Alerts ‘connect-ed,’ informed students

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The Nor’easter storm came and went without much impact in the first weekend of November, falling short of what most were expecting.

However, the university did close, and with the first actual usage of the new emergency preparedness program, Connect-Ed, the campus was informed. According to Vice President and Chief Information Officer Joseph Pangborn, voice-mails, e-mails, and text messages were sent out to all students enrolled in the university, making the new program a huge success.

"It was the smoothest closing the university has ever had," Pangborn said.

Over 5,300 calls were made to inform students of the university closing as part of the alert procedures within the Connect-Ed agenda. The calls were received with great consistency and there was a reported 94.6% received rate.

The program is made of a system of emergency levels that can be raised or lowered at any time. A group of RWU staff members, made up of the CFO, Provost, and members of Health Safety, Public Safety, and Public Affairs departments, decide when to change the level.

The levels can be raised for two reasons, the first being a weather alert, which was carried out due to the storm, and the second being an emergency alert for a more serious issue involving the school.

"It’s terrible we need to think of these things, but after Virginia Tech and Hurricane Katrina, we do," Pangborn said.

RWU was the second school in Rhode Island to see EMERGENCY p.5

Honor the students ‘of the moment’

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In an attempt to recognize dedicated, hardworking students, students formed the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). The new group on campus focuses on honoring these students.

"It’s an honorary society that works with recognition to better the campus community," Kevin Clark, president and founder of the RWU chapter of NRHH, said. "NRHH has chapters all over the country that are affiliated to the national organization."

NRHH is brand new to the RWU campus, however it exists in other schools nationwide. See NRHH p.5

Driving in circles

Teddy Applebaum
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When my alarm exploded to life at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, October 27, I considered going back to sleep. After a moment’s thought, I slammed my hand on the snooze button only to find that ten minutes later it happened again.

Why was I having so much trouble getting myself out of bed that morning? Because I had decided to ride the Almeida shuttle for the next 19 hours.

This is the story of that day; it is a story of shuttle culture, of college life, of monotony and of speed bumps.

After dragging myself out of bed I was able to confront my morning ride as if part of an assembly line. One after another they followed the same routine: slowly board shuttle, sip coffee, find seat, drop bags unceremoniously onto the seat, sip coffee again. They all had the same glum looks on their faces that seemed to say “a shuttle seat is a sad substitute for a bed.”

8:28 a.m. Silence, it seems, is an unspoken rule when riding the shuttle in the morning. People mumbled incoherent greetings to each other, or raised their hands in a gesture of peace.

Maple janitor finds way into students’ hearts

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On janitor appreciation day, November 14, students of Maple Hall found many reasons to thank and acknowledge their beloved Paiva.

"Jesse is really reliable," said Kelcy Lenahan, a resident of Maple Hall Five. "He always comes through for you with no doubt in your mind."

Jesse Paiva is the main janitor responsible for Maple Halls one through six and 14. Born in Bristol, Paiva still lives there with his wife of 35 years.

Paiva said he originally worked as a manufacturer of high performance tape for Patco in Bristol, but left the corporate life to work for RWU.

He said RWU is really where he loves to be.

"I had this one kid who used to ask me to wake him up," Paiva said. "Every morning he had class at 8 a.m. and I would bang on the door, and if he didn’t wake up, well, I would bang harder."

Paiva’s office is located in Maple 14. The room is no bigger than a Maple single, and has a honey touch with thank you cards hanging on the wall.

"I save them all," Paiva said. "Anna [the other janitor] always yells that I have too much junk, but I keep them."

Paiva stands at about 5’9”, with short gray hair and glasses, and needs to stay in shape to walk up and down the five flights of stairs in Maple Hall.

"I used to be a marathoner. I would run about 15 miles a day," Paiva said. "I don’t run anymore. I just go up and down the stairs every day."

Paiva enjoys playing golf, snow skiing, and fishing off his boat.

"The biggest fish I caught was a 40lb stripper bass. I brought him home and ate him," he said.

Rachel Newman, the Core of Maple and Nike Halls, enjoys having Paiva as the Janitor.

"Jesse is truly apart of the Maple community. He is a counselor and a
The American higher education is facing a real crisis. Liberal arts curricula, once the cornerstone of education in the USA, are alarmingly declining. We live in an era wherein professional study is created upon what should be America education's most central and vibrant part—liberal education. Humanities and general education, proven to be of pivotal importance in preparing students for citizenship, are shrinking, allowing more and more room for programs of professional study that prepare robot-like citizens.

Liberal arts education reinforces, protects, and perpetuates democracy. The current education system undergoes a profound crisis that threatens the values of America's democracy. Democracy and critical thinking are inextricably interconnected. A strong and vibrant democracy entails citizens who are critical of themselves and of their government. It entails citizens who possess knowledge about their society, the many cultures that makes it up, as well as the very make-up of the political system of their government. Such knowledge is central for the very survival of democracy itself. With the decline of liberal education, the main source of such knowledge, and the encroachment of an educational system that makes it up, as well as the very make-up of the educational system, we are left with robot-like citizens; people who are programmed to operate like machines without any self-understanding of their government policies due to their lack of knowledge, imagination, and critical thinking.

Unfortunately, America's education, encroached upon by professional study, does not promote critical thinking. It is true that it produces great engineers, businessmen and women, technicians, architects, businessmen, etc. However, these citizens do not guarantee the perpetuation of a democracy based on a democracy that calls for equal respect, understanding, and tolerance. Citizens are meant to fit particular roles in the society, and society itself, failing to produce a generation of knowledgeable, imaginative and critical citizens. Many would argue that education adapts itself to the needs of society. We are in an era wherein economy is the pivot of society; hence the idea that the role of education should solely serve the economy. However, education does not exist for its own sake, but for the good of the general public. The renewal of liberal education would lead to a generation that embraces imagination, critical thinking, and knowledge not only for its own sake, but for the good of the general public.

