Bristol, RI

‘Working Poor’ author speaks on campus
Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

The economy is hanging on the brink of collapse, Wall Street has seen its worst day since ’91, and with money tight and families strapped, we are beginning to see the deterioration of the middle class.


“The poverty line is not a very clear line any more,” Schipper said in an interview this week.

On Wednesday, Schipper came to campus to speak with the freshman class, which was assigned to read his book over the summer. Schipper attended two classes at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., ate lunch with students and faculty at Bristol’s Good Neighbors Soup Kitchen and gave a speech to the student body that evening.

Schipper’s book tells the stories of people struggling to get by on middle wage salaries.

“I was hoping to shake people up a little and make them rethink their assumptions,” Schipper said.

Schipper said many people attribute the problem of the working poor directly to highly competitive markets or family problems. Schipper argues that the problem is actually due to a combination of different elements.

“Societal failures have caused the Working Poor,” Schipper wrote in his book, “to hold a large event for several students to bring in other student leaders on campus and talk about each fall geared toward the freshmen."

Jared Campbell, senior who was interviewed at the Hawk’s Nest last spring, when the administration enacted a new smoking regulation that required all smokers to use designated areas, said most students simply disregarded the policy.

Last year, for the most part, the construction of the gazebos upset most smokers and therefore remained deserted. Upon hearing the new smoking rules, a RWU senior who requested anonymity described his lack of concern over abiding by them.

“ать, I didn’t really care,” he said. “I thought I’d be able to go to where I want to smoke. I don’t live on campus, but even when I’m on campus, I never use the gazebos.”

With the arrival of the class of 2012, however, the gazebos have become spots where students not only smoke, but also socialize and meet new people. On nearly any day of the week, the gazebos surrounding freshmen housing are overflowing with smokers.

“The gazebos are how I met people when I first came to college,” said freshman Kyle Allen, who was interviewed at the gazebo between Cedar and WQRI.

Freshman favorite regulations
Ashley Wilcox
Asst. Features Editor

A musician who performed at freshman orientation over the summer will make a return visit to campus next week.

The Student Advocates will sponsor a concert at the Hawk’s Nest on Sept. 29 featuring Jared Campbell, an acoustic guitarist who played at outdoor concerts at the freshmen orientations this past summer.

“I started listening to him on MySpace a lot and I really like him,” student advocate Kelly Ahern said. “I’d say he’s sort of like a John Mayer.”

Back by popular demand, Ahern says many freshmen had inquired about Campbell and had shown a great deal of interest in him at his summer performances.

“The Student Advocates usually try to hold a large event each fall geared toward freshmen,” said Jana Clark, also an advocate.

“Bringing Jared back seemed like a nice way to accomplish that.”

In addition to a musical performance, there will also be tables set up around the Hawk’s Nest where attendees will have the opportunity to talk to Student Advocates, other student leaders on campus and to learn some helpful tips about effective time management.

“We just really want to help the students be able to balance their time but also to be able to have a social life and get involved and really make the most out of their college experiences,” Ahern said. “It’s a good way to get the freshmen to come back out, hang out with their friends and just enjoy the concert.”

Although the event is geared toward the freshmen, the concert is open to all students on campus. Anyone who wants to listen to the performance or pick up some helpful time management pointers is more than welcome to attend.

“We hope a lot of people come,” said Ahern. “Even if they just come and hang out for a few minutes.”

And Clark couldn’t agree more.

“Romantic Poet, Horace, wrote under the belief that art should instruct as well as delight. If our event meets both of those goals, it will be a success,” Clark said.

Mark your calendars and swoop into the Hawk’s Nest Monday night at 6:30 p.m. to take a break from homework and studying, or to just relax with some good company and enjoy a night of music.

The Hawk’s Herald and WQRI are cosponsoring the event.

‘Alcohol overdose’
Record number of students brought to local hospitals night of Chameleon Club
Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor

More students than ever before were transported from campus to local hospitals after excessive alcohol consumption Friday night, placing stress on the Town of Bristol’s resources, town officials said.

Bristol’s rescue resources had to make multiple trips to bring several students to hospitals before and during Chameleon Club.

“I don’t know what it was. Kids, their first time away from home, maybe they got a taste of alcohol and didn’t stop.”

