Travis Cournoyer, left, and Nicholas Westbrook face off in a sabre match during a recent Fencing Guild meeting, while Greg Souza, right, referee.

Fencing Guild fights with form
BY DAN MALKIN
Asst. Sports Editor

Dressed in helmets, protective jackets and gloves, members of the brand new Fencing Guild take it to the mat each week to practice and learn the sport. During each meeting, they perform different footwork techniques and strategies while taking part in sparring sessions.

The program was created this year by senior Kyle Bermingham, who currently serves as the club’s president. Along with Bermingham, Greg Souza works as the team’s vice president, Rason Rosario is treasurer and Joe Santiago is secretary. Together they have created an organization for the community to be a part of and they plan on keeping the club running for years to come.

The guild consists of more than 20 members who all have different levels of experiences in the world of fencing. Some competed on various high school teams, while others are trying the sport out for the first time. The club’s creation reflects a growing trend at the university, where students are planning, constructing and managing their own clubs.

If you stop by a fencing practice on any Monday in the Recreation Center studios from 9 to 11 p.m., you will see a large group of students swinging swords across their bodies while practicing different stances and strategies. The group is raising its overall tuition, fees and room and board costs every year for more than two decades, but with the economy the worst it has been in years, RWU is poised to see its lowest annual total undergraduate cost increase since 1981, according to Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Advancement, Lynn Fawthrop.

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School keeps tuition increase low this year

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

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Parking changes take effect

Lots H and I go to law students

BY THEODORE APPLEBAUM
Web editor

Few issues shock college students’ heart strings quite like parking, as upcoming changes at RWU may have many undergrads playing the blues.

Effective this week, resident students are no longer allowed to park in H and I lots during the week. The lots have been set aside for law school parking.

“Effective upon return from spring break, (Monday, March 23) resident students with orange decals will be reassigned to the parking deck 1 Jot,” Vice President of Student Affairs John King wrote in an email. “We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and recommend you relocate your vehicle to one of the available law student parking lots.”

Parking changes at this time “are not necessary in order to meet the requirements of our construction schedule and the resulting loss of law school parking.”

According to King, the impending construction of the new tennis courts and water tower will displace law students from their normal parking spots. Law School students say parking was already difficult.


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WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH - a continuing series on the economy

Nirschel talks cents

By BEN LEFEBVRE
Herald staff writer

Vice President for Finance James Noonan said, "The university is taking the position that we understand the economy was brought down with the stock market. The university is doing its best to do its part."

As the lending system crashed, the economy was brought down with it. Now, with conservative lending, the economy has severely slowed, jobs have been lost and savings depleted.

Roger Williams University is among the many institutions that is facing economic difficulties.

Furthermore, lending is down, creating a deficit between student loans and those who need them. Finally, because most graduates are feeling the economic pinch, donations have declined. This has caused the university to make changes and create dialogue for reorganization.

At the beginning of March, President Roy Nirschel spoke to the Faculty Senate about the difficult times the university is facing, and opened a conversation about making the university more efficient.

According to Nirschel, the Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase of 3.5 percent, but stressed that the increase is the lowest it has been since 1982. To accommodate the increase, the school has raised university financial aid by $2 million, or

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MONEY: Nirschel calls budget ‘conservative’

The president noted that aid to current students is being re-assessed. The tuition increase was due to the general increase in costs of goods, healthcare and faculty.

The upcoming year’s budget is “conservative and thoughtful,” Nirschel said. “We have a plan and we are sticking to the plan.”

The budget focuses money on health and safety, sustainability, diversity and global education. We must put a lot of money into these areas because we cannot afford to damage the reputation of the product RWU has to offer,” Nirschel said.

According to Nirschel, all offered courses will be retained. The president also stated that over the past few years, the university increased its faculty by almost 100 members, and that those positions would be maintained. Additionally, the university will invest in positions of enrollment and fundraising, in order to get a higher return.

As for the future, hiring is on hold, and all current hires are under review. “Every position from custodians to faculty will be reviewed,” Nirschel said.

Nirschel stressed that the current construction was financed before the economic crisis.

“Any building under construction went to the board in 2004. We fundraised for these projects and invested when the stock market was good,” Nirschel said. “We put aside a certain amount and are fortunate to be able to continue with our plans.”

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, other major universities, including Brown University and Yale University, have lost a lot of money in the economic recession and decided against making new construction plans, deciding instead to renovate existing buildings.

