokman, who said that "in every case we were denied for insufficient scholarly output." The administration feels professional scholarship is a necessity for a growing and improving university. "We think of universities as institutions of scholarship," said Martin. "If our job is not simply to receive knowledge and pass it on, but to analyze it, ourselves, to add to it."

According to Martin, this is especially true in light of an improving student body. He says admission to RWU is becoming more and more selective every year.

"We all have the idea that this is now a school that attracts better students," Martin says. "That student body demands a higher level of engagement."

While the administration embraces the idea of engaged students who require an informed, scholarship-driven education, they dispute the perception that an emphasis on teaching should be taking over from teaching. The alarmists say we've gone from being this teaching institution to being this research institution. They say teaching is no longer important. That is the sky is falling point of view, (they think) 'If I polarize it for enough I can demotivate them.'" Martin said.

Instead, Martin says that scholarship has long been a part of faculty life. "The contract has never just said we are simply a teaching institution, that's all you need to do. There are always other elements" While Spokman says that scholarship has become of paramount interest to the administration, she says this emphasis is reflective of recent changes that have occurred since she was hired in 1996.

In the last six years, RWU has changed provosts, deans and has a new president in Roy Martin, who she says has not made it clear what the university is looking for from their faculty. "He says he doesn't believe in one size fits all. He doesn't believe that every single faculty member should do exactly the same amount of articles and service on committees, the same kind of teaching models, that there's more then one way to excel here as a faculty member."

This lack of clarity is not helped by a contract that Spokman considers "vague," though she was admittedly one of its designers. "The terms 'excellence in teaching' are very broad and, yes, the faculty has interpreted them one way and the administration has interpreted them differently." According to Spokman, in recent years as the balancing of these requirements has seemed to shift towards scholarship, it has become increasingly difficult for the faculty to maintain a high level of effectiveness in all their duties. Spokman feels as long as the current system remains the same, fulfilling those requirements will continue to be difficult.

Under the current contract, which will expire in 2008, faculty members are required to teach three to four classes a semester. "In order for us to do this increased scholarship we need less teaching time," Spokman said. "(Moskowitz) absolutely capable of being a good scholar it's just that he hasn't had the time in my view."

Junior Josh Goldfarb first met Moskowitz when Goldfarb was standing in the political science department with his father, feeling lost. It was during his orientation and he was having difficulty creating his schedule for the upcoming school year.

"A guy approached me and said, 'hi my name is Dave, how can I help you?' He fixed my schedule, even though I wasn't even a student yet. That just shows his willingness to help anyone that has a problem." When it comes to Moskowitz's courses, his student's say he is the kind of teacher that keeps them coming back for more.

According to Dee DeQuattro, his teaching style is unique and engaging.

"He always plays devil's advocate which gets him in a lot of trouble," DeQuattro said, referring to Moskowitz's style of initiating friendly debate.

It is not just students who have expressed their wish that Moskowitz remain at RWU.

Last spring, he was elected by his peers to the Faculty Senate, a sign of his continuing popularity among faculty members. "I would like to see Dr. Moskowitz continue as my colleague," Spokman said. "Anytime a faculty member is denied tenure [the faculty] gets nervous."

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Photograph with Mr. Beah
Author-signed copy of A Long Way Gone

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A sitdown with Saves the Day and Black Violin

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

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30 Second Scoop with Saves the Day

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STD: Saves the Day: It's been a long and winding road of creation and destruction.

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Computers consolidated in learning commons

Florentine Lohar
Herald Staff

Take a deep breath, students may have lost the use of the Gabelli School of Business computer labs, but they did not lose free printing.

However, the lack of a good marketing strategy to promote the new Learning Commons in the first level of the University Library left students confused.

Computers from the public computer lab in the School of Business, where most students went in the past for computer use and free printing were removed and will be placed in the Learning Commons.

Unaware that the Learning Commons concept was frustrated by the new layout and the lack of computers, Students were confused about where to print and about whether printing would be free or not.

"When I heard about the new Learning Commons, I expected to see a bunch of computers," junior Sharon Zemina said. "But it looks like the same amount of computers that was in the library before."

The furniture needed to hold all of the library computers, as well as those from the School of Business, have not been put into place yet. Dean of University Library Services, Peter Deekle, said that the first floor search, write it, and do a multimedia prompts the attention of the

The new library layout conception has received national and international recognition, most recently from the Spanish Library Association. McMullen's spring 2007abbatical took her to Library Learning Commons sites all over the country, and her study of best models prompted the attention of the SLA.

"We will be talking about the Roger Williams University Library Common in Madrid this fall.

