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Bon Appetit struggles when students smuggle food

Ben Whitmore
Herald Staff

"Have you ever been to an all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant?" asks James Cubata, general manager of Bon Appetit, the food service company that runs Roger Williams University’s dining halls.

"It's like that. You wouldn't go up to the buffet tables and start loading up your Tupperware. The owners wouldn't appreciate that too much."

Whether or not taking food out of the upper commons should be allowed is a divisive issue between students and dining hall administrators. Some students say that they should be able to take food out, while Bon Appetit maintains that students should not be allowed to do so.

The debate was heightened when Bon Appetit removed the lids for the disposable coffee cups, containers in which students were smuggling smaller foods such as cereals, from the upper commons. Students were upset that they could no longer use the cups for their intention purpose of carrying out hot liquids. After students voiced strong complaints on the upper commons message board, Bon Appetit returned the lids and posted a letter of explanation regarding the lids' absence.

The letter stated that Bon Appetit was trying to "make everyone aware that using [paper] cups is not our best option, especially when reusable ceramic coffee cups are available.

The letter eventually addressed the coffee cups harboring controversy: "Using the cup as a vessel to take food out of the dining room is not what they are for. We know that students have conflicts at times with class schedules, but we offer continuous dining service so students can plan their academic and dining schedules accordingly.

This letter, and the return of the lids, appeased the disgruntled student body and both Bon Appetit and its patrons went back to business as usual. The problem for Bon Appetit was that some students returned to their business: taking food out of the upper commons.

"I can certainly respect how students see it," Gebeta said. See FOOD p. 2

Gergen: Give Barack Obama a chance to lead

Phil Deutt
Editor

Former presidential advisor David Gergen says President-elect Barack Obama deserves a country that will unite and rally around him during his first trying months in office, as the former Chicago senator grapples with a poor economy and two oncoming wars.

"He has a lot on his plate," Gergen told a crowd in the Recreation Center Nov. 13, speaking as part of the university's civil discourse series on the American presidency.

"People are asking if [Alaska Gov.] Sarah Palin will run in 2012. Who the heck cares? We've got a lot of work to do. 2012 will come on schedule. Give [Obama] a break. Be respectful of him. Let the young man have a chance to govern.

Gergen, who advised Presidents Nixon, Reagan, Ford and Clinton, called Obama one of the "most promising young leaders he has ever seen. Having met with Obama on several occasions, Gergen called him emotionally healthy, disciplined and unflappable, and praised him for his "steadiness," which he said will be required on the job.

"That does not guarantee success," he said. "A lot could go wrong in the next few months."

Gergen said Obama faces the toughest challenges of any president since Franklin D. Roosevelt, who led the country through the Great Depression and World War II.

With two months to go before his inauguration, Obama's work must begin now if he wants to show strong leadership from day one, Gergen said in an interview after his speech.

"He needs to have a hand strategy to carry him through and he needs to prioritize. Then, how is he going to sequence those priorities?

See GERGEN p. 9
FOOD: Bon Appetit says students create ‘unexpected demand’ by taking out food

“...and the quality of that food. I want to eat after to replenish my energy.”

As he does not why he has his Hawk’s dollars, he envisions his dollars in less than a month.

Gubata explained that Bon Appetit figures out its spending budget based on students’ consumption. Students’ consumption taking food out of the upper commons has an effect on some of the metrics we use to calculate our cost per meal,” Gubata said.

By taking food out, students create unexpected demand, which disrupts the amount of supply that Bon Appetit calculates.

The rising cost of fuel, and thus the cost of Bon Appetit’s spent dollars, the included money on meal plans makes Bon Appetit’s current policies. However, students have some say in making changes to those policies.

Every other Tuesday night, Bon Appetit holds a food committee meeting in the upper commons private dining room from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. with nine student representatives. These student representatives are members of the Inter Residence Hall Association, selected to attend meetings to discuss students’ opinions on the dining program.

The issue of taking food out has never really been brought up before at one of the meetings,” Gubata said.

Gubata explained that his follow managers and he would be “to discuss how to make changes to better serve students.”

“We want to do all we can do to make students to be proud of our dining program, but we need to run our operation with financial responsibility,” said Gubata.

The university’s job is to give students a good education. My job is to give them nutritious meals,” said Gubata.

The next food committee is Dec. 2. Students wishing to attend a food committee meeting can contact their IRHA representative.”

Registration still on for ‘Turkey Trot’

Its name is funny but its purpose is serious. Registration continues through 4 p.m. today for the first Roger Williams University 5k Turkey Trot. The 1.5 mile race will benefit underprivileged children in Africa. Student and community members will be able to run the ground running Nov. 23 for the run and one-mile walk across campus, with Thanksgiving right around the corner.

The race begins and ends at the Recreation Center. The first 300 registrants will receive T-shirts.