Bristol Fire Chief Robert Martin

The previous record for hospital transports in one night was six, October 2007.

Seven students were transported before Friday night’s Woodstock-themed Chameleon Club began. The other four were transported after the event.

The memorial for Timothy MacLeod took place Wednesday honoring and remembering the RWU student who died last week in a car accident.

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CLUB Administration discusses possible changes for Chameleon Club

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event started.

We had 1,400 students there, the majority of which were having a good
time,” Von George said.

"From CEN’s perspective, Chameleon Club was a successful
event,” Greatens Streiff, Assistant
Director of Student Programs and Leadership and Campus Entertain-
ment Network adviser, said.

"I think the event needs to be looked at whether or not we can con-
tinue, whether or not they should con-
tinue, needs to be looked at. It seems
obviously this is an unacceptable, risky
situation and we need to change the
way we view alcohol,” King said.

I’m not prepared to say yet whether they’re going to be discon-
tinued or whether they’re going to be contin-
ued, but certainly under any
magnitudes, changes have to happen,
both within the culture and within the
pre-event expectations,” King said.

Student Affairs and Public Safety
have had continued concerns about the
pre-drinking behavior and cus-
toms related to these annual events for a number of years and have
worked independently since the CEN and
the town toward improving associat-
ed behavior and safety - with limited
success,” King said.

There is a continuous amount of planning that goes into every
CEN event, and CEN takes their role very seri-
ously with many students involved in
staffing the event,” King said.

Chameleon Club costs $14,365.
2,450 to put on, according to a report
Von George and Gordon Wood,
Managers of Event Operations.

Having extra personnel on cam-
pus for Chameleon Club nights at the
university, $6,062. This number
includes payment for Student Pro-
duction employment, leadership work
students, Stage Crew and Concierege Pegasus students, a six-member police
detail, a Public Safety officer, six
rescue personnel from the Bristol Fire
Department, and an administrative
assistant from Student Programs and
Leadership and one CORE.

The rescue crews (police, public
safety and rescue personnel) alone,
cost $2,652.

SMORE: Students utilizing gazebos

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May Hall, “If I ever quit smoking,
I’m still going to come here,” he
added.

Freshman smokers have been
embracing the gazebos, their only
complaint being that too few are on
campus and that they are not spacious
enough. “It’s just not a very
pleasant experience,” said Allen. “Just
they need to be big-
ger. The gazebos need a lot of
phone, maybe a space heater for the winter.”

The gazebos have even begun
to form their own distinct cultures and
social norms. For instance, the
gazebo located between Cedar and
Pine halls, popularly known as “smoking
der” has sometimes spending more than a half
an hour speaking with each other.

The near to Architecture, Blair and
Commons, on the other hand, is use-
dominantly by students who need a
quiet cigarette break.

Each gazebo also has its standard
of acceptable behavior. In some, the
regular visitors would be appalled if
deemed to dispose of an empty
pack of cigarettes in the large, flow-
eroot ashtray in the center of the

WQRI back on air

Summit’s Law
Herald Staff

WQRI is officially back on the air
as of September 17, bringing the cam-
pus and the surrounding community
music. The radio antennas had to be
removed from their location near NAB
due to construction and is now locat-
ed near the Intercollegiate Center.

According to General Manager
Dominic Lombardi and Program Di-
tector Tucker Silva, WQRI was sup-
posed to be back on the air on Aug.
22.

However, WQRI was not official-
ly back on the air until September 17,
resulting in almost a full month of de-
lays due to miscommunication, and
uncertainty with the process of mov-
ing the radio mast. "Not one person
will be blamed for the delay’ because
a lot of people were unsure of the
process,” Silva said.

"Most of the errors were out of our
hands in which we were not re-
sponsible for,” Silva said.

The impact of WQRI being off the
air for that long has negatively impacted their organi-
ization as a whole. WQRI is not a
radio station just for the Roger
Williams community, but to Bristol
and surrounding towns as well. Lon-
bardi said WQRI has a “200,000 po-
tential listener base” not including
their online stream that could reach out
to the international students fam-
ilies from across the world.

