School defends RA rehiring process

BY ALLISON COLLINS

Multiple Residence Assistants who say they were fired, were at least at one point rehired, a move that the Department of Residence Life and Housing defended.

Megan D’Mello says she was hired, fired, re-hired and fired again recently in Bayside.

Among individual wins, senior Kevin Gillespie won the 5,000-meter race. Along with this win, the girl’s track and field team had our first conference’s championship meet Saturday as a first year varsity team. Along with this win, the girl’s track and field team set the school’s record for the 100 meter race.

The men and women raced at Gordon College, with three possible cases of swine flu awaiting confirmation in Rhode Island and two cases confirmed in Massachusetts this week, the university announced it is closely monitoring the fast-spreading virus being blamed for 166 deaths in Mexico and at least one in the United States.

As explained in the latest faculty union-approved contract, visiting professors are teachers who are hired to fill interim teaching positions. Their employment with the university is limited to a maximum of four years, and is subject to annual review. Therefore, because their employment is continued only at the university’s discretion, visiting professors are often more practical choices for hiring than their full-time, union-protected counterparts.

R.I. goes on swine flu alert

BY ALYSSA CARLISLE

With three possible cases of swine flu awaiting confirmation in Rhode Island and two cases confirmed in Massachusetts this week, the university announced it is closely monitoring the fast-spreading virus being blamed for 166 deaths in Mexico and at least one in the United States.

In a campus-wide e-mail about the virus issued Tuesday, the university urged students with flu-like symptoms who have traveled to Mexico or infected American locations within the last week to contact Health Servs.
News

RA: DRLH strives for educational experiences

Cont'd from page 1: room with my boyfriend the IRA of King Philip was standing at the door by himself, and he just brought it to Jen Stanley and they fired me," she said.

News of Bailey's appearance at the party got to her CORE. "The CORE of Bayside decided he was going to take action and he brought it to Jen Stanley and they fired me," Bailey said.

"Their reasoning for firing me was because they could people in the King Philip party think when they saw me on duty in Bayside when they had seen me at a party in RP the week before," Bailey said.

"Bayside was great, I was fortaluable living there as an RA," she said. "However, I was fired again, for a reason completely unrelated to my job as an RA," D'Mello said.

"Making one mistake doesn't make someone unsuitable to be an RA," Becca Cleary, PEER of Willow said.

"Obviously, RA's are obligated to follow all of the student codes of conduct," Stanley said.

"We certainly expect them as students who are confronting other students for the same reasons that we expect them to be following them," Stanley said.

Meghan D'Mello, a senior, became an RA her sophomore year in 2006. She had been fired from her first year. The next year, she was placed on a "probationary" watch.

"I was released from my RA position because I came back to my living area (Cedar) and was caught drinking in Willow and said, 'I had been drinking in Willow with some of my teammates on the Wednesday night after the weekend," D'Mello said.

"The CORE came to D'Mello's room and asked to speak with her. "I had two Bud Lights in my fridge and he made them dump them out," she said.

D'Mello said the CORE asked her some questions, but that had been doing that night.

"People who get fired and rehired don't want the outcome to be the same again. The reality is, sometimes we're not going to find ourselves in a leadership experience. And, as I said again, there's no guarantee that a staff member would ever be hired back," Stanley said.

"The issue of fired RA's being rehired over me potentially being hired is a tricky one," Henry Lindner, a freshman who applied for an RA position next fall, said. Lindner was not hired.

"I'm not exactly sure how I feel about it. Although at first glance it would seem unfair, there seems to be a lot of controversy over the exact criteria that has been used to fire RA's," Lindner said.

"Most RA's fired have received the headline 'No, a fired RA should not be rehired,' he said.

"People who got fired and rehired have their processes reactivated and we're not going to get another chance," Lindner said.

"The CORE of Bayside decided he was going to take action and he brought it to Jen Stanley and they fired me," Bailey said.

"Bayside was great, I was fortaluable living there as an RA," she said. "However, I was fired again, for a reason completely unrelated to my job as an RA," D'Mello said.

"Making one mistake doesn't make someone unsuitable to be an RA," Becca Cleary, PEER of Willow said.

"Obviously, RA's are obligated to follow all of the student codes of conduct," Stanley said.

"We certainly expect them as students who are confronting other students for the same reasons that we expect them to be following them," Stanley said.

Meghan D'Mello, a senior, became an RA her sophomore year in 2006. She had been fired from her first year. The next year, she was placed on a "probationary" watch.

"I was released from my RA position because I came back to my living area (Cedar) and was caught drinking in Willow and said, 'I had been drinking in Willow with some of my teammates on the Wednesday night after the weekend," D'Mello said.

"The CORE came to D'Mello's room and asked to speak with her. "I had two Bud Lights in my fridge and he made them dump them out," she said.

D'Mello said the CORE asked her some questions, but that had been doing that night.

"People who get fired and rehired don't want the outcome to be the same again. The reality is, sometimes we're not going to find ourselves in a leadership experience. And, as I said again, there's no guarantee that a staff member would ever be hired back," Stanley said.

"The issue of fired RA's being rehired over me potentially being hired is a tricky one," Henry Lindner, a freshman who applied for an RA position next fall, said. Lindner was not hired.

"I'm not exactly sure how I feel about it. Although at first glance it would seem unfair, there seems to be a lot of controversy over the exact criteria that has been used to fire RA's," Lindner said.

"Most RA's fired have received the headline 'No, a fired RA should not be rehired,' he said.

"People who got fired and rehired have their processes reactivated and we're not going to get another chance," Lindner said.