Internationally, liberal education would lead to a generation of citizens who know nothing but "ignorant." The curricula over the centuries are designed in such a way that students remain "ignorant" as to other nations' lifestyles and ways of thinking. Emphasis is put on science and issues pertinent to the American social, cultural, and intellectual landscape. But even here, the system has not been very successful in educating students about their own society and culture. Many Americans realize how self-enclosed they are once they set foot outside the USA. One may question the usefulness of Americans knowing about other cultures. The USA is a huge country with a very diverse population, so it seems as if it suffices to have Americans know about their own society. I may suffer if not I believe that it is not only for the USA to have better relationships with other countries, but it will also yield new ways of looking at the world.

The terrorist events of September 11th pushed education theorists to reconsider some aspects of the American education system. Differently governmental initiatives have come into being to reinforce understanding, tolerance and equal respect, exchange of students and visiting scholars is a new way of approaching the self-enclosed nature of the American education system and consequently of some Americans. However, such government programs are not enough. People makers have to address the roots of the problem. The self-enclosed nature of the curricula lies at the very heart of the problem. High school, for instance, is a wonderful opportunity to introduce students to African, as well as Asian history and literature, of which Middle Eastern literature is a central part. Unfortunately, the focus is always put on British and American history and literature. It is a system that produces new generations of "ignorant" citizens who know nothing but a few stories about how the Puritans were persecuted in Europe and fled to America in the early seventeenth century. Unfortunately, America's education has not been any successful in regaining back its historic role—preparing students for citizenship. Not only will such students serve as models for their countrymen and countrywomen, but they will also serve as models for millions of people outside the USA. "I think it is an American's first and foremost duty to America setting a good example [...] we have to be the best global citizens we can be. We cannot retreat from the world. We have to make sure that we get the best of our imaginations—and never let our imagination get the best out of us" (Thomas L. Friedman).

The very status quo both locally and internationally requires that liberal education be reinvigorated for the challenges of the 21st century. Locally, liberal education would lead to a generation of good citizens, a generation that embraces imagination, critical thinking, and knowledge not only for its own sake, but for the good of the general public. Internationally, it would, to a large extent, educate the American public about the outside world, strengthening thus the image of Americans as "ignorant." Such combination will lead to a generation that celebrates understanding, tolerance and equal respect.

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Acknowledging graduates with dedication to service

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When all the papers have been written and the studying is complete, when all the meetings have been concluded and the lecture notes studied, when students are finally all done, it's time to relax. Life as a college student is hectic and often times demanding, but even so, some students find time to do more. Some feel it is not enough to complete just what is required of them. They desire to give back in some way.

For many students at Roger Williams University, that chance to recreate comes in the form of community service. There is a large group of students that have been performing countless hours of community service throughout their college careers, and one person feels all that hard work should not go unnoticed.

Amiee Shelton, an Assistant Professor of Communications, has proposed the implementation of the Silver Cord Global Community Service Program which would recognize students who have completed extensive community service hours.

The proposal was brought to the university's attention earlier this semester and is receiving vast support across the campus. It calls for a minimum of 150 hours of service for graduating seniors, approximately 37 hours a year, and looks to build a respectful, diverse and intellectually vibrant university community.

All previous service is monitored and recorded by the student's academic advisors to ensure accuracy. The silver cord, much like the golden honors cords, will be awarded to a recipient at graduation. Shelton states in her proposal that, "Through this initiative, students will not only benefit the community, but will develop their own leadership and citizenship skills."

She said she feels that students who perform these service requirements are not only bettering themselves, but also making contributions to the global community.

Fundamental to the proposal is a set of core values that play a very central role in the program. These values include preparation for careers and future study, appreciation for global perspectives, promotion of civil discourse, and an understanding of how different cultures and historical experiences affect the perspectives of others.

K.C. Ferrara, Coordinator of Service Learning, supports this proposal and said what Shelton is doing is a wonderful plan. "Promoting service, especially significant service is a great idea," Ferrara said. "This Silver Cord Program will prepare students for not only scholarship but citizenship when they leave this university."

Many nationalities also support Shelton's viewpoint. For example, the UCLA Higher Education Institute finds youth who volunteer to be more likely to do well in school, graduate, vote, and be philanthropic. A study done by the Search Institute stating youth who volunteer just one hour a week are 50% less likely to abuse drugs, alcohol, or engage in destructive behaviors also provides an indication of the positive outcomes of community service.

Students seem to be viewing the new program favorably, as well. Nicole Baker, a member of the Student Volunteer Association (SVA) said, "I think the proposed program is a great way to encourage students to be involved in the community."

Students should be more engaged in service-learning, a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities across the world as well as American society," states Shelton.

The Silver Cord Global Community Service Program is an attempt to recognize those students that reach above and beyond the regular call to action. It takes a special person to give so much of themselves to the community and to service, and this proposal is designed to appreciate that special person in a uniquely rewarding way.

PAIVA: Serves community, freshmen

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friend," Newman said. "He is almost like an older relative. He's just so warm and friendly."

Newman also explained that Jesse is the eyes and ears of the campus, because he knows all of his residents' names and what's going on in their lives.

"Everyone loves Jesse," Newman said.

"Even the parents."

Noelle Allard, a sophomore in Maple One, had her parents send Paiva cookies as a thank-you for looking out for her.

