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Students told “no” to off-campus housing

Alyssa Persinger
Asst. Web editor

It became one of her “ood-ear favorites.” Searching Craigslist for off-campus housing became a morning ritual. For months, she looked at tons of houses, and in each search found the perfect home. Unfortunately, it came with a minor snag: No students allowed.

“I understand why homeowners have prejudices against college students,” Katie Heuston, ’21, a senior, said. “But there are good people in college, too, and if you’re going to live in a college town you have to assume you’re going to be renting to college students.”

Although she moved into the house in August, Heuston has been paying for the house since May to ensure that she had a place to live come the beginning of the semester.

“I basically used it as really expensive storage over the summer,” Heuston said.

Unlike at the stereotypical college party house, Heuston lives with two other girls in a quiet part of Bristol. The white house comes equipped with a canopy of grape vines to the left of the driveway. With the exception of the clucking chickens from the coop in the backyard, the house is quiet.

“We like having an apartment where we can come back and work, but you go out to parties,” Heuston said. “We have friends over, but we’re quiet here.”

According to Mary Tavares, Century 21 employee of 18 years, legally, homeowners can say “no” to students, and usually only take one if they’re a law student. Legally, homeowners can say they don’t want students and it’s not considered discriminatory.

Homeowner Nicole Sowing, of Bristol, has her reasons not to rent to RWU undergraduate students.

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Herald hits Web with ‘more’ of everything

Phil DeQuattro
News editor

No, the Web address at the top and bottom of this page isn’t a typo. The Hawk's Herald is online.

Really. Type it into your browser.

The newspaper today launches a Web site—hawksherald.com—an ambitious effort to expand coverage, reach more readers and make content more interactive.

And the key word here is “more.” Hawksherald.com is your home for more of the great stories and photos you get every Friday in print. It’s your destination for more information on the people, places and things you read about. It’s a wonderful showcase for our writers reporting that doesn’t make the 12-page edition.

The site also is a forum for this newspaper to explore journalism beyond ink and paper. Soon, you’ll find video and audio clips that take you inside the stories you see in print. The editors and reporters who put the paper together each week will take you behind the scenes from time to time with video blogs, or “vlogs,” as the tech-savvy call them.

More importantly, the site also is a place for you to connect and have your voice heard. Leave comments on stories. Type a letter to the editor. Take our weekly poll or analyze poll results as they pour in. And if that isn’t enough, continue the conversation on our message boards.

The Web site, months in the making, is powered by College Media Network, a New York-based online publishing company owned by mtvU. The company serves nearly 600 student-run publications throughout the country.

The birth of the Web site by no means signals the

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Hawksherald.com is your print. The editors and content more interactive.

A new emergency alarm system, including four alarms and an intercom system, has been installed on campus. The system is meant to alert students who are outside to potential hazards, according to Public Safety.

“It is not made to be heard inside,” said John Blessing, Public Safety director. According to Blessing, the new alarm system cost just under $100,000.

The system provides another layer of safety and communication for our campus community," said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The system installed over winter break has four strategically placed speakers located on top of the Recreation Center, Cedar, Bayside and the parking garage.

There are four types of alarms featured in the system: one for weather emergencies, one for lightning storms, one for chemical spills and one for acts of violence. Each of these alarms has been designed to address issues that the campus may face or has already faced.

According to Blessing, there have been instances in the past when an alarm system such as the one installed would have been useful. For instance, during the spring 2007 semester, a Fed-Ex truck caught on fire next to the mailroom as a result of a chemical spill. And over the summer, tornadoes struck in Bristol and Barrington and a man was struck and killed by lightning while fishing on the outskirts of campus near the Mount Hope parking garage.

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ALARM: System to be used ‘rarely,’ officials say

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Bridge.

Campus officials speculate that the alarm will seldom be used.

“It is only for very serious emergencies and is expected to be used rarely,” said Blessing. Although the alarm may not sound often, Blessing said routine tests of the system will be conducted to make sure it is in working order.

According to King, the idea for the alarm was introduced during a meeting of the crisis management committee. “This system has been in the planning stage for over a year,” he said.

The alarm system was developed by a company called Cooper Notification and has been used on military bases across the country. As for college campuses, Roger Williams is one of those “leading the way” with the installation of the alarm system. King said.

