Blessing, Moffat join RWU staff

Courtney Nagent
Features Editor

With the overwhelming number of physical changes across campus last semester and over the summer, the new faces in the Public Safety Department come at a time when RWU is in a state of flux.

John Blessing and Pamela Moffat, both former Rhode Island state police officers, were appointed as the Director of Public Safety and Associate Director of Public Safety, respectively, in May.

Blessing, who attended the University of Rhode Island for his undergraduate work and received a degree in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University in 1993, during his 22 years on the R.I. police force, Blessing investigated police-involved shootings with the Attorney General’s Department and served as the lead supervisor for the investigation of The Station nightclub fire in 2003.

“I remember responding and seeing the green from the families and victims in the hospital,” Blessing said. “I did my best every minute of the investigation for the victims and their families.”

After being assigned to a school safety committee for grades K-12 put forth by Governor Donald Carcieri, and finding great enjoyment working with schools, Blessing began to think about his next career. As a former student with a familiarity of Bristol, Blessing found the job opportunity as a perfect fit.

“During my first interview in the spring, the energy from the students struck me,” Blessing said. “The positive energy in students ages 18 to 22 was interesting and inspiring to be around.”

While serving as the Director of Public Safety, Blessing said he wishes to implement policies and tackle issues that affect students and faculty alike.

Blessing is looking into the emergency plan in place on campus.

“It is important to look at how we take a safe campus and make it safer.”

In regard to safety, Blessing also supports the reporting of troubling events on campus.

Conflict and tension can really

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More than 1,100 Students Give Back

RWU Makes the Grade

Kim Salato
Herald Staff

U.S. News & World Report ranked Roger Williams University eighth in its category of Best Bachelor’s Colleges in the north this year. RWU has been steadily jumping the rankings from its tenth spot in 2007 and ninth spot in 2008.

U.S. News uses peer assessment, graduation and retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance to define each college or university’s academic qualities for its rank. Peer assessment holds a 25 percent weight in the rankings and RWU was ranked fifth among and by its peers.

“I don’t put much weight into rankings but it is a source of great pride for students and alumni.” Nirghel said.

Ranking is a factor that helps

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Eve 6 concert kicks off fall semester with a bang

Sarah Courrage
Managing Editor

Approximately 1,500 students turned out for the fall concert enjoying the nice weather, the little Shabazz, free food and entertaining bands.

The concert, sponsored by Campus Entertainment Network (CEN), featured the Josh Cramo Band and popular late 90’s band Eve 6.

The Josh Cramo Band opened the concert playing their own music but also some classics that the crowd knew and loved.

They played the theme song to ‘Fresh Prince of Bel’Air,’ Britney Spears’ ‘Hit Me Baby One More Time’ and others.

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Senior student involved with Community Connections on August 29 help put out a small fire that occurred in an area of the beach to another in order to create a sand dome for the birds who live there. RWU students went all over Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts volunteering at various locations in a day of service.

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“Blessing is looking into the threat of messages that had been made on campus. Within a matter of days, rumors started to spread. King sent out another e-mail Tuesday, Sept. 2."

The perpetrator of the above messages (five in all) was a student who served Student Senate as Treasurer during the spring 2008 semester. In addition, this same student was one of two self-selected target-victims of the hate messaging. The other being the President-elect of the Student Senate, the e-mail read.

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Community reacts to “Not on our campus”

Shaken by the events that took place last semester when former Student Senate Treasurer Sahvant Baxi perpetuated hate crimes that threatened the lives of RWU students, a group of concerned students decided to take action.

Students for Change (S4C), a cohort of students who speak out against racists and preju­dices on and off campus, formed in retaliation to the hate crimes that negatively impacted many students on campus.

"What bothered me most was not actions taken out by a few individuals but the lack of action taken out by the majority of pres­sure," junior Sarah Janeczek said.

Last semester, S4C sponsored a peaceful assembly to bring together students in order to discuss the issues at hand.