To register, visit rwu athletics/eventregistration.htm. For more information contact Clayton Roth at croth@rwu.edu or Mike Gallagher at mgallagher@rwu.edu.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Hawk’s Herald will not print next week. The final issue of the semester is scheduled for Dec. 5. Enjoy the holiday.

The Hawk’s Herald continues to prepare its new Web site this week, with a launch date on the horizon. Until then, bookmark our breaking news blog, hawksherald.blogspot.com. There you’ll find quick updates on stories you see in print, along with insight from the editors and writers who produce them. This blog will become an important component of the Web site when it is launched. Get “in the know” now.
Sophomore questions Senate transparency

Kyle P. Toomey  
Herald Staff

Sophomore Russell Frey voiced concern during open floor at Monday night’s Senate meeting about what has been done to improve the transparency of Senate and to build a Senate that works well together.

In response, Senate cited various actions intended to create stronger relationships. Also, Senate mentioned there has been success in strengthening transparency through holding meetings at the Mary Tefft White Center more frequently in order to encourage participation. Further, Senate cited time-sensitive legislation and student involvement in sub-committees.

Senator Egan was appointed as the committee chair. Lindsey Spinella was appointed to serve as the Vice President and Senator Cait Gosselin was appointed as chair for the Recycling and Sustainability Committee.

The Senate as a whole will continue to pursue talks with the administration about a Safe Rides program which would provide safer drivers for the student body.

A new ad-hoc Committee on Alcohol and Students is being formed and three rounds around ideas that will get the student body to voice responsivity on the alcohol issue at RWU.

The bill creating the committee passed at the Nov. 10 meeting after several weeks of tabling and un-tabling. The bill, sponsored by Senators Matthew Gullo and Ashley Saunders, creates an all-student Senate Sub-committee.

The committee’s creation is in response to recent concerns expressed by administration and students alike regarding alcohol abuse at RWU. The committee would include the student representatives for the Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force, which is not exclusive to students. The bill appointed Senator Brian McGee as the committee chair.

Other committee members from the Senate included Senate Vice President: Colm O’Reilly, Secretary: Ashley Saunders, and Senators: Nicola Vardy, Kassie Cann and Nicole Foti.

Much debate plagued the bill for a few weeks. Some senators worried about the necessity for the committee while others said it was important as a means to encourage non-student leaders to join the committee. The hope is to get recommendations and thoughts from the student body which will be compiled into a presentation and proposal for the administration.

A second bill passed Nov. 10, granting the Winter Illumination Committee a sum of $600 in order to cover initial fundraising expenses for this season. The initiative of the WIC has been continued support from the office of the president as well as the student body. The bill was sponsored by Senators Saunders and Katie McCann.

In other business, the Alumni Executive Council has set the date for its Alumni Dinner. On December 4 at 6 p.m., students dining in the upper commons will be treated to an alumni dinner. Each alumni will sit in an area designated to their area of specialty according to major.

Indian Navy destroys pirated ship after grenade, gun attack

Compiled by Julia White, Multicultural Student Union Advertising and Outreach Liaison

NEW DELHI, INDIA—A warship that was taken over by Somali pirates in the Gulf of Aden was destroyed by the Indian Navy Sunday.

An Indian navy spokesman said the pirate ship threatened to blow up the vessel, the pirates attacked with grenades and machine guns, to which the Indian Navy destroyed the pirate ship.

In food such as corn, instead. Mhangura, a town of Zimbabwe, a food scarcity catastrophe is unfolding. Dona residents are no longer paying people to buy peanuts in currency, but in food such as corn, instead.

MHANGURA, ZIMBABWE—In Mhangura, a town of Zimbabwe, a food scarcity has unfolded. Dona residents are no longer paying people to eat peanuts to support its currency which has lost approximately two-thirds of its value since the beginning of the current fiscal year. The Indian Navy spokesman said the pirate ship threatened to blow up the vessel, the pirates attacked with grenades and machine guns, to which the Indian Navy destroy the pirate ship.

Lake Victoria, the river of life: A possible dangerous area

GOMA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO—An additional 3,000 United Nations troops have been deployed to this region by France and Britain to prevent a full-scale war in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the U.N. currently has its biggest peacekeeping mission.

The Human Rights Watch, the United Nations peacekeeping experts, and local human rights groups in the Congo have all requested more support for the 17,000 UN soldiers already there. In addition, a coalition of 44 organisations in the eastern Congo wrote to the Security Council, asking for more troops: “this would help to prevent the atrocities that continue to be committed against civilians on an ever greater scale here in North Kivu [province], on the border of Rwanda and Uganda.” (www.cns.org)

The Don’t Blow It All Away campaign, a prevention campaign aimed at illicit drug use and creation of the HAWAs, placed flyers in the residence halls this week, according to residents.

