**Musician Jared Campbell (left) entertains a crowd in the Hawk's Nest Sept. 29 at a time management event sponsored by the Student Advocates. Campbell was accompanied by freshman Geoffrey Makowski on vocals.**

Administration cracks down on smoking policy, gives out citations and fines

Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor

Members of the administration and public safety are now enforcing the university smoking policy revised last January.

"First violations will result in a $50.00 fine and one hour of campus service. There will be no more warnings," an email from John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, said.

Failure to schedule campus service within one week will result in an additional $100 fine.

Administration and Public Safety handed out three citations last week, when they started enforcing the policy.

Citations are sometimes targeted with individuals looking for violators of the policy, and sometimes random, according to King.

It is the responsibility of those given citations to schedule their hour of campus service. Campus service must be scheduled within one week of the violation, and can be scheduled by emailing the Vice President of Student Affairs staff at smoking-policy@rwu.edu.

Service will entail picking up cigarette butts and other trash, according to King.

The revised smoking policy states in its revised form that anyone caught smoking will be be given citations to schedule an additional 15 hours of campus service. Students who smoke are required to attend one merit lecture or one campus event to schedule their campus service.

"We have the idea that if we don't have a door to these students, they will have to spend some time working on campus," said Tony Montefusco, Director of Residence Life and Housing.

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**Freshmen put on merit system**

Stephen DePasquale
Herald Staff

She is a freshman at RWU attending a reading by the author of "The Working Poor," but she is not here by choice.

"This is a new program developed to take a look at many different aspects of a student's involvement at the University," said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing. "We're only starting this off with the freshman class this year."

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**Chameleon Club cancelled**

Des DeQuattro
News Editor

After a record number of hospital transports on the night of the Sept. 27 Chameleon Club, the administration has decided to cancel the Chameleon Club scheduled for Nov. 1, 2008.

It was ultimately my decision, but I asked for a recommendation from Tamara Von George, the director of Student Programs and Leadership," said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

"I asked for that recommendation after many meet­ings were held."

Chameleon Club will return in the spring, despite the cancellation of the Wicked Weekend Chameleon Club, according to Emily Chappell, co-chair of the event.

The next Chameleon Club is scheduled for Feb. 27, she said. "We are going to spend the next couple of months really researching how to improve the safety of the event."

**RWU Makeover**

Construction zones litter the campus, but the administration's primary concern is student safety. For full story see page 6, and look for future issues for more updates on construction.
Goodwin analyzes upcoming election
Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor

Doris Kearns Goodwin's speech, the first of a Civil Discourse series on "The American Presidency," was the latest in a long series of events at Roger Williams University on President's Day, according to President Great, and by extension would make the next generation of leaders well versed in the art of public speech. The university spent almost $60,000 on providing designated smoking shelters, King said. "We could have chosen to go totally smoke-free. Instead, we chose to have designated areas," King said. The majority of the students who use the gazebos, King said.

Several of the smoking gazebos have been, or will be replaced with larger units because of the volume of users using them. The university is planning on putting a smoking gazebo at the King Philip residence hall. There are also other smoking gazebos in Almeda and Bayport.

The vast majority of students are really cooperating and trying to learn from the beginning," King said.

Public Safety and Administration will give out citations to policy violators. Students are not given warnings or citations to other students.

Since the smoking policy's revision, Health Services began giving smoking cessation patches to students.

In previous years students would order the patch through Health Services for about half the retail price.

"All students can access 'The patch'...through health services for free," King said.

"If an individual smokes so much that they are nicotine addicted, they may need some kind of aid," Anne Andrade, Director of Health Services, said.

"Even if we weren't providing the patch, it is no more expensive than smoking," Andrade said.

In addition to patches, Health Services also provides a website to help smokers quit can be located through Health Services website.

To request a map of the designated smoking areas contact Public Safety's Division of Environmental Health and Safety at ext. 3011.

SMOKING: Policy enforced

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time, there may not be as much binge drinking going on," she said.

Abrahamson refers to students who drink heavily as amounts be Chameleons Club during the 'pre-game' parties and then end up sick.

"I've been meeting with the Campus Entertainment Network board, as well as the Chameleon Club's Student Leadership and decided it was best for the campus to cancel the event. It's a mistake of an organization that individual students and group behavior really forced our hands in making this decision," King said.

"I made the recommendation (to cancel Chameleon Club) based on the culture surrounding the event, the pro-drinking culture, not the event itself," Barber said. "This event is a high quality event and a great event," Von George said. 

