RWU anticipates H1N1 vaccine

by ALLISON COLLINS

Roger Williams University hopes to receive the H1N1, or Swine Flu vaccine in October, according to the administration.

"We expect the vaccine to be available sometime in October and are aware that college students are one of the priority groups slated for vaccinations across the country," said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

"If and when the vaccines are made available to the University, we will sponsor clinics for our students as soon as possible," King said.

Andrade recommends that students get the H1N1 vaccine.

"It's not like the H1N1 virus is any kind of new concept," Anne Andrade, the Director of Health Services, said. The regular flu vaccine just had to be modified, Andrade said.

About 20 students have had flu-like symptoms this semester, Andrade said.

"I do expect the number of flu like illnesses to climb," Andrade said.

"We're seeing it from really spikes in numbers," Andrade said of the H1N1 virus.

"The way to prevent that spike is self-isolation," she said.

Students experiencing symptoms should call health services to discuss their symptoms before making an appointment. Those with mild symptoms may not need to see a doctor and may be able to care for themselves with over-the-counter medication and rest, Andrade said.

"If we're seeing a high number not everyone with a mild cold or respiratory symptoms needs to come to Health Services," Andrade said.

Those with severe symptoms, which can include increased fever, shortness of breath, chest pain, pressure, rapid breathing or have a medical condition that increases the risk for the flu, or if the symptoms persist for more than a week, should call Health Services.

Students who become sick with any type of flu should self-isolate in their rooms or at home for at least 24 hours or until they no longer have a fever without using fever-reducing medications.

"We're asking those who are close enough by to go home," Andrade said.

Health Services recommends students wear a mask when coming into contact with others.

To avoid getting sick students should wash their hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer and keep their rooms clean with disinfecting wipes, according to Health Services.

RWU is installing additional hand sanitizer units in all residence halls and academic buildings. King said.

Let's hear it for the boys

Mr. RWU contestants fund miracles.

by ABBY SPRAGUE

Herald Staff Writer

Fifty days. Ten contestants. One night, and one amazing fundraiser. That's what Mr. RWU is all about.

This tradition, which IRHA (Inter-Residence Hall Association), began 9 years ago, is more than just another male pageant. For the next fifty days, contestants, accompanied by their female personal assistants, can be found out and about campus collecting donations for the Children's Miracle Network. On the night of Mr. RWU, November 21st, one of the contestants will be crowned, based heavily on the amount of money they raise. This charity not only helps support more than 170 children's hospitals and their fast-paced research, but also helps save the lives of about 17 million children every year. By raising money, this organization ensures that children will receive proper care regardless of their financial situation.

Roger Williams now benefits the Hasbro Children's Hospital located in Providence. Not only does the university raise money for their needs, but it also participates in the fall Walk for Hasbro and their spring Radiothon.

Steph Olesen, a senior who is on her third year of chairing Mr. RWU, and Jess Sanborn, a junior who is co-chairing the event for the first time, are hoping to raise as much money or more than last year; the grand total was $23,000.

In addition to donating, students can help the contestants by buying a handprint for 50 cents to write a "Good luck!" or participating in the Date Auction, an event which will take place in the Commons.

The 2009 Mr. RWU contestants are Paul Doolan, Jake Fisher, Chris Green, Griffin Llabrance, Brian LeDuc, Tim Miodonka, Paul Pettini, Jerome Pikor, Ian Powers and John Walsh. If it's anything like last year - there was a tie between Phil DiCicco and Tom Maybury - than this year is bound to be just as exciting, as well as successful.

So don't forget to donate to any of the ten contestants or their personal assistants! The money goes to a great cause, and the event, which takes place November 21st, is sure to be a night to remember. The next 50 days will fly by, and only we can determine who will be the 2009 Mr. RWU.
Chinese scholar visits RWU

by JING AI
Herald Staff Writer

On Sept. 9, Chinese scholar Dr. Boshu Zhang spoke on "China in a Global Context" in the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center in the campus library.

Zhang was born in Beijing and received a B.A. in International Relations from Beijing Normal University in Beijing. Following that, he received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the Institute of Philosophy Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS) in Beijing, and worked at CASS since graduation.

