Alcohol hot topic at Student Senate forum

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

Students, faculty, and administrators gathered Tuesday night for the Student Alcohol Forum, a Student Senate and Alcohol and Other Drugs taskforce co-sponsored event designed to gather student feedback on the AOI’s alcohol policy proposals for the next academic year.

While originally planned to be held in the Library’s Mary Teft White Cultural Center, the forum was moved to CAS 157. A dry campus? Due to the “sense it” See page 4.

Darmody’s senses were correct. The event, which had 157 confirmed guests as a Facebook event, filled the 200-seat lecture hall above capacity, forcing students to sit on the floor. Students representing all grades showed up to voice their opinions on what would make the most effective alcohol policies.

The high student turnout can partly be attributed to Senate’s aggressive advertising of the event. Student senators in Solo cup outfits who manned the campus.

Student Senators Brian McGroth (left) and Cory Egan don beer pong game costumes to promote the Senate alcohol forum on Tuesday.

Students, staff seek ‘cultural change’ in campus drinking

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Various voices throughout campus are often at odds when it comes to alcohol rules. Many students seek empathy, while most administrators insist on safety. Can the seemingly inherent dichotomy in student-administrative ideologies ever be reconciled? Students at Tuesday’s alcohol forum attempted to find out.

“It is [Student] Senate’s job to be the liaison between students and the administration,” Colin O’Reilly, Vice President of Student Senate, said. “The Senate felt that there needed to be more communication about alcohol issues on campus and that it was our job to facilitate that discussion.”

According to McGroth, the forum was created with the hope that “collaboration between the student body and the Alcohol and Other Drug Taskforce committees would allow them to reach some sort of agreement.”

“I thought it went very well in terms of attendance and with the content of the dis-

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Seniors face tough job search

By TIM HOLLAN
Herald staff writer

Michael Burke has a 3.4 GPA in his second semester of his senior year. Planning to graduate with Honors, he holds an internship at Sullivan and Co. in Providence, and he applied for more than 30 jobs only to get no callbacks. As the semester, and his time at Roger Williams, comes to an end, he wonders where and when he will find a job.

Next to him sits Adam Barnes, also a senior in the Honors program, who maintains a GPA higher than 3.3. An international business major, he interned recently at Staples corporate headquarters, and as of yet, has not found a job, though he received two callbacks for the 10 to 15 jobs he applied for.

Both students have experience and good grades, and have fought hard to find a job, yet the future remains uncertain for them.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers report released on April 1, only 19 percent of seniors who have applied for jobs actually have received them.

Burke has worked on campus as a tutor in the writing center, where he “learned how to work with people and teach them skills.” However, during the summer, he interned for Sullivan and Co., a company for Certified Public Accountants. There, he “went to clients and looked over their financial records to assure shareholders their records were accurate and no fraud was being committed.”

He can quickly explain the numerous ways that fraud...
The nearly three-hour forum began with opening statements from Dean of Students Kathryn McMahon and Vice President for Student Affairs John King. The administrators explained the research and planning the AOD and Senate members did leading up to the forum.

McMahon said that the AOD taskforce, the group that assesses student drinking behaviors and culture, was divided into six subcommittees, each with two to three senators as well as members of the division of student affairs.

The subcommittees—enforcement and access, messaging and marketing, policy, social space and student programming, freshmen year experience, and academic partnerships—"became the school's go-to for policies, procedures, and best practices," and looked at Roger Williams University's own student-generated data in order to get the most comprehensive picture on student drinking. McMahon said, "We did not want to work in a vacuum."

"No recommendations have been made yet," McMahon explained. "The committees were getting down to the nitty-gritty and are at the point where they want student feedback."

King provided empirical evidence for consideration. According to King, 72 percent of RWU students binge drink—the act of drinking five or more drinks in two hours. This percentage of the on-campus student population has remained consistent since 2006. The national average for binge drinking is 20 percent. McMahon said this number includes the 16 combined transports of this year's two Chameleon Clubs.

King assured students that the administration was "going to stay transparent," making sure that no student was surprised by any changes in alcohol policy when arriving back to school in the fall.

King explained that students' ideas recorded at the forum would be taken into account before the AOD subcommittees made their policy recommendations to Senate on May 1. The Senate is to review the recommendations by May 4. Senate will then send recommendations to four student focus groups, each comprised of five RWU seniors. The Academic Student Affairs Committee, Team CARE, and the Board of Trustees will review the recommendations next. King and President Roy Nuschel will give them the final review. Official policies will be established in time for Orientation Advising by June 1, at the latest, King said.