In the coming weeks, students can expect to see educational messages in e-mail and on the Roger Williams System. According to Blessing, info sessions for students and faculty will be offered as another tool to raise awareness about the system.

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The death of the newspaper. Think of the site as a supplement to each print copy of The Hawk’s Herald. If you see an icon that reads “Online Extra” next to a story in print, log on to the site to find more coverage and interest.

The site will be updated with a slew of fresh content every Friday, just as the print edition hits stands, but some content, including puzzles and other fun features and contests, will remain exclusive to print.

After the newspaper goes to print, check the site daily for updates on stories and breaking news. If something big happens on campus, you can now turn to us for the rundown instantly, rather than wait several days for the print edition. When the paper hits stands, expect to find a thorough story on the breaking news you followed online.

The site allows us to communicate better with our readers. We are compiling a list of “frequently asked questions” and clear, comprehensive answers. We know many of you have questions about advertising, which is why we are building a page devoted entirely to advertising information.

The launch of the Web site is an exciting leap forward for your student newspaper. Staff writers and editors alike are excited to explore our new home’s capabilities and are committed to solidifying the reputation for accuracy and fairness that shines through in our print edition.

As we move ahead, we keep in mind the famous saying, “Slow and steady wins the race.” In this case, those are words to live by.

It’s important to remember that the Web site and paper rely on people to run efficiently, and people are imperfect. Not everything on the Web site will work at all times. We’re still tweaking some features that will not be up and running for several weeks. You likely will see some design changes as we move things around to better suit the needs of visitors, so excuse our appearance.

Definitely tell us what you think. Log on, send a letter to the editor and take our poll, which this week simply asks, “How do you like our new site?” Bookmark it today, explore and enjoy.

WEB SITE: Herald goes online
Construction crews continue work on Global Heritage Hall against a gloomy backdrop recently, even as snow pummels the campus. One of several major construction projects that commenced last fall, the hall is scheduled to be completed later this year and is expected to be a fully functioning academic building by the 2009-2010 school year.

Roger Williams University Student Conduct Brief Spring 2009

Fairness • Honesty • Integrity

In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlights selected student discipline statistics. The outcomes of cases during fall 2008 resulting in suspension or expulsion from RWU are listed below. Suspension from the University is for 1 semester up to an indefinite time and usually begins immediately. Expulsion is permanent and once found responsible, students are immediately withdrawn from their classes. Suspensions and expulsions are listed on students’ academic transcripts. Students are responsible for all financial obligations for the semester when the sanction occurred. During suspensions and expulsions, responsible individuals are banned from University property. In accordance with state and federal laws protecting the privacy of student records, identifying information in the following report, such as names and genders, is excluded.

Last semester, in addition to the below information, 2 students were removed and banned from housing for 1 semester due to tampering with fire safety equipment. Another 9 students were removed and banned from housing for 1 semester for alcohol related violations.

Fall 2008 Student Disciplinary Suspensions (5)

• 2 suspensions for multiple violations of the Conduct Code, alcohol use, violation of probation and failing to complete educational sanctions.

• 1 suspension for falsifying University documents, verbal threats, and disorderly conduct.

• 1 suspension for an off-campus assault under the influence of alcohol; the student was arrested.

• 1 suspension for participation in a fight and assault on campus under the influence of alcohol.

Fall 2008 Student Disciplinary Expulsions (1)

• 1 expulsion for possession of a large quantity of drugs off campus; the student was arrested.

We often find that a number of students lose housing privileges during spring semester due to probation violations and/or third alcohol violations. We hope to create an awareness of response to community discussions as well as to educate students to think before you act and please make good decisions that will benefit the community. Education, restoration, and protection are the intended outcomes of the Student Conduct system. We seek to enhance the educational missions of the University and the Division of Student Affairs by setting and promoting high standards while treating each student with dignity and respect. If there are questions about the process or behavioral concerns, please contact us at 254-3042 or contact an RA, Core, or Public Safety.

Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards • Roger Williams University
Women as leaders

Katie Savoy
Editorial Editor

At a recent retreat for campus organizations, one of the breakout sessions was about women as leaders. It was an interesting topic to talk about because it was something I didn’t really think about. I thought that women had found equality. Didn’t women get the right to vote in 1920 and weren’t there another female revolution in the 1960s and 1970s with women burning bras declaring freedom from oppression? Yes on both counts, but we find ourselves now on the cusp of the final frontier of equality, management positions and other high-ranking offices in the job force today. Considering all of this, gender continues to play a large role in the way that women and men lead.

