Focus as V-Tech

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But with the growing number of campus shootings across the country, some students, including Silvia, have grown uneasy. "I feel like if something like Virginia Tech did happen [on campus], it would probably be chaos, because I don't know what or how to use the emergency plan we have." On April 16, 2007, 32 people were killed after a student, who later killed himself, opened fire on the Virginia Tech campus. Coincidentally, RWU had cancelled classes because of inclement weather, and many students were glued to their TVs watching the report aired not around campus of the events unfolding in Virginia.

Shortly after what would become the most devastating school shooting in U.S. history, President Roy J. Nirschel sent a letter to students assuring them that the necessary precautionary measures would be taken to better inform students of emergencies.

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To the Editor:

I am pleased that Hawk’s Herald reporter Teddy Applebaum covered the library display on the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel, and Night (“Library exhibit exposes ‘horror’ of Holocaust,” March 6, 2008). Not mentioned in the article is the fact that the display is part of a series of events sponsored annually by the John Howard Birss Memorial Lecture Fund and Library Fund, including—besides the library display—lectures, a book discussion, and a writing/arts competition. Each year, the John Howard Birss Lecture Committee chooses a noteworthy literary work that is having a noteworthy anniversary and celebrates that text by sponsoring lectures, the library exhibit, and a one-credit course.

I wish to identify the sponsorship of the library exhibit for two reasons: 1) Identifying the sponsorship of the exhibit is an important fact concerning the exhibit. 2) The same issue of Hawk’s Herald quotes the wisdom of bringing high-bonnera speakers to campus, and I wish to inform the student body that their tuition dollars are not used to fund the annual Birss events. For financing, Birss activities tap a fund donated to RWU by a generous alumnus—Robert Bliss, class of 1970.

Next year, we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of Mark Twain’s Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. We hope that the Hawk’s Herald will cover Birss events again next year as it did this year.

James Tochrieb
Professor of English

Dear Editor:

As an intern at the American Cancer Society, I would like to take the time to encourage you all to get involved with Relay for Life at Roger Williams University this year. There is still time! RWU will be hosting the Relay For Life on April 5-6 starting at 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center. Relay For Life is a fun-filled way to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for the research and programs of your local American Cancer Society. Last year 14 Roger Williams University teams raised over $11,000 for the American Cancer Society. The goal this year is to exceed last year’s achievements.

During this event, teams of people take turns walking or running laps around a track. Each team takes shifts trying to keep at least one team member walking at all times for 18 hours. Team members are encouraged to camp out along the track overnight and enjoy great entertainment, food and camaraderie. Teams raise money by gathering sponsors in advance to support their participation in the Relay. Relay For Life raises money for important research, education, advocacy, and local patient services.

The American Cancer Society’s annual Relay For Life will be held in 20 locations throughout Rhode Island this year. Cancer Survivors will be honored during the Relay and will be invited to take their own “Survivors Lap” around the track during the opening ceremonies. In addition, a luminaria ceremony will be held at dark. Candles are placed in luminaria bags bearing the names of those that have cancer or those we have lost. The bags are placed around the track and when lit, create a lighted path of hope for Relay walkers throughout the night.

There is still time to make a team if you are a student, faculty, staff or cancer survivor. For more information on how you can get involved or create your own team, please contact Lindsey Bauer at lbauer77@hawks.rwu.edu or Lauren Elliott at llelliott216@hawks.rwu.edu.

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**Opinion Editorial**

**Speak English, please.**

Samantha Low

"You are in America, speak English" is a statement that is heard often. While many immigrants to the United States take advantage of something that is ingrained in us in the United States, which is that everyone in America speaks English. "Should English be Our National Language?" was the title of a meeting held at Socrates Cafe on March 5th.

At the beginning of the discussion, a clip of a Presidential debate where both parties, Democrats and Republicans were asked if they would like to see English be the official language, no one said yes. Hillary Clinton made the comment that if there was an official language, it would then mean that all voting ballots would only be in English, which could cause problems with some voters in at least better than none. While some say that bilingual English speakers can find voting to be a daunting task. Never mind being a non-English speaker who suddenly had to use an English ballot to vote instead. As someone who speaks another language other than English, hearing someone else at the Socrates Cafe say, "Bilingualism would divide us" baffles me. As an American born citizen, I feel blessed I had all of the languages in places such as New York City. If all voting ballots were in English, it would then mean that bilingual English speakers would find voting to be a daunting task. I feel that if everyone speaks English classes be available? [Yes. Should everyone speak English?]

So, if it were mandated that immigrants had to learn English, should free English classes be available? [Yes. Should everyone speak English?]

**Opinion Editorial**

**Can Women Lead?**

Keciey Sweeney

A discussion about the role of women in leadership positions in society was held in the Multicultural Center at 6 on Tuesday and was hosted by the Multicultural Student Senate. Women are becoming more common to the work force and also enjoy a family life at home.

Many women believe that in order to stand out in the work place they have to be the best at everything. It is a part of the work force that many women feel that they have to work harder than men because they’re not recognized for their work if they don’t have a choice to work and “break the glass ceiling” of the workforce and lead.