Each AOD subcommittee's Senate representatives discussed their committees' ideas on policy recommendations with the audience. Where all topics discussed evoked passionate responses from the students, some ideas proved more divisive than others.

The proposal of instituting bag-checking stations at Cedar, North campus, or other dormitories seemed to touch a nerve with students. "It will increase binge drinking," one student said. The student argued that in order to avoid bringing their alcohol with them to parties, students would consume all of their alcohol in one, dangerously hasty pre-game session. Lauren Bartolotti, a student representative, defended the idea, saying that while indiscriminate bag checks are "not something we want," increased bag checks are something that worked well for the many institutions she and her subcommittee benchmarked.

Another student in the crowd argued that the privacy of students is important and that Public Safety indiscriminately searching students' bags would be a violation of rights. This response was met with applause from most of the crowd.

The proposal to ban hard alcohol on campus elicited numerous student comments. Many students said that restricting one type of alcohol would not do much to change the overall campus culture. Students argued that it would increase the consumption of beer and wine. Others said students would continue to drink hard alcohol, regardless of whether the school permits it on campus. "People are going to do it even if they are not allowed to do it," one student said.

The crowd applauded.

King reminded students that all 25 transports this academic year were the result of each student's over-consumption of hard alcohol. The students did not seem to be convinced. One student retorted, "I am allergic to alcohol, beer, and wine. Would I need a doctor's note to be able to drink hard alcohol?" This remark was followed by students' laughter and applause.

The debate on whether or not to hold future Chameleon Clubs was controversial. One student said, "If I had to choose between the two, Chameleon Club should be eliminated, as opposed to hard alcohol."

Another student argued: "Chameleon Club has become something dangerous. It does not show anything positive about our student body."

Other students felt differently. "Chameleon Club is an excellent selling point for this school," a student said. Another student argued that because there are so many health and safety concerns, hard alcohol should be banned. However balanced the debate seemed, an impromptu vote by show of hands revealed a more one-sided sentiment among students. Only four students were willing to raise their hands in favor of banning future Chameleon Clubs.

Other topics addressed at the forum included:

- whether or not to make the South Campus dry
- how to best market responsible drinking campaigns
- whether or not to replace fines with housing removal in the event of alcohol policy violations
- whether or not shuttle drivers should allow intoxicated riders to board shuttles
- whether or not student leaders should be viewed as role models
- whether or not students thought "increased academic rigor" would decrease drinking habits among students
- whether or not students thought Chameleon Clubs should be continued

Students were given comment cards to write any of their opinions they did not get to vocalize at the forum. The Senate also created a Green email account for students to send in additional opinions. According to Senator Brian McGrath, chair of the Academic and Student Committee, Senate collected 35 comment cards and received five "lengthy and informative" emails by the next day. Senate is still accepting comments at alcoholforum@gmail.com.
in other news

Nirschel set to take control of WQRI mic

President Roy Nirschel is preparing to hit the campus airwaves. On Saturday, April 4, he will be in the WQRI studio playing his favorite music and answering questions. Nirschel also will give away prizes to listeners.

Senate proposes sorority chapter

Student Senate last week passed a resolution in support of starting a sorority on campus. Theta Phi Alpha, described in the resolution as a "national woman's social fraternity," was created to "advance educational, social and philanthropic interest and leadership" and foster spiritual development and high moral standards, according to the resolution statement.

Senate urged the administration in its resolution to endorse the creation of the chapter on campus, and forward copies to President Roy Nirschel, Faculty Senate and the deans at each college.

Holocaust survivors to share survival stories

Several Holocaust survivors are scheduled to share their stories with the campus community next week. Ruth Alpern, Durand Fisler and Yehudit Toltol and Phyllis Toltol will speak in the School of Law, room 283, April 7 at 6 p.m., as part of an event called Survivor Stories, sponsored by Hillel.

STAND to stage 'die-in' on D'Angelo Common

The RWU chapter of STAND is set to stage a "die-in," a version of a sit-in, to raise awareness for the genocide happening in Darfur, Sudan.

On Monday, April 7, a demonstration on D'Angelo Common, scheduled for April 15, participants will lay on the sidewalk in silence for about a half hour.

