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CHEERLEADERS BID FOR NATIONALS

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

Two years ago, 10 out of the 15 cheerleaders on RWU's cheerleading squad left after winter break, leaving five girls at the end of the season. Without a coach, the five girls held tryouts for what they hoped would be a "together" team.

"Our team had to build from the ground up," senior captain Amanda Hudak said. "We had to create a team, traditions, everything.

In September of this year, the cheerleaders received a bid to the NCA National Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida during the first week of April. According to Hudak, their metamorphosis is because of the hard work of the team members, as well as their new coach.

"Last year, Shawn See CHEER p. 12

Former Sox role player takes on new mission

Michael Hurley
Managing Editor

Game four of the 2004 World Series. Ninth inning. Gabe Kapler stood in right field as the potential first out -- and one more step toward the end of 86 years of agony for Red Sox fans -- flew toward him.

"This," Kapler said, "is the truth about what athletes think: 'Don't be Bill Buckner.'"

While Kapler stressed the importance of performing on the field, he said it pales in comparison to the importance of putting an end to the spread of domestic violence.

ERHA sponsored Kapler to come to campus to speak to more than 300 students at the Hawk's Hangout on Monday night. He founded the Gabe Kapler Foundation in 2004 with his wife Lisa. The organization is dedicated to assisting battered women's shelters in Southern California.

"We're giving some women the opportunity to breathe," he said.

Lisa, Gabe explained, was physically and emotionally abused by a high school boyfriend.

"It was my love for Lisa that fired my passion to speak out against domestic violence," he said.

He said the abuse began non-physically, as Lisa's boyfriend controlled everything she did, said, or wore and embarrassed her in front of friends.

The physical harm came next. Lisa's description to Gabe was simply, "He beat me like a man."

These beatings included full punches and violent choking. Whenever she fought back, according to Gabe, the beatings got worse.

At one point, the boyfriend put a gun to Lisa's head and asked her, "Are you ready to die?"

Psychologically, Lisa could not escape the clutch of her boyfriend, as he threatened to shoot her when she walked across the stage at graduation.

According to Gabe, Lisa filed a restraining order against the boyfriend, but it failed to See KAPLER p. 6
LETTERTO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I wish to congratulate Phil Devitt and Courtney Nugent for two fine articles on senior Tobey Reynolds, who died in an automobile accident on October 36. Mr. Devitt did a detailed news story that provided Hawk's Herald readers with all of the necessary facts concerning this terrible accident. Ms. Nugent wrote a more personal portrait of Ms. Reynolds, filled with kind comments by friends and professors that movingly captured the life of a special student. Both stories, which I imagine were very difficult to write, served the RWU community well in the wake of a terrible campus tragedy.

In the past, I have often been critical of articles and columns in The Hawk's Herald (and I still find “Couple of the Moment”: out of place in a publication striving to bring the RWU community the important news of the day). But the publication of these two articles should serve as a proud moment in the history of our campus newspaper. Mr. Devitt, Ms. Nugent, and Editor in Chief Sarah Courmoyer deserve praise for their fine work.

James Tackach
Professor of English

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DATING: Dying in the digital age

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This method takes away the personal communication that would happen over the course of a few dates. Instead of getting to know someone over coffee or dinner, their entire background can be learned in a matter of minutes.

Has it become romantic for someone to ask you if you have a MySpace? Do we measure our relationships by our position on a network sites may be a result of an increasingly hyper-individualistic generation of young people. We are happy to limit our face-to-face time with friends and potential mates because we can just as easily keep up with their Facebook activity with the click of a mouse.

Just like any type of social meeting place, networking web sites have established their own type of competition. Is the attractiveness of a male measured in relation to the number of pictures he has posted of himself being intoxicated? Perhaps it is the number of wall posts he has from other girls. Is the attractiveness of a female the number of pictures she has posted of herself wearing next to nothing? For those nearing the end of their college experiences, being single can be a scary thought. Technology is offers an easily accessible way to scan all the fish in the sea from the comfort of our own homes.