Yet you look around our campus quickly, you may think that leadership roles are just the opposite; there are more women in leadership positions than men. And you would be correct. Around 60 to 70 percent of the leadership positions on campus are filled by women, and in fact, this is the case on practically every college campus around the United States. So, then doesn’t it look like women have finally gained the power that they wanted?

This is the case. However, if you were to look at women leaders, you may notice that women are virtually all management jobs or higher. These jobs still fall squarely to the males.

So, may ask, where do all the women go? One simple answer is what is known as the “novelty trick,” which basically means that several college graduates hit the work force, less of them will eventually have a management job or higher.

Most importantly, we did not mistake sexuality for sex. I am not saying it goes to power and superiority. The subjects are not usually synonymous. No wonder that women sometimes have to sleep the night away, while those who use charm and often more effective tool.

However, when discussing leadership, the concept of sexuality is always something that seems to be mentioned for one reason or another. Often, women are too optimistic and bouncy are things to think about when choosing them. Let me tell you, here and persuasion are “nice” and often more effective.

Because of this perceived notion of how things are best done, often, the use of sexuality is also seen as less effective. However, this does not mean that women do not mistake sexuality for sex. I am not saying that women in leadership roles have to sleep their way to the top. They all earned it, but sexuality is definitely not helping the cause of women.

After telling them that I want to lead President Obama’s inauguration, my friends ask me how it was. The question leaves me stumped on how to wing it. Is there anyone within one’s attention span what it was like to stand in a crowd of over one million freezing yet elated people? Thus, eyes and minds wander as I launch into the story of my misadventures as an inauguration ticket-holder standing in unimaginably long lines. Telling my audience that the crowd’s breath produced summer asphalt-like heat radiation reels them back in, though.

I feel that the people asking me, “So, how was it?” are asking the wrong question, because to answer that question, I have to jump straight to the “how did things go?” checklist of potential accomplishments from the trip. And unfortunately, grading the trip objectively emphasizes the negatives, which were numerous.

The weather was cold. Our printed driving directions were misleading, literally. We were pulled over for a traffic violation at 6 a.m. while being one of the only cars on the road. We completely missed the “We Are One” concert, which we woke up before the sun that day in order to see. We were stuck waiting for two hours for the last Amtrak train of the night, which was temporarily put out of commission due to a 10-minute speech being given by the President-Elect at the train station before ours.

Most importantly, we did not even get to see the inauguration with our naked eyes. After flying, driving, and train riding for hundreds of miles, we ended up not being able to make it through the enormous lines, and having to re-sort to watching the inauguration on of the many Jumbotrons on the National Mall.

Yet, what the trip meant to me was not how disappointing it was to not make it through the lines to validate our tickets. What stays with me is the feeling of patriotism I had by merely standing as one of the crowd and starting up at the image of President Obama being sworn in, surrounded by comments dedicated to our nation’s greatest men.

Patronism used to be a dirty word with me. It used to conjure images of over-sized pickup trucks with “those college don’t run” bumper stickers or a football stadium teeming with intimated men chanting “US! SI! US!” Post-Sept. 11, anti-female sentiments had rewritten what it meant to be a “true” American. Yet the crowd of nearly two million chanting but positive and hopeful people undid the tarnishing of patriotism caused by the past eight years. There were no arrests of inauguration-watchers on Jan. 20. Every single person I bumped into or stood in line next to was nice and optimism.

Even when it was clear that my line mates and I were not going to make it into the inauguration seating area, not a single person dealt with their disappointment by anger or malevolence. Red Sox World Series championship rallies invite more violence and ill will than the largest, most pivotal political ceremony of the new millennium did.

I was proud. My faith in my fellow Americans was restored. Standing among all those people as I watched our new leader get sworn in, I actually felt proud to be an American. Every war ever fought was a battle over who got to be in charge.

On Jan. 20, one of the most unpopular leaders in recent memory gave up his power. No blood was shed; no animosity was manifest itself in violence. I experienced firsthand what all of my history teachers have taught as America’s greatest quality: its ability to accomplish a peaceful transition of power.