Zhang's earlier research was focused on the critical theories of continental Europe in modern western philosophy. Later, he directed his attention to the constitutional and political reform in China and built his own theory, which he reflects in six volumes of writings.

"As we can all see, China is changing so rapidly in recent years that people find it hard to know and understand China," Zhang said. Zhang started his lecture by introducing the most common discussed topics of today's China, such as the unstoppable economic growth, the demolishing of the 2008 Constitutional chapter, the "3.14 Incident" in Tibet, and the more recent "7.5 Incident" in Xinjiang. Zhang used these examples to demonstrate the problems that China copes with in the process of transformation.

Zhang also referenced several significant events of the past as keys in understanding the China of today. Citing the 1912 Revolution, which toppled the last Empire and established the Republic of China, the Communist revolution in 1949 which brought the People's Republic of China, the Reform and Open Door policy in 1978 and the June 4th Tiananmen Incident in 1989, Zhang demonstrated how these incidents and revolutions impacted the thinking of institutional modernization in today's China and how they illustrate some of the characteristics of Chinese society.

"As a specialist in the theories of constitutional and political reform, Zhang said he thinks that the best way to develop a civil society in China is to change the current political structure and establish democratic politics. "But this is hard," Zhang said. "The current government has not yet shown the courage to do that."

As to the question of how would a changing China affect the world, Zhang based his hope on China's democratization. "It would not only benefit to globalization, but also to the wealth and happiness of the world," Zhang said.

This recent lecture was Zhang's second time speaking at an American college. The first was at Central Michigan University. Although he had also been a visiting scholar at several universities in Hong Kong and Japan, Zhang said, "I'm most happy to lecture here at Roger Williams." When asked about his view of education in American universities, Zhang said he was most impressed by the academic openness and freedom, which encourages the creativity of students.

"Dr. Zhang is actually an old friend of mine," said Dr. Guilan Wang, assistant provost of Global China of Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS), which has a huge impact on the world. Not only is China one of the most representative countries in Asia, but it also plays a leading role in today's world economy," Wang said.

"Among many Chinese scholars, Zhang is definitely on the top of my list of guest lecturers. He is a top scholar in his field," Wang said.

Zhang is scheduled to hold another lecture in Mary Tefft White Cultural Center on October 15 at 4 p.m. on the topic of "Understanding the Rising China."

According to Wang, Zhang will be on campus often before the next lecture, and he would be available for an exchange of ideas with faculty, staff and students.

Student and faculty Chinese scholars from the Intercultural Center plan to give a presentation of Chinese culture, entitled "An hour with China." The presentation is scheduled for Oct. 28th from 4:55pm in Global Heritage Hall, Multimedi room (G733). Students are urged to bring their questions, their appetites, and their enthusiasm.

H1N1: RWU has a plan

Sleep, proper nutrition and exercise can also promote faster recovery, according to King.

"Be reassured that the university does have a university wide plan," Andrade said.

The administration has formed a committee to discuss the H1N1 virus, Andrade said. "The committee is meeting regularly to enhance communication and responses," King said.

A Points of Dispensing (POD) training event occurred on campus last week, according to King.

RWU is a Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) approved closed-POD. This means that it is only designed for university students, staff or faculty and their families, according to Dan Gough, the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

The RWU closed-POD is mutually beneficial to both the university and the Town of Bristol. The RWU closed-POD ensures protection for the university population and their families while maintaining the highest continuity of operations," Gough said.

The RWU closed-POD simultaneously reduces a significant burden on the Town of Bristol's open POD, which is open to the general public and would otherwise include the university population," Gough said.

As of the first seasonal flu vaccine clinic 900 shots were given, Andrade said.

Health Services has not confirmed any cases of H1N1 this year, Andrade said.

"Could there be on campus? Absolutely. It's just that we're not testing everyone," Andrade said.

Though the date that the H1N1 vaccines will arrive is uncertain, students can get their seasonal flu shots at a clinic on Oct. 25 or by making an appointment with Health Services.

For additional information students can visit www.health.ri.gov, www.flu.gov or www.cdc.gov/h1n1fluenza.

Health Services can be reached at (401) 254-3156.

Correction for 9/11/09 Issue:

In the extended caption accompanying the Spt. 11 flag event, it was said that the College Republicans held the event, however this is untrue. The College Democrat also worked to create the event.