CORRECTIONS

Mickey was incorrectly referred to as a division III, varsity sport in the April 24 edition of The Hawk's Herald. The Hawk's Herald is a student publication that is not bucketed a club next year and will not have full sport status and an automatic offer. Mickey was incorrectly referred to as a division III, varsity sport in the April 24 edition of The Hawk's Herald. The Hawk's Herald is a student publication that is not bucketed a club next year and will not have full sport status and an automatic offer. Mickey was incorrectly referred to as a division III, varsity sport in the April 24 edition of The Hawk's Herald. The Hawk's Herald is a student publication that is not bucketed a club next year and will not have full sport status and an automatic offer. Mickey was incorrectly referred to as a division III, varsity sport in the April 24 edition of The Hawk's Herald. The Hawk's Herald is a student publication that is not bucketed a club next year and will not have full sport status and an automatic offer.
WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH
a continuing series on the economy

FORCED FRUGALITY
Students learn to live with less

By KIERA HALEY
Herald staff writer

"It's a catch-22 right now. You as a future employee are hearing you need to spend money in order to spur the economy on. On the other hand, we're so scared of losing our money that we don't want to do that," said Michael Melton, associate professor of finance.

As the economy worsens, times are getting tougher for college students.

RWU students are no exception, and they are tightening their belts across the board.

Although car sales are plummeting daily, sophomore Patrick Porcaro bought a new car. For him, it's a way to save money.

"My truck was only getting 20 miles per gallon, so I bought an '85 BMW that gets 26 miles per gallon," Porcaro said. Because Porcaro commutes 50 miles to school every day, his diesel pickup was starting to take a toll on his savings account.

Some students are simply cutting back on their frivolous spending. Girls claim to be cutting back on their eating. Instead, they are visiting the dining hall more often.

"Ultimately, it's because many students to pay back ridiculous loans step out of their life completely, junior Charles Ence said.

"Eventually, the notion that everybody's going to to keep up with the Jones's. The trend we've all been through it. When I graduated, the market was bad. It happens. It just works like this. It's cyclical and when it turns around, it's going to be 'boom time' like you wouldn't believe, just like the 80s. It's just people's perceptions that if you hear someone say it enough times, it's going to be that way.""
...O.A.R. Not: CEN drops the ball on Spring Concert

By DAVE HURWITZ

When the rumors began, I thought it was a cruel joke. But now, with the event just one week away, I'm compelled to tell my story.

There was no way the headline for this spring concert would be "O.A.R., a band whose music is not even on my playlist," because that was not the case. The real headline would be "O.A.R., a band whose music is not even on my playlist," because that was the case.

And as word spread and the date turned out to be true, I immediately stopped laughing.

Admittedly, before writing this column, I had never really sat down and listened to O.A.R. in any serious way. After all, they formed in 1996 at OSU and most importantly listen to their music, I could be performing at Roger Williams. They sure are.

In terms of musical genres, O.A.R. is a band that takes the listener on a journey through various styles, from alternative rock to folk to indie to electronic. Each song is a unique experience, with different melodies, instruments, and lyrics that work together to create a cohesive whole.

The sound of O.A.R.'s music is often described as a mix of rock, folk, and electronic. Their songs often feature strong, powerful vocals, catchy melodies, and intricate arrangements.

But despite the fact that I have never listened to O.A.R. in any serious way, I was still excited to attend the concert. The prospect of hearing their music live was exhilarating, and I couldn't wait to see what they would bring to the stage.

As I stood outside the venue, I noticed the line growing longer and longer. People were excited and eager to see the band perform. The energy was palpable.

Finally, the moment arrived. The lights dimmed, the air thickened with anticipation, and the crowd erupted into cheers. O.A.R. took the stage, and every pair of eyes was glued to the band, taking in every moment of their performance.

The energy was electric. The sound was stunning. It was a night I will never forget.

In the end, the concert was a success. The band performed well, and the audience was thrilled. I left the venue exhausted but happy, knowing that I had witnessed something special.

And now, as I reflect back on that night, I realize that my first impression of O.A.R. was far from accurate. I had no idea what I was missing, and I'm grateful that I finally got to experience their music live.

In conclusion, O.A.R. is a band that deserves to be listened to with respect and admiration. Their music is powerful, their performances are breathtaking, and their message is important. I encourage everyone to give them a chance and to see for themselves what I experienced that fateful night.

By ALEX FELDMAN

EDITORIAL CARTOONS

By ALEX FELDMAN

Staff cartoonist
Public Safety employees dedicated, ‘care deeply about students’

After reading Mr. Applebaum’s commentary article in The Hawk’s Herald entitled “Students in need of rides home should be taken more seriously,” I have looked into the matter and have a different perspective regarding the incident mentioned and overall statements made towards Public Safety and Transportation Services at Roger Williams University.

The telephone call was reviewed and the caller appeared calm and the situation appears to have been an emergency. The caller did state that he and his group were drinking and thought it was a good idea to take the shuttle from King Philip, but the shuttle driver drove away and left them at KP. There was no mention of drinking at Jacky’s Galaxy and it could be assumed that the caller was a KP resident and in a safe place and could wait for the next shuttle and which was suggested by the dispatch officer and who also stated that he would notify shuttle services.

No further calls were received regarding this incident. A review of Shuttle Services data for that night showed that Shuttle Services picked up nine passengers at KP at 10:27PM and which was approximately twenty minutes prior to the above mentioned telephone call and the next scheduled shuttle was scheduled to arrive at KP within thirty minutes. The involved shuttle driver was spoken with and it was determined that that time he was on his scheduled break, not on the Bristol (KP) route and was in the nearby plaza picking up his dinner and did not see any students trying to get his attention as he pulled out of the plaza. While in route back to campus he was notified on the radio that there were students that needed a ride from KP and then returned to the area of KP after picking up students for the route. Upon arrival at KP he did not observe any students waiting for a ride.

