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Community reacts to “Not on our campus”

Shaken by the events that took place last semester when former Student Senate Treasurer Shashwat Baxi perpetuated hate crimes that threatened the lives of RWU students, a group of concerned students decided to take action.

Students for Change (S4C), a cohort of students who speak out against discrimination in all forms on campus, formed in retaliation to the hate crimes that negatively impacted many students on campus.

“Whatever bothered me most was not actions taken out by a few individuals but the lack of action taken by the majority of campus,” junior Sarah Janezcek said.

Last semester, S4C sponsored a peaceful assembly to bring together students in order to discuss the issues at hand.

“We had a good turn out at the rally last year, but we decided that having a rally just wasn’t good enough,” sophomore Alejandra Cross said.

Over the summer, S4C worked on the “Not on Our Campus” campaign, consisting of posters, black awareness bracelets and the planning of a peaceful assembly which will occur at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

“The goal is to start the year off with a positive attitude,” junior Noelle Allard said. “We do not want to forget about the events that happened last year but instead start off the year with a clean slate.”

Many students welcome the proactive attitudes of S4C, including those students personally affected by the events of last semester.

“We have a long way to go to be perfect; however you can see that people are trying,” sophomore and former Student Senator Lauren Elliot said. “These [issues] need to be addressed and I’m glad that someone is finally taking them on and willing to handle them. There is no more silence or tolerance.”

Some students, however, do not accept the mission of the S4C with as much enthusiasm.

“I think they are too preachy,” freshman Conor Lee said. “I am not racist or sexist but [the campaign] doesn’t convince me. If there were drinking games involved, I might listen.”

These apathetic attitudes remain the targets of the students involved in spreading awareness throughout campus.

“It is beyond discouraging and heartbreaking to try and make a positive change and be met by apathy,” Janezcek said. “But in the end, apathy gets you nothing.”

Another step taken by the university towards inclusive excellence, the implementation of the Bias Response Team (BRT) sets up goals for the 2008-2009 school year.

Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, a co-chair of the BRT along with Associate Director of Public Safety Pamela Moffat, said that the concept of the BRT was in fruition before the events of second semester last school year occurred.

“Inclusive excellence has been an initiative of the president for at least two years,” McMahon said. “Depending on what people call for, the focus takes on different forms.”

According to the Bias Response Team Mission, some of the goals include “developing clear reporting mechanisms/procedures.”

Another goal aims to “provide training for the University Community”, a mission that the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) will help foster through leadership training on Saturday, September 13.

With a number of initiatives put in place in order to combat discrimination on campus, the future of tolerance at RWU is moving in the right direction.

“There is hatred, violence, and racism in the world but it doesn’t have to exist in our world, our home. I am willing to do whatever necessary to keep RWU a safe community,” Elliot said. “The happenings of last semester were hard to deal with [but] we all made it through. Together.”

Yesterday’s news... today

Compiled by Derek Dandurand

On Sept. 9, 1675, the New England Confederation declared war on the Nipmuck and Podunk tribes. This was the beginning of King Philip’s War. Previously these two tribes had attacked Middleborough, Danbury, and Bouchard Massachusets, causing farms to be destroyed and farmers to lose their life’s work.

In early September, the Nipmuck and Podunk tribes also attacked Hadley and Northfield Massachusetts. In the course of the war, more than 600 colonists and 3,000 Native Americans were killed, which for the most part decimated the Natives’ population. The Natives that were captured in the war were shipped off as slaves to Bermuda. The war was fought for only about one year, but is considered one of the bloodiest events in New England history.
Farmer's market encourages students to eat fresh

That night, another note was found in the Student Senate mailbox, according to Foti. On May 2, a hate message was scrawled on the door tag of Baxi's room. A letter was also on his door. He moved from his room that day, according to King.

"Most of them were more targeted toward him which was interesting considering I was the president, and not him," said Merschen-Perez.

Another letter was found in the Student Senate mailbox May 5. It contained racial slurs, and this time threats aimed at Senate leadership.

"It was definitely surprising," said Veronica and Alicia. "I think Veronica tried, but it was too emotional," said Merschen-Perez.

