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New plans for NAB

"We looked at the campus master plan and saw a need for new academic space," according to Nirschel, there was a lot of discussion within the Board of Trustees about NAB's fate, with ideas ranging from gutting the inside of the building, relocating it to a different site or knocking down the building altogether and building on the footprint.

The Board of Trustees chose the latter option.

The project will begin in May, immediately after approval of $75 million worth of projects, Nirschel said.

Swooping It up

"C" has tried out for teams before. In fact, this isn't even the first time he's been inside a bird suit. He describes being Sesame Street's Big Bird for a birthday as "pretty cool," and "really hot."

Though he's done it all before, he admits he still feels the pressure.

"I'm kind of anxious to get out there and take home the gold," C said.

In a few minutes he will audition to become Swoop the Hawk, Roger Williams University's official mascot.

The Department of Student Programs and Leadership (SP&L) is in the process of auditioning candidates such as C for a group of Swoops who they hope will increase the mascot's visibility on campus. Since Swoop is an anonymous position, candidates are referred to here as "C" and "D."

Mascot auditions finding RWU spirit

Students ‘Feed’ campus news

"TV is all about teams of three," Scully said. "The producer, the cameraman and the reporter."

Richardson took the role of reporter, Hurley producer and Yacoubi cameraman.

"I think I became the broadcaster because each of us in The Feed has specific things we wanted to go into that fit our role," Richardson said. "I was extremely interested in broadcasting and I love to talk and find out things in general. Phil is extremely talented with the camera and Final Cut Pro and Mike is also learning the camera. He is so great at producing, coaching, and writing the pro-

New provost shares in RWU values

As the staircase to the second floor bends left, sitting atop the table in the waiting area. Most students do not venture to the second floor of the Administration Building, but it is here that the office of the new provost, Dr. Laura de Abruna, is located.

de Abruna completed her undergraduate studies at Smith College in Massachusetts and moved south to receive a Ph.D. in modern American and English literature from the University of North Carolina. She currently is working on a second doctorate in higher education administration.

She has a passion for travel which has allowed her and her husband to move around and experience many places throughout her 26 years as an educator.

"We wanted to see different parts of the world and parts of the country," de Abruna said.

de Abruna's first teaching position was at the University of Texas in Austin where she was a part of the English department. She and her husband then traveled to Puerto Rico where she taught at the University of Puerto Rico. She soon landed a teaching position at Ithaca College. From there,
Dear Lorin,

I am a freshman and I live in Willow Hall. My roommate recently met a girl who he has been spending most of his time with. This past week I have been walking up to the two of them every day while I am asleep in the room.

What’s worse is that he has been using my condoms without permission. This has been very bothersome to me and I do not want to do anything about it. My roommate and I already have a hard time getting along and I’m afraid of widening the gap between us. What should I do?

— Rather Than Nightmares

Dear Rather Than Nightmares,

It is extremely common to have issues with a roommate, especially a freshman year. In any situation at all in college. It seems that you don’t want to hurt your roommate’s feelings, so you are afraid of talking to him about it— but it also seems like this is an extremely cruel treatment experience for you as it would be to someone else. He is also talking things that aren’t his. I think it is necessary that you confront your roommate about this situation— perhaps talking to him about it when you and his girlfriend aren’t in the room together— you don’t want to be singled out or making an appointment with your RA for a roommate mediation. A mediation can help you maybe sort some things out and try to get on a good track with him.

— Dear Lost in a Foreign Land

Dear Lost in a Foreign Land,

Although it is good that you have met students of your culture, you’re right in saying that you should meet a lot of different students. There are a lot of clubs in which you can do this, and getting involved is the best way. Clubs such as CEN (Campus Entertainment Network) or IREA (Inter Residency Hall Association) run events all over campus, and there are only two of the many clubs and organizations that you can join.

The best idea is to go to Student Programs and Leadership, which is located past the big TV in the front of the class center, and speak to them about finding a club or organization that is right for you. Also, if you want to get into a culture-oriented club you can join the MUSL (Multicultural Student Union) to get acquainted with a lot of different students. Sports are also a great way to meet people joining a team builds a community.

— Lorin Richardson is a junior communications major and a PEER in Cedar.
Get a letter for Lorin? Email us at hawks herald@gmail.com

Lorin Richardson

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editors,

News idea: stop letting Jake pick winners for the NFL game, he’s been wrong about 90 percent of the time so far. Either bring back Rob D’Angelo to do it, let me pick the games, or have a blank space where Jake writes.