Jaclyn Calovine, chair of CEN, agreed.

"We are firm believers that it is not our event, but the culture surrounding the event," she said.

"We had two-to-one risky to continue on without shaking up pre-environments," King said. "All those events would stop forever if a student ever died from alcohol poisoning."

According to a report released to CEN by Seann Kalagher, assistant director of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, one freshman who was turned away from the night of the Chameleon Club stated that the reason for her turning was that "Chameleon Club is not fun unless you're drunk," and "that's all this campus talks about, when and where you are drinking before Chameleon Club. It's huge." The student's name was not released.

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"Out of the 27 events, only three did not attend the event. One of those three said they got drunk at a Chameleon Club pre-game party. Six of the 11 transported students reported getting drunk on the way to the party. Out of the 11, 10 were underage. Nine of the 11 transported students reported drinking hard alcohol and all except one transport had a blood alcohol content ranging above .08, the legal limit."

"Student Affairs will be undergoing a comprehensive review of all our policies and sanctions regarding the use and abuse of alcohol," King said.

King said that Student Affairs was looking to make all campus events to try to understand what leads to the alcohol culture on Chameleon Club.

"The alcohol task force will be formulating new sub-committees to look at all related issues including education, social programming, policies, sanctions, providing alcohol for minors, and student leader training and role modeling," King said.

"The university plans to study the drinking on campus during high risk weekends," Barber said. "We would like to see if it is truly our event or just the culture on campus on a high risk weekend," Calovine said.

"Some students are meeting the requirements of the Chameleon Club with dismay. As a senior at Roger Williams, I always look forward to two things: Homecoming Ball and Chameleon Club. I feel that it is not unfair to the senior class to not have either." senior Casey Berber said.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Hawk's Herald will not print next Friday, Oct. 17. The next edition will be on stands Oct. 24.

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New club hopes to offer non-drinking programs
Manuel Castillo
Herald Staff

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CLUB: Administration pulls plug on event

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Weeklong voting drive boosts registration

Ben Whitmore
Herald Staff

Students gathered in front of the library last Wednesday to register to make their voices heard in the fast approaching presidential election.

Campus voting advocacy group Hawk the Vote sponsored a four-day information and voter registration drive on Oct. 1. called "What's Your Issue?" A voter registration table, along with several other tables representing various groups on campus, lined the front of the library in an effort to encourage students to register to vote.

Ten tables, representing various campus organizations, were on hand to provide students with facts about where Ben, John McGuin and Sen. Barack Obama stand on important issues. Among the clubs and organizations represented at "What's Your Issue?" are The ONE Campaign, an anti-poverty and anti-AIDS group, SLEEP, renewable resources advocates, Tri Beta, the biological honors society, ACS, a group focused on scientific issues, Model UN, SAPE, a gay rights group, and the College Democrats and Republicans.

The tables were well-received by the students.

Norah Alward, president of ONE, was "impressed with the students who came to the tables and asked about the candidates positions." It was nice to be talking to people that gave you both candidates' views," said Alward.

Out of 3,840 enrolled undergraduates, 71 percent are registered voters, said Juan Escorza, coordinator of Students for Obama. That means that there were roughly 2,700 students who, before Wednesday, were registered voters. After the "What's Your Issue?" voter registration drive, that number increased by 50 percent.

"I'm absolutely pleased with the turnout," said KC Ferrara, Director of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, answers questions from students as they huddle over a voter registration table outside the library last week. The deadline to register to vote in Rhode Island was Oct. 4.

Several campus organizations, along with several other tables representing various groups on campus, lined the front of the library in an effort to encourage students to register to vote.

Says Ferrara, "I was unpressed by students. This election is geared for youth, for the turnout of both students and the youth." Ferrara continues, "What's Your Issue?" was the culmination of a weeklong voter registration drive organized by Hawk the Vote. Registration tables were located in the lobby of the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, the lower level of the library, and at the entrance to the dining commons.

In an effort to encourage registered students to make it to the polls, a new on-campus polling station will be made available this year for students registered in Rhode Island. Students living in the Baypoint dormitories will be offered shuttle transportation to the polling station.

Senators hear from administration

Alcohol abuse, possible RIPTA cuts discussed at Monday meeting

Kyle Toomey
Herald Staff

Vice President of Student Affairs John King met with Student Senate on Monday to discuss a number of issues that King felt should be discussed at the bylaws meeting and the Senate.

King first discussed the future relationship of RWU with the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority. RIPTA is considering limiting its service along the route utilized by RWU students.