The last letter was found on the afternoon of May 10, in the Student Senate mailbox.

That same day, King, the Interim Director of Public Safety, met with Baxi, and other Public Safety personnel in interviewed Baxi, according to King. Baxi offered a confession after questioning. After the confession, King issued an emergency suspension and escorted Baxi off campus to a "pre-arranged meeting place."

"We aren’t trying to make students visit these markets. "This is a new option for students," said Gubata.

Eventually Gubata will do a healthy cooking session of the week. "I hope it every Friday throughout the markets. "This is a new option for students," said Gubata.
After a long summer spent on sandy beaches and relaxing vacations, it's time to trade in the bathing suits and beach towels for stacks of textbooks and binders. Suddenly, the new responsibilities of a new school year, can seem nothing short of a death sentence for some. Here's to the Night, which he claimed was "close to the Night" and "Inside Out." According to lead singer, Max Collins, "Here's to the Night" was not intended to be a graduation song. He said that it actually originated on his way to buy his girlfriend feminine products or perform well in classes.

1. Have a positive attitude! Turning around negative ideas and training yourself to focus on positive ones can aid in reducing tension and reaching goals.

2. Practice managing your time effectively. This can be done by planning your time wisely around things that can be stressful. Making to-do lists as a way to visualize and prioritize what needs to be completed first and what can be finished last is a great way to help manage time.

3. Take a break! Even if you have to schedule it in, a 20-minute break can give you just the extra boost you need to re-focus you for hours.

4. Know and learn your limits, and don’t over commit. Don’t be afraid to say no if you don’t have the time to be a part of a certain group on campus or to go out with a friend for the night. You are only one person!

5. Practice relaxation techniques. Deep breathing and visualizing relaxing scenes, although they may seem silly, are excellent ways to significantly lower stress levels. They also elevate mood and can improve your concentration and power to focus.

6. Begin a healthy lifestyle. By exercising regularly, keeping alcohol, caffeine, and tobacco use to a minimum, and adding a variety of fruits, vegetables and whole grains to your diet, your overall health and level of stress resistance can improve.

7. Sleep! Research studies show that people should get at least eight hours of sleep a night...especially college students. Sleep deprivation greatly reduces daytime function, increases tension and anxiety, and in turn, can have a negative affect on a student's ability to grasp new material or perform well in classes.

So don’t let stress get you down! Keep these helpful tips in mind and let’s all enjoy another great year at RWU!

CONCERT: ‘Here’s to the’ fall semester

From top left: Students help clean up the shoreline throughout southeastern M. Nirschel lends a helping hand. Students Lauren Elliott, Emily Shaw and Sam brush and comb Freshmen work together at Battleship Cove in Fall River to clean up the ship.

Other Important Hours to Remember

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the Life: I used to live in Nike

Director of Housing, Tony Montefusco, had some insight on why classrooms were moved to Nike this year. “We had to replace all classrooms in NAB and after researching it was less expensive to convert Nike into an academic hall than to rent trailers.”

Some students were confused with the switch to having classrooms in Nike. Journalism Professor Michael Scully teaches a class in the building and said that the “first day I had a kid walk into my class and ask if this was Cale III.” The long walk may have some students groaning, but the change is also definitely positive for some students reminiscent of Nike.

Kari Pohl, Senior, was an HRA of Nike last year and also now sits in a classroom where she used to watch movies all the time. But she is happy with the improvements.

“I am glad that they didn’t knock it down because it is a historic building.” Although this change is relevant for Gal­lager and students alike, Gallagher also admits that he is overall glad because one of the oldest buildings on campus was renovated to a nice place for students. He reflected, “I like it and am happy with what they did.”

The housing selection process will change from a random lottery to a merit lottery for freshmen this year. The selection process will give merits to students who “positively contribute to our campus community.”