"When my parents first met him [Paiva], they really liked him, and because he works so hard at making sure the dorms are clean for us, my mom baked some cookies for him for all the hard work, not just as a janitor, but as a friend as well," Allard said.

Roger Williams has been Paiva's home for five years. However, Paiva was the junior for the Law School and then the field house before coming to clean Maple Hall.

"It was my choice to move to Maple," he said. "I think the freshmen need me." Paiva says that many different students live in Maple, from freshmen to juniors.

"They [the students] tell me they stay because of me," Paiva said.

Paiva said that the environment of Maple is happy and has a different kind of pressure.

"Out of all the jobs this is the most rewarding because you get to know the students, who are all interesting, with different personalities," Paiva said.

Paiva shows his dedication and love for his job in every way possible, such as with the student he had to wake up.

"I did this for the entire semester," Paiva said. "I don't think he was late once."
Nike Hall holds military history

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Regional Air Defense has picked up hostile aircraft, prepared to transfer hostile aircraft, prepare to transfer hostile aircraft, and has transferred the targets location to regional launch site. Two missiles rose from their underground magazines and are pushed by the battery to be raised vertically, prepared to launch.

It may be hard to believe, but a portion of the Roger Williams campus was once home to a vital part of U.S. Air Defense during the Cold War.

However, it has been 33 years since the air defense system in Bristol has been shut down.

On July 4, 1957 a ceremony was held to open the US military's latest air defense facility, and some familiar names were at the opening ceremonies: Senator T.F. Green, and R.P. Haffenreffer.

The facility was in two locations. The Integrated Fire Control (IFC) Administration Area, which was responsible for locating incoming targets, was located on top of Mt. Hope, and the second was located on the RWU campus was the launch site for the missiles.

There were two missile systems on this campus, the Nike Ajax, which was then upgraded to the Nike Hercules, for which Nike Hall is named. The missiles were named after the Greek god, meaning victory.

The Nike system was the United States' first line of defense for ballistic missiles and bomber aircrafts. What is now the RWU campus was literally a primary target to be attacked in order for the enemy to penetrate U.S. airspace.

The facility was closely connected to Bristol through its annual traditions. During the famous Fourth of July parades, one of the army's trucks would lead the parade with the latest Nike Missile mounted on top. On Halloween, the Administration Area would turn the HIPAR (Air defense radar) into a giant jack-o-lantern, which would light up all of Bristol from the top of Mt. Hope.

Today there is little evidence of the original facilities. All of the launch pads for the Nike Hercules missiles are covered by the school's parking garage. Deep within the woods of Mt. Hope, a few cement blocks that used to be helicopter pads, radar stations, and a barracks, are all that remains of the IFC Administration Area.

The only remaining structures of the air defense facilities are located on this campus: Nike Hall, the original barracks for the field artillery battery, and the north classroom building, which was originally a magazine structure for weapons.

The university's plans for a new residence hall will extend to the north section of campus, but will not disrupt these last remnants of Cold War history.

"At this time, there are no plans to tear down the North Campus building, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs said.

The administration said they understand the historical importance of a building like Nike.

"The University is sensitive to the historical significance of both these buildings and will consider that dynamic carefully before making final decisions in campus master planning," he added.
Director of Housing Tony Montefusco came to represent the The Clubs and Organizations committee reported that they had Three bills were brought up for immediate consideration to ac­ Members of the campus organizat ions were present to give their The Academic Affairs Committee The Student Senate will be voting on who will fill the newest ALERT: Emergency system reaches most students, faculty

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start using Connect-ED, following New England Tech, and recently both Providence College and Bryant have also adopted the program. The program relays the message to students in many different forms to be sure the student is informed, regardless of his or her location. The alerts will be used in potential emergency situations only.

"We’re not going to send messages for no reason; students will not be spammed by the univer­ sing them to the Emer­

On this new Emergency Preparedness page students can consistently check the emergency level of the university as well as the U.S. National Security and U.S. Aircraft alert status. The page also has many links to local weather and numbers to call for emergency assistance. A test of the Connect-Ed program was done earlier this year to inform students of what would happen in the case of an actual emergency. The test went well and the first alert success rate was even better. "We did the test because we didn’t want to have to wait for a real emergency," Pang­

If students did not receive messages from the university they are urged to go to the Emergency Preparedness tab on their myRWU page to update their emergency contact information imme­

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"Last year, IRHA told me to sit in on the NRHH board room to see if you want to start one (NRHH Chapter) here. I went to the NRHH board room and understood a little more about it and said ‘Yeah, I really think we should start it,’” Clark said.

Since their appearance at the start of the fall 2007 semester, NRHH has sponsored two events, and plans to bring two more to the community be­

"During midterm we gave out Kit-Kats and said ‘NRHH said you need to take a break’,” Sec­

"We had a stress relief day, where we handed out stress balls and we kind of were getting our name out there by saying ‘NRHH wants to recog­

These “Of the Moment” cards are distributed during NRHH events, such as the stress ball day. Students can go to the NRHH table and write notes to anyone from RA to friends that will be delivered in order to honor these students. So far the “Of the Moment” cards have been a success, with over 200 cards written out during one meet­

Jill Zalewski, a member of NRHH, said, “Whenever you recognize someone it puts a smile on their face. I’ve given out 15 of them, and when people get them they ask 'what is this?' and I ex­

NRHH also sponsors an award known as ‘Of the Month.’

"The whole campus community can nominate anyone they want for an NRHH student of the month award, and our NRHH votes on it once a month. The campus winner is then automatically nominated regionally for the award, and if they win regionally then they are automatically nominated for the national award,” Clark said.