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Rates for shuttle service are also expected to increase in January. Under a new plan, RIPTA rides are free to all Roger Williams students this year. The school, however, is charged.

King also announced an open student forum meeting with President Roy J. Nirschel on Monday, Oct. 27. The open forum will serve as an opportunity for students to ask Nirschel questions about the state of the university.

King also expressed his shared concern with the issue of alcohol consumption on campus. King said committees are being formed in response to what he previously called an "alcohol overdose" involving 11 students who had to be transported to local hospitals the night of the most recent Chameleon Club. Five bills were passed during Monday's meeting. Four of the bills pertain to the appointment of senators to various campus committees.

The final bill was passed in response to apparent confusion of students regarding parking restrictions and fines. The Senate will encourage Public Safety to provide students with sufficient information regarding parking at the beginning of the year, and that the Senate would also encourage Public Safety to give two weeks advance notice when parking fines are changed.

At last Monday's meeting, one bill was passed that added a section to the Senate bylaws, entitled Club Requirements. The section is effective in May of 2009.

Students struggle to find loans

Francesca Garofalo
Herald Staff

Freshman Beth Before loves Roger Williams University, but she may not be able to stay that way. Until next year, she cannot afford to stay here.

Before is one of many students who were denied loans this year, even with co-signers. Currently, she is paying almost completely out of pocket with money she made working throughout the summer in a beef jerky factory. "I really like it here, but I'd have to sell all my stocks and I planned on using them to buy a home, eventually," she said.

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Some students are looking for loans, but many students are falling behind, Ferrara said. Without more financial aid or a reasonable loan, next year isn't even an option.

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Commentary
Dee DeQuattro

Every feel like you’re driving in circles? Literally, you’re driving around looking for a parking space and to no surprise you can’t find one. So you continue to circule campus in pursuit of a parking space. Nothing is more irritating.

People are spending too much money on gas driving around campus looking for a place to park. How many times do you look for a parking space and when you find one you leave and it becomes occupied by someone else once again.

It's frustrating to think that you're wasting your time looking for a parking space, but you continue to do so. Why? It's because you feel there is only one solution to the problem. However, there are other options available to you.

Have a car on campus should be a right of passage reserved only for students. Having a car on campus is a privilege that needs to be earned.

It's been an issue for years. RWU has accepted more students in its incoming class each year, and the car population is, too, and some­what increasing. Most of the time, it's about convenience. People are looking for a place to park than they can get around and for free. In actuality, it would be saving them the expense of gas money that would be spent on the gas pump.

Next time you're frantically searching for a parking spot, think of all the spots that would be available if sophomores didn't have cars on campus.

It would be bliss. Faculty will no longer have to fight students for their spots, upperclassmen will no longer have to struggle to find parking, and sophomores will save a buck on gas.

Everyone wins.

RwU vs. SU: The Language Barrier
Amy Torregrossa

Your Voice

Smoking policy does not please all students

In response to the Sept. 26 article, “Students accept smoking regulations,” there are a number of dis­senting views. Students believe that the smoking policy, and faulty information stated in the article, that we feel should be brought to readers’ attention.

First of all, the article is entitled, “Students accept smoking regulations.” However, the opinions expressed by the interviewed students do not reflect the entire student body. The students inter­viewed who do accept the policy are freshmen who have only been a part of this community for about a month, during which time the new policy has been in effect. The anonymous upperclassmen inter­viewed for the article clearly do not accept the policy. They believe that the health of the campus community is not threatened when the new policy does not appear faulty.

Considering that most sopho­more live on campus, they do not really need cars. Everything you need is but a walk away. And why walk? It might even be better to walk around the obesity rate in America. For the convenience of sophomores who live in off-campus housing, the school offers an excellent shuttle service for their convenience.

The idea behind banning fresh­men from cars on campus is to keep them on campus, focused on school and campus life. Why not extend this policy to sophomores? Only good can come from it.

In stead of escaping around Newport and Providence every day, or telling themselves with the work­load of a part-time job and full-time classes, sophomores will be more school-oriented, perhaps resulting in higher grade point averages. That way, the student wins and the school wins.

Other colleges, such as Mason College in Virginia, have imple­mented similar policies which have worked wonders for the cam­pus community. The policy keeps students on campus or traveling off campus in groups, instead of individual­ly.

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From this information, it is evident that a large portion of the campus community does not accept the smoking regulations, contrary to the title of the article.

