

President's Forum successful, insightful

By Sara Clark
Editor-In-Chief

Students packed the seats, aisles, doorways and standing space of the Big Lecture Hall in the College of Arts and Sciences for their first Presidential Forum ever with new university President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Despite the uncomfortably warm temperature of the room and the cramped space, students sat out the two-and-a-half-hour forum, raising on-campus issues that they found important and asking questions of administration.

The forum, co-hosted by the RWU Student Senate and Delta Sigma Pi, the RWU business fraternity, was held on Thursday, December 6 at 8 p.m. The goal of the event was for students to get their questions about the university answered and their voices heard. For some students, it was a chance to meet President Nirschel and hear him speak, in depth about on-campus issues for the first time.

Newly elected Senate Vice President Jen Abatiello welcomed the students and introduced President Nirschel and explained how the questions and answer portion of the evening would work.

President Nirschel then set the tone for the night by admitting that, while our university is growing in prestige in the academic community, he recognizes that the university still has plenty of room for improvement.

"We are not yet an excellent university," he said. "We are a very good university, and the idea is to make us excellent. That is a constant pursuit. We have problems, we have challenges."

President Nirschel went on to say that we have "growing pains" as a university, and that some of the issues that would be brought up later in the night were a result of that growth. He then mentioned that one goal of the strategic planning process is to help ease some of the university's growing pains.

President Nirschel introduced his cabinet, who were seated at the front of the room at a long, black-flanked table equipped with three microphones. The cabinet, which was on hand to answer questions in more specific topic areas, consisted of Vice President for Academic Affairs Loretta Shelton, Director of Facilities Management Matthew White, Director of Public Safety Bruce Bowles, Associate Vice President of Business and Finance Pete Wilbur, Dean of Enrollment Management Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President for Business and Finance Tom Oates, and Dean of Student Affairs Richard Stengman.

Several topics were off-limits for the discussion at the forum, including legal questions, personal or family questions, and any questions about an administrator's or the president's contacts with the university. Nirschel. He also asked students to be respectful at all times.

"We want to make this a conversation," he said.

Students were invited to step up to the microphones, and instantly there were lines running up both aisles, almost to the back of the room.

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Judge sides with RWU in negligence case

By Jason Tourcotte
Staff Writer

New developments brought temporary relief to RWU after U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert W. Lovegreen recommended a dismissal of the $75,000 wrongful death lawsuit filed by the parents of a student who vanished from campus nearly five years ago.

First year student Bryan Nisenfeld was last seen on February 6, 1997 after an English Literature class. Dr. Deborah Robinson, an English professor at RWU, was the last faculty member who saw Bryan alive. Robinson described his behavior that day as unresponsive. After failing to participate in class, Robinson requested to speak with him, but Nisenfeld continued to leave the class, showing no acknowledgement of his professor's request. That would be the last known connection between Nisenfeld and the university.

Nisenfeld's parents, Steve Nisenfeld and Marianne Brown of Audubon, New Jersey, were notified of his disappearance six days later. Months after Nisenfeld vanished, his boot-encased foot, was found washed up on Hog's Island in the Narragansett Bay. Police declared it to be suicide, suspecting Nisenfeld jumped into the bay from the Mt. Hope Bridge. However, the Nisenfelds believed RWU officials were uncooperative and sued the university, former Chancellor Anthony Santoro, administrators, and a faculty member.

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LETTERS

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Because of my desire to limit my remarks at the Sunday, December 2 performance of "Many Moods of Christmas"—so that people could get to the tree lighting—I neglected to extend my most sincere thanks to the Roger Williams University Student Senate.

For the first few years this traditional concert was held on Sunday afternoon only. As the audience grew, a second performance was necessary. The Student Senate of RWU presented us with a grant, making it possible to hire the orchestra for Saturday evening. They have continued to do so and, in addition, act as ushers and help in numerous ways. We are most grateful.

The news spreads very quickly when a student gets out of line. I would like everyone to know what fine young people these are (and of course that includes the chorus!) and how willing they are to help. We are very much in their debt.

Joan Doyle Roth,
Director, RWU Chorus

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

In regards to last issue's column by Steve Saleeba responding to the controversy over his recent article about the change in GPA, I would like to make a few comments. It seems that Steve quantifies the occupationally related worth of a person based upon their college GPA. Stop me if this is not a fallacy, buddy. How can you justify the existence of someone, or the intelligence of someone based upon a mere number? How can you say that students with low GPAs will end up "working at McDonald's, or at some other low-waged, dead-end job (sic)...?"

Now, the GPA system is far from a mere number, this I realize. However, it allows for only the measure of intellect in classes undertaken in a four (or more if your GPA is really low) year period of life. It far from reveals to anyone how well that person runs, swims, fights a fire, rides a horse, or creates a film; all of these being valuable career skills or just stuff that is plain cool, creating a well-rounded individual.

It is probably true, Steve, that with today's job market "slumping," employers will look at GPAs. However, with the current rate of change in employment amongst Americans, it won't matter what the heck your grades were back in college by the time you reach your third or fourth career path. Instead of telling students what occupations they can and cannot have, try telling them to be prepared for an interview armed with more than a strong GPA, or else it's a battle they're gonna lose, Taliban style.

Dan Sheehan

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Dear Editor;

I, Michael Reardon, was very intrigued by your article "The fact of the matter is..." in the November 19 issue of The Hawk's Eye. Mr. Saleeba, your article has stirred much thought and debate among many students here at Roger Williams University. One conclusion that I have come up with about Mr. Saleeba is that, "The fact of the matter is..." you have obviously not done your homework.

Mr. Saleeba, I wonder if you have given much thought to what you have written or what you were attempting to prove by your article. Mr. Saleeba, are you aware of the fact that the only way to obtain higher university status across the globe is by accepting more students into all university programs. I may be wrong, but I do believe that it is the goal of everyone at this university, faculty and students alike, to obtain a higher university status. Furthermore, maybe it slipped your mind in writing your article, but are you aware that Roger Williams University is the only school for higher education in Rhode Island that has a school of law? Mr. Saleeba, I may be incorrect, but does not the aforementioned fact put us (RWU) one step ahead of Brown University, or perhaps you prefer Providence College, for educational opportunity.

I would like to expand upon my view about educational opportunity. Mr. Saleeba, it is obvious that you believe that a high GPA is all that one needs to make it in the "real world." Well, Mr. Saleeba, mark a big "I" on your report card because it appears that your views are "incompetent." A high GPA may get you places, but it is the experience that one has within a certain job field that strikes the eye of a potential employer. If you go into an interview with only a 4.0 GPA on your resume and the next candidate walks in with that 2.0 GPA and a year's worth of internship experience in that job field, well then you can assume who will be getting that job offering. Mr. Saleeba, I challenge you to get the most out of your college experience and embark on an internship.

Speaking of challenges, Mr. Saleeba, I personally challenge you to sit in on any upper-level science or architecture course and then write in your next article about how the education at RWU is an easy one. Better yet, at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, come sit next to me in CAS 129 during one of my organic chemistry lectures, and then tell me that, "We don't go to a very challenging school." If you are wondering where I sit, I sit four rows back in the center of the room to the left hand side, the second seat in, right next to one of your rugby teammates.

Mr. Saleeba, it is the experience that one has in college that matters to the employers. Also, how can you lay back and trash the educational value that RWU has while you too attend RWU. May I ask what you are still doing here? Mr. Saleeba, I urge you to do some more background information before you attempt to write another slandering article, because the only thing your article did was make yourself look like the "fool."

Sincerely,

Michael Reardon

The Hawk's Eye would like to thank all of our readers and everyone who wrote letters this year. We appreciate your readership and your input, and we both value and welcome your views. We are proud to have created a forum for debate through the newspaper, and we are committed to both continuing this debate and to continually improving the quality of our product.

Happy Holidays!
By Kaitlyn Jacques

Bristol celebrates holidays

Contributing Writer

Bells were ringing and the people of Bristol were cheering last Sunday evening as the Town of Bristol officially kicked off the Christmas Season with its annual Grand Illumination.

On Sunday, December 2 at 6 p.m., thousands of spectators assembled along Hope and Wood Streets in Bristol to count down to the illumination of approximately 120,000 Christmas lights.

"Thanks to the Bristol Christmas Festival Committee, the Bristol Police Department, the Department of Public Works and the Bristol Fire Department the whole evening went smoothly and was a great success. Father and Mother Christmas, along with two local grade school children, threw the switch that turned the town aglow. The crowd clapped and cheered and followed the street to proceed in a "People's Holiday Parade of Lights" to view the fireworks at Independence Park.

Among the onlookers was RWU's own Ruth Koelle, Dean of The College of Arts and Sciences.

"The people are really pleasant and aware of the need for events like this," said Koelle.
Why Core courses?