According to Nirschel, as long as construction plans remain on schedule, everything will be completed by the opening of school in August. All future construction has been put on hold, including work on the library and residence halls, until the university can determine what the future of the economy holds.

The main purpose of the president’s visit to the Faculty Senate was to open a discussion about the reorganization of schools and academic departments.

Nirschel pointed out that about 90 percent of students were enrolled under the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, the other 10 percent being spread out between the seven other schools.

This consolidation allows for more efficient interaction between majors, and is the example the university may be trying to attain.

Nirschel sees this reorganization as a way to make “students more interdisciplinary and having a better working together.” This plan correlates to the university’s plan of evaluating and reconfiguring the core studies.

Nirschel also stated that the organization and consolidation would emphasize sustainability, diversity and global education.

TUITION: Financial aid up by $1 million

that it is difficult for families and students to afford tuition and room and board. We are part of the solution, not part of the problem.”

In addition to this year’s mild tuition and other costs increase, part of the university’s solution is the supplemental $1 million to the current financial aid budget. For students and their parents who are paying for a college education, this added aid would provide “additional cushion,” for ‘defraying some of the additional costs,” Fawthrop said. And financial aid is important to a majority of the student population. Currently 85 percent of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid.

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IN... we are building budget models on various enrolment structures," Fawthrop said. The "combination of both" fewer freshman applicants and students leaving the university would make up the decrease in undergraduate enrolment.

In order to create her best educated guess at next year’s enrollment, Fawthrop compared the number of students enrolled in the housing lottery this year with last year’s. Fawthrop found they were equal.

Fawthrop also said that "students appear to be coming to returning based on the number of housing deposits received for next year.

Fawthrop plans to compare the number of incoming freshman housing deposits, which are due May 1, to the freshmen number enrolled. The numbers are "currently flat with this year’s," but it is still early and hard to draw any conclusions at this time," Fawthrop said.

This year is proving especially hard for predictions. Fawthrop, a 36-year veteran in higher education, enrollment and financial planning, said it is "not feasible to predict"

Unlike past years when she used data from models of university enrolment structure that gave Fawthrop approximate figures, this year is a "complete anomaly." It is not a Roger Williams issue, but a national issue as it pertains to the university consolidates and reorganizes schools and programs.

Nirschel maintained that these adjustments were made in order to "focus on efficiency [rather] than increase the tuition."
in other news

Papitto, university sue each other by Baypoint

The university and Ralph Papitto, the former dean of the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, are suing each other over payments made toward the purchase of Baypoint Inn and Conference Center.

As reported first on hawksher­ald.com, the suits, filed earlier this month, come nearly two years after Papitto’s resignation from the board amid allegations that he used a racial slur at a meeting. Shortly after his resignation, Papitto’s name was re­moved from the School of Law after an outcry from angry students, faculty and community members.

Former dean charged with felony stalking

A former university dean faces one felony count of stalking this month for a nearly three-year investiga­tion.

John Dawson, 66, of Scituate was arrested by State Police March 12 and released on $10,000 personal recogni­tion.

Police allege Dawson sent more than 130 insulting letters and post­cards to his former dean in the years starting in 2001, shortly after he was fired by the entire board did not agree, and in doing so, enriched “himself at a significant cost to the university.”

As reported first on hawksher­ald.com, the suit claims that Dawson lived in the “installed in the interest of maintaining the security the building as a safe work environment.”

The new security system was released to the university to pay Kentron Associates for the purchase of the Portsmouth property.

The forum focused on what it means to be an anti­rac­ist in the 21st century. University police say the system was intended to deter unauthorized access of the building. While the SAAHP “not specifically” had an issue with theft or vandalism, Dawson’s re­sponse was that it was faced by the man who could be seen opening a building.

“Traffic occurs on our campuses and throughout the entire institution,” Dawson said. “I doubt the new system makes any changes for the security of architecture students.”

The system’s fledgling days, Dawson said, have proved the new system is more of a nuisance than a comfort. “The SAAHP are not happy about having to go through the entire building on a daily basis to ensure that the system is working.”

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Henry V Porter really got it right when he coined the term “March Madness” in 1939 to describe the Illinois High School basketball tournament. While at the time it was the quickly adopted name of a small tournament, it caught on to become the official name of the major college basketball tournament that takes over March. March Madness strikes a chord with the public, perhaps because cause like the name implies, March is full of crazy happenings that can make it seem like the whole world is in fact, mad.