"We had a good turn out at the rally last year, but we decided that having a rally just wasn't good enough," sophomore Alejandro Cross said.

Over the summer, S4C worked on the "Not on Our Campus" campaign, consisting of posters, black awareness bracelets and the planning of a peaceful assembly which will occur at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

"The goal is to start the year off with a positive attitude," junior Noelle Allard said. "We do not want to forget about the events that happened last year but instead start off the year with a clean slate."

Many students welcome the proactive attitudes of S4C, including those students personally affected by the events of last semester.

"We have a long way to go to be perfected; however, you must be people trying," sophomore and former Student Senator Lauren Elliott said. "These issues need to be addressed and I am glad that someone is finally taking them on and willing to handle them. There is no more silence or toler­ance."

Some students, however, do not accept the mission of the S4C with as much enthusiasm.

"I think they are too preachy," freshman Conor Lee said. "I am not upset a university, which is what hap­pened here," Blessing said in regard to the hate crimes that took place last sem­ester. "Any type of bias or prejudice is inappropriate, unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Playing on campus was another issue Blessing commented on.

"On my first day, I observed the lack of parking in the center of campus, that was evident right away. It is a perfect parking area for every­one to drive around and look for the closest spot."

Blessing also hopes to create in­ternships for students in the Criminal Justice program with Public Safety, improve the web page and work more closely with students, he said.

"I am impressed, however, with the student leaders on this campus, like the SAs and RA's. They seem to be very in­volved and care about the university," Blessing said. "RWU seems like a true community, especially since stu­dents have moved back to campus."

Moffat, a retired R.I. Police Lieu­tenant, received a Bachelor's degree from RWU in administration of justice.

She and Blessing both graduated from the State Police Academy, and Moffat cites this as a reason they work well to­gether.

"Blessing is almost like a brother," Moffat said.

While working as the Associate Di­rector of Public Safety, Moffat hopes to change the climate of the campus through serving as a co-chair on the Bias Response Team, as well as lessening the drinking that occurs on cam­pus.

"I know [alcohol] is a problem that won't go away completely, but we want to curb it as best we can for the safe­ty of the students. It is important for students to respect themselves and the community," Moffat said. "We will work on restructuring the department so officers are more of a visible deter­rent for incidents involving alcohol."

As a woman, Moffat also hopes to teach other women on campus to protect themselves from being assaulted in any way.

Overall, both Blessing and Moffat realize the importance of being avail­able to students on a college campus.

"Our goal is to create a safe and en­joyable campus for students, faculty and staff," Blessing said. "College was one of the best experiences of my life and I am free to help make this true for others as best I can."

Assistant Director of Public Safety Pamela Modif, said that the con­cept of the BRT was in fruition before the events of second semester last school year occurred.

"Inclusive excellence has been an initiative of the president for at least two years," McMahon said. "Depend­ing on what people call for, the focus takes on different forms."

According to the Bias Response Team Mission, some of the goals in­clude "developing clear reporting mechanisms/procedures."

"The form is similar to a sexual assault reporting form," Dean of Stud­ent Kathleen McMahon said. "It will serve as a clear data collecting proce­dure."

Another goal aims to "provide training for the University Commu­nity," a mission that the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) will help facilitate through leadership training on Saturday, September 13.

With a number of initiatives put in place in order to combat discrimi­nation on campus, the future of toler­ance at RWU is moving in the right direction.

"There is hatred, violence, and racism in the world but it doesn’t have to exist in our world, our home. I am willing to do whatever necessary to keep RWU a safe community," Elliott said. "The happenings of last seme­ster were hard to deal with but I will all made it through. Together."
**BAXI: Student leader expelled**

**Timeline of Events**

**May 1, 2008**: Note on Senate door containing racial slur and threats to Baxi. Later that night there was a letter delivered to Senate mailbox.

**May 2, 2008**: Early evening a hate message was written on Baxi's door tag. A letter was created and left under Baxi's door.