By Kim Baker
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When you first arrive at RWU, many of you are surprised at the CORE courses you must take in order to graduate. You may wonder why you must study subjects that have nothing directly to do with your chosen major fields of accounting, computer science, or engineering. And, of course, this is a reasonable query. Why should you study history, literature, philosophy, music, art, science, or human behavior? Why should you study any subject that does not help to train you for a job?

First, we need to remember that RWU is a "liberal arts" institution, so let's first consider the roots of the words "liberal arts." Art comes from the Indo-European root ar-, meaning put things together or join, and the Latin ars meaning skill. Liberal derives from the Latin liberalis, suitable for a freeman. A rough translation (it has been an exponential number of years since I studied Latin) will be the skill of or joining of ideas together of those who cherish the freedom of mind and spirit. We consider the liberal arts "the studies of language, philosophy, history, literature, or abstract science in a college or university intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop the general intellectual capacity." Plato and Aristotle taught that the liberal arts were those subjects suitable for the development of intellectual and moral excellence, different from those that are of merely practical value. But all subjects of practical value have a basis in general knowledge? Can you really be a surgeon with excellent technical skills without an understanding of human behavior (beside mannerism)? In WS 101 I'll leave you with this question.

What do former President Reagan, TV journalist Lesley Stahl, musician Al Jarreau, actor Paul Newman, Senator John Glenn, and one-third of all CEOs have in common?

The answer will be in the next issue as I continue to explore the CORE by discussing the benefits of the Core Courses. (Unless you simply cannot wait until then, in which case you can come up to the Core Tutoring Center where the answer will be on the blackboard. But don't rush off. Stay awhile and sample the candy and converse with the talented Core Tutors who understand the value of a liberal arts education and are willing to share their ideas with you.)

The fact of the matter is...

Weekly column by Features/Editors/Editor Steve Saleeba

Dan Yorke, the WPRO talk-show host who came to the campus last week, opened up a sore wound.

He poked fun at what was going on at the school by pointing out that a front-page story was "Fire sprinklers go off in Stonewall."

Everyone encourages us to get back to our normal lives. No one ever says to forget about what happened on September 11.

I have become nauseous at the thought of people forgetting those who lost their lives in the most devastating tragedy that our generation can recall.

Less than 90 days after the attack, I see only a few cars with American flags waving from them. Flags and banners that hang from dorm windows have disappeared and only a handful remain draped. I want to know what happened to the support and shows of patriotism.

The media has accused this generation of being shallow and self-centered. As I watched CNN a few nights ago, the media even accused itself as being slanted, shallow, and too focused on scandal. When the United States was attacked, many people said that it would be the end of an era of selfishness, and self-centered, apathetic people.

I was hopeful for a better America and a better breed of peers. I was wrong.

Many people have not changed. I see the same attitudes that prompted me to complain previously to the attack slowly leaking back into our society, specifically at RWU.

What happened to the American flag that everyone proudly wore for weeks after the attack? Are we not at war? These troops are halfway around the world, missing the holidays, fighting for our freedom. Whether or not you believe that is why we are fighting is not as important as whether or not you support these troops.

We are too soon to forget that the faces we see every day may have brothers or sisters, or fathers or mothers, or loved ones fighting in Afghanistan, or who were lost in the attack. They are the ones who need the support. Let them know that we care, and like their loved ones who are fighting, let them know that we are not the same self-centered, selfish, and apathetic generation that existed before September 11.

Life as a Baypoint transfer student

By Katherine Consorte
Contributing Writer

That same strange feeling comes throughout your body. You're thinking, here we go again. Wondering if your going to fit in or whether or not you will like your roommate this year is extremely nerve-wracking. However, being a transfer student and having been through it, I process already, you pretty much know how everything works.

This year, there were an enormous amount of students who survived the task of transferring. Some of these students found it quite easy to transfer and only had a few problems. "Transferring was easier than I expected. I met all the deadlines and the application was self explanatory," said Erin Bowen, who recently graduated from the University of Southern Maine.

Perhaps you were a student who did not make all the deadlines. The application process then would not be quite as easy. Phone calls would have to go back and forth and the classes that you wanted would eventually fill up. A few students did not receive scholarships and grants because they procrastinated. In February, the list of all awards for the 2002-2003 year could be picked up in the financial aid office for any student interested.

Why do students transfer? The majority of students enter a new school because they come right out of a two-year college. These students have already completed a degree and are furthering their education. Others may have not liked their original school, and some students switch their major and want a better college or university for their curriculum. Fortunately, RWU is a diverse school with many opportunities in different areas of study.

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The role of RWU's First Lady

By Josh O'Connor

Staff Writer

On the 20th day of October, Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. was inaugurated as RWU's eighth president. During the Inauguration, President Nirschel referred to his wife, Paula Nirschel, as the First Lady of Roger Williams. Ralph Papitto, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, carefully corrected Nirschel, informing him in a joking way that he could not pass out titles as he pleased. However, Papitto himself then decreed Mrs. Nirschel the First Lady of Roger Williams University.

Once Mrs. Nirschel was RWU's First Lady, many in the university community wondered what her responsibilities, obligations and commitments would be. "I am the goodwill ambassador for Roger Williams University," Mrs. Nirschel said, "And I look at all (the Roger Williams Student Body) as my ty wondered what her responsibilities, how she sees a person in her position and what the role might include. However, Mrs. Nirschel finally found her passion, which included entertaining.

She said, "I love to entertain and love to talk to people, nurture them, and make people happy and make them feel comfortable."

Mrs. Nirschel added that "several parties (at Newbury College) were the talk of the town." On top of the entertainment, Mrs. Nirschel was also placed onto committees by her husband. "I would lead the committees he (President Nirschel) put me on because he knew that I would do the job well," said Mrs. Nirschel.

However, the role of the First Lady at Roger Williams University is much different than at Newbury College. Being a newly named position at RWU, there are no written rules of what a First Lady must do.

Mrs. Nirschel commented, "Roger Williams is four times the size of Newbury College, which means more entertainment, more goodwill ambassadorship, and more committees to be part of."

Mrs. Nirschel was in charge of her husband's inauguration and is now planning the Employee Holiday Party. While her position is not an administrative job, it requires her to give orders and to be responsible for the outcome. Mrs. Nirschel explains that the entertainment is a reflection on her and her family; however, Mrs. Nirschel says she is "difficultly sensitive and very detail-oriented."

On top of this, Mrs. Nirschel has also started a women's group on campus.

"The women's group includes prominent RWU-associated women and women from the community," she said. "I began the women's group because RWU does not have one."

She works a minimum of 25 hours a week and on weekends. Mrs. Nirschel does not get paid for her position as the First Lady. However, she does believe that she gets compensated; "This is an amazing position. My father was a baker in Hartford, Connecticut; I love my life. What is my bonus? Peru? I am in Heaven, more than I ever thought," she said.

Mrs. Nirschel also joked that another perk is that she does not have to clean her house anymore because someone helps with the housework.

Mrs. Pauline Santoro, former RWU president Anthony Santoro's wife, knows well the roles and rewards of a First Lady at the university.

"It never felt like a job, it was an honor," said Mrs. Santoro. "It's a fun job. We met many people from many walks of life...and we were treated like royalty with the support staff, with wonderful people to work with and (we) could not have done anything without them," she continued lightheartedly, "all I had to do is dress up and look good."

Like Mrs. Nirschel, Mrs. Santoro was very involved with her own children. She was very active in the RWU campus and as well in the community. Mrs. Santoro was a volunteer at Blithewold and "Friends of the Library," traveled with her husband, and visited Alumni Chapters across the country.

Both said that the only difficult aspect of being the First Lady is the lack of privacy.

Mrs. Santoro believes that she has fulfilled all of her intended goals while at RWU. Her biggest thrill was to see the students graduate and then see them at the Alumni Chapters years later. "They are all my babies," she joked.

Mrs. Nirschel's activities for the university, while more defined, are very optimistic. "I want to make RWU well-known around Rhode Island, the country, and world; to get RWU out of its comfort zone and get RWU on the map," she said.

The increase of diversity is also a goal of Mrs. Nirschel's and will be done through speakers and by getting RWU's name out there. Mrs. Nirschel also believes that by holding the role of the First Lady, she serves as a role model. Even though Mrs. Nirschel's number one priority is her family, she understands that she is a role model to the students, employees and the community that surrounds RWU.

"I don't worry about how I conduct myself because I am comfortable," said Mrs. Nirschel. "I never change myself around others - I would treat (a student) today the same way I would treat the mayor tomorrow. I just hope everyone is happy with what they get and I know that I cannot please everyone."

Negligence

claiming negligence.