Students can gain a maximum of 5 points total.
- Participating in Hall Council
- Soar Leadership
- Club and organization involvement
- Athletic participation
- College committee work
- 10 hours of community service
- Attendance at civil discourse lecture series
- Perfect FYS attendance
- Studying abroad
- Honors Program
- On-campus work, off-campus jobs, and non-credit internships
- Attendance at 3 merit programs

Students can have points deducted and they cannot be regained.
- Student misconduct - Students will lose one merit point each time they are found responsible for violating university policies
- Temporary loss of residency
- Failure to complete sanctions on time
- High damage bills for their living areas
Introducing the opinion page

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In Our Opinion

"Silent Justice?"

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While it has been reported that five of the events were the result of one student's hand, eight other hate crimes remain unsolved. Or better?

It has been made know that three other hate crimes that occurred last semester have been solved. The real question now is what did them and how they were punished. The school has the obligation to not reveal the names of these criminal students but it leaves a lot of unanswered questions for a campus that was held captive by their actions.

Like why weren't the people responsible arrested by the Bristol Police after the university suspected activity? And within the first few days. Instead, I need to focus on how adjusting to the criminal students because after being arrested their names would be available to the public. However as of right now they remain unknown.

Yet the school never called in the police after the hate crimes because the students were told not to report it. This would allow students to at least confront the criminal students because after being arrested their names would be available to the public. However as of right now they remain unknown.

How were the students responsible punished? Isn’t it just another fact that we are not made as a community were told to come live.

Kelleigh Welch

Lessons From Abroad

My Italian experience is bliss. For me, I still stop in awe of the sites of Florence, as if I were to offer on every street corner. This is unlike anything I have ever experienced, and I am slowly adjusting to the fact that I am not on vacation and I can only stay for one day. Instead, I need to focus on how to be part of this vast city filled with culture but also be here for four months. I was called to the

To be obvious, Florence is nothing like living in America. Referred to be the cradle of the Renaissance and the birthplace of the Italian culture and art, "the birthplace of the Italian language," is not a world of high fashion, wine, expensive coffee shops and palleted on every street corner. Fashion in Italy is extremely important, and within those hours of being here, I realized that my jeans shorts and Jimmy Eat World concept "shirt would not be suitable attire to even walk my trash out to the dumpster down the street. Italian fashion is far more classy and conservative in

In the October 12, 2007 issue of The Hawk's Herald, I attempted on the lack of respect the students showed towards each other Lascel Bech when he came to share his story of growing up in the war-ravaged nation of Sierra Leone. I wasn't just writing to vent or to get the campus to empathize with me, I was attempting to convey a point to the RWU community that the actions we participate in as individuals reflect on us as a whole.

Afterwards, I thought that maybe students could not relate to Bect and feeling in the blood that afflicts us all.

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I'm sure that with time, adjusting to the fact that I am not from around here. Although, despite my best efforts to conform to the Italian fashion sense, my blonde hair is a dead giveaway. Coinciding with the blonde hair, we were informed that the number one sport in Italy was tennis. Already I've heard pick-up lines such as "Don't hide your beautiful eyes " or "what a scarf to wear perfect with your skin," which in America would not even get the guy to talk to you.

However, we were informed that the only way to avoid this is not to meet with anyone on line, which is a big problem, which is a difficult one. In American terms, this is a crowd of people. In Italy, there are so cold, because they are always48 degrees.

In Florence, everyone walks.

Gas prices are currently 4 Euros a liter. However, when compared to American measurements, you are looking at approximately 48 Euros a gallon, and as a result, only the rich can afford to drive. I can promise you that I will never go down to 4.95 a gallon anymore.

Grocery shopping is also very different than in the states. Our first experience was entertaining, as

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**SOCCER: Hawks split opening weekend games**

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they would face up against Bridgewater State College who prevailed over the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy 2-1 to earn a spot in the finals.

The Hawks were stymied offensively in the championship match; unable to find the net they lost the kick-off tournament final 2-0.

It was a hard fought game from start to finish, with much of the game being played in the midfield. Neither team recorded many scoring opportunities in the first half of play but there were 21 fouls called in the first 45 minutes.

Bridgewater State came out firing in the second half receiving an immediate goal from the offensive MVP of the tournament Donald Flores from 25 yards out. This was followed by another goal in the 66th minute off the foot of Jon Nutting, assisted by Flores.