Members of STAND will be on hand to provide information about the demonstration.

To find out more about the demonstration, contact STAND President Amy Torregrossa at atoregressa98@hawks.rwu.edu.

Barn to stage weekend of one-act plays

Stage Company will deliver double the entertainment this weekend, with two one-act, student-produced plays: Edward Albee's "The Sandbox," directed by student John O'Brien, and Christopher Durang's "For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls," directed by Kristin Borchardt.

The plays will be performed April 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (Barn). Admission is $2 for students and $4 for the general public.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Hawk's Herald will not publish a print edition next week due to Good Friday. Look for the next issue online at hawksherald.com for breaking stories.
IN OUR OPINION

Alcohol abuse, not alcohol itself, at university of campus drinking problems

What if RWU was a dry campus?
What if hard alcohol was banned?

Senate brought up these questions for students during a forum held Tuesday night.
The verdict is in.
The Hawk's Herald overwhelmingly voted "no" against the banning of hard alcohol and alcohol completely of RWU.

And not just because we like to drink.

Think about it. The reason why alcohol is so appealing to undergraduates is that it is technically prohibited. It is human nature to always want what you cannot have, and banning hard alcohol or alcohol in general, the administrators would potentially increase the desire to dangerously drink.

That's not even the half of it.
The problem with alcohol on our campus does not lay solely in the hands of the student body. Yes, students are the ones drinking the alcohol and, yes, college is supposed to be a steppingstone to the "real world" to which we will one day belong. However, the potential for students to abuse alcohol is much too great and are too irresponsible.

Instead of getting hyped up about the beer pong ball, maybe we need to take responsibility for our actions. That would require gumption: that would require you (yes, you RWU students) to tell your friends when they are getting a little too drunk. And that would also require you to take care of your friends.

It's important to remember that alcohol isn't the problem. Alcohol abuse is the problem. Far too many people get drunk and do something regrettable. Those who are choosing to get drunk have not seriously considered at this university.

But let's not take away from the root of the problem: the students. Some students at RWU drink too much and are too irresponsible. Instead of getting hyped up about the beer pong ball, maybe we need to take responsibility for our actions. That would require gumption: that would require you (yes, you RWU students) to tell your friends when they are getting a little too drunk. And that would also require you to take care of your friends.

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

Spiritual events open to all

Do you wonder if we have regular Mass on Campus? Is there a Hillel at Roger Williams? Did you know that we have a Newman Club? And an Imam? The Office of Spiritual Life, located in the Intercultural Center in Maple Hall, can answer these questions (and more) for you.

Dr. Sullivan heads a team of chaplains which includes Fathers Mike Isaac, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, Rabbi Adat Shalom, and Pastor Dan Randilli. Each of these chaplains is available by phone and email, and can spend some time each week on campus, working with student groups and individual students as the need arises. We also have a group of faculty and staff advocates who work with the program: Patrick Tanner (from ResLife) works with the Inter­ varsity Christian Fellowship, Maria Adkins (from the Intercultural Center) advocates for Campus Ministry, Professor Mel Topf is our Hillel Advisor this semester (filling in for Professor Josh Stein, who is on leave), and Prof. Magde Thombs serves as Newman Club advisor.

Next week, for example, the Office of Spiritual Life is sponsoring a US Ex­change Program, which is an ecumenical commu­ nion service featuring the music of U2. Designed as a multimedia praise and worship service, this vivid combi­ nation of pictures from around the world and U2's stunning songs is focused on the ONE Campaign, a world­ wide effort to eliminate poverty in this century. The service will be held on April 6th in CAS 167—come and bring your friends. We will collect an offering to support the Bristol Good Neighbor Food Pantry and Playpumpa (a ONE Campaign affiliate that distributes water pumping equipment to villages in Africa). Our organizations have been active this year: the Newman Club is raising money for "Keep the Heat On!" a local agency that provides home heating oil for area residents. Hillel has hosted a wide range of activities, ranging from a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Washington, D.C, to a Laser Tag Social just recently. They will be offering a program of Holocaust Speakers on Tuesday, April 7th, as well as a Passover Seder on April 8th—watch for details. The Muslim Student Association offered a month-long Ramadan program in September which featured awareness of local hunger relief work, and the Inter­ varsity Christian Fellowship supports a Bible study and regular "prayer-for-the-campus" events.

