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Engineering minds: Women excel in major
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The room is small but packed tightly, bustling with eager engineering students. In the back of the room, two rows of computers are all taken by individuals feverishly typing away on their Computer Aided Design software, also known as CAD.

A few others sit at a tiny round table munching on pizza for lunch and discussing their latest engineering projects, while a group of boys relaxes on the couch against the wall before their 12:30 p.m. thermo-dynamics class begins.

Then there is Jaime Bernardo, Bouguereau said, who was seated in the back of the room, looking at his computer screen as others worked around him.

“It’s impossible to miss her,” she said. Bernardo is wearing a light pink sweater over a lacy pink tank top, paired with a denim skirt, gray leggings, and pink sneakers. It is almost an understatement to say she stands out amidst the medley of males.

Yet Beuregard doesn’t seem a bit phased that she is outnumbered. Actually, she looks quite comfortable in her male-dominated surroundings. Of the 549 students enrolled in the engineering program at Roger Williams University, only 23 are women, which basically works to get more women involved in the major and makes the campus a better place overall.

Among these stories, according to Stanley, are issues that the Women’s Center strives to educate the Roger Williams Community on, such as dating violence and sexual abuse.

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Lessons I have learned from Abroad
Lesson Three: Why you shouldn’t take your education at RWU for granted

Courtney Nugent
Herald Staff

You are finally in the swing of things for the semester—in between classes, club and weekend, you find yourself collapsing into bed at night and cursing the amount of work you have all over again.

You hate waking up for that 8 a.m. class because you know your professor will notice if you are not there.

“If only I had gone to a bigger school,” you think to yourself. “I could sleep in all the time and my professors would never notice.”

Think again.

With 43,000 students to lecture, most of the professors at National University of Ireland in Galway have no idea who is even in their class, let alone their names or whether they attend the 8 a.m. lectures.

Although there are some seminar courses, where class numbers typically range from 10 to 20 students, most courses are held in large lecture halls that seat up to 400 to 500 students. Talk about blending in with the crowd.

At RWU, I only missed class on the rare occasion that I was sick. I rarely took a day for myself and never slept past my 7:30 a.m. alarm in order to make it to Special Education on time last semester.

Here at NUIG, it is a totally different ball game.

My Modern Irish Literature course meets Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and then again Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Attending class regularly within the first few weeks at NUIG, I quickly realized that the professors are not stupid either, and they repeat the same things Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, knowing students simply will not show up.

If I want to hop on a plane and jet off to another country for a weekend, missing class is not stopping me. (which is why I had the opportunity to spend four days in London and will do the same for Scotland).

Following the wacky rules I have become accustomed to here, some classes are taught by two different professors. I don’t even know if the professors know each other; all I know is that I am responsible for all of the information for the final exam at the end of the semester.

Looks like I’ll be busy.

My friends at home used to get jealous of how long our winter break is.

“You are never going to school,” they would joke when I got home two weeks before them while they were cramming for final exams.

Well, here at NUIG, someone thought, “Why the hell shouldn’t we give the students a two-week-long Easter break (March 17 - March 30)?” They studied really hard during RAG week (i.e. need to get some rest before classes end (April 19). I wasn’t kidding, we really don’t go to class.”

Thanks to that brillant soul, I will be jet setting around Europe (Switzerland, Italy and Greece) and the only thing that may suffer is my wallet.

Finally, do you ever get the feeling that your adviser really has no idea what he/she is doing? That the different departments on campus don’t talk and can never give you a straight answer?

At least you can head into the Student Advocacy office and ask for assistance. Here at NUIG, there is no consistency to be found throughout departments or classes. Heck, some classes end in two weeks, and some do not end until the last day of the semester. They teach psychology course at NUIG! Well, not very many professors in the English department would be aware of this peculiar notion.

Even with its lack of consistency and crazy rules, I wouldn’t have going to university in Ireland any other way. Although Americans probably couldn’t take any organizational lesson from the Irish, we sure as hell could learn how to embrace life and take it easy once in a while.

Slainte and have a stress-free week, courtesy of us here at NUIG.

Product of the week

Boots

Boots are a cold weather season staple and that just doesn’t mean Uggs. From a pair of equestrian riding boots to old English wellies or even a pair of classic leather Fryes, there are a bevy of choices to keep your tootsies warm in winter’s worst weather. Sherling-lined Uggs are a fine option if lounging around the lodge; to wrap up a pair of these fantastically furry booties go to www.uggaustralia.com.