If I had never woken up at ungodly hours, waited in endless lines, and endured bitter disappointment, I would never have been able to restore my faith in my country and what it stands for. So when my friends sympathized with my frustrations about the trip, I quickly assure them that “Yes, the trip was absolutely worth it.”

Barack Obama addresses the crowd following his inauguration last month.
Plenty of change to celebrate, from D.C. to Bristol

An air of change greeted students as we welcomed back the campus. It’s a historic moment for many, it was too long. People settled quickly into rooms and went back to their old routines so flawlessly it is hard to forget how long we had all been gone.

But while catching up with friends, classmates, faculty and of course, staff, the change on this campus and in the world was a match. We celebrated a new year and back from studying abroad. We were making a better environment outside our windows.

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For some, break was too short but for others it was a huge success. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and faculty. It is interesting to note that an overwhelming number of students returned to the campus. We have also booked full service in the housing department.

As co-chairs of the Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force, we wanted to update students, faculty and staff on our progress so far this academic year. Over the past three years, the task force has implemented a policy change and policies to curb binge drinking among college students.

In the hope that they feel at home. We continue to get a better of the campus continues, it is perhaps the best year we have ever had. We are committed to carefully making a better environment outside our windows.

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Afghani adjusts to American life

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Afghanistan. Hemat prefers to go by his middle name because Sayed is a tribe name describing him a Muslim under Mohammad, meaning that many others have Sayed as a first name, too.

Hemat is one of six Afghani students attending RWU, of the 105 international students currently enrolled at the college; about 3,840 undergraduate students are enrolled all together. More than 40 countries are represented by international students, including Afghanistan, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, France, India and Vietnam, according to Maria Atkins, 30, Assistant Director of the RWU International Center.

Hemat's family is lost and killed? (his dad died seven years ago), family is lost and killed? Hemat's life. worse? It's like Monopoly: you're making your trade, giving one thing for another. Did [America] make it better or worse? It's like Monopoly: you're making your trade, giving one thing for another. Sometimes it's bad, sometimes it's good.

Coming to RWU on a scholarship without ever visiting America and only Googling the university, Hemat was drawn to the school's location in Stonewall Two and became roommates second semester," said Sid Chanthavong, a senior. "I saw his nametag on his door and realized he

Sayed Hemat Raz, known as Hemat to his friends, is an international student from Kabul, Afghanistan. Hemat prefers to go by his middle name because Sayed is a

A giant snowman that stood outside the Commons for several days appears finally wounded on a recent snowy afternoon. He held out longer than expected, though, eventually succumbing to warm temperatures.

Top Ten Things to Do When Classes are Cancelled Due to Snow:

1. Build a snowman.
2. Eat lots of junk food: oreos, twizzlers, chocolate covered pretzels, Doritos, cheese balls and goldfish.
4. Catch up on the reading you haven't completed for class.
5. Watch a good movie like "Jack Frost II: Revenge of the Mutant Killer Snowman" or something tropical like "Blue Crush."
6. Buy a pair of snowshoes and make cool tennis shoes and make cool tennis raquet footprints all over campus.
7. Go tubing/sledding on the soccer fields.
8. Soup sampling party! Take out all the cans of soup you have and determine which flavor is best!
9. Because you can't get to the gym, do Richard Simmons workout videos in your room.
10. Read The Hawk's Herald and take the weekly poll on hawksherald.com!
One student recalls seeing cheat sheets posted on the back of a Desani was both another admittance to pro-

gramming chemistry formulas into his;

the long time she had actually

head to an American student reading
tape-recorded notes in the back of an exam.

"We could all hear him playing it," says Joe, who asked that his full

name not be used. "He went the entire

turnover at the last minute and

results are the tape."

Though these methods may be somewhat extremes, they are evidence of a pervasive cheating problem at Roger Williams University. A survey of 250

students, conducted by The

Hawk's Herald in early December, found that 53 percent admitted to cheating while at RWU.

The survey, which defined cheatin

ing "anything your professors wouldn't condone," found that of those polled, 67 percent said they cheat rarely, 25 percent said they cheat occasionally, and 8 percent admitted to cheating frequently.

"There's a lot of pressure to do well in school," said Marian Eustace, Associate Dean of the School of Business. "I think much of what happens is desperation. I chose to go out with my friends instead of studying and now I'm up against the fence and I got to do something. I can't think this class.