Every week, Roman Catholic Mass is held in CAS 167 at 8 p.m. on Sunday evenings, preceded by a Newman Club meeting at 7:15. Contact Alex Tilling­ hast at atillinghast43@rwu.edu for more information. Our Hillel chapter meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Shabbat services are held regularly); contact Michael Greenwald (mgreen­ wald185@rwu.edu) for more information. The Muslim Students Association meets regularly on Fridays; new President Hali Alansiz is available at ha­ lanai17@rwu.edu. And the Inter­ varsity Christian Fellowship meets regularly on Wednesdays at 7; contact Melinda McLaughlin (mm­ clau@rwu.edu). And check our website online for more information.

Please join us for any of these events and services. Call 5543 for more information, or email: Sullivan­ ta@rwu.edu. And check out www.rwu.edu/studentlife/multicultu­ ralaffairs/spirituallife. The Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Sullivan Multifaith chaplain Intercultural Center

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POLL RESULTS

in the March 27 issue, we asked you:
What do you think of the new parking situation?
Seven people said they hated it, while one person said they didn't care.

Nobody voted for the "it makes sense" option.

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

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Opinion
Anatomy of a ‘hate crime’: Swastika blown out of proportion

As the semester steadily comes to an end, I am sure your workload is not getting any lighter. Picture yourself at 10 p.m. on a Tuesday night in the Learning Commons, writing your 12-page paper due tomorrow that you have not even started. What is the first thing you do when checking your Facebook and e-mail account, of course? No, do you hurry to the nearest YouTube videos you have to watch?

1. Drinking Out of Cup of A* guy, tripping on acid, locked in a closet. What could be better? It is set to an animation of an amusing wearing an Indian Chief hat. Check it out.

2. David After Dentist- A little kid tripping on laughing gas after the dentist. Is this real life? Yes, David, this is real life.


4. Top 60 Ghetto Black Music Videos of all time- The complete list ending, but the number one ghetto black name is apparently Courntney

5. Scarlet Takes a Tumblr- You might have trouble finding the original video due to the number of reactions posted. But take it from someone who watched the video, "That’s it’s whack!"
'Round and 'round

The Chair Rearrangement Club, runner-up for best new club at last year's Student Involvement Recognition Banquet, hosted a musical chairs event in the Recreation Center Thursday night. Here, students exercise their competitive streaks as they whiz around in circles, hovering over chairs while waiting for the music to stop. Awards were given to the winners. The club also continues to rearrange chairs in artistic patterns in the Mary Tefft White Center.

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Managing Editor

RWU partners with New England Aquarium

By Ashley Willox
Asst. Features Editor

The Roger Williams Marine Science program is swimming with the big fish these days.

"The rumors are true," said Dr. Paul Webb, chair of the Department of Biology, Marine Biology and Environmental Science. "We have a new collaboration with the New England Aquarium that includes a joint minor program in aquaculture and aquarium science, a semester-long internship at the aquarium, and research collaborations between RWU and the aquarium."

In fact, the New England Aquarium (NEAq) approached the university after seeing RWU students present their research at the Meeting of the World Aquaculture Association.

"They saw the tropical fish research we're doing as coinciding nicely with their own research in Boston," Dr. Timothy Scott, professor of Environmental Science and Director of the Center for Economic and Environmental Development, says. "The collaboration is to conduct research into how to grow a variety of species that are usually in display tanks and also available for the marine ornamental trade."

"The idea is that if we can learn how to grow them in a hatchery, there will no longer be a need to capture them from the wild," Scott said. "Often, devastating collection methods are used which can significantly damage a coral reef."

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"To support all this, we've created a minor degree in Aquaculture and Aquarium Science and have hired Andy Rhyne (who serves as a link between RWU and the NEAq) as a faculty member to conduct research and teach courses in the program," Scott said. "The minor degree is now as of fall 2008, but we've been conducting research on tropical marine species for about five years now... It's been really successful."

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Some of the courses will be run in Boston by the staff of the aquarium. This includes a course on Public Aquarium Management and another on developing educational materials for public display.

"The aquarium is a phenomenal asset to our marine biology program," Scott said. "In fact, quite a few of our graduates now work there in one capacity or another. One is in charge of the penguins. This will provide them with additional research capacity and provide our students with some excellent real world opportunities."
**Focus**

**Food Review: Blue Plate Diner has right stuff**

By SARAH COURNOYER
Managing Editor

While there are many options in Bristol for a decent breakfast, they do not compare to what The Blue Plate Diner in Middletown has to offer. Located on West Main Road, the diner on the way to Newport, this diner offers an array of tasty breakfast food, including breakfast fare all day.