Mr. Applebaum stated in his commentary “If we had driven on that night and we had run into somebody else, the blood would be on Public Safety’s hands.” My response to that statement is that when someone drives drunk on our roadways, it is an individual choice, an irresponsible decision and one that places the driver and passengers in jeopardy as well as endanger other motorists who are traveling on the same roadways. Ultimately, it is the driver that is held accountable and who shoulders any blame for his or her actions. Additionally, the driver places themselves in jeopardy of being arrested and if they are involved in a drunk driving related crash that cause serious injuries or death(s), they also face significant prison sentences.

During my career with the Rhode Island State Police and prior to arriving at Roger Williams University I often had to respond to incidents at the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) and or visited informants that were serving time in out of state prisons. During each and every visit to the prison setting, I was happy to leave the prison environment and thought that prison was the last place that I would ever want to be sent or spend time. Nor would I want to see my family, friends or loved ones receive a prison sentence.

In years past, drunk drivers who were involved in vehicular fatalities seldom if ever were sent to prison. That past practice has changed dramatically during the recent years. Now drunk drivers who are involved in crashes that cause serious injuries or death(s) are now sentenced to lengthy prison sentences.

My observation of the criminal justice system is that the quickest route for the average law enforcement officer to arrive at any prison is the toll (KP) route and was in the nearby plaza picking up his dinner and did not see any students trying to get his attention as he pulled out of the plaza. While in route back to campus he was notified on the radio that there were students that needed a ride from KP and then returned to the area of KP after picking up students for the route. Upon arrival at KP he did not observe any students waiting for a ride.

Mr. Applebaum’s editorial and saw the statement “I would not want to see any student or person faces expecting the driver to pull over and give them a lift if the driver even saw them beginning. Remember, the web editor, Teddy” and his friends were inebriated). Best of all, the web editor says the campus police and public safety would be to blame if he chose to drive home under the influence and suffered injury. His exact words: “If we had driven on that night and injured ourselves, or somebody else, the blood would be on Public Safety’s hands.”

It’s a sad day for RWU when the one of the school’s newspaper editors solves himself and all of his fellow students from personal responsibility. “Who has decided she so oft as thy self?”

Letters to the Editor
hawksheridan.com

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. 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.

The Hawk’s Herald • May 1, 2009
YOUR VOICE—send letters to the editor at hawksheridan.com

Public Safety employees dedicated, ‘care deeply about students’

Good Decisions and Plan Ahead

As the Director of Public Safety at Roger Williams University I request the following considering recommendations from members of our university community regarding good decisions: Be a Drink (Alcohol) Responsible: Do Not Drink and Drive; If You Think You Have Had Too Much to Drink, Then You Probably Have Had Too Much to Drink and then Do Not Drive.

With those requests also I ask that members of the university community to consider making advance plans when drinking alcohol and needing transportation. Have a designated driver, make arrangements for a taxi (have money and phone number set aside ahead of time) for students who are drinking off campus and near a shuttle stop be aware of the shuttle schedule and arrive at the shuttle stop early or on time (Shuttle Services often have a route to cover and leave stops on a timely basis to make it to their next stop on time) or call a sober friend or family member.

In his editorial, Mr. Applebaum made the request of “But more importantly, review your system as a whole.” This statement is ironic because I spoke with Mr. Applebaum on campus this past Saturday night (April 18th) just prior to midnight. I was filling in as the third shift (11PM to 7AM) supervisor who not only manages the late night and early morning weekend hours. Additionally, it allowed me to conduct a “ride and walk along” with a member of Public Safety. The campus was found to be safe and secure and the officer was observed to conduct a "ride and walk along" with a member of Public Safety on a daily basis. That involves all members of the university community and our society as a whole.

Lastly, it is my opinion that members of Public Safety and Shuttle Services are dedicated employees, who care deeply about students, the university community and who on a daily basis embrace the Departmental motto of “In Service of the University.”

Sincerely,
John Bleckning
Director of Public Safety

WEB WORDS
additional comments were made about Theodore Applebaum's column, "Students in need of rides home should be taken more seriously" on The Hawk's Herald Web-site.

Check out a couple below and log onto hawksheridan.com to sound off on this week's stories.

great article today!

I really liked this opinion piece compared to the other recent ones.

I think it was thought out and professional all while keeping the argumentation so that it's more neutral.

I thought it was found to be safe and secure on that area of KP and then returned to the area of KP after picking up students for the route. Upon arrival at KP he did not observe any students waiting for a ride.

The Hawk Editor drinks a scorpion bowl and can't believe he gets intoxicated then he and his drunk pals chase a campus bus screaming like a bunch of lunatics. (The bus driver even saw them begin to watch him; maybe the web editor, Teddy and his friends were inebriated). Best of all, the web editor says the campus police and public safety would be to blame if he chose to drive home under the influence and suffered injury. His exact words:

“Who has decided she so oft as thy self?”

POLL RESULTS
In the March 6 issue, we asked you:
Are you excited about OAR?
5 of you said yes, 6 of you said no, 3 of you said you don’t care.

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

Letters to the Editor
hawksheridan.com

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. 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.

The WFT of the Week is a lighthearted look at the things on campus that may cause you scratch your head and shrug! Your Voice, and your vote in our weekly poll (view poll results as OAR?), is what makes it happen, so give it a try.

Love that dirty water? Bayside sure doesn’t. In some Bayside faucets, which has residents asking, “WTF?”

SUBMITTED BY TIM HOLLAN, '09

Letter's Movie of the Week

Love that dirty water? Bayside sure doesn’t. In some Bay­side faucets, which has residents asking, “WTF?”
RI native band talks about its music

By KELLEIGH WELCH  Managing Editor

Prior to the action-packed, outdoor concert that Rhode Island native band, Monty Are I, performed, I was able to sit down with the band and ask a few questions about just how the group came to be and what they were like off the stage.