This has proved for many to be too tempting an opportunity to pass by. Why spend money on dinner and movie just to learn that a girl is too busy for a relationship or that she spends every weekend hitting the clubs and engaging in activities you would not want to be a part of? A quick look at the “Interests” section of her profile or her picture collection can provide that information for free.

Still, some people dream of the courtship their parents had. The definition of dating has changed drastically since their time. Have you ever known a couple that is “dating” who never actually went on a date? To meet, hook up, and proceed to make a relationship out of that seems to suffice these days. These observations are in no way meant to be all-inclusive of an entire generation; there are certainly exceptions. If these trends continue, however, I fear for next generation who is bound to be even more technologically savvy. The faster technology grows, the quicker we can learn about a total stranger. Those first stages of building a relationship are removed and the couple who is bound to be even more technologically savvy. The faster technology grows, the quicker we can learn about a total stranger.

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Franco-American Relations Grow Stronger

On Wednesday, Nicolas Sarkozy, the French president, spoke to U.S. Congress which applaud-ed for three minutes before he spoke.

President Sarkozy said, "It is unacceptable that Iran should have a nuclear weapon, but Iran is entitled to civilian nucl e ar energy."

On Nov. 19, the U.N. Security Council members will attempt to place tougher sanctions on Iran.

One of the most telling statements by the French President: "I want to tell you that whenever an American soldier falls somewhere in the world, I think of what the American army did for France."

Amy Torregrossa , president of STAND, said the demonstration will help to display his physique better.

"Bye Bye Bye" was introduced karaoke singing convincing the audience that the participants were in a body building competition. The boys were glad to participate and gladly stood up to flex their muscles to the delight of the amused audience. One even went as far as to take his shirt off in an effort to display his physique better.

Santos' comedic material was over the top, none of the participants seemed to mind and the audience's laughter indicated their enjoyment. The audience's laughter indicated their enjoyment. The audience's laughter indicated their enjoyment. The audience's laughter indicated their enjoyment.

"Stroke Me, Stroke Me," according to Frank Santos Jr.'s skits may have been a little over the edge and inappropriate, it is nothing compared to what his father does. Hamilton said the elder Santos specializes in x-rated hypnotist shows. Apparently, hypnotism runs in the family.

According to Sam Hamilton and Jerrel Burgo, it certainly is. No, it wasn't such a skeptic going in, I thought it was totally bogus, but now I am a complete believer," Hamilton said.

Burgo agreed, although he had always believed that it was probably real. He said that he had seen his friends get hypnotized before and always wanted to try it. Now that he has, he said is a firm believer saying that Santos was "legit."
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Talking baseball with Gabe Kapler

Michael Hurley
Herald Staff

Though Gabe Kapler came to Roger Williams University with a purpose, he realized most of the questions he would be asked during the Q & A session would focus on baseball. Here are Kapler's thoughts.

On his future in baseball
"I am coming back [to play in the major leagues] next year, and am very much hoping that I have the opportunity to play in Boston."

On Boston
"Red Sox fans appreciate role players. They know the value of having guys like Alex Cora on the bench... They recognize how important Bobby Kielty's homerun [in game 4 of the 2007 World Series] was."

On the chemistry of the best comedy
"They were some of the funniest moments of my life."

Kapler was on the Blue Jays in Little League, so he became a big fan of the Sox. "I was also a huge Charles Barkley fan. I was a Barkley freak. I had posters all over my wall."

Class offered on 3-D Alice program

Kelleigh Welch
Asst. Features Editor

For hours, Gregg Kelly sits at the computer in the second floor lab at the Gabelli School of Business, where he diligently tries to create an animation where a ball rolls across the screen in a lifelike manner. It seems like a simple task, but between the movement of the ball rolling and moving forward, it is not as easy as expected.

The program Kelly is working on is called "Alice," a three-dimensional world meant to teach students how to program a computer. "Alice is a program of a 3-D environment where you can add any 3-D object you want and tell it what to do," said Kelly. "It's an intro to coding. It's really easy to learn coding in a 3-D environment because you can see it, and once you learn this and go to hard coding with words, it's basically the same thing, but instead you don't see a cool ball."