With a 50s theme, the diner presents a retro but modern atmosphere with 10 diner commandments on the restaurant wall. In one corner, the walls are covered with old newspaper clippings and phrases include some maxims to live by, such as: "Thou shalt not eat fast food with a fork until thou shalt sit at the bar."

Upon entering, we were greeted by a friendly manager who waited us quickly and offered us the daily newspaper while we waited for our order. He mentioned the restrictions for their policy proposals.

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"I think [the forum] was a success," McGrath said, in regard to student turnout and the number of students who came up with "new and creative ideas." However, McGrath voiced some concerns about the event's effect on the administration's willingness to take the policy proposals, "and they are not looking at them as properly as they should be."

McGrath said that at the forum, "students felt strongly about bag checks. However, I fear that the administration will still do them instead of working with students and creating equilibrium between the two."

"The administration put the gloves up right away," McGrath said. Darmody added he fears that Senate is giving the administration proposals, "and they are not looking at them as properly as they should be."

McGrath gave the example of Senate's efforts to guarantee student access to a shuttle service when students were too inebriated to drive home safely themselves. "They really fought us on the safe ride program," McGrath said.

Darmody acknowledged the need for both students and the administration to be willing to make sacrifices in order to have a mutually acceptable alcohol policy. "But right now, the administration is not sacrificing anything," McGrath said.

Darmody assured that this is not the case with the very loud and very direct from students and reevaluate some of the prevention ideas that we were working on," Darmody said. "I feel really good that... the end product will represent all stakeholders."

Darmody and McGrath are in agreement that changing student culture is the key to finding more effective alcohol policies.

"I think students made it crystal-clear that increasing [alcohol] policies and sanctions will not improve Roger Williams campus culture by any means," McGrath said. "The cultural change I seek is that RWU becomes a place where the first step of any action is taken by students themselves," Darmody said. "Right now, one of the issues is students not addressing that." Darmody said, "I hope that students are able to get from us the idea that prevention is not something we want to do to them, but something we want to do with"

"It became a nice leftover dish the following day. Other options included a variety of burgers and comfort foods such as chicken tenders and wings. Sandwiches ranged from a Pappy Melt to a Roast Beef French Dip. Entrees included chicken pot pie, shepherd's pie, and other chicken and beef dishes."

They also offered a limited three-course meal menu served Sunday through Thursday nights that included a soup or salad, an entrée and a dessert for $15.

The waitress was attentive and friendly and the manager stopped by to make sure everything was to our liking. Everything was delicious and served to perfection.

**Blue Plate Diner**

**Ratings (1-5)**

**Food:** 4  
**Service:** 5  
**Price:** 2

**ALCOHOL Debate continues**

By KELLEIGH WELCH

Following CEN's Last Hawk Standing event last weekend, a take-off on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," I was able to sit down with the two winners to get a little more about them. As part of their prize, they will open for Dave Coulier (who played Joey on the beloved sitcom "Full House") when he performs on campus later this semester.

Miranda Downing  

Year: Junior  

How did you get involved in Last Hawk Standing?: Tom Maybury told me to do it. I was always told I was funny, and it has crossed my mind to do stand up, but I never did until now.

What did you talk about during your performance?: I made a joke about being the only girl in the competition, but mostly after I signed up I just wrote down things that might be good in stand up.

Which famous comedians do you admire?: Mostly older comedians, like Steve Martin and Dan Aykroyd.

Would you ever pursue a career in comedy?: If the occasion arose, I wouldn't be afraid to try it.

Andy Plocia  

Year: Sophomore  

How did you get involved in Last Hawk Standing?: It was decided for me. The consensus amongst my friends was that I was an amusing kid. I was rather good at public speaking, so the combination of the two should come rather naturally.

What did you talk about during your performance?: My entire act was on ex-girlfriends. Everything I talked about were exaggerated, but still real life. I'm glad none of them (my ex-girlfriends) were listening.

What made you decide to become a comedian?: I like making people laugh. In middle school and high school, I was not the funniest kid. I tried and it was pretty useless. And I was fat, which made me really socially awkward.

