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An unplanned winter break for RWU has junior Marc Stroum asking: "Where's the Blizzard?"

Marc Stroum
Sports Editor

It's just about 4 AM and for the second day in a row, weather cancelled school. From the looks of the road outside of Bayside and looking into the street lights, not much snow had fallen. This left many students wondering, where is all the snow?

In the meantime, many of them could care less about the lack of white, as it allowed them to catch up on sleep during the day and hang out with their friends at night. It's rare to see a lot of activity on a Monday night, but two days off of school in a row calls for a celebration.

 Rumors began flying towards the end of last week, as meteorologists saw some signs of a Nor'easter coming up the coast, but the storm had yet to develop. As the weekend was upon us, many meteorologists forecasted a duplication of the blizzard of '78. Students, along with others in the area, flocked to the stores to stock up on the essentials: bread, milk, and water.

"This is going to be huge," said senior Brian K ershe. Plenty of people agreed with Rich, but students were surprised to see more sloe and ice on the ground than snow.

Despite the disappointing totals in Bristol, northern Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts were nailed with two-to-three feet of snow. The big question was how did school officials feel about their decision to cancel school for Monday and Tuesday?

Students had their own opinions on this storm: Senior Eric Rodgers said, "This is a disappointment, I expected a ton of snow, I mean it's cool there is no school, but this is weak."

Matt Stroum, another senior, said, "You know, I knew the weathermen would blow it."

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The pill popping Generation

"Y" Generation using drugs as way to release from their problems to large degree

Beth Martinson
Entertainment Editor

It’s eleven o’clock on a typical Monday night and the dorm is so quiet you can hear the wind wailing against the windows. Two doors down from the RA’s room three students are giggling, one of them has long blond hair wrapped around her tiny shoulders and blue-green eyes with dilated pupils is chewing on a Winnie the Pooh pacifier. A boy is with her with a sacred heart tattoo half covered by the sleeve of his Rolling Stones t-shirt bouncing his head up and down as he listens to the techno music playing quietly in the corner. His girlfriend sits across from him hugging a pillow as if it’s her best friend. She is also smiling, but has a far off look in her eyes as she stares at the wall.

They’re just a few of the many so-called "Y" Generation who use drugs on a regular basis. But this generation of drug abuse is very different than those that came before. These aren't the drugs that their parents used. The Baby Boomers, parents of most of the generation “Y” category, lived during a time of social upheaval in which they had to fight for the little control that they had. As one Baby Boomer put it, "We wanted to fix society. Kids these days are apathetic."

Now everything is about change and choice. The world, and most especially the United States, is a liberal place. "All we had to look forward to was forty years of doing the same job our fathers did," explained John, 50, a mechanic. "But we didn’t have what my children do. Everything was a lot slower. Now everything is fast-paced and non-stop. Everything is about how fast you can get something done. ATM’s, fast-food, shopping on the internet, and point and click e-mail are all a few ways in which people can get things done as in little time as possible.

The media is also more of an influence now than ever. Medications are advertised on television. People believe they can be cured of anything by simply taking a pill. "Because of the ads on television, the media has increased the demand for prescription drugs," explained Lois Schuyler, R.N., Director of Health Services at RWU.

"Some people think they can take something and they'll get better. No matter what your problem is, there is a quick fix pill ready to take action. Some pharmacies even have drive-thru’s to get the drugs you need without even getting out of the car."

In a recent survey of Roger Williams University 18-21 year-old college students, 16 out of 40 are currently using prescription Ritalin for Attention Deficit Disorder, which is a common problem among the "Y" Generation.

Illegal drugs have also changed greatly within the last thirty years. Prescription painkiller abuse was also popular with almost half of those surveyed saying that they have or currently are using non-prescribed painkillers such as Percocets and Vicodin. Donna Darmody, Director of RWU’s Health Education and the Alcohol and Drug Program, explained that now there is a “casualness to sharing prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs.”

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RWU contributors give more so school can receive grant

Roger Williams University has announced the completion of a $3.1 million grant of $75,000 offer by George I. Alden Trust, Worcester, Mass., to establish the George I. Alden need-based scholarship and endowment.

Under the terms of the challenge, the university had to raise $225,000 in a new or increased gift within 18 months to receive $75,000 Alden grant, said Christine L. Ertel, vice president for the university advancement. The university raised more than $230,000 in 16 months, Ertel said.

"We are especially proud of this achievement because of the requirement that the donations be "new or increased" giving," Ertel said. "Almost two-thirds of the 1,265 donors were contributing to the university for the first time, and more that half of them were alumni. We think all of them for stepping forward for this campaign."

"Local businesses were important to the success as well," said Margaret Church, director of foundation and corporate relations. "Business owners prefer to contribute to a specific purpose, and scholarships are something everyone can identify with."

"Endowment of need-based scholarships is crucial at this time," said Anthony J. Santoro, University chancellor, "because inexorable increases in tuition and room and board threaten access to private, higher education for all but the wealthy."

"The top quality faculty, libraries, laboratories, computer centers, and other people and systems necessary to deliver a first-rate education simply cost more than most people can afford," Santoro said.

"Endowment scholarships are an absolute necessity to keep the doors to private, higher education open to all those who are interested and qualified."

"The entire leadership of the university is profoundly grateful to the alumni, parents, local businesses, and other friends who stepped forward, enabling us to make this important addition to our endowment," Santoro said.

The George I. Alden Trust supports educational and civic institutions throughout the Northeast. It was established in 1912 by Alden, founder of Norton Company in Worcester Polytechnic University.