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Catching ON: Blah Blah Blah

by KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 25, Roger Williams University will host the screening of the independent film, "Catching ON: The Day the World Turned Gay.

The premise of the 18 minute film is the idea of the "slippery-slope" theory, where one thing leads to another, based on the subject of the controversial theories behind the legalization of gay marriage. According to director Nick Pistorino, "All of a sudden gay marriage is legal, and people think that the world will become gay. After this, gay spreads throughout the world by osmosis."

Pistorino explained that the idea of the world turning gay came from the writer's research of radical websites containing conspiracy theories about what will happen after the legalization of gay marriage. Some of these theories seemed far-fetched, which is what makes the film comical.

The film was created by a group of four college graduates, consisting of Pistorino, his brother Chuck Pistorino, writer Mike Lake, and Gregory Walsh, associate producer and RWU alum.

Walsh graduated in 2008 with a BA in Communications, and said he was on the track to becoming a sportscaster. During their senior year, Walsh and Nick Pistorino realized that with Walsh's public relations background, and Nick Pistorino's film background, they could create a film company.

"We all had aspects, we had something special. We decided to do something, just not sure what," Walsh said. "It was then that Mike said 'Hey, I might actually have a script for you guys.' We put all the pieces together and we're the film company.

"We're really excited to be able to show this film to the RWU community. Without RWU we wouldn't have this film. It will be great to see how the student body reacts to the film. I hope they'll be able to see message behind it. There is a strong message about gay marriage and the feelings behind it on both sides, and we hope it can be taken to both sides, and we hope it can be taken to the community."

Nick Pistorino said. "If you would like more information on the film, check it out at catchingon RWU.com, and come see it on Sat. at 8 p.m. in CAS 157. Be sure to look for the RWU appearance as well.

"It has big very controversial issues behind it, but it's fun," Nick Pistorino said. "It's really really funny. If you want a great laugh for 18 minutes, this is the best way to get it."

PALs advise undeclared students

by NICK WESTBROOK
Herald Staff Writer

A new program that provides some students on-campus internships at the same time helps students declare their majors began this semester.

The PAL program is sponsored by the University Advising Center, and is designed to pair freshmen with undecided majors with one of five PALs. The PALs are trained to support students in the academic advising process.

According to Susan Hammond, Director of the Advising Center, most schools have a peer advising program. "What's unique about this is that we're partnering with the psychology department, and bringing the advising program more up to speed and more up to date," Hammond said.

Dr. Becky Spritz, Assistant Professor of Psychology, said there are several advantages to the PAL program.

"This is an opportunity to develop their leadership skills; we know they're getting excellent exposure out of this that they'll generally think about," Spritz said.

The PALs advise students and provide new opportunities and broaden the definition of psychology for both individuals and the psychology program, according to Spritz. "It's also just great to pair with another department on campus," Spritz said.

Jessica Sultaire, a senior psychology major, recently earned a position as a PAL.

"They sent an email to all psychology majors to see if they were interested in this," Sultaire said. The PAL program is being offered to psychology majors as an internship, and allows juniors and seniors in the psychology department to meet their graduation requirements.

"We play a couple of different roles," Sultaire said. "We're a trusted student that freshmen can go to for information. Our ultimate goal is to help them get declared." Sultaire said.

PALs are trained by University Advising Staff and, with a student advisor's permission, observe professional advising sessions.

Spritz said she looks forward to when the PAL program starts to integrate with other services on campus, such as the Center for Academic Development and the Career Center.

Student Arrested for Marijuana

by ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

A Roger Williams University student was arrested Wednesday afternoon for possession and intent to distribute marijuana, according to John Blessing, the Director of Public Safety.

"We did have a student, a resident at Baypoint, that was arrested by the police yesterday afternoon... for possession with intent to deliver," Blessing said.

The investigation is being handled by the Portsmouth Police Department and that's all that I really can release at this time," Blessing said.

There was only one student involved, according to John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

We always call the local police departments in Portsmouth or Bristol whenever drugs are found in the residence halls or elsewhere on campus," King said.

The investigation is ongoing. A preliminary police report will be released The Hawk's Herald Friday, Sept. 25.