Other programs that NRHH sponsored this se­

In order to become a member of NRHH, you must fill out an application which is then reviewed by leaders on NRHH. You must have at least a GPA of 3.0 and be a resident of campus housing for two semesters to be accepted.

The leaders of NRHH said they have high hopes for the organization. "I think it’s going really well. We have about 14 members on the chapter right now,” Clark said.

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Everyman summons students to showings

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Editor

Walking into the theater, I did not know what to expect of RWU’s newest production of The Summoning of Everyman. The program informed the patrons that the play was a “promenade” production in which there was no seating and some audience participation.

True to the statement, the actors and actresses (in character) greeted the patrons. Characters encouraged the audience to take refreshments, gamble and dance the Charleston in the center of the theater.

Everyman, originally written by an anonymous author in the 16th century, is a morality play about the journey of the protagonist Everyman (played by Robert Saunders) to God to account for the life God has lent him.

Along the way he tries to convince his friends to come with him and attest to God Everyman’s good character.

Despite having origins in medieval times, the cast and crew at RWU do a fantastic job giving the play a modern feel.

The sets were wonderfully decorated and surprisingly modern. The characters traveled to the different sets as well as acted in the center of the room.

One area was a frat house where Fellowship in a Yale sweatshirt played by Kevin Fennell handed out “beer” (rootbeer) from a keg. Another area of the theater featured a roulette wheel and a cards and gambling table. The third set, although more modern than the medieval Europe, was a southern home front with a white porch and characters with a southern drawl.

Although originally disappointed that I would not be sitting, relaxing and enjoying the show, I was pleasantly surprised with the effect that being a part of the production had. Sure, at moments it was uncomfortable. After an introduction to the play by an organizer of the production, it was unclear if the play had truly “begun.” When audience members were in the way of the characters, people would shuffle around trying to get out of their way. The actors and actresses handled it well, paying no attention to the audience members.

Before the play began, the audience was encouraged to chime in with the cast as they periodically sang modern or recognizable songs. The frat house partiers broke into a rendition of the Yale fight song, and later “Simple Gifts” by Aaron Copland.

The play will show Friday November 16 and Saturday November 17 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on campus.

Coast Guard escorts, transports and saves

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Herald Staff

Across the bridge, everyday the men and women of the Newport Coast Guard work together to save lives. This job demands long work hours, great physique, selflessness and the passion to serve under the red, white and blue.

The specially trained personnel of the Newport Coast Guard deal with tasks including, but not limited to, Search and Rescue, navigation, Maritime Law Enforcement and transportation or escorting cruise ships and tanker boats.

On his boat, first class Petty Officer Justin Longval, 31, accounts for his three crew members and revels in specific regulations to check off on.

"Visible horizon 500 plus, approximately 62 degrees," Longval said. "Lifejackets on all aboard, radio 'check check', everyone agrees? Alright he's head out."

Longval, a husband and father excited about his second child being born, has been serving with the coast Guard 12 years. He started basic training at the young age of 19 and remained with the Coast Guard ever since. Originally from Gloucester, Mass., Longval’s a huge Boston Red Sox fan and formerly was in the whale watching business.

"Basic training was basically just being screamed at for two months," Longval said.

Personally saving a few lives each year, Longval stays very busy in Newport. He is involved in the security of gas ships and obstacles like boats sinking and drunk driving are just some of the many concerns he faces. Part of the ongoing training for these situations is helicopter preparation training, where everyone once or twice a month is required to meet at the helicopter station in Cape Cod, Mass. The chopper goes about 200 miles off the coast to complete search and rescue training. In addition, there is a Coast Guard stationed every 30 miles of east the coast.

"A nine hour day can take a lot of you when you're up at three or four in the morning," Longval said.

"You can’t have fatigue to limit your performance with this job." The only female crew member on board was 22-year-old Krysti Severson from Chicago. Having only been serving in the Coast Guard three months Severson was still just learning the ropes literally and figuratively. Severson attended college for two years, majoring in physics and philosophy, before realizing she didn’t belong there at that time in her life. Although she has every intention of finishing school, Severson is thoroughly enjoying her time on the water serving her country.

"It's so soothing, you can be really pissed off and you get on the boat and you kind of just forget everything that was bothering you," Severson said. "It's a really fun environment and it helps with school." Severson clarified that she works for two days and then has the next two days off. Then she works every other weekend.

"When driving the boat you also must follow rules kind of like if you were on the road driving a car," Severson said. "Green buoys stay on the left when you're heading out to sea and the red buoys stay on your right. When you're coming back to the station it's the opposite."

Another young crew member for the Newport Coast Guard is southern Indiana Andrew Dowd, 20. Dowd, on the force just a year now, moved up to New England from Georgia with his wife whom he has known since childhood.

"I came from a town with only four stop lights," Dowd said. "It's a big change, especially for my wife. We left both our families back home in Georgia. But, I would never have seen any of this if I didn't join Coastguard. I have never seen snow until last winter."

Dowd remembers one instance when a family of four was all together on their boat, when out of no where a speed boat crashed directly into them in Newport Harbor.

"It smashed their entire bow. It was as bad as if a car hit a tree and was totaled," said Dowd. "The father was the only one hurt bad, but we got him to shore where the EMT's met us to transport him to the hospital."

Longval, Severson and Dowd wake up everyday at the crack of dawn to put their lives on the line. Respect, dedication, and perseverance are traits these individuals live by as Newport Coastguards.

"It's convenient being a coastguard," Longval said. "We can park our boat anywhere, well... with consideration. But there's nothing to stop me from pulling up to Starbucks, and getting a coffee."