"The Alden Trust has a fine reputation not only in Worcester," said Joseph H. Hagan, president, "but increasingly throughout New England and the entire Northeast."
To the Editor:

This letter is in regards to the former editor of the Hawk’s Eye, Aly Maze. First, I would like to apologize for stepping upon reading about her choice to step down as editor. Granted, schoolwork does come before any extra-curricular activity, but I know it can be difficult to say goodbye to something you have worked hard on. I can sympathize with Aly, and realize just how painful it must have been for her to reach that decision.

Instead of wallowing in sorrow, though, I would hope that instead she feels a sense of accomplishment. As editor, Aly took the Hawk’s Eye to new heights, pulling it up from the slump it had been in. I am not afraid to say that before her, frankly, the paper stunk. I remember no one would actually read it for news or information, but solely for the purpose of ridiculing it. But then Aly’s first issue did not. Sure, it had a few minor flaws, but overall the quality was greatly improved. People were reading the paper now, but not so many were laughing. As I read the newly improved first issue, I could not help but think, ‘Wow... this is a real newspaper.’

I came to look forward to each publication, not only to read the latest news, but also to read the Editorial that Aly wrote herself. These while harsh and to the point at times, were thought provoking. I never read an article before I had already decided how to spend it. The students instead of wasting time would not be a need for all of the administration’s... your ideas were destroyed for the new generation, the students are more vulnerable.

There are a few students willing to protest or petition, where the majority is occupied with its own concerns. Nothing will be accomplished if students aren’t willing to step away from their vanity to join a larger cause. Just as Sarah Layne, a senior creative writing major says, “Everyone should stand up, and get more involved.”

When you don’t know how, you won’t rise.” She claims that because the students are not taught to communicate with the (excavator) administration, the students are more vulnerable.

Many have dubbed this generation the “Attention Deficit Disorder” Generation. The economy thrives, the “A.D.D.” Generation gets anything they want from their Baby Boomer parents, who feel the need to spoil them. New cars, big stereos for the cars, newer (excavators) when they crash their first ones, designer clothes. They are given anything they want. It is obvious to anyone who looks around. Most people are climbing into their BMW’s or their SUV’s wearing Abercrombie & Fitch, Banana Republic, and nothing else. They have nothing to complain about, because everything is handed to them on a “silver platter.” What happens when they don’t get something they want? They act like children, crying, stomping their feet up stairs as if they were just punished. Sulting for a bit, they completely forget, returning to the dist­racting world of mindless video games.

Parents of an RWU sophomore says, “A.D.D.” This kids today are spoiled rotten. When I was growing up, if we wanted something, we worked for it, I never thought of asking, ‘how are they (par­ents) going to buy it up.’ I agree that people are becoming more self-centered, and feels that things should change.

Professor Bob McRoberts, a faculty member who has taught at RWU since the school was just an experiment, discussed with a creative writing class that students have actually just woke up their voice. The irony of this discussion was that only a handful of students par­ticipated. McRoberts explained that when the school began, “Faculty and students were listened to, and now, they aren’t.”

The few students discussing the lack of community decided that without students of unity, the students are more vulnerable. You think that students want the Hawk’s Eye to become an important media outlet on campus. I am not criticizing the new editor or staff. I am expressing my gratitude to Aly for giving it her best, and producing a comparable newspaper. I am looking forward to the new editions to come.

Hopefully, the newspaper will continue to be responsible for anything that doesn’t boost its public relations. At the same time, they refuse to listen to students or faculty. They move ahead without con­sulting anyone, assuming they know what is best, as if they are the parents of the students and faculty. This is the fault of the students as well. They are too busy playing on their computers, acting as if they are treated, and do not have the time to make a difference. A well known Up­holster store, “Ignorance is bliss.” RWU students must be the happiest people in the world, because they don’t have to do what is right, but are going on at their school, do not seem to care. Students have lost their rights and they don’t speak out because they do not care. McRoberts jokes that, “Pretty soon, there will be no trees on campus,” half-joking about all the trees that have been destroyed for the new dorm.

Expressing his dissatisfaction with the administration for never con­sulting the students or the faculty about the new dorm, he criticizes the students, “chaining yourselves to the (excavator) trucks.”

When asked about his outlook on these upcoming issues, the student body and administration, Todd Nelson, a sophomore creative writing major says, “This, of course, is a generalization, but if you take the time to look around, it becomes obvious.” Nelson, expressing a lack of faith in the student body and administration, adds, “This is not just an opinion, it’s become the state of our school. In this growing trend of vanity, self-absorption, and avoidance of responsibility, people continue to sac­rifice their rights to the comfort of superficial agendas. Will they fight to regain freedom once it is lost? Will they remember how? Will they even notice their freedom is gone?”
Jess’ Gripe

By Jessica Latimer
News Editor

For the 2000/2001 school year, we pay $17,400 for tuition to have 12-17 credits, if you go over 17 credits it costs $725 per each credit over. That isn’t $3860. We have a student activities fee of $230 for a double or triple, $6780 for a single in Bayside, $5510 for a four-person apartment, and $6240 for a five-person apartment. Board for the 15-meal plan costs $2730, and the 19-meal plan costs $3380.

Before we even step foot into our dorms we have to pay a $350 security deposit for our room, $225 damage deposit for our residence hall, and then a $325 accident insurance. Also, as a freshman or transfer student there is a first time $300 first-time registration deposit. Other extra fees include $205 audit charge per course, $215 laboratory fee per course, and $495 music lab and voice or instrument lesson charge. The school can charge a challenge exam fee of $50 (where applicable), an $85 legal research fee, $150 graduation fee, $3 transcripts fee for any 3-credit course, which includes independent studies, cooperative education, internships, extra courses, and cooperative studies. Also, using the architectural studio if you are not an architecture major costs $1000. Now the way I figure it if we pay all this money we should get close to what we pay for because, of course, nothing is perfect. However a lot of times in the rooms there are broken blinds, beds, and light switches, leaks, mold, bad internet connections, broken chairs and desks, and the list just goes on and on. There is also occasionally your broken, clogged, or overflowing toilet, clogged sinks, and mold in the bathroom showers that never seems to come off. One of the biggest problems that will never, ever, ever change is the maintenance requests that never get filled.