"We went further than we anticipated," Deekle said.

Along with the computers in the library, students are also able to use the computer labs in the Gabelli School of Business when they are not in use by a class.

Here are Macintosh computers located in the North Classrooms and in the Architecture lab.

Both reference and technological help is available at the information desk in the University Library. When the library becomes extremely busy around exam time, the library instructional classroom, which also holds computers, will most likely be opened for student use.

DIVERSITY: Striving for inclusive excellence

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A recent scandal was, "Here we go again," senior Daniel Ruth, co-president of the Multicultural Student Union, said. "Back to when the College Republicans were pulling their stunts, it truly tarnished our university and made a lot of people rethink their reason for being at RWU. I feel like this scandal did the same exact thing for the incoming freshmen."

Sophomore Jerel Bargo agreed. "I was shocked that a person who puts a lot of their time and money into an university that is about Learning would use such language."

Many students and faculty alike remain unaware of the initiatives put in place to diversify the campus even before the incidents surrounding Chairman Papitto's resignation.

"I hope people don't think we are doing all this diversity stuff solely because of what happened," Dean of Enrollment Management Jason Pina said. The changes Pina alludes to are those, some new and some from previous years, that different departments on campus are working in order to create a culture change on campus. Overall, there are five specific areas, ranging from the curriculum to community outreach and partnership, which diversity is being assessed under.

One change, the idea of inclusive excellence which was introduced in spring of 2006, involves building a model that will not only bring more diverse students to campus but it will also guarantee great success among these students.

"One of the questions we want to ask is, 'do students of color feel comfortable with the climate of the school?" Pina said. "[Also, we want to guarantee all students have the opportunity to do things such as study abroad and a 3.5 G.P.A. and also be seen as student leaders on campus. They will add to the fabric and academic conversations of RWU," Pina said.

Other initiatives, such as POSSE and Venture's Scholars, help recruit and facilitate minority students to attend college.

"Along with initiatives to attract students of different backgrounds to the campus, faculty and administrators are also working on diversifying the curriculum taught at RWU."

"The fact that the questions of diversity on campus is raised means we still have work to do," Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Laura de Abreu said. "There are a group of people among the faculty who are interested in adding to the curriculum to make it more diverse."

"These students are expected to graduate with a 3.5 G.P.A. and also be seen as student leaders on campus. They will add to the fabric and academic conversations of RWU," Pina said.

"All of the curriculum initiatives come from the faculty," de Abreu said. "Ultimately it is their decision if we will have them."

Overall, one of the university's hopes is to spread awareness of the initiatives in the works.

"Many people are aware of our global initiatives, such as our efforts to educate Afghan women and bringing Iraqi folk to campus, but they may be less aware of our diversity efforts, and it depends on who you ask," Dean of Student Kathleen McMa- hon said. "It is important to not only educate the entire student body and say that we are changing, but also to hold ourselves accountable for the changes we are making."
Free rides for freshmen

Sarah Cournoyer
Editor

Freshmen will no longer need to fish around in their wallets for quarters to pay the RIPTA bus fare because Roger Williams has purchased a program that will allow them to ride for free.

As of September 7, the university will distribute RIPTA swipe passes to the entire freshman class, allowing them free, unlimited rides. According to Vice President John King, students expressed interest in the past for free RIPTA passes. This year, the university got involved because RIPTA changed over to swipe cards for students. They will charge the university for actual use of the card instead of a projected number.

“We want to encourage freshmen to get out of their dorms, especially because of the large number of forced triples,” King said. “We also want students to be able to take advantage of the cultural and dining opportunities in Newport and Providence.”

According to King, a total pass program, which would allow all students to ride for free, would cost the institution over $300,000 dollars. The projected number for only freshmen students is $75,000 dollars.

However, in order to encourage students to use public transportation, fifteen-ride RIPTA swipe passes will be available to upperclassmen for purchase. Because Student Affairs and Student Senate will subsidize the cost of the swipe passes, they will be available for 10 dollars to students instead of 20 dollars.

“We also want to promote environmental sustainability,” King said. According to King, students need to be patient with RIPTA. They will not be used to the high volume of riders from RWU.

“Two years ago, we were not involved in a program with RIPTA, so we were not a high priority,” King said. “With both of our programs going on, we have a stronger relationship.”

Freshmen will receive an e-mail on how to pick up their bus swipe pass.

Jordan Viola
Senior

“Memorize the shuttle schedule.”

Brian Leduc
Sophomore

“Try something new.”

Cassie Forcello
Senior

“Manage your time carefully. There’s a lot of free time and you can easily fall behind in classes.”