Thanks,
Colin Cantrell

If you have a letter to the editor, send it to hawks herald@gmail.com

Please limit letters to 650 words. All letters must be signed.
Ian President welcomed at Columbia University by protesters

New York City is the largest and most diverse city in the U.S., and for a few days at least, it was the home of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

On Tuesday, the Iranian president was steadfast when he vowed to turn a blind eye to any changes that the UN security council would place upon Iran's nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad had other plans besides speaking at the United Nations, he requested to visit Ground Zero, site of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The New York Police department ultimately denied his request because of security, but Columbia University did not deny him access to the university.

The Iranian president was invited to speak at Columbia’s World Leaders Forum on September 24. His audience included thousands of protesting students who were appalled that their university allowed him to speak.

"He should be arrested when he comes to Columbia University, not speak at the University, for God's sake," Assemblymen Dov Hikind said. "I call on all New Yorkers to make the life of Ahmadinejad as he is in New York miserable."

Source NY Times

Delaware State University shooter charged with attempted murder

"I'm sorry," said Lover D. Braden to reporters outside a Delaware courthouse Sept. 24, after being charged with the shooting of two students at Delaware State University last week.

Mr. Braden, from East Orange N.J., was charged with attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment.

Early Friday morning, Nathaniel Pugh III and Shalita Middleton, both 17, were injured Friday in the attack. Braden also is accused of firing at a third student.

Source NY Times

Rider University instills strict alcohol policies after death of student

Lawrenceville, NJ - "A model in the fight against alcohol abuse on campus" were the words from the president of Rider University in New Jersey, who stepped into the spotlight following the wake of a freshmen drinking of alcohol poisoning last semester.

Incoming freshmen to Rider are now feeling the effect of the new policies in place, alcohol is now banned on campus with the exception of the pub in the student union.

All new students must take part in a seminar that teaches the dangers of drinking, and spies will now be embedded in all fraternities and sororities on the campus.

The penalties include an immediate call home to parents and a required educational program on alcohol.

If a student chooses not to attend, they will be expelled from the university without exception.

University students are not so optimistic that the new policies will change the atmosphere of drinking on a college campus, "Honestly, I think students are going to do what they do," said freshman Ashley Reimer.

Source NY Times

Senate elections set for next week

Phillip Devitt
News Editor

Student Senate will open up online elections for freshmen senators next week, leaving the class of more than 1,000 students to choose just four to represent them in their first year on campus.

Ten candidates will face off to fill the empty Senate seats in a two-day election running Oct. 3-4 on MyRWU.

In addition, four students are vying to be Interclass Council freshmen class president and vice president.

"Last year, there were about eight freshmen running [for Senate], so this year it has increased and hopefully throughout the years it will continue to rise," Senate Parliamentarian Jess Adler said, adding she would have liked to have seen more freshmen running for the empty slots.

Candidates on a list supplied by Student Senate included: Adam DeStefano, Sarah Cholewa, Russell Peely, Jennifer Olivo, Alexandra Hodgman, Andrew Poliscia, Adam Forsham, Nicole Fari, Jason Rossi and Evan Kraik.

Sarah Grill and Caitlin Abrahams were listed as candidates for ICC president; Lindsey Borreson and Jeffrey Chong were listed as candidates for vice president.

Rather than rely on the traditional banners and bullhorns to get the attention of voters, many candidates have focused their campaigning this year on Facebook.

Destrempo served as student body president his senior year of high school, according to his campaign group on the social networking site.

"I hope to bring the experience I have to RWU to make it a better school for you and me," he wrote. "As a senator, I will represent your voice in the community. The best way to do this is through direct communication."

According to Peely's Facebook group, he is double-majoring in Political Science and International Relations. He wrote that he wants to seek a career in government because of his passion.

"I firmly believe that I would be a fine addition to the Student Senate to uphold the high standards of the Senate body.... There are no guarantees in life, but if elected I will work diligently and thoroughly to represent the Student Senate."

Forsham's page listed him as a Political Science and Legal Studies major who has "always been involved in various clubs and sports." He said he plans to get involved in government later in life.

"I'm just your average student that likes to party and have a good time, but I understand and face the same issues you guys do," Kraik, an Architecture major, wrote on his campaign page that he was involved with "many clubs in high school that dealt with politics and government." and said Student Senate would be "perfect" for his political background.

Hodgman was described on her Facebook group as "an amazing, hard working girl who deserves this position," having served on her high school's Student Senate. She was listed as a double-major in Legal Studies and Political Science.

Risser did not list any specific information on his page but opened up a discussion thread for voter questions.

Olivo, a Political Science major, wrote on her campaign page that she "would make the campus community stronger as a student senator, telling her fellow freshmen that "your issues are my issues."

"I've worked in the Rhode Island Senate as a Senate Page, and I know my background with politics and working with people will aid me in being a student senator," Olivo said in an e-mail Thursday.

The other candidates did not immediately respond to requests for comment made by The Hawk's Herald.