RWU's student handbook calls academic dishonesty "the most seri

ous academic crime there is," and lays out the conceivable penalties for cheating: "A fine offense may result in failure of the course involved, the ultimate sanction is suspension or dismissal from the university."

Although the student handbook states instances of cheating are to be reported to the Office of Acade

mic Affairs, students are rarely caught. They say, many pro

fessors often choose to deal with the matter themselves, knowing the light punishments that entire students to cheat over and over again.

"I allow for a certain amount of weakness in the face of temptation," said philosophy professor Michael Wright, who prefers to keep instances of cheating at bay. "It's got to be mighty severe for me to take it to the point where the student runs the risk of expul

sion."

Wright said that when he was a sophomore year you kind of get a feel

about who's paying attention and who's not paying attention.

The Hawk's Herald survey found that only 49 percent of freshmen cheated compared to 58 percent of sophomores and 67 percent of juniors.

Many faculty members say they do what they can to stop perennial cheaters like Joe. Robert Potter, the Dean of the School of Engineering, Computing & Construction Management, said the professors in his de

partments make students spread out for exams, frequently write fresh
tests, stay with their students while they take the exam, and tell and to de

vice questions that require problem solving so as to reduce a copy and paste mentality.

"Our examinations don't lend themselves to the type of sophomoric cheating that some people envision as "cheating," he said.

Some faculty in the School of Business, especially during exams, will say you can't wear a cap because people write answers on the brim," said Eustace. "I think as you learn that these things are possible, there are faculty who have the initiative to put in the preventive measures."

A few years ago, the university invested in Turnitin, a computer pro

gram that analyzes papers for plagiarism, in an attempt to root out cheating.

Eustace said a student recently passed in a paper that the program realized was identical to one passed in two years earlier.

Before the technology, the facul

ty member would never have remem

bered those answers two years later, and I'm sure that's what the student would be doing on." But some faculty members re

main undeterred about the use of such technology. While Wright said he had seen programs like Turnitin used in New Zealand when he was on sabbatical there, he didn't know we had it here.

And many students say that their professors are not doing all they can to make cheating difficult.

"Lots of professors are very into something else while they're proctor

ing an exam, like grading other pa

ers, or reading a magazine or news

paper, and not really paying attention to what's going on in the classroom," said a student who asked to remain anonymous. "It's pretty obvious if you are looking around and there are a lot of kids looking down at the floor, or looking at their cronches."

And then of course there is the in

vention of cheating; notes stuffed in

socks or written on the soles of shoes and hat brims; iPod playlists of recorded information stealthily lis

tened to through headphones taped

inside shirt sleeves; and more recent

ly text message-filled trips to the

bathroom.

The battle between cheaters and those who try to stop them is in con

dent evolution. Websites dedicated to cheating, like rajuji.com, boast "detailed instructions on how to cheat in school, no matter the grade level," and a search of "how to cheat on tests" on YouTube turns up 2,840

results.

Engvall said that even in the rare cases in which faculty detect stu

dents cheating, the punishment sys

tem is set up in a way that places the burden of proof on professors who often don't want the guilt that comes with confronting a potential cheater.

"We have the interaction with them and say: 'Hey, I caught you cheating in class, this is what I'm going to do,' and often that's met with tears, or met with a story legitimate, or otherwise talking about how their life is going to ruined," said Engvall.

That changes things for a lot of prof

essors. "You want to give somebody a break," said Eustace. "You want to say, 'Okay, you made a terrible, poor choice in this class and you've learned from this.' Not going to negatively influence other faculty in some future semester."

Wright agreed. Though he said he has never suspected a philosophy student of cheating, he has on occa

sion encountered cheating in his core classes.

"In the very few cases in which people have actually copied, or worked together, I call them in, and if they 'fess up to it I'll give them an F, and that's it."

It is also common, Engvall said, for students to lie about their cheat

ing habits when confronted by a pro

fessor. He said he would like to see a system utilized in which teachers submit reports of cheating incidents to a central database that can be checked to see if they are telling the truth or not.

Engvall also said that the intro

duction of an Academic Integrity Of

ficer would take the burden and guilt of punishment out of the teacher's hands and lead to more reporting of cheating from professors.

"That's what the Center for Aca

demic Integrity recommends," said Engvall. "It is possible that our sys

tem makes it a little easier to cheat and a little bit harder for professors to take the time to have to deal with it."

In the mean time, students con

tinue to cheat at RWU and get away with it.