At Roger Williams, the school of business offers a course called Digital Thinking, a Computer Info System class that specializes in teaching students "Alice." According to Professor Brett McKenzie, Alice is designed to teach students computer programming.

"Students today are living in a media rich world, and a media rich world means that they are used to having animations, which is all controlled by computers," said McKenzie. McKenzie gave a demonstration of the program on November 6 for interested faculty from a local school. In the discussion, he described what the program contains, and what students normally do with it. The program contains a large library of images and settings, which you can use to create short animations with sound.

As he demonstrated the program, McKenzie stood up on the table to enthusiastically express the way "Alice" can represent the real world. "One great thing about Alice for teaching programming is that I can see my mistake right away, and then I can experiment to correct it," said McKenzie. "Students can absolutely clearly see their error."

One thing that students must consider with using the program however is the amount of time it takes. "You can spend hours to build these animations and create those stories about Alice and other characters," McKenzie said. Alice is meant to prepare students for more difficult programs in the computer science field. Students of the middle or high school levels can easily learn the program, and not only learn programming, but also math and technology.

The class has been around at RWU for about three years, and will be offered for the Spring 2008 semester. It has no prerequisite, so any student interested can take it.
KAPLER: Spreading positive message

Can’t from page 1 protect her.

Luckily for Lisa, the boyfriend moved away with his family and she was able to move on.

“To this day, she still deals with traumas from that abusive relationship,” Kapler said.

Shortly after that tumultuous relationship, Gabe and Lisa began dating. He said he knew, even at age 17, that he had found his future wife.

Strong vs. Weak

Taking his wife’s past as a mission to prevent such occurrences, he then used his fame as a former member of the Red Sox, Kapler said he now has the ability to help stop the spread of domestic violence.

“This is a man’s issue as much as it is a woman’s issue,” he said, adding that it is important to “redefine what strong and weak are.”

He recalled a conversation he had with Kevin Millar about baseball, specifically about what makes hitters strong. He said hitters like Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz appear to have nothing on their minds when they step in the batter’s box, while a hitter like Kevin Youkilis “gets fiery” and “has demons.”

Kapler said that the person who can conquer his demons is a much stronger person than the one who “has it together all the time.”

“Strong certainly is not losing your temper and beating someone up,” he said.

“It’s OK to have rage and fury. We have to learn how to deal with that rage and fury. That is strong.”

Settling Arguments

Kapler said that while he and his wife have the perfect relationship, they have reached that level by learning what the other needs.

“In an argument, he said his wife needs space. “I can’t wait. I’m impatient,” he said. “But when I leave and come home two hours later, guess what? I come home to a hug.

“But when our heads butt, the fight can last for two or three days.”

Kapler stressed that not exposing children to fights or domestic abuse is the key to preventing its spread.

“It is a cycle that gets broken by children seeing relationships that work.”

“To be a great parent is to end this cycle of domestic abuse,” he added.

Locker Room Talk

As Kapler pointed out early in his speech, he would be able to relate more to the men in the room than the women. One way he reached the men was by explaining “locker room talk.”

When in a locker room, and other guys share stories of one night stands, or use derogatory language toward women, Kapler said there is a choice.

“You could say, ‘That's somebody's wife, somebody's mother, somebody's sister you're talking about.’

“That's the most righteous way to go.”

Another option, Kapler said, is to simply get up and walk away.

“It's not always easy to do… but that's what a leader does. A leader does not participate.”

Kapler, who is listed at 6-foot 2, 210 pounds, and is known to many for his bodybuilder-like frame, was not afraid to expose his sensitive side.

“Am I weak if I tell my wife about my feelings?” he asked. “Am I weak if I am proud of my kids with affection? Am I weak if I hug my teammates?”

Kapler said that at the end of an unsuccessful 2006 season, “Nothing made me feel better than Jason Varitek telling me, flat out, I love you.”