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"Candidates have used a decent amount of resources this year for campaigning, however, people can always do more to get their name out," Adler said. "Facebook is a really popular way but I would like to see other methods used more.

Voting will close at 11:59 p.m. October 4, Adler said.
Students trapped in KP elevator

Kelleigh Welch  
Assistant Features Editor

Junior Trevor Marsha had a good excuse to miss his Cost Accounting class last Monday when his elevator ride came to an abrupt stop.

Within the past week, the elevators at King Philip apartments have been unexpectedly stopping, resulting in three separate incidents in which students were trapped there for long periods of time.

In the first incident, a student was trapped between two floors. This student had a cell phone, and was able to call for help.

''Public Safety was called and facilities responded,'' Director of Housing Tony Montefusco said. ''The Bristol police and fire departments were also called. Unfortunately, no one was trained to get the student out of the elevator.''

Montefusco said that an electrical problem was what caused the elevator to stop, and both an electrician and the elevator company were called to fix it and help the student out.

The second incident occurred on Sept. 24, when Marsha and junior Ben Lefebvre were taking the elevator up to a friend's apartment.

''This happened at about 4:45 p.m. We were in the elevator until about 5:30 or so, so we were stuck in there for a good 45 minutes,'' Marsha said.

''This time, the student called 911 directly, which actually lowered the response time of the appropriate people,'' Montefusco said. ''We had found out about the incident through the Bristol Police.''

For Marsha, the experience was nothing to be nervous about. 

''All I could do was laugh because I remembered the firemen breaking open doors the last time it happened and wondered what they were doing this time. We were in between levels, but there was a little gap at the top of the door for the third floor. The firemen opened the door, then the door to the elevator, and we climbed out,'' Marsha said.

''It was a major inconvenience, but I didn't have class until 6 p.m. ,'' Lefebvre said. ''The dispatcher who stayed on the phone with us until we got out kept up a very humorous conversation though.''

The third incident was a little less extreme.

''A student had gotten into the elevator and pushed the button to go down, but nothing worked. The emergency button didn't work either, but a few seconds later the elevator started up again and the student was able to ride it to the lobby,'' Montefusco said.

Following these incidents, housing has taken consideration in fixing both elevators in King Philip.

''The elevator company came on Wednesday to verify that the elevators were working appropriately,'' Montefusco said. ''I believe everything should be up and running by now.''

Unfortunately, this is not the first time elevators have stopped on campus. An incident such as this has happened in Cedar before.

''If you look at the operations of an elevator, it is very complex, and it is not unusual for elevators to be off a little,'' Montefusco said.

'Til ride them [elevators] again,''' Marsha said. ''They're a lot easier than the stairs.''

Sarah Cournoyer

The elevators at KP have broken down a couple of times since the start of the school year. Measures have been taken to ensure that it does not happen again.

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How blue and yellow make green
Students hope to make eco-friendly campus

Dan Hoykin The Hawk's Herald

New green recycling bins according to each student's trash can and a campus shuttle will be powered almost solely by used french fry oil.

Runners are circulating about building a wind turbine on campus and there is a large amount of fresh produce offered at meals in the Commons.

These changes are part of an RWU effort to create a "greener" campus.

RWU has undertaken a long term goal of creating a more economically friendly for several years. Now, however, there are a few real step suggestions which are dedicated to helping the university in its effort.

One of these clubs is the recently formed Students for Renewable Energy and Environmental Preservation, otherwise known as SREEP, which is starting to raise environmental awareness around campus. A fundamental step in the form of a black light dance is being planned for this November.

The club is working on getting guest speakers to come to RWU to address the students about the urgent environmental issues which are threatening our planet.

The club also provides suggestions for how college students can do their part in helping to conserve energy and preserve the environment.

"With a little bit of effort, you can do a lot," Leanne Farrell, a Biology and Mathematics double major who started the club last spring as a freshman, said. She understands that students often underestimate the effect they can have on the environment.

According to Farrell, there are many simple steps students can take to ensure that electricity and other resources are not wastefully used (see side bar).

SREEP is always looking to increase its attendance, though Leanne has found this not to be difficult. Despite being optimistic when starting SREEP last spring, Leanne was pleasantly surprised to find that a great many people just as interested in supporting the ecosystem as she was.

"Kids on campus have a very positive attitude toward helping the environment and this will be the main thing which drives our club," Farrell said. However, it is the university's big plans of the future which are really getting environmentalists across campus excited. CLF Ventures, Inc. is planning to help SREEP build a green roof on top of the New Academic Building and Hawk's Hangout. The Recycling and Sustainability Committee is another club which has contributed in making RWU head in an environmentally friendly direction. The committee, which is composed of both students and faculty, was responsible for the addition of the green recycling bins which have sprung up next to trash barrels all across campus.