Bears’ goalie Ryan Seifert (Ludlow, Mass.), who was also named defensive MVP of the tournament, needed to make only one save on the day to earn the shutout.

Freshman Archie Maoh, along with Saccoccio and Falconer were recognized for their exceptional play in the two matches and named to the Turfer All-Tournament team.

RWU (1-1) will be in action next when they host Wheaton College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL: Reaches final in preseason tournament**

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Connecticut State RWU, continuing with their streak of slow starts, dropped the first match 21-25. Although similar to their previous tournament games they woke up and made a statement, winning the next three matches 25-17, 25-17, and 25-18 taking the game and improving to 5-1.

Dion shined once again hitting .632 with 12 kills and 2 solo blocks. She received great help from her teammate Bosworth who had 28 assists in the game.

Sophomore Jill Hurd, sophomore Brittny Sullivan, and sophomore Eileen O'Leary all helped out on the defensive side posting 21, 17, and 14 digs respectively.

The Hawks will have a chance to avenge their only loss of the season thus far when Rivier College, along with Amherst College and the University of New England travel to Bristol for the Roger Williams Invitational Tournament this Saturday at 11 a.m.

The women’s volleyball team hopes for another strong season this year competing in the Commonwealth Coast Conference
Men's Soccer Hosts Turfer Classic

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University men's soccer team opened up their season this past weekend by hosting schools from around the area in the Fourth Annual Turfer Classic.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Hawks came out strong and dominated their opponents from St. Joseph's College (N.Y.), winning 6-1.

The scoring got underway early as sophomore midfielder Michael Patriarca put away a hard shot into the right corner of the goal, giving RWU a lead they would not relinquish just two minutes into the game.

It was sophomore Jared Falconer, though, who stole the show in his first ever game in an RWU uniform. Falconer led the team to victory, finding the goal on three occasions. Two of Falconer's goals came off assists from sophomore D.J. Hunter, who tallied three assists on the day. Dan Saccone, a senior co-captain for the Hawks, also scored two goals in the offensive clinic put on by RWU.

Sophomore goalkeeper Peter Plate played the first 78 minutes of the game, recording four saves and allowing one goal, which was scored by the Golden Eagles Adam Rodgers early in the second half. Freshman Alexander Jackson closed out the game in net for the Hawks recording one save in his short time in goal.

The win sent RWU to the championship game of the Turfer Classic where they faced up against the host school Regis College where they again dropped the opening game only to reassemble and string together three straight wins. Freshman Michaela Ross had six kills in 17 attempts and the team won their three decisions 25-18, 25-15, and 25-16.

In a semifinal matchup against St. Joe's (Manuel Dolan led the way once again posting 11 kills and zero errors. The Hawks took the game 3-1 with wins of 25-11, 25-16, and 25-10. Senior Kirsten Bosworth had nine service aces and 23 assists.

Their four wins propelled them into the championship match with also undefeated Rivier College. On this occasion the Hawks were not able to rebound from a first set loss, dropping three straight sets 25-15, 25-23, and 25-16.

Dolan's exceptional play throughout the tournament earned her a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Following their tournament play the Hawks returned to the hardwood when they traveled to Eastern

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Women's Volleyball gets of to hot start

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The Roger Williams University women's volleyball team opened their season 4-1 reaching the championship game of the Regis Pride Invitational Tournament this past weekend.

In a first round matchup, the Hawks faced up against Worcester State College. The group was dominant, taking the match in three straight sets, 25-24, 25-16, and 25-15. Junior Caryn Lecco contributed 8 assists while sophomore Rebekah Dion led the way with seven kills and a .636 hitting percentage.

Mt. Ida College was RWU's second opponent and although the Hawks dropped the first set 25-23, they were able to rally back to take the next three sets. Junior Kristina Dolan had nine kills and five blocks, three of them solo. Sophomore Jill Hurd had 15 digs in the three 25-14, 25-16, and 25-19 wins.

The Hawks' third matchup came against the host school Regis College where they again dropped the