We have noticed that this year a lot of weird things have been going on. This could be because everyone is suffering from the same cabin fever after months of cold. Whatever the cause, there is definitely something in the air.

The air set the tone for the month. It came in on a wintery, blustery note, with a wish-giving snow day for the school. However, the joke was on the school because on the day of the long awaited Polar Plunge it was 60 degrees out. The weather has been playing games with our heads— a warm SNOW DAY and at least one person in our class to miss it. However, while they re-tuned tired and glad to be off the road, they had another tremendously successful year helping those that needed help. Other students embraced the madness locally by attending St. Patrick’s Day events.

Upon returning to school it seems that the madness will continue to rule, starting with the parking situation on campus which so far has been hectic and difficult. Parking spots are hard to come by. Something else that was hard to come by was the Hawks’ Herald edition before Spring Break. Apparently they were really popular, we just couldn’t keep them on the racks. We even dare to say that they seemed to be disappearing.

Another thing that has been disappearing, much to the chagrin of many seniors, are the Commencement Ball tickets, which sold out in record time! This unprecedented selling of 600 tickets in two days seems to show how important this event has become to seniors.

Speaking of important, Ralph Pagotto is using the university’s parking payments made for Bay Point. How will this little spot with the former Board of Trustees chairman work out? We guess we will have to wait and see.

And while we finish our March through March we note on last crazy thing—the year is ending forever, it provided an escape for us and other students. While it went on forever, it provided an escape for us and other students. It is a free ride that brings friends closer together. Calling or texting friends to ask, “Are you leaving class now? Will you wait to leave your spot so I can have your spot in A-lot?”

It is a ride that many students are forced to stop riding in hopes that they can reach find a spot, any spot, even if it is at the top of the parking garage in A-lot.

With parking already such an intense competition, how did undergraduate students lose the light to keep their spots in lots H and I. Pushing more and more students to J-lot only makes the likelihood of getting a spot even relatively close to our classrooms.

YOUR VOICE— send letters to the editor at hawksherald.com

STAND thanks RWU for generosity

Last semester STAND raised about $620 in one week through RWU student and faculty donations. This money went to a Gambian village called Parato.

The children of this village were not able to attend school because the nearest school was too far for them to walk to. With the money raised, six children now have bikes to ride to school and their spot. These children have been given the opportunity to receive an education. The people of Parato are very grateful.

STAND received an email from a villager in which he says, “you have did wonders for me and my needy kids here in the Gambia you have tried to help me buy food to eat and i am very happy because of this, you have helped me and my kids to buy food to eat and to go to school.”

He goes on to express the village’s gratitude. “I and the entire community of FARATO VILLAGE are here by sending you this Email to give you a big thank you, we are very much happy because you giving us this assistance, this is a big help because we want our kids to go to school but we are very poor we cannot afford to do this because of this, your help is wonderful the kids cant go to school, we need food for the families, the little we get we used to buy food to eat and it is finish so the kids are always running about without education.”

These children of Parato are now able to receive an education. We are grateful to the RWU community for their support.

CECILIA HAPEMAN ’10
STAND member

POLL RESULTS

In the March 6 issue, we asked you:

Should Chameleon Club be allowed to continue in light of recent arrests and transportations?

15 of you said yes. 40 of you said no.

Log onto hawksherald.com for this week’s poll and to view poll results as they come in.

Letters to the Editor

Letters submitted to The Hawk’s Herald for publication must include the the writer’s name, e-mail address and phone number. Contact information will be used to confirm the writer’s identity and will not be published. Letters should be typed and no more than 400 words. Libelous letters will not be printed. Letters may be edited for space and grammar. All letters must be submitted no later than Tuesday at 5 p.m. to be considered for publication in the next issue.
**So... you’re a senior**

Everything you need to know for graduation

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**When is Commencement?**
Sunday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony should take about two and a half hours.

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**Where can I get my tickets?**
Special Events and Conferences in the Campus Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the week until April 24th. Seniors will receive 5 reserved tickets each.

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**How do I submit photos for the yearbook?**
You can submit yearbook photos online: go to images.jostens.com, and then enter the login number (1173951) and the password (roger).