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Green Tips from RWU’s Eco-Reps

COMMENTARY

Water, water everywhere, but not for long

by FRANCESCA CANTINELLA and MONIQUE DITULLIO
RWU Eco-Reps

Water is a part of our daily lives, whether we use it to clean dishes, shower, or enjoy it from a glass. The recent temporary contamination of our water supply made it difficult for us to perform these simple tasks, and gave us a taste of what life with water restrictions could be like. We’re used to just turning on our taps and having unlimited water come out, but there are places in the world where people don’t enjoy such a luxury; more than one billion people have to drink from unsafe, unsanitary water sources. One day we could be living in a similar situation; and there will not be anyone to distribute 12 free bottles of water per person. With the issue of water still fresh in our minds, let’s remind ourselves that water is a finite resource and that we should work together to preserve it.

We are polluting our groundwater to the point that it cannot be cleaned. Scientists predict that by 2015, 36 states will experience a water shortage—that’s 72 percent of the population. Unable to turn on the tap whenever we wish and having to decide between a shower or clean clothes, we will be joining 80 countries that already experience water shortages. We cannot refill or increase our fresh water sources, but we can help them avoid depletion so rapidly by changing the way we look at and use water. We can use reuse water bottles and drink from our tap, turn off the water when we shave, brush our teeth and wash dishes to save four to six gallons of water a day. Shortening showers to five minutes can save another five to seven gallons. Reducing your daily shower time by one minute will save 20,000 gallons of water a year.

Less than three percent of the earth’s water supply is fresh water, but a lot of that is inaccessible, so we have to work with what we have. To increase our sustainability, one of Roger Williams University’s goals for this year is to reduce water consumption. So let’s join together and do our part to make a difference.

Wind Power, the clean energy

by VERONICA PESAK
RWU Eco-Reps

Over the past year, there has been a lot of marketing to promote “clean” coal. Mining for coal involves the clearing of mountain tops and woodlands, and the process of making and burning coal produces huge amounts of carbon dioxide and other toxins. Clearly, there is no way that this energy source is “clean”. Furthermore, coal is a finite resource, and we will not be able to provide us with electricity forever. Not only is the demand for resources unrelenting, but the serious consequences for global climate change become increasingly imminent. A clean energy source that would provide us with the resources that we need and ameliorate climate change is wind energy. Wind energy is renewable (meaning that it will never run out), it is clean and, better yet, wind is free!

We at Roger Williams University see the utilization of wind energy right in our own backyard. There are two windmills a few miles away that are providing small electricity to the town of Portsmouth. Even though wind power could solve a lot of our energy problems, some still oppose the construction of wind farms; these people say that they oppose wind mills because they think wind mills are “ugly”. National Wind Watch (NWW) and Industrial Wind Action (IWA), two organizations that protest the building of new wind farms, stand on the shaky platform that wind farms are unattractive, and therefore should be opposed. Even the late Senator Kennedy called Cape Wind an eyesore. How is America going to get serious about renewable energy when people oppose it based on a windmill’s aesthetics? The burning of fossil fuels in the future will be much uglier; especially in coastal communities like Bristol and Cape Cod where rising sea levels could wreak havoc. It is time for us to prioritize. Employ wind energy for its benefits, rather than for its looks.

ORIGINAl CARTOON

SEXILED

by ROSE KENARY
Herald Staff Writer

My blood pressure is high. My heart is pumping. I can’t think straight. My face is hot and I am frozen. I am mad. I am livid.

I am sitting at my desk, furiously typing, not able to express exactly how I feel. My roommate is on her bed; a guy perched neatly next to her. It’s awkward, and I hate it. He has been here for what seems like days. He sleeps here, he eats here. He never leaves.

At first it seemed relaxed—a new friend just hanging out, getting to know us. But now, the mood has changed and it’s tense and obnoxious.

I have been sexiled. Or maybe just exiled. They rud­ dle, they hug, they baby talk—it never stops. Over my music I hear their breathy giggles, it screams flirting. It screams: YUCK.

I feel like I want to vomit, yell, hit. It doesn’t go away and I am cramped with anger.

Do I say something? NO. Do I sit here and take it? NO. The confusion is overwhelming and still I am unable to think. The smell of puppy love is making me nauseous and as I come to terms with what is happening to me, I realize one thing: Camp RWU is over. No more Mr. Nice Guy.