After receiving a letter from the New Jersey Federal Court, Robinson remembered feeling a bit unnerved and immediately sought the advice of Santoro and a Union lawyer. Robinson is a seasoned professor with a strong reputation for teaching and continuous involvement with her students, as evident from her annual Victorian dinner for students and faculty. Although she wrestled with her actions, she concluded that there was nothing more that could have been done without infringing upon the student's right to privacy.

At the beginning of the Fall 2001 semester, claims against Robinson were dropped with prejudice.

"I remember breathing a huge sigh of relief," recalled Robinson. She continued by saying that RWU suffered a "black eye" from the lawsuit and that it taints the university's reputation. While Robinson expressed tremendous amount of sympathy for the Nisenfeld family, she adds, "We have become a literary society."

On November 29, Lovegreen encouraged a dismissal to Judge Mary M. Listi. An Associated Press article quoted Lovegreen as saying, "If a university was made liable for whatever occurred to its students while on campus, then the university would need absolute control over the student's activities, which is a result that defies reality and logic."

While the Nisenfelds do have some time to request a reversal of the recommendation, Santoro (now a professor of law at RWU) finds it unlikely. Santoro, and other administrators were content with Lovegreen's findings.

"This was a tragic event that I wished never happened, but it does underscore the difficulty universities have in monitoring the comings and goings of a population of adults than bind to the university privacy rights," said Santoro. Santoro continues to maintain the integrity of the university in saving that officials acted responsibly to the situation.

Mr. Nisenfeld was aware of Lovegreen's decision but opted not to comment on the Judge's findings. Like Santoro, RWU is pleased to learn of Lovegreen's recommendation. However, Robinson believes it will be much longer before the university can completely mend its image, saying, "Many will remember, and a few may even believe it."

For now, RWU can only look forward to Judge Listi's official ruling, as the university eagerly waits to put this controversial event behind it.
Students and parents have mixed feelings about study abroad administrators say program is safe

By Althea Scully

Contributing Writer

On September 10, Erin McNamara, a student at RWU, "never expected all this to happen." Like other students enrolled in the study abroad program for next spring, Erin looked forward to spending a semester discovering all that Europe has to offer. Now, with America at war against terrorism and countlessleading the news, the idea of venturing through Europe has become far less appealing to her.

"If I don't feel safe traveling in America, how am I suppose to feel safe in another country?" she said. "I don't want to get to Rome and find out I can't even go anywhere because it is not safe."

According to McNamara, she is not the only one who has concerns about going; three other students have already withdrawn from spring semester and changed their date to fall of 2002.

"I am too nervous to go next semester," said McNamara.

Since September 11, things have changed for RWU students studying abroad. Students are now required to fill out travel forms, and asked to carry cell phones when they travel outside of Florence or Rome. Unfortunately, no one can say whether these adjustments can compensate for the impact the war may have on students who plan to venture through Europe.

Faye Pitts, a RWU junior who plans to head to Florence, Italy in January said, "I trust the school has made the right decision to send us. I just hope when we get over there we're not stuck in our rooms. I want to be able to go out at night and see everything. I mean, come on, how many times am I really going to get to go live in Italy. I want to live it!"

According to Gina Lopardo, the coordinator of the study abroad program at RWU, students planning to travel during their stay in Italy will be required to have travel forms approved by the directors at the Institutes prior to taking trips outside of Florence or Rome. The forms will provide the Institute with information about where students are going, how they plan to get there, the times of their transportation, where they will be staying, and the phone number to the place they are staying.

"This is not completely comfortable," said Loretta Shelton, the Vice President for Academic Affairs at RWU.

Last spring, students traveling outside of Italy were not required to get forms signed by the Institute directors prior to independent travel.

"It's good protocol no matter what," said Shelton. "It is true you've adults, it's true you are able to make up your own minds, but you are out there in the context of a program. You are not even there independently. So independent travel should be viewed as relatively independent travel.

The initial appeal of spending a semester in Italy, for many, was to take advantage of the opportunity to travel through Europe. Students who still plan to study abroad do not want traveling to become impossible while they are in Italy.

"What happens if I have an easy couple of days and I just want to pick up and go?" asked Lindsay Sinclair, a junior at RWU who is planning to study in Florence during the spring. "I don't know where I want to go-just the most beautiful place I find-but because of the war I can't do that. That was the one thing I was looking forward to the most.

If I want to go camping, what am I suppose to tell the school? I'll be sleeping over by the tree on the left on top of the hill," she continued sarcastically.

Travel forms may cramp some students' dreams of exploring Europe; however, if the university feels the need for travel forms, then students must comply in order to go ahead with their trip.

"It makes contact easier in a worst-case scenario," said Lopardo.

Jordan Forster, a RWU junior who is planning to study in Florence in the spring, does not view the travel forms as inhibiting his freedom to travel; he simply sees them as an added precautionary measure because of the war.

"It's for your own protection," he said. "It is really that a big a deal to have to take extra steps so that the school can know where you are? It would be stupid to go blindly into another country anyway."

"If my daughter fills out a form, she can go anywhere she wants?" asked Lindsey's mother, Gail Sinclair. I am not comfortable with that."

Shelton is concerned that travel forms may not be the solution she hoped for to comfort her apprehensions about her daughter traveling through Europe.

"If the school is going to let these kids travel, they should be sure where they are going is safe," she said. "I don't want my daughter in some country where Americans are hated."

She, in a mail, the Institute directors and RWU receive constant updates of countries Americans are advised not to travel to. According to Lopardo, if an advisory against Americans traveling in a certain country was issued, the Institute would prohibit its students from traveling to that area.

"Roger Williams is a little deep in a big bucket," said Shelton. "RWU is directly involved in a series of communications with the U.S. State Department, the Consulate in Florence, the Embassy in Rome, and the Directors at the Institutions in both Florence and Rome."

"What is required," said Shelton. "Is a level of vigilance. We are both vigilant and have access to ongoing updates. Information that, to the best of my knowledge, we have had access to hours before it was televised."

As an additional precautionary measure, students in Italy are being asked to carry cell phones when they travel outside of Florence or Rome so that the Institute directors can contact them in a worst-case scenario.

"What would happen if anti-American riots broke out?" asked Erich Kochler, a RWU student who has withdrawn from the study abroad program because of his concerns about safety.

"If you were in a situation like that, you may be advised not to leave," said Shelton. "You may be advised to stay in your apartment. That's why it is a really good idea to have a cell phone or at least a shared cell phone, so that someone from the Institute can reach you and give you instructions. You may get specific instructions to all gather in the school, or all stay in your apartments. It really is going to depend on a particular situation and looking at that situation."

McNamara remains uncomforatble by RWU's response to her concerns about what may happen in a worst case scenario.

"I'm not there and you're not there," she said. "You're not George Bush. If I don't feel safe, what are you going to do to make me feel safe? If something happens, what are you going to do to protect me if I am in another country?"

If Americans were endangered in a particular situation, and there was a necessity to evacuate, the U.S. government would step in and help get Americans abroad, says Lopardo.

"Because there are so many scenarios, I don't want to come across and say this is the only way we are going to handle it," she said. "Each scenario could dictate a different method."

For RWU to cancel its study abroad program in Italy would require "very significant and dramatic events," says Shelton, who would be responsible for making the final decision to cancel the program. "Deep unrest within Europe itself, to the degree where Italy was subject to immediate impact that's a scenario that's almost non-existent."

"Lord knows we've all learned that the impossible can happen, but Italy is not a prime site for the kind of thing that could occur as a result of the ongoing war. The mentality that something could break out in all of Europe is a mentality that is driven by World War II. I've not read a single document. I've not heard a single person-military defense department or otherwise-suggest at all that the scenario for this war is like the scenario for any other war."

For McNamara, she has decided she will not be going abroad next semester.

"I can wait until the fall. I think it will be safer."

Although McNamara came to that decision on her own, her parents were relieved by her choice.

"My parents said they would wait until the day I boarded the plane to decide whether it was safe for me to go or not," she said. "It's not the Dean's decision, or the school's decision; it's my decision and I am not comfortable with going."

Transfers

because of a combination of things. The criminal justice program that I wanted to enter into is known as considerably strong here. The location was also good for me," says Amy Thurber, who recently graduated from Dean College.

Many students are content with RWU and love that it is on the water. Brittany Kove, a junior, said, "It is extremely close to the Newport, Providence, and Boston. Over 1,000 new students entered RWU this year, the largest number yet in its history. Many of them live on campus and 66 (all transfer students) live across the Mt. Hope Bridge at the Roger Williams University Residence and Conference center.

Baypoint, as it is commonly called, was rated as the Best Western and then the Ramada Inn. It was bought by RWU for extra living space for students. This school is one of the many schools which have had to purchase a hotel to create additional housing. Some Baypoint residents feel that they are at a disadvantage due to the fact that they are off campus. Students living on campus could easily stroll out of bed and walk to their classes, whereas students from Baypoint have to ride the shuttle or take their cars and try to find a parking spot. However, despite this Baypoint has other advantages.