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**How can I buy a yearbook?**
You can buy yearbooks at the Department of Student Programs and Leadership for $50.00 in cash or check made payable to Roger Williams University, or by credit card online through http://www.shopjostens.com/.

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**How do I submit photos to the slideshow at Commencement?**
Either email Heidi Dagwan at hdagwan@rwu.edu or from Narragansett Bay. These shellfish hatcheries, which are about 200 square feet each, are designed to produce oysters for students and Rhode Islanders alike.

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**When can I get my cap and gown?**
You may buy your cap and gown for $10.00 in cash or check made payable to Roger Williams University, or by credit card online through http://www.shopjostens.com/.

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**When is Commencement rehearsal?**
Thursday, May 21 at 12:15 in the Campus Recreation Center.

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**When is the President’s Reception?**
Wednesday, May 20, from 4-6 p.m. at the University Residence.

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**When do I have to move out of my residence hall?**
All graduates must move out of their residence hall room by 7:00 p.m. on the day of Commencement, Saturday, May 23.

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**Hatchery on horizon**

By OWEN KAUPPILA
Herald staff writer

The sound of loud jackhammers attacking concrete pieces through the walls of the Marine and Natural Sciences building leads some professors to cancel their lectures for the day. Other professors, like David Taylor, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology, decide to lecture through the noise.

Taylor understands the fact that the noisy conditions are a small price to pay for the environmental impact that quiet little oysters will have on Narragansett Bay and surrounding bodies of water in Rhode Island.

Roger Williams has run a small shellfish hatchery out of its wet lab in the basement of MNS for the past four years. Finally, the University has decided to expand the wet lab's horizon into a new, state-of-the-art shellfish hatchery and research center; the only hatchery in the entire state of Rhode Island.

The new, 4,000-square-foot hatchery, an expansion of the current Marine building, is expected to open its doors in September. It will be specifically dedicated to the growth of native oysters, scallops and quahogs from Narragansett Bay. These shellfish were once a plentiful organism, but in recent times, their populations in Narragansett Bay have diminished due to disease and predation to the point where the Narragansett Bay Science Center has opted to step in.

Some questions that have arisen include, "Who cares about shellfish?" as Timothy Scott, one of the hatchery's original developers and director of CED, the Center for Economic Development, joked asking.

This question is a popular one among new oyster-persons on campus and students are keen to know the true importance behind the oyster hatchery.

Oysters within the bays of Rhode Island help to purify and filter water and keep the bays clean; one oyster can filter up to 60 gallons of water every day.

Last summer, the wet lab researchers planted 800,000 oysters and 50,000 scallops into the bay, a mere fraction of the total amount expected in the wet lab (about 20,000 million). The hatchery team is excited to double their output of oysters into the bay with the help from this new facility.

"The hatchery works to restore the natural conditions in nearby waters," said senior Marine Biology major Ashley Das, "and will return the Rhode Island ecosystem back to what it used to be."

As soon as the oysters are slightly developed, they will be sent to over 100 volunteer oyster farmers around the state to grow the oysters into water-filtering powerhouses. Once they reach this point, they will be sent back to RWU for further research and distribution.

"If oysters grown within this new hatchery will not only be distributed to help with bay restoration projects, but they will also be used for research to discover new ways to breed disease-resistant oysters, disease being a main problem with declining shellfish populations."

Students and faculty will also be researching various technological techniques such as solar-powered pumps in the oyster 'upwellers,' which are floating devices used to recirculate water through individual hatcheries. These solar panels have recently been featured on www.planetforward.org in a promotional video titled "Solar Energy and Oyster Restoration," which was produced by a Roger Williams student and focused on environmental sustainability.

"With the hatchery there will be more opportunities for bringing students in not only to work, but also to conduct research," said Dain Lewis, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology.

The RWU lab is one of four in the entire world to successfully breed and maintain a species of shrimp called Fire Shrimp. These results are generated from student experiments and show how important the work of the hatchery could be to the future of science.

"We're looking forward to becoming a premier shellfish research facility not just for culturing and production but also the research space is dedicated to being a community focus," said Karin Tammi, the Shellfish Hatchery Manager. "It's only fitting that an institution named after the founding father of Rhode Island be on the forefront of marine technology."

The new hatchery will open up a number of educational doors for students enrolled at the University. Not only is this a minor in Aquaculture and Aquatic Science being introduced to the curriculum, but the hatchery will also include a designated off-\footnote{Note: The original footnote was not included in the provided text.}ing for an Aquatic Animal Health Program led by a new Aquatic Veterinarian to treat both oysters and other incoming marine animals.