Heather Bryant, ‘09

Letters to the Editor
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Letters to the Editor

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Letters to the Editor
The Original Oktoberfest: Munich, Germany

Most of the stands lining the streets sold food, such as the typical German bratwurst or pretzels, or they were touristy souvenirs that sold T-shirts stating "I survived Oktoberfest 2006." Many of these stands sold these heartburn-inducing bread cookies with frosting, and I made note immediately that I would not be returning to Munich until I had seen them.

Behind the carnival scene were the beer tents, the place where young people to sit, just to get your order in. We learned quickly that in order to get a table, you had to make friends.

Now, I won't give you the play by play of my weekend from here. Instead, I will touch on the highlights.

The first day, we sat outside the Augustiner Brau tent, and met a group of young Germans who taught us all about their culture. We learned about what it takes to get into college in Germany: it's a test, just to get your eight-euro liter. We left there feeling like a party to me.

Of course, the beers were good, but I also felt as though I were sitting with thousands of people from all over the world together to celebrate the greatest beer festival. I am in Munich, Germany, and it is Oktoberfest, with all the factors I am used to: the crowds of people, the music playing, the food and drinks. It is easier than cramming onto a packed bus at midnight, and driving through small streets trying to find your way.

On our way, we stopped to book a hostel a month in advance for the next weekend, however, many Florence student travel agencies in the area offer trips there as well. It was a good option for transportation and accommodation for the night, but it is easy to get to and from there is no opportunity. John has taken every opportunity, and even when there is no opportunity, he brings it up. In fact, the occasional opportunity, and even when there is no opportunity, we spent the majority of the first day wandering the streets of Munich, which is far more modern than Florence is due to the fact that it was bombed in the second World War. The city is filled with history, from the original buildings used in the Third Reich (now museums) to the lush English Garden, which displays various forms of architecture from across the world.

My biggest regret about the weekend, however, was that I did not get to see everything I wanted. Some of my roommates did make it to Dacucio, which they said was both eerie and incredible to see. If we go back again, I think I would skip the festivities for a day, and see more of the city.

But would I change anything about my trip? Not at all. It was an experience I will never forget, and I loved every minute of it. I also suggest that if you ever get the chance, go to Munich. It's worth it.

Erik Johnson

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IN OUR OPINION

Hawk's Herald to hit web soon

Friday means plenty of pretty cool sites.

It means a two-day vacation from classes on Friday, and the opportunity to sleep in on Saturday.

And it also means a fresh edition of The Hawk's Herald is on stands.

And it also means what's happening on campus, you read about it in The Hawk's Herald.

You patiently wait all week, and for that, we thank you.

But in the information age, waiting more than 30 seconds for something to load is just too much.

That's one of the reasons The Hawk's Herald is going online. For the opposite of what happened back in 2001, when it was in negotiations with the College a big, Network (now known as CMN, College Publishers), which is behind the online editions of almost every college in America.

CMN works carefully with students, faculty, and student newspapers to build local and national Web sites that complement the print editions and enhance content for the audience. We are eager to launch our site and more and more eager every day to hear what you think of it.

We are nearing the finish line. A contracted CMN on-air review by the university's general counsel and the site should soon be in our hands.

We look forward to expanding on the Hawk's Herald newspaper's Website - to report, in a balanced and comprehensive way, the issues that matter to the students and faculty of Liberty University.

We will keep you updated on our progress, and hope to have our site up soon.

What would you like to see on The Hawk's Herald Web site? Send your suggestions to opinion.hawks.herald@gmail.com

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On the quad or by the water, school

There was nothing left for Janet Pihlblad to do but watch and wait as a group of six Facilities maintenance men rolled her masterpiece—a delicate moss-covered ball standing 10 feet in diameter—onto the bed of a wooden trailer.

Don’t scratch my skylight!” shouted Pihlblad, who was serving last year as RWU’s first-ever artist-in-residence. “Have them hold onto it!” she implored, her voice quaky. And with that she was silent.

This plush, green ball of moss, known as the “Moss Sphere,” was a sculpture she and 28 students, some visual arts majors and some not, created for the school. But on this day in May, the sculpture was uprooted from its place at the center of campus and moved down by the edge of Mount Hope Bay. For reasons unknown to her at the time, the administration had decided that the location was no longer acceptable.

The debate over what is art, and where it goes, seems in question at RWU, where an “art park” has begun to be built between the Fine Arts building and the Gabelli School of Business. The question of what kind of art is appropriate, who decides and where it goes was something a University “Arts on Campus Committee” is currently deliberating in conjunction with the administration. The question of Pihlblad’s Moss Sphere was what got the ball rolling.