Being a sophomore I have had the pleasure of living in Cedar on the third floor and had to deal with hundreds of dollars of floor damages that our damage deposit never seemed to cover, a hole in the bathroom floor that would be left there for a few days over the weekend, about one working toilet to the whole floor, and cracked mirrors. There was also the heat that never seemed to go away, the stairs that someone tore up, and the locks that you always had to juggle just right to get them to open.

I have also had the pleasure of living in two different dorms in Willow, one in 53 and one in 43. In 53, I had to deal with the drunk kids upstairs that never seemed to shut up and they would hit the walls, of course whenever public safety came the noise would cease. There was the broken blinds, so of course the light post right outside the window glared in and the room was as bright at night as it was during the day and the truth that never seemed to be emptied and Rauchtopped the whole unit, and most recently the microwave that caught on fire.

In 43 I have dealt with the broken bed that needed to be replaced before I moved in, the loose electrical sockets that didn’t work, and the hole in my closet where mold was growing, and there was water actively drenching the plaster. The bed was finally fixed after 6 requests, the electrical sockets were attempted to be fixed over winter intercession, after six requests, and the hole in the closet wasn’t fixed until three weeks after intersession, despite the fact that it was guaranteed to be fixed over winter intercession.

The latest problem is our leak along the cement shelf in my room (I live in the basement level), and the giant tear in the plaster between my closet and the cement wall, where you can look at all of the rotting, wet wood inside of Willow Hall. My roommate and I have ruined several towels and lost food, but of course we were not reimbursed, or apologized to. Instead we were told that if we wanted to do things like those we needed room insurance, (because we asked for there to be water leaking in our room of course and somehow it was how it was in our rooms). So there are destroyed towels, lost food, and finally after about 20 phone calls we were guaranteed that it would be fixed over spring break. Of course, when we came back, just like my closet, it was still not fixed and the problem remains unsolved. Not only between student, life, maintenance, etc., they are putting in their best effort and will fix it as soon as possible.

So, here we are paying $4280 dollars to live in a small room in the basement that has a leak, a hole, and actively growing mold and bacteria for us to breathe in and all the excuses in the world. I would like to see one member of administration live in this room for one night, I am sure that they will have it fixed immediately. However, my roommate and I being students have little voice and have been living in this since the first week of February.

It makes me wonder where our money really goes, and how we can pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for this house across the street, but we can’t pay a couple of hundred dollars to fix a hole and a leak.

Entertainment

Uncle Oscar’s Little Acting Show

By Beth Martinson
Entertainment Editor

Julia yelled at “stick man.” J-L shocked us yet again. Steve hosted instead of Billy. Russell kidnaped Oscar. Benicio supported his habit, and Bob got an extreme close-up. These are just a few of the quirky, crazy and entertaining things that happened at the 73rd Annual Academy Awards. Nominated the Oscars, (supposedly because someone somewhere likes his or her Uncle Oscar).

“Gladiator” won the most anticipated category of Best Picture and the star, Russell Crow. took Oscar home for Best Actor. Russell dedicated his win for Best Supporting Actress in “P.S., I Love You,” when she won for Best Supporting Actress at “Pillow,” a little-publicized film directed by and starring Ed Harris of “The Truman Show” and “Enemy At The Gates.”

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Marcia Gay Harden also thanked her family, “Dad, who’s here tonight, thank you for teaching me how to soldier through tough situations and Mom, for teaching me how to do it gracefully,” when she won for Best Supporting Actress in “Pollock,” a little-publicized film directed by and starring Ed Harris of “The Truman Show” and “Enemy At The Gates.”

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The best part of the Oscars for the celebrities and the worst for us is the awards show is the beginning of their night while it is the end of ours. This year’s show ended more than three hours after it began at 8:00 on the evening and that did not include all the pre-show press). When we are heading to bed they are heading out to amazing parties with their co-workers, peers and friends. We’re not invited.

Couching Tiger, Hidden Dragon not your average martial arts film

By Beth Martinson
Entertainment Editor

Here’s a simple review of this Oscar-nominated movie: Go see it. Its excellence can’t be described in words; you have to see it for yourself.

It’s in subtitles, but after five minutes you forget you’re reading the movie. It reads itself. Forget Jackie Chan movies, this movie has far superior action and martial arts. They even fly! The story is also incredible, a mix of emotions ranging from laughter to tears of frustration. The tale is of a young girl deciding her fate for the future, her conflicts with what others want for her, and what she craves to be. It is also love story, one that we so desperately want to desp­­erately be together, but society has cursed them to be alone forever.

Even though this is a foreign film, the theme is purely human. Every emotion, every dream every smile, every tear; they’re all the same. Emotions penetrate every language and cultural barrier. Perhaps that is why this movie is so incredible. It gets you in the theatre with its amazing special effects and skilled martial arts, but you leave the theatre knowing you were part of something more than movement.
Meet Jason Ojeda...

By Kelly Gordon
Contributing Writer

Ring. Ring. The phone is ringing in your dorm room. Walking to pick it up, you think about who it could be. Could be your parents. Could be your friends. -Or- it could be John Franco of the New York Mets, Peewee Herman, your friends. Could be your parents. Could be your ordinary because it’s funny and ‘cause they always know it’s Jay, but they play along and let him do his thing. He likes to pretend to be famous people that are notorious for doing something out of the ordinary because it’s funny and ‘cause he is out of the ordinary himself. Says his girlfriend of nearly three years, Heather Sosa. “Once, he called up as John Secada, ‘international superstar of the early nineties.’ It was really funny.”