**Opinion Editorial**

**RWU’s Bush Administration**

Dee DeQuattro

It’s not that the Bush administration did not try to be a success, it is just that it failed at most of the idealistic initiatives that it tried to impose on the country. Today, as the new administration is approaching, it is important to remember the failures of the current administration when selecting a new administration. This was recently shown in the current administration when RWU was elected to the Student Senate at RWU. Elections are rapidly approaching for the Student Senate and it is time that the students vote for change.

The current Student Senate has reiterated the current administration in multiple aspects and it is time to end this reign. The Student Senate, like the Bush administration, was elected to office by the minority of the student body. In a leadership conference for all campus organizations earlier this spring, Student Senate elections attracted only 30 percent of student voters. I can take a good stab that this 17 percent was the student senators and all of their good friends.

Bush, unfortunately, was elected to office after losing the popular vote but getting the electoral vote. The people lacked the power to change the outcome of the election in 2000. However, in the case of Student Senate elections, it is time that the students have the power to make a difference. Vote, but when you vote, vote to overturn the status quo in Senate. Burst the popularity bubble. Then at least we can call the secret of government agencies. For instance, the U.S. government, a candidate offering "a fresh new face" to the political system needs to run and turn things around.

Like the Bush administration, student senators are given the power to "stock" the government with their "buddies and followers" thus making the government more of a clique and less of a government. When students go to the polls, they are supposed to vote for a new administration. The same is true for President, CEO, Editer:ie. 1 ~. ~- Also paralleling the Bush administration, the student Senate revises in its principles of membership, students of whom have a two-thirds vote from the Senate leadership to appoint candidates to the Senate. People do not know that they should apply or even inquire about the position because more often than not the student body does not know that there are open seats.

Student senators could argue that they appoint the most qualified candidates but how do we know? It is not very well publicized when they are looking for candidates to apply for the positions. Finally, Student Senate elections usually attract between 17 to 20 percent of the student body to turn out and vote. This happened recently during the forced resignation of former Senator Joe Strumolo.

The Bush administration also celebrates its privacy, continuously passing legislation that blocks records from being released and protects the secrecy of government agencies. As a government, they have the right to a fair trial. Even from New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer he was given the opportunity to defend himself and negotiate a contract before being forced to hand in his resignation. Spitzer was not even given the chance to defend himself when his impeachment was being reviewed. Instead he was forced to leave the room and the Senate entered into a closed-door session. This situation could be avoided.

This course is currently ruled by an administration that the majority of the people oppose on a wide range of issues and policies. It is scary that RWU has a Student Senate that parallels this failing administration.

Students are constantly complaining about the unfairness of the Student Senate. It is time to take action and make a change or simply cast a vote. It is time to break through the Student Senate clique and re-invent an RWU student government.

I respect the efforts made by the current student senators and their service to this school. They work hard at what they do, however, I feel that it is time for change. They have been notoriously male figures and even on the eve of a presidential election, which is often then not women are finding their place in the workforce.

Students are sometimes frustrated by a lack of representation or service from their government. They provide a good life for their families and work hard to provide supportive communities. As someone who speaks another language other than English, hearing someone else say, "Bilingualism would divide us" baffles me. As an American born citizen, I feel blessed I had an opportunity to learn English and my native language at the same time. However, there are those who make the decision not to learn English and still live happily in the United States. If you come to America should you learn English for the betterment of your country? I think that is true, and yet you are learning English be mandatory? No. Will your life improve if you know English? Maybe.

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CONSTRUCTION: Changes on the way

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SENATE: Students leave for academic, personal reasons

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"There was only one who thought that Senate was not dealing with the issues he thought they should have, but recently more or less reasons have been academic issues because they want to focus on research or something." However, for some former senators, their reasons for stepping down were not based on their academics. Former Senator Daniel Ruth, he said he felt "my leadership could be utilized elsewhere."

"I joined Student Senate to add a new perspective and to provide a voice to a different portion of the campus," Ruth said. "My agenda was for equal representation amongst organizations primarily, but also to have the body examine their internal functions. There should have been an evaluation of whether or not everything was running fairly and whether or not the current system was working in a more efficient state. After realizing that the agenda that I was trying to achieve was not being heard by the executive board, I felt that I could serve the student body in better ways than sitting around a table with no real opinions on the business we were actually taking care of."

Lombardi also said he felt that seeing Senate go through these issues has made the other organizations stronger. "We can see what is going on with student Senate and we can see what they are doing well/not well and how this applies to the organization I work with," he said. However, questions linked to Senate's leadership and their duties still linger, as Senate is still working with their internal issues.

"I think the rush to get everything done is counterproductive," said Senator Juan Escoriza. "Many of the turnover that has not happened is because this discussion is still working with and even though there has been a lot of talk about us falling apart, we're still going strong. Don't lose faith in us."