The subject of the artwork is wondrous and an inside-out feeling about the intimacy of home and seemingly faraway places,” Pihlblad said of the piece. She said the theme for RWU because the inside of the sphere boasted a unique effect: when viewed through the sculpture’s tiny skylight, it looked like an inverted globe of the Earth.

The inside-out world inside came from hearing several of President (Roy) Nirschel’s lectures about his desire for the college to be more globally involved,” Pihlblad said.

Some other were baffled by the decision. “I don’t really get why the thing was moved,” said Anne Tait, a Visual Arts professor. “Here’s our visiting artist, and she’s worked so hard on this, she did such a beautiful exhibit...If it was this Niki de Saint Phalle bare-naked lady with her crotch open so you can walk through it, which is like a 1960s piece, I can kind of see people being like, ‘Well, you know I don’t think people want to walk through this woman’s vagina.’

“Why wouldn’t you leave that on campus?” said Tait.

The relocation process, which proved to be a difficult task, took roughly six people at least eight hours to complete.

“It was very large. It was cumbersome because of the construction of it,” John Tameo, Director of Facilities Operations said. “We were just told by the administration that we had to move it. The original location wasn’t acceptable. Facilities, we don’t make the decisions, we just do what we’re told to do.

“We treated it as gently as possible,” Tameo said, “but just the nature of the piece wasn’t designed to be moved around as much as it was moved around, and the weight of it was very heavy. It had these wooden spines on the inside and it rolled off to one of the sides and one of the spines cracked. The artist was there. She wasn’t too happy about it. I felt bad, because there was a lot of effort that went into it.”

The visiting artist position was created for the purpose of enhancing the art program at RWU.

“The faculty’s hope was that my presence would draw more attention to the visual arts on campus,” Pihlblad said. “And before I was hired, I was asked if I could work with students to produce a public sculpture for the campus.”

The irony in this, however, is that the finished sculpture, which took two semesters of preparation to craft, beginning in October 2007 and ending in early June 2008, was anything but public, and its location was not an easy one to decide upon.

After proposing six potential sites to the administration, and having each one of them turned down, Pihlblad was finally given the OK to use a site between the School of Architecture and Historic Preservation and the University Library, she said. In the midst of its installation, however, Pihlblad was told she needed to move the sculpture to a different location.

“This was the first time the college had ever done anything like this,” Pihlblad says. “There were lots of issues to be worked out as we went along. After the piece was installed, with a poured-concrete base, without its moss skin, its location and quite unfinished, I was suddenly told that it must be relocated immediately.

“At 12:30 p.m. that day, I was made to understand that it must be out of the ground, and gone by 4 p.m. I was taken over the campus and offered a few distant locations at that point, and chose a spot by the seashell path, for its natural beauty.”

Professor Jeffrey Silverthorne, chair of the Arts on Campus Committee, which is a developing organization created to make art more accessible and viable to all students on campus so that’s it is a part of everyday life, is also perplexed regarding the decision to remove Pihlblad’s sculpture.

“It was addressing the idea of the world. I think everybody was a little bit sad that the piece which is meant to bring about a unity, a sphere [being] a unified structure, covered with a natural material was moved.”

There have, however, been other incidents on campus where art displays have resulted in some heated debate. A few years ago, graduating seniors had exhibition work displayed all over campus, but...
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-Elizabeth Duffy, visual arts professor, on the compromises artists sometimes must make when their work, and where it is placed, comes into question


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Tait said. "Oh, OK, this is interesting and surprising," Visual Arts Professor Elizabeth Duffy said. "Some of the work got very strong reactions from students and from faculty.

"We all thought it was a really good thing in the Visual Arts Department because art is about that sort of conversation. Is it art? What makes it art? When is it reasonable or when could it be reasonable to censor something, when is it not? That sort of dialogue is important to have, and in the arts, it happens all the time.

"I think [freedom] is hugely important," Duffy said.

Tait knows all too well what it is like to have art censored.

Back in 2005, she was asked by various philosophy professors to be a faculty speaker at a Socrates Cafe. But her subject caused some dispute, and there were even threats of a protest.

"They asked what my subject was going to be and I said how about 'Can masturbation be art?'" Tait said. "I centered it on masturbation because I actually had a student ask me that once, after an artist came to visit named Vito Acconci who did a piece called 'Scobed' in the seventies. His whole thing was to challenge the gallery, but is that really art? Well, I don't know. So, I decided to make it the topic. The point is, it caused a very big controversy on this campus. And as a result, I had such good attendance in this thing.