WQRI is now doing more promo-
tion to inform the Bristol community
and Roger Williams students that
WQRI is back on the air. Due to the
time and air time some of their listener base
may not have known WQRI is back.

WQRI is trying to change their
way of programming by diversify
their programs as well as be an
educational radio station. However,
the many delays have caused program-
ning issues.

"The delay of WQRI being off the
air naturally threw off our schedule,” Silva
said.

At the moment there is no set
program because of the many ad-
ministrative and changes to the radio station, char-
Tacks. Due to changes over the sum-
mer there has been little opportunity to
train the DJs.

Silva said, "The delay also put
us in stress as DJ’s and"
and “If we trained them while
we were off air, the training session
would simply be ineffective.”

WQRI is now back on the air,
"We’re preparing for the new
system and the new programing in
the gazebos. upperclassmen smokers
are friends or just interested in the
future smokers may find it more

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Pizza and Pompeii

Pompeii, 79 AD

As we went down the neighborhood, the newspapers, the headlines, the liars would read "Coastal resort town roiled by volcanic eruption. What we speak of is the famous story of Pompeii, a Roman town on the-winning side during the eruption that buried it. However, we made it to a book store and bought a book about Pompeii. It was interesting to find out that both sides have three components that were involved in the story. It was a book about the eruption and the people's response to it. It was a book about the ruins and the artifacts that were left behind.

In the late afternoon, we went back on the train again. After an enjoyable ride, we arrived in the coastal town of Sorrento. We found our hotel and went to a restaurant that was on the other side of the town. We ate pizza and drank wine. The pizza was served with a big glass of red wine. The wine was quite good and made us feel relaxed.

The next morning, we went up on the platform waiting for our ride that would bring us to the gates of Pompeii. We arrived around 10:00, made our way through the kiosk, got our maps and head up the ramps to 19 B. It was a bit crowded, but there were so many people that it was easy to get through. We decided to explore Pompeii in the full part of the day, so we started at the top of the hill.

When we left Pompeii, we found the pizzeria and experienced the first pizza on the way back. It was a cheese pizza, and it was delicious. We couldn't help but eat more, and we were happy to have more. We ended up at the railway station and got on the train.

In Ben's words, it was the epitome of pizza. The crust was soft and chewy, but thin so that you could see through it. We ordered our pizza and drank wine. It was a perfect way to end our day.

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Senate brief: New staff, appointments approved

Eyle Toomey

Senate brief

Student Senator

Senate passed four bills on Monday regarding allocation of money as well as appointments of new senators. The first bill altered the bylaws of the RWU Student Senate regarding the issue of reallocating money within clubs and organizations. The Senate believed that the bylaw prior to its alteration had not been clear enough. The Senate will have to stand before the Senate's Finance Committee in order to seek approval on reallocating more money.

The next bill approved a one-year trial of a new van policy. The Athletic Department proposed the new policy which combines Intercultural, Senate, and Athletics vans under the same supervision. Under the new van policy, clubs and organizations would still have priority of the Senate while the Athletic Department assumes the responsibility of maintaining and keeping the vehicles. The final two bills that were passed had to do with appointing new senators.

The Senate officially accepted the resignation of Senator纠纷 Yosemite despite having been asked to step down from the Campus Entertainment Network and for alcohol in fraternities earlier this month. McGrath was voted in as well.

He will start his tenure in the Senate with a number of automatic elements, an action the Senate determined was fair and appropriate.

McGrath was still considered just as good a candidate as Goat or any other Senator. Both new senators are from the classes of 2010.

Senate President Alicia Mancheno-Pereira enacted a three second recess in order for the new senators to officially sit in their places and finish the meeting.

BOOK: Author speaks about socio-economic diversity

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Schipper went on to say that ruthless private markets also play a part. According to Schipper, the working poor is a bipartisan problem.

"Both the left and the right are right about the working poor," he said, "but I don't think that both sides have significant interests in correcting the problem. Schipper said the problem is the working poor in America's high unorganized.

"Society is just not generally attuned to the situation," said Schipper. "Unless they are a part of the working class, people don't understand the problems that these families deal with. Your world shrinks dramatically when you are living paycheck to paycheck.

Today, the markets are highly competitive, and the working poor are put in the position of low-skilled workers, according to Schipper.