Last year, Joe received an e-mail from a professor that said he and an

other student in his class had sub

mitted identical homework assign

ments. The professor said he knew they had cheated and mercifully told them they would only have to redo the assignment.

But this time, Joe knew he hadn't cheated, that in fact the other student had found his assignment and copied it, and now his score was on the line.

"At first I was kind of angry," said Joe. "But the kid was cool about it and he had the assignment for me."

In an ironic twist, Joe turned to cheating to deal with a problem caused by cheating.

"If I know I can get away with something, then I'll do it," said Joe. "Not to insult our own learning insti

tution, but it's easy to cheat here."
‘Eco’ program seeks student volunteers

Courtney Nogard
Features Editor

Last Earth Day, when President Roy Nirschel signed the President’s Climate Commitment, it paved the way for Roger Williams University to move forward with a green agenda.

Students who are not majoring in music can still take music courses and personal lessons. Chorus and instrumental ensembles are "dual-status as a course and club," and students are encouraged to either join or take the class.

"It’s not an entirely practical major," says Mair. "[This major] is for students who can’t be happy in a world without playing music. [For students] who take every single music course offered; for students who love music but don’t have the years of experience to get into Berkley; it will be for people who don’t have a didactic path; people who learned to play on their own; people who aren’t attracted to traditional majors.

Attaining a music/education or music/performance major requires facilities that RWU does not have at the moment. With only three full-time music professors and a handful of music staff, and very little space, it’s in everything."
WQRI: These songs really ‘pop’

Editor’s note: This article is part of a series about the fiftieth anniversary of the music committee of 89.3 WQRI, the campus radio station.

John Mayer’s song ‘Your Body is a Wonderland’ is not just limited to the top 40 chart. Don’t get me wrong, there’s a ton of great music out there, like Kelly Clarkson, Coldplay, John Mayer’s “Say,” and Lleanna Lewis. But of course, part of the fun of music is finding something that a lot of people don’t currently know, and trying to get the good stuff that they should know. Here’s a few left of center pop masterpieces to put on at a party to surprise but please your guests.

-Tim Holian, WQRI Music Director

Belle and Sebastian

“I’m a Cuckoo”

Belle and Sebastian have been around as a mainstream act for some time, but without actually being without any fans. They have a large fanbase in America, they get attention from the media, and they get onto the soundtrack of Juno. But still, a good number of people have not been exposed to Scotland’s second biggest secret (they are slightly smaller than the Loch Ness Monster). This track, from their masterpiece “Deer Catastrophe Waitress,” serves as not only a great 5 minute jingle to keep you on your toes, but also as a tribute to Thin Lizzy. Very rarely does a track about romantic desperation get this bright and bouncy.

Gaslight Anthem

“58 Sound”

About the last song you hear before you die has to be one of the highest points in the spectrum, either the song is too sentimental to be touching, or the song is too weighed down by details to avoid sentimentality. Well, Gaslight Anthem’s “58 Sound” just becomes checklist of what to do when you die. This song doesn’t quite touch the other hands balance the two, making a poignant balance between loss and celebration. And when he gets to “Young boys, young girls, ain’t supposed to die on a Saturday night,” you know he’s onto something good.

Blake Babies

“Out There”

Once upon a time, Juliana Hatfield used to be the indie darling for Alternative music, even getting name checked by the Bare Naked Ladies. For us, we probably remember her as the really attractive lunch lady on the soundtrack of Juno. But still, a good song by Orange Juice makes this song by Orange Juice so awesome. A cheesy bouncy song made for the club by this Scottish post-punk band shows that even though you’re being blank and stagnant, you don’t have to be boring about it. If you make the song danceable, it doesn’t matter that you’re sad and depressed and your arms stick like glue to your side when you see the love of your life. A lesson that fellow Scots Franz Ferdinand would use to make “Take Me Out” so infectious.

HOUSING: Living off-campus a battle for some students

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“I did have some RWU students and the ones I have that work with the undergrads said Sowening said. “Graduates have more direction and are not subject to the pellets and the privileges of RWU so I know what college life is like.”

“College students are stereotyped.” Tavarez said. “But unfortunately, you read the pellets in the paper every week and they’re stereotyped for good reasons.”