Bownen said, "I was a little skeptical at first because Baypoint is located off campus, but the people living here and the environment are extremely nice."

"If I have my own bathroom and larger beds," said Katherineuschel, a transfer from Synnax University. "I have. been off campus an inconvenience, especially if you have to get back to campus each night to do work in the studio."

Many transfer students, now that they have experienced a part of RWU, compare their school to theirs. Overall, many of the recent transfers like the dorm life, other residents, the location and the education.
Hopes of beach clean-up go out with the trash

By Laurie Schorr
Staff Writer

We pulled on our sweatshirts and laced up our sneakers, and with our Roger Williams key chains hanging out of our back pockets, we headed down to the beach.

To our only beach.

To the beach at the foot of the Mt. Hope Bridge.

To clean up the mess of other sweatshirt-wearing, sneaker-footed Roger Williams University students.

The weather was perfect, we had gloves and giant garbage bags in our hands, and we were the only kids on the beach. The only ones. Just me and my buddy Alex, and we were quite surprised.

Alex and I are Willow residents, and we received a message that there would be a "Willow Hall Beach clean-up" coordinated by the Willow Hall Council. The first beach-clean-up was cancelled, and a second one was scheduled for Saturday, November 17. It was supposed to be a community event, there would have been groups of good-hearted, environmentally-concerned students spread like the sea stars across the beach in picking up the scattered beer bottles, soda cans, and other discarded trash from months, perhaps even years, before. I even brought my camera.

But Alex and I were the only two people on the beach.

We thought maybe we had missed the clean-up, and we felt awful guilty that the event had been scheduled to begin at one and we had not gotten to the beach until two. But there was so much garbage still on the beach that we wandered if anyone else had been there at all.

We worked for an hour, walking along the rocks and snails, talking about our Friday nights and our anticipation of Thanksgiving dinner, and we soon forgot about the hideous stench of stale beer and old urine and dead fish, it became almost addictive to clean up as much of the garbage as possible, to see how many beer cans and empty vodka bottles we could dig out of the brush without getting stuck with thorns. We took breaks to get new plastic gloves and more garbage bags, and then on one of our breaks, we walked back into our Willow unit to look for "recruits" to help us out.

We found two other people, our fellow Willow residents Derek and Aaron, who were more than happy to join us on the beach. The four of us worked for another hour until it became bitter cold and very windy. Still nobody else showed up. We filled eight, maybe ten, giant trash bags with cans, bottles, diapers, forgotten clothing, missing shoes, styrofoam cups, paper plates, ripped napkins, tangled fishing line, aluminum foil, homemade bongs, a broken lawn chair, and plenty of other unidentified objects. The sun began to set and the smell of the tide blended with the odor of old, rotten trash, and so we wrapped up our clean-up act with the last few bottle caps and fish hooks along the rocks.

While collecting the bottles and cans and searching through the brush for more, Alex and I wondered why anyone would ever want to take such a tiny, sad-looking beach, and make it even more sad with trash, and yet even sadder by not wandering down to help clean it up. We only have one beach, and even though the sand is hard to find, the beauty is not. The bridge seems to soar over the undulating tide and salt-salted rocks; sailboats and speedboats share the rare ripples with hard-working tugboats and great lazy barges; the sun rises each morning over the far island, and it sets every night as the moon takes its place as a gem in the sky and a silver stream in the bay. Does anyone else see this?

All the bottles and cans suggest that plenty of others use the beach, but does anyone else see this?

Phone-a-thon rings with success

By Jessica Latimer
News Editor

The Phone-a-thon is a group of Roger Williams University students under the direction of Geri Manning, Director of Annual Giving, that calls alumni and parents of current students to raise money for scholarships, library acquisitions, lab equipment, etc.

This year the group had a special challenge. Allen Shawn Feinstein committed to donating a quarter for every actual pledge and has reached and surpassed his donor quantity goal. The Feinstein Challenge is a one-year commitment with a deadline of May 1, 2002, but it may be renewed for next year. This scholarship, based on need, will be available one year after it is endowed.

"I am very happy with the fall Phone-a-thon. This team of students are hard working, eager to meet the challenges and a pleasure to be with. The managers and assistant managers have taken charge and have done an outstanding job," said Manning.

The total donor quantity was set at $1,300. 

"I think that the events of September 11 affected everyone in this country," said Geri Manning. "Overall I think we have weathered the affects positively."

"As of today, after a $5,000 night, the Phone-a-thon has raised $67,665 in actual pledges and has reached and surpassed its donor quantity goal. The Feinstein Challenge is a one-year commitment with a deadline of May 1, 2002, but it may be renewed for next year. This scholarship, based on need, will be available one year after it is endowed."

The next meteor shower will be in March.

The dedicated callers from the 2001 Phone-a-thon pose with Roger Williams.

-Photo by Geri Manning

Students enjoy meteor shower

By Trisha Spillane
Staff Writer

The sky is falling? No, the sky is not falling, however something out of the ordinary was going on up there. Leonid meteors lit up the early morning sky on Sunday, November 18. The sky exploded with light every few seconds as sharp bursts of light blasted through the sky.

It was a beautiful night for a meteor shower. There were no clouds in sight and the darkness of the sky only enhanced the show. Many RWU students came out for the display of meteors. Students gathered on the soccer field, down by the Mount Hope Bay, and on Old Ferry Road to view what was happening in the sky. They set up blankets, and watched the sky show them to view the natural fireworks display.

The best meteors were viewed between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on early Sunday morning.

The cold weather did not keep people from observing the sky that Sophomore class president Kate Reis said, "I had heard of the meteor shower and early in the week, so my friends and I had planned to sit under the stars to view the spectacular sight. Saturday night we braved the cold at several points to see the meteor shower. They certainly met the standards we were told we would see. It certainly was an amazing sight!"

"It was raining, but Alex and I wondered why anyone would ever want to take such a tiny, sad-looking beach, and make it even more sad with trash, and yet even sadder by not wandering down to help clean it up. We only have one beach, and even though the sand is hard to find, the beauty is not. The bridge seems to soar over the undulating tide and salt-salted rocks; sailboats and speedboats share the rare ripples with hard-working tugboats and great lazy barges; the sun rises each morning over the far island, and it sets every night as the moon takes its place as a gem in the sky and a silver stream in the bay. Does anyone else see this?"

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Even with more lines, T-Reg causes students problems

By Mark Flynn

Contributing Writer

Brian Bagdon, a senior business management major, got to experience RWU's updated registration system this semester as he tried to register for spring classes. Bagdon started calling at 10 a.m. and then continued to call, missing two classes, until 1 p.m.

"I would have been done at 11:30, but it hung up on me after I got 2 class­es," said Bagdon. "As a senior, I didn't want to miss getting my classes, so I skipped two classes, which I got inter­rogated for the following Thursday."

At 1 p.m., Bagdon got three of his five classes. He then had to go to the Registrar and register in person for the remaining two.

Bagdon's experience was hardly unique. Many students found them­selves frustrated by the challenges of registering for classes. These frustra­tions then led to the issue of whether not updating our T-Reg system was a necessary step toward online registration. Even a scripting error that shut down all but one five lines of the system in the first week of registration, the new version of the T-Reg system "should work smoothly for students when the students are given days alphabetically," said Brian Bagdon, "Everyone I know on campus complains about registra­tion; this new T-Reg system was just a temporary thing to shut up the compla­ining."

"The upgrade is not a quick fix," said Wilbur. "We will have further use for the system when it is not used for regis­tration."

When asked about the usefulness of this system, Shelton said, "The univer­sity made a commitment and once fixed, we will have a better system then we ever had in the history of the univer­sity."

Even with the eight new lines, not all students are getting all of their classes using the T-Reg. Problems, such as inevitability, administration say. An in­person, human interaction is still going to be an option. Shelton used the example that "students who only get three classes need to finish the process at the registrar."

This brings up the next aspect of whether forward progress was made towards online registration by incorpo­rating the new T-Reg system into the university. "The fact remains that the T-Reg has no ready options for students over the phone. If students do not get certain classes, a trip to the registrar is needed."

According to Shelton, "The T-Reg is the bridge between in-person registra­tion and an online system. You could spend 45 minutes with the in-person registration and get your classes. You could spend 10 minutes with the T-Reg and you might leave with three classes, and you could spend 45 minutes online and still get all your classes. I don't know why students' expectations are, to get done in ten minutes or get a com­plete schedule."

Wilbur put it in different terms, stat­ing that "the T-Reg is not a step forward in efficiency, but in convenience."

Brian Bagdon does not believe that it was a step forward at all, but rather "a side step. Efficiency is the most impor­tant thing. I don't care about making good time, I just care about getting my classes. I don't know why we wasted money on the T-Reg instead of going online."