"We're trying to create a way for students to become involved and actually get credit for it," said Scott. "I wouldn't do this if it wasn't for the student.

With the formation of this new minor, as well as a few additional Marine Biology courses including Shellfish Farming Techniques and Hatchery Management, the new shellfish hatchery is focused on being educationally oriented for students.

"We have the ability to produce more student-led research for local, state, and federally funded research projects," said Tammi. "All of this work involves RWU students and Rhode Islanders together involved in shellfish restoration, a very relevant field for this generation."

However, educational research has been difficult in the past due to the shared space of the shellfish hatchery and other students involved in seed distribution throughout the wet lab, according to Taylor.

"By designing our designated hatchery space," said Leavitt. "There's always somebody in our way in this current section."

"It was elbow-to-elbow last semester," said Taylor.

The hatchery is designed to be the double the size of the current wet lab's MNS, which is about 2000 square-feet. The previous obstacle of cramped quarters has transformed into a problem of traveling items as students and faculty are learning to work with the existing hatchery due to its recent reorganization.

"For the past few weeks they have been moving stuff around, so every time I come in it seems like something has changed or moved from its original spot," said sophomore wet lab employee Lebanon Jackson.

When asked if any from construction setbacks, cost is another aspect of the multiple construction projects that is on everyone's mind lately in connection with the current economic struggles. Sources say that this project is setting RWU back about $3.5 million which includes upgrades on current facilities.

Scott said that $1 million of that cost is being paid for by a grant from the NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, with the remaining sum of money being paid by the Federal government, the University endowment, and the students.

"We've got a lot of collaborations going on," said Leavitt.
Status Quo, a dance group that competed on MTV’s “America’s Best Dance Crew,” performed in the Field House during Wednesday night’s pep rally, as part of CEN’s March Meltdown. After their performance, the group posed with organizers for a photo in the Recreation Center hallway.

Photos by Caitie Abrahamson

SPRING RUNDOWN

Features editor Courtney Nugent has a lot of favorite things. With her top five favorite things about spring in Rhode Island, she proves that there is a lot to enjoy, even if we live in the smallest state.

1. The gorgeous RWU campus—what could be better than the shell and bike path, budding flowers and view of the ocean?

2. Grilling.

3. No longer fake-baking and tanning outside in the beautiful, fluffy green grass.

4. Cheap, colorful flip-flops from Old Navy (Spring wardrobes in general).

5. Road trips around Rhode Island to places like Colt State Park, the Cliff Walk and Second Beach in Newport.
There's something "memorable" happening in the School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation. Now through April 4, check out "On Memory and Forgetting," an art exhibit in the school's gallery. Visiting artist Deborah Aschheim of Los Angeles created the works featured in the exhibit.

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covering the old Nike field with dirt was not surprising. It was change was hastily made and without is being built where a Law when it rains.

When news of the new plan surfaced earlier this month, many students were angered, feeling the change was hastily made and without consultation. King and Public Safety Director John Blessing attended last Monday's Student Senate meeting to field questions and comments from the student body. The discussion of the parking changes had been advertised on Facebook and student turnout for the event was unprecedented, with more than 40 non-senators in attendance.

"I was not surprised at all," said student senator Matt Gullo, a senior, who asked about the high attendance. The Facebook group drew a lot of people and general talking and conversations drew a lot of attention to the subject, so I believe the outcome was not surprising. It was a light topic, I think it was well received.

King said he knew the changes would be a hard pill for students to swallow.

"The hot button issues at every school are parking and food," King said. "We've got food pretty much nailed; we've invested a lot of money in that. Parking I don't think we will ever become successful in." He said last-minute notice of the impending construction had the school with little time to come up with a plan.

"We only had four to six days' notice prior to our parking committee meeting that we were going to be losing Nike field," King said. "Spring break is the best time, we decided, because the lot will be empty over spring break; it has to be.

The question and answer session was lively, running about an hour-and-a-half, with questions ranging from perceived unequal treatment of law school students and undergrads, to inquiries about how Bayside students would be able to unload their groceries under the new policy.

In response to a number of questions that quickly became drawn-out disputes against the new policy, Student Senate President Alicia Merchen-Perez had to remind students not to make comments on the policy during the question period.