They have the biggest selection of styles and sizes. If you happen to venture out for a hot-toduhy choose a pair that doesn’t resemble slippers. Try a dressier knee high boot or even one that goes over the knee. Flat or four inch high heels, whatever your heart desires, make sure that these are a classic looking leather masterpiece.

Leather can be pricey but a few extra dollars really makes the difference with the quality of the boot. Go to www.bakersshoes.com to find that perfect mix. If you are looking for a more rustic look try the Frye.

This western frontier inspired boot might just be what you are looking for. These are a less dressy option and can be worn day to day, get them short or tall at www.fryeboots.com.

If you looking to stay warm and dry with a classic rain boot, I would suggest the Hunter boot. Established as a style classic, these old English wellies were designed for combating unpredictable weather and ruff terrain, what could be better here in Rhode Island. The hunter boot however is not just your ordinary rain boot they also keep you tootsies snug and warm with a fleece inner sock.

Cozy up to this classic to keep warm and dry by going to www.hunterboots.com. Whether you choose knee high, flat or fleece, keep your feet looking fashionable with some newfound boots.
OpEd: Rhode Island Primaries

Why I will vote Clinton

Danny Ruth
Herald Staff

I am supporting Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in the upcoming primary for a variety of reasons. Though not hugely popular amongst our age bracket, Senator Clinton to me represents just as much change for the future as does Senator Barack Obama. I will agree that she lacks his sense of charisma and her personality does not connect well with our age group. However, I feel that what she has accomplished in the past and could potentially do for this country in the future.

Her experience is something that she often mentions in debates and public forums. I think that her experience in the Senate, public service and as the first lady gives her the advantage over Senator Obama. Recently when a group of independents were asked about Senator Obama's accomplishments in the government, 9 out of 10 of them could not name one thing. That's not to say his fresh start would not be beneficial for this country, but I think that Senator Clinton's experience certainly gives me more confidence in her candidacy.

Senator Clinton's position on healthcare is something that I find to be her strongest talking point. This is a woman who has been fighting for healthcare for over 15 years. She started the Children's Healthcare Plan which has helped thousands of children across this country receive the healthcare that they need. Her plan is truly universal. Her plan will require, much like automobile insurance, that everyone participate. On issue after issue, she fails to differentiate himself from Hillary Clinton, saying only that he is more serious about achieving what they both agree on. The issue portions of their Web sites almost seem like they are running on the same ticket. On issue after issue, they stand for the exact same thing. On Iraq, Get out right now. On the economy: strengthen the middle class with tax cuts. And on health care: cover everyone. Over substance.

Later, during the same conversation with Aaron, who was campaigning for Obama in Rhode Island ahead of the March 4 primary to support his man, I asked him point blank how Obama was any different than Clinton. "Do you have any hours?" he laughed. They have been trained well.

"First of all, Obama was always against the war and has never switched positions." This is true, as everyone knows Hillary voted for Iraq when it was convenient and now she too wants to get out. But this doesn't change the fact that each has committed to getting out as soon as possible.

The reason the Obama campaign has worked so well is the same reason that George Bush was able to be successful in getting elected and gaining popular support for the invasion of Iraq: a simple message and a constant repetition of slogans.

This is not to say that they push the same agenda, but both of them realized that in order for their candidates to gain the advantage in the polls they had to appeal to the sound clip culture of the media.

This strategy can be seen in the signs held by Obama's supporters during his speeches. Instead of carrying signs that say "Obama for President," they hold up signs that read "Change We Can Believe In."

But words and slogans are extremely important to Obama. Just ask his closest advisor, David Axelrod: "Don't tell me words don't matter! I have a dream.' Just words! We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.' Just words? We have nothing to fear but fear itself.' Just words - just slogans." It's too bad Obama doesn't hold originality in as high a regard. It turned out that those same "words" that Obama cherishes so much were first spoken by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick in his run for office in his attempt to deflect similar charges of empty rhetoric.

Maybe it's not so hard to get the Democratic nomination after all. All you have to do is speak in universally accepted truths about America (we are the most generous nation in the world, or something to that effect). Talk about how much confidence you have in an abstract new world of hope (or something equally baseless), and talk about change (you don't have to say what you want to change, just say you want to change stuff). Finally, if you want to win, just wait for Bill Clinton to screw his wife's campaign over (at least this time it wasn't an intern).

Fascinating facts about RWU

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

Secret 1

Today, he is a national icon, but back then he was just a hysterical comedy act. On April 29, 1989 Jay Leno performed in the RWU Student Recreation Center. Manny Pasquale, manager of the RWU mail room, remembers the event and still has a poster from the day Leno came to campus in his office.