The committee deals primarily with campus recycling and has installed a recycling system in the cafeteria and placed blue totes for recycled paper outside of dorms. However, although the club has made great strides in making it easier for students to recycle, there are still many goals which they are having trouble accomplishing.

A recycling center on campus and a system for recycling in every dorm are two of the long term goals, which the committee is focusing on. Both of these plans, however, are much more difficult to achieve than getting recycling bins on campus. It will take the willingness and cooperation of all the students to get a recycling system installed in every dorm. Scully committee co-chair Chelsea Fiatisimo-Diaz, who saw contamination in some of the large recycling bins placed outside of Bayside last spring, said that she "wants more of a campus wide unity in the goal of recycling." In order for recycling to work, it would mean that all the students use the designated recycling bins for recycling and recycling only.

In addition to these student led organizations, the Commons is also doing its part. Instead of buying produce and milk from larger farms, the cafeteria is purchasing many of its farm products from local area farmers.

This means that the milk and vegetables served at lunch are much fresher. Also, it cuts down on the cost of energy it would take to transport food from larger corporations further away.

The use of excess french fry oil to power one of the campus shuttles will begin saving energy consumption for RWU. This new shuttle will offer an alternative source of energy as well as reduce the waste produced by the cafeteria.

With a variety of initiatives in the works, the dedication of students plays a key role in their success.

FEED: new media hits campus

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Yacouby agreed that he was meant to be behind a camera. He has a real passion to work with the camera and to see what happens, Yacouby said. "I take on the role mostly because I know how to do the editing, too."

According to Scully, when coming up with a name for the program, he began with the image of the hawk. He then thought of The Bird Feed, but when the three students in the class didn't understand the connection, they shortened it to The Feed. The purpose of the class is to expose the students to different forms of media and tools to produce the media. Therefore, the class involves using professional cameras and software.

"Phil Scully said. The class is designed to be a real class; it's going out and having fun for three hours," Yacouby said. "It's like hands-on, take a look at this class. It's the most hands-on you will deal with."

The course next year will be a full class capped at 15 students. Each week, six groups of three will work on their own Feed. Richardson recommends the course to Communications students.

"Professor Scully is an amazing teacher, and he will be offering a class next semester which is going to be a lot of the things we are doing in The Feed," Richardson said.

Check out The Feed, available every Thursday on Facebook or YouTube.
SWOOP: Students try out for mascot

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can really accommodate the needs of the campus community," said Associate Director of SPAL Josh Hiscock, who came up with the idea of expanding the number of people who inhabit Swoop's costume from a few random students gathered at the last minute, to an organized group of six to eight people.

In 2003, Swoop replaced Horatio the Hawk, who had previously ruled the university's mascot throne. Horatio was an inflatable hawk, lacking the menacing - yet cuddly - presence of Swoop.

"Horatio the Hawk just didn't get students excited," Hiscock said. It was time for a change, and so Swoop was born - literally bursting out of an "egg" - four years ago during homecoming weekend's Midnight Madness event.

C cannot be blamed for being a bit nervous. After all, vying to occupy the fuzzy costume that is Swoop is no walk in the park.

Potential candidates must first complete an application before being interviewed from a list of 10 questions by a panel of three judges.

Finally, while wearing the Swoop costume, they must perform a 90-second, crowd-pleasing dance routine set to the music of their choice. This performance is given a rating of 1-5 in 13 categories, including confidence, charismatic presence, creativity and crowd appeal.

One of the judges, senior Jordan Viola, who has worn the costume in the past, says there is more to being Swoop than meets the eye.

"No one wants a dead Swoop; you need to be enthusiastic," Viola said.

Incredibly, when asked what he has done to prepare for his audition, C admits - no pun intended - "I'm going to wing it."

On September 20, D had his Swoop audition. He said putting on the costume is liberating.

"First you're just this regular person, then you put on that costume and you're somebody totally different," D said. "It's like you're looking through the eyes of Swoop."

He said the most exciting part about being Swoop is the anonymity of the position. D said he really likes the idea of "no one knowing, and them wanting to know." After he completed his dance routine choreographed to the beat of Toni Basil's "Mickey," he couldn't wait to know if he had made the cut.

"When do I find out?" he asked, headless, but still in the body of the hawk. It is this kind of enthusiasm that Hiscock is looking for in the candidates.

"I really want this," D said.

C enters the Recreation Center for his interview, appearing to the three judges who are holding clipboards ready to take notes.

"How do you think you will be able to make your personal shine through the Swoop costume?" asks junior Jaclyn Calovine, chair of the Hawks' Pride council.