Ojeda has dedicated himself to NOT conforming to society’s standards. “I don’t want to be like everyone else.” And in most cases, Ojeda is not a typical resident of Roger Williams University.

Usually, residents of Willow Hall share a bathroom with 4 to 9 students. Most of the time, students make schedules or find ways around one another to avoid time conflicts, said Jessie Herisse, RA of Willow 52.

Ineed, he found an alternative to waiting for the shower. On Monday, February 12th, Ojeda decided to try sleeping in the bathroom. “I wanted to be the first one in the shower. I hate waiting.” He moved his mattress onto the bathroom floor, laid out a pillow and blanket. He took the alarm clock from his room and plugged it in next to the outlet, setting it on the side of the tub. He also hung up three posters “to make the place feel like home,” he said. Last of all, he placed the phone down next to his mattress and laid down to sleep.

Ojeda, however, was unable to successfully spend the night in the bathroom when his RA, Wendy Rokose, found him out. “Well, I walked over to the bathroom to see what the thing was doing because I heard a loud noise...and he had set up his room in there. I don’t know. I thought it was a little strange, and asked him what he was doing. He said he wanted to sleep in there and be the first one in line for the shower. (Laughing) So I told him he couldn’t sleep in there because he doesn’t live in there! We all need to use the bathroom and we don’t want to be kept up all night!” The last straw was Ojeda reluctantly moving his belongings back to his room and said that it was okay because he wasn’t trying to cause a problem.

Ojeda finds his way around other problems too. For instance, instead of waking up to dinner, he drives up. When asked why, he answered quickly “I’m afraid of the gnomes.” He continued to explain by saying that his biggest fear is running into a gnome and that they could be anywhere. He got a laugh out of his girlfriend who just shook her head at the response. She and Ojeda drive up together most nights.

He follows his friends down the hill from the Student Union to Willow Hall in his car, rolling down the hill at break-neck speed. He assures everyone that it is nothing to be afraid of. “I like to call myself the safety stalker,” says Ojeda, “I like to make sure they get back to their rooms safely.”

Jen Shakoori, one of the people recently followed by her friend, explained the scenario: “I was walking along one night and I heard this car engine but it wasn’t going, it was just next to me. So I looked over and there was no one. I just saw him and was walking along the window and he was telling me things like ‘you shouldn’t walk by yourself’ and ‘it’s a nice evening for a walk, isn’t it?’ I was laughing so hard, I couldn’t even breathe.

Ojeda’s days aren’t only filled with the pre-mentioned “unusual” activities though. He was an intramural soccer captain last semester and he’s a member of CEN, the Campus Entertainment Network. Of course, he requested to be called “El Capitan” and had Captain Crunch cereal before every soccer game, and has been requesting several random celebrities to come and visit the school for no apparent reason.

“El Capitan just says what’s on his mind, which is sometimes stuff he shouldn’t say, but he’s just blunt. He’s very blunt.” Says Ojeda’s friend Jim Camden, also a student of RWU.

When asked what it’s like to be the girlfriend of the guy who tried to sleep in the bathroom, Heather answered, “Well, that’s one of the reasons I go out with him. He’s funny.”

Heather told a few stories of what things Ojeda used to do when he was back home in Cortlandt Manor, New York. “He used to call up his grandmother all the time and pretend to be someone working for the city. He would tell her that he was coming over to cut down the tree that was in front of her house because it was obstructing the neighbors’ view. It was really funny. After a while he told her it was him, and she thought it was really funny too. Then he called her up in an accent and told her that he was the pool guy and that he would be there in an hour to install the pool. And she freaked out, so he called her back and told her it was him. Then she laughed about that too.

Everyone knew who he was in high school. He was popular. Everyone knew him as the comedian. These days, Ojeda is planning to call pretending to be his idol, The Crocodile Hunter. He’s determined to keep everyone laughing and to expand his calling to more of the campus community.

So, be prepared when you’re walking along campus, when you stumble into the bathroom in the middle of the night, or when you meet new dorm neighbors next semester. And when you pick up the phone or catch sight of a gnome, don’t be afraid to call it. It might be the bathroom stalker, or the crocodile hunter, or whatever else he could be. He might be your friend or your stalker. He could be your parents. He could be everyone.

Rohypnol: Typical date rape drug or drug used for a casual high

By Jessica Latimer
News Editor

“I didn’t really take roofies intentionally, someone told me it was laced around what I smoked, but it wasn’t really that bad. I was still conscious of everything I was doing until a few hours later when I blacked out. From what I do remember it felt pretty cool and I would be willing to try it again, I mean we were at a club on spring break, and it was just part of the whole scene,” said Sara, a sophomore.

Rohypnol, commonly known as "roofies," is typically referred to as the drug used to sedate women and date rape them. However there is a new trend where high school and college girls are taking roofies like any other drug, for the purpose of a high and to escape reality.

And in many ways, people want to loosen up, forget about the people they are opening themselves up to being taken advantage of. If someone becomes addicted to this drug and takes it in large masses, they can drop their conscious level so quickly, they can become a completely different person. Once someone becomes addicted, the drug brings you to and it doesn’t tend to be too expensive, and when drugs are taken they become addicted. If someone becomes addicted to this drug and takes it in large masses they are opening themselves up to being taken advantage of. Your vulnerability skyrackets which is why it is so commonly used as a date rape drug. When you take this in excess you are opening up all kinds of doors from getting raped to dying,” said an employee of health services.