"(It the poster) also has an endorsement by David Letterman that "Jay Leno is the funniest comedian working today." Funny that they are now rivals for the late night audience on TV," Pasquale said.

Leno has hosted "The Tonight Show" on NBC since 1992. David Letterman has hosted "The Late Show on CBS since 1993 when he left NBC. The two talk show hosts now have rival shows at 11:30 on weeknights.

Secret 2

Students visit the School of Law for a variety of reasons, but what most of them do not know is that there is a hidden room inside the building. On the first floor of the law school next to the main offices is a wall unlike any other.

If you push on the wall panel right next to the office you will discover a single stall bathroom on the other side. This may actually be one of the cleanest bathrooms on campus because not many students are aware of its existence.

The bathroom was not concealed to be a joke, or to reserve cleanliness according to Professor Tony Santoro, the founding dean of the law school.

The entrances to the two bathrooms were originally supposed to be from inside the suite that they were designed to serve. That did not happen. Then the architect was supposed to put a wall behind the restroom doors that would have hidden the doors. Also, that too did not happen.

I, therefore, insisted that they obscure the doors as best they could. There was no intention, at least as I recall, for the situation to end up as it did except as the best cure for a series of mistakes.

The bathroom stands today as one of the best concealed secrets of RWU.
ADMISSIONS: Acceptance rate drops

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readily available to students, and "[RWU] has become a very 'hot' school."

Seven years ago, RWU had a 90 percent acceptance rate. In 2005, that rate dropped to 78 percent, and today it has fallen to 66 percent.

"We are not looking to bring in a larger class, which means we have to waitlist and reject a lot more students," Fawthrop said.

According to Fawthrop, RWU aims to have a freshman class of 1,020 to 1,040 students. With the growing number of applicants, the university has to reject more students in order to maintain class size.

Last year, there were 7,653 applicants to RWU. Of that, roughly 5,000 were accepted. This year, there are close to 9,000 applicants and the school still needs to ensure that the freshman class size at RWU does not exceed 1,040 students.

"The quality has gone up in the applications pool," Fawthrop said.

With the increasing quality of applicants, the admission office faces a dilemma, she added.

"The competition (between colleges) becomes stiffer because more colleges will want to attract those students. So, will we yield our peers a year ago?" Fawthrop said she believes the profile of the typical RWU student is changing.

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Maling Ebrahimpour, dean of the business school agrees, "Our students generally speaking are alot more active and dedicated. They want to be involved in the life of the school and we have seen a major change in the attitude of the students. They really want to do well not just for themselves but for the school and the community."

The average SAT score at RWU has risen dramatically in the past four years. In 2005, the average score was a 1,082, and this past fall it was a 1,098. It is expected to continue to improve.

Other Rhode Island schools have not experienced similar improvements in their student profile. The average SAT score at University of Rhode Island has been between 1060 and 1070 the past 10 years, and Rhode Island College has maintained an average of about 1,100.

URI and RIC have both experienced a less significant influx of applications.

The growing number of applications to Rhode Island schools is not just a coincidence.

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SENATE: Appeal process in the spotlight

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The official minutes from the meeting were not available at the time of publication.

Senator advisor Tameram Von-George, confirmed that a meeting can be made closed for private matters and internal issues. Their rationale was that it should be internal as personnel issues are of an internal matter," Von-George said.

"As student leaders, we should have been allowed to stay," president of Multicultural Student Union and former student senator Daniel Ruth said.

Some organization leaders who attend Senate meetings say they were upset about being excluded. They argued that as members of the student body, they had the right to voice their opinions on the matter of a senator, who had been elected by the student body.

Baxi said he mixed feelings.

"I don't believe Strumolo had an adequate opportunity to defend himself. However, he added, it was impossible to allow just one non-senator (Strumolo) into the closed session.

"We felt the sponsors of the bill had enough information to support the bill," he said. "We did not want to go back and forth about a senator in front of the public.

In her report, Columb also charged that Strumolo had 'not been advocating students rights, but instead representing a small population in which he calls Strumolo.

And Strumolo said that in the two years of being on senate, his only demerit was for missing a committee meeting during the 2006-2007 academic year. These demerits were cleared following his re-election in Fall 2007.

He was spoken to several times by the president, vice president, and two advisors, but according to Strumolo, it was not done in a disciplinary way. "They told me that I could be more effective if I changed my communication style, but I disagreed," Strumolo said.