**May 5, 2008**: Early morning another letter was received in the Senate mailbox containing racial slurs and threats to Merschen-Perez and Baxi.

**May 7, 2008**: Mid-afternoon a letter was delivered to the Senate mailbox. Interview with Baxi VP-John King. Interim Director of Public Safety and other Public Safety Personnel were present.

Baxi offered confession after questions were asked. Foti's comment was not recorded.

**May 8, 2008**: Just after Midnight John King escorted Baxi off campus. An arrest was made.

**May 9, 2008**: Baxi's bearing took place at 9 a.m. Team CARE was informed.

The students received an email saying the situation had been handled. June 4, 2008: Baxi's hearing took place. 

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Getting back into it!
Don't let stress trip you up in the fall
Ashley Wilcox

After a long summer spent on sandy beaches and relaxing vacations, it's time to trade in the bathing suits and beach towels for stacks of textbooks and binders. Suddenly slammed with new classes, new faces, and the new responsibilities of a new school year, jumping back into a typical school routine can seem nothing short of a death sentence to many college students. However, there is hope in dealing with the stress of back to school blues.

According to Brown University's Health Education website, there are a variety of techniques students can use to cope with stress and anxiety and get back on the path to success.

1. Have a positive attitude! Turning around negative ideas and training yourself to focus on positive ones can aid in reducing tension and reaching goals.

2. Use your support network. Whether you have a friend or family member, or seeking out advice from a staff member or mentor, expressing your feelings is a great stress reliever.

3. Practice managing your time effectively. This can be done by planning your week around things that can be stressful. Making to-do lists as a way to visualize and prioritize what needs to be completed first and what can be finished last is a great way to help manage time.

4. Take a break! Even if you have to schedule it in, a 20-minute break can give you just the extra boost you need to re-focus your efforts.

5. Know and learn your limits, and don't overcommit. Don't be afraid to say no if you don't have the time to be a part of a certain group on campus or to go out with a friend for the night. You are only one person!

6. Begin a healthy lifestyle. By exercising regularly, keeping alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco use to a minimum, and adding a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains to your diet, your overall health and level of stress resistance can improve.

7. Get help! Research studies show that people should get at least eight hours of sleep a night. Especially college students. Sleep deprivation greatly reduces daytime function, increases tension and anxiety, and in turn, can have a negative affect on a student's ability to grasp new material or perform well in class.

So don't let stress get you down! Keep these helpful tips in mind and let's all enjoy another great year at RWU!

CONCERT: 'Here's to the' fall semester

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One More Time which he claimed was "close to all their hearts."

For their second set while Eve 6 finished getting ready to go onstage, students went up to the stage to dance and get close to the band.

Students enjoyed Eve 6 classics like "Here's to the Night" and "Inside Out."

According to lead singer, Max Collins, "Here's to the Night" was not intended to be a graduation song. He said that it actually originated on his way to buy his girlfriend's wedding dress at the consignment store.

After a three-year hiatus, Eve 6 played new songs off of a new album, which, according to their website, is still in the works.

Kicking off the fall semester

Lori Richardson

Peering into a friend's room, remember sleeping in the room, studying with friends. However, microwave, what was once a residence hall, is now office space, and the former Arch. But now, as his dorm into classrooms, the reasoning is: "I just want to make the building living there?" he says.

As constructed in the 1930s, the current Arch is the result of several conversions into offices. A crisis, and you live on the first floor of the Arch. The 10 South will be converted into offices, and its suites down the hall of many walls line the corridors. The result was student organizations. Several rooms converted into offices, and the dorm is also a member of Global and Nike will be.

From top left: Students help clean up the shoreline throughout southern Rhode Island. The Hawk's Wire dining hall prepared for the fall concert.

Students stand at the gate while Eve 6 and the Josh Crammog Band perform at the fall concert Sunday evening.

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Life: I used to live in Nike

Director of Housing, Tony Montefiasco, had some insight on why classrooms were moved to Nike this year. "We had to replace all classrooms in NAB and after researching it was less expensive to convert Nike into an academic hall than to rent trailers."