"Much of the turnover has not only affected the general Senate members, but has also affected 'title' positions. Among positions recently changed are the secretary, as well as the public relations and student affairs committee chair positions," Lombardi said. According to Baxi, since the beginning of the year, four out of the 11 titled positions have remained the same. "It's not the same as it was three months ago. It's interesting to see a new person come and bring completely new ideas," Baxi said. "Sometimes this is easy to deal with while other times it is very difficult."

"It was definitely eye-opening as to how other groups run on campus and I believe I learned a lot about different leadership roles and leadership structures," Ruth said. As part of Senate's responsibility to the university, senators must interact with the clubs and organizations on campus, endorsing them by providing a comprehensive network of support and recognition, as stated in the Senate mission statement. Since the senate works so closely with the clubs and organizations on campus, the effects of the turnover rate can branch into and affect them as well.

Dominic Lombardi, General Manager of WQRI, said that "it's unfortunate that Senate is having issues, and having them in such a public front, whereas with WQRI if we were having any issues, I feel like they would be less out there for everyone to see."

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In order to help these new senators adjust to Senate, the other members of Senate have been holding Senate socials in order to build a stronger relationship. "We feel like now that we have a full senate we can finally move forward. We don't have tons of time left, but with the time we do have left we want to make the biggest effect we can.

With only two months left of school, time is running short for Senate, however this does not mean that Senate is ready to quit. "It'd like to see a lot less of what has happened, such as people leaving student senate in the middle of the semester," Baxi said. "[Current senators] should stick it out for the semester, and try to do what is in the best interest of the student senate. We've been doing the best that we can with what we've been dealing with and even though there has been a lot of talk about us falling apart, we're still going strong. Don't lose faith in us."

"The elections for the student senate of the 2008-2009 academic year will be held online at my.rwu on April 2 and 3, and all students are encouraged to vote.

"It will be interesting to see what will happen in elections," Baxi said. "Many current senators are graduating or not returning, and it will be interesting to see breakdown of student senate."

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Late at night while most students are sleeping or out drinking, 10 of the top students in the Gabelli School of Business are working hard in the Center for Advanced Financial Education, also known as the CAFE, managing a real dollar investment portfolio.

The 10 students who can be seen dressed in suits looking at daily stock market information on several computer terminals are the top student fund managers from the Gabelli School of Business who were selected by the Director of the CAFE, Dr. Michael Melton. These students are chosen for certain qualities that each individual is able to bring to the class, portfolio.

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The students are not only finance majors, but also major in marketing, accounting, and management. These students get the opportunity to construct a real money portfolio, the Student Investment Management Fund (SIMF) in the state of the art CAFE.

Thanks to financial sponsorship provided by CompUtopia, eight student fund managers had the opportunity to travel to Frankfurt, Germany during the last week of February. While there, Lindsey Bauer, Veronica Columb, Cheryl Guin, Matthew DiGiacomo, Steve Malafrente, Garrett Paolella, Eric Rolls, and Josh Woothele, toured various financial institutions as attend seminars at the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. Dr. Melton, explains, “Given the International objective of the Student Investment Management Fund (SIMF), the only way for

the student fund managers to garner a true understanding of the foreign markets is to visit them. The knowledge that the student fund managers have brought back and will pass onto future classes is invaluable.”

Though the students did get time to sightsee, most of their trip consisted of visits to leading financial institutions and a leader in European Financial education. The group visited the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management where they spoke with Professor Dr. Thomas Hoemmer, Dean of the school. Malafrente explained how Dr. Hoemmer presented on the ‘Overbanking’ of Germany, which made the students realize that investors should be more accepting of the sub-prime lending crisis in the U.S. over the massive confusion they are experiencing in Germany.

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Next the student fund managers were off to Deutsche Bank where they were given a presentation on various investment techniques and asset allocation. “Having a better understanding of the views and cultural differences of the German Analysts at Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management has given us an advantage when looking at earnings estimates and various forecasts on an international scale,” Paolella said.

Rollo adds, “It was an absolute honor to even be in the same room with someone of the caliber of Dr. Elke Spierdel-Walz, the director and Senior Investments Strategist of Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management.”

The students also visited the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, known as the Deutsche Börse. DiGiacomo describes, “I was amazed to see the lack of activity at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. All of us have now truly seen the differences between the live auction markets (such as the New York Stock Exchange) versus the European dealer markets.”

Finally, the group attended seminars at the European Central Bank-Colomb explains, “Many of the requirements of the European Central Banking System are much more lax in comparison to our Federal Reserve Banking System.”

Although the students were very serious about their trip, recalling all that they learned, they still joked about the fun they had. Paolella explains, “In addition to visiting the Frankfurt Financial District, the student fund managers still found time to experience some of the local culture. For some of us, this was our first experience abroad and we certainly made the most of it.” Paolella adds, “We even took a day trip to Heidelberg, Germany where we were able to experience the true architecture and history of medieval Germany.”

This trip afforded students the opportunity to visit another country, experience a new culture, and learn of foreign markets and financial systems directly. “This experience was a chance of a lifetime and we are grateful to President Nirschel, Dr. Melton (Dick), Dean Ebrahimpour, and our sponsor CompUtopia for providing this opportunity,” DiGiacomo concludes.