"I think there is a sense of concern that we would not employ unequal labor in the United States when we can employ it cheaper, even paid workers of other countries. It is more economical to have the people work for the cheapest human possible, he said.

Schipper said he wanted his audience to understand why the working poor are more likely to suffer from poverty in our nation's capital.

For example, Schipper said, "The lose money we spend on children, the more we expect to see economic growth. According to Schipper, if we don't nurture our youth, then we will deal with a bigger problem when they grow older.

Schipper said the poor working class affects every class of people whether or not they choose to accept it. The book examines the ways people remote from the problem are affected by it. I'm hoping that people back home from the book thinking they have a selfish interest in solving the problem," Schipper.

Schipper was eager to speak with students because he said he believed they lay on both sides of the problem. "College audiences are very often socio-economically diverse," said Schipper. "Some college students will take away a new understanding of the book while the other hand, students relying on financial aid will be able to relate to the story.

In the book, Schipper follows a few families and tries to understand how they are affected by poverty and how they got to that point.

The people Schipper followed and even the ones he encountered only once were quite representative of certain problems. Schipper said he found anecdotes that are extreme but that are very representative.

Schipper has always had a tremendous interest in the problem of poverty in America and has used the book as a statement that it is important to help the working poor.

"I am on a quest to understand my own country," Schipper said.

Schipper will embark on the next quest with a book about civil liberties.
In Our Opinion

Contribute to Civil discourse on campus

It seems that were ever you go on campus you hear someone talking about something that bothers or annoys them.

As college students, we are a rather opinionated group of people. We all have something to say, but how often is something we have to say heard?

This opinion page was created because the paper staff, especially the editors, realized the need for a space to put student opinions and thoughts on various topics. This page was made for you as members of the university community. It is their hope that now this page has been filled with the thoughts and opinions of those of us who write on the page, we will want to section to more than that.

Don't want to have to write these pages week after week, we want the University community to fill it with ideas, thoughts and opinions.

It is our goal to have this page have a life of its own. It should inspire conversation and civil discourse about the contents of the page.

It should also be a place to examine the opinions of others and to make up your own mind.

If you have an opinion about something you really feel strongly about, why not share your opinion with the rest of the community? These pages are open to all students who are willing to share their thoughts and opinions with the community.

Do you have an opinion?

Political Instability in South Africa

Amy Torregrossa
Notes from South Africa

Driving down the roads in Stellenbosch, I notice my seatbelt is broken in this beat up Volkswagen Chico. I take a deep breath and try to ignore the car, that keeps running through my head. South Africa holds the prize for the most deaths by car accidents in Africa, or so I was told. I'm on my way to a...
They like to ride their bicycles

In tough economy, two wheels better than four, students say

Lorin Richardson
Asst. Features Editor

Bike gangs are growing all around campus. And we're not talking about your typical guys with long hair, Harley Davidson jackets, and motorcycles. We're talking about biking, riding around campus to get to class, and parking that bike not in a spot, but at a rack.

It's obvious that bicycles are becoming more popular with people who live off campus. This summer, the price of gasoline exceeded $4 in many areas throughout the country.

Christian Lancroix, a senior Architecture student, says that he used to ride his bike all the time for fun. Now he rides it to Baypoint to catch the shuttle. Gas prices were a factor.

"I lived a few miles away so I figured in the long run it would save me a lot of money," he said. Using bicycles can decrease pollution and tackle the issue of global warming. According to co2ocean.com, a "think green" Web site, pollution from cars is the worst pollution. Americans release 300 million gallons of gasoline into the atmosphere every single day, the site reports.

Some people have turned to bikes for other reasons, mainly parking; parking and parking.

Katharine Santalla, a fifth year grad student, says that a lot of people she knows don't even ride in cars anymore to avoid the walk.

"We all hate the parking situation," she says. "I actually don't even have a parking pass so I won't even drive into school anymore. I refuse."

With parking so tight around campus, even the bike racks are getting overcrowded. In fact, the bike rack next to the School of Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation is so full, students say are petitioning to get a new one.

If this hasn't convinced any off-campus commuters, the walk from J Lot certainly should.