There was recently an episode on Maury Povich where three high school girls came on the show and spoke of their addiction to drugs, especially the use of Rohypnol. They started off by drinking when they were eleven and twelve, and then started smoking pot by the time they were thirteen. They eventually graduated to taking cocaine and E. A few months ago they found roofs and started taking it when they would go out to a club, and eventually increased their use. Finally one of the girls took 40 pills in one day and blacked out for two weeks and that is when she decided she needed help.

One of the saddest things is that these girls were still addicted and although they wanted to stop, they needed help to do so. “Once you try something it is like a thrill, a high, you want to keep getting back to that place that the drug brought you to and it becomes an addiction. The craving becomes so strong that even though you know something is bad for you, you physically feel as though you need to take it. Becoming addicted to something happens so easily. Taking roofs, is like smoking a cigarette. People say they can stop whenever they want, but you begin to crave it and you can’t stop,” said a junior business major.

"If you are going to take any other drug, if you take it here and there to feel good, it isn’t that big of a deal,” said Sara.
College girls have the ring, the dress, and the cake picked out... even before the husband

By Jessica Latimer
News Editor

She has everything picked out. The hairdo neatly curled and pinned in place with decorative pins and the make-up daintily painting the models face with decorative pins and the face in pastels out of Glamour magazine and exploring Tiffany's websites for the perfect dress. Bride magazine and she even had the perfect 2.5 carrot ring picked out of the Tiffany's website. She is neither engaged, nor in a relationship, but she knows exactly what she wants her wedding to be like.

From subscribing to bridal magazines to finding the perfect dress and exploring Tiffany's websites for the perfect ring, some college girls are becoming more and more fixated on the idea of getting married, even when they are not engaged, and may not even be in a relationship. Numerous college girls tuned into "Celebrity Weddings of 2001" which premiered right before Valentine's Day, "Here Comes the Bride," a show that aired a few days before Valentine's Day, or more commonly, TLC's "A Wedding Story," which is on every day, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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the idea of what their weddings will be like without necessarily having the commitment of a man," said Katherine, creative writing major.

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For those of you that think girls sit around on a Friday night and plan the "perfect" wedding, they are wrong. Girls just like having the idea of what their weddings will be like without necessarily having the commitment of a man," said Katherine, creative writing major.

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With divorce rates having been as high as 60 percent in the past girls are being raised without fathers in a single parent home and are in constant search of someone to "fill her father's shoes."

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News
RWU and Bristol community put presents under needy trees

Sara Clark
Staff Writer

Roger Williams University students and staff joined efforts last Christmas with the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve to initiate a Toys for Tots collection program that was the most successful of its kind in the state.

In its first year as a major collection point in the Toys for Tots campaign, Roger Williams and the surrounding towns donated around 1500 toys, more than any other organization in Rhode Island. This accomplishment took only two weeks.

The program was co-sponsored by Maple/Nike Hall Council and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The two groups established toy collection sites all over campus and businesses areas in Bristol.

Jurrad Dafiotis, the Maple/Nike Hall Council President and coordinator of the Toys for Tots drive at RWU, expressed his pleasure with the success of the campaign.

“We collected the most toys for a single organization in Rhode Island,” he said.

Toys were donated by RWU students and staff, and by members of the Bristol and Portsmouth communities.

Major Carroll of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center in Providence and one of the organizers of the Toys for Tots campaign praised Dafiotis and the other hall council members for their efforts.

“These guys, what they did was fantastic. They added immensely to the amount of toys that we gathered this year. It is because of students like them that the campaign was such a success,” he said.

Dafiotis was pleased with the amount of support that the program received from all areas.

“I think that the campus community as far as the support of faculty and staff was paramount. We were featured in stories in the Providence Journal and the Providence Phoenix, and my hometown paper picked up the story.”

He noted that several members of administration, President Hagan, Assistant Deans of Students Michael Cunningham and Richard Stegman, and Maple C.O.R.E. Tripp Hutchinson, were extremely helpful and enthusiastic about the program and the opportunity to give back to the community. The Roger Williams public relations department also helped to promote the program.

Dafiotis and the other 19 members of Maple/Nike Hall Council set up drop boxes for toys on campus at the Public Safety building, Law School, Admissions building, Student Union, Department of Student Life, and the Administration building.

There were also jars for monetary donations in the cafeteria and bookstore. Off-campus toy drop-off locations were at Sip’n Dip Donuts in both Bristol and Warren, the Toy Shop in Bristol, Cafe la France in Bristol, Mount Hope High School, and the public libraries in Barrington, Bristol, Warren, and Portsmouth. All donation boxes were emptied at the end of each week, and Dafiotis, Hutchinson, and the rest of the council brought the amassed toys to the Marine Corps headquarters in Providence.

Dafiotis is a transfer sophomore and a first-time president of Maple/Nike Hall Council. He is also a former member of the U.S. Navy. Dafiotis brought the idea of RWU becoming a Toys for Tots drop-off location to the council as a volunteer opportunity. He is pleased with this year’s success, and he hopes to continue the program next year.

“I’m looking forward to it,” said Dafiotis. “We’re working closer in conjunction with the Marine Corps next year. We hope to start the collection on October 1, when the program officially begins. We will try to get more support from local merchants.”

Dafiotis hopes to double the number of collected toys next year, and to work with the Marine Corps on other fund-raising activities on campus.

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Equestrian Team looking for a breakthrough after near-top finishes

By Sara Clark
Staff Writer

The RWU equestrians are having their best season in four years. During the two weekends of Spring Break they added second and third place finishes to their record, keeping them in the top half of their region so far for this semester.