Business students manage money late at night.

Roger Williams University is hosting the National Alcohol Screening Day Tuesday April 8th 11:00am-2:00pm in the Lower Commons.

Participants can complete a written questionnaire designed to evaluate their alcohol use and then talk with a professional about the questionnaire’s results and any follow-up steps, if needed.

Sponsored by the Wellness Office and the Counseling Center.
Angela Vince
Herald Staff

The Roger Williams University's 12th annual Outstanding Women ceremony was held on campus Tuesday.

"When I first started working at Roger Williams University 12 years ago, Outstanding Women was one of the first programs I worked on. There were only about 30 women nominated that year; this year there are 100 honorees. That's amazing," said Stanely the Director of the Women's Center.

Names of women nominated by RWU administrators and faculty were submitted to the Women's Center for consideration. Nominees selected are given certificates recognizing their contributions to the RWU community.

A 10-minute power point presentation acknowledged great achievements of famous women in society including Roger Williams University women. The presentation touched upon events women in the RWU community have been involved in. These events, including strides towards breast cancer, knitting for a cause, the Vagina monologues, and It Takes Orange, are all aimed to inspire and empower women across the world.

The RWU's Women's Center holds events such as Comfort Women, a program which helped to support various women who had been forced to produce sexual services to the Japanese troops.

"We just want to show everyone how much we appreciate all the wonderful things, whether big or small, that women do on the RWU campus," said Stanely.

Nancy Rafi, a survivor of domestic violence, received sexual assault spoke at the ceremony.

"My biggest regret in life is that I never gave me a chance to attend college," Rafi said.

After undergoing her own abusive experiences, Rafi decided she needed to make a difference in people's lives. "I needed to put my beliefs into action," she said. "I wanted to help women give voice as I continued to find mine." Rafi joined the Silent Witness project.

The program was originally developed by eight women in Minnesota who wanted to speak out against domestic violence. The Silent Witness program is a traveling memorial honoring the women, men and children who have been murdered in the acts of domestic violence," said Rafi. The program is geared towards making these anonymous crimes more intimate. It is designed to attach a name and a story to the tragic ramifications of domestic violence.

In a few weeks Rafi will be attending a three day conference in New Orleans. She will be assisting in the production of the Vagina Monologues which will be held in the Super Dome.

"We are estimatedly 72,000 people are expected to attend, including activists from various countries like Egypt, Korea, and Afghanistan. The profits will be used to help women rebuild the city of New Orleans."

Rafi closed her speech with an inspiring quote that she said she hopes all women will learn to follow, "Fly away the very thing that we need the most, we get back what we really need. I never attended college, but now I have more to offer as a part of that community through talking about my experiences on college campuses.

"Everyone, the ceremony, board members of the Women's Center, Casey Barry, Emily Peterson, and Des DeQuatro handed out certificates to the honorees.

"This program is to showcase the outstanding women who are making a difference on campus," said Stanelly, "We need to find a purpose bigger than ourselves. That is what these women have done. It's all about starting small and making a really big impact."

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'Stoppings women' honored at campus ceremony

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Four students choose their favorite items

Singles of the Moment:
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Name: Bryant Burns
Age: 21
Hair Color: brown
Eye Color: brown
Height: 5'11
Interests: Watching movies is always a good time, I play in parades dressed as a sailor (not by myself that would be weird), watching baseball, and of course wings night at Tundies with my friends.

Favorite Movie: The Indiana Jones trilogy
Favorite Book: The Ring
Favorite Type of Music: Big band, like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin

What do you do for a living? Someday I will have a chance to work with a little flare like Disney or at least have a television show. I think my ideal guy would be goofy as hell, funny, articulate and someone who really wants to make a difference in the world, in whatever way he has decided is best for him.

Devon McCormick

Name: Devon McCormick
Age: 22
Hair Color: brown but that varies
Eye Color: Green with sunflowers in the month of September
Height: 5'8 and 2/3
Interests: Watching movies, drinking, playing video games
Favorite Movie: Don't have one, but I love a good one.

Favorite Book: Too many to list... reading is my favorite.

Favorite Type of Music: I am Miss Eclectic but, no polka... bleh.

Favorite Book: Everything I read is trash. I read a plethora of choices out there so choose wisely.

Favorite Type of Music: Whatever

Where do you want to be in five years? Right now I don't have one. I think there is real beauty and inner peace in being okay with just being you, living your life without the worry or requirement of a significant other. In fact, in lieu of having a staggering number of negative experiences with the opposite sex, I think I'd much rather spend a date night hanging out with my friends being goofy and loving life.

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Who is an important role model for you? My parents, they are doing the best they know how to do.

What is your dream vacation? Anywhere, all I need is good music, good friends, and my favorite guy.

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On April 16 and 17, RWU will host an invitation-only academic colloquium focusing on intellectual freedom in the Middle East. The following events and programs have been planned to involve the entire campus community in the weeks leading up to the conference.