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Food Critic: Four Corners Grille

If you ever want to go to a quick lunch or dinner at a local restaurant, for a cheap price, Four Corners Grille can be the perfect fit. Small in size, Four Corners Grille supplies your local small restaurant atmosphere, but also includes a very nice bar.

The bar is fairly big, but there is actually a small amount of seating and only two small TVs. It feels like a place that middle-aged men would go after playing 18 holes at the golf course.

The bar and restaurant are extremely clean and are very different than the outside appearance. The entire restaurant is very open and full of space. Even though you are able to see almost every table from any point of the dining area, it never feels like you are sitting too close to someone, or that someone is looking or listening to you.

The menu is full of the typical bar and grille foods such as hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and Philly cheese steaks, but also includes some seafood items that, when looking at the atmosphere, I would have never guessed they would have.

Appetizers include the typical mozzarella sticks ($5.99), onion rings ($5.99), and buffalo tenders ($7.99), but also incorporate seafood items such as steamed muscles ($8.99) and steamers that are seasonal and market price.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Price: ★★★★★

All ratings are based on a five star scale.

We chose to start with the mozzarella sticks which are presented in a very elegant manner. Presented on a long rectangular-shaped plate, six decent sized sticks are laid out over a fresh piece of lettuce, next to a bowl of sauce that is more than enough for six pieces. The sticks are crunchy on the outside and arm on the inside. They tasted pretty much exactly how you would expect them to taste: not great, but not terrible.

For entrées, you can choose between five different burgers, many different sandwiches including tuna melts, and deli sandwiches ranging from $6.99 to $9.99, and a few wraps for $5.99. There is also a section for vegetarian dishes with about six different selections.

Again, they have unexpected seafood selections at market prices including lobster rolls, clam rolls, and Maryland crab cakes.

I decided to go with a Philly cheese steak sandwich for $8.99. Instead of fries, I substituted onion rings for $1.99, which was a poor decision. I received fewer onion rings than the other meals received fries, and for two extra dollars it was not worth it at all.

The service at Four Corners Grille is very quick as we had an entire meal including an appetizer in less than 50 minutes.

The ratings were nice but very informal, which sometimes is a good thing, but other times could be a little bit annoying. I feel like Four Corners Grille could easily be turned into a very classy restaurant or a very big bar, but since it is sort of stuck in between, it has a nice yet, slightly awkward feeling to it. Overall, the prices are fantastic with hardly anything priced over $9.99, the service is incredibly quick, and the atmosphere is very nice. I would definitely recommend Four Corners Grille for a quick bite with a few friends while staying cheap. If you're looking for a date place, or a place to go with a large group of people, this isn't the place for you.
Couple of the Moment:

Heather Dowds and Tom Caddigan

Reporting by: Courtney Nugent

How did you meet Tom?

We actually met through her roommate last year. Her roommate asked me: "Hey, are you interested in going to see this band?" I said, "Yes!" So we ended up going together and I've been a fan of hers ever since.

How did you meet Heather?

I met him two ways. One through the Musician's Guild and the other through my roommate last year, Jessie. Jessie and Tom would get together and do covers of songs for the open mic on campus every Thursday at 9:00 in the Hawk's Hangout. One time, I sat in on them rehearsing and met Tom. Everyone knew I was there, but didn't really say anything to me, except Tom. We hung out a few times after that, then I asked him to go see Catch 22 and Less Than Jake at Lupo's, which I guess you could call our first date and that night he asked me out. That was one year ago last month.

What is the most attractive quality about Heather?

Her Plumbers are incredibly convincing, at times so real, it's hard to believe it's just a movie. She's also full of headlines without stories, and a government which attempts to cover up its mistakes with even larger mistakes.

What is the most attractive thing to you about Tom?

Heather Dowds and Tom Caddigan

How do you like to spend time together?

We like to spend time together any way we possibly can. We spend a lot of time hanging out. I love his adorable puppy face when he's sad. Those two are the most attractive things.

When you get into fights, what does Tom do to make it up to you?