Members of the administration had decided it was too offensive because there were going to be visiting faculty and parents attending the university that weekend, Tait said. They removed all of Tait's promotional posters that said 'Can masturbation be art?' and replaced them with ones that read, 'What are the limits to art' without informing or asking her first.

"Whenever you put art out there, you have more issues," Tait said. "You've got people that are not part of the interests of art looking and dealing with your art. And I think its reassuring if your art means someone reacts. It's amazing how little it takes to cause controversy, I think it's both interesting and funny."

Although the "Moss Sphere" may not have been quite as risqué as a piece on masturbation or naked women, the fact that it was not completed on time may have had something to do with its removal.

"I really don't know why they moved it to be honest, but I think it was partly because there was graduation and it was still in progress," Duffy said.

Catherine Rousseau, a student in Pihlblad's Mixed Media class last semester, had very strong feelings about the sphere's removal.

"At first we were all upset, irritated, and hurt. We felt that by moving it down to the water where it was no longer in the public eye was a way of telling us that our work was not good enough for the image of Roger Williams," Rousseau said.

This project was my piece of art and it was just thrown down by the water. It was rolled down the hill and broken in over 30 pieces." Rousseau started a Facebook group in an attempt to bring students together to petition the relocation and even wrote a letter to Stephen White, dean of the School of Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation and the president, requesting a meeting to discuss her feelings about the moving of the sculpture.

"I sent this letter to the president at least four times and I was never replied to. All in all, Janet and L and the class, felt as if the school really didn't care about art on campus or the work that we put into it."

But Duffy would contend that with public art, sometimes things don't always go as the artist plans.

"I think in public art projects, its par for the course. It happens all the time," Duffy said. "It's a little bit like somebody sitting down, somebody commissioning a portrait and then they get the portrait and they don't like the way the nose looks. There's always this kind of a give and take. That's part of the art making process...how do you deal with the failures that happen or the things that don't work out how you expect them to, or things that break along the way."

Yet amidst all of the misconceptions and controversy, the administration and visual arts faculty have attempted to find a resolution regarding future art installations on campus.

"The location by the water was both a blessing and a curse," Pihlblad said.

And as a result, the school has chosen a site between the Gabelli School of Business and the Fine Arts Building for an "Art Park," which will be a designated spot on campus for students to display their artwork.

"In the end, [the sphere] is sort of one of those things that has brought about greater awareness and more of a dialogue, not only in visual arts, but between visual arts and the administration," Duffy said. "I think it will be exciting to see what happens in the new space..."

"The more we see, the more we expand everyone's mind. That starts to sort of open their mind to other kinds of ways of thinking and I think it's really important."

A giant art project known as the Moss Sphere (above left) sits in a quiet spot at the edge of campus overlooking Mount Hope Bay during the summer after it was uprooted from its place at the center of campus.

The sphere, created by artist in residence Janet Pihlblad and 28 students, was vandalized in its new home (below left) and eventually removed.

An "art park" between the Fine Arts building and the Gabelli School of Business is in development, and will eventually display more publicly student artwork, such as that created by seniors Carol-Ann Wallhagen (above) and Catherine Rousseau.

wrestles with art’s place on campus
Jen Duprey

1. How did you and Phil meet?

Last year we were RAs together in Stonewall. His room was directly below mine and he always played his music so loudly that it actually shook my room. At first I thought that it was really obnoxious but then I thought he was cute so it didn’t bother me as much. We were friends for a while and we started officially dating in February.

2. What is the sweetest thing Phil has ever done for you?

He was really sweet on my birthday this past weekend. He gave me a Build-a-Bear dressed as Batman that he named “Philly Bear” and a gorgeous necklace. Then he planned a surprise party for me. Not a lot of people know how thoughtful and sweet he is.

3. Do you have any nicknames for each other?

Phil sometimes calls me Jenny to be cute.

4. When you fight, how do you resolve it?

We always talk about whatever is bothering us. We never go to sleep angry or upset with one another. And when either of us do or say something stupid, we always apologize. We’re not stubborn about it.

5. What is your favorite thing about Phil?

That she accepts me as who I am. I also like her upbeat personality.

Phil Saltmarsh

1. How did you and Jen meet?

We were RAs in Stonewall together last year, she lived right above me.

2. What is your favorite thing about Jen?

That she puts up with me and doesn’t try to change who I am.

3. Do you have any nicknames for each other?

Jenny, Snugglesbutt, Katie

4. How do you resolve fighting?

We don’t really fight but we have a rule, if you say “I love you”, the other person can’t be mad at you.