March 27, 2008
6:00 pm
Colloquium Film Showcase: Paradise Now (2005)
From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace. Join President Nirschel to watch his pick for the Colloquium Film Showcase. Marine & Natural Sciences, Room 200

April 2, 2008
5:00 pm
Discussion: The RWU PEN Project: The Freedom to Write in Tibet and Egypt
Professor Adam Braver and his PEN Collaborative class
Mary Tefft White Cultural Center, University Library

7:00 pm
Socrates Café: "Should an Islamic Community Value Freedom of Expression?"
Facilitated by Professor Joseph Roberts, Ph.D. Mary Tefft White Cultural Center, University Library

April 9, 2008
6:00 pm
Colloquium Film Showcase: Children of Heaven (1997)
This Iranian film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Sponsored by the Intercultural Center, Feinstein College of Arts & Sciences, Room 157.

April 14-30, 2008
Iraqi Art Exhibit: "Artists at Risk"
School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation Gallery • wwwIRAQI-ART.com

April 16, 2008
12:00 noon (Bring your lunch!)
Lunch Discussion led by Roger Davidson, President & Founder, Society for Universal Sacred Music
"Education for Universal Brotherhood in the Middle East and Beyond"
Mary Tefft White Cultural Center, University Library

4:30 pm-7:00 pm
Middle East Themed Dinner
Recipes provided by RWU students from the Middle East Region. Dining Commons

5:30 pm
Keynote Address: Joshua Rushing
Former US Marine captain, now controversial Al-Jazeera correspondent, brings his unique perspective to bear on events in the Middle East.
Campus Recreation Center, Gymnasium

8:00 pm
Colloquium Film Showcase: A Mighty Heart (2007)
This film is based on Mariane Pearl’s account of the terrifying and unforgettable story of her husband, Wall Street Journal reporter Danny Pearl’s life and death. Sponsored by the Campus Entertainment Network & STAND.
Campus Recreation Center, Gymnasium

For more information on these events, visit http://middleeast.rwu.edu
SAFETY: Students, staff examine campus security

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using data that already existed," said Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. John J. King, who has been part of the RWU faculty since 2004. Because the system has proven effective with class cancellations and weather notifications, he urges faculty, staff, and students to update their contact information, which can be done by logging into myRWU, clicking on the Emergency Preparedness Tab, and going to the Emergency Contact Information option.

Even with the changes and technological improvements that RWU has made, students were disheartened by yet another school shooting that took place on February 14, and resulted in the deaths of seven students, including the shooter, at Northern Illinois University. A day after the shooting, President Nirschel sent out another e-mail to students, saying, "I want to assure you that the safety of our campus community is my top priority. We have a crisis management team that meets regularly and an emergency response plan in place, which we are continuously updating and fine-tuning."

The staffs in Public Safety and Student Affairs undergo ongoing training to respond to emergencies of all kinds, and they continuously assess situations and risks with the intent of preventing such tragic issues from occurring on our campus.

The same message was sent in a letter to parents of RWU students, and King said that both parents and students are expressing a higher level of concern and interest regarding the school's emergency plan. During last summer's new student orientation, many parents were "asking questions that had never really been asked before about locking down campus, closing the entrances, and the communication with local police." He noted that because of what happened at Virginia Tech, the university was ready to answer any questions parents had, and at the time, operations had already begun to instate the ConnectEd system.

The university was also able to reassure parents that the school has worked closely with local and state police. "We have a very good working relationship with the Bristol Police. Because our Public Safety personnel do not have arrest powers, we rely on the Bristol Police to be on campus for any activity or any action and investigation that might facilitate or require an arrest, so we work with them on a regular basis, and we utilize them as detail officers for major events. They are very familiar with the campus, with the residence halls, and we meet with them on a regular basis," King said.

He also noted that the State Police barracks are in Portsmouth, less than 15 minutes away.

This summer, the school's Resident Assistants will also receive extra training to learn how to deal with violent occurrences that could take place on a campus setting.

Other schools, much like RWU, are also making moves to better their communication methods to students in case of emergencies. Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, in which about 5,400 undergraduates are currently enrolled, has their emergency procedures published online. Much like Connect-Ed, they also have a Mobile Wireless Alert System, which sends out alerts to cell phones.

According to the school's Chief of Security, John Tinning, "The text message alert system is an excellent way to broadcast emergency alerts in a timely manner; it is a good fit into our emergency communication plan. The Alert system application came on line in fall of 2007, and it became active this semester." After issuing a test earlier this semester, text messages and e-mails were sent to students in less than 4 minutes. Currently, about 55 percent of Quinnipiac students are enrolled in the program.

Much like on Quinnipiac's site, RWU students are able to view the campus' Emergency Response Plan online. In it, it outlines the Emergency Response Teams, "Two specific groups are established to deal with emergencies, potential crises and disaster occurrences. These groups, described below, are the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and the Emergency Network Information Team (ERNIT).

ERT is responsible for formulating plans, initiating/directing immediate response to the emergency, advising the University President and keeping ERNIT informed. ERNIT is responsible for developing recovery plans once a serious emergency occurs or is anticipated.