Most students' issues seemed to revolve around the increased distance they would have to walk from J-Lot, which is located in North Campus, to their dorms and classes elsewhere.

"I feel like I'm not getting what I paid for," said sophomore Ana Gullo, who was a member of the Facebook group, "I'm going to have to leave my house even earlier in the morning just to park in J-Lot and make the half hour trek across campus.

Many students questioned the decision to give lots H and I to the law school students, arguing that there was no difference between a Law School student walking the distance to and from J-Lot and a resident making the trek.

King said that since all law students were commuters, they were trying to make things a little easier for them.

A number of undergrads responded by pointing out that there were plenty of undergrads who commuted as well who were getting the short end of the stick.

Some students said there could have been a compromise made in which all students would have to jockey for the same spots in H and I instead of giving the lots to one or the other group.

King said through observational research, the school had come to the conclusion that residents tended to leave their cars in spots for long periods of time, taking up the choice closer spots.

However, many students questioned the validity of that point, saying they had to go shopping and to internships and thus faced the same commuting difficulties as the law school students.

But not all students in attendance said they felt slighted by the new policy.

"I really don't see this as an issue," said Jerrel Burgo, a junior. "If these law students are coming in every day, I think we as residents of this campus should have some respect for them and say, 'You know what? Have this parking space. I can walk a couple of extra blocks to go get my car.'

And Arthur DeFelice, a law school student, said that the meeting had falsely portrayed the issue as "them vs. us.

"We would definitely love to work more cooperatively with the undergrads," said DeFelice, also a member of the Student Bar Association. "I don't really think it's about them and us; I think parking is a universal problem.

Later in the meeting, Senate unanimously passed a resolution that stated, among other things, "Let it be resolved that the Student Senate deplores the current parking changes," and "...demands a complete revision of the aforesaid policies."

Gullo, who wrote most of the resolution, said the legislation was designed to get administrators thinking about the policy's impact on RWU students.

"This resolution was designed to say, 'Listen to us. We have things to say as well,'" said Gullo, adding he didn't expect the resolution to reverse the policy.

"Honestly, in terms of internal mechanism, we [Senate] don't have as much leverage as we would like. We lobby the administration to the best of our ability and we keep them engaged in the issue as well."

In response to some of the comments at the meeting, King helped tweak the policy to allow students to park in H and I lots on weekends from Friday night until Sunday night. His e-mail also promised to "make more parking for students."

King said that even with the changes, there is enough parking on campus for everyone, saying only once has the university seen the third deck of the parking garage filled.

However, a student asked what would happen if an intercampus snowstorm required all students to move to J-Lot.

"I don't want to put up a policy to the heavens that it can't snow," said King, with a nervous laugh. "It can't snow in this scenario. That would be a problem."
Food Review: Lauren's Restaurant

Yummy, cheap eats around the corner

BY SARAH COURNOYER
Managing Editor

Lauren's Restaurant, located at 601 Metacom Ave in Warren (or the Owen Stead) parking lot, is a new place but a must-try. The owners also own Late's Inn a Chinese restaurant also in Warren.

The restaurant is small and cozy, and the booths offer enough privacy from your neighbors. Although we visited the restaurant for dinner, they also serve breakfast and brunch with everything from eggs and egg sandwiches to pancakes and omelet.

The heaping pile of fries was topped with lots of gooey melted cheese and steaming hot chili. The bacon cheeseburger, grilled just as I had specified, came with a side of French fries that had just been taken from the freezer and thrown into the fry-a-lator.

For dinner, we had an assortment to choose from, although the appetizer menu was relatively small. They had the typical choices from wings to shrimp cocktail.

We kicked ourselves when we saw a plate of the chili cheese fries ($4.50) that we had passed on. The heaping pile of fries was topped with lots of gooey melted cheese and steaming hot chili.

I thought that one can tell a lot about a restaurant from the quality of the burger, and this was a forerunner of an egg sandwich to follow.

Although the menu offered a myriad of dinner meals from chicken pot pie to liver and onions to steaks and veggie dishes, we went for the sandwich sticks that had just been taken from the freezer and served cold.

The only downside to our evening was the service, which was not very attentive. We had to flag a server quite a few times before she finally showed up at our table to take our drink order, she went straight to taking our meal order as well. She never offered dessert, which I always enjoy.