Some students said that biking is a faster commute. Meredith McCarthy, an off-campus commuter, said she relates to the long walk.

"I find it takes the same amount of time to walk to J Lot from the architecture school, that it does to bike there from my apartment and I can do it at my own time whenever I feel like it."

Timing actually is a huge factor in riding bikes across campus.

Lindsey Brugger, a senior, decided over the summer to experiment to see which was faster transportation, a car or a bike.

"Over the summer I was walking out of the architecture building when my friend passed by on his bike, saying he'd race me to Amedea. My walk to J Lot gave him a good head start and when I finally made it to the CVS stop light, he was right there waiting to cross the street."

The benefits of riding bicycles from off campus are becoming more apparent, and all students interviewed said that they have noticed more students riding around on the streets.

"I know about six people who have started riding their bikes this year just because it's easier than driving and it just saves time and money," McCarthy said.

SNAKES

ON SOME STUDENTS

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Students get up close and personal with some snakes at Snakes Alive an event presented by the co-Spot at the Hawk's Nest Monday.
Senate “Did You Know?”

Did you know that Senator Jessica Adler has a phobia of trains?

Come see the softer side of Senate... Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers

Check us out at:
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Upcoming Games

Men's Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 27 vs. Colby Sawyer (CCC)
Tuesday, Sept. 30 @ Anna Maria College (CCC)
Women's Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 27 vs. Colby Sawyer (CCC)
Wednesday, October 1 @ Anna Maria College (CCC)
Women's Volleyball
Saturday, Sept. 27 @ Babson
Wednesday, October 1 vs. Endicott College (CCC)
Women's Tennis
Thursday, Sept. 25 @ Bridgewater State
Saturday, Sept. 27 vs. Colby Sawyer (CCC)
Men's Tennis
Thursday, Sept. 25 @ Williams College
Saturday, Sept. 27 @ Williams College
Men's & Women's Cross Country
Saturday October 4 @ Gordon College

Cross Country
Seaking Defenste of Title in 2008

Don Maklin
Herald Staff

It was a sunny and warm Saturday afternoon in New England this past week as the Roger Williams University men's and women's cross country team traveled to UMass Dartmouth for their Invitational.

Cross Country runners from more than 40 schools gathered in Massachusetts for the first major invitational of the year. Both cross country teams were confident and excited to compete in their second race of the season.

The men have won seven straight Commonwealth Coast Conference titles, while the women have won an unprecedented eight consecutive titles. Both teams seem very strong this year and have high aspirations and goals to accomplish this season.

The men are led by Kevin Clark, Alex Parulis and Tim O’Koren, who are all entering their fourth and final season as members of the team. On the women’s side of the track, senior captain Emily Bowe and Junior Captain Alyssa “All Day” Donovan lead a strong attack for the girls.

Three weeks after winning their debut against Lasell College, the men had another strong performance at this weekend’s invitational.

Senior Kevin Clark led the way for the Hawks and finished in 22nd place with a time of 26:52, followed by sophomore Jonathan Ellis, who finished in 16th with a time of 27:15. As a team, Roger Williams came in 12th place out of 36 schools with a collective time of 2:14:47. Keene State went on to win the invitational with a total time of 2:07:54.

The women also had another strong weekend and came away with a 16th place finish. Junior Susan Thaxter led the pack for the lady Hawks with a final time of 18:49 which put her in 77th place. Next up was senior Emily Bome who finished in 95th place with a time of 20:03. Senior Megan Fish clocked in at 20:37 coming in 116th place, while Junior Alyssa Donovan chugged her way to a 126th place finish with a time of 20:47.

MIT went on to win the 5K event, having four girls place in the top 20, while registering a total of 67 points.

Both teams look strong once again and feel like they can have yet another strong and competitive season.

“It was an all-around good race for both teams,” said women’s captain Donovan. “We started off strong and hopefully can continue to perform at a high level as the season progresses.”

All team members remain confident after this race and look forward to the remainder of the season. Next stop for both teams is the Pop Crowell Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4th at Gordon College.

News & Notes

The Roger Williams University Women’s Tennis team dropped a close 5-4 decision at Nichols College last week, but bounced back this weekend with a 7-2 win over Regis College.