5. What is Jen’s favorite movie?

“Cruel Intentions”

6. What is your middle name?

James

7. What is your favorite thing to do together?

We enjoy going on double dates with our friends and telling each other bad jokes.

8. What is your favorite thing about Jen?

I like how she doesn’t try to change me and that she accepts me as who I am. I also like her upbeat personality.

Safety first priority in ongoing construction projects

Nick Weathers

Herald Staff

As construction continues across campus, the administration is stressing that student safety is the top priority.

Joseph Pangborn, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, is in charge of keeping people informed about the project.

“Pedestrian walkways and paths may not be the most direct form one spot to another but this things are done purposefully for safety reasons. The last thing we want to see is someone injured.”

He said that all the projects are running on schedule and that students should feel excited about what is happening.

“Some folks do complain about being inconvenienced, but the majority are forward thinking and excited about the changes,” Pangborn said.

“It takes time to plan and build signature spaces and it is not possible to do construction of this magnitude with out some disruption to the norm.”

The construction includes a new academic building, a new residence hall and a new academic building.

Students sample local food

Griffin Labbance

Herald Staff

Roger Williams students and faculty got a taste of local food when Bon Appétit put real meaning to “from farm to fork” last week.

On Sept. 30, Bon Appétit filled The Commons with a lunch comprised of only foods bought within a 150-mile radius. Food was gathered from many different states within that radius in order to create a meal which would gather awareness of carbon footprinting and also would encourage buying from local farmers, harvesters, butchers and producers.

Executive Chef Robert Lavoie headed the operation on campus while lead chefs in Bon Appétit’s more than 400 cafes nation wide participated in the same challenge.

The Eat Local Challenge, a four-year annual event, was started by Bon Appétit and continues to be a popular event across the nation. It is received by some students at Roger Williams with the same excitement.

Senior Mark Wilchynski said that the lunch is a great way to support the local community. “It’s great to see Roger Williams supporting local businesses,” he said.

Wilchynski added that in today’s struggling economy, this support is a great thing.

Lavoie and his 45-person kitchen staff enjoyed creating a lunch using local ingredients.

“We all have fun creating local food dishes,” Lavoie said. “This is our third year participating in the Eat Local Challenge and we are perfecting our menu.”

The lunch on campus was compiled of foods from many local towns. Beverages came from downtown Bristol, meat from Vermont farms, seafood straight from Port Judith, and steak from Fall River.

Lavoie said that he loves input from his staff. Many members of his staff cooked their own personal homemade recipes for the student body, enhancing the local feel. Lavoie added that as the staff at Roger Williams partakes in this event annually, the school continues to improve its cost efficiency as it finds resourceful ways of purchasing products.

Freshmen Brendan Hallahan said that it was good to see the school doing events such as the challenge.

“It shows that the school strives upon reaching out to the community and supporting local businesses,” he said.

The Eat Local Challenge will be held next year around the same date at all of Bon Appétit’s cafes across the country.
**STAND struggles without budget**

**Courtney Costello**

Herald Staff

A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (SAGC) President Courtney Costello said that the Student Senate and Leadership and Student Programs and Leadership should have met prior to the deadline and handed in a budget form. According to the Treasurer, the form was due on the last day of the semester.

"I did not inform the Treasurer that it was due on the last day of the semester," said Costello. The Department of Residence Life and Housing handed in a budget form, but it was not submitted on time.

"I hope that the Senate bylaws will change to allow for flexibility," said Costello. The Senate bylaws state that the budget is due on the last day of the semester, but the Treasurer did not inform the Department of Residence Life and Housing that it was due on the last day of the semester. The Treasurer did not submit the budget form to the Finance Committee, and the Finance Committee did not receive it until the last day of the semester.

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Senate "Did You Know?" of the Week

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SOCCER: Pendleton leads the way for Hawks

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Pendleton took care of the rest of the scoring for the Hawks, recording three goals in the game for her second time this season.

Pendleton's first came just two minutes after Whalen gave RWU the lead. The shot was taken from deep outside the 18-yard box but beat the Seahawk keeper far post to the left side. The goal gave the Hawks a 2-0 lead going into the break.

Goals in the 60th and 62nd minute capped off the hat trick for Pendleton and put the game out of reach for Salve Regina. The Hawks were outshot 29-6 and fell to 2-4-0 in conference play this year.