Want to share your opinion? Have a letter to the editor?

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Paper use: Where to draw the line

by OWEW KAUPPILA
Web Manager

A child throws away a plateful of food and is scolded by his or her parents. A child leaves the refrigerator door open; every time the door opens the child pulls every tissue out of a tissue box. Scolding.

Sure, some parents and educators view the well-being of the environment have been hot topics on campus. RWU positioned recycling bins between offices for the reduction of paper use, and reorganized the number of paper cups in Upper Commons, installed regula­tory shower heads in some residence halls, and established plans to charge printing in the library and assumed a special task force of 'Eco-Reps' to ensure we are doing our part.

Sure, the campus is taking excellent strides to preserve the earth and our campus community, but before leaving students with pathetic water consumption, the university should think about the other places on campus where paper is being used at exhausting rates.

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COMMENMY
Should bros pull their weight?
by ALLIE CONN
Features Editor

Regardless of rain, sun, wind or snow, the university shuttle never lacks customers. Finish dinner and need a ride to the library? You're just in time for the 5:49 Park in J-Lot but want a lift to the North Campus Residence Hall Halls?

And why wouldn't you? The shuttle service is convenient, moderately reliable and operating with the opening of increased bus service at the end of the fall, so having to walk is a rarity. Unfortunately, the unmet need at RWU has raised concerns.

Sure, the shuttles travel a relatively short distance, but that doesn't make its harmful effects on the environment. This drawback might complicate public transport and increase utilizing their particular service.

The shuttles travel a relatively short distance, but that doesn't make its harmful effects on the environment. This drawback might complicate public transport and increase utilizing their particular service.

So far, the 'green' reputation of campus is depleting our ozone. And the majority of people agree that we need to do more to preserve the earth and our campus community, but before leaving students with pathetic water consumption, the university should think about the other places on campus where paper is being used at exhausting rates.

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ENTERTAINMENT
I'mma let you finish...
by OWEW KAUPPILA
Web Manager

Facebook statuses and Twitter tweets were swarming with words of hatred, love and sorrow following Kanye's outburst during Taylor Swift's acceptance speech at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards last week. Kanye was quick to scrap those positive messages to the public and some can escape from their ma­jestic thrones of success.

We often assume that the money and fame get to their heads, but in reality, they're all just like us (except for the fact that they have an added level of public exposure and interest). The 'celebrity' of it all requires a healing helping of humble pie.

Guess who finished the last cruise before her and invited her to see if she won Video of the Year? Bet­ter yet, Beyoncé took the win by storm and share-stoppin' Beyoncé. Beyoncé has a quiet sense of class and respect that made her seem more like a human than a chart-topping female sensation.

It's nice knowing that not all celebrities have an unfolding for the spotlight. Hopefully some can escape from their ma­jestic thrones of success.
Extreme Makeover: Marine a

RWU breeds first triggerfish in captivity

Marine Biology majors Leah Freedman and Lisa Bourassa share Rhyne's excitement. "It's really cool to get the watch the fish grow and develop," Freedman said. "But that's just an added benefit to the whole thing."

"It's all about the sustainability of the fish. The species is considered threatened in the wild, and it's important to ensure their survival and growth, and that's exactly what we're doing at RWU. We're also working hard to maintain a healthy environment for the fish," Bourassa said.

The idea of raising these fish was first proposed in 2006, when Dr. Michael Tlusty, one of New England Aquarium's (NEA) leading scientists, approached RWU and offered the opportunity for an official research affiliation program that would not only raise fish, but would also create a new aquaculture and Aquarium minor that would be open to all students at the University.

"It's the perfect partnership because it helps further research, but it lets the students participate in that research," Rhyne said. "This program prepares kids for marine biology while the minor gives an edge over competition," Rhyne said.

Despite the early proposition, the program wasn't fully enacted until late 2008, when the school began converting its Wetlab so that it would be able to sufficiently support the fish. The lab was ready about six months later, and the first Triggerfish hatched on June 24 of this year.

Brad Bourque, manager of the Wetlab, explained that the Marine and Natural Sciences building was originally built with grants from the Department of Commerce to do research that was "beneficial to the local economy and sustainable in an environmentally friendly way," which is exactly what the captive raising of the Triggerfish will do.