In the win the Hawks were led by Senior Katie Wilmes and Freshman Amanda Wolfe who both won their singles matches without dropping a set. Junior Melissa Perry also earned her first win of the season in the #6 singles match.

Roger Williams University Women’s Tennis

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Roger Williams vs Nichols

Singles competition:
1. Jessica Porter (NC) def. Leah Ribchinsky (RWU) 6-2, 7-6, 1-0 (7-4)
2. Molly McGuire (NC) def. Lily Osowski (RWU) 7-5, 6-2
3. Chelsey Miller (NC) def. Katie Wilmes (RWU) 6-3, 6-1
4. Maria Balabanova (NC) def. Amanda Wolfe (RWU) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3
5. Katelin Richard (RWU) def. Kelsey Urbanetti (NC) 6-1, 6-1
6. Caitlin Osepchuk (RWU) def. Emily Levine (NC) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles competition:
1. Jessica Porter/Chelsey Miller (NC) def. Leah Ribchinsky/Lily Osowski (RWU) 6-0
2. Katelin Richard/Caitlin Osepchuk (RWU) def. Molly McGuire/Maria Balabanova (NC) 8-3
3. Kristin Dono/Amanda Wolfe (RWU) def. Emily Levine/Brittany Pope (NC) 8-6

Roger Williams vs Regis

Singles competition:
1. Megan McCarthy (RC) def. Leah Ribchinsky (RWU) 6-4, 6-2
2. Lily Osowski (RWU) def. Jessica Jeffery (RC) 6-3, 6-4
3. Katie Wilmes (RWU) def. Georgia Cowart (RC) 6-0, 6-0
4. Amanda Wolfe (RWU) def. Ally Kuchera (RC) 6-0, 6-0
5. Kristin Dono (RWU) def. Maryjane Barron (RC) 6-0, 6-0
6. Melissa Perry (RWU) def. Hsui-Yin Hsiao (RC) 6-1, 6-0
Sailing team ranked second nationally

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University Sailing team received its highest ranking in school history this past week, jumping all the way to second in the nation.

RWU had been ranked seventh prior to the season, but due to its outstanding performances thus far, Sailing World magazine has moved the Hawks to second. The only team ranked higher in the country is local rival Boston College.

The Hawks have participated in six regattas so far this season, capturing two wins. In the Southern Series One regatta that took place at Roger Williams, the host team swept both the A and B divisions.

The other win came when the team traveled to the Harry Anderson Trophy regatta at Yale University. The Hawks were led by a duo of senior sailors Matthew Duggan and Maria Petrillo, whose performances earned them the NEISA Sailors of the Week award.

The Hawks put their high ranking to the test for the first time in several different regattas this past weekend and did not disappoint, posting a win and two top-six finishes.

RWU followed up their Southern Series One win, capturing another victory in the Southern Series Two regatta hosted by Salve Regina University in Newport. Junior Greg Saunders and Freshman Fritz Stoni won two of their three races in the A Division bracket while junior Tucker Blagden and senior Joseph Strumolo won two races in the regatta B division.

The Hawks placed third in the Newman Trophy regatta at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. Petrillo and Duggan again teamed up to finish in the top six on five separate occasions, taking the A division’s fifth place overall. Sophomore Cy Thompson posted two wins and a third place finish in the regatta third division.

It was freshman Sean Bouchard and Emily Reich that led RWU in the Hatch Brown Trophy regatta, finishing in the top five in seven different races. Overall, the Hawks finished the event in sixth place bearing what were very tough conditions.

The last regatta the Hawks took part in this weekend was the Mrs. Hurri Rows hosted by Dartmouth, where the team again battled the elements all day long. RWU posted an eleventh place finish and was led by seniors Mease and Hall who finished first in two of their seven races.

Women’s Soccer beats pair of conference opponents

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University Women’s Soccer team won a pair of games this week against two tough Commonwealth Coast Conference opponents. Saturday, the Hawks took care of Curry College, 2-0, then edged past Gordon College in a 1-0 game on Tuesday.

It was the Freshman Laurin Pendleton and Katie Fusaro who led the way once again for the Hawks against Curry. Each forward found the back of the net in the game, Fusaro struck first in the 27th minute to give the Hawks an early lead. Pendleton scored the second goal in the 81st minute with a goal of her own.