The campaign aims to disclose the lack of illicit drug use on campus, according to Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education.

It’s a prevention campaign to let RWU students know that in terms of illicit drug use...it is very rare,” Darmody said.

We don’t want to create this ad having people think that there’s a problem,” Darmody said.

Though Darmody said RWU does not have a drug problem, it has seen an increase in the number of students using illegal drugs.

One of the things I have heard from students is that students are snorting illegal drugs,” Darmody said.

She said students aren’t only snorting cocaine, but that they’re creating and snorting prescription medications like Adderall and Xanax—medications that are not meant to be snorted.

Snorting drugs is more likely to cause dependences than any other way of use, except smoking, according to Darmody.

Erica Seymour, a Health And Wellness Educator, said she brought up the issue at a meeting.

Darmody said she mentioned a concern about the rise in snorting prescription medications.

The HAWAs feel like people are doing this more than they have in the past,” Darmody said.

“Although RWU does not have a drug problem, if there is one report due to this campus with an illicit drug problem, we want to reach them. If there is one person we can convince to never try it, we want to do that,” Erica Seymour said.

If people think they are doing, then it’s the norm, and they gravitate towards the norm,” Darmody said.

In terms of marijuana and illicit drugs...it’s really a small minority to buy and use in that area, but that’s not the perception,” Darmody said.

“People just don’t see much evolution of a drug problem. I do live in Bayvue, however, and I have heard stories of people snorting illicit drugs,” Seymour said.

Certain things, such as drug use, stand out against the norm which is why people notice them, according to Darmody. This thinking leads students to the conclusion that many RWU students use illicit drugs, when in actuality few do. The media, she said, also plays a role.

Every two years, students take the Campus Survey of Alcohol and Other Drug Norms. Last year, 1,358 students took the survey in class. The results from last year’s survey are similar in number to those of the survey taken in 2006, said Darmody. This means students, for the most part, are telling the truth on the surveys, she said.

The survey results show what is actually happening on campus, according to Darmody.

The survey had questions like, “How often do you think students in each of the following categories typically use any illicit drug other than marijuana?”

Of those surveyed, 82.3 percent answered “never,” according to the survey. Even though the majority of students answered that they never use illicit drugs other than marijuana, they answered the question differently when it was about their friends.

Only 52.3 percent of those surveyed thought their friends never typically use illicit drugs other than marijuana.

According to Darmody, the large difference in these numbers shows a difference between reality and student perception.
Diversity is about much more than color or skin. U.S. presidential election makes waves abroad.

By Dee DeQuattro

Dee's Dish

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Opinion

Opinion section welcomes many views, not just one.

Phil Devitt
Editor

The Hawk's Herald received a lot of feedback this week on an Op-Ed titled "Elitist attitudes cloud the future of the United States," which I thought would be a very small group of students, but utilizing the same kind of thinking. I merely put them on display, side by side, and left them for the world to see.

Like the rest of the newspaper, the Opinion section is a reflection of the community it serves. At times, this election wasn't pleasant. And yet, it does expect the views presented in Opinion to be agreeable to all.

If the newspaper is to be a platform for fairness, its editors are in no position to censor views on the editorial page. This is not a discussion section for reporters but devoid of their opinions, run elsewhere in the newspaper. By printing both newspaper staff and our readers. By printing

But I would like to see the new president stay up until midnight waiting for the results, studying abroad during an election in history.

Now, it is two weeks later, but the results are in, and the world has high hopes for our future, and the future of our foreign policy.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD CARTOONISTS

Are you a talented artist? Do you like to stay on top of what's happening on campus? Do you want to see your name in lights (and on paper)? Do you want to write anything you want about something or someone? If you can be an editorial cartoonist for The Hawk's Herald.

We're looking for people to draw editorial cartoons about campus-related issues. If you're interested, send a letter with your information and at least one sample of your work to opinion@hawkherald.com. No experience necessary.
Poor David Gergen. It seems that his recent admission as a presidential advisor and commentator on CNN, the man has a hard time making ends meet.

You see, unlike the rest of us who fancy ourselves based on paranoia and sour or something, David Gergen must rely on the invitation of a secret society to form meaningful relationships with other people. So much for that. Let's start this?

It was clear that Gergen's brain was the White House and the same and he gave to CNN before. It was far from the idea that Gergen's brain was an autodrive and had come to Roger Williams to pick up a sizeable paycheck.

The speech was nothing special, filled with the appropriate praise for Williams and the Bohemian Grove, and the challenges he would immediately face.