"By showing off all my sweet Swoop moves, just getting out there and pumping up the crowd," answers C after a moment's hesitation. After a few more ques-

Jaclyn Calovine helps a student auditioning to be Swoop into the costume.

His music selection cued up in the boombox. C stands before the judges in full Swoop costume. This is the calm before the storm. Calovine presses play and there are a few awkward seconds of silence as the CD spins to life.

The sound of a gong reverberates through the speakers. Mortal Combat's theme song begins to play. A man's voice booms: "Choose your destiny, flawless victory." Swoop taps his claw to the music. From the speakers comes a scream of "Mortal Combat!" and Swoop springs into life. As the beat pumps through the room, C hops on one foot to the left, then to the right in quick succession. His friends cheer wildly, banging on the door to show their support. He's dancing like a maniac, claws flailing in the air.

As suddenly as it began, the music stops. He climbs out of the costume. "It felt intimidating out there," he admits before turning to the judges and asking, "When do I find out?"
NAB: The ‘new’ New Academic Building

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Expanding the NAB out in the back toward the water, as well as toward the common space in front of the existing building will account for the 50,000 plus square feet of space the new NAB will encompass.

“The NAB will hold 12 to 14 state-of-the-art classrooms,” Nirschel said.

Nirschel said tentative plans include a TV production studio, area for multi-media production, green rooms and the ability to uplink and downlink through satellite communication for teleconferences and admissions interviews around the world.

Certain departments, including communication, graphic design, modern languages, writing studies and English literature, will be moved into the NAB. The Center for Global and International Programs also will be located there.

“There will be two state-of-the-art labs for graphic design, as well as classrooms and labs for the modern language department,” Nirschel said.

Along with the classrooms, the NAB will include an atrium that can be used for art displays with a dining area that will seat 400. There will be a plaza behind the NAB with open space looking over the water. Spaces for adjunct and faculty offices will also be placed in the NAB as the RWU faculty continues to grow.

“This year, 25 new faculty members were hired and next year there will be 15 more faculty members hired,” Nirschel said. “It is an expensive but terrific project.”

Nirschel said that work is being done with the faculty and departments to finalize the specifics of the insides of the NAB.

While moving departments out of the College of Arts and Sciences and relocating them to the NAB, money will be used to “retrofit” CAS.

“We are talking to deans to see what they need [in CAS],” Nirschel said. “It is a solid building but there are upgrades that need to be made.”

Another major project in the works is that of the new residence hall, which is tentatively scheduled to be “in the ground by fall 2009.”

“There is discussion about how many beds and what else the residence hall will hold,” Nirschel said. “Do we put more community space? Classrooms? Secondary dining facilities? Retail? These ideas are now being discussed.”

It is certain that the new residence hall will be made up of apartments, suites and singles. A major concern right now is getting the cost of the project down.

“It costs $75 - $100,000 to make one bed; $10,000 for one parking space,” Nirschel said.

Another tier on the parking deck that will hold 350 more cars is also a possibility for the new campus vision.

“The core of the campus will be more pedestrian and parking will be moved to the perimeters,” Nirschel said. “Students will be walking and getting healthy. The shuttles, which will run on bio-diesel fuel, will also run more frequently.”

A new annex for the Marine and Natural Science building will also be built by fall 2009 or earlier, with space for a shellfish hatchery and restoration labs. More work will be done on seeing the library change to the Information Commons as well.

Changes in areas such as the Core Curriculum, Study Abroad and technology around campus will be the next phase in the 2020 vision.

“It has been a great start to the year with a lot of positive feedback,” Nirschel said. “Our visibility is great and there are a lot of people engaged in conversations about the changes on campus.”

The New Academic Building is scheduled to be demolished in May to make room for a “state of the art” facility that will include classrooms, labs, faculty offices and an atrium.
New dean offers stability to program

Kamii said, "I was in the hills and hollows of Kentucky in a coal mining town."

Kami received her master’s and doctorate degrees. Kami then worked at Wheelock College for 26 years as a faculty member. She then moved to Human Development and then moved to Education.

While Wheelock College, Kami worked on creating partnerships between the schools on campus and the community.

"I am a great teacher," said de Abruna. "I think that," said de Abruna. "It was impressive with the love of learning that is an RWU value," said President Richard Potter.

"There will be new programs that will be in charge of study abroad. That person will be in charge of establishing new partnerships with businesses and academic institutions abroad globally and bring more courses and new opportunities to study abroad."

"There will be more opportunities for exchange students and to go to places like Japan, China and, hopefully, places in the Middle East. We are talking with a program called the University of the Middle East and more exchanges will be coming along the line. All of these changes have happened more in higher education in the world," said de Abruna. "We hope to bring in students who can study abroad and have a richer experience right here on campus."