Junior goalkeeper Jen Garside needed only three saves for the shutout.

In the Gordon game, RWU was held at bay for the majority of the match, and it was not until the 59th minute that the Hawks were able to break the scoreless tie and earn a hard fought victory.

Senior midfielder Kristen O’Gorman received a pass from Fusaro and beat the Fighting Scots’ goalkeeper to give the Hawks the late lead, and the win.

Garside was once again strong in net for the Hawks turning away two shots in her shutout victory.

Roger Williams (6-2-0, 3-1-0 CCC) will travel to Colby-Sawyer College for more action on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Award soon to be handed out for MLB M.V.P Cy Young

Dan Maklin
Herald Staff

The 2008 MLB season comes to a close this week, with the race for the MVP and Cy Young awards still up for grabs and no clear-cut leader in either league.

The MVP is the most prestigious award and one that should usually be given to a member of a winning team. The term MVP is one that should be used when discussing a player, who, without him, that team would struggle greatly and ultimately win less games. With that said, this year’s AL MVP should be the Boston Red Sox’s little man, second baseman Dustin Pedroia.

The Red Sox will continue on to the playoffs this year and a lot of that has to do with the emerging play of Mr. Pedroia. The Red Sox have played their best ball this year when Pedroia gets hot at the plate. Pedroia is currently batting .324, has 17 home runs and has scored a league-leading 116 runs. He is currently challenging Joe Carter for the batting title and if won, should easily make him the M.V.P.

Francisco Rodriguez, Pedroia’s biggest competitor will finish his record breaking season as the all-time saves leader. K-Rod passed Bobby Thigpen’s save record of 57, a record that had remained intact since 1990. A staggering case can be made that K-Rod truly is the most valuable member of any team this year. For example, he has had a hand in two out of every three Angels wins this year. It is clear that K-Rod has affected more wins than any other player, but it is still difficult to give the MVP to a closer.

The AL Cy Young award should be given to the Cleveland Indians starter Cliff Lee. Lee, not Rodriguez will win the award because the Cy Young should be given to a starter and not a closer. Sure, Eric “RGG” Gagne won it in 2004, but he had to remain perfect throughout the entire year and close down 55 of 55 games while posting a ridiculous 1.20 ERA.

Lee has had an amazing year going 22-2 with a 2.41 ERA. He has also done this while pitching for a losing team and-bangng back from a 5-8 season with a 6.29 ERA. His stats are outstanding and his commandary story is what will make him this year’s Cy Young winner.

The races are also very competitive in the NL and may be even closer than the ones going on in the AL.

The winner is difficult to pinpoint because no one is running away from the competition, making none of the choices a lock for the award.

However, there are four key favorites, which start with the St. Louis slinger, Albert Pujols. Pujols has been a monster all season and he also has played brilliant defense. He’s second in total bases, second in hits, fifth in home runs, ninth in RBIs, first in OPS and has the highest batting average in the league.

After posting these numbers, it is hard to base his MVP candidacy on his team not making the playoffs. With that said, he is the only Cardinal that deserves to win this award. However, the Cardinals don’t have any current job for next season.

The St. Louis right-hander Lance “The Puma” Berkman, the Mets’ Carlos Delgado and Ryan “Strikeout King” Howard all had very strong years, but their numbers are not on the same level as Pujols.

The NL Cy Young is also a close race between “Tiny” Tim Lincecum, Brandon Webb and CC “Cape. Crippum” Sabathia.

Lincecum is a special kid with great talent who deserves to win this year’s award. However, he will not win 20 games, while Webb already did. Furthermore, the San Francisco Giants play more like a little league team on offense and without Lincecum would have won less than 60 games. Lincecum leads the NL in strikeouts and ERA, and overall, has had the best statistical season. Webb and Sabathia will give him a run at the award but Lincecum should pre­vail as this year’s winner.

The race for MVP and Cy Young will remain up for grabs throughout the last week of the season. It will be interesting to see if any of the candidates can step it up and distance themselves from the rest of the pack.

This year’s race should be one of the most interesting finishes in recent memory, so sit back and enjoy the ride.