Chris O’Brien
Director of Retention

“Don’t decline help. There are many resources out there looking to be of assistance.”

Mike Juniors
Senior

“Don’t go to Bayside dressed in mini-skirts and heels with a backpack of beer hoping to get invited into parties.”

Emily Peterson
Senior

“Don’t eat all your meals at Commons and neglect any other dining opportunities in Newport and Providence.”

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26. King Philip Apartments (Student Residence)
27. Registrar's Office and Conference Center (Student Residence)
28. Atalanta House (Office of Residential Life and Office of Development)
29. University Residence
30. Public Safety and Facilities Center (Office of Public Safety, Facilities, and Purchasing)
31. Mail Room
32. ESL Language Centers

CAD: Center for Academic Development, located on the second floor of the library. It offers free tutoring for all students and help for those with identified learning disabilities.

CAS: College of Arts and Sciences, also known as FCAS Fein­
stein College of Arts and Sciences.

CEN: Campus Entertainment Network

CORE: COREs are required classes such as Lit/Phil and Aesthetics. These should not be confused with the CORE con­centration: a series of five classes one elects to take outside of their major. Also, there is the CORE (Coordinator of Residence Education) staff member who lives in each residence hall.

CSD: Center for Student Development which houses the Career Center, Health Services, Student Affairs, and Student Life (and a Bank of America ATM).

D'Angelo Commons: Space between the library and the busi­ness school.

FYS: First Year Seminar

Hawk Dollars: Money put on the unicard from a meal plan or the registrar to be used at various food places on campus and in the Bristol area.

ICC: Inter-class council

IRHA: Inter-Residence Hall Association

MNS: Marine and Natural Sciences Building

MSU: Multicultural Student Union, located in the Intercultural Center at the end of Maple 1.

NAB: New Academic Building located in the downstairs of the Old Union, also home to the Service Learning offices and the Center for Global and International Programs.

Old Union: Where the cafeteria used to be located, now housing the Hawk's Hangout and the Bayroom Conference room.

Paolina Field: The field behind the Rec. Center.

Quad: The grassy area between the Commons and the architecture building.

SPL: Student Programs and Leadership offices located in the Rec Center

Student Advocate (SA): Upperclassmen who peer mentor the entire freshmen class

Team C.A.R.E.: Made up of the RAs (residence assistants), HAWEs (Health and Wellness Educators) and PEEEs (Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals).

WQRI: The campus radio station (88.3 fm)
Intercultural Center welcomes new staff

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With the start of a new year, students at Roger Williams University are not the only people adjusting to the school. At the University’s Intercultural Center, change is in the air.

The main adjustments for frequent visitors to the Intercultural Center are the new staff. Among those new faces are Ande Diaz, replacing Jason Pina as Director of the Intercultural Center and Associate Dean of Students. Also, Don Mays and Maria Adkins join Diaz as the new Assistant Directors of the Center.

“I work primarily with the international students and spiritual life programming,” Adkins said. “With my background in immigration and student activities, I am very excited to bring new activities to the University and to work with the international students on campus and learn what their interests are.”

Located on the north side of Maple Hall, the Intercultural Center welcomes students of any race and ethnicity to share a common space. “The Intercultural Center serves the entire Roger Williams community,” Adriianne Henderson, Administrative Assistant at the Intercultural Center, said. “We take heart and specialize interest in international students, students of color, spiritual life, and L.G.B.T.Q.A (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Allies).

One of the main programs of the Intercultural Center is the Bridge to Success Program where, according to Henderson, “college students go to local urban high schools to tutor the students and mentor them to prepare for college.” Mays’ job specifically focuses on the Bridge to Success program and its overall accomplishment. Besides the larger Bridge to Success program, the Intercultural Center sponsors many other programs that in which the Roger Williams University community can participate.

“We have a few monthly programs, such as ‘An Hour With...’, where students present for an hour information about their home country,” Henderson said. “We also show movies once a month, which deal with intercultural issues from international students, civil engagement in global society, L.G.B.T.Q.A, and developing to be more inclusive.”

“We also have trips to Boston with the students, and prepare Thanksgiving dinners,” Adkins said. The Intercultural Center has also sponsored speakers on campus in the past, such as Nikki Giovanni, and hopes to get Tim Wise to speak in October on the topic of white supremacy. All activities are open to the Roger Williams community.

“I look forward to continuing with traditional programs and expanding the program calendar for new activities,” Adkins said. “I would love to see more of the community in the Center,” Henderson said. “We are open early, late, and everyday during the week.”