“My dear friends, David Gergen must be one of those people, I do not understand how to be involved, but I do it any way, like most of the other student leaders. If you ask me, the leadership roles are huge, and it is my opinion that if that rule were implemented, there would be nobody left to run clubs, or to run on Team CARE, or to be part of government. As a student leader, if you ask me, it is those student leaders who are all involved in many things on campus. And, some of the student leaders are actually a perception based on people's stereotypes of what leaders do. I don't think people who chose to make a difference on their campus should be criticized for it. We have not done anything for a position on any e-board and be a candidate to attend these conferences. The conferences are a tool used to bring together student leaders and to inform them about their roles in society. The student leaders spend doing work to make this campus a better and more involved place for students.”

I'm writing to tell you that I thought that article was unfounded and unfair to the students who were involved. I think that student leaders are elitist that the student leaders on this campus, whether they are Team CARE members, organization leaders or just involved students, all pay for their positions is not good. In this case, each student leader has a different role here, but no one is more important than the next. The thought that each student leader should be allowed to do this is a huge oversight. And it is my opinion that if that rule were implemented, there would be nobody left to run clubs, or to run on Team CARE, or to be part of government. As a student leader, if you ask me, it is those student leaders who are all involved in many things on campus. And, some of the student leaders are actually a perception based on people's stereotypes of what leaders do. I don't think people who chose to make a difference on their campus should be criticized for it. We have not done anything for a position on any e-board and be a candidate to attend these conferences. The conferences are a tool used to bring together student leaders and to inform them about their roles in society. The student leaders spend doing work to make this campus a better and more involved place for students.”

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As far as I can tell, it seems as if this hierarchy of student leadership has been around for a while. Each batch of student leaders perpetuating these ideas, just because it's always been that way. I am not any less of a person now that I do not hold as many titles. My friends still love and care for me. These years we have heard here are short why not make the best of them? Student leadership isn't everything. We may have a different role here, but we are more important or better than anyone else. If we all just took ourselves a little less seriously and accepted there are so many bigger things out there, I think we would all be better off.

Michael Maguire, '09

Seniors see another side of David Gergen

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From unhaled doors, to “butt walls” to Bayside beach parties, students find creative — and often costly — ways to commit...

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Herlad Staff

The “butt wall”: a seemingly ordi-
nary while wall in a Maple dorm room, blemished with patch jobs, high-
lighted by recent vandalism
of the narrow hall.

However, these once-blahes aren't the average drunken flimsy-in-the-wall patches; these are the remnant scars of students' deeds, and the mem-
ories of Maintenance Specialist Jesse Paiva, who is responsible for naming the pieces.

"[Students] would run from the dorm room to the hallway wall, or hit with their butts to see if they could give it a hit," says Paiva.

"Well, they succeeded, so that is one of my patch-ups."

Since the "butt wall" is the "head wall," which is also found in Maple, Members of a men's sport team would rain their heads at the wall presumably with no helmets.

Adding the "foot wall" to the list of damaged walls in Maple dorm creates a nice list of human-anatomy walls.

Every week, damages are done to dorm rooms at Roger Williams University, according to Jim Finn, Main-
tenance Assistant Supervisor. Not necessarily as intentionally as the three body-part walls, but alto-
gedly as damaging equally.

Including common area damages, room damages, and even improper check-outs, students are fined about $100 for each, many of which is put into a general fund. Al-
though this number may seem high, according to Director of Housing Tony Montefusco, it probably costs the school more to repair the damages than the fines they charge.

The staff uses a general guideline to assign fines every time students check out and at times when there is damage (for in-
stance, during fire drills when staff walks through each room). If the furni-
itures in the dorm rooms are new and have natural wear and tear, fines are not given. If we refer this system is that Resident Advisers may tell a student that the room looks fine, while professional staff come in later and find damages the RA's missed, according to Montefusco.

"We encountered body-sizes holes and really bad smells," says Corey Konnick, a 20, and RA at RWU. "The damages aren't normally dealt with until the end of the semester. They fix it pretty quickly if it's reported, though."

When students don't report dam-
gages, or cover them up with posters, they end up not working for ma-
intenance at the end of the year. Another problem with damages stu-
dents attempt to cover up to avoid fines is when they try to fix it them-
self.

"When students try to patch a wall up, they probably do a terrible job," says Artis Carreiro, a carpenter at RWU. "And a lot of that comes back to us because if we don't get to it in time, the painters paint over it and [the school] will think we fixed it poorly."

"We had one apartment in Alme-
d往下 we walked into the room and saw that there was a patch, and it looked pretty good," says Montefusco. "The CORE thought [the students] were pretty good at patching it and we shouldn't charge them, I said, 'Are you sure?' and put my flat through it and pulled newspapers out of the wall. That compromised the fire safety of the building."

A brand new carpet in Bayside costs about $7,400; replacing a desk costs $250; holes cost about $50 to patch and repair; replacing a mat-
tess costs $175. During the year, stu-
dents are also fined for vomit and beer bottles and glass were so thick on the floor it was hard to walk any-
where, there were footsteps on the ceiling like someone held someone up-
side-down, there was a hole from the sink to the bedroom, and the refriger-
tor door had an imprint of a body in it," says Vogel.