"I thought that it could be highly beneficial to focus on ornamental fish here at RWU," Bourque said. "They have a high market value, can be produced with a minimal energy footprint, and they're being threatened in the wild. It just made sense."

The Triggerfish are among 125 species of fish that dwell within the Aquarium's renowned, giant Ocean Tank, which boasts a variety of ecosystems living together in one place. Though there are many fish in the tank, only a dozen types or so can be produced commercially.

In order to get the Triggerfish, divers had to go down into the Ocean Tank and collect the eggs, which were then brought back to RWU. Triggerfish are an especially difficult breed of fish to raise because of the small size of their larvae. When first hatched, they are smaller than an eyelash, which makes them difficult to feed. Through their use of copepods, the main food source of fish larvae, Rhyne and his team were able to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the fish to develop.

Once the fish have been raised to adulthood, they will be sent back to the Aquarium, where they will grow to be about three feet long. They will be displayed in the Ocean Tank.

"It's not so much about how many fish we can produce, but rather if we can develop new technologies and methods for producing the fish," Rhyne said. "By doing this in captivity, we can really focus on what the captive raising of the Triggerfish will do."

"As we go, we're learning," Rhyne said. "And through this program, we'll continue to learn in the future."

Capoeira performs on campus

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian art form which merges martial arts, acrobatics, dancing, music and elements of practical philosophy that create a unique ethic performance. The performance was held yesterday in the D'Angelo Commons.
Grants fund new shellfish hatchery

by BEN WHITMORE
Asst. News Editor

It is the only shellfish hatchery in Rhode Island — and thanks to mixed funding sources, Roger Williams University’s shellfish hatchery will be moving to a larger, better-equipped space in the newly constructed addition to the Marine and Natural Sciences building.

Construction of the new MNS addition, which started in the spring of 2008, was intended to provide the student and faculty shellfish researchers with space of their own in the MNS building. Until now, the shellfish hatchery operated in shared space in the MNS building’s Marine Biology Wetlab.

Faculty members of the Center for Economic and Environmental Development (CEED), the university group focused on growing and raising aquatic plants and animals that run the shellfish hatchery, wanted to build “a real shellfish hatchery, [and] to build one that was designed from scratch and was actually dedicated for that purpose form the start,” said Timothy Scott, Director of CEED, and Associate Professor of Marine Biology.

Two federal grants, each worth one million dollars, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Economic Development Administration, respectively, funded the building of the new addition’s structure and provided equipment for the new hatchery.

“I think the reason we were able to secure the grant is just because we’ve made such great progress in terms of our faculty and student and the undergraduate research and in what they have been able to achieve in terms of aquaculture and developing the only seed hatchery in the state of Rhode Island,” said Michele Allaux, Executive Director Grants Co. F and Strategic Initiatives.

“I think the university and the faculty and the students are just becoming recognized as an important resource for the state,” Allaux said.

Since the shellfish research program began in 2004, CEED and the hatchery have raised the species of oyster beds, harvesting the spawning mollusks and growing them in a nurturing, laboratory-controlled environment. The technicians at the hatchery produce about ten million oysters per year, which they return to the Narragansett Bay protected clam and oyster sites.

The hatchery also provides private institutions — the University of Rhode Island, Rutgers University and others — with oyster seed, which are the laboratory-born oysters used to repopulate oyster beds in the wild.

The university is becoming an important player in developing aquaculture in Rhode Island, and I think that’s really why [the new hatchery] is going to be able to help... our students in terms of researching disease resistant species of oysters, and the hatchery growing them out,” Allaux said.

Scott says he looks forward to the opportunities the new facility will afford. “Instead of trying to carve out a corner of the Wetlab, we now have a dedicated space,” Scott said.

“There’s not going to be conflicts with water use... we can have heated water, which we weren’t able to do very effectively before. We were able to design this thing the way we wanted to, which will enable us to be more reliable. So if we are saying we are going to grow scallops for somebody, we will be able to produce them,” Scott said.

“Last year, all we grew was oysters... we didn’t have space for clams. I want to grow clams and oysters and scallops and surf clams and other things that we haven’t had the chance to do yet. This will help us do that,” Scott said.