According to Longval, those who are interested in the Coast Guard can contact him at the Newport Coast Guard for an opportunity to participate in a ride-along to experience what they do daily.
Couple of the Moment:

Hannah Freedman and Richie Goldsmith

Reporting by: Courtney Nugent

Richie
How did you and Hannah meet? What did you do on your first date? I met Hannah through our friends Kara and Ronen who had dated. Our first date was in her basement, and we watched Grey's Anatomy. On our first real date, I took her to see the movie “Click.”

What is your favorite way to spend time together? I like to just hang out and watch T.V. Every now and then I get to choose what we watch so that is nice, but I don’t mind watching her shows.

What is the sweetest thing you have ever done for Hannah? Our first date was in her basement, and we watched Grey’s Anatomy.

Describe your relationship in one word? Love

trust
understanding

What is your favorite band? What color are your eyes? Red Hot Chili Peppers and my eyes are hazel.

What is Hannah’s favorite movie? Her favorite movie is “Monsters Inc.” Her favorite food is salmon and a potato.

Hannah
How long have you and Richie been dating? How did you meet? We pretty much worked everything out last year. Last year because we were apart we used to love to just sit together and watch a movie when Richie would come and visit me. I would say, even now that he goes to school here. That’s still my favorite thing.

What is the sweetest thing Richie has ever done for you? The second would be Valentine’s Day. I had no idea he was coming and my friend Brittany helped him plan it. He showed up with 2 dozen roses in one hand, and a card in the other. I had no idea we were going to get to spend Valentine’s Day together.

When you get into fights, how do you reconcile? Because last year most of our fights were over the phone we never hang up on each other. We promised each other that we would never leave anything unsettled. Sometimes it takes a while, but we usually try to work things out, no matter how long it takes.

Is there a particular song that sums up your relationship? “You set me Free” by Michelle Branch

What is Richie’s favorite band? What color are his eyes? Red Hot Chili Peppers and his eyes are hazel.

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International students get a taste of Thanksgiving

Kelleigh Welch  
Asst. Features Editor

Fayez Al-Anazi has never celebrated Thanksgiving. He has never spent a day stuffing himself with turkey and mashed potatoes, only to feel the effects of the tryptophan hours later that would put him asleep. The reason Al-Anazi has never experienced this before, is because he is from Saudi Arabia.

Al-Anazi is one of 102 international students who attend Roger Williams University. They all share the common goal to experience the United States both culturally and educationally.

One tradition at RWU that the Intercultural Center has is from the annual Thanksgiving Feast. Taking place on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, international students who attend RWU are given an invitation to come celebrate the American tradition.

"What is unique this year is that we are also having a speaker from the Wisconsin Native American tribe, who is going to come and talk to us about their culture of today and yesterday," Maris Adkins, Assistant Director of Intercultural Center, said. "They will also bring some artifacts to show so the students can learn about their culture and also to talk about the true Thanksgiving story."

According to Adkins, the Wampanoag tribe was the tribe present for the original Thanksgiving.

In previous years, the Thanksgiving Feast incorporated an event with an issue specifically designed for the students learning English as their second language. Traditions in America are very different than other countries. Some students who come to RWU to study from other countries may have experienced larger holidays, especially religious holidays, such as Christmas or Hanukkah, but many have never encountered anything like the traditions Americans celebrate. There are many things in America that we have become accustomed to that are completely foreign to these students.

Al-Anazi said that New England's weather is different than his home. "I had never seen snow before, and it was a new experience for me when I saw it for the first time."

One issue these international students still face is the fact that they are sometimes isolated from the rest of the student body. At the ESL program, located behind the Recreation Center, there is a program especially designed for the students learning English as their second language.

Because they are located away from the rest of the campus community, and because they are in the same ESL programs to help encourage both culturally and educationally.

"I would love to see our guys mingle as much as possible with RWU students. They are in the same dormitory (as American Students) in Maple Hall, and they have conversation partners, but I would love to see them mingling with what is going on. We try to get them out there volunteering. We would love to break down those barriers," Foster said.

"Sometimes I find it hard to understand the students when I talk to them (international students) have when they come here is that they want to make American friends, but it is hard to do with the language barrier and the cultural differences, and again they are just a little bit isolated," said Sheila Dobyn, International Student Advisor at ESL.

"Learning the English language is a priority for these ESL students, however it is not the only one. Part of studying in America, like studying abroad, is to gain a sense of the culture.

For the international students, such as Al-Anazi, adjusting to the culture of the United States can be difficult.

"Coming to America can be a culture shock," Adkins said. "Things may be great for these students at first, but after a while they start to dislike America, and may need some adjusting. Part of my job is to help these students adjust to our culture."

"Sometimes I find it hard to understand the students when I talk to them," Foster said. "They are in the same ESL programs to help encourage both culturally and educationally."

According to Adkins, the Thanksgiving feast has been very successful in past years, and is an event the students always look forward to.

"As a student, I don't want to wait," Adkins said. "I can't wait myself."

SHUTTLE: Nights, nurses, and a sea

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what I assumed was an attempt at a wave, before sitting quietly behind the r

emainder of the ride.

At 9:07 p.m., to the radio station's "paparazzi report" Foxy Brown was in a fight in jail. Wait a minute, who is Foxy Brown?

9:07 p.m. The first conversation of the day revolved around weed and the Red Sox, two topics central to any Connecticut clientele.

The talk was at 9:07 p.m.

9:07 p.m. Chris Toste who drives a school bus in the morning and the shuttle at night, echoed these sentiments.

He said he enjoys it when people interact on the shuttle. A student near the front held a handheld radio close to his ear in the middle of the shuttle. Two of them looked at each other, to drink. But both drivers said it was not hard to understand how that could happen.