"There'd be like 70 people in the room at once, so I spent most of my time at my girlfriend's. I still had to pay fines though."

This particular room was being fined about $13,000, according to Vogel, he himself had to pay about $8,000.

"I think it was a little excessive," says Vogel. "I don't think they as-
signed the damage very well."

With students like Vogel's room-
comes causing incredible amounts of damage, it can be hard for mainte-
nance to keep up with repairs.

The school employs only 22 main-
tenance staff throughout the school year, and there are about 1,400 dorm rooms requiring a lot of work, time and money to make them safe for the next year—or sometimes for the next day.

"In less than 24 hours, we're going to turn over 50 rooms in Bay-
deside for parents to stay at during graduation. We also have to repair rooms for eurences, says Montefus-
cusco. "Within 48 hours, we turn over one whole U of Bayside for summer students. That ends up being more costly because we have to hire outside contractors."

According to Finn, one of the rea-
sions some damages aren't fixed be-
fore the beginning of the school year is because of these conferences.

"They don't give us a lot of time [to do repairs]," says Finn. "Sometimes we have a week, sometimes two, so some stuff does get missed. Once we find out about it [when school begins], we try to prioritize, and depending on how severe it is we can fix it that day. We're pretty much caught up now."

Another reason damages may not be fixed beforehand is because of stu-
dents moving in early, while repairs are still happening. The occupied room may be overlooked simply because there was someone already liv-
ing there.

There are many reasons students cause room damage: rectification, missing around, and finding out about it at the end of the semester they're not coming back to school the next se-
meester.

Though some might assume that upperclassmen have the maturity level to keep their dorm rooms neat, Bayside actually causes the most room damage. Common-area damage, according to Mon-
tefusco.

"We had an issue at Bayside where the kids removed half the wall to keep their own furniture or something in their room," says Car-
reiro. "We've had seniors empty their refrigerators—like meat that went bad—into the ceiling. In Bayside there was a box party with a blow up pool; they filled the room with sand, and then the pool popped and water went everywhere—[the stu-
dent] said the tuft overflew."

The staff has made some changes to help prevent room damages, how-
ever. Closet doors were removed from certain dorms because students were taking them off to play beer pong. More importantly, the doors didn't fit properly any more anyway, because students would jump on a student, according to Montefusco.

By taking them away, students can no longer damage them, though it cre-
ta a new issue.

"The big thing this year past year is the closet curtains," says Montefusco. "Everybody thought that as a moment-
to—they're $200 apiece."

According to Paiva, some tiled bathroom floors had been replaced. He says water got trapped under the tiles, leading to the removal and replacing the floor, causing mosquitoes to breed.

Also, the gravel ceilings in Cedar were replaced with suspended ceil-
ings, preventing students from dam-
aging the ceiling tiles and hiding their garbage.

However, even with new damage prevention, students will always find a way to create their own butter wall.

"Last year, me and my roommate built these long boards over the sum-
mer out of smooth boards," says Eric Sweet, 21, a senior. "They're really, really fast, and we would jump on them like trampolines. So I was using it as a spring to do front flips and land in my bed, and I did it once and my heel went through the wall. Well, I al-
ready made a hole in the floor and did it again. This time I under-rotated and literally my butt went through the wall."

"And there were two butt prints," says Paiva.

"I've encountered body-sizes holes and really bad smells. The damages aren't normally dealt with until the end of the semester. They fix it pretty quickly if it's reported, though."

—Junior Corey Konnick
RWU Band
"Break Of Dawn"
Brings Hell Down

Photos By: Lorin Richardson, Asst. Features Editor

"Is everybody having fun yet?" Joe Gallagher screams out into the crowd.

This past Saturday, Break of Dawn's five members: (in order from left to right on picture featured right) Brian Williamson, Brendan Burdick, Spencer Dionne, Joe Gallagher, and Eric Sweet played at "Club Hell" in Providence. The band, underground for a year, has been trying to get its feet off the ground in the RWU community and R.I. The band is also growing a fan base. The music genre hardcore punk is being modeled after bands such as "Our Last Night," which gave the final performance of the night.

The band members spent long nights practicing and writing lyrics until the day of the show.
**WQRI's Music Missal: Album picks of the week**

**Editor's note**: This article is part of a series of new music reviews compiled by the music committee of the campus radio station, 88.3 WQRI.