It also fully describes different types of emergency situations, including specific definitions, the Lead Person and Alternate for handling the crisis, the Crisis Response Team, other campus organizations that could be called upon in such a case, and a course of action, referred to as the "Action Steps" for each specific emergency.

Nirschel signed the plan in February 2003, and the most current third edition was published in July 2005.

On the website's section pertaining to Emergency Procedures, however, a correction was made on February 15, 2008, stating, "This week's tragic events are naturally prompting us to revisit every aspect of our own emergency response measures, and how we communicate with on- and off-campus communities. In fact, we already have identified additional tactics we could employ and we will add them to a revised emergency response plan in coming days."

"We're currently looking into the possibility of a campus wide sirens system that would be stationed at the clock tower in the library which would emit a signal that the community would be trained on to initiate either a lockdown or some other response depending on the signal," said Dr. King about the additions that the school is making to their emergency response plans. According to King, many other schools, specifically Brown University, are very close to completing the setup of this kind of alert on their campuses.

In case an emergency does occur on campus and students have not yet received an emergency notification, King advises that students lock themselves in their room or other secure location and call public safety right away. They are also urged to communicate with their friends and family so that they know the whereabouts of others, and vice versa.

Note: In trying to find out Public Safety's involvement in the plan, many attempts were made to contact the Director of Public Safety, J. David Smith, about the training of the RWU Public Safety staff. Numerous phone calls were not returned and e-mails never received replies.
Students set to renovate home for East Bay family in need

Kelleigh Welch
Features Editor

For two weekends in late April and early May, the Home Improvement Project Class, an elective course for undergraduate students, will be renovating the home of a less fortunate family in the East Bay area.

“We only have four days to work on the house,” Project Manager Mike Staples said. “We will be redecorating a bathroom and a kitchen, and we will be making the attic into a bedroom.”

The entire project is self-funded, and throughout the semester the class has been working on multiple fundraisers to earn money.

“We had a red parking pass and a ‘Sign a Meal Away,’ which is where students sign away a meal at the dining commons and we get the money that would go towards that,” Jennifer Silveris, the project’s Fundraising Leader, said. “We also have a pasta luncheon and silent auction coming up.”

Among other fundraisers, the class had a bar night at the Bean and is selling post-Easter candy until Friday.

If you would like to support the class in their project, you are encouraged to attend one of their fundraisers, such as the April 6 pasta luncheon, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Portuguese Soccer Club, 136 Child St. in Warren. Tickets to this event will be sold at a table outside of Stop and Shop in Bristol this coming Saturday. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend to support this cause.

“The homeowners are all female. The grandmother is legally blind and handicapped, and her daughter is the mother of two girls,” Staples said.

The family is also connected to the armed forces by working with the Family Readiness Group, which assists the families of men and women in the military.

If you would like to donate money to the project, you can do so online at www.hip.rwu.edu or send a check made payable to GSB Project Management Fund to:

GBS Project Management Class
Gabelli School of Business
Roger Williams University
Bristol, RI 02809

Also, if you would like to donate supplies, such as building materials (paint, nails, tiles, lumber, etc.), cleaning supplies, or landscape materials, contact Jennifer Silveris at silverisr2@students.rwu.edu or Dr. Malin Ehrshaim at birdean@rwu.edu.

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four races. The finishes put the Hawks’ A division in fourth place for the weekend.

The combined finishes of the A and B teams gave the Hawks 72 points, which put them in third place out of the 18 teams in the race. Tufts University finished first in the race with the lowest score of 62 points, while Brown University with 69 points finished second with 66 points.

The following weekend, the Hawks competed in the Vetter Trophy event held at the Salve Regina University and the Central Series race in Boston, Mass. The team faced four races in both races, with the competition being postponed by one day in the Vetter Trophy event.

In the Vetter Trophy, sophomore skipper Jonathan Enright teamed up with junior crew Kelly Germain. The Hawks finished in second place for Brown College for first place with a final score of 32. In the B division, senior skipper James Loewenhoff and freshman crew Robitalle posted a total of 64 points, which put them in seventh place.

The Hawks finished the event with a total score of 96 points to put them in fourth behind Brown University with 59, second place finisher Boston College with 95 and third place finisher Salve Regina University with 105.

At the Central Series race, Coaches RWU assistant coach leaves lasting impression on team

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Team members say Viera was a genuine guy who would give everything he had when he did something. He had heart and dedication and he had a huge impact on the wrestling team.

“He simply walking into practice brought us a huge amount of motivation for the team,” said Roger Williams junior wrestler Jimmy Uele. “Everyone knew how hard it was for him, and how we were in his situation we would probably not be getting out of bed; going to wrestling practice would seem impossible.”

Viera is remembered as an unbelievable candidate for the team, who never let anything stop him or bring him down.

“He was a genuine guy, someone who never let his illness get in the way of his life,” said Kemmy. “He watched for us, and he always had a smile on his face, in anyway he could.”

“He was always giving instructions and pumping us up.”