12:00 a.m. While the shuttle returned, Robinson, who has been driving the shuttle for three years, told me her favorite part of the job is the people.

"Some of the students are a lot of fun," she said.

One day, Chris Toste who drives a school bus in the morning and the shuttle at night, echoed these sentiments.

She told me some of the kids she used to drive to elementary school now go to RWU. She even has a former student who teaches at a local high school.

"It comes full circle," she said.

3 p.m. Sophomore Peter Sengupta played the invisible next to junior Jeff Bronman, who strummed a guitar.

A student near the front held a handheld radio close to his ear in the middle of the shuttle.

"It's like an airplane," he said.

4 p.m. Toste took over for Robinson who seemed quite happy that her shift was over.

Paula Mack - who is blind - boarded the shuttle with her guide dog, Mack, who graduated from RWU with a degree in animal science this winter in 1995.

She told me that she used to walk 45 minutes to get here every day but now most days she takes the shuttle because it's easier. Over the years she has seen a lot of changes.

"The kids are getting smarter," she said.

5 - 8 p.m. This is the point in the day when I wished I had turned off my alarm and gone back to sleep. Everything started to blend together. Robinson had told me she gets really bored. It wasn't hard to understand how that could happen.

8 - 10 p.m. The signs that Chameleon Club was approaching became increasingly obvious during this time.

Only two students rode the shuttle in two hours and they smelled like... an illegal substance. Toste told me some of the students were going to the Chameleon Club nighty the next day. "You have to see it to understand," she said.

I was beginning to see it. Crowds of students in costume flowed onto the shuttle. Among them was a guy in a diapery, a couple of fairies, and someone holding a can of Natty Light. The thing about the shuttle, service is that giving students an alternative to driving also allows them to drink. But both drivers said it doesn't bother them.

"I would rather drive them then let them get behind the wheel," Robinson said earlier.

11 p.m. By this time, I was definitely seeing it. A group of students in costume wearing bright and organized. It came as a surprise to see a group of students telling them to stop, they sat down. In one corner, a student stood up, the situation became very violent. Everyone else started to participate.

"He was about as close as they get," she said.

1 a.m. The last hour of my odyssey included watching a guy wearing only a grass skirt get rejected by a girl dressed as a cat.

The group then moved to"Howl at the Moon" where a group of students dressed quite effectively as Waldo from the "Where's Waldo?" books. Unfortunately, he was too drunk to walk in a manner even resembling a straight line. Had I asked him where Waldo was, I doubt he could have told me.

1 a.m. As it turns out, keeping students from throwing up on the shuttle is both a science and an art. To cope with the situation, a student near the front, who I later learned was still a freshman, sees a particularly green kid hand them a bucket. Next day, the heat, opens a window and turns on the fan. Watching her do this my re

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Colin Roderick
Herald Staff

"No World For Tomorrow" was guitarist Travis Stever were unsure if Coheed And Cambria would continue to live, yet they pressed on none-the-less.

With the rejoining of bassist Michael Todd in 2007 and the combined efforts of Taylor Hawkins from The Foo Fighters and ex-Dillinger Escape Plan drummer Chris Pennie, 'No World For Tomorrow' was craft-ed from the light and dark side of a newly born Coheed And Cambria.

"No World For Tomorrow" shows a dedicated appreciation for face melting solos, heavy guitar riffs, powerful yet simple drums and tradi-tionally unique 80's rock vocals. Poster boy & lead singer Claudio Sanchez is what can be considered Coheed And Cambria's "X-Factor." Claudio is the type of lead singer who can write the most dark and eerie lyrics while singing them in a way that could be compared to the hip catchiness of bands such as Fall Out Boy.

His guitar work exactly resem-bles that of his singing, eerie yet utterly irresistible to the ears of a pop music fanatic. Although you won't find much screaming (unlike many metal bands) in this album, you will find that the vocals contain a strong sense of balance with the strong lead vocal of Claudio Sanchez and unified back up gang-harmonies (though they may remind you of cheerleaders at a high school football game).

'No World For Tomorrow' has a well balanced, uncluttered sound that is not too over bearing on the ears of a non-metal listener but will still make your adrenaline pump at a high school football game.

This album is a must have for metal and pop music junkies.

Artist: Coheed And Cambria
Album: No World For Tomorrow
Grade: A-
Genre: Rock/Metal
Recommended if you like: AFI, Atreyu, Dragon Force, AC/DC, Von Haten
Good Tracks: 2, 3, 4, 7

Courtesy of the WQRI Music Committee.

Jane Dumond
Herald Staff

Upon the release of their self ti-tled album, Avenged Sevenfold has hit the road with a cross country tour that featured one stop at Lupo's in Providence, RI. Their freshly re-leased album soared through the charts only a few weeks after its re-release, providing a much anticipated tour with high expectations.

Although not nearly sold out, the crowd provided enough noise and energy to make it seem as if the venue was packed to capacity. The show started at 7:30 p.m. and featured three bands before Avenged took the stage.

The crowd gave a lot of respect to all three opening acts; however it was obvious who they came to see. Between every act, chants of "Sevenfold" rang throughout the venue. The music was loud, but it wasn't until the lead singer for Operator asked "Are you guys ready for who you all came here to see", that the true noise hit Lupos.

Avenged Sevenfold took the stage at 10:15 p.m. and played songs rang-ing from their first LP, to their latest release. "The Beast and the Harlot" was the first song of the night that truly showed off the two guitarists, Synyster Gates, and Zacky Vengeance. With Vengeance playing left handed and Gates playing right, it was a sight to be seen has they played side by side and back to back. The guitar riffs were amazing and although many have heard them in Guitar Hero 2, to see them in person just showed how complex and difficult they truly are.