Columb stated in her report that Strumolo had been pulled aside "to help him avoid the path he was going down, but what happened at the retreat showed that he has continued his past behaviors."

"I don't always say what is popular, but what needs to be said," Strumolo said.

Former senators also voiced their concerns about senate not being open to a variety of viewpoints.

"As a former senator, I disagree with Veronica's reasonings," senior Daniel Ruth said. "Joe brought up conversations that would not be brought up normally."

Ruth also said he stepped down because he "realized nobody was willing to be inveigled in the issues I was interested in."

Former senator Megan Horgan agreed.

"I continue to hear things from senators which are disparaging to hear, particularly the failed appeal of Joseph Strumolo, one of the true voices on Senate," Horgan said.

According to Columb at least six members who were elected at the beginning of the school year no longer serve. At least a couple resigned for reasons of going abroad, however others voiced their displeasure with senate proceedings.

"We haven't gotten anything done," Strumolo said. "The leadership isn't there making it hard for the senate body to get direction."

Hogan said that the reason she resigned from senate was because she was "frustrated with the unilateral decision-making of the president and her leadership style." She also argued that meetings were inefficient and ineffective.

However, according to Von-George, Columb discussed with members of the executive board about the possibility of asking Strumolo to step down.

"Veronica could have done it solely, but leadership is always better with a group," Von-George said.

Although Columb said she could not assess whether or not the turnover rate affected senate's productivity, she noted in an interview that "people who want to step down for whatever reason clearly cannot give their all to senate, so hopefully new people who step up give 100 percent and in that way we are more productive."

Hogan disagreed. The turnover rate is a reflection of dissatisfaction and disappointment that people are feeling. These internal issues, until they are resolved, are serious barriers to Senate's efficient and effective operation," Hogan said.

Baxi pointed out that it said a lot about the students who have taken on more responsibility because of the low number of senators; "I think it's been hard for us since we haven't had 24 members around the table for awhile," Baxi said. "But we have been doing the best job we can, despite it."

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Alli:  
1) How did you meet?  
Ted and I met through a mutual friend. We originally met in middle school but we started hanging out sometime during sophomore year in high school. We started dating the summer after our sophomore year in 2004.

2) What is your favorite thing to do together?  
Ted and I really like to go down to the shore and just hang out together. Ted loves fishing and doing anything outdoors so it’s always fun to do that with him.

3) What is his most desired place to go on vacation?  
Bahamas?? Jamaica??

4) What is the sweetest thing he has ever done for you?  
For our first year anniversary, Teddy took me on a cruise to Bermuda! My grandparents made a copy of a picture they had taken of themselves in Bermuda when they were really young and I really wanted to see that spot. Ted took me across Bermuda to find the specific spot just so we could re-enact the same picture my grandparents took when they were around the same age as us. It was so cute.

5) What attracts you to Ted?  
What doesn’t? Ted’s ability to go with the flow, his confidence and his determination are some of the most attractive parts of him. He is super cute, too.

6) Community-wise, how do you make time for one another?  
Teddy and I always find time for one another. We are always there for one another and we are there for the two groups always on the weekends and random days during the week to eat together or just catch up on something. There are days when I don’t even see him at all but we love being super involved so any time we can find together is great.

7) What is your favorite ice cream flavor?  
Definitely Ben and Jerry’s, “half-baked” ice cream.

Stonewall to become home to living, learning community
Keleic Sweeney  
Assistant Features Editor
Living Learning Communities are numerous on college campuses around the United States and seen as important to the student experience. Next year, Roger Williams will welcome a new kind of Living Learning Community called the First Year Interest Group.

Living Learning Communities are meant to match shared interests to live together. Two examples of the Living Learning Communities are on campus include Marine Biology and Architecture.

Stonewall Next year will become a home to two living learning communities. Architecture will be on the first and second floors and the First Year Interest Group will be on the third floor.

Freshmen students will have the option for applying for the Living Learning Communities when they fill out their housing preferences. There will be presentations during orientation with information about the new First Year Interest Group program.

The First Year Interest Group will be “based around an inside track core curriculum,” Director of Housing Tony Monte­fusco said. The basic idea is that the 36 freshmen will be split into two groups of 18 and one group will take CORE 104 (Literature, Philosophy and the Ascent of Ideas) and the other group will take CORE 102 (History in the Modern World) while all taking Writing 100.

Second semester, the two groups will switch the COREs they were taking first semester and all take Expository Writing. According to Professor Michael Swanson, this Living Learning Community is based on the ideas developed from First Year Experience.