Tom is very good about making it up to me. He usually makes that puppy face and I can't help but laugh. Also, we're both big on talking things out, so sometimes we can just sit there and talk it out, as corny as that sounds.

What is your favorite way to spend time together?

Just hanging out. I'm kind of addicted to "House," so I roped him into that and we spend a good deal of time watching it. Sometimes we can just sit there and watch it, as corny as that sounds.

What is your favorite band?

The Who, Against Me!, Dropkick Murphys, The Doors, Pink Floyd, Regina Spektor, Reel Big Fish, Big D and the Kids Table—the list could go on for ever.

What is Heather's favorite band? Color?

Heather's favorite band would either have to be The Who or Against Me! Her favorite color is easily pink.

What color are your eyes? My eyes are blue.

What are your favorite movies?

We have so many favorites, it's hard to pick just a few. I would say "The Shawshank Redemption," "The Godfather," and "The Dark Knight Rises."

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What color are your eyes? My eyes are blue.

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Wired

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Cruise, Streep add starpower to otherwise lackluster film

Theo Applebaum

Wired Staff

With the threat of war with Iran looming large, Ol' Simpson's latest criminal foray being discussed on all the major networks and a large percentage of college students watching idly as it all plays out on our televisions, "Lions for Lambs" says enough is enough.

Directed by screen legend Robert Redford, who also stars along with Meryl Streep and Tom Cruise, the movie attempts to inject a sense of purpose into a nation gripped by apathy, a media full of headlines without stories, and a government which attempts to cover up its mistakes with even larger mistakes.

"Lions for Lambs" follows three separate storylines with themes all revolving around the question, "What are we going to do now?".

Redford is convincing and likable in the role of professor Stanley, a man who attempts to motivate the stereotypically lazy but gifted college student Todd Hayes (Andrew Garfield) to do something about the troubling state of our world.

Garfield, an industry newcomer, seems at home in the crumbling media. In an interview with Senator Jasper Irving (played by Cruise) she searches for the meaning behind the latest bit of propaganda she is being fed. Later, in a disturbing scene, she attempts to convince her editor that there is no headline.

Her struggle is incredibly convincing, at times so real, it's hard to believe it's just a movie. She's also full of headlines without stories, and a government which attempts to cover up its mistakes with even larger mistakes.

"Lions for Lambs" is now in theaters.
Male pageant raises money for charity

Courtney Nugent
Features Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 Roger Williams University students will compete in a male pageant for the title of Mr. RWU 2007. Although the ten contestants compete against each other in categories in order to receive the title, they work together to help a cause.

The seventh annual Mr. RWU pageant, which this year features Matt Cate, James Damiano, Joe Persigione, Kevin Golisano, Corey Kenick, Nick Lengo, Pat McHeffey, Tim O’Koren, Jordan Viola and Mike Zarbo who practiced and collected money for a number of weeks before the event, will donate the money to Children’s Miracle Network, helping premature babies live longer and healthier lives.

According to my rwu, the Mr. RWU pageant has raised more than $50,000 for the organization in the past five years.

Junior Kristy Lyons and sophomore Steph Olesen, co-chairs of Mr. RWU, find the opportunity to work with the contestants and their personal assistants (PAs) rewarding.

“We may yell at them when they miss deadlines and tell them to do all those things, but then we watch them dance and it comes together,” Lyons said, in regard to the opening dance number the contestants and their PAs perform. “The dedication they show is really touching.”

For many of the contestants, learning the dance moves has proved to be challenging.

“Learning the choreographed dance is hard for everyone but we are all putting a lot of effort in and it is coming out well,” Viola, a senior, said.

Senior Matt Cate agreed.

“I don’t really do stage things; I am not too coordinated.”

Cate said that knowing he is helping out the community put things in perspective.

“It’s important knowing we are helping the kids,” Cate said.

The impact of Kristin Forget, a student who died in December of last year due to complications with cancer, also influenced a number of the contestants as well as the PAs and their desire to raise money for Children’s Miracle Network.