Aquatic Veterinarian to create diagnostic lab

by KINSEY JANKE
Herald Staff Writer

Roger Williams University has hired a new faculty member who plans on creating a diagnostic lab, a class and teaching courses.

Dr. Roxanna Smolowitz has come to RWU with a clear and specific goal, one that will enhance not only the local community, but the surrounding communities as well. Working on a grant given by the state of Rhode Island to RWU, Smolowitz plans to spend her next three years here developing a diagnostic lab.

The diagnostic lab, though located on the RWU campus, is also open to the surrounding areas and, as she explained, it is open to anyone in the aquaculture industry or even anyone with a simple koi pond in their backyard.

In addition to developing this diagnostic lab, Smolowitz is also acquiring a number of courses at RWU, including customary ones like Intro to Biology. But another change she is making is introducing a brand new course to our campus curriculum. This course, called Animal Health, was created by Smolowitz herself and is the first of its kind.

Smolowitz’s expertise spans from treating fish to operating on clams and oysters to performing precise surgeries on animals too small for the rest of us to comprehend even needing surgery. Here on a visiting professorship, Smolowitz has “always enjoyed research” and expressed that the “ability to interact with students and the other professors is a lot of fun” and described with a smile that those she works with are an “interesting group of people doing relevant research.”

Hailing primarily from Fallmout, Mass., Smolowitz has “always been interested in aquatics” and went to school as a biology major with a chemistry minor. After four years of standard schooling she went on to an additional four years of veterinary school followed by a two-year residency focusing on pathology and then a two-year fellowship at Purdue University.

When asked about her thoughts on RWU and her new place in her career, she responded that there are “a lot of possibilities here, a lot of good people to work with and a different environment.”

Know Your Limits

Keep track of your own drinks
Choose for yourself, and only yourself
You Decide
Letters from abroad: Exploring Venice

by KELCIE SWEENEY

Study Abroad Correspondent

Greetings from Venezia, better known as Venice, Italy! This past weekend I traveled to Venice for the weekend to explore the "sinking city." It was an amazing experience full of interesting restaurants, small side streets, and quaint local shops. The trip itself was perhaps the best part, full of amazing sights and another chance to explore a different Italian city other than Florence.

While I was in Venice, I was amazed by how good the public transportation was. They use small ferry boats to travel around the island that would pick people up at designated boat docks. This had to have been the most enjoyable mode of public transportation I have ever used. We could just sit on the boat and see all the important landmarks, or if we wanted to, hop off the boat and explore the area. It was a great way to see the city.

San Marco's square was amazing to see in the morning. We were lucky to get there in the early morning before all the tour groups had gotten there. The square was practically empty and it was nice to walk around taking pictures without having to bump into a lot of people. The church of San Marco was amazing to see from outside, but the decor of the interior was really something to see. When we returned later, there were hundreds of people in the square.

We also traveled to the island of Murano, which was a ten minute boat ride from Venice and is famous for its hand-blown glass. We were able to see a demonstration of how they would make, from a little figurine the size of a quarter to glass horses about two feet tall. One inescapable fact is that Venice is sinking practically right before everyone's eyes. In some areas that we visited, the water would flow over the canal walls or crash up against the walls causing people to rush out of the way of the water. In Saint Marco's Square at high tide, the city workers unfolded the raised side-walks because the area right around the church was had large puddles that had come up from the ground.

An absolute must if you ever visit Venice is to get a gondola ride. While they can be really pricey, knowing where to look near the smaller canals can be rewarding to your wallet.

Overall, the experience was a great one. The city has so many amazing features to see. We learned that there have been some attempts to stop the sinking, but to date, nothing has worked very well. So, I must say, visit Venice and admire all the lovely sights, enjoy a gondola ride, and see the lovely island before it is lost to the sea.

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Right: Gondolas transport goods through the canals of Venice.
Bottom: View of the Grand Canal which is the main waterway of Venice.
Back in the USA: students adjust

by SARAH SMITH
Herald Staff Writer

When Senior Natale Kulis spent his junior year abroad in Nancy, France from 2008-09, visiting the university administrators was a daunting task. “Between the language barrier [speaking only French] and the French bureaucracy, it took me a half hour to get anything done. So during my first visit to an administrator’s office back at RWU, I was putting it off and not looking forward to it, but things were much easier and I had no problem!”