Over a platter of vegetables, dips and cold cuts, the band discussed their relaxed and comfortable relationship with each other by joking about small aspects of the band, like their keyboardist's (who refused to give me any name other than "The Professor") recent ponytail and sporting they always forget about.

Monty Are I is made up of vocalist Stephen Aiello, guitarist Ryan Muir, bassist Mike Matarese (who unfortunately could not be there for the interview), drummer Justin Muir, and "The Professor." The band was started in 1999 when the members were attending Cranston West High School. and was named after their high school music teacher. "The Professor" would later join the band in 2002.

"Mike and I had been playing together since seventh grade," Aiello said. "When we were in high school, bands with horns were popular and was named after their high school music group. It was natural that we all joined together." The first time the band played together was covering Tom Jones and The Big Pig for a holiday show. After that, Monty Are I began writing their own music and performing at local venues.

Monty Are I considers their genre "action-rock," which, according to "The Professor" is "rock that has a lot of action in it. (The music) is very energetic, often epic and aggressively melodic." Each member had specific musical influences, which made producing a list of common musical influences difficult, however they were able to gauge collectively they are influenced by Muse and RX Banditz.

"We take influences from everywhere, and appreciate what they do and how they do it," Justin Muir said.

Among Monty Are I's favorite concerts was the 2004 Warped Tour in Boston. "It was the first time we've had a big crowd for us," Ryan Muir said.

Recently, Monty Are I participated in a charity event for Pennies for Parience, where they went to North Kingston Middle School to perform an acoustic concert for the contest winners.

"There were 400 little kids in a gym, flipping out." Aiello said. "That was a great show." Muir said his favorite part of being a member of Monty Are I is the traveling. "It allows you to have a different perspective on things. Some wouldn't like it because it's never steady, but you get to play music, which is cool," he said.

The concert, sponsored by WQRI and The Musician's Guild, had a turnout of a little less than 200 attendees.

Monty Are I recently completed an album, and said they hope to release it in the summer. They will be performing at a few Warped Tours around the country.

For more information on Monty Are I, check out montyarei.com, and be sure to check out their new album.

Low Carbon Diet Day raises awareness

By GRIFFIN LABRANCE  Staff Writer

Does the food we eat every day in this country really affect global warming and increase our carbon footprint? Last Wednesday, Bon Appetit sponsored Low Carbon Diet Day, focused around awareness on where our food is coming from and what impact that has on the environment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that at least 18 percent of the solid waste that reaches landfills nationwide is food. On campus, the folks at Bon Appetit are trying to cut down on that.

Low Carbon Diet Day was arranged in order to give students a better understanding that the food they eat everyday does have an effect on the environment.

About a month ago, students saw all their food waste going into plastic containers instead of disappear behind closed doors. While the premise of this program was to make students aware of the amount of food waste, there was still no real emphasis on where the food that they are wasting is coming from.

Dining Commons Manager Josh Hennessy said of the university’s main goals is sustainability. He said he and his staff are trying to do their part to reach that goal. Along with Hennessy, Donald Fitting, Executive Sous Chef agreed that Bon Appetit was striving to do its part.

"Although [Wednesday] is an advertised day, we have been working for the past few weeks to decrease our carbon footprint when it comes to where we get our food," Fitting said.

The dining staff looks every day into how it can get food and produce nearby. Rather than buying lettuce from overseas, a representative from the staff drives over the Mount Hope Bridge to a local farmer’s field to buy all the lettuce used.

Students, such as sophomore Phil Shaw, had a positive outlook on the day. "It is good because someone needs to do something about global warming. We all take little things such as food for granted," he said.

While dining services strived to produce a low carbon meal inside, the staff also set up tents in the quad outside of the library with information and activities to help get the message across.

"There has been a great turnout for this interactive day. I didn’t know the effect food had on global warming but this was a great idea to put on a day like this," freshman Gina Pestone said.

The day had many small aspects to it in order to lower the carbon footprint. Students enjoyed beverages provided by a local bottling company right here in Bristol. They also found that the grill station was serving turkey burgers rather than hamburgers, which have to come from a farther point in the world.

Not only did Bon Appetit here at Roger Williams not serve hamburgers, Bon Appetit cafes nationwide cut down today.

"Cutting down on non-local food helps us to also make great relationships with local farmers which will help in the future," Fitting added.

Bon Appetit will continue to strive to lower their carbon footprint every day when serving meals.

The message is getting across to the students, they have become much more aware about this issue than compared to five or six years ago, Hennessy said.

Roger Williams had a 9,000 pound waste reduction, which is much larger than in years past. Both Hennessy and Fitting agreed that Wednesday’s events went just as planned and that they are improving every day on their environmental awareness.

"Living Green: It's all about saving energy, money and the planet."

Where to start:

- Save on gas by biking, carpooling, or taking the RIPTA or shuttle.
- Switch to more efficient computer devices.
- Reduce waste from disposable drinking cups.
- Take the bus, subway, bike, or carpool.
- Find books, CDs and DVDs at the local library for free entertainment.
- Borrow and swap for new-to-you things, and reuse stuff instead of shopping.
- Instead of searching google, search "raceback" google’s energy saving search engine.

Photo credit: The Hawk’s Herald
Keepin' up with the Jones'

'Hard fiscal planning' helps university keep campus beautiful

By BEN WHITMORE

Herald staff writer

The university's beautiful campus is one of its most important selling points. As the economy forces RWU to scrutinize budgets and become more economical, the upkeep of RWU's campus will suffer.

According to Joe Pangborn, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, RWU has stored enough capital through "hard fiscal planning" to maintain the current quality level of grounds keeping. "Keeping the school the way it looks remains a priority," Pangborn said. "Our prudent planning of the past has helped fund our current progress.