With this new staff, the Intercultural Center will have new approaches and ideas for activities all throughout the year, and is something worth checking out.
Have you seen the green machine?

The Ankole cow begins its life growing in the fields of the United States and Canada. It is a pretty plant with tiny yellow flowers and oil filled seeds. Once harvested these seeds are pressed to produce a vegetal oil that fills fryerlators across the country.

To facilitate the conversion from diesel to SVO, Yonan brought in a program which will require all university mechanic students to work with university mechanic Leo Bonnafoot. Howard has converted over 15 vehicles to SVO, including a garbage truck for Harvard University last year.

"For me it’s just kind of a novelty, I’m just kind of into doing it" says Howard who drives two Volkswagen entirely powered by SVO.

Over the past few weeks the shuttle has undergone a series of modifications in the process of installing the components to allow it to run primarily on SVO.

When the shuttle is first turned on it runs on diesel fuel for a few minutes until the SVO is heated enough to move smoothly through the system. Once heated the shuttle runs entirely on SVO until the end of the day when diesel is again briefly used to purge the system of any leftover oil, which could clog when it cools down overnight.

While the use of SVO for fuel is a new concept in the United States it has existed commercially in Europe for over 30 years. SVO burns cleaner, its exhaust is nearly odorless and with the rising cost of diesel it makes sense for some an attractive alternative to diesel. Also Howard says people get a kick out of running their vehicle on SVO.

"I’m really excited" says Yonan who has been waiting two long years to his vision become a reality. Yonan, a former student, hatched the plan with another former student Smith who graduated less than two years ago. They had originally looked to bio-diesel in hope of making RWU a greener campus.

"But the more research we did on bio-diesel the less we were impressed" says Yonan. Bio diesel is a process, which adds no more than 20% VO to diesel but can run through a normal system and therefore does not require any vehicle modifications.

Instead he appealed to the university to go for the conversion instead, that the shuttle sees today. After two years of planning, and overcoming numerous logistical issues, the shuttle could be in use within a few days and is to be officially unveiled sometime in the next few weeks.

"It’s a value I believe in," says President Roy Nirschel speaking of the "French fry car," as he affectionately calls it. "It’s part of our overall approach to sustainability and being Eco-friendly on campus."

The shuttle is just one of the many environmentally friendly initiatives RWU has begun in the last few years. The use of local produce in the cafeteria and the introduction of recycling bins alongside trashcans are a few of others.

"The Hawk’s Nest" 10 says the SVO shuttle is a good choice by the university. "Not only is it efficient and ecologically conscious but reflects positively on our school as well."

From field, to food, to fuel, RWU's environmentally friendly shuttle finally gives students a good reason for packing in those French fries. And don’t worry says Scott Yonan, the oil will be filtered three times before it makes its way into the gas tank, "we don’t want fries shooting out the tailpipe."
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Common Ground
  - Concert: Nick Motil
  - Hawk's Hangout
  - 9 p.m.

**Movie Releases**
- **Shoot 'Em Up**
  - Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti, Monica Bellucci
  - Rated: R
  - 3:10 to Yuma
  - Russell Crowe, Christian Bale
  - Rated: R

**Saturday**
- **Campus Events**
  - WQRI '80s Dance
  - Hawk's Hangout
  - 9 p.m.

**Monday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Intramural Sports Meeting
  - Campus Rec. Center Conference Room
  - Tennis, Beach Volleyball, and Kickball: 7-30 p.m.
  - Soccer and Flag Football: 7:45 p.m.
  - 10-Spot: Speed Dating
  - Hawk's Hangout
  - 8 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Marketing
  - 11 a.m.

**Wednesday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Student Involvement Fair
  - D'Angelo Common
  - 11 a.m.

**Thursday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Gene Night
  - The Composers
  - 8 p.m.

**Friday**
- **Campus Events**
  - East Meet West
  - Stress Management Class
  - Campus Rec. Center
  - Aerobic Room A
  - 12:15 p.m.

**Sunday**
- **Campus Events**
  - Business Speaking Event: The Foreign Exchange Market
  - GSB 334
  - 2 p.m.

**Concerts**
- Common Ground
  - George Clinton & Parliament
  - Pub Americana
  - 9 p.m.
  - Lupo's

**ROGER'S FUN CORNER**

**Sudoku**

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2. Dancer
3. Front of a ship
4. Cookie
5. Narrative
6. Groove
7. Comic book hero
8. Rambunctious
9. Egg-shaped
10. Adventurer
11. Pearl
12. Philter
13. Sausage hook
14. City in 15 Down
15. City near Jerusalem
16. Director
17. Banishment
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Before coming to RWU Ruscigno played three years of varsity soccer at John Jay High School on Long Island, which is one of the premier high school soccer programs in New York, said Cook. Plate spent the past two years serving as the team’s goalkeeper in addition to playing with the HBC United Soccer Club in New York.