Both Gardase and junior keeper Jenny Schermerhorn saw time in net, combining for the Hawks six shutout in a row and ninth of the season. RWU has still yet to let up a goal in a win this season.

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RWU Equestrian rides to success in season opener

The Roger Williams University Equestrian team traveled across the state to compete in the University of Rhode Island show at Faith Hill Farm this past weekend. The Hawks were up against 12 schools from the New England area, including their biggest competition, Brown University.

The team had a strong season last year and was able to have two riders qualify for the zone finals. After last season's third place finish in the conference, this year's team has high hopes and aspirations. The team was excited, the horses were saddled up, and the coaches were confident in their team.

Senior captain Danica Kucinski and junior captain Kayla Waskiewicz prepared their squad for their first event, the intermediate flat. The team was led by Olivia "Curtain Call" Cornell, who in the end galloped her way to a second place finish ahead of some very strong competition in the exciting event known as "walk trot canter."

The team then focused its attention to the next event, intermediate flat. Sam "Nocturnal" Taylor had an excellent day on the farm as she and her bronce were on fire, placing second in this difficult event.

"It was a really good show," said Taylor. "The girls rode really well, and overall, it was a great day for our team."

Next up was Ashley Singletary, who also had an outstanding run, finishing with a strong second place finish in the novice fences competition.

To close out the show was Amelia Storri who had a superb round placing second in the intermediate fences category.

"I was really impressed with the way we competed as a team," said Cornell. "We were strong across the board and I am excited for what we can accomplish this season."

In the end, host URI capped with the first place victory ahead of Brown by three points. Roger Williams was able to finish in third place with a very strong showing.

The team has a nice mix of returning riders as well as incoming freshmen and will continue to be a dynamic threat to any opponent. It was an overall successful weekend for the ladies and their season is off to a strong Big Brown-like start.

Next up for the team is the Trinity College show on Saturday, Oct. 11 in Connecticut.

The ladies will then focus their attention to their big show on Oct. 19 in Warren, where they will host the event.

News & Notes

The Roger Williams University Men's Tennis team opened their season with a win, beating Springfield 6-2. The Hawks dropped both the #1 Singles and #1 Doubles matches, but the collective strong play of the rest of the team won them the matchup.

The match, due to rain, was played half outside and half inside. The Hawks (1-0) hit the courts again this Saturday in the Stonehill College Tournament in Easton, Mass.

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Upcoming Games

Men's Soccer
Saturday October 11th vs. WNEC (12:30 p.m.)
Thursday October 16th vs. Babson (4:30)

Women's Soccer
Saturday October 11th vs. WNEC (3:00 p.m.)
Wednesday October 15th vs. Eastern Nazarene (4:30)

Women's Volleyball
Saturday October 11th @ Springfield College (9:00 a.m.)
Tuesday October 14th @ Salve Regina (7:00 p.m.)

Women's Tennis
Saturday October 11th @ Gordon College (12:00 p.m.)
Wednesday October 15th CCC Quarterfinals (2:00 p.m.)

Men's Tennis
Saturday October 11th @ Stonehill College (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday October 12th @ Stonehill College (9:00 a.m.)

Men's & Women's Cross Country
Saturday October 11th - Roger Williams Invitational (11:00 a.m.)
Saturday October 18th - Williams College Invitational
Men's soccer prevails in overtime thriller

The Roger Williams University men's soccer team split a pair of conference games this past weekend in an overtime thriller against Nichols College but falling on a late goal and posting a 3-2 loss for the Hawks last week.

The past two weeks have been unexpected and eventful as powerhouse teams have struggled and upset the top teams in the nation. Also playing well in the conference is the program that has been dominating the conference for the past three years.

The past two weekends have been exciting and even more so with an overtime thriller on Saturday night in Asst. Sports Editor Dan DeBlasio.

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The Roger Williams University women's soccer team has now won six games in a row with wins this week over Colby-Sawyer College, and Salve Regina University.

A goal by freshman Katie Pusarco in the third minute was all the Hawks would need to keep the Commodores at bay for the first game of the weekend.

The Hawks were able to hold the Commodores to just two shots, with neither of them being on goal.

The Hawks defense was able to hold the Commodores to just two goals in the first half of the game. The Hawks' lone goal of the game was scored by senior quarterback and Heisman trophy hopeful, throwing for 253 yards and a touchdown and a fourth quarter victory.

In the second half, the Hawks were able to break the 2-0 deadlock with a goal by senior Liam Isleib.

The Turning Point was the 2-0 deadlock, which the Hawks eventually turned into a 3-2 victory.

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