On a weekly basis, one to two RWU students are cited to appear in court due to house parties and noise levels such as loud music, revving engines and unamplified human voices, according to Lisa Hartzell, Campus Center, who has worked for the Bristol Police Department for 13 years.

“Normally, students go out at night: Wednesday through Saturday night, and when they come back, they can make a lot of noise.” Contente said. “It’s not for a long time, but it is a neighborhood, it’s disruptive.”

However, noise isn’t what students are normally cited for. According to Contente, when the police arrive at the scene, the noise quiets down, so other violations, such as underage drinking, procurement of alcohol and disorderly conduct are the other violations, such as underage drinking, that are cited. These charges are then brought to the attention of RWU’s judiciary system as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, which states students must abide by the “good neighbor policy,” in which students living off campus have the same responsibilities and expectations (respecting neighbors, the law, etc.) applied to them as students living on campus. With the exception of being kicked out of campus, students are still Expected, which brings given warnings and put on probation.

According to Heidi Hartlau, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards, if a student of a violation, they can be remanded off campus for a semester.

“Most students who live off campus really work with landlords and they have their good neighbors.” Hartlau said. “Students ... are representing themselves as University while they’re in our communities, as well as the value of their diploma.”

Although RWU has no official office for off-campus housing, the school does have its own way to help students find homes. According to Jen Stanton, buildings coordinator of the Archie Center, there are about 1,000 undergraduate commuters at RWU, which in turn means that each of them lives off campus. For help finding a house, it’s best to visit www.rwu.edu/rentals housing/officecampus/ areań undercurrent landlords and landlords, along with housing information, and to contact other roommates who have found homes with an off-campus housing firm.

Four or five renters come to campus to answer students’ questions about finding housing, prices, et cetera. Last year there were about 85 students who showed up, according to Carol Sacchetti, Assistant Director of Housing.

With a growing number of real estate agency, students can walk in and ask if anything is available. If the agency’s followers students, the agent will show them the property. It comes when time to fill out the credit application, the agency normally asks for the parents’ signature, a credit check on the parent rather than the student.

“They come in looking for apartments or houses,” Tavarez said. “Every parent says their child is a very studious child, that there will be no partying. And then we get complaints from the landlords, and we have to turn out to the apartment because they can be liable for a quarter’s rent if the student got kicked out.”

In the last year to year-in-a-half, three set of students that Tavarez knows have been kicked out—one only living in the house for two months this past semester.

“When I see boys coming at me I almost want to run the other way,” Tavarez said. “Landlords tend to think girls will be better.” But what happens with the girls is that they attract the boys, and you end up having the boys over anyway.

Joe Dellamuro, 20, a junior at RWU, had a difficult time trying to rent a house. With two real estate agents, it still took over five months before anyone would rent to a group of four boys. In one instance, a group of four girls looked at the same house, and the landlord gave it to the girls “hands down, no questions asked.”

“If I owned a house, I wouldn’t want to rent to college kids either,” Dellamuro said. “Things get messy, and things happen in your house that you prefer not to happen. If I was a landlord and drove by my house to see people getting charged $5 a can at the door, I’d be a little upset .... But a lot of people just won’t rent to guys.”

Dellamuro and his roommates looked out for finding the waterfront property in Bristol during Law School spring break. The vacation home is an academic rental (meaning from September through the end of May), and though Dellamuro and his roommates were not the Law School students the landlord was looking for, they were the first to offer her the price she wanted, so she took it.

“Absolutely hated living in the resident halls; the rules are ridiculous. It’s like living in some type of communist society,” says Dellamuro. “For the same amount of money, I’m able to afford a much nicer place and not have to deal with people knocking on your door at 11 p.m. saying to quiet down.

Of course, Dellamuro admits that he and his roommates are not exactly the “cleanest or most orderly and civil people.” Having already broken their glass stove with a fist, throwing a can of Monter on the door, and trying to make Moonshine in the back of a toilet, things have been broken and repaired.

“Our landlord’s brother-in-law lives four or five houses down the road, so we told the landlord about the story,” Dellamuro said. “She’s very close with us because she knows if we were to leave or whatever, she was to evict us, she’d lose out on a lot of money.”

Heaton also decided to live off-campus for the freedom. In addition, she says it’s cheaper to live off-campus with roommates: while she was paying about $800 a month to live at RWU, she pays about $950 a month in the house.

“Living off-campus makes me feel like a grownup now. I have to worry about bills.” Heaton said. “And I can have my dog here—that was big.”