Some students were confused with the switch to having classrooms in Nike. Journalism Professor Michael Scully teaches a class in the building and said that the first day I had a kid walk into my class and ask if this was Calc III. The long walk may have some students groaning, but the change is also definitely positive for some students reminiscent of Nike.

Kari Pohl, Senior, was an HRA of Nike last year and also now sits in a classroom where she used to watch movies all the time. But she is happy with the improvements. I am glad that they didn’t knock it down because it is a historic building. Although this change is relevant for Gallager and students alike, Gallager also admits that he is overall glad because one of the oldest buildings on campus was renovated to a nice place for students. He reflected, "I like it and am happy with what they did."

Housing lottery changes to merit system

The housing selection process will change from a random lottery to a merit lottery for freshmen this year. The selection process will give merits to students who "positively contribute to our campus community."

Gaining Points

- Students can gain a maximum of 5 points total.
- Participating in Hall Council
- Soar Leadership
- Club and organization involvement
- Athletic participation
- College committee work
- 10 hours of community service
- Attendance at civil discourse lectures
- Perfect FYS attendance
- Studying abroad
- Honors Program
- On-campus work, off-campus jobs, and non-credit internships
- Attendance at 3 merit programs

Deducting Points

Students can have points deducted and they cannot be regained. - Student misconduct - Students will lose one merit point each time they are found responsible for violating university policies - Temporary loss of residency - Failure to complete sanctions on time - High damage bills for their living areas

For more on the merit lottery, check next week’s issue

Have an opinion on the new lottery? Email us at opinion.hawksherald@gmail.com with an editorial.
In Our Opinion
"Silent Justice?"

At the end of last semester the school and campus in general learned how we were terrorized by various bisexual, gay, and lesbian students. Many students struggled through the last few weeks of school and then finals, these same men and women chose to abuse their power.

We as a community would be told to come forward with our stories and events in the hope that the people responsible would be caught. There were multiple e-mails from students that said for people to be vigilant and catch those responsible. It was apparent to everyone on campus that the vandalism was being taken very seriously and that those responsible would be punished.

While it has been reported that five of the events were the result of one student, hardly eight other hate crimes remain unsolved. Or are they?

We know that there are at least eight other hate crimes that occurred last semester have not been solved. The real question now is whether or not these students are still around campus.

The malicious nature of the crime makes it seem even more sinister. It is chilling to not even have a lot of unanswered questions for a campus that was held captive by their actions.

Where were the people responsible arrested? Did the school, the police, or the university caught them? The actions were not only deemed unacceptable, but the university is staying silent on the identities of the people who worked, lived and attended school during that time.

Legal ramifications make the university seem more guilty than in any other case. However, we were informed that the legal ramifications of this crime may not be too serious. This would allow students to at least point to the RWU and say it was something they did not condone.

The Hawk's Herald

In the October 12, 2007 issue of The Hawk's Herald I commented on the lack of respect the students at RWU showed child actress Ishtar Mehl Bob when he chose to show his hair and clothing at clothing at aDVD rental. In a response to my comment, online, Ishtar Mehl Bob wrote that her arrival to the university was a forum for students for change.

I wasn't just writing to vent or to get a reaction from the RWU community. This is the actions we partake in as individuals reflect on us as students as a whole.

I feel like I am suffering from deja vu. Recently, I noticed that the September 12, 2007, issue of The Hawk's Herald did not have the usual "Letters." Upon further reading, I found out that there is a forum for students for change.

I was a part of the group that was invited to participate, and now that I am a part of the group, I find strange that some students also choose not to participate. I do not feel that I am aiding the cause that I hope to promote. I am a part of the group that is doing nothing to help the cause.

Step away, freshmen. This is your campus for the next four years, and you will dictate how it is shaped. Step up, freshmen, and realize that college is more than just partying and drinking. You can make a difference in this world.