First, the members of the equestrian team braved slippery roads and frigid weather on March 3 to finish third out of nine teams at the intercollegiate competition hosted by Wesleyan University at Winnecut Farms in Helron, Connecticut. Also competing at the show were teams from Brown University, Johnson and Wales University, Salve Regina University, the University of Rhode Island, the University of Connecticut, Connecticut College, and Telkoy-Post University.

When the final points were tallied, the RWU riders had finished third behind Brown and Wesleyan. RWU beat the UCONN and Johnson and Wales teams, which are ranked second and third, respectively, in the region.

Robins DelSanto, the coach of the RWU equestrian team, was pleased with the outcome of the show.

"I couldn't be happier with the team this weekend, both with their performance in the ring and as a team," she said.

The RWU girls also performed well as individuals. Earning first place ribbons were sophomore Whitney Reese in Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter and junior Kerrie Schulz in Walk/Trot.

Second place finishers were freshman Shelley Cochran in Beginner Walk/Trot/Canter, sophomore Liz Garrett in Novice Fences, sophomore Lisa Pektor in Novice Flat, senior Kristin Simonsen in Intermediate Fences, senior Katie Spofford in Novice Fences, and freshman Natalie Williams in Open Fences.

For both Williams and sophomore teammate Nadine Viellette it was their first time competing at the intercollegiate level. The experience was new to Viellette, who hadn't competed in a horse show before. Williams, a six-year horse show veteran, found out about the differences between regular competition and intercollegiate competition.

She commented, "I had a lot of fun showing with the team and enjoyed it because it was less stressful. I guess it was more relaxed than the usual shows that I'm used to and I liked the team effort and morale." Previously when Williams had competed in horse shows, she had to bring her own horse to the show and worry about getting both herself and the horse ready.

In intercollegiate horse shows, all of the riders compete on the host team's horses and do not have to do any of the preparatory work.

Walpole resident, March 10, Trinity College joined the Zone 1 Region 1 roster and the RWU equestrians finished fourth out of ten teams at the competition hosted by UCONN. It was a tough day to focus on competition because seven members of the Brown University Equestrian Team had gotten into a car accident on the way to the show. The Brown team, because they ride at the same barn as the RWU girls, is out of a sister team to the Hawks.

The third competition, held at Winnecon Farm and hosted by Telkoy-Post University, has been the most successful of the teams' season. RWU placed second out of nine teams, earning a Reserve High Point College ribbon. Telkoy-Post took home the High Point College award, beating RWU by only a point. Other highlights of the day were two first place finishes for freshmen Crystal Watkins, who then competed, but did not place, in the rideoff. Earning second place ribbons at Telkoy were sophomores Lisa Pektor in Intermediate Fences and freshman Natalie Williams in Open Fences.

On March 24, those RWU riders not on vacation in warm, exotic places congregated at the Johnson and Wales Equestrian Center in Rehoboth, Massachusetts for their fourth show of the season and earned a fourth place team finish. Notable riders were freshman Brooke Landay, who earned a first place ribbon and pointed out of Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter into Novice Flat and Fences, sophomore Lisa Scarnechia, who placed first in both her flat and fence classes and competed in the rideoff, and freshman Krystal Watkins, who earned a first place in Intermediate Flat.

Coach DeSanto and the RWU equestrians head off to compete at the regional horse show on April 7. A first or second place finish at Regionals means a trip to Zones, so cross your fingers for the girls.

RWU receives $3.5 million

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The university recently accepted a $3.5 million gift in Roger Williams' history, a $3.5 million endowment. Mario J. Gabelli, the Gabelli School of Business namesake and a consistent patron of RWU, pledged the generous sum in early February. Gabelli is founder and chairman of Gabelli Asset Management Inc., one of the country's top asset management and financial services firms.

According to Chancellor Santoro, the money is slated to aid with scholarships and help build computer and communication systems. The additions include a research center and trading room modeled after a Wall Street Brokerage and Financial Services Firm. Roger Williams' public relations director, Hugh Ryan, explained that the donated money is expected to be received in intervals over the next few years.

Roger Williams University's enrollment is 3,700, with 1,000 undecided students attending both the Bristol and Providence campuses. As of February, 449 of these are full time day students of the Bristol School. The donation should improve the quality of education in the school's undergraduate business and computer fields.

Chancellor Santoro is quoted in a recent press release confirming the importance of Gabelli's generosity. "It is difficult to overstate the impact of major gifts such as this to a university's ability to maintain and build excellence, while opening the door to private, higher education to all interested, qualified young men and women." RWU is currently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top tier schools in its category.

The videos are short and all are homemade. No applicant has attempted to have his or her video done professionally yet, although McMurrugh said that some prospective students who are interested in graphic design have done "animated, cartoon-like" videos. The admissions committee reviews all of these videos, and a particular department will review the ones that are in specialized areas, such as dance.

Another trend that McMurrugh mentioned is applicants sending in collages of their accomplishments. McMurrugh remembered that one girl from Westchester County who applied for Egle Ditkoff's dance director route. The girl made a collage of her published articles from her time working on her hometown and school newspapers along with photographs from remarkable events in which she had participated.

"You couldn't help but be impressed by her stories," she added. While admissions counselors see some unusual trends, the tour guide at RWU field strange and sometimes stupid questions. Freshman tour guide Jan Lachance at first had trouble pickingpened emails of her father asking if his daughter would be applied for Early Decision went this girl made a collage of her accomplishments. McMurrugh mentioned is applicants asking McMurrough that usually people only looked at his family . The girl made a collage of her father's history, a $3.5 million major gifts such as this to a university's ability to maintain and build excellence, while opening the door to private, higher education to all interested, qualified young men and women. RWU is currently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top tier schools in its category.