The students in this program will help students think more analytically and improve critical thinking. The classes the freshmen will be taking in the spring will have a “higher level of sophistication,” Swanson said.

In the writing class, students “will write about things going on in the other class,” Swanson said. This will create a better quality of work because the two classes will complement each other.

The teachers will work together and expect the students to have a transfer effect in the two classes. A result of this will be better achievement in both semesters and all four classes.

Swanson will teach the CORE 102 class. Professor Robert Blackburn will teach the CORE 104. Assistant Professor Glenn Andrade and Assistant Professor Jennifer Campbell will both teach the Writing 100 and the Expository Writing.

This Living Learning Community will become an area to stress the last part of the Pledge of Integrity, which is the oath of mutual support to student peers. Swanson said he hopes these students will collaborate with each other and become a community due to their interactions within the classroom.

It is a great hope that these students will be “an academic team much like a sports team,” Swanson said.

These students will have each other for moral support both in class and also in their living area.

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1) How did you meet?  
Wo had similar friends in high school and we met through them.

2) What is your favorite thing to do together?  
Spend time together during our time here.

3) What is your most desired place to go on vacation?  
Anywhere that is tropical, specifically on a cruise.

4) What is the sweetest thing she has ever done for you?  
She has made me various gifts that I love more than anything she could have ever bought for me. Alli is extremely talented and she has made me two blankets (one of which is on my bed) and over six different types of pillow cases. She has made me more gifts but these are the ones that stick the most.

5) What attracts you to Alli?  
She is the most interesting person I know. She is always bubbly and fun which makes her just exciting to be around. If you were to look at Alli when she truly is smiling or laughing, that look she gives you can brighten the darkest day.

6) Being as involved as you are, how do you make time for one another?  
Each person is in control of their involvement, so if you make time in your schedule there will be time. I always allot time for Alli.

7) What is her favorite ice cream flavor?  
Ben and Jerry’s Half Baked frozen yogurt.

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OVAREIS: Students take part in a feminist play
Dee DeQuattro

"The festival issues a call to action to all Rhode Islanders, through theatre, art, spoken word, photography, performance and community events; demand an end to violence against women and girls, and become an active partner in ending it."  

The goal of the festival is to make Providence one of the safest places for women. (The festival) is replicated in two other cities, Paris and LA. Stanley said. The first event is a photo display. Some of our representatives from the Women’s Center will be featured in the display. Photo kickoff is a bunch of photographs of people making the peace sign. They include a piece about what a violence-free world means to them.

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The play, which will take place March 1 in the Campus Recreation Center Fieldhouse at 7 p.m., will be performed as part of "V-Day," which will begin on Feb. 29. For the performance, the editor of "That Taken Ovaries" will attend and sign books at the end.

"The editor (Solomon) has a piece in the play, (which covers) how she came to write the book and she actually came down to help work on that piece because this is the first time it’s been performed.

Another woman attending the performance will be one of the authors of a short story featured in the book, and is from Rhode Island.

The performance is also part of a bigger festival, called "Until the Violence Stops: Providence," which will run from Feb. 29 to March 8.

According to the event Web site, www.peaceprovidence.com,
Coffee milk: a ‘Rhody’ phenomenon

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Coffee may not be the sexiest drink, but it's the one that's been passing down their leading producer of coffee milk since I was a toddler: Autocrat. "My grandma gave it to my mom, my mom gave it to me, and now it's yours," said Tedd Applrbaum, an employee of Autocrat (located in Lincoln, Rhode Island) and the world's leading producer of coffee milk. "At least 80 percent of that coffee milk is made in Rhode Island." Rhode Islanders have been passing down their unique coffee milk for decades. "I've been drinking coffee milk since I was a child," said DeMaris. "My grandma gave it to me, my mom gave coffee milk as a unique flavor, not like anything I've ever tasted before, but not too overpowering." Coffee milk is made similarly to how other milk is made: add the syrup to a glass of milk. Coffee syrup is Autocrat's unique, caramel-like manner to chocolate milk. The syrup ingredients are pure cane sugar, water, all brewed and boiled together until a syrup is created. Different brands do have slight differences, however. Autocrat is a family-run business for four generations and was founded in 1893. "I first heard of coffee milk at a Super Tuesday event in Rhode Island three years ago. It tastes like some guy making coffee milk overbreak with the milk. It has an unnatural sweetness, as if there's a third ingredient they're not telling us." The only other part of the country that drinks coffee milk is Southeastern Massachusetts. "I've been drinking it since I can remember," said Jason Silva, a junior and Cape Cod native. "I think it's strange that as a child, I thought the drink was common. I had no idea it was unique." Rhode Islanders will continue to pass down their love of coffee milk from generation to generation, while the drink may remain a mystery to the rest of the country forever. "Well, I put milk in my coffee, if that's what you mean," said Maria Winters from Massachusetts and a senior at RWU. "But I've never heard of coffee milk.""...
the areas of engineering that are typically viewed as "male-oriented," such as mechanical design, vehicle engines, and building robots. Unfortunately, among the scores of engineering programs across the country, women still make up around 20% of the undergraduates.