According to Shelton, RWU will have an online system in the future. How long it will take is questionable, but Shelton stated that "it's not all that long term, but it's not like I need a new shirt, I'm going to buy a new shirt. It is a complex system. The T-Reg upgrade was a midcourse decision and online registration is our goal."

IRHA hosts successful conference at RWU

By Laurie Schorr

Staff Writer

From November 2 to November 4, the Roger Williams University Inter ­Residence Hall Association had the honor of hosting the autumn NEACURH conference. "NEACURH" stands for the North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and is one of eight stu­dent-run affiliates of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. NEACURH is made up of representatives from nearly sixty schools and focuses on the program­ming, leadership, recognition and com­munication of student life on campus. NEACURH conferences are held twice a year, in November and March, and are completely student-run. The confer­ences serve two purposes: to lend stu­dents the opportunity to share their school's student programs and problem­solving techniques, as well as to give students the chance to observe and learn from the programs presented by other schools.

This past November, RWU was selected to host the NEACURH confer­ence, and 33 different schools from the northeast sent representatives to attend it. The student representatives stayed in Middletown and then met at the Portsmouth campus for several of the programs and presentations. The pro­grams ranged from lessons on time management to plans to incorporate on­campus diversity. Representatives were required to submit program proposals in order to present at the conference. Roger Williams University representa­tives were granted the opportunity to present twice.

Steve Indich, a RWU delegate, pre­sented "This Program is Horrible" about the effects of advertising, and I.D. Crooks, another RWU delegate, discussed drug and alcohol awareness with, "How Much College Students Spend Harming Themselves."

For the most part, the delegates who attended the RWU presentations offered very positive evaluations.

Also receiving a very positive evalua­tion was Carol Sacchetti, the advisor for all of IRHA. "IRHA is a program that represents each living area, the CORE, the Head Resident Advisors, the entire Team Care staff," Carol explained.

For Carol, being awarded and recog­nized for her outstanding leadership and advisement of the entire IRHA "felt great; it was definitely an experience."

Carol graduated from Bridgewater State College with an undergraduate degree in public relations and advertis­ing, and then went on to University of Hartford to receive a Masters degree in Business Communications. This is her second year at Roger Williams University as a CORE for Cedar Hall and the advisor of the IRHA.

Overall, hosting the NEACURH con­ference was a very positive experience for the IRHA and the Roger Williams University community. It was an oppor­tunity to share the campus with represen­tatives from other schools across the northeast, as well as to learn the tech­niques and solutions that other schools use to alleviate the many issues college students deal with.

Carol, who loves working with col­lege students, said of the conference, "I learned just how hard students are willing to work to accomplish their goals."

President Nirachul, calling Tecco's argument "compelling," turned the question over to Dean Steeman, who said, "I think it's fair for us to say that there's a high recognition on campus for the value of the Dance Club," said Steeman. He then went on to describe how the renovation to the Paolino Recreation Center will include space for dance, aerobics and other recreational activities.

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In the interest of credit card debt, watch your step

By Brendan Finn
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"Just put it on the card." That's what Melissa Gillian, a RWU student, said while she was having the time of her life on Spring Break in Daytona Beach. That little plastic card had the power to buy anything a freshman in paradise could possibly want (as long as it was not over $7,000). Gillian had applied for her Visa online, answering basic questions; in four days, the card was hers, which was about the same time it took her to max out her credit line of $1,000. Before she new it, Melissa, now a junior at Roger Williams University, was $5,000 in debt, thanks to an interest rate of 29.9 percent. She is financially stable now, but she wishes that getting a credit card was not so easy. A few clicks with her mouse and she had the illusion of $1,000 to spend.

That illusion is a reality for many college students with credit cards. Credit card companies give credit to people with little or no income as normal practice. Credit cards are dangled in front of almost every college student. They can get them online, in the malls, through the mail or even between parties while on spring break. Students are accepted for credit before they are even accepted into college. The fact is that credit cards are intentionally targeted to college students.

Last year, 78 percent of undergraduate students had a credit history and had credit cards, according to Bankrate.com, a credit-counseling organization. Of that 78 percent, 38 percent had four or more cards. Another 13 percent of these cardholders were in debt between $3,000 and $7,000. Nine percent had debt greater than $7,000.

Melissa Gillian is a prime example of a college student becoming another statistic in the credit annals when she filed for AmeriDebt. Many students get their cards in similar fashion. Young people are lured in by attractive packages that include free give-aways and low introductory rates.

Craig McElravy, a financial analyst for Bankrate.com, said, "Credit is very easy to obtain, it isn't hard to get at all." Credit-card issuers realize that parents usually bail out students who run up oversize balances or fail behind payments. Gillian learned the hard way about credit.

"It's ridiculous to let college kids have credit so easy; they need more background information beforehand," she said. With so many stories similar to Gillian's, why do credit card companies give credit to people in this income scale at all?

"Used correctly, credit cards can help a person establish a good credit history, for future transactions, such as mortgages and car loans," said McElravy. If students were to take the conservative approach and keep their credit history blank, they would find it very hard to get any credit when they entered the real world. One such story of positive credit is Ryan Peron, an RWU sophomore.

"Credit cards make my life a lot easier," Peron said. "I don't have to carry around cash wherever I go. I've never gotten into debt...you just have to know how to be responsible with them."

Education might save these people from getting into trouble in the first place, the experts say. Obtaining credit is not a difficult process and very little is done to educate consumers about credit.

"Credit card lenders need to do more work with the people they lend cards to," said Scott Strumello, an associate at Auriemma Consulting Firm. "Enough in the way of education isn't being done." Strumello not only holds the credit card companies at fault for not educating consumers, but he also blames the universities that let them solicit at their institutions.

He said, "Credit-card soliciting is a big revenue for colleges. Colleges need to be more responsible in who they let solicit, and not just accept the check."

Although finding a credit company that goes out of its way to educate their consumers is hard to find, there are some that do, such as Fleet Credit Company. Credit companies, feeling the pressure of a slimming economy and bad press, are starting to make education about credit a bigger priority.

Debra Pulver, director of communications for Fleet Credit Subsidiary in Providence, said, "Education is key. Students need to understand how to use the card...we try to educate consumers the best we can."

According to Pulver, Fleet does not practice in mass solicitation or campus solicitation.

Credit cards are not given away, and students are still responsible for applying for them. As long as students fill out those applications the way they have been in recent years, the companies will continue to solicit to this age group, regardless of their overall financial status.

Strumello agreed.

"It's easier to acquire a customer who has no credit than to steal them from someone else," he said.

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Playground on Bristol Common named Sondra's Castle

Sondra's, RWU's Ray Cordeiro involved

By Sara Clark
Editor-In-Chief

Over two dozen friends, family members, town council members, and supporters turned out for the dedication and naming ceremony of the new playground on the Bristol Town Common against a backdrop of laughing, oblivious children on Tuesday, October 23.

The ceremony was held at 5:15 p.m. by the Bristol Town Council members, who revealed a sign that officially named the playground "Sondra's Castle" after an enclosed section of the old wooden playground in which a Bristol girl who used to spend hours playing.

Sondra Garcia, who was stricken with viral meningitis 14 years ago, was only eight years old when she died. She was diagnosed on a Friday and died the following Monday. She loved playing on the old wooden playground, and, said Bristol Director of Parks and Recreation Walter Burke, was very involved in its construction even though she was so young. Only eight, Sondra convinced several of her peers to help with the playground's construction. She would not live to see its completion.

"She was a sweet little girl," remembered Marcia Garcia, Sondra's mother. "She loved school. She was always kind, she was always sweet."

Burke welcomed everyone to the ceremony and spoke of Sondra's love of the old wooden playground and how the new playground came to be. He then introduced Town Council Chairman Richard Ruggerio, who mentioned that there had been some opposition to the construction of the new playground.

"I hope that everyone that was against the playground now sees how beautiful it is," he said.

Burke then removed the covering from the green and gold "Sondra's Castle" archway sign. Burke handed Garcia and her niece wooden scissors, and they cut the gold ribbon encircling the sign, officially dedicating the playground.

Sondra's Castle, purchased from Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. in Connecticut, is the largest manufactured playground in Rhode Island. The company installed the playground because, according to Burke, it was too expensive (the materials alone cost $81,500).

"Approximately over $45.00 they install for free," he said.

Construction of the playground began in August, and Cordeiro said it took the company about nine days to complete it, working 16 to 20 hours per day.

"Walter wanted to make sure that it was up before school started," said Cordeiro.

Burke, it appears, was the driving force behind the dedication of the playground. Cordeiro said that Burke saw the carving on the old playground made some inquiries as to who Sondra was. He met with her family, learned more about Sondra and proposed the naming of the playground in her memory.