What was the most shock-and-awh moment you had?: One skit described me and a girlfriend picking up the morning after pill. The woman said, "That will be $50." I said, "Are you fucking serious? I can go get a hanger in my closet for free." (Note: Plocia does not actually subscribe to such methods but employed hyperbole in his act for effect)

Which famous comedians do you admire?: Dane Cook, but that's a stereotype. I'll go with Christopher Titus and Stephen Lynch. If I could play the guitar I would have done that.

Would you ever pursue a career in comedy?: I'm dead-set on the career I want, but if that backfires, comedy is always an option. But now I have a great new pick up line: "Who wants to become my new material?"
Education secretary eyes ways to keep college costs low

BY JENNA WILLIAMSON
UWire News Service

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has big ideas to reform America’s schools, ones he believes will empower kids, stand behind teachers and help us grow as a nation.

"Ultimately, we will have to educate our way to a better economy," Duncan said in a telephone news conference Wednesday.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed earlier this month will provide immediate funds to create or save hundreds of thousands of teaching jobs, according to the Department of Education Web site.

"In the long-term, the ARRA will strengthen the economy by raising quality of life and economic competitiveness," Duncan said.

A major intent of these funds is to increase the number of Pell Grants, Duncan said, which are “dramatically increasing” the number of Pell Grants and tuition tax credits to help more young people attend college.

"We are at a time when going to college has never been more important, but it has also never been more expensive," he said.

Obama is on the right path when he argues for raising the status of the teaching profession by encouraging the brightest college students to become teachers instead of investment bankers," Duncan said.

"We need to be responsible and forward thinking, investing in the future," Duncan said.

That is how we will not only make America more competitive in the 21st century— but ensure that all our sons and daughters have a chance to fulfill their God-given potential and reach for the American dream," he said.
SENIOR: Search for job can be fruitless

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is being committed, and makes use of current headlines to describe how a CPA could easily figure it out. When the internship was up, he could not secure a job from them after graduation.

Barnes worked in Staples’ High Growth Markets division in an independent research project.

“I recommended a specific course of action for entering the Brazilian market. My boss still has to present the findings on my study before Staples takes any action. However, because the department had no openings, Barnes could not keep his job after college.

Barnes also gained management experience during the summer when he worked for a painter. “I managed a small crew, learned how to assign tasks, and learned how to estimate supplies.”

For Barnes, however, was a small crew, learned how to assign tasks, and learned how to estimate supplies.

“At the end of the summer, I applied for a job in another department of Staples, which led to some lucrative opportunities once they think outside of the box. It’s difficult when they tie their degree to their career. They are probably easier to train because they are taught many different ways to think and are given a broader education.

Ultimately, employers are looking for a set of skills: articulate, writing abilities, and initiative.”

Beauchamp said a valuable piece of advice she gives to students is to network. “Tell everybody you know you are graduating and what jobs you want. Use social networking sites, especially those for professionals. Have a strong resume.”

For students graduating from college, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the top bachelor degrees in demand are accounting, engineering, computer science and business management.

Barnes holds an optimistic view about the future: “I’m pretty worried. I thought with my grades, my internship, and my experience, but I have a unique major and I have a lot of doors I can get through. My main concern is when I get the job. But Burke takes a more pessimistic view about his life after graduation.

“I’m having trouble even getting a call back. It’s really did not have a lot of jobs in my major. However, I am willing to do it. I’m pretty worried. I thought with my grades, my internship, and my experience, and other work experience. They like to see study abroad, and especially language ability, even if you aren’t very fluent.”

Burke is only down to one major: “I’ll go back to my major, and I have a unique major and I have a lot of doors I can get through. My main concern is when I get the job.”

Contact the Career Center at careers@rwu.edu (401) 234-3224 or through the online career center.

DIRECTOR: Robbin Beauchamp.

What if you were all having fun…

According to Rhode Island State Common Negligence and Social Host Liability Law, you could be sued for your one night of fun. You could be held responsible should one of your guests or friends become intoxicated and harm themselves or someone else.
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TENNIS: Hawks pick up three wins in Orlando

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Osowski and Osepchuk followed up the victory with an 8-3 doubles victory. The team was able to hold off the Ramapo Roadrunners and finish with a 6-3 team victory.