Other songs that got a big reac-tion from the crowd were off the latest album, "Almost Easy," and "Scream." M. Shadows, the lead singer asked the audience to help sing "Almost Easy" with him, and after resting the chorus, it was obvious this rambunctious crowd needed no help.

Nearing the end of the night, Shadows sang out, "He who makes a beast out of himself" and before he could even spit out the next word, the crowd finished with, "gets rid of the pain of being a man," signifying that "Fat Country" the most popular out of all their songs would be next to play. The song was performed with such enthusiasm that could only be seen and heard on a live stage, as did every other song that night.

Shadows' vocals seemed like they could be heard all throughout Providence. Shadows truly showed his range and talent sounding even better live than he does on record. His enthusiastic stage presence and ever going attempt to keep the crowd hyped, paid off.

After leaving the stage at 11:30, Avenged came right back out for an encore that included two more songs, including a much slower, "Seize the Day." The final song of the night was played with just as much heart and soul from the minute they stepped on stage.

Whether you enjoy hard rock music or not, Avenged Sevenfold is sure to surprise even the most skeptical of audiences with their live shows. With their astonishing guitars, and Shadows' extraordinary vocals, Avenged Sevenfold rocked the house, and put on one amazing show.

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Campus Events
Men's Basketball Season Tip-Off
Re Center 6 p.m.

International Education Week: Documentary "Voices From Darfur"
Hawk's Hangout 7 p.m.

Everyman Play
Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.

SREEJ> "Blackout Night Dance"
Hawk's Hangout 8 - 10 p.m.

Saturday
Campus Events
Everyman Play
Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.

Mr. RWU Spectacular to Benefit Children's Miracle Network
IRHA 7 p.m.

Sunday
Campus Events
Creative Writing Seminar: William Corbett
"New and Selected Poems"
Mary Tefft White Cultural Center
6:30 p.m.

ONE Campaign Kickoff Event
Hawk's Hangout 7 p.m.

Monday

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Thursday
Happy Thanksgiving!
BASKETBALL: Hoping for a positive start to the season

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He said he is glad to have their leadership on the team.

“They have all stepped up in different ways and become leaders,” Tully said. “Their experience has really shown in this pre-season.”

The team is also returning five juniors, William Barrett, Tucker Bashaw, Marty Paclorowski, Ryan McGinn and Michael Woolley. The team will also see one sophomore back on the court, Rick Laughton.

Tully said that the team has played two scrimmage games so far this season, one against Eastern Connecticut College and another against Bridgewater State College. He said of him that they have done well in both games, and that they have ready to take on Castleton.

“We did some good things both offensively and defensively,” he said. “So if we can build on that, I think we will be good shape going into the game.”

Tully said tonight’s match will depend on whether or not the team will be able to control the pace of play in the match. Tully said the Hawks have never played Castleton before, which makes the game more difficult because they do not know what to expect.

“There’s not a lot of scouting that goes into your first game or even your second,” Tully said. “All we have is some video of them playing at the end of the last year but, there are some new faces that we won’t know about.”

“It’s a matter of how well we’re able to go out and execute and how we’re able to play.” Castleton, a member of the North Atlantic Conference, finished their season last year with an overall record of 15-12. The team dropped their NAC quarterfinal match 93-71 against the number one seeded Husson College.

The team was invited to participate in the NCAA tournament, and lost their quarterfinal game against Western New England College 74-59. Going into the 2007 Castleton is ranked fifth in the NAC.

“We expect it to be a good game,” Tully said of the match.

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them play loose.

Happy Gilmore was never able to put it to good use. He was happy to say that he was eyeballing the TV but not quite making it to the field in time. He showed us that some things come easy as long as you are relaxed and enjoying what you’re doing. It showed us that some things come easy as long as you are relaxed and enjoying what you’re doing. It’s time to stop listening to myself.

No second guessing, these are gut instincts, other classic comeback tales. Again, we saw it in the first round matchup against the New York Giants at Detroit Dieguo at Jacksonville at Houston at Pittsburgh at New York Jets at Washington at Dallas at St. Louis at San Francisco at Chicago at Seattle at New England at Buffalo (Sunday Night) at Tennessee at Denver (Monday Night)

WRESTLING: Holds on to winning record

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University of Southern Maine sophomore Mike Morriss defeated Zoloto 5-3 in the final round of the 165 lbs category to take first place, while Cambi fell 6-3 to Rhode Island College senior Kevin Davis in the 197 lbs category.

The Hawk’s other top finishers came from juniors Jared Czarnecki and Dan Woods. Czarnecki took the second place finish in the 174 lbs category, while Woods took second in the 125 lbs category. Senior Anthony Nicolicchia defeated Brian Powers of Johnson and Wales University 16-2 to take the third in the 195 lbs category.

“We’re pretty pleased,” Kemmy said. “It’s the depth of the team is okay, we’re able to go out and execute the play.”

The Hawks officially opened their season on Saturday Nov. 3. on the first day of a two-day Ithaca College invitational match. Last season, the Hawks made school history when senior Andy Lacroix earned the first individual title in the tournament. That weekend the team would also finish ahead of Springfield College for the first time in school history.

This year the team garnered an overall score of 79.5, which put them in the top 15 schools.

“Ithaca was a tough tournament,” Kemmy said. “There’s always eight or nine of the top 30 teams in the country there.”

Nicolicchia and Cambi both earned second place finishes in the two-day event. Nicolicchia lost his final round 5-0 to Rochester Institute of Technology sophomore Mike McNally while Cambi lost to the College of New Jersey senior Shawn Vanwingerden.