"It really stuck a chord with him," said Cordeiro. "I said, 'that's a great idea.'"

The money for the new playground was appropriated from the Bristol town budget by the town council.

Burke explained that the old wooden playground, though historic, was unsafe for children because of the splinters, mold, nails, the poles rotting in the ground after time and letting off gases, and because of the fact that the pressure-treated lumber it was constructed of was treated with arsenic, a derivative of arsenic.

After Sondra's death, members of the community carved her name into the plaques of one section of the old playground. Garcia displayed the plaque at the ceremony.

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Members of the Bristol community perform the ribbon cutting ceremony at the dedication of the new playground on the Bristol Town Common, officially opening the park.

-photo by Sara Clark
By Steve Salecica

Features/Editorials Editor

Ruth Margolin, a DJ for WQRI, has been there for three years. Sometimes a joker, Margolin says she is tempted to poke fun at the administration or about school matters in the listeners' ears, while on the air. She keeps in the back of her mind, however, that one crack about the president's house or one overly enthusiastic complaint about the tighter alcohol policies on campus and she may face being fired.

WQRI DJs are given a packet each year containing rules that they are obligated to follow in order to stay on the air. The obvious would already fall under FCC rules, such as the seven words that cannot be said on the radio. The station goes even further by saying, "The obvious would already fall under the Bill of Rights, which they seem to forget that colleges should make the rules...". Anyone who is willing to challenge this policy may be fired from the station.

This rule, which appears in the WQRI Handbook, may appear to be a violation of students' First Amendment rights. When some students forget is that when they attend a private college, they might as well leave their rights at home, because private schools are not obligated to honor these rights, and in many cases, choose not to.

Schools such as Rice University in Texas, where administrators chose to shut down the student-controlled radio station because of an on-air protest by student DJs who disagreed with a new policy that required the station to broadcast athletic events, do not honor the students' freedom of expression. In protest, the students chose to play music instead of airing the second half of a women's basketball game. In landmark court cases such as Hazelwood School Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, which established that the courts ruled in favor of private schools, taking away the students' constitutional rights by allowing the administrations of private colleges to control college media through censorship.

Although teachers spend many hours in both grade school and college, teaching about how they are protected as American citizens under the Bill of Rights, administrations continue to ignore them, possibly fearing that they will lose power and control of their institutions, which they seem to forget that students fund.

Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania pulled their student newspaper, which contained controversial material about the school, from its Website for public relations reasons.

June Speakman, Associate Professor of Political Science at RWU, noted that a university might step in and censor a student publication for a number of reasons. One reason may be protection of students' privacy, whereas a more objectionable reason would be to protect the reputation of the university. Speakman says she is "an advocate of a completely free press." She believes that colleges should allow student media to "follow the normal standard of the First Amendment violations, points out on its web page that, "Because the First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law..." courts hold that it prevents only the government and those acting on its behalf from denying a person their free speech rights. Private institutions, although this is legal, it is un-American."

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President Nirschel agreed that censorship is an issue. "We have been in an era of political correctness," he said. "We are careful about offending.

If we censor, we default on our educational mission," he said. Stegman pointed out that, "If something is offensive to someone or some group, it stirs discussion. The value of that discussion is what (colleges) are all about.

Stegman, a member of the RI Chapter of the ACLU, explains that these discussions bring forth insight into a particular problem. They also provoke students to think about the issues.

"Our mission is to be an educational institution," he said, "not to allow the debate to occur circumvents that process." Stegman pointed out, "If we censor, the issue becomes censorship, not the issue that we're debating.

Stegman favors censorship "whenever we feel that it is a situation that is extremely harmful to the institution and policy, however, Nirschel said that he feels it would be inappropriate for students to make fun of the administration. He said the radio station probably should not "bite the hand that feeds it." He went on to say, "We ought to be able to express all points of view.

Commenting on the radio station Halvorssen believes that school administrations around the country intentionally attempt to censor free speech for what they believe may be for the good of education. This has included new laws, such as their fear of losing power and control. He opposes this practice saying, "A free and humane environment is infinitely more important than preventing criticism of the administrators.

Sara Clark, the Editor-in-Chief of The Hawk's Eye said that The Hawk's Eye opposes any kind of censorship with the exceptions of libel, vulgarity, obscenity and other speech that is not protected by the First Amendment.

"We feel that as a student newspaper, we should represent not only the voices of students who dare not or cannot be heard, but also the voices of those with whom we do not necessarily agree," said Clark. "The Hawks' Eye has published opinions other than our own, and possibly in opposition to our own, because otherwise we would be guilty of censorship ourselves.

As a student newspaper, The Hawk's Eye prides itself on being a voice for the students, a valuable source of on-campus news, a watchdog of administration, and an educational experience for those students involved in the production of the paper as well as the educational advancement of all the students at RWU.

Incidentally, freedoms of the press and free speech seem to be well-supported here at RWU.

Kurt Larson, a third-year architecture major, was quick to point out, however, that not all was the case.

"Those who do not favor free speech are not going to speak out against it," Larson quipped, "they will look anti-American.

Larson also said, "If they say that they oppose free speech, they'll look like a criminal."

The possibility of censorship will plague private school media as long as students attend private universities. According to rulings by the Supreme Court, private schools have the right to censor because they are private institutions.

As long as there are discrepancies between students and administrations at private colleges, the possibility of censorship will linger in students' minds.

As Dean Stegman put it, "Some schools will move quickly to limit free speech in their newspapers. At our school, we do not and will not take that stance."

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五 members. Four members – Chairman Ruggiero, Vice Chairman Arone, Ray Cordeiro, and Steve Salecica – and the remaining two are students. RWU's Assistant Director of Athletics Ray Cordeiro were present at the ceremony.

The fifth councilman, Halsey Herreshoff, was not in attendance. Cordeiro remembered how the playground was in his youth. He said that there used to be a horsehoe pit and a merry-go-round.

"This is the playground that I played at when I was a kid," said Cordeiro.

Cordeiro is the Bristol-Town Council familiar with the parks and recreation department, but he said that his participation in the ceremony reflected not only his official duties as a councilman, but also his commitment to his community and its members and his commitment to keeping the playground.

"Even though I'm considered a politician, I'm still a kid at heart," he said.

Sondra's Castle
**HEALTH/WELLNESS**

RIBC makes first appearance since attack, calls for Bristol residents to join student donors

By Kathy Lopes

Advertising Editor

Has it been eight weeks already? Actually, it has been about 10 weeks since RWU's last blood drive. Since people can donate once every 56 days, the Bayside Association and Student Volunteer Association sponsored one last blood drive for this semester on December 3.

The blood drive was held in the Paolino Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There were 59 pints of blood collected, surpassing the drive’s goal of 50 pints for the second time this year.

In comparison to the last, “this blood drive was much better equipped to handle the number of students who came to donate,” said Kate Mulvaney, a senior marine biology major who helped coordinate the drive this time, so students had the chance to convert sporadic people into steady, repeat donors.

“The amount of people who came out during that first week was extraordinary,” stated one nurse.

Shortly after the attacks, RIBC put a limit to how much blood it could collect in one day, so it would not have an excess amount that would go to waste. This forced the Blood Center to ask many disappointed people to reschedule their appointments. Many of these people were first-time donors or had not donated in years. Despite being turned away at first, “gladly they’ve all been pretty much sticking with the commitment to come back,” stated the same nurse.

Mulvaney added that there is to be more two drives next semester; one in early February and another in late April. She also observed that the people who donate continually do not do so because of a national tragedy, but because “they may know someone who has needed a transfusion and really witnessed the value of their donation.”

Influenza is the proper name for the flu. Influenza is a highly contagious infection of the respiratory tract. It usually occurs in epidemics during the colder months. The RWU Health Services usually sees cases of the flu after the Thanksgiving holiday so here is some information to help you determine if you have the flu.

What causes the flu?

A virus causes influenza. You can catch it form breathing the droplet from an infected person by either direct contact such as the use of a contaminated drinking glass. The influenza virus then goes into the nose and lungs and causes swelling and discharge. As with most viral illnesses there is no specific treatment and your immune system has to fight it off. Although you feel very sick, if you are healthy the flu is usually self-limiting and your symptoms should resolve within a week.

**How will I know I have it?**

Symptoms usually occur within 24 to 48 hours after exposure. Symptoms include a sudden onset of any or all of the following symptoms: chills, temperature, ear pain, headache, pain behind the eyes, fatigue, generalized body aches particularly in the back, arms, and legs, a dry cough, hoarseness of the throat, red eyes, and nasal congestion.

Symptoms usually last 3-7 days, but the cough and weakness may persist.

Help assist with suicide prevention

People who are depressed and/or suicidal frequently show their feelings in any of the following ways:

- Talking about, writing about, hinting and/or threatening suicide (these threats may know someone who has attempted suicide); these people are at especially high risk.