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By Marc Stroom
Sports Editor

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Defending conference champi-
on University of New England was picked third in the preseason poll, receiving two first place votes. New England College was picked to finish seventh.

"My long-term goal is to win the CCC playoff," said Pappas. "This team has the talent and is the preseason favorite as voted on by the other coaches. There's no doubt we are a better team than last year."

Now, back to the redemption issue. Sunday, April 1 is the day the Hawks travel up to Henrietta, New Hampshire to take on New England College looking for a little redemption.

"Before the game, we'll probably be a little frustrated just because we know we should've won last year," said Gallant. "We'll be wired. It'll be a coming out party for our team."

"We'll want revenge," Hill said simply.

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Last minute arrival hopes to take RWU lacrosse team to top of conference

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With a new coaching staff and a group of talented players, the Roger Williams University men's lacrosse team is preparing for another excellent season looking forward to winning their first Commonwealth Coast Conference title.

After coach Mark Osterbinder stepped down in October, the team was left without a coach for over a month. "After some advertising, the team found a very welcome late addition, Anthony J. Stevens" according to Roger Williams Athletic Director William Baird. "The team seems very enthusiastic about him."

Stevens, a former player and captain of the lacrosse team at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, had a good coaching experience with the University of Indiana at Bloomington club team. Although it is a school made up of about 20,000 students, and they competed against other division one schools, the lacrosse team could not be considered a varsity team because there had to be an equal number of varsity teams for men and women under Title XIV. When Stevens first took over, the team's record was 3-7. His last season at Indiana, his team was 15-3.

Originally Stevens' accepted the job of assistant coach at Wheaton College, but ended up taking the head coaching job here instead. "I would rather be the head coach than just the assistant," said Stevens.

Now that the team finally has a coach, the preseason looked like it is off to a great start.

"It looks as though the Hawks will play as well as they did last season, the only difference is that we hope that they will win the game that will send them to the NCAA tournament," according to Stevens.

Last year the team had a 9-6 record placing them in third place. "The best part about the team is that they are all underclassmen except for the two seniors," Stevens said. "This is a plus because we will be a very strong team in the future, plus there are already eight recruits for next year."

This year's team is led by senior Dave McMullen and junior Dave LeBlanc. This will be McMullen's second season as the starting goalie. Last season, McMullen started all 15 games, winning nine. This season he looks to continue improving in the net. The other captain, attackman Dave LeBlanc, is the top returning scorer from last season, as he scored 35 goals and 27 assists for a total of 62 points.

According to Stevens, there are several standout players this year. Two great attackers returning from last season are juniors LeBlanc and Peter Awn. Awn was the fifth leading scorer last season with 27 goals and nine assists. The standout on the defensive line this year will be junior long stick midfielder Seth Funt, who was named to the All-Conference Team last season, and sophomore Sean Kelley, who made his presence known as a rookie last season and played on a nationally ranked team in high school.

The team also has a lot of players that made positive contributions last season and look to improve this year.

Junior middle Sean Stemburg, has had two quality seasons and is expected to pick his play up on a notch this year. He was fourth in scoring a year ago with 28 goals and 32 assists for 58 points, and was named to the All-Conference Team. Cory MacEachen, a sophomore, returns as a solid performer on the defensive line, while midfielders Mark Gryzlo, Josh Lowe, Mike Sullivan, and Tim Sullivan look to step up this season.

The two teams to beat this season are going to be New England College and Endicott College.

"If we beat those teams, it will be key," Stevens said.

According to Stevens, "there are no real problems facing the team this year except that we have to play six games within a 14-day period, which can be really stressful for the players."

Luckily there are also a lot of good freshmen, three or four of them will probably start. The team is really tight bunch of guys and they seem to get along really well," adds Stevens.

This year's conference preseason poll has the Hawks ranked fourth. New England College, the defending conference champions, are ranked at number one. Last season, the Hawks lost to New England College in overtime during their regular season game. Gordon College is ranked number two, and is the team that the Hawks lost to in the semifinals. The big surprise this season in the polls is Endicott College taking the Hawks spot at number three. Last season, the Hawks beat the Power Gulls 16-15.

At the beginning of the season the Hawk's had a temporary assistant coach Chuck Little, a former lacrosse player from Ithaca College who played professionally for the Boston Blazers. As of now the new assistant coach is David Kemmesy, the coach of the RWU varsity men's wrestling team and the Assistant Athletic Director.

The Hawk's went down south to Port Richie Florida this year to help them to prepare for their upcoming season. In Port Richie the Hawk's played teams like Williams College who won the Sears Cup last season and the University of Massachusetts at Boston who had a great recruiting season. Although the Hawk's did not play well against these particular teams, they performed well as a team considering the tough competition. Some of the players that stepped it up in Florida where Dave LeBlanc with five goals, Sean Stemburg with three goals and seven assists, Sean Kelley and Seth Funt.

After returning from Florida coach Stevens decided to name junior Seth Funt to be one of the tri-captains as well.

Vickers all contributed one goal each. Senior Dave McMullen and freshman Jamie McCoy made some great saves as well.

"The Hawk's started off their season playing some of the hardest teams, but they look like they will be off to a good start and a game winning season. One of the big games to look forward to in the future will be when the Hawk's face off against the Endicott Power Gulls on Saturday April 14 at 12:00p.m. on the Soccer Field."
Wrestling season ends with high and low notes

By Brian Rhodes
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A great season for RWU’s wrestling team came to an end the first weekend in March in Waterloo, Iowa. This season, the Hawks not only won on the mats, but scored decisive victories with their books.