“Off-campus housing is disruptive in many neighborhoods.” Contente said. “But there are a lot of good college students that are good neighbors, too.”

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ALYSSA PERSING/EAGLE’S HERALD

Junior Joe Dellamuro enjoys a clear view of the Bristol waterfront from his apartment. Other students are not so lucky finding off-campus housing.
WRESTLING: The Hawk's Herald  MIT
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7 and the will next travel to Rhode Island College, where we will face the University of South­ Maine on Feb. 2.

Women's basketball experiencing many ups and downs Dan Mollin Asst. Sports Editor Since the start of the new year, the women's basketball team has been on some­what of a roller coaster, with some impressive wins and some devastating losses. On Jan. 2, the team hot the road to take on the Connecticut College Camels where they hoped to end their six game losing streak. The Hawks played well throughout the first half and most of the sec­ond half, but the Camels went on to win 60-57. In the end, the team did see all 10 players who got on the court score a point. Casey An­derson led the way, posting a double consist­ sec­
Over the past few months. we have been up and down as a team," said Andy Jackson. "We have had some losses which we know how to handle throughout the season and expect to finish off the year compet­ing at a high level.'"

The record now lies at 13-7 and the will next travel to Rhode Island Col­lege where we will face the University of South­

BASEBALL: Manny gets what he deserves Dan DelBusto Sports Editor At some universities, simply being an athlete is enough to get by. If you perform well in the field, then performing in the classroom, or even going to class, is merely optional. If you aren't good enough, but can't see out of trouble of those people, you're the other way. It is an easy road for a lot of collegiate athletes, but this is not the case at Roger Williams University.

Student athletes at RWU are constantly pushed to not only work in their respective sports, but to reach their academic potential and become well-rounded indi­

The department feels very strongly about the acad­

The degree is the most important thing to get for the num­

There are a lot of kids out there that coaches could recruit," said Kelly. "But if they are not doing as well academically as we're not going to do it.

Finding a good mesh of both an athlete and stu­

Along with being solid students, RWU athletes have proven to display strong character as well. Stud­

A possible contributor to this fact is how the ath­

Every two weeks, a traditional captain is named. These individuals, as well. It seems like a tall order for our

They strive to achieve in both sports and school while still possessing the drive to give something back to the community. With the

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Varitek's $5 M deal ends off the drama

The 92-day Jason Varitek drama has finally concluded as the 37-year-old catcher re-signed with the Boston Red Sox for a two-year deal.

The deal agreed upon last Friday was worth $13.6 million over two years, including a team option for $5 million in 2010. The contract also states that if the Red Sox decide to exercise the catcher's option, Varitek has the choice of signing a one-year deal with the player's agent or staying with the club for $4 million.

Varitek's contract also includes a total of $2 million in incentives based on his performance throughout the season. The salary for 2008 is $6 million, with the option for $10 million in 2009.

The draw-out dilemma inevitably resulted in Varitek receiving a base salary of $2 million, a one-year deal with an option to be exercised by the Red Sox. Due to a misjudgment of his market value, the former Arizona Diamondbacks catcher agreed to a two-year contract.

Even though the Red Sox already have both Jason Varitek and Josh Beckett, the team is expected to bring in a new closer. The team could still make a move for one of the best available relievers, according to a source.

I don't imagine signing with the Red Sox simply because it would further solidify the outfield. The only name could be added were:

a) The team moved OF JD Drew to centerfield and inserted Jason Bay into left-field role, currently occupied by recently signed RHP Island native Rocco Baldelli.

b) If the team moved

Dunn to first base and inserted Kevin Youkilis at third base, meaning the Red Sox would have to trade current third basemen Adrian Gonzalez?

While students were away from campus, the wrestling team was hard at work. The first major tournament after the holidays had the team travel to the Hampton Coliseum in Virginia for a very important tournament.

The Hawks first faced the Apprentice school and immediately got out to an early lead. When the match was all said and done, the Hawks had dominated the competition 49-10. Next up was the division II opponent, Gannon University. The Gannon team had been competing at a very high level all season long and after a grueling match, escaped with a 27-9 win over the Hawks.

After the loss, the team faced Division I opponent, the Duquesne Dukes. The Hawks were immediately at home against Endicott. Last Friday has Varitek drama has finally ended.