"In these areas, there is a great emphasis on helping to make the world a better place to live. Engineers could take part in designing medical devices to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, such as working with the cutting edge products and materials to cure diseases, or take part in creating new cosmetics, perfumes or pharmaceuticals," Riley said. "In the end there are so many possibilities, that most people don't realize what the engineering major has to offer."

"We do know that it isn't because women can't do math or science," Riley said. "In general, their learning models are different and teachers have to recognize how best to transfer knowledge to assure that all students in the class 'get it.' I have seen so many bright middle school and high school students turned off to math and science because of their teachers...my advice to young women who want to get into a career based around math and science is to really understand how they best learn and don't hesitate to ask teachers to present material from alternate perspectives.

Nevertheless, Beauregard doesn't let any false stereotypes stop her from doing what she truly loves. She values her fellow classmates, and most importantly, being a woman engineer.

"I work with a very, very talented and intelligent group of young women...lots of people may think, for example, that it's nerdy or that girls can't do it, and it's not a 'woman thing... but obviously I'm here, and I'm doing it," Beauregard explains. 'I love my major. I want to make it fun for everybody and help give everyone the best experience and I want to them to make them love it too. You can learn a lot about yourself. Just give it a shot because you never know what will happen. That's what I did, and I've met some of the best women in my life from this. I've met my best friends.'

If you are interested in taking part in SWE, or just want to know more about the engineering major, feel free to contact Janine Beauregard at jbeauregard105@hawks.rwu.edu.
Bon Appetit passes inspection

Alison Cone
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While students browsed the various stations at the Commons last week, deciding whether they wanted chicken schnitzel or a sweet ham Panini, surely few stopped to consider the intense inspection their beloved Bon Appetit was given just a few weeks previously.

Bon Appetit went through extensive pages of criteria for its certification process, which are called Expectations. These 32 pages included every imaginable aspect of the cafeteria’s operations.

Executive chef Robert Laviole said details of the inspection included "how the stations look, if we have wheath pasta and organic peanut butter available, if we prepare the food in a low-fat way, if we have salad dressings with four of them made from scratch, if we have two soups, one vegetarian and one with meat, both made from scratch."

Yet, Great Expectations also judged RWU’s Bon Appetit staff on things unrelated to the actual food. The Vice President of Marketing and the Culinary Director of the Bon Appetit Management Company, who conducted Great Expectations, also visited all campus dining facilities, decorations, names, and employee uniforms. Inspectors took everything into consideration when deciding whether RWU’s dining services would pass or fail. All Bon Appetit employees work diligently in order to prepare for the preparation, according to marketing manager Stephanie Colliton.

"Management put many hours into really perfecting everything and tying up loose ends," she said.

Staff efforts did not go unnoticed in the inspection. After examining all aspects of the Commons, inspectors concluded that it passed inspection. Bon Appetit was not only certified, but praised for its outstanding performance.

"The staff were said that we were one of the best they’ve seen on the east coast," Laviole said.

All learning the results of the inspection, Colliton said that all staff members were "overjoyed." Bon Appetit employees are not the only ones impressed with the service.

"I never realized just how much work they put in, but I definitely notice it," freshmen Brianna Smith said. "The food is always delicious... it’s like the highlight of my day."

After a hard day of classes, many students undoubtedly agree.

Recyclymania: University enters competition

Christie Corsillo
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On a day to day basis, students write papers, buy cans of energy drinks to get through classes, bottles of water to stay healthy, or pick up paper flyers or the school newspaper to read. But what happens to the empty bottles, cans and papers when the students are finished with them? The answer is simple, but not many students give it a thought.

To help people become more aware of recycling and, with these materials, the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has decided to submit Roger Williams University in Recyclymania, a competition to see what school can collect the most recycled material.