In addition to the travel and cultural opportunities being opened up to the campus, we might also expect some changes to our curriculum. Given her English literature background, it's no surprise that de Abruna said I like to read and write, but she is also a lover of the arts. Although she has not yet seen a RWU production, it is on her to do list.

"When I was at Susquehanna, I was a director of the performing arts series and always came to the performances and negotiated with performing groups. There would usually be a dance company and two theatre groups, one of which was more classical, like Shakespeare, and one more contemporary," said de Abruna.

There are changes to come now that the university has a permanent provost. According to de Abruna students can expect new courses and new opportunities to study abroad. "That person will be in charge of new programs and also will help people in academic affairs make the curriculum more global."

Recently Nirschel outlined a plan that would allow $500,000 to aid students studying abroad. "We've had the passports that have been given out in the past year but now there is going to be money as well so anyone who wants to and can fit it into their schedule can have a study abroad experience," said de Abruna.

A committee, co-chaired by Richard Potter, dean of the School of Engineering, was responsible for the search for a new provost. "I was impressed with the quality of the search committee and the search process which involved many members of the university community," said Nirschel. "We had terrific candidates. Dr. Abruna stood out because she was always my first choice and the one to beat. I was delighted that she agreed to do the work we do here to the largest possible audience. [She] is the right person for the job."
Music Reviews: Common and Kaddisfly

Artist: Common
Grade: C
Listen to them if you like: The Roots, Blackalicious, Busdriver, Common, De La Soul, Gnarls Barkley, and Russ or Jennifer Anniston and Vince Vaughn coupled with “I want you” vocals done by Lily Allen or Will.I.am would be an instant hit at the clubs.

On the upside this CD does have some interesting guest appearances. Common has invited songwriter Lily Allen, Will.I.am of Black Eyed Peas, D'Angelo as well as Mr. West himself in addition to Bilal (who seems to be a guest on almost every rap album I own). When Common was splitting the production between Kanye and Jay Doc things were better. However that is just not possible anymore. Of the collaboration tracks, I am partial to the Lily Allen track which is new (as of September) receiving a heavy rotation on MTV U. The track entitled “Dravin’ Me While” is an ode to people who over expose themselves.

In general the lyrical content Common delivers is generic ear catching gossip. However he always manages to hit a soft note on one or two tracks with the over all meaning. But Common walked into the album knowing that references to Kimora

Album: “Finding Forever”
Genre: Hip Hop

Nicol Williams
Herald Staff

Right off the hat, I have to say I like Common. Kanye West, the producer, really hits or misses on this album. I was personally more into his old stuff. I have always been into that genre to hit a soft note on one or two tracks with the over all meaning. But Common walked into the album knowing that references to Kimora

Some of the songs do not work as well, and stick fairly rooted in conventions, but these do not clump the album.

To the lyrics of the songs (which go beyond being base like most modern rock), each song creates a mood akin to the month of the year it corresponds with.

“Birds,” which is the song for September, has lyrics as brilliant as the best poet, and the song works. Some of the songs do not work as well, and stick fairly rooted in conventions, but these do not clump the album.

Listening to the album straight through, there is a balanced mix between wonderful pieces and only average pieces. Overall the album is a plus, as you can see quite accurately through the more experimental “Snowflake,” but at the same time, there will be moments where the listener will be wanting more, wishing the entire album was a high point.

Kaddisfly may be one of the most talked about indie rock bands of 2007, but they are not the most original or creative. That does not lessen the collaboration tracks, however, for Set Sail the Prairie is a beautifully constructed compilation of songs. The dynamics of the album come most obviously from Lostprophets, right down to the electronic-based transitions between songs. The album takes more than the anthemic rock ballads.

While it does have its heavier moments, and has similarities to Incubus and Coheed and Cambria, perhaps the most glorifying trait of Kaddisfly is their encompassing scope in terms of style.

One genre is not enough to define the band, as listed above the band sounds like Dredg at some points (dreamy), Minus the Bear (cool and composed), and Muse (hard and emotional). There are bursts of every emotion found within this album, and perhaps that’s well-suited, since the album is based around the twelve months of the year, and divided in half by the two solstices, Summer and Winter.