For those of age, the restaurant features a full bar with a reasonable priced cocktail list. The domestic beers range from $2.75 to $3.75 and the cocktails are approximately $5.00. The restaurant also boasts serving a mean secession bowl priced at $10.95.

Overall, Lauren's Restaurant is worth the trip to Warren and even potentially a second visit.

Career Center prepares for move

By NICHOLAS WESTBROOK
Herald staff writer

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For questions concerning the new e-mail system, contact the RWU help desk at x2200.

School switches to GMail

By GRIFFIN LABBANCE
Herald staff writer

Roger Williams students have grown accustomed to waking up and checking their myRWU accounts and Facebook pages before class. Now, they can add GMail to their daily routine.

The Career Center has been located in the Center for Student Development since 1995, but with the many construction projects on campus, they had the option to relocate. With the construction of the new Admission's Building, the old Admission's House was left open. With the sufficient space, the Career Center leapt at their chance to take the open building.

As for the old space where these services were located, Vice President of Student Affairs, John King, is currently considering many options for the space.

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Know someone who likes recognition, community service or programming? Then Nominate Them for National Residence Hall Honorary!

Nominations start April 6th; students can nominate themselves or be nominated by anyone in the campus community (faculty, professors, RAs). Nomination Forms will be available in the Department of Residence Life and Housing. Nominate Someone to join the Honorary!

National Residence Hall Honorary is a chapter here on campus of a National Organization. The group is an honor society that focuses its programs on recognition throughout the campus community and community service. To join, a 3.0 GPA is required, as well as at least 2 semesters living in residence halls. The organization does 14-16 programs a year and offers lots of chances to advance your leadership skills!

Senate "Did You Know?" of the Week
Did you know that the Student Senate elections are on April 1 & 2 on myRWU?

Meetings
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Senate Chambers, Recreation Center

Check us out at:
http://studentsenate.rwu.edu
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works together to learn when and where to hit their opponents and how to eventually out-duel their counterpart and record a win. Club members share different tactics and strategies with one another in the critical goal of remaining a few steps of ahead of their challenger at all times.

Bermingham tried fencing for the first time at 12 years old while in England. He immediately was drawn to the sport and all it had to offer.

"It was something completely new to me," Bermingham said. "I enjoyed the unique blend of strategy and mindset that the sport has to offer at any given time."

While in high school, Bermingham joined his school's fencing team and once again took pleasure in competing and practicing the sport.

"When I came to Roger Williams, I realized we did not have a fencing team," Bermingham said. "It may have taken me a few years, but I have accomplished my goal and can now say I have brought fencing to our school."

Fencing is a unique sport due to the fact that strategy outweighs overall physical talent by an immense level. Most bouts usually consist of each player competing to score five points before the other does. It is important to know how to play your opponent and how to direct them into making certain defensive moves so you can ultimately score points on the offensive end. It is a very complex sport that involves thinking on the go and having a specific plan throughout each and every match.

For many of the first time participants, they are happy for taking a risk and attempting something they normally would not try.

According to Rosario, "fencing has brought many of us first-time competitors worlds of excitement through a unique and fun activity."

In the coming months, the club will hold weekly practices and instruction sessions open to the public. Club members will also be host a fencing tournament on Friday, April 17 for the entire school to attend and watch different players participate in various competitions. Members said they encourage more of the student body to watch a practice and consider joining.

Super Senior Athletes

Shannon Arnold

From Johnston, RI, Shannon has displayed a lot of talent in the backstroke during her four years on the Swimming & Diving team. She excelled in her races and was an integral part of the Lady Hawks team. She was noted in the Who's Who in Sports and Academics.

Alexia Aron

From Scottsdale, AZ, Alexia has been a top performer for the Lady Hawks Swim team for three years. She has become an established distance swimmer. Alexia holds an impressive amount of records in the 200 free, 500 free, 1000 free, and 1650 freestyle. She also was a member of the record breaking 800 freestyle relay.

Erin Leonhardt

From Brewster, MA, Erin was named Captain of the swim team for the 2008-2009 season. Erin has played an important role in establishing the swim team for all four years. Erin holds the record in the 800 freestyle relay. She has excelled in sprint freestyle very much throughout the years.