Due to the weak economy, Pangborn and the rest of the university's administrators are making sure that many of the university's expenses "are being scaled back," and that budgeting is "being done smarter," Pangborn said.

While the university conducts money-saving measures such as soft hiring freezes and reductions in the faculty's travel budget, facilities management, the department in charge of grounds keeping and landscaping, is making efforts to keep their own budget lean.

"We are thinking outside the box to keep our product up there in quality," said John Tameo, Director of Facilities Operations.

Tameo and his colleagues are trying to reduce their dependence on outside contractors. RWU's subcontracted landscaping company, DePonte's, currently comprises about 25% of RWU's grounds keeping.

To become more self-sufficient, Tameo is looking to hire an additional groundskeeper to his crew, which currently comprises of four groundskeepers and a grounds supervisor.

Tameo also recently purchased a high-end, professional lawn mower for the university's athletic fields. This mower, and the groundskeeper operating it, will grant facilities management autonomy in maintaining the athletic fields, Tameo said.

Facilities management is also looking to use well water for their irrigation system. Well water is cheaper, and would allow facilities management to be less reliant on the city of Bristol's water supply, Tameo said.

"Our prudent planning of the past has helped fund our current progress.

Last year, facilities management purchased dual-use landscaping vehicles. These vehicles can be outfitted to sweep snowy sidewalks in the winter and cut grass in the warmer months. This versatility allows groundskeepers to utilize the same vehicle throughout the year.

"We are staying up-to-date with products out there and educating our employees," said Matt Clement, Grounds Supervisor. "We are trying to be stewards of the environment."

Yet there are strains on groundskeepers' time, and consequently their budget, that are outside of their control.

"A lot of tuition dollars are spent on picking up garbage," said Tameo. Specifically, the volume of stray cigarette butts is a problem for groundskeepers. Even with the existence of smoking gazebos, errant butts litter the ground in the thousands.

Clement, who compared his own calculations with data from similarly sized universities, estimated that groundskeepers pick up approximately 60,000 cigarette butts each year. Clement estimated that between four and six man-hours are spent each day picking up trash, including cigarette butts. This extra time spent on litter removal is "absolutely" a strain on the budget, Tameo said.

"Our biggest challenge is: 'How do we turf those areas?'

Groundskeepers have had to fence-off, over-seed, and aerate areas that have become grassless due to pedestrian traffic.

As graduation nears and spring's warmer weather arrives, groundskeepers will be extra busy as they strive to make the campus "graduation-ready."

"There are times when students come up to groundskeepers and complain them on how the campus looks," Clement said. "It is a big ego boost to us when students appreciate what we do. We work for the positive, not the negative, feedback."

We are all on the path... exactly where we need to be.

Thursday, May 7th
in the Field House
12-2:30
Come experience a Real Labyrinth & Find your Path
Sponsored by the HAWE'S, PEERS & Spiritual Life Office
Professor directs plays focused on social commentary

By MAXWELL COVELL
Herald staff writer

Stepping into Dr. Robin Stone's office in the printed, facsimile book that is the Roger Williams University Theater, one sees a menagerie of fantastical objects: tribal masks, worn props, and posters of the many plays he has directed on this small campus. With a shaven head, monochrome attire, spectacles, and a sly earring, Dr. Stone fits the "look" of the offbeat director.

Stone is hardy, taking direction from the better received plays of this theater season such as "Women of Lockerbie" and the 1960's epic "A Midsummer Night's Dream," all of which garnered large crowds. The plays he works on carry many emotional elements, as Dr. Stone is a director who prefers to examine issues in socie-

Original a professor at Iowa State University, Dr. Stone has been working at Roger Williams University since 2000.

"There were a couple of reasons why I applied to Roger Williams," he says, "One is because I wanted to work at a liberal arts university where the focus is on touching and less on research."

Stone also took an interest in RWU because it reminded him of his alma mater, Williams College, and the theater program there. "I really enjoyed where I went to undergrad," he says, "(Roger Williams University) reminded me a lot of that and I thought that since I got so much out of that, and since I understood this kind of program well, I thought RWU would be a good place for me."

"The Inter Residence Hall Association wasn't sure to get down and dirty last week, as it was for an entire weekend, of course."

Beginning last Monday, the students at the Inter Residence Hall Association, also known as "SEX WEEK," which aims not only to raise awareness about the RWU community but also to keep the RWU community clean by spreading the word and prevent all the different ways they can harm themselves. This includes information about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking.

The goal for SEX Week is to educate students about the potential dangers and the destructive behavior from happening and to "promote safe and educational sexual experiences...to provide students with statistics about sex and alcohol that they may not know about," junior Meran- D'Amelio said.

The coordinator of the SEX Week says, "The goal is to get the whole campus talking about this issue."

All "SEX WEEKs" have been suc- cessful in the past so we hope that this week will do the same," Downing says. "We are always trying to build upon the previous years' events."

The job market is global. Are you? Professors advise career planning

By ASHLEY WILLOW
Asst. Features Editor

The Inter Residence Hall Association wasn't sure to get down and dirty last week, as it was for an entire weekend, of course.

Beginning last Monday, the stu- dents at the Inter Residence Hall Association, also known as "SEX WEEK," which aims not only to raise awareness about the RWU community but also to keep the RWU community clean by spreading the word and prevent all the different ways they can harm themselves. This includes information about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking.

The goal for SEX Week is to educate students about the potential dangers and the destructive behavior from happening and to "promote safe and educational sexual experiences...to provide students with statistics about sex and alcohol that they may not know about," junior Meran- D'Amelio said.

The coordinator of the SEX Week says, "The goal is to get the whole campus talking about this issue."