As it happens, this time of year is great for- reasons and the few big releases that want to take advantage of the holidays. So, if you're in the mood for改革创新s and companions, check out the double disc re-releases of New Order's "Blue Monday," "Bizarre Love Triangle," "True Faith," and "Re- gret," first five albums, the Smiths' "How Soon Is Soon?" "The Sound of the Smiths contains one disc of their best considered singles, and a second disc of rare B-sides, including the CD release of "Jesus." So, for this week's best new music - Tim Hudson, WQRI Music Director

**Student**

**genre**: Punk

**recommends**: Jukebox the Ghost: "Who Will Be Your Teacher?"

**Artist**: Jukebox the Ghost

**Album**: Up to the Stars

**Genre**: Acoustic, Folk, Rock

** RIYL**: The Decemberists

**Grade**: B+

**About**: Jukebox the Ghost is a four-piece band who recently released their second album, "Up to the Stars." The album features a blend of folk and rock music, with the band's signature sound combining acoustic guitars, harmonies, and catchy melodies. Their music has been described as a blend of indie and folk rock, with influences from artists such as The Decemberists and Fleet Foxes.

**Singles**: "Top of the World," "Up to the Stars," "Bulletproof States of Mind"

**Travel Destination**: Anywhere

**Hobbies**: Music, Movies

**Interests**: Traveling, World Music

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**Five athletes to be auctioned off for dates in name of charity**

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The RWU Student Athlete Advisory Committee will host the second annual Athlete Date Auction on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Recreation Center Gymnasi um.

At the event, there will be five athletes, boys and girls "up for bid" from each sport, and those with the highest offer will win a date with the athlete of their choice.

**Students**: Carey Baldwin and Amanda DaCunha of the women's soccer team are once again planning and organizing this year's event, which is being held to raise money for the Amherst Planet, a local newspaper.

**One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to this organization.**

**Recently**, there was a hurricane that devastated this region, DaCunha says. "And your money will go to rebuilding a better life for this community..."

And after a successful auction last year, DaCunha and Baldwin have high hopes for this year's event. They want to raise money for local organizations in both attendance and donations. "It did so amazing last year; better then we could have ever expected," says Baldwin. "The Rogers Williams community really stepped up and donated more than they could have ever imagined."

The event has a $1 entry fee and will include free pizza, music, and of course, dates.

"We hope the date auction will continue to become a yearly event and become more and more popular as the years go on," Baldwin says. "I know that we're looking for a girl in the community that would be interested in doing this..."

Don't forget to come and join in on the fun! Fill your pockets with some extra cash and win a date for a great cause.
‘Pants just feel weird’ for senior who claims he rarely feels cold or pain

Allie Coren
Herald Staff

A crowd of students walks through campus, bearing the harsh weather of the frozen month of January. Amidst the frozen conditions, a 21-year-old Chemistry and Biology double major, Robert Yaeger, a resident of West Osceola Hall, walks through campus, bearing the harsh weather.

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"It just doesn't really feel that cold to me," said Yaeger. "When it's a cold day, it feels like a comfortable day to me. I only wear jackets when there's freezing rain or when it's so cold, your flesh freezes in about five minutes."

In addition to cold temperatures, heat and pain barely affect Yaeger. "I have such a condition since, according to him, he doesn't experience cold and doesn't eat the healthiest foods.

Yaeger's unknown condition allows him to withstand both cold and hot weather. He can tell if his temperature is too hot or too cold.

"I feel awesome about being a complete weirdo," said Yaeger. "I am actually a pretty good shooter."

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"Did you get involved with Mr. RUW?"

"I did get involved with Mr. RUW because I heard that it is a lot of fun and wanted to take part."

"I hope that my community is really invested in this cause and that the community really wants to get involved."

"What is something that you have learned through your involvement with the pageant?"

"I have learned just how much a small group of college undergraduates can accomplish."

"What is a fun fact about you?"

"People who don't swing their arms when they walk make me anxious."

"Mike Dills
Senior, Tewksbury, Mass.

How do you feel about being on the show for Mr. RUW?"

"I feel awesome about being nominated for Mr. RUW, but I mean stuffing myself like a hopped out on a lot of stuff."

I told everyone I know to go vote for me and my parents were beyond pleased."

"Have you thought about your talent?"

"I've definitely given some thought about my talent. I am not going to spill my little secret out to the public but just know that it's going to be neat."

"Boxers or briefs?"

"Boxers definitely. I don't like the restrictions."

"John Hannigan
Junior, Henniker, N.H.

What has been the most rewarding part of your experience?"

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"Do you have any hidden talents?"

"Yes... I am actually a pretty good shooter. Being from New Hampshire and having a criminal justice background I like to go to the range and shoot skeet with friends."

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RAND MORRIS
Sophomore, Wakefield, R.I.

MEET THE MEN

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Wired

Former presidential adviser David Gergen speaks to reporters at the White House in the 1990s, with then-President Bill Clinton by his side. In addition to Clinton, Gergen has advised Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Ford.
CONTRACT: Faculty approves deal

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for the union.