For their efforts in the Ithaca tournament, Cambi and Nicolicchia were both awarded the New England Wrestling Association honors. Cambi was given the NEWA rookie wrestler of the week award, while Nicolicchia was given the wrestler of the week honor.

Czarnecki finished third with a 5-2 victory over the State University of New York at Cortland sophomore Cory Barber. Barber is currently the seventh-ranked wrestler in the U.S. Rankings.

Kemmy said that he is pleased with the team’s performance in both matches, considering the fact that the team is missing five of its veteran wrestlers due to injuries. Kemmy said he expects the injured team members to be back in the lineup soon.

“We’re missing some key guys, guys who have done well in the past,” he said. “Under the circumstances I think we’ve done pretty well.”

The Hawks will be back in action this Saturday at the Doug Parker Invitational tournament at Springfield College, the match will begin at 10:00 a.m. Kemmy said he has a positive outlook for the match.
Wrestling has strong start to 2007 season

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

In recent years the wrestling team has had some strong seasons. To date, the team has had 11 winning seasons and their first matches of 2007-2008 season may put them on their way to a twelfth.

Only two matches into the season the team is ranked twentieth nationally, which represents the first national ranking in the team’s 17-year history.

On Saturday Nov. 10 the Hawks hosted the seventh annual RWU invitational tournament where they worked their way to a fifth place finish out of 11 schools. The wrestlers finished the day with an overall score of 115, while Bridgewater State College and Rhode Island College tied for first with scores of 139. Although the Hawks were short of their second place finish last season, four grapplers made it into the final rounds of their respective weight classes, a number that head coach David Kemmy said is the second largest in team history. Kemmy said that he is finished second in the national tournament, which is still the team record.

"Team wise, I think we wrestled pretty good," Kemmy said. Kemmy said that he is especially pleased with the fact that two freshmen wrestlers made it into the final rounds of their respective weight classes, because it is the first time the team has ever had more than one freshman make it that far.

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Last season marked some major accomplishments for the men’s basketball team, with senior Dan Gumb making it back to the court after suffering a season ending broken leg during his sophomore year and senior Brandon Parrish becoming the twenty-seventh player in RWU history to reach the 1,000 point mark.

However, despite these milestones the Hawks could not gain the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship as they fell 81-74 to the number three-seeded Wentworth Institute of Technology in the conference. The Hawks earned an invite to the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament.

The team fell 70-65 to St. Joseph’s College of Maine in the quarterfinals of the ECAC tournament, they ended their season with an overall record of 15-11.

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Best Bets: Jake says it’s time to go with his gut

Jake Dumond
Herald Staff

Just when things were going well for me, yet again in the losing week. Time is starting to slip away on me and I am starting to have doubts of ever pulling my record above .500. Last week I went 6-8, however, once again I won on Monday Night proving that record to a 8-6.

The reason I started to write this article was because it was fun for me. Recently, it has become more of a job, where I spend time actually trying to analyze games, players, and teams, to figure out who has the edge and who is going to come out on top.

I have begun to lose my love of having fun and picking games without worrying about whether I win or lose. Each Sunday I sit in front of the TV hoping that my picks come through for me, so I look like I know what I am talking about, instead of just enjoying the game of football.

If I have ever learned something from any feel-good come back sports movie ever made, it is that in order to win the big game, you need just have fun, and not worry about whether you win or lose. In ‘The Mighty Ducks,’ ‘Team USA needed a group of hockey loving street hockey players to show them what having fun was all about. It was the schoolyard knuckle-puck, and childhood triple-deck that ultimately won them the junior Olympics gold medal.

In the Disney made for TV classic, ‘Brickhead,” it was soul skating that helped get the win for team Pup and Suda. ‘Space Jam’ taught us that the Toon Squad had it inside them the whole time, and all that “Michael’s magic stuff” did for them was let them bust loose.

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Women’s rugby earns shot at national championship title

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

After going through the regular season undefeated and gaining the number two seed in the New England Rugby Football Union playoffs, the women’s rugby team came from behind to defeat the United States Coast Guard Academy 22-17 and earn the 2007 NERFU championship title on Saturday Nov. 3.

During the regular season, the Hawks defeated the Coast Guard Academy 14-5, marking their only regular season victory that was not a shutout. The winning try in the match came from sophomore center Ashley Seiler with only two minutes remaining in the game. Seiler’s try put the Hawks ahead from their only deficit during a game this season.

The Hawks also got tries from senior fullback and co-captain Ashley Walker and freshman wing Brittany Gallin.

Senior Co-Captain Ashley Littleton contributed a try each to the Hawks defensively. Littleton managed to prevent Coast Guard from scoring for ten minutes, despite being on the Hawks five yard line.

The team advanced to the championship round as a result of their 21-5 NERFU semi-final victory over St. Anselm’s college.

Sophomore player Ashley Seiler grapples with a Coast Guard Academy player in the championship match-up. Seiler scored the hawk’s game winning try on Sunday Oct. 28.

In the St. Anselm’s game, the Hawks got tries from Walker, junior Devon Dareck and sophomore Stephanie Wetson, while Littleton made every three point after kick in the game.

Although St. Anselm’s gained momentum in the second half and scored one goal, they missed their point after attempt to give RWU the win.

With the postseason wins, the rugby team now has an overall record of 7-0. Littleton, Walker and Seiler are currently the team’s leading scorers.

The regional NERFU title gives the team a chance to claim the national championship title in a matchup against Gettysburg College this weekend.

The Hawks have never played Gettysburg, as they are from Pennsylvania and members of a different conference.

The match will take place this Saturday at Stonehill College in in Easton, Mass. at 2:00 p.m.

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