Jill Mackey

From Redding, CT, Jill has been a key player in the Lady Hawks Swimming & Diving team. Jill holds records in the 50 free and 100 Individual Medley. She also was a member of the record breaking 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay. Jill was named to the All-American and named to the All-Athletic-Academic team.
Women’s lacrosse off to strong start

Hawks start season rolling over TCCC opponents, get win in Texas

By DAN DEBLASIO

The women’s Lacrosse team get their first win of the season when they traveled to take on the Coraize of UMass Dartmouth. By halftime the Hawks had a commanding 8-1 lead and ended up taking the match 18-2.

The RWU defense was strong on the day allowing their opponent to find the net just once each half. Junior goalkeeper Amanda Magee turned away nine shots in the win.

The Hawks found the net early and often in their first win scoring three times in the first two minutes and then five more times in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

The goal scores for RWU were midfielders Jackie Criss and Lauren Ferri with three a piece; attacker Kasey Beckwith with three, and attackers Chira Halliday and Jillian Colley each with two.

After their first win the Hawks traveled to their spring training destination in San Antonio, Texas where they were set to face off with the University of Scranton. RWU was dominating again posting seven goals in each half to earn a 14-8 victory.

It was the junior Beckwith that again led the way for the Hawks with five points in the match. Libby Stout and Halliday had three goals a piece and sophomore Kate Malenczak and freshman Jillian Colley each recorded a goal.

The Hawks were outshot 32-28, but Magee posted a .682 save percentage and stopped 15 Scranton shots.

There was no time to relax after the Hawks made their return back home because as they arrived the Nichols College Bison were waiting for them. RWU battled the Bison and, the cold, and rain, and came away with a 10-0 win, their third straight win and first home victory of the season.

Unlike their last two matches the Hawks found themselves in an early 2-0 hole with just over three minutes gone in the first half. Their response was quick and powerful though, firing off nine unanswered goals, Stout and Colley posted three each.

RWU dominated the second half winning six of seven draws and allowing only two shots on goal. Magee needed only three saves to secure the win.

Ferri had a great match for the Hawks with four assists and one goal, while Criss recorded three assists and five caused turnovers.

Softball posts eight wins in spring trip, readies for conference play

By DAN MALKIN

The Roger Williams University women’s softball team launched their season in sunny Florida during spring break. The ladies have high hopes for the season and expect big things from this veteran lineup of the team. The team consists of a strong group of veteran seniors and juniors mixed with some new incoming freshman to balance out the squad.

The first spring game for the Lady Hawks featured Roger Williams against St. Lawrence University. Through the first five innings, the Hawks struggled at the plate and found themselves trailing 6-0. However, in the seventh inning the team rallied back, led by Melissa Sereti, Hannah Pirez and Samantha Teves. All three were able to register hits for their team and start the comeback for the Hawks. By the end of the inning the ladies were able to score five total runs and bring themselves within one score of St. Lawrence. In the end, St. Lawrence was first able to make a play at the plate to end the run posted by the Hawks.

In the second game, the Hawks took on Albright College, in which would go down as another The Roger Williams University Softball team went 8-4 on their preseason trip. They will take on a team they were able to score a run in each of the first three innings of play. The Hawks were able to bounce right back and start some scoring of their own during the top of the fourth inning. Sereti, Pirez and Erica Castro each were able to score runs to bring the game to an eventual tie. Pirez was then able to drive home Natasha Stone which gave the Hawks the go-ahead run. The Lions fought right back and were also able to score a run which sent the game into the ninth inning. In the ninth, the Hawks scored two runs, and only allowed one Lion score to bring home the victory with a final score of 6-5.

A few days later the team took on Delaware Valley and Bowdoin college during a double header. Through six innings of play neither team was able to get on the scoreboard until Pirez entered the batter’s box. She was able to crush the ball for a triple and represented the go-ahead run for her team. Teves was then able to drive her in which would end up being the winning run. The team finished off Delaware Valley by posting a clean final inning for a 1-0 win. Alexandra Sera had a fantastic day on the mound throwing a complete game shutout.

During the second game, the Hawks went into the fifth inning with a 1-0 lead. While in the fifth, Sereti, Teves and Castro were all able to register hits which extended the lead to a 4-0 score. The Bowdoin Polar Bears were able to score two runs later on in the game, but were unable to get anything else going on the offensive side. The Hawks captured with a 4-2 victory and posted a 2-0 record on the day.

The team will take their 8-4 record into the upcoming weekend with road games against Western New England College and New England College. The next home game for the Lady Hawks will be against Endicott College on Tuesday, March 31.