Many well-established universities have smaller course loads to encourage faculty to do more research and scholarship.

"We're not going to write the great American novel here," said Sharon Deluca, chair of the graphic design department, and 18-year vet who, she says, before he was very busy, you can't do that when you've got the load that we do, and the numbers of students and advisors we have.

A late addition to the contract, the reduced load may mean that additional teachers will have to be found for up to 1/8 of the courses currently offered. It is unclear at this point how the university plans to deal with the disparity.

"I think people would have voted against it more if they didn't think we would have mid-year raises of 2.75 percent for successive years," said Deluca.

Deluca also had some faculty up in arms, like a number of her peers.

"I thought we threw under the everybody coming in after us, and a lot of people who are just sitting here waiting to be tenured," she said, explaining why she voted against the contract. "I think it was cheap, and I feel cheap about it for this faculty. I think we did a cheap thing."

senate "did you know?" of the week

Did you know that Senator Kayla

Morency has been a dancer

for 16 years?

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Sports

Wrestling posts third place finish in RWU Invitational

Dan Molkin
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's wrestling team hosted its annual invitational this past weekend in what was an eventful and exciting day for all teams involved. The Hawks were coming off a fifth place finish after they traveled to Ithaca College last weekend and were hoping the momentum would continue to Saturday.

The first wrestler to deliver a strong performance was Tom Tuminelli who was coming off a fifth place finish at the 149-pound weight class last time out. Tuminelli wrestled hard and ended with a fourth place finish in the invitational.

James Woods also executed his usual impressive play and had a very strong showing throughout the day. Woods earned his second straight third place finish in the 184-pound division and together he and Tuminelli have both begun their seasons in strong fashion.

Also performing exceptionally well on the day was Andrew Hawley, who defeated his Coast Guard counterpart 11-2 while clocking in at second. Overall, eight Hawks were able to step up and deliver strong performances throughout the entire event.

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Nick Cambi was also able to step up in the difficult 197-pound competition winning an exciting 4-1 match to finish in fifth place. In one of the most exciting and compelling bouts, Chris Nadeau endured a 7-5 loss at the very competitive 165 class while finishing in sixth place.

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Zach Weinrich had an all around impressive day and ended up finishing in second place to lead the way for his team. Phil Kelly battled against the Wesleyan heavy-weight in a thrilling clash that ended 3-1 with Kelly earning fourth place honors. Bennett Kissane also continued to perform at a high level and wrapped up his day earning a sixth place finish.

"We are really pleased with the way we competed as a team," said senior Andrew Jackson. "We battled in a lot of tough matches today and we can definitely build on this performance."

At the end of the day, the Hawks scored 120 points, which was good enough to earn them a third place finish in the overall standings. Johnson and Wales ended up winning the event with Messiah College clocking in at second. Overall, eight Hawks competitors were able to place in their respective weight classes.

The Hawks will be in action again this Saturday when they travel to Springfield College to take part in the Doug Parker Invitational.

Hawks on the Horizon

Men's Basketball
Friday November 21st vs. Tufts University 6:00 p.m.
Saturday November 22nd Championship/Consolation Game Monday November 25th @ Connecticut College 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Saturday November 22nd @ Lasell College 1:00 p.m.
Monday November 25th @ Salve Regina University 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 2nd vs. Wheaton College 7:00 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday November 22nd @ Springfield College 10:00 am.
Saturday November 13th @ University of Southern Main 12:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving
Saturday November 22nd @ Bridgewater State College 1:30 p.m.
Friday December 5th - Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational Saturday December 6th - Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational

SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES

The Inter-Class Council's Senior Class Officers and the Hawk's Herald will honor and highlight the graduating members of all Varsity athletic teams. From now until the end of the year, there will be a column showcasing several seniors and their achievements.

Congratulations Class of 2009!
THIS IS OUR YEAR

Look out for more Senior Student-Athletes in upcoming issues of The Hawk's Herald.

#4 Ardy Jagne
- From Bronx, N.Y., this Soccer star led the Hawks to a final season score of 10-5-3. Playing back for the past 4 years Ardy has been a key member of the men's team.

#10 Danny Saccoccio
- From Holtville, N.Y., Danny completes the Co-Captain duo. A soccer superstar, this midfielder and 4-year student-athlete ended his final varsity season with a grand total of 17 goals and 15 assists since freshman year.

Jill Mackey
From Redding, Conn., this tennis pro joined the team for the first time this season, which is unfortunate because she went undefeated (6-0) in all single matches played this fall.

Katie Wilmes
From White Bear Lake, MN, this fifth-year Architecture major, named captain, has been a member of the Lady Hawks Tennis team for 3 years. Wilmes is ending her fall season with scores of (2-6) playing singles and (3-2) playing doubles.