The dedication Viera had to the team even after he became sick motivated the wrestlers to another level. They did not want to let him down. “We felt that if he was mentally and physically tough enough to get there to support us each day we should make him proud and be mentally and physically tough enough to,” said Robitalle.

“ar on the inside.”

In Coach Viera’s honor, the Mid-Winter Classic Tournament in January has been renamed the Scott Viera Invitational Tournament. The Spirit Award has also been renamed the Scott Viera Memorial Team Spirit Award.

“We announced both of these at our alumni gathering on Feb. 9 with Scott and his wife Keil in attendance. It was one of the proudest moments of his life,” Kemmy said.

Viera’s words, the impacts he made, and the presence he had will forever be remembered by Roger Williams.

“Having Scott Viera as a coach was a true honor. He was constantly full of great wrestling advice, as well as advice about life in general,” said Rasso. “He taught everyone more than just how to wrestle,” said Uele. “He taught us how to live our lives.”

Baseball: has strong spring break showing

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stolen base.

The Hawks recorded wins in both the day and evening games with Spring-Field College taking the first 15-5 win in the eight cap 6-5 finale with three saves for Tara Viera. Mike Verrocchi earned one first place double. Lisa Verrocchi went 3-for-4 and 5-for-5 batting average on the trip, scoring three walks, scoring twice and stealing a base.

In the 6-5 finale with Spring-field the Hawks put up four runs in the sixth giving Freshman pitcher Sam Podolski his first collegiate win of his career. Sophomore reliever Bill Dunn pitched the sixth and seventh innings earning the save and junior Kevin Simpson went 2-for-3 with two bases.

The Hawks split their next doubleheader with Bowdoin College dominating the first contest 14-1, but falling in the second for their first loss of the season, 5-2. Sophomore Dan Rohrge went the distance in the first game rout pitching a complete game five hitter and retuning five hits. From the plate junior Andrew Hayes and went 2-for-3 scoring two and driving in two more.

In the second game loss Dahill once again saw success with a double, a stolen base, and a run scored, and Bobin was a perfect 2-for-2.

The Hawks also split a doubleheader with Hamline University of St. Paul, Minnesota. The first game, a 9-5 win, saw offense production from Simpson, Dahill and Viera. Verrocchi crossed the plate twice and stole a base, while Simpson and Dahill had two RBI’s and two runs scored each. On the mound James Lyn- don recorded his second score of the early season pitching into the seventh.

The Hawks fell 6-4 in the nightcap, although junior pitcher Sean Donovan pitched three scoreless innings in relief and sophomore Ryan McCarthy had two RBI’s. The Hawks split another doubleheader when they faced off with UMass-Boston winning the first 15-5 and losing the second 14-9. Podolski earned his second win and the RUW bats drove in nine runs in the first. Ver- rocchi led the attack going 5-8 with a homerun and three runs scored. Not close behind was Dahill once again going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Simpson also drove in two in his four hit day.

The trip concluded with the Hawks being swept in a two game set against Hope College from Minneapolis, Minnesota, 4-3 and 7-2. After an quick start to the season that Hawks are now 6-5 and will return to action on Sat. Mar 29 at 12:00 p.m. when they travel to CC opponent Curry College in a doubleheader matchup.

Women’s Lacrosse remained undefeated in Commonwealth Coast Conference play after posting a 25-7 win over the University of New England on Tuesday afternoon. The win continues the confer­ence-winning streak the team started on March 6 with a 17-8 win over Curry College.

Coach Kemmy and Amanda Mageo were in the net for the Hawks on Tuesday, making 10 saves to improve her record to 4-1 on the season. She will be looking to improve her record even more in the season.

The Hawks would only allow two goals throughout the remainder of the half.

The team will be back in action this afternoon at Rhode Island College at 4:00.

Men’s Tennis defeated Curry College 9-0 in their Commonwealth Coast Conference season opener on Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday’s match was the team’s first since returning from their spring break trip to California.

The win improves the Hawks’ record to 3-5 overall, while Curry College drops to 0-4 overall.

All of the team’s singles wins came in straight sets, while the team earned 8-6, 8-1 and 8-1 wins at number one, two and three doubles respectively.

The team will be back in action on this after­noon at 3:00 when they take on Bridgewater State University.

Women’s softball split their doubleheader against the United States Coast Guard Academy on Tuesday afternoon. The Hawks dropped the first game 8-3, but came back in the second to post a 13-5 win.
Sailing advances to eighth place in national rankings

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

A third place finish in the Salve Regina University, New England Trophy combined with a fourth, third and second place finish in competition over spring break has put the sailing team in eighth place in the Sailing World College sailing rankings. The new ranking marks a one spot advancement for the team over their ninth place ranking at the start of the season.

These finishes continue the team's strong season. which began on March 1 with a fifth place finish out of 16 teams in the John Jackson and Graham Hall team-racing event at Georgetown University and the United States Naval Academy. The finishes have also brought the team within two points of repeating their season high sixth place ranking in the fall.

In the Wood Trophy event, which began on Sat. March 9 and ended the next day, the team faced varying conditions ranging from heavy rain and light winds on day one to strong winds on the second day. Although the weather conditions favored Saturday's race to be called early, the Hawks finished the day in fourth place.