“A few weeks ago I saw Kristin get up and talk during last year’s show, I knew I had to get involved,” sophomore Lisa Marie McNulty said. McNulty acts as a PA for junior O’Koren.

After Forget’s friend Jacques Aubuchon came to a meeting to discuss Forget’s appreciation for their hard work and dedication, many contestants said that the pageant hit closer to home.

“During his presentation, you could have heard a pin drop,” Damiano said. “The meaning behind competing became a lot different because he actually went here.”

The ten contestants were also able to visit Baystate Children’s Hospital in Springfield, Mass, to see new ways to make the process fun for those giving donations.

“I told my [cross-country team] that if I raise $60 in a day, I would shave my legs. If I raise $80 and I will shave my head. If I raise $1000,” O’Koren said. “I know I am probably going to have to shave my head. It’s all in good fun.”

Even with the time commitment the Mr. RWU contestants put into making the pageant come together, they are grateful for the experience to make a difference in the lives of others.

“I think about the pageant 24/7, not just while I am at practice,” sophomore Konnick said. “I know I am helping out a good cause and that is why I’m doing it.”

Along with competing in the Mr. RWU pageant, contestants and PAs carry around water bottles to collect money for the final donation to Children’s Miracle Network.

“Although collecting money gets more difficult as the competition grows closer, contestants are thinking of new ways to make the process fun for those giving donations.”

(Right) Tim O’Koren vows that he will shave his head if he raises $1000 for the cause.

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Hawk’s Hangout
8 p.m.

Saturday

Campus Events

Everyman Play
Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.

Concerts
The Red Pump Station
Apparatus, Hawthorne Heights, Amber Pacific and New Years Day
Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel
$20
Doors 6:30 p.m.
Show 7 p.m.

Sunday

Everyman Play
Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.

Monday

Campus Events

International Education Week:
Darfur Documentary “The Devil Came on Horseback”
Hawk’s Hangout
8 p.m.

Concerts
Avenge Sevenfold, The Confession, Black Tie
Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel
$28
Doors 6:30 p.m.
Show 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Campus Events

Penny Arcade: Good Night & Good Luck
CAS 152
7 p.m.

Dance Club Show
Rec Center
8 p.m.

International Education Week: Latin American Film Series
Intercultural Center
7 p.m.

Concerts
Papa Roach, 10 Years, Meriweather
Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel
$25
Doors 7 p.m.
Show 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Campus Events

Global Fest
Hawk’s Hangout
12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Socrates Cafe: “What Makes You You?”
Mary Teftt White Center
7 p.m.

Thursday

Campus Events

International Education Week: Documentary “Voices From Darfur”
Hawk’s Hangout
7 p.m.

Everyman Play
Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
News & Notes

The women's rugby team won the New England Rugby Football Union Championship 22-17 over the Coast Guard Academy on Sunday afternoon. The win extends the team's winning streak to 7-0 and gives them a shot at the national rugby championship title.

The Hawks will take on Gettysburg College on Saturday Nov. 17 at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass.

The men's swimming and diving team defeated Wheaton College 137-98 on Friday afternoon, giving them their first win of the season. The team's overall record now stands at 1-2.

The team will be in action next Saturday at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Invitational, starting at 11:00 am.

The women's swimming and diving team lost 173-67 to Wheaton College on Friday afternoon. The team has yet to obtain their first victory of the season.

Junior Cara Naylor broke her own records in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Naylor's scores of 217.8 in the 1-meter event and 298.65 in the 3-meter event broke the previous records of 210.3 and 205.

The team will be in action next Saturday at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Invitational this Saturday at 11:00 am.

The women's cross-country team finished in 23rd place in the 2007 ECAC championships on Saturday afternoon. The team ended the day with a total score of 614 points.

The men's cross-country team gained a 23rd place finish on Saturday afternoon in the 2007 ECAC championships race. Williams College ultimately won the day, with a total team score of 45.

Sports

BELL: Plays last game at RWU

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passion to play the game and watch the games with him. He was really, really good."

Antoine's father, better known as "Grand Jo" among his followers, is highly recognizable, especially in his homeland of Cameroon.