Senior Pete Doucet returned to the NCAA Division Ill National Championships after last year’s eighth-place effort that earned him a spot on the All-American Team. Junior Kevin Blanchard took the trip with Doucet to Waterloo with high expectation, those of a repeat spot on the All-American Team for Doucet and for Blanchard, the chance to match Doucet’s two bids. The Hawk grapplers unfortunately lost in the All-American round back to back on the same mat.

“They both could have won,” said Coach Dave Kimmy, “It’s kind of a disappointing way to end a very good and successful season.”

Not all was lost though. Junior Brian Logue was honored for his hard work off the mat with Academic All-American honors and the Hawks squad as a whole finished 18th in the country for team GPA in Division III wrestling.

After a great season for the Hawks on and off the mat, the next season will start with expectations for achievements that are bigger and better, and on and off the mat of course.

Softball squad looks for redemption

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Redemption. When you ask the members of the Roger Williams softball team what they want to do this season, that is the answer you get. Last season, the Hawks had an unbelievable regular season, compiling a 26-6 record under the leadership of head coach Steve Pappas. They also finished in first place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference regular season with a 17-3 mark. So why is this club looking for redemption?

Rewind back to the first round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference playoffs last April. The Hawks’ quarterfinal opponent was New England College, a team the Hawks had defeated handily earlier in the season. The Hawks succumbed to the pressure of being the number one seed, as they committed nine errors in a 7-4 loss to the Pilgrims. An incredible sense of disappointment was all the coaches and many of the players could feel.

“It was a big let down, for both the coaches, and I know even more so for the student athletes,” said Pappas. “NEC was a team we took to lightly, and a team that we really should easily defeat in a doubleheader. We have better players than them at almost every spot.”

The players felt the same way.

“It was devastating,” said junior pitcher Lauren Hall, “It hurt even more because it happened to us my freshman year, too. There’s more pressure when you’re the favorite.”

That loss is what fuels the fire under this year’s version of the Hawk softball team. The squad is primed and ready for a repeat of last year’s regular season, but is looking for a much different result in the conference playoffs. The Hawks lose only one starter from last year’s team and return nine starters from the CCC regular season championship club. Gone is Becky Adams, the school’s all-time leader in runs-batted-in. Adams was also second in Roger Williams’ history in runs scored, and third in career at-bats and hits.

The Hawks return five all-conference players, including last year’s Commonwealth Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, Lauren Hall.

Hall had an outstanding season on the mound for the Hawks last season in earning conference Pitcher of the Year honors, as well as First Team All-conference honors. She dominated CCC hitters, as she posted a 22-5 record with a 1.44 earned run average. Her 22 wins were a school record and led the conference, while her 92 strikeouts were the second-most in school history. Hall was also second in the CCC in winning percentage and fourth in earned run average.

Seniors Nicole Gallant and Kristin Pappas, the coach’s daughter, joined Hall on the conference’s first team. Gallant, the teams’ designated hitter last season and co-captain this year, punished opposing pitchers, as she tied for the team lead in batting average (.361) and was second in hits (35) and stolen bases (32). She was a perfect 12-for-12 in stolen base attempts. Gallant also had 10 runs batted in and scored 20 runs.

Pappas, the club’s first baseman, set a school record for putouts in a season (273), and also led the club in sacrifice (7) and walks (15). Pappas hit .330 and drove in 12 runs last season.

Sophomores Laura Bednarz and Lesley Calderwood were named to the CCC Second Team All-conference in their freshman campaigns. Bednarz, the team’s starting catcher and leadoff hitter, was also named RWU Female Freshman of the Year last year. She was undoubtedly the team’s top offensive player last season. She led the team in at-bats (108), hits (39), runs (28), slugging percentage (.509), on-base percentage (.425), stolen bases (13), and fielding percentage (.980). Bednarz also tied for the lead in batting average (.361), doubles (7), and triples (3).

Calderwood, the team’s right fielder and second pitcher, batted cleanup most of the year. She slugged .425 with 17 home runs, which led the Hawks. She also tied Bednarz for the lead in doubles with seven. Calderwood finished second on the team in at-bats (107), hits (27), hits (35), and runs-batted (20). On the mound, she posted a 4-2 record with a 1.79 ERA.

I expect the all-conference players to have at least as good a year this year as last,” Pappas said. “They will be counted on to lead the team and to make sure the younger players feel comfortable.”

There are also five returning players that will be key contributors if the team is to make a run at the CCC championship and the NCAA Tournament bid that goes along with it.

Amy Litchfield was the team’s starting center fielder last season and figures to be again this year. A converted first baseman, Hill hit a robust .356, good for second on the team. Her .508 slugging percentage placed her just points behind Bednarz for the team lead. She also added 11 runs-batted-in and scored 15 runs last season. Hill will be counted on to put up strong numbers as the club’s centerfielder this season.

Junior second baseman Renee Case started 30 games last year. Case will be counted on for her defense at second base and in the outfield, where she has also been working out in pre-season.

Sophomore Penny Sherman, who also stars on the Hawk soccer team, will return as the squad’s third baseman. Sherman batted a solid .278 last season, with 16 runs scored and 9 RBIs. She was also a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts and had nine walks. Sherman will be counted on to provide solid defense at the hot corner and continue her offensive production.

Sophomore shortstop Emily Whitson, who is also a forward on the basketball team, had a solid freshman year last season. She batted .264, scored 24 runs, and was also perfect in stolen base attempts (6-for-6). Her 13 walks were good for second on the team. Whitson is another player who may be asked to change positions to strengthen the Hawk defense.

“We’ll work in Florida to maybe move Emily to the outfield. She came here as a freshman after mainly using her at catcher, so she’s used to handling the mitt,” said Pappas. “We used her at shortstop last year, where she did an admirable job, but I feel she can help the team most in the outfield.”

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