In the final match while in Orlando, the team took on Edgewood College. From the beginning, both teams knew that this would be a difficult match against two very evenly matched teams. Ribchinsky got the team in gear by winning her match in a close 6-4, 6-3 battle. She then teamed up with Wolfe for a doubles match and once again helped deliver a win, with a final score of 8-5. As the match came to an end, Roger Williams was able to go undefeated on the day by beating the Eagles, 5-4.

All in all, it was a successful trip to Orlando for the team, as they were able to kick off the second half of their season in a strong way. Saturday, the team will travel to South Hadley, Mass., to take on Mount Holyoke College. The squad will then be in action back at home on April 11 to host Springfield College.

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The RWU women's tennis team posted a 3-2 record on their spring break trip, they now look to take on tough TCCC competition.

SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES

Jeff Agonia
2007-08: Jeff went 10-5 in doubles competition and 5-2 in TCCC doubles matches.
2006-07: Named to Honorable Mention All-Conference Team for 11-5 record at doubles.

Brad Bolte
2007-08: Bolte went 11-9 overall in singles competition and 3-3 in doubles competition, and 7-4 in TCCC.
2006-07: Studied abroad in Florence, Italy...Named to the Dean's List.
2005-06: Earned 10-7 (4-4 TCCC) record in singles play. Went 13-2 (7-1 TCCC) in doubles play at the No. 2 spot. Earned All-Conference First Team honors for singles.
2004-05: Compiled an impressive 18-3 (8-0 TCCC) record in singles play, starting at the No. 4 and 5 spots...Played at No. 2 doubles, earning a 6-4 record...Also a Member of the Diving Team.

Jill Mackey
The 2008-09 season will be Jill Mackey's first season as a member of the RWU Women's Tennis team...Has spent the past two seasons as a swimmer on the RWU Swimming & Diving Team, where she holds school records in the 50 Free and the 100 IM, as well as a part of the school-record holding team in the 200 Free Relay and 200 Medley.

Katie Wilmes
2007-08: Wilmes finished the 2007 season with a 3-0 overall single record and a 2-0 TCCC Singles record. She went 1-0 in TCCC play in doubles. In the sixth singles flight against Regina College, Wilmes won her match without dropping a set, going 6-0.
2006-07: Wilmes started two matches at No. 6 singles...Named to Dean's List.
Softball struggles against rival Endicott

By JASON CARREY
Herald staff writer

A tough loss versus Western New England last Saturday led softball into two home games against the division rival, the Endicott Gulls, last Tuesday. In the first game of the doubleheader, the score remained 0-0 as good pitching dominated the game for the first half, from Hawks pitcher Jackie Doolin and Gulls pitcher Jenna Bortolotti.

The top of the fourth, Endicott found itself with a runner on second after a quick steal, then a tough drive up the middle drove in the run making the game 0-1 Endicott. The Hawks tried to come back, getting several runners on base, but were unable to drive them home. In the top of the fifth, Endicott would add three more runs to the board and that score would remain the same until the final out, with the Hawks falling 4-0.

The second game of the doubleheader was much of the same. A close duel between RU's Alex Sera and Endicott's Jackie Collier was spotted with a handful of terrific defensive plays. In the first three innings, the score remained 0-0 until Endicott was able to punch one home for a 1-0 lead.

More scoreless innings from the Hawks, they found themselves on the board for the first half, when captain Christine Bean scored third off of a sacrifice fly driven by Sarah Grill in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into an extra inning. The Gulls, however, did what they came to do, scoring a couple of unearned runs in the top of the eighth, to make the game 5-1. The Hawks tried, but were only able to put one extra run on the board in the bottom of the eighth, resulting in a 5-2 final.

The Gulls, who have been near the top of the Commonwealth Coast Conference in softball for several years, have put the team in the board for the first half, when captain Christine Bean scored third off of a sacrifice fly driven by Sarah Grill in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into an extra inning.

In the first eight games of the season, the trend seems to be that when the Hawks aren't producing runs, they aren't winning. But this season, Pappas said that is the biggest difference between this year's team and last year's team.

"In 2008-2009 we were a power-hitting, run-producing team. This year, when you look at our stats, you'll see a team completely different. The Hawks pitching rotation has featured two freshmen, Jackie Doolin and Stacy Broughton, supported by returning junior Alex Sera. The three have a combined ERA of 3.21 so far this season, and almost 50 strike outs. Last year's team averaged 6.5 runs a game. This year, that is down to 3.8."