Scott Viera, senior skipper Andy Goetting sailed with junior crew Kaylin Hall where they completed six races to end the day in third place in the B division. junior skipper Matt Duigan teamed up with senior crew Sean Lacev to complete four races before the day's competition was ended early.

On Friday, Duigan and Lacev won three out of six races to put the Hawks' B division in second place, while Goetting sailed with senior crew Alexander Boudreau to finish third in three out of six races.

Men's baseball wins home doubleheader against Gordon

Daniel DeBiasio
Asst. Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University baseball team returned to campus this week from a 12-game season kicked in Chandler, Ariz., with no time to rest before their next upcoming challenge. On Tuesday afternoon the team hosted a season-opening doubleheader against Commonwealth Coast Conference opponent Gordon College. The Hawks added to their seven wins recorded in the desert posting two more victories with scores of 3-1 and 9-2.

Junior James Lydon threw a complete-game four hitter, striking out three and earning his third win. Junior Kevin Simpson drove in the first run with a sacrifice fly that allowed freshman Tony Verrocchio to score. Sophomore Grant Bolin hit a solo homerun in the fourth and freshman Matt Harte added an RBI to seal the win.

In the second matchup lefty Brian Hurley threw five strong innings, giving up one run on six hits while striking out six. The Hawks broke open the game in the fourth when junior second baseman Bill Lamberth knocked a two run double en route to a six run inning. The Hawks started their week in Arizona off with a bang sweeping two doubleheaders against Hope College from Michigan and Springfield College.

In the opener against Hope College, Lydon earned the win throwing six innings giving up two runs and striking out six. Junior outfielder Jamie Dahlil shined at the plate going 3-for-3, driving in a run, and scoring twice in the 4-2 victory.

In the second game, a 3-2 Hawks win, Hurley threw a complete game giving up only two runs and striking out three. This time around it was Lambert that saw success at the plate with three hits, two RBIs, and a walk.

Assistant coach Viera remembered for dedication to Roger Williams wrestlers

Kathryn Nazari
Herald Staff

"It wasn't just a coach he was a role model," said Roger Williams University graduate and alumni wrestler Sebastian Wordell.

Coach Scott Viera was recently taken away by cancer after a strong, fearless battle. Viera left an impression on the Roger Williams wrestling team that will never be forgotten.

"Some people never thought about the sacrifice he gave to help us out," Wordell said. "I can truly say that Scott Viera made me a better wrestler and at the same time a better person," said John Russo, a senior wrestler.

Viera lived and worked over an hour away, and six to seven times a week he would give up four hours a day to coach the team. "That's time he could have spent with his family; but he decided to spend it with us," Worderell said. "I just hope, I can give my family and job that much dedication and enthusiasm as he gave to the wrestlers."

Viera would travel with the team wherever it went and gave every effort to coach every match. "He probably gave more than the two guys wrestling," said Worderell. "By the end of the day, he wouldn't have a voice left from screaming so much, but every match, he gave 110 percent."

Even after becoming sick, Coach Viera would still make the effort to come to matches. "His wife Kelii, an unbelievably strong woman, drove him to the New Englands and some others," said Dave Kemmy, head wrestling coach for Roger Williams.

Kemmy knew Viera since the early 1980's when they were undergraduates together at Rhode Island College.

Viera was head coach for one year and assistant coach for two years at Roger Williams, and was also an assistant coach for Kemmy at Bristol High School. He was inducted into the New England Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 2007 right here at RWU.

Assistant wrestling coach loses six year battle with cancer

Angelo Viera
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RWU assistant wrestling coach, Scott Viera, 44, of Attleboro, Mass., died Friday, March 7, 2008. Viera served as RWU's first head wrestling coach and led the 1991-1992 wrestling team to a 2-11 record. Viera had been the assistant to head coach Dave Kemmy for the past 12 seasons.

Growing up, Viera wrestled on the Each Greenwich varsity wrestling team where he won Rhode Island titles in the freestyle and Greco-Roman senior division. While attending Rhode Island College, Viera participated in the 1988 regional Olympic trials and won All-New England honors.

He had coached wrestling at various competitive levels for over 20 years and led wrestling teams at East Greenwich High School, Eastern Michigan University, and Mt. Hope High School.

Viera was Rhode Island State vice chairman and served as a national team coach for five years. He also participated in the local chapter of the national wrestling organization, USA Wrestling. Viera was to be inducted in the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame at the end of the fall season.

After being diagnosed with cancer in May of 2002, Viera battled his illness for almost six years. He left behind a wife of 12 years, Kelii L. Viera, daughters Courtney A. Viera, 9, and Sydney A. Viera, 6, brother Peter C. Viera of Charleston, S.C., and sisters Amy A. Morris of North Smithfield, R.I., and Maryanna Tengeborg of Williamsburg, Va. Among these people he also leaves behind extended family members, colleagues, students athletes, and friends.

Viera was co-chairperson and a national public speaker of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Adult Advisory Council.