The seasonal theme is most pervasive lyrically; from the song titles
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Friday
- **Campus Events**
  - East Meets West Stress Management Class, 12:15 p.m.
  - RWU Hawkettes Dance Team auditions, 3:45 p.m.
  - Chameleon Club, 10 p.m.
- **Concerts**
  - Mogudeth
  - Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, $40 Doors 6:30, Show 7:30

#### Saturday
- **Campus Events**
  - CEN Movie: “Knocked Up” 9 p.m.
- **Concerts**
  - Kings of Leon
  - Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, $30 Doors 5:30, Show 6:30

#### Sunday
- **Campus Events**
  - Foliage Fest, outdoor concert sponsored by WQRI and Musician’s Guild, 2 p.m.
- **Concerts**
  - Moe
  - Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, $30 Doors 7:30, Show 8:30

#### Monday
- **Campus Events**
  - Career Month Senior BBQ Kickoff, 11:30 a.m.
  - 10 Spot: Bad Movie Lock-In, 8 p.m.
- **Concerts**
  - Tourzilla, Boys Like Girls
  - Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, $15 Doors 6:00, Show 7:00

#### Tuesday
- **Campus Events**
  - Student Forum with President Roy Nirschel, Hawk’s Hangout, 7 p.m.
- **Concerts**
  - Bloc Party
  - Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, $23 Doors 7:00, Show 8:00

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WOMEN’S TENNIS: Continuing to improve upon winning record

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Regina, senior Caitlyn Leone took on freshman Heather Fox in number two doubles play. They split sets 6-2 and 4-6, but Leone came out in the tiebreaker 10-4. Leone then teamed up with fellow senior Jessica Manners for number one doubles, where they gained an 8-1 victory over Fox and senior Louise Taylor.

As a result of her efforts in the Salve and Colby-Sawyer matches, Netzelfeld came away undefeated in singles and doubles competition, an accomplishment that earned her the title of OCC player of the week.

"Being recognized for the player of the week is exciting, I feel very honored," Netzelfeld said. "This is the first time I have received this title, and it just reinforces all the hard work I've been putting into my game."

After the close matches against Salve and Colby-Sawyer, the Hawks shutout Curry College on Tuesday September 25th with a 9-0 victory. "As a result of the loss, Curry's overall record now stands at 2-3 in the OCC," Netzelfeld said.

Ribchinsky made her first singles start in the number two position where she defeated Curry sophomore Benedicte Massutazck 6-2 and 6-0. Ribchinsky then joined up with Netzelfeld for doubles play where they defeated Massutazck and senior Melinda Wrice. At number one doubles, Leone and Manners teamed up to defeat foufth year Katie Ross and freshman Lauren Maloney. While McCraven and Parente earned their fifth straight victory in the number three doubles spot with a victory over freshman Courtney Sullivan and Kara Richardson.

On Thursday, September 27th, team took on Bridgewater State College in non-league play, where they secured an 8-1 victory. O'Brien said that based on the team's success so far he has a positive outlook for the rest of the regular season and he sees the team going far in the championship matches.

"Our success has been good and it should continue to be good," O'Brien said.

The men’s soccer team lost 3-0 to Wheaton College on Tuesday despite nine goal attempts by the Saints’ offense and 32 saves by keeper Peter Plate. The loss is the first in two weeks for the team, which is now tied for the fifth spot in the New England Soccer Coaches Association of America polls.

The team’s overall record now stands at 3-5.

Men’s soccer player Antoine Bell was named Commonwealth Coast Conference player of the week for his contributions on the field. Bell scored the game winning goals in the team’s matches against Colby-Sawyer College on September 22 and against Endicott College on September 15.

The women’s soccer team beat Colby-Sawyer College 1-0 on Saturday afternoon to tie for first place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference with Gordon College.

Mary daCunha scored the game winning goal for the team in the ninth minute on Saturday when keeper Jen Garside made three saves to secure the shutout. Saturday’s victory is Garside’s fifth this season as well as her first shutout.

Their overall record now stands at 1-0.

The women’s volleyball team gained a 3-1 victory over Eastern Nazarene College on Wednesday.

Best Bets: Will this week be redemption for a losing record?

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picking games, I would have picked against the Bucs. Thanks Dan.

If Joey Harrington wanted to win a super bowl this year, he should have taken the blame for Vick, gone to prison, and prayed that Vick could lead the team to a championship, because we all know Harrington can't do it.

The “Joey Harrington will never be Michael Vick” pick Houston Texans -3 over the Atlanta Falcons

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The "Brett Favre Still Has It II” pick Green Bay Packers -2 over the Minnesota Vikings

Brett Favre still has it. Their defense isn't too shabby either.

The “Jets” pick New York Jets -3.5 over the Buffalo Bills

No witty name for this pick, or reason for the pick. I just think the Jets are going to win.

The roommate was the only reason I won a game last week” pick Tampa Bay Buccaneers over the Carolina Panthers

My roommate was the only reason I won a game last week. I figured I'd let him keep making picks with the Bucs until he loses.

The “I love the giants and haven’t made a Giants pick yet” pick New York Giants +2.5 over the Philadelphia Eagles

I figured I’d just break all my own rules this week and pick a game of my favorite team, even though I'm not 100% sure about it.