Don't get me wrong; I do believe that the majority of RWU can do so. I was intrigued by his provocations of ideas and assertions. I was excited to see a reaction from the student body. While I sat in the fourth row closest to the stage with a number of upper classmen, however, I began to see the night slide. Afterwards, I thought that maybe students could contribute to this cause, believing that students were the most vocal and the most influential in the student body.

I feel like it is a privilege to entertain the thoughts of a group of people. I know there are people who know their head, and by wearing the proper attire to even walk my street, I think I will stick to observing the wonders of the city outside my back to your apartment half a mile away. Sleeping.

The Hawk's Herald

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SOCCER: Hawks split opening weekend games

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they would face up against Bridgewater State College who prevailed over the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy 2-1 to earn a spot in the finals.

The Hawks were stymied offensively in the championship match; unable to find the net they lost the kickoff final 2-0.

It was a hard fought game from start to finish, with much of the game being played in the midfield. Neither team recorded many scoring opportunities in the first half of play but there were 21 fouls called in the first 45 minutes.

Bridgewater State came out firing in the second half receiving an immediate goal from the offensive MVP of the tournament Donald Flores from 25 yards out. This was followed by another goal in the 66th minute off the foot of Jon Nutting, assisted by Flores. Bears' goalie Ryan Seifert (Ludlow, Mass.), who was also named defensive MVP of the tournament, needed to make only one save on the day to earn the shutout.

Freshman Archie Maoh, along with Saccoccio and Falconer were recognized for their exceptional play in the two matches and named to the Turfer All Tournament team.

RWU (1-1) will be in action next when they host Wheaton College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Reaches final in preseason tournament

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Connecticut State
RWU, continuing with their streak of slow starts, dropped the first match 21-25. Although similar to their previous tournament games they woke up and made a statement, winning the next three matches 25-17, 25-17, and 25-18 taking the game and improving to 5-1.

Dion shined once again hitting .582 with 15 kills and 2 solo blocks. She received great help from her teammate Beaworth who had 26 assists in the game.

Sophomore Jill Hard, sophomore Brittany Sullivan, and sophomore Eileen O'Leary all helped out on the defensive side posting 21, 17, and 14 digs respectively.

The Hawks will have a chance to avenge their only loss of the season thus far when Rivier College, along with Amherst College and the University of New England travel to Bristol for the Roger Williams Invitational Tournament this Saturday at 11 a.m.
Men’s Soccer Hosts Turfer Classic

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University men’s soccer team opened up their season this past weekend playing host to schools from around the area in the Fourth Annual Turfer Classic.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Hawks came out strong and dominated their opponents from St. Joseph’s College (NY), winning 6-1.

The scoring got underway early as sophomore midfielder Michael Patriarca put away a hard shot into the right corner of the goal, giving RWU a lead they would not relinquish just two minutes into the game.

It was sophomore Jared Falconer, though, who stole the show in his first ever victory, finding the goal on midfielders Michael Patriarca and short). Two of the matches came off on three occasions. Two of Falconer’s goals came off assists from sophomore D.J. Hunter, who tallied three assists on the day. Dan Saccone, a senior co-captain for the Hawks, also scored two goals in the offensive clinic put on by RWU.

Sophomore goalkeeper Peter Plate played the first 78 minutes of the game, recording four saves and allowing one goal, which was scored by the Golden Eagles Adam Rodgers early in the second half. Freshman Alexander Jackson closed out the game in net for the Hawks recording one save in his short time in goal.

The win sent RWU to the championship game of the Turfer Classic where they will be playing host to the Regis Pride Invitational/Tournament this past weekend.

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Mr. Ida College was RWU’s second opponent and although the Hawks dropped the first set 25-23, they were able to rally back to take the next three sets. Junior Kristina Dolan had nine kills and five blocks, three of them solo. Sophomore Jill Hurd had 15 digs in the three 25-14, 25-16, and 25-19 wins.