"In Cameroon it is crazy," Bell said. "People know his car. If they see his car they start waving."

As Bell continued to grow up in France, he remained an avid soccer player. At age 13, he experienced the greatest game of his life in Paris. Bell was a member of the Bordeaux Pro-Youth Team, who was playing the Real Madrid Pro-Youth Team at the Danmon Cup.

"The stadium is like, mythical," Bell said of the place that holds one of his fondest memories. "It's where the French National Team used to play."

Being the team's striker, the one who scores all the goals, it's easy to imagine the pressure Bell faced. In a stadium so large that it could fit almost every citizen of Bermuda, he made the "PK" or Penalty Kick to win the game.

As he continued to play, Bell realized the high demands that the sport had. With a constant back and forth lifestyle of going to school, making the trip to practice, playing, and doing homework, he began feeling a strain on his life.

"My dad was like, 'Well, you can only go to practice twice a week, but if you go twice a week you don't play on the weekends. It's like a gamble,' Bell said. "So I figure it's safer to go to school which I did."

He attended Bridgton Academy, a Maine prep school where attendees stay for one year. There, Bellroomed with Matt Smith, who is now a senior at RWU.

"I was his captain in soccer up at BA," Smith said. "The two grew close for the year they spent together at Bridgton. "He is one of the family basically. He gave his flowers on Senior Day to my mother."

After leaving BA, Smith came to RWU while Antoine went to Kutztown University in Philadelphia.

"I got the sense he hated it there at Kutzt so I told him that I am one of the few people he knows in The States so come to RWU and the rest is history," Smith said.

Upon his acceptance to RWU, Antoine began playing soccer for the Hawks while studying marketing and brand management. Keeping his position as striker, he made continual improvements on his teammates.

"He is one of the best forwards this school has had and he shows this with his back to back CCC Player of the Year Awards," said Brandon O'Donovan, junior left-back midfield player for the Hawks.

Senior center midfielder Evan Solis said Bell is "the best player I have ever played with."

Like Cook, said with Antoine "the team always comes first."

"If my teammates were terrible, I'd never score 18 goals," Bell said.

Not only was Antoine's on-the-field spirit unique, but so were his yellow cleats.

"They are designer shoes and really, really thin so you can get a good feel of the ball," Bell said of his bright kicks. "The yellow is just because I like to have fun when I play."

"Someone should only wear cleats that I wish if his or her game can back it up. Antoine definitely has the game," said senior captain midfielder Kevin Canton.

Now that the Hawks season is over, where does that leave Antoine? "This is my last year playing," he said. "I've made myself at peace with not playing soccer awhile ago."

Antoine has learned an important lesson through his experiences in soccer. "People can forget cultural and social boundaries for 90 minutes," he said of his beloved sport. He takes with him his experiences here at RWU as he continues to get his training as a marketing student.

As for those he leaves behind, O'Donovan sums it up in Antoine's language: "As Je manger auroir je ne m'absente pas," he said, which translates as "I will miss playing alongside you man."
Career ends for RWU soccer star Bell

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Getting stuck in traffic or spending a few hours in a car isn’t so dreadful for Antoine Bell. For him, weekend trips are out of the question. Calling up your parents and speaking to them in a different language seems unreal.

When your mother, father, and little brother live in Africa, it’s not as simple as crossing a couple of bridges. For Bell, this is a reality, and another of his many journeys.

“My family lives in Africa. I only have one brother, and he lives in Cameroon. It’s at least a 30 hour trip,” he said.

The role Bell fills in his family of being a son and big brother is something that is consistent, regardless of any location.

“I’ve been to Spain, Germany, Italy, Great Britain,” he said as he flips through his memory with a smile, as if he is appreciating all that he has gotten to accomplish in his 22 years.

Head men’s soccer coach Jim Cook points out Antoine’s demeanor when asked what has remained the same about his star striker who finished his RWU career last week.

“He is the same humble, caring individual,” Cook said.