- Giving away prized possessions.

- Previous suicide attempts (these people may know someone who has attempted suicide and really witnessed the value of their donation.)

- Young men kill themselves more than young women do; but women are still very much at risk.

- Young men attempt suicide three times more than young women.

- Ten to fifteen percent of adolescents have attempted suicide.

- Suicide of depressed adolescents has increased because of easy access to firearms and pills, increasingly demanding pressures of modern life, and really witnessed the value of their donation.

- Drastic changes in personality.

- Losing interest in favorite activities.

- Sleep problems (too little or too much).

- No appetite or overeating.

- Previous suicide attempts (these people are at especially high risk).

- Giving away prized possessions.

- Fatigue, lethargy, or apathy.

- Doing poorly in school.

- Social withdrawal and isolation.

- Changes in appearance.

- Feelings of hopelessness or helplessness.

- Conflicts with friends or family.

- Facing the facts:

  - Between 1960 and 1990, the suicide rate for young men, ages 15 to 24 tripled.

  - For every teen suicide there is anywhere from 100-200 attempts.

Fever that lasts longer than three to five days is serious. The most common complication in pneumonia, but there are many other problems that can be caused by the flu.

**What should you do?**

Rest! Rest! Rest! The more rest you are able to get the quicker your symptoms will resolve. Also, students that push themselves to go when sick are exposing others to the virus. So, get the blanket folded and “hit the sack!”

Drink plenty of water, tea, orange juice and honey, and gargle with warm, salt water. Doing so will soothe the throat, relieve congestion and replace body fluids. Take two Tylenol every four hours. Avoid aspirin. You can also take over-the-counter medications such as Robitussin DM for cough. Sudafed for daytime congestion, and Coricidin D for nighttime congestion.

Go to Health Services if your fever is higher than 101 degrees Fahrenheit you have a stiff neck, very sore throat, ear pain, swollen glands, chest pain, shortness of breath or wheezing, very bad headaches, sensitivity to light, feel faint, or if your symptoms last longer than a week.

**How can you get the flu Vaccine?**

The flu Vaccine is available to all students, by appointment. Call Health Services at extension 3156. The cost is $10.

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The Rimers of Eldritch: two hours of talent

By Laurie Schorr

Staff Writer

Somewhere in America there is a washed-out little town with two gossip old women, a wrinkled, aging mother and her single, bitter daughter; a young, naive schoolgirl; and her quiet, brooding love-interest; an adamently God-fearing, very old, mysterious sheppherder with eyes that, despite their host of blindness, will see everything...

Welcome to Eldritch.

In a play written by Nanford Wilson and directed by theater professor Peter Wright, 17 very talented actors from all walks of life came together to present a story that you are willing to listen for. "The Rimers of Eldritch" is a story that has been around for a long time and it is now being brought to the stage by Dance Theatre Company.

The play began with an eerie church procession led by a sullen, black-cloaked preacher. The eerie atmosphere was enhanced by the music of Philip Glass. Starting rehearsals in the middle of September, all 38 members shined on stage.

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Sold out performance by Dance Theatre Company

By Kristyn Fontanella

Contributing Writer

Audience members filled the seats and lined the floor of the Performing Arts Center or "The Barn" to maximum capacity for four sold out performances of the Dance Theatre Company.

The performance, directed by dance department head Kelli Wicke Davis, ran from November 29 to December 1. There was an eclectic group of performances. Some were choreographed by guest artists Peter Kallivas of New York and Claire Porter of Connecticut, along with students' original work choreographed by Gretchen Rowe, Brandeis Glasgow, Bridgette Hugheley and Jacquelyn Keane. One of Gretchen Rowe's pieces symbolized the tragedy of September 11. It was titled "848" and was accompanied by the music of Philip Glass. Starting rehearsals in the middle of September, all 38 members shined on stage.

You spend so much time and effort all semester when you hear the applause of family members and friends in the audience," said Kendra Parkin, a senior. "It seemed like this band could play anything, and that was the best part." And that's exactly what they did. The audience was left breathless by their performance.

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Suicide are treatable. Let him/her know that you are willing to listen if they need someone to talk to, and that you won't lecture or advise them. Don't try to offer solutions or try to make them feel better, just listen to what they have to say.

Make him/her feel safe with you, let him/her know that you can be trusted, and let him/her know that you care.

Thank you for reading

The Hawk's Eye and have a safe, happy and fun holiday break!
Dark Horse
A poem by J. Layne

You left us
Like the scent of melted wax from a musk candle.

We feel
as if you left the window open.

You are finally with
"Your sweet lord,"
your anticipation granted to us through ballads that
flake
and fall into our ears leaving you alive, eternally.

George Harrison
1943 - 2001

By J. Layne

I found it ironic that George Harrison's 2000 re-issued collection was entitled "All Things Must Pass." Some of its song titles were a comforting glaire at death: "The Art of Dying," "All Things Must Pass," "Hear Me Lord and Waiting on You All." In the lyrics of those songs a declaration of fearlessness was lucid in death's concept. It was at a record store in Newport when I realized that George Harrison, more than any other so-called "influenced" artist, transcended his life through his music and not through public-mania, publicity photographs and figurines.

I dug through my Beatles' records and my copy of the Concert for Bangladesh and began emulating him in my mind. I sat at a table with almost a dozen George Harrisons, all at different stages of his life: the dapper P.R. do you want to know a secret George Harrison, the mop-top stained glasses mod-versus-rocker George Harrison, the Sgt. Pepper George Harrison, the Hare Krishna George Harrison, the Christ-image George Harrison, the zany-back-when-we-was-fab sports jacket George Harrison, the Traveling Wilbury George Harrison, the painfully wounded George Harrison and the 11th hour George Harrison. They all spoke in unison and urged me to make a mixed tape, to show me how at peace they were. I was out of blank tapes, so I became a George Harrison Think Tank. I paced around my 10-by-10-foot room in my tiny house on Thames St. in Newport.

His songs were lacquered in spirituality. It's easy to grasp the concept of being "spiritual" in the post-modern corkboard of the present. It's easy to write him off as flaky and hazy when we heard George sing, "I really want to see you, lord, but it takes so long, my lord." But the song sounds different when it is played somewhere other than a mono Musak speaker in an Ames department store, when it's played on a piece of dusty vinyl. George Harrison would have believed that when he passed, he would have been those particle that flawed it. He was almost curious about his death as he bellowed those lyrics.

So, I picked up my roommate's guitar capo and taught myself how to play "Here Comes the Sun" and "My Sweet Lord." I always appreciated the George songs on Beatles records and how there weren't quite Beatles' songs. Sitars and tablas resonated at the site of every one of his pictures. My parents would always skip "Love you to" on the Revolver record. I began to sing with a Liverpool accent, "Little dahlia, its been a long cold Ionyln whisteth... Little dahlia, its seems like yeas sinc its been hea... Wouldn't you know it?" I began to tear and the sun rose at 2 a.m. I imagined the 11th hour George Harrison's smirk before he knew he would leave us in peace.

CNN dubbed him "not quite a legend." But, sometimes, the hands-on mystery in dim light craft legends. Legends, sometimes, to be sought out and discovered clandestinely.

George Harrison left us on November 30, 2001 in Los Angeles and exists now as a Dark Horse without a pale rider with echoes of his weeping guitar like gusts through window cracks.

George Harrison through elegy:
A way to remember the 'Quiet Beatle'

By J. Layne

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Exercising Their Talents

By Kathy Lopes

Are you ready to be introduced to an extremely enthusiastic and motivated freshman from New York who wants to help RWU students become healthier and stronger individuals? Meet Laurie Schorr, who volunteers as a personal trainer on campus and helps students lose weight, get into shape, and build muscle strength. Laurie joined up with Martin Weathers, a fifth year architecture student, to start a personal training program run through the Paolino Recreation Center in order to benefit the students and help keep her training license active. The program provides both consultation and training sessions.

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activities.

When asked at the end of the forum if she was satisfied with administration's response to her questions, Tecco said yes.

"I would definitely come again," she said, "but I'm a senior."

After some questions about why Octoberfest was cancelled, both President Nirschel and Dean Stegman dispelled rumors that administration wants to make RWU a dry campus.

"I am, number one, not a prohibitionist," said President Nirschel. He then talked about the law, the liability and the ethics that college administration face when dealing with the issue of drinking, and he urged students of age to drink responsibly.

"We're not going to be a dry camp,-" said Dean Stegman. "All the studies show that banning alcohol doesn't solve our problem."

President Nirschel expressed confusion as to why students thought that the alcohol policy change was staggering.

The only new part of this policy affects one program put on by students, said Dean Stegman. "One program solely. That program was Octoberfest."