The “Monday night make-up/Patriots Pick” pick New England Patriots -7.5 over Cincinnati Bengals

I would love to pick the Bengals in this game more than I'd love to stop embarrassing myself by writing this article. The game is in Cincinnati, and the Bengals are a hot, cold type of team and I look forward to them keep this game close. On the other side they let up 51 points to the Browns. We all know I hate the Patriots, but even I’m not dumb enough to say the Browns have a better offense than them.
Setting up for a championship

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

Over the past two weeks, the women’s tennis team has continued to improve upon their winning record with victories over some of the strongest teams they will face this season.

A win over Salve Regina University, followed by victories over Colby-Sawyer College, Curry College and Bridgewater State College has kept the team at first place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference with an undefeated record of 6-0.

"This season the girls and I have been working extremely hard at improving our game and have been working towards another CCC championship title," senior Joanna Nettelfield said. "Our hard work has definitely been paying off."

Head coach Chris O’Brien said that while all the matches the team has won so far this season are important, he feels the victories over Salve Regina and Colby-Sawyer mean the most to his team. O’Brien said that of all the teams the Hawks regularly face, both schools have historically been the biggest challenge.

In their match against Salve Regina on September 19, the team won by a narrow margin of three points with a final score of 6-3, while their match against Colby-Sawyer on September 22 was even tighter with a final score of 5-4. Going into the matches, Colby-Sawyer had an overall record of 6-2 while Salve’s record was 3-4.

"It has been a good run for the ladies," O’Brien said. "I think our team actually was a little nervous going in, because we haven’t played a lot of tight matches, but different people are stepping up and making it happen and as a team we’re coming out on top."

"Everyone knows that there is a lot more to every match because now we’re playing for a national ranking."

In the match against Salve

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Sailing team gets new coach; looks to have a strong season

Daniel Dellarian
Herald Staff

For the third time in the past three years the RWU sailing team will begin their season with a new head coach. However, this season it looks as if the team may have found what they have been looking for.

The team began their 2007 season under the leadership of head coach Amanda Callahan, who joins the RWU coaching staff from Stanford University. At Stanford, Callahan served as the team’s assistant coach, a position in which she helped qualify two teams for the Collegiate National Championship in addition to training two All-American sailors.

Before her time at Stanford, Callahan served as the head sailing coach at Tufts University during the 2006 season. As a Tufts’ coach, she qualified three teams for the spring Collegiate National Championships where the team placed second in team racing and fourth in dinghy racing.

Callahan said she is eager to begin her work with the already strong sailing team. The team finished the 2006-2007 season ranked fifteenth nationally by the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association.

"I hope to bring consistency and leadership to this team," Callahan said.

Callahan said she believes that RWU’s sailing team is truly a program on the rise and that she sees a bright future for the sailors. "I took this job because of the school’s great location, the vast potential this team shows and the great support given by the Athletic Department," Callahan said.

Callahan remains active as a competitive sailor through her involvement with the Silver Panda racing team, a team that competes at the highest level worldwide. She has competed in both the U.S World Team Racing circuit and the British Open Championships, winning both the Hinman and Wilson trophies.

Callahan said she hopes to continue the legacy of success the team has had in recent years and that she is shooting for great results in the 2007-2008 season.

Still trying to pick up the pieces from last weekend

Jake Droumont
Herald Staff

In case you haven’t already figured it out on your own, I’m terrible at making football picks. Last week was worse than week one and as I sit pondering my way below .500 record, I begin to think of excuses of why I am doing so bad. I know for a fact its not my fault.

Last week I made a pick: “My girlfriend likes light blue more than green.” This picked the Detroit Lions, who wear white and blue, to beat the Philadelphia Eagles, who were SUP-POSED to wear their home green jerseys. I felt confident in the pick because my girlfriend knows her colors.

Then, on Sunday morning I wake up in a Mohegan Sun hotel room after losing all my money on the tables the night before (apparently I am no good at roulette either), only to turn on the TV and see the unbelievably awesome jerseys that the Eagles would be wearing during their game that day. I knew I had lost right there. How could anyone beat a team who were wearing jerseys that looked like something you would make in create-a-team in Madden?

The Philadelphia Eagles: just hearing the name makes me think of green. On Sunday, they decide to wear uniforms with a hint of green in it. It felt like they included every color in the world in their uniforms except for green. Not my fault.

The Buccaneers run away with their game and are really starting to come together as a team. I would like to thank my roommate Dan for this pick, because if he didn’t convince me I was a fool and remind me how bad I was, I would have.

Members of the RWU sailing team take to Mount Hope Bay for practice Wednesday afternoon while assistant coach Joel Hanneman watches on. Head coach Amanda Callahan was away for a few days, racing with Silver Panda.