Antoine was born in Cairo, grew up in France, and visits family in Cameroon. He spent his childhood traveling wherever his father’s professional soccer team took him. He moved to the United States and won the hearts of his peers and teammates at RWU. Come graduation in May of 2008, his journey will only continue.

Antoine’s many adven-


Women’s soccer wins first round of ECAC after CCC loss

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After a 1-0 overtime loss to Endicott College on Saturday in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, the women’s soccer team came back to win the first round of the Eastern College Athletic Conference 2-1 over Curry College.

With the win, the second seeded Hawks will advance to take on the number sixth seeded Keene State on Saturday afternoon. Saturday’s game will be a first for both teams, as they have never played each other before.

“It was really disappointing to lose in the finals, because I definitely think we’re one of the best teams in New England,” head coach Emily Kiablick said. “But it’s great to be recognized as the second seed in the ECAC, so we’ve moved on.”

Kiablick said that her team has never made it to the ECAC tournament before and that it is a credit to the dedication her players have shown on the field this season.

“Starting the season off strong and maintaining that throughout the whole year is not easy to do and they definitively did it,” Kiablick said.

Best Bets: Jake is not talking about the past

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Last week, I applied some changes to the way I will be picking games for the rest of the year. I decided to pick every game every week, with out using any spreads, because this is the way the writers at ESPN do their picks each week. I was skeptical about picking 15 games last week but it finally paid off. With an 8-5 record last week, the most wins over .500 all year, I improved my overall record to 22-23, only 1 game under .500.

With a big week this week, it isn’t unfair to say I can be on my way to a pretty good second half of the season.

I decided that this week, I am not going to talk about all the games I won and lost and how each game last week played out. This week I am talking about one thing and one thing only, Patriots versus Colts.

We all know how big of a game it was; we all know it could be the difference between home field advantage and even an undefeated season for each team. We all know how it ended.

To see the Patriots were going to absolutely destroy the Colts is completely absurd. Seriously, I completely understand the Patriots are extremely good and are the best team in the NFL, I don’t argue that. But in the NFL, there is so much parity that any team can beat any other team on any given day. The Colts were undefeated going into that game as well, and lets not forget they are the defending super bowl champions.

Since all the Patriots fans seem to make up excuses for when they lose or when they play on the road, I decided I would be the bigger man and not mention that Peyton Manning only lost by four points against Marvinn Harrison on the field.

Also, I wouldn’t put it past the Patriots to pay off Adam Vinatieri for missing the first field goal of the game. Seriously, what is it with all these Boston based athletes who play on other teams and just talk about how much they loved their Boston teams.

So it might be crazy to say that Vinatieri missed the kick on purpose but think about it, is it really that crazy. One of the most loved Patriots of all time, who has NEVER in his entire career missed a field goal in the RCA dome just happens to miss his first one against his beloved home team in the biggest game in the NFL in the past 10 years. Is it really that crazy?

Also, for all those who say

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CHER! Participating in national competition

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Simmons became our new coach. He was the same, page as us, and that was lacking in our team before,” Hudak said. “Everyone has a competitive attitude.”

Junior Alexa Allon agreed.

“The organization and dedication of our team was not emphasized by the first coach,” Allen said. “Shaun has completely changed our team into a wonderful, dedicated, spirited group of girls who have a common goal of being the best.”

The process to compete for a bid to Nationals proved difficult since RWU does not attend many competitions.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Senior Antoine Bell plays in the team’s Sept. 1 season opener against Utrica College. The Hawks lost the match with a final score of 1-0.

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Members of the women’s soccer team celebrate following their team’s victory over Curry College in the first round of the ECAC Division III on Wednesday.

Before Wednesday’s game, Kiablick said that Curry was one of the strongest teams in the CCC and that a win would depend on how well the Hawks were able to defend against the team’s top players while countering offensively.

Both teams came out strong, matching each other in shot attempts and defensive blocks for the first 26 minutes. However, things changed in minute 28 when a shot attempt from Curry freshman Brooke DeLuca found the back of the net, raising the score to 1-0.

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