The success does not only come from pitching. "Our team fielding average is at the top of the list, too," said Pappas. The team currently boasts a .965 fielding percentage. This year's team has seven freshmen on the 16-spot team. "Often times we have four of them in the starting line-up at one time," said Pappas. However, unearned runs have been a sore in the Hawks' side, with nine of the last 17 runs scored against the Hawks being brought in by an error, which are key reasons to the loss of the past three games in particular.

Softball faced University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on April 2, but results were unavailable at press time. The Hawks host Curry College at home Sunday April 5 at noon.

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The Hawks meet at the mound in the middle of the first game.

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Men's lacrosse starts off strong

By DAN MALKIN
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The men's lacrosse team was back in action this past week with two games on the schedule. After finishing their successful trip to Florida with back-to-back victories, the team was looking to continue their winning ways.

The team was on the road for the first match of the week to take on New England College. The Pilgrims got on the board first and took an early 1-0 lead against the Hawks, Domenic Celeste answered the early score with one of his own which tied the game up. After that both teams traded goals between one another for the remainder of the half. Drew Smith and James Turner were also each able to score a goal as both teams battled it out early on in the game.

As the end of the second quarter came to a close, Joe Healy was able to get a short shot off that went in past the goalie. With the score, the Hawks took a 4-3 lead after two quarters of play. During the third quarter, the Pilgrims were able to settle down while scoring consecutive goals. After their two scores, the Hawks bounced back defensively and were able to score five straight times. Sean Benner, Turenne and Mike Hamill scored in the third quarter, while Beaver Barone and Dave Hurley added to the lead in the fourth quarter. When it was all said and done, the Hawks walked away with the 8-5 victory.

Turenne led the team in scoring, while finishing with two goals and one assist. Tyler Roebuck played strong defense throughout while registering numerous crucial saves to keep his team in the game. Austin Pfehringer also had a successful day by winning almost all of his faceoffs while helping to set up an abundance of offensive attacks.

The team then traveled to Beverly, MA to take on the #1 ranked Endicott College. The Gulls got out to a quick lead as they were able to score the first two goals of the game. In the second quarter the Gulls continued to pile it on the Hawks by scoring another pair of goals. Hurley was then able to get some offense going for the Hawks by scoring the teams first goal. In the third quarter, Hurley was able to put another past the goalie and was then followed up by Celeste who added a goal of his own.

Going into the final quarter of play, the Hawks found themselves trailing 5-3 with just 15 minutes left in regulation. Endicott stepped up on all offensive levels and were able to hold their counterparts to a scoreless final quarter. Endicott would eventually come away with the win, with a final score of 8-3.

As the week came to an end, the Hawks found themselves with an early overall record of 2-3 and 1-2 in the conference. The team will next host Wentworth Institute of Technology at home this upcoming Saturday. They will then be on the road once again while traveling to Newport to take on their rivals, Salve Regina.

Upcoming Games

4/4 - Wentworth Institute of Technology(2:30p.m.)
4/7 - @ Salve Regina University(4:00p.m.)
4/9 - Anna Maria College(4:00p.m.)

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Women's tennis returns after successful spring break

By DAN MALKIN
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The women's tennis team recently traveled to Orlando to begin the spring season. The team closed out the fall regular season with four straight team victories and was ready to build on that momentum. The team has been growing well as a group and their strong chemistry has allowed them to be successful in their conference.

The first spring game for the Lady Hawks featured Roger Williams against Illinois Wesleyan University. Jill Mackey, Lily Osowski, Amanda Wolfe and Caitlin Osepchuk were all able to play exceptional tennis and earn wins for their team. As a team they were able to come away with a 6-3 victory during the first match of the day.

In the afternoon match, the team went up against Goucher College. Paige Cunningham and Melissa Perry were paired together to compete at a third seed doubles match. As a group they played strong together and were able to get Roger Williams on the board with a victory. Leah Ribchinsky also had a strong match and scored a victory at the number one singles seed for her team. Katie Wilmes, competing at the number six seed singles also had a strong showing while delivering the win. However, in the end the team as a whole came up short and lost the match 3-4.

During the final day in Orlando, the team was scheduled to play both Ramapo College and Edgewood College. Libby Magni started the match off with a 7-6, 7-5 straight set victory to give the Lady Hawks the early lead.

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The Hawks meet at the mound in the middle of the first game.

COMETS RU ATHLETICS

Senior attacker Dave Hurley has been a strong force for the Hawks offensively this season.