"The point is to raise awareness on college campuses of recycling and make students more involved in it and to make them more excited for it," says Meg Gardner, a senior Marine Biology major and the project leader of Recyclymania.

Recyclymania is a competition between 400 universi ties, a competition to see what school can collect the most recyclable material.

It is a student run initiative and everything RWU does involving recycling/man is student run. The first year the RWU has participated in this event. The competition lasts 10 weeks and the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has decided to become part of this event in the hopes that recycling will continue more on campus.

"It will become more aware of recycling."

At first, even though Recyclymania is a recent event, the Recycling and Sustainability Committee has been present for two years, and is made up of staff, faculty and an entire administration.

"The program has not been used to its full potential, so we are trying to make students use the recycling program more," Chelsea Fitzsimmons-Diaz, a senior Biology major and student co-chair of the Recycling and Sustainability Committee said.

So what happens to all this recycled material? The material gets recycled as usual and is tallied into RWU’s standing in the competition. Allied Waste, the company that picks up the school’s recycling, comes every Wednesday and takes the material to Johnston, Rhode Island where it is shredded up, since Rhode Island does not have its own recycling facility.

Recyclymania was originally set up in Ohio and the results of how much recycling RWU does is sent there by Allied Waste. It is then tallied into our standings.

"We are in the upper half out of 400 schools. Right now our school is collecting 1.36 pounds per person," Fitzsimmons-Diaz said. "We are up against schools that are doing eight pounds a person so we have a long way to go."

To get involved with Recyclymania, students can drop off their recyclables in any of the giant decorated blue bins in some of the buildings across campus. There are two paper bins in the library, one paper bin and one co-mingled bottles, cans, glass, bin in Gallale School of Business, and one paper and co-mingled bin in the Architecture building. Each bin holds 96 gallons and is brightly painted.

Also, students can do their part to simply recycle by depositing bottles in any of the green containers around campus.

Along with the promotion around campus, Recyclymania has also planned events for the duration of the competition. Their first event, Recycled Fashion, was a giant success with a turnout of 600-700 students. Future events include an activity in RWU’s The Spot, and also a recycled theme line-in-the-MU fashion show.

The Recycling and Sustainability committee is always open to suggestions and can be contacted at www.rwu.edu/Recycle and recyclingsustainability, and also at www.recyclymania.com. You can also contact Fitzsimmons-Diaz at fitzsim­ monsdiaz@bawks.rwu.edu.

"There are a lot of people who don’t believe that recycling doesn’t get done on campus and we want to make sure that myth gets dispelled," Gardner said. "We want them to be doing it on an everyday basis."
Men's swimming: breaks records in strong finish

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time of 1:39.30. While the finish was the Hawks' strongest of the day, it also broke the previous school record for the event by more than 10 seconds.

Anderson broke another record on Saturday when he posted a time of 1:01.33 in the 100-yard breaststroke, the finish earned him fifth place in the event. In the 800-yard freestyle relay, Cameron, Dubinsky and Faustine continued to break records overall time of 7:38.26, which put them in fifth place.

Sophomore Joseph Mello garnered a score of 289.85 in the diving competition to put him in 11th place.

On Sunday, the Hawks continued to break records as they improved their overall score to 275, allowing them to hold on to fourth place.

Danaher crushed the team's previous record in the 1500-yard freestyle when he finished with a time of 17:40.28, a score that put him in fifth place. Plummer, Cameron, Dubinsky and Curtis broke another relay record in the 400-yard freestyle when they posted a time of 3:20.95.

Crowther broke yet another school record in the 100-yard freestyle, but his record of 50.52 would not last long. Plummer beat Crowther's record by 41 seconds in the first leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

While not record breaking, the Hawks did post several other strong finishes on Sunday. Anderson posted an overall time of 2:14.26 in the 200-yard breaststroke to gain a fourth place finish, while Mellow gained a seventh place finish in the 3-meter diving event, with a score of 304.65.

Freshman Alex Petre gained a ninth place finish in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 21.07, while junior Andrew Hedden finished eighth in the 100-yard butterfly and sophomore Ethan Bourque finished ninth in the 100-yard individual medley.

The Roger Williams Wrestling Team took sixth placed this weekend in the New England Wrestling Association Championships. The team had two wrestlers reach their final matches Dan Woods, 197lbs., and Jared Czarneski, 175 lbs., as three placed third placed.

The title, though, went to Rhode Island College who tallied up 121 points in the event. They were followed by Johnson and Wales and Williams College in second and third place.