“He’s got a lot of promise,” said Kiablick. “Cook. He’s 6 feet 3 inches, he’s got a lot of experience and I think he’s got a lot of upside to him. I think he is only going to get better.”

Sorkin joins the soccer team from Hill- boro -Deering High School in New Hampshire where she was an All-State forward and also has club-playing experience with Vendola and Gaisano. Mancarella comes out of Greece Athena High School in New York where she was an All-State and All-Section defender.

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said Kiablick. “And our goalkeepers and our sweepers all had a tremendous game.

For her contribution to Saturday’s game, Mancarella has been named the Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Week.

“Tassone’s got natural abilities, but really what she did was pushed through those opportunities as a team,” said Kiablick. “Anytime you can get three goals in the first 74 minutes, you’re doing something right.”

Cawthron, Lindsey Crepeau and Taryn Mancarella. Cawthron joins the team from Hillsboro -Deering High School in New Hampshire where she was an All-State forward.

Crepeau comes to RWU from Oyster River High School, also in New Hampshire, and also has club-playing experience with Vendola and Gaisano. Mancarella comes out of Greece Athena High School in New York where she was an All-State and All-Section defender.

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Before coming to RWU Ruscigno played three years of varsity soccer at John Jay High School on Long Island, but is originally from Florida. Cook said he talked to a lot of high school coaches and officials about Sorkin and that he came highly recommended.

Sorkin is the only one of the team’s three goalkeepers that has not yet had an opportunity to play in a regular season game.

When it comes to deciding which goalkeeper will take the number one spot, Cook said he has not had enough time to watch them play. He said he wants to increase the competition level during practice to bring out the best in all three goalkeepers as well as every other member of the team.

“If I think the beginning of the season is going to be trying to figure out who’s going to grab the number one job and just exactly where the other two go,” said Cook.

“It’s good that we’ve got three of them [goalkeepers] pushing each other for playing time,” said Cook. “Even at this stage, two games into the season nobody has really stepped forward or is playing that much better than either one of the other two to say they are my regular goalies.”

“It’s probably going to be another week or two before they start to feel comfortable and I start to get a good idea of who deserves to be out there," said Cook. "The big thing is can they rise to the occasion and make the key save?".

When the Hawks started their season on Saturday, Sept. 8 with the Turf Classic, Cook said he went into the tournament knowing that he was going to play two of the team’s goalkeepers. In the first game on Saturday against Utica College, Cook put Ruscigno in the net.

"Based on the early pre-season at that stage, I felt that Danny [Ruscigno] deserved to start the first game because he was the returning player," said Cook.

Ruscigno’s experience as a goalkeeper showed as he made four saves early in the match, keeping the score 0-0 until the 74-minute mark. When Utica player Kyle Tassone3 slipped a shot past him, Tassone’s shot proved to be the game winner for Utica and, despite six shot attempts from senior Antoine Bell, the Hawks lost 1-0.

On Sunday, Sept. 9 the Hawks took on Cabrini College in the second day of the Turfer Classic. This time Cook put freshman keeper Plate in the net, marking his first college start. Plate kept the ball out of the net for the first half, but he could not prevent two sudden shots at the 50 and 51-minute marks that allowed Cabrini to gain a 2-0 victory over RWU.

Cook said that outside the goalkeepers there are also many promising freshman players. Based on the first two games Cook feels that freshman Matt Stebbins, midfielder Michael Patriarca and Daniel “Dj” Hunter all look to be positive contributors to the field both defensively and offensively.

“I am looking for a bunch of these new kids to help us out,” said Cook. “We gave up some goals this weekend on mistakes, correctable mistakes,” said Cook. “As these kids adjust and mature to the college game, our season will depend on if they can do it quickly. If they can we could be pretty good.”
Women's team begins season with big win

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Going into the 2007 season, the women's soccer team is certainly a much stronger team than it was four years ago when Emily Kiablick took over as the team's head coach. Only two games into the season, the Hawks are already 1-1-0 on the season and ranked 14th regionally, marking the first regional ranking for the team.

"It is great just to be recognized regionally," said Kiablick. "Hopefully we'll keep moving up that chart, but it is so hard to change people's thoughts and perceptions of a program that hasn't had a lot of success in the past.

"It is just great that we're finally on the charts," said Kiablick.