All "SEX WEEKs" have been suc- cessful in the past so we hope that this week will do the same," Downing says. "We are always trying to build upon the previous years' events."

The job market is global. Are you? Professors advise career planning

By ASHLEY WILLOW
Asst. Features Editor

The Inter Residence Hall Association wasn't sure to get down and dirty last week, as it was for an entire weekend, of course.

Beginning last Monday, the stu- dents at the Inter Residence Hall Association, also known as "SEX WEEK," which aims not only to raise awareness about the RWU community but also to keep the RWU community clean by spreading the word and prevent all the different ways they can harm themselves. This includes information about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking.

The goal for SEX Week is to educate students about the potential dangers and the destructive behavior from happening and to "promote safe and educational sexual experiences...to provide students with statistics about sex and alcohol that they may not know about," junior Meran- D'Amelio said.

The coordinator of the SEX Week says, "The goal is to get the whole campus talking about this issue."

All "SEX WEEKs" have been suc- cessful in the past so we hope that this week will do the same," Downing says. "We are always trying to build upon the previous years' events."

The job market is global. Are you? Professors advise career planning

By ASHLEY WILLOW
Asst. Features Editor

The Inter Residence Hall Association wasn't sure to get down and dirty last week, as it was for an entire weekend, of course.

Beginning last Monday, the stu- dents at the Inter Residence Hall Association, also known as "SEX WEEK," which aims not only to raise awareness about the RWU community but also to keep the RWU community clean by spreading the word and prevent all the different ways they can harm themselves. This includes information about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking.

The goal for SEX Week is to educate students about the potential dangers and the destructive behavior from happening and to "promote safe and educational sexual experiences...to provide students with statistics about sex and alcohol that they may not know about," junior Meran- D'Amelio said.

The coordinator of the SEX Week says, "The goal is to get the whole campus talking about this issue."

All "SEX WEEKs" have been suc- cessful in the past so we hope that this week will do the same," Downing says. "We are always trying to build upon the previous years' events."

The job market is global. Are you? Professors advise career planning

By ASHLEY WILLOW
Asst. Features Editor

The Inter Residence Hall Association wasn't sure to get down and dirty last week, as it was for an entire weekend, of course.

Beginning last Monday, the stu- dents at the Inter Residence Hall Association, also known as "SEX WEEK," which aims not only to raise awareness about the RWU community but also to keep the RWU community clean by spreading the word and prevent all the different ways they can harm themselves. This includes information about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking.

The goal for SEX Week is to educate students about the potential dangers and the destructive behavior from happening and to "promote safe and educational sexual experiences...to provide students with statistics about sex and alcohol that they may not know about," junior Meran- D'Amelio said.

The coordinator of the SEX Week says, "The goal is to get the whole campus talking about this issue."

All "SEX WEEKs" have been suc- cessful in the past so we hope that this week will do the same," Downing says. "We are always trying to build upon the previous years' events."

The job market is global. Are you? Professors advise career planning
RWU adds sustainability class to course catalogue

By KERIA HALEY
Herald staff writer

The “green” movement has become almost unavoidable, and RWU is jumping on the bandwagon.

“It’s an issue whose time has come, and it’s not going away,” Dr. Loren Byrne said.

Green seems to be replacing the university’s blue and gold colors as “Planet Forward,” a PBS series featuring work by RWU digital media students, premiered earlier this month. Then came news of an ECO-REPS program, and finally, an intro to Sustainability Studies course arrived to officially seal the deal.

RWU is formally transforming into a greener campus.

“[Planet Forward] isn’t a television show with a web site, this is a web site that happens to have a television show,” journalism professor Michael Scully said about the project. The site, PlanetForward.org, is meant to be a public forum with a focus on sustainability.

“It’s like ‘American Idol.’ Everyone shows up to audition, and from there, the best stuff is picked to be on the show,” Scully said.

Airing one week before Earth Day, April 17 at 6 p.m, Planet Forward was broadcasted in major cities, one shows up to audition, and from there, the best stuff is picked to be on the show,” Scully said.

Although RWU is not the first college to come up with the program, RWU is among the first wave of schools. Tufts University, University of Vermont, Dartmouth College and Harvard University all have ECO-REPS.

“Recycling is terrific, but if we could reduce consumption (in the first place), that’s actually better for the earth and better for reducing our carbon footprint,” Yonan said.

After applications were due, a new course was called to attention. When it comes to choosing courses for the next semester, Humanities 399 MIGHT sound scary. Actually, it’s only a 100-level course, but it just happened to be an available number.

“Universities reflect changes in society as we need to develop new courses to expose students to the most cutting-edge ideas, so when they leave college, they’re well-versed in the current ideas in society,” professor Loren Byrne said. “The idea for this course comes from the broader shifts in society calling for sustainable lifestyles and development. This course reflects the curriculum side of the promise of a greener campus, but that’s part of the reason we need new courses.

For now, the class remains a free elective, however, “there seems to be broad support among the schools and faculty for it, so once the sustainability minor is in place, this course will be offered as the introduction for that program,” Byrne said.

RWU is keeping up with its promise of a greener campus, but has always room for improvement, according to Yonan.

As far as recycling and reduction of power consumption, we’re lagging behind in the area of our students. Everywhere else on campus, all the facilities people are on board with the greening of the university, but when it comes to recycling in the residence halls, we could be doing a lot better,” Yonan said.

“I think everyone can do their part to be greener,” Byrne said. “We can talk all we want about different ways to go green, but the most important thing is informing people.”
The RWU dance club's annual dance show was a huge success last week. The liner tickets stretched out toward the commons as parents and students alike eagerly awaited the big show. But it wasn't only the crowd that was impressive. It was clear that the RWU dance club put a huge amount of time and preparation into the performance.