Rhode Island College upset top-ranked Johnson & Wales to take the title of New England Champions. The Anchormen totaled 121 points, five more than second-place Johnson & Wales. Third place went to Williams with 105.5 points, followed by Spring-Field College with 89, Bridgewater State with 89 and RWU with 72 team points.

The Roger Williams Women's Swimming Team finished eighth in the NEISDA Championships that took place over the weekend of Feb. 15 at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Campus.

The Hawks swimmers recorded several record breaking times across the board. Senior Libby Remmer swam the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 58.37, passing the previous record of 58.75 by Erin Leonhardt.

Another swimmer competes in an event on Friday morning. The Hawks improved their score over the next two days to finish fourth. Continued from p. 12

DUGGAN: Expected to contribute to sailing team's spring season

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the Wild Harbor Yacht Club and was taught by John Van­ demeer, now the head coach of the U.S. Naval Academy Sail­ ing Squadron. After spending 10 years sailing in North Falmouth, the Duggans decided that the prestigious independent preparatory school Tabor Academy would be the perfect place for their son.

Otherwise known as the school by the sea, Tabor is a well-known sailing school.

"We sailed against all New England schools, up until nation­ als each year when we competed against the best in the country," Duggan said.

Boating four-year New England Championships, with personal finishes at second, fourth and fifth at high school nation­ als, Duggan was an easy find to recruit to the Roger Williams University Sailing program.

"I was called and recruited by several schools including RWU," Duggan said.

Since stepping foot onto the RWU campus in 2004 he hasn't looked back: With an impressive catalogue of wins and titles under his belt here at RWU Duggan hasn't stopped yet, he continues to develop additional dimensions to his sailing said coach Amanda Callahan, "which could cer­ tainly lead to future victories."

Not only is Duggan planning an Olympic campaign, he is also on his way to an All­ American recognition.

"I look up to Matt on and off the water," said freshman sailor George Saunders. "He took me under his wing and pushes me to make myself a better sailor."

Looking ahead to the spring sailing season the team's head coach seems to put all her faith in Duggan's ability.

"I think Matt will conti­ nue to be an excellent college sailing career," Callahan said. "He will be hurting a little while Maria Petrolho [his crew] is gone this spring, but he has consistently beat the best skip­ pers in the country."
Men’s basketball wins in first round of CCC championship

Shawn Hogan Sports Editor

Despite a slow start in the first half of the Commonwealth Coast Conference quarterfinal game against Colby-Sawyer College, the Hawks’ basketball team was able to come together in the second half and gain a 62-59 win over the Chargers. The win improved the Hawks’ overall record to 16-10 overall and 11-2 in the CCC.

The Hawks will advance to the semifinal round of the CCC championships where they will face off against the number three-seeded Gordon College. Gordon advances to the semifinal round as a result of its 73-61 victory over the Wentworth Institute of Technology earlier in the day on Tuesday.

After making only six shots in the first half on Tuesday, the Hawks went into halftime trailing 28-35. However, things changed quickly in the second half after the Hawks made a fast 12-4 run that when combined with a layup by senior Geoff Baranger gave RWU a 49-39 advantage.

On the Gordon side of the court, junior Duncan Sadasiu and sophomore Dave Rosso led the chargers in scoring for the half with a total of 32 points.

Gordon would not stay behind for long as they made a 12-5 run that allowed them to gain the lead 51-45 with just under nine minutes remaining on the clock. The Hawks came back fast and tied the score at 54-54 off a free throw by junior Tucker Bashaw.

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This is a far cry from the 6’1” sailing skipper that Duggan has become today. In just two short years, at age 8, Duggan put the fear ashore and scared boat towards shore, who would’ve thought I was about 13.

Living In Sandwich, Mass. Duggan trained at the Wild Harbor Yacht Club in North Falmouth, Mass., refusing to step aboard.

“Any time I was put in a boat by myself I would cry,” Duggan said. “One time I freaked out and turned around and flailed off the back of the boat towards shore, who would’ve thought I’d be doing it today?”

The sky was clear with the sun shining, the water was calm, and the wind was blowing gently, the perfect recipe for beginner sailors. However, the ideal conditions couldn’t get 6-year-old Matthew Duggan off the sand and into the water.

His face stained with tears, the pint size first grader sat reluctantly on the dock of the Wild Harbor Yacht Club.

“I just realized there was really nothing to be scared about,” Duggan said.

Duggan was born into sailing; with both his parents, Tom and Beth Duggan, being talented sailors, there was really nothing to be scared about, Duggan said.

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