COURTESY RWU ATHLETICS
The RWU Wrestling team is 2-0 as they head into their Invitational Tournament at Springfield College this weekend.
Men's basketball does not expect drop off, striving for continued success in new season

Tim McKone
Herald Staff

In most cases when a team goes 17-11 and graduates three key players, one of them being the conference player of the year, somewhat of a drop the following season is to be expected, but not for the Houston Baptist University basketball team, which seems poised for another successful year.

Head coach Mike Tully, last season’s Commonwealth Coast Conference coach of the year, has assembled a team with a nice blend of youth and experience. The Hawks, which were picked to finish third this year in the TCCU preseason coaches’ poll, are led by senior guard Tucker Bashew.

Bashew is the team’s top returning scorer, averaging 11.6 points a game last year while also being named an All TCCU honorable mention player.

Along with Bashew, fellow backcourt mates senior guard Billy Barrett and sophomore Corey Fava also return. Barrett was third in scoring last season for RWU, while Fava led the team in minutes played. Senior Ryan McGinn and sharp shooter Michaeltow are also expected to play significant roles this season.

Tully hit the recruiting trail hard once again this past year and it has paid off with the addition of five now freshmen. Joe Kane, Dan Weidmann, and Gary Madison give RWU a lot of depth in the backcourt while Vinny Russo and Pat Phimian are expected to contribute in the frontcourt.

Along with the five new freshmen, Taylor

“We’re going to be a fun and exciting team to watch this season.”
- Chuck Davidson, student assistant

Malkin’s Mind: Texas bell ringer, pirates and horse racing make this week’s list

Dan Malkin
Asst. Sports Editor

Topic #1 - This week’s award for the athlete whose career is the biggest mess goes to professional golfer John Daly. In the last few months, Daly has lost every one of his sponsors except for Hooters, only made $52,000 on tour events and got arrested for public disturbance while wearing all Red Raider apparel. The Hawk’s lost three key players, one of them being Tim McKone.

Topic #2 - The 16 seconds of fame award goes to the Texas Tech basketball ringer. If you didn’t catch the Texas vs. Texas Tech game, just picture a young fat Shaquille O’Neal wearing all Red Raider apparel. The kid was going wild, shoving the coveted bell while screaming hilariously with his tongue permanently hanging out of his mouth. He basically looked like a hungry grizzly bear that was taking his game time up way too much of ESPN’s game time.

Topic #3 - This week will be monumental for the horseracing world when Curlin will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Curlin, who won the 2007 Preakness Stakes, is expected to sell for over $20 million. My suggestion for this event is to run a school-wide charity event to help raise money to purchase the animal.

Having Curlin galloping around campus would definitely be a major contributor when it comes to admissions and school-wide tours.

Topic #4 - Somali pirates have hijacked a Saudi Arabian oil tanker off the coast of Somalia and as of this writing, are demanding a ransom for the goods. My suggestion is for the entire Detroit Lions team to take their 0-10 record and change careers. I’m sure a pack of wild Somali Pirates would love to have the speed of Calvin Johnson's "Mega-tron" Johnson and the 0-5 pounds of Gasser on his "Shadow" Cheruils during their next hijacking mission.

Topic #5 - The strangest job a professional athlete has got to be Marshawn Lynch, the Buffalo Bills running back. Next time you get on a computer, look for a picture of the man from California. He looks like a combination of a wild boar and a massive Wyoming buffalo. Lynch has been placed on the New York Knicks inactive list and officially been declared the NBA player of the year with his new head tattoo for all to see. All I can say is his $21 million salary could definitely buy himself a fancy and expensive massage chair to keep his body loose while sitting on the team’s sidelines.

Topic #6 - What I am going to miss most about college basketball season is Kenny George. The 7’8” center for the UNC Asheville basketball team will miss the entire season while he undergoes foot surgery. The guy is so tall that the class desks can’t fit him, so he sits on the floor where he is still able to see the entire class. While he travels with the team, an entire row on the bus must be removed just to fit his legs in the given area. He has no real skill but it is always interesting to watch a real-life goliath run up and down the court.

Topic #9 - Stephon Marbury has officially been declared the NDA player or parents least want their kids to play like and to be like when they grow up. Marbury has been placed on the New York Knicks inactive list and is currently healthy. He has sat his disruptive and volatile self on the bench every game this year with his new head tattoos for all to see. All I can say is his $21 million salary could definitely buy himself a fancy and expensive massage chair to keep his body loose while sitting on the team’s sidelines.

COURTESY RW ATHLETICS
Senior guard Tucker Bashew will be the leader of the RWU men’s basketball team this season after the Hawks lost three key players to graduation.

COURTESY OF YAHOO SPORTS
John Daly won this week’s award for the professional athlete whose life is the biggest mess.