- AlyssaCarlisle

Photos by Jason Corey

PROFS: Tippe, Gizzi among faculty cuts

Cont’d from page 1

Despite the pragmatic sense it makes from the university's position to cut visiting professors from the payroll, some students say the university is making a mistake in dismissing some visiting professors.

Ron Tippe is one of those professors. Tippe, a visiting associate professor teaching screenwriting and film-related special topics courses, is a veteran Hollywood film producer. He has helped produce big-budget movies such as "Space Jam," and "Everything's Roses." In addition to organizing this year's Roving Eye Film Festival on campus, Tippe, with the help of the students of his fall semester Entertainment Production class, produced and created Rogerfest 2008—a one-day festival dedicated to exploring the life of Roger Williams through film and theatrical performance.

Tippe began teaching at RWU because he is "just a guy who became an expert in his field and wanted to give back," as he said.

Many of Tippe's students recognized and appreciated Tippe's unique credentials.

"He was a voice different from that of most professors in that he had more real world experience," said senior Greg Souza, a student of Tippe's for the past two semesters. "Most of his experience seemed to be grounded not in academics but in what he had experienced firsthand. It was not something he understood at a textbook level, but at a practical level."

"He is one of the best teachers I have had," said senior Deanna Cassidy. "He is a very down-to-earth person with a lot of experience in the entertainment industry, so he knows exactly what his students need to get ahead."

When Souza and Cassidy found out that Tippe would not be re-hired for next year, they drafted, with the help of fellow classmate Stephen DePasquale, a "formal complaint letter," explaining why they thought Tippe should keep his job. The drafters got 60 (of Tippe's 70 students) to sign the letter, which was then sent to Provost Laura Debnir, Dean of the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences Robert Cole, and President Roy Nirschel, appealing the administration's decision to not re-hire Tippe.

"The students never heard back from any of the administrators," Souza said. "As a straight-up guy who has fallen in love with teaching, I find it hard, with where the situation has landed, that I'm being let go," Tippe said.

Tippe said that the reason he thinks he is not being re-hired is because there is "financial stress on the university and they have to cut costs."

"I understand that you have to cut costs," Tippe said. "But if I were to cut costs, I would ask, Who is better to keep? Who is better at inspiring, motivating, and spending countless hours outside the classroom advancing student learning?"

Souza had a similar view. "I am sure they need to make cuts to keep the place running, but the fact is, if they are really going to make a pragmatic decision, they should hire him, and drop somebody else. He is an asset to the university."

Tippe recently resigned from his position as executive director of the American Federation of Teachers when he found out that he would not be returning in the fall. Tippe said he did not resign out of anger, but because he would be busy looking for a new job.

Tippe cited his personal philosophy as explanation for his resignation. "If I cannot do it to the best of my ability, I will not do it."

Beyond coping with Tippe's departure, Cassidy has had other frustrating times this year; another one of her favored professors—visiting Assistant Professor of Creative Writing Michael Gizzi—will not be returning in the fall.

"Before taking Professor Gizzi's poetry class, I did not really appreciate poetry very much," Cassidy said. [Gizzi] really opened my eyes to an entire genre of creative writing that I did not really understand or care about beforehand."

Like Tippe, Gizzi is an expert in his field. He received a Masters of Fine Arts from Brown University and has several published books of poetry.

Gizzi began his career at RWU five years ago, teaching as an adjunct professor for two years before becoming a full-time professor. This year, he applied for a newly-created tenured professor position. But, according to Gizzi, the economy forced the administration to close the position. Not only did Gizzi not get the job, but he was also informed that he would not be hired back for his fourth year as a visiting professor.

"I was pretty shocked," Gizzi said. "I thought that I would at least get another one-year contract, but instead what I got was a handshake."

He said that Dean Cole, who broke the news to Gizzi, told him "due to the present economic situation, we have decided to sunset this position."

"My first response was, "Did I do anything wrong?" But then I realized I didn't do anything wrong. That is just the way it is."

Gizzi said he recognizes the economy is forcing fellow professors across the university and bring in more students to teach, but the students are going to be the losers in the long run because the administration is going to fill [open positions with] adjunct teachers. The school will save a considerable amount of money by paying these people a fraction of what they pay me. In many cases, students are not going to get what they are paying for."

"I am very disappointed in Roger Williams," Cassidy said. "As [Gizzi] is a published poet, he is certainly a professional and someone from whom we can learn a lot. The university is just depriving its students of an opportunity to learn with him. He's got the experience and the academic side of poetry, but he also has the business side of poetry, which he is a part of, which he understands. It's really a two-point education we get from him."

Cassidy said she could not sympathize with the university's budget concerns "when they keep building more dorms and building more classrooms. They are trying to expand the university and bring in more students, but then give the students fewer options and fewer chances of success. I think the university is sabotaging itself in that way."

"I think the students are going to be the losers in the long run..."

- Visiting professor Michael Gizzi
Sexual abuse is one of the most traumatic events that can happen to you. From day one, we are here to help you overcome the pain, trauma and feeling of isolation so that you can move ahead with your life.

---

Day One
The Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center
401.421.4100 • DayOneRI.org
"I’m never going to stop running. I want to be the 75-year-old man to cross the finish line and just be happy I ran.”

- Kevin Clark

Track star leads team to conference finals

By LAURA KELLY
Herald staff writer

"It’s a part of my identity. It was the fact that I could be free," he says with sincerity.

Senior Kevin Clark, a petite, lively 5’7” cross-country runner, is the holder of a 25-year-old cross-country record at RWU. Last year he finished the 8K run in 25 minutes and 27 seconds at the NCAA New England Regional Meet. He placed 20th; the best place by any RWU male or female runner in history.

"To get the record, that was probably the most defining moment," he says.