Dana Wilkins, a senior commuter student, stepped up to the microphone and addressed the issue of communication between the university and commuter students, and how she believes that the commuter students are left out of the university. Dean Stegman acknowledged that the university is "not attending the needs of the commuter students as well as [it] should be," and said that administration plans to create a center for commuter students in the future, and that mailboxs are currently being assigned to them.

Two Experimental Psychology stu­dents, Claire Richardson and Melody White, stood up and argued for their lab fee back, because, as they claimed, they have not been able to use the program, SBSS, that they need to use to create databases. Wilbur told the students to have their professor call him so that they could remedy the problem. Both Wilbur and Shelton claimed ignorance of the problem.

"If that is the case..." said President Nirschel, "we'll refund your lab fee, if it was represented that student's supposed to happen that didn't happen."

Questions then turned back to the university's growth. Senior Greg Williams stepped up to the microphone and asked President Nirschel where the university was headed academically and what would happen if students were left behind. He also asked the President to compare RWU to another university, but the President declined.

William also thanked Student Senate for passing the blue light program, which will enable car boxes to be installed around campus. He said that he feared someone would destroy the call boxes soon after they were installed, and urged the audience, "Tell your friends - don't kick down the call boxes. Don't throw the picnic tables in the pond when you're drunk."

The final issues of the night included the average class size, on-line registration, a proposed Student Bill of Rights, the lack of the architecture students' input into the designs of new buildings on campus, and Sophomore Scott Hagerman brought up issues within Stonewall Terrace, especially the hasty construction, the tight security, and the lack of recycling.

On the hasty construction, Hagerman said, "On some level, that comforts me, and on another level that bothers me."

As to the stopping of final improvements to Stonewall until Winter Intersession, Hagerman said, "It is close to becoming a decent place to live. Why stop now? Why wait 'til Intersession?"

At the closing of the forum, Senator Neil McKenner introduced himself as the newly-elected Senator President and thanked everyone for attending. Jen Bell, President of Delta Sigma Pi also thanked students for their input.

When asked what his impressions of the forum were, he said, "I think it turned out better than anyone had hoped."

Ahatiello, who put between 25 and 30 hours of planning and organizing into the event, said, "This is the most impressive turnout I've ever seen. I hope it keeps up this way."

President Nirschel was also pleased with the attendance and the student responses.

"I thought the questions were thoughtful," he said, "interesting and thoughtful. I thought people were respectful. It was well-run by the student volunteers."

**Commentary**

on Life

**Weekly column by Entertainment Editor Barton Martinson**

I was walking to class, minding my business and trying to pretend I wasn't falling asleep even as I was moving. Two girls were walking by me, neither dressed to thrill, basically conservative. Neither one of them had Seventeen magazine looks, more like The Mickey Mouse Club. They were calmly talking about people they knew. This one's a slut, that one needs to cut her hair, that guy is rude, the other one is ugly. yadda yadda yadda. Then another girl was walking by them. She had an outfit on that left little to the imagination. A black halter-top and an animal print skirt. The two girls glared at her, so I thought they held a grudge. They didn't even know the girl, whom they said "dresses like a slut. She must be one."

Why is it that we girls don't ever give each other credit for wearing something we like or something a little risky? We are always quick to criticize. This stereotype that girls are backstabbing, talk behind her back, mean spirited gossips needs to stop. There is constant competition. God forbid if you're wearing the same outfit or even the same color scheme as another female. Hairstyles have to be up-to-date, so do the latest fashion trends. You must have a tan perfect from the radiation booth. Your hair must have highlights; profes­sionally done at the beauty salon. You have to have the right accessories, a purse with a cell phone pocket and hood to match your outfit. You should have to be at least an inch high, or else you are too short.

Women are many social conduct codes too. Don't even think about looking at another girl's boyfriend, that's instant death. Even if you need a lighter for your cigarette, you better start rubbing two sticks together. Don't ask a taken man. Even girls that have been friends for a while worry about leaving their boyfriends unattended around each other. It's sickening how much wide­spread insecurity there is in the finer sex. 

Women are a lot different than men think we are. We seem like we have it all together. 

Women are great actresses. Unfortunately, we seem to lack proper skills for prioritizing our lives. We can't get past the emotions. We worry about what other women will think of us. We compare ourselves to supermodels instead of intellectuals. Little girls want to be Britney Spears or Cindy Crawford, not Madeline Albright or Hillary Clinton.

Emotions are rampant and each week can bring another disaster. Young women are especially at high risk for depression and self-esteem issues. Some women feel defined only by a man. Some are independent for selfish reasons, some for reasons that are deep­rooted in distrust for the masculine gen­der. But women aren't as frail as prior stereotypes perceived us to be. We're stronger than most men could possibly comprehend. We adhere to cultural stereotypes. We give birth to newborns and lose our own identities in the process. We watch our mother's age in shame. We see them hide their wrinkles behind baked goods. We see the older men with their older wives turn their heads and admire the nearest 20-year-old vixen. We hear our friends talk about their lost youth and the self­esteem they never found. We wait for time to heal our wounds only to find new weapons.

We are strong, but we would be a whole lot stronger if we helped each other out sometimes. At times, women lack empathy for our fellow females. We feel that our relationship crisis is the center of the world, but we know it isn't. We all feel a little depressed some­times and there is issues that are all dealing with, but none of us seem to be able to talk about it. We are seen as more emotional, more in tune with our inner child, than men, but we are just as afraid of emotions as our male coun­terparts. Like I said, we are strong, we have learned to deal with it on our own. All these girls have problems in com­mon, lack of trust, low self-esteem, self­doubt, and depression, but none of them talk about it with each other. Instead, the cuddly voices come through and the dis­respect begins. It's easy to sum some­one up as a "slut" than to find out that the real person is struggling just as hard as you are in trying to keep up with the image society demands of them, but also trying to keep a piece of themselves in the process.

President Nirschel and other members of administration look on as Dean Richard Stegman answers a question at the first Presidential Forum of the 2001-2002 academic year. Attendance was extremely good for the forum, which was held on December 6 in the large lecture hall of the College of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations to the Student Senate and Delta Sigma Pi on a well-organized and conduct­ed forum!

-photo by Sara Clark
Holiday travel safety tips

Increased airport security measures due to the September 11 tragedy make holiday travel even more hectic than usual this year. If you are flying out of T.F. Green Airport in Providence this holiday break, here are some tips that might make your check-in easier and your trip less stressful. Tips are courtesy of Patti Goldstein, Director of Airport Affairs at T.F. Green.

1. Take photo identification, specifically a driver’s license. Other identification, such as a student ID is not needed, said Goldstein, but it is probably a good idea.
2. Only ticketed passengers are allowed beyond security checkpoints.
3. Do not carry sharp objects in any of your carryon bags.
4. Be prepared for random searches. If you are searched, be cooperative so you can get on your way as quickly as possible.
5. Travelers are limited to only one carryon bag and one personal bag, such as a laptop or purse.
6. When carrying a laptop on a flight, make sure that it is out of its case.
7. Wrapped gifts may be taken on flights as long as they are part of carryon luggage. The airport will make you unwrap gifts that are part of carryon luggage.
8. Plan to arrive at the airport at least two hours before your flight is scheduled to depart.
9. No unattended parked cars are allowed in the airport terminal.
10. If you are being picked up at the airport, advise the person to meet you at the shortest route and the quickest route for the best value.
11. Check with your individual airline for additional regulations and safety tips.

Students flocked to Dance Club presentation of ‘Student Works’

By Lindsey A. Yon
Contributing Writer

The line of people outside the Paulino Recreation Center stretched through the cluttered parking lot, reaching the stop sign before the Admissions building. Dances Club’s final presentation of the semester was about to begin.

The bright lights surged through a foggy haze toward the stage of eager dancers. A deliberate transformation changed the bland gymnasium into a canvas of expression.

The audience waited in pitch-black silence, anticipating the awakening of their senses. An explosion of light and sound erupted as the first performers took the stage. Dancers Kendra Parkin and Matt Cohen stepped on stage and created a dialogue of dance to Michael Jackson’s “In My Future.” Jackson’s signature music allowed the two performers to engage in combative, high-energy dance moves. Eyes were fixated on the precise movements of the duo, whose steps were in perfect sync.

The original choreography of each dance displayed diversity and originality. One particular presentation, created by Brandon Glasgow, used modern technique mingled with fluid movement to create a sense of continuous motion.

The Dance Club’s presentation started with a bang and ended in blissful accolades. The crowd clearly enjoyed every performance that these talented students created. It was evident that a great deal of time and energy went into each piece.

“It took a collaboration of ideas, dedication and a fun-loving attitude for us to get it together. We all had a great time performing and the turn out was amazing,” said Kate Buschrn, who choreographed a dance to the blend of funk and jazz music.

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