The Hawks’ third matchup came against the host school Regis College where they again dropped the opening game only to reassemble and string together three straight wins. Freshman Michaela Ross had six kills in 17 attempts and the team won their three decisions 25-18, 25-16, and 25-16.

In a semifinal matchup against St. Joe’s (Maine) Dolan led the way once again posting 11 kills and zero errors. The Hawks took the game 3-1 with wins of 25-11, 25-15, and 25-10. Senior Kristen Bosworth had nine service aces and 23 assists.

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Women’s Volleyball

gets of to hot start

Women’s soccer falls to Wheaton in season opener

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University women’s soccer team opened up their season against a strong opponent at Wheaton College Friday. The Hawks played well and battled hard but were unable to find the back of the net, falling to the Lyons 1-0.

Wheaton, whose scoring offense was ranked third in the nation in 2007, came out firing in the first half of play putting 12 shots on goal. Junior goalkeeper Jen Garasie came up big time and time again constantly denying Lyons sophomore forward Melinda Alvarez and keeping the Hawks in the game.

RWU found some offensive production in the second half, finding ways to move the ball and create opportunities. Freshman forward Laurin Pendleton challenged the Wheaton defense striking four shots on goal.

It was only a matter of time before the constant attack of the Lyons found a hole in the Hawks’ defense. This is exactly what happened in the 54th minute when junior midfielder Rosie Levy played a ball through to Alvarez drawing Garasie off her line and allowing Alvarez to chip the ball into the net. After the goal Wheaton was able to play a more defensive game, stifling the RWU offense.

The lost leaves RWU with a 0-1 record on the year while Wheaton moved to 1-0. The women’s soccer team will take the field next on Thursday at 4 p.m. when they host UMass-Dartmouth.

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News & Notes

The Roger Williams University men’s and women’s cross country team found victory in their first meet of the year against L Emmanuel College on Saturday.

Nine of the top ten spots were filled by RWU runners and the Hawks were dominant on the three-mile course.

Senior Alex Parulis finished first with a time of 18:07 and 18:13 respectively. The Hawks also had the top three women runners and the Hawks were dominant on the three-mile course.

Other RWU Finishing Times:

Men

Place Name Time
1. Andrew Gallant 18:14
2. Tim Syranton 18:22

Women

Place Name Time
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2. Lauren Ashley 22:14

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News & Notes

The Roger Williams University men’s and women’s cross country team found victory in their first meet of the year against Lassell College on Saturday.

Nine of the top ten spots were filled by RWU runners and the Hawks were dominant on the three-mile course.

Senior Alex Parulis finished first with a time of 18:07 followed by sophomore teammates Thomas Maybury and Jonathan Ellis with times of 18:12 and 18:13 respectively.

The Hawks also had the top three women runners to cross the line with Senior Megan Fish, leading the way at 21:04 and Junior Susan Thaxter and Senior EmilyBone not far behind at 21:04 and 22:22 respectively.

The RWU Cross Country team will be in action again when they take part in the Trinity Invitational on Saturday.

Other RWU Finishing Times:

Men

Place Name Time
5. Andrew Gallant 18:14
6. Tim Syranton 18:22

Women

Place Name Time
23. Alyssa Donovan 22:10
24. Lauren Ashley 22:14

The Hawks were able to assemble and string together three straight wins. Freshman Michaela Ross had six kills in 17 attempts and the team won their three decisions 25-18, 25-16, and 25-16.

In a semifinal matchup against St. Joe’s (Maine) Dolan led the way once again posting 11 kills and zero errors. The Hawks took the game 3-1 with wins of 25-11, 25-15, and 25-10. Senior Kristen Bosworth had nine service aces and 23 assists.

Their four wins propelled them into the championship match with also undefeated Rivier College. On this occasion the Hawks were not able to rebound from a first set loss, dropping three straight sets 25-15, 25-16, and 25-16.

Dolan’s exceptional play throughout the tournament earned her a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Following their tournament play the Hawks returned to the hardwood when they traveled to Eastern