It seems as though cross-country chose him rather than the other way around. During his sophomore year in high school, Clark was rejected from the school’s soccer team. With some peer pressure, he joined his high school cross-country team and slowly climbed from third fastest runner on the team to second fastest runner his junior year.

"As a child, Clark had no idea he was going to be an athlete. Within his great list of childhood aspirations, there is not one mention of a record-breaking cross-country runner. And, so, he did not come from a family of runners, or even athletes, which Clark mentions with a bit of satisfaction.

The amount of pride that has come along with his record has previously caused some anxiety for Clark. "I was always worried at the starting of the year what I would do if a freshman became faster than me. How would I handle that? Would I be able to encourage them?"

Although a freshman is yet to beat him, he has had experience with failure.

"I missed the nationals by three seconds. I was crossed at the finish line. I have never been passed at the finish line. I have never been able to encourage them.”

No matter how you handle that, would I be happy I ran.”

Clark’s self-motivation that he maintains has accumulated throughout cross-country. He has pushed him to try to make the track Nationals through hard training.

"So how has Clark dealt with all the fame and pressure? Although not at first, he now fully accepts that you can’t win a meet by yourself. "You need to keep yourself in check. Cross-country is a team sport. You can’t have a team if you set your own apart because you’re faster.”

Regarding the pressure, Clark says he’s fine with it as long as he takes time to think things through. He tries to focus more on the idea that he is making memories and that the experience in itself is most important.

"Yes, it’s grueling and it’s hard and physically exhausting, but we all in it together and we still have good times through it.”

Seven years running cross-country has allowed Clark to build character and mature. He also currently holds a GPA of 3.8 and has been an Academic All-American Honors two years in a row.

"It’s a very coachable young man who did a great job of leading by example. I knew that Kevin would always give his best effort and that’s all I ever ask of my athletes,” Coach Sean Livingston says.

When asked what his plans are for the future, Clark says with a laugh, “I’m never going to stop running. I want to be the 75-year-old man to cross the finish line and just be happy I ran.”

SPORTS

Track: Champions

Cont’d from page 1

ing and pushing everyone else to do their best.”

The Hawk’s Herald

returning athletes know what to expect now and will hopefully be ready to take it to the next level.

Qualifying runners, Maybury, Nel­son, Goodfellow, Metcalf, Kr anz, and freshman Austin Bobrow will head to Springfield College on May 2 for the New England Division III Champi­onships to run in individual events, while freshmen Maria Lebalo and Lauren Sposato will be part of the 4 x 100 meter relay.

"To the team, thank you so much for your hard work, dedication and commitment through the season,” Davis said.

Maybury and Sposato have been on the team, thank you so much for your hard work, dedication and commitment through the season,” Davis said.

In 2006: Played in 14 games his rookie season.

In 2008: Named to the All-TCCC Second Team in 2008. Starting sec­ond baseman with a batting aver­age of .332...56 hits...eight doubles...one homerun...23 RBBs...and 36 runs...also had eight stolen bases.

In 2007: Named to the All-CCC First Team...Third on the team with a batting average of .369...Scored 20 runs and 19 RBI...had 38 hits...had a 95.9 percent fielding percentage.

In 2006: Played in 14 games his rookie season.

In 2008: Played in 37 games with 17 starts...Had a batting average of .246 to go along with 14 hits, two doubles, and seven RBBs...Scored 16 runs and went 4-5 in stolen bases.

In 2007: Second on the team with a batting average of .373...Played in 28 games recoding 28 hits...Scored 16 runs and had 15 RBI...missed some time with an injury in the no to Dean’s List.

In 2006: Ripped...Knocked in two runs...Had five runs scored and two runs in 23 at bats...perfect 2-2 for-2 on stolen base attempts...recorded a .946 fielding percentage.

In 2008: Earned All-TCCC Honorable Men­tion after pitching in ten games with eight starts and three com­plete games...Tallied a perfect 6-0 record, putting him atop of the RWU all-time wins list with 17 and the top of the complete games list with 12.

In 2007: Earned All-New England and Second Team All-Conference Honors...Named Player of the Week...Led the team with six complete games...72 Ks...Won four games as a pitcher in his rookie season...Pitched three complete games...Struck out 32 batters in 11 appearances.

In 2006: Recognized as the TCCC Pitcher of the Year while earning a spot on the All-TCCC First Team...Fin­ished the season with a record of 7-2 in nine starts with four com­plete games, putting Hurld in second with 11 complete games on the RWU all-time career list...Tied for a team-best ERA of 2.68 in 52.2 innings pitched with 41 strikeouts.

In 2007: Played in 24 games recording 16 hits...Struck out 29 batters.

In 2006: Played in 21 games as a rookie...Second on the team with a 3.5 ERA.

SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES

Bill Lambert

Tim Atwood - Captain

James Lydon

Brian Hurld - Captain

008: Named to the All-TCCC Sec­ond Team in 2008. Starting sec­ond baseman with a batting aver­age of .332...56 hits...eight doubles...one homerun...23 RBBs...and 36 runs...also had eight stolen bases.

007: Named to the All-CCC First Team...Third on the team with a batting average of .369...Scored 20 runs and 19 RBI...had 38 hits...had a 95.9 percent fielding percentage.

006: Played in 14 games his rookie season.

008: Played in 37 games with 17 starts...Had a batting average of .246 to go along with 14 hits, two doubles, and seven RBBs...Scored 16 runs and went 4-5 in stolen bases.

007: Second on the team with a batting average of .373...Played in 28 games recoding 28 hits...Scored 16 runs and had 15 RBI...missed some time with an injury in the no to Dean’s List.

006: Ripped...Knocked in two runs...Had five runs scored and two runs in 23 at bats...perfect 2-2 for-2 on stolen base attempts...recorded a .946 fielding percentage.