What Kulis experienced was an example of reverse culture shock, the opposite of culture shock, which is the initial period of adjustment to life in a different country and culture. Reverse culture shock is the process of adjusting to one’s home culture after becoming accustomed to the culture abroad. It is the opposite of culture shock, which is the initial period of adjustment to life in a different country and culture.

The Center for Global Education (CGE), a national study abroad resource, divides reverse culture shock into four stages; disengagement, initial adjustment, emotional and relational challenges, and adaptation.

The first stage, disengagement, involves detaching oneself from the foreign culture and preparing to leave the foreign country. Depending on how attached the student becomes to the country, this process can either be emotional and saddening, or relieving and exciting. Kulis felt ready to return to the United States by the middle of his second semester. “Overall I did enjoy my time there, but I think I just stayed a little too long. Other RWU students that were there for a semester just loved it, but since I was there for a year, I was ready to go home by March or April.”

The “initial euphoria” is marked by excitement and anticipation of the return home. CGE notes that this stage is short-lived for some students, especially when on return they find that people are not always interested to hear about their travel abroad stories. Some people will politely listen to a few stories for a while, but will soon be ready to move to the next topic of conversation. Says who?

In the final stage of reverse culture shock, readjustment and acceptance, students willingly adjust to life back in the home country, accepting the differences between the two countries’ cultures.

Fifth year architecture student Brian Fontaine studied in Florence during the fall 2008 semester. When he returned for the spring semester in January 2009, he felt ready to continue his life back in the United States and at Roger Williams University.

While he still misses Florence, he credits his Florence studies for teaching him to “stop and take more time for myself. We had much more free time over there to reflect and do less academically strenuous things, and that taught me that it is important to take time for yourself when you’re stressed.”

International students and returning study abroad students say they agree that the key to surviving reverse culture shock is to have patience and keep an open mind.

Senior Amanda Magee also spent the fall 2008 semester in Florence. “I loved Florence, and I definitely wasn’t ready to come back when I did. But I realized that I couldn’t be selfish, and the best thing I could do was hold onto the memories and make the most of my life here,” she said.

Bon Appetit Rankings Rise

By KELLIE FOX
Herald Staff Writer

In mid-April, Association of College and University Housing Officers Educational Benchmarking Inc. (ACUHOI) conducted a dining hall survey at 209 colleges and universities across the nation. Among those schools, Roger Williams University came in third.

Just recently, the student approval rating of the dining at RWU has gone up from 98 percent to a 99 percent.

This is the fourth year that Bon Appetit has been doing the food service at RWU. “Between the language barrier [speaking only French] and the French bureaucracy, it took me a half hour to get anything done. So during my first visit to an administrator’s office back at RWU, I was putting it off and not looking forward to it, but things were much easier and I had no problem!”

Bon Appetit General Manager, James Gubata, there is no way to know for sure how the food service has improved, but since he has left they haven’t had any. “You could say that the new Bon Appetit is the most satisfied of the ones from the previous years. When I go back there, I find myself wishing I was in the States, partly because of the problems with my country and our president (Hugo Chavez). Did he use his name? If not, they should be brackets.”

One of the reasons is the great communication between the dining staff and the students. The students have the opportunity to have a say in the food that is being served. In fact, many menu ideas come from the suggestions that students leave on the comment cards provided in the upper common areas.

Gubata also attributes the rise to, “being provided with ample and adequate resources by everyone that works above the line.”

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Gubata says, “It is important to think outside the box.” For a change of pace they do things such as steak dinner or a lobster dinner.

Gubata tastes the food everyday to make sure that the little details are worked out. He tries to be a positive part of everybody’s day. One of the most important parts of his job is to make sure that everyone is content and have a good attitude.

The staff is constantly critiquing themselves to see what they can improve on and better serve the community.

Part of the Bon Appetit philosophy is, not only to make good food but, to educate students on how their food choices effect the environment. It is important that students do not take more than they can eat because it results in a lot of waste. Bon Appetit feels that it is important to educate on the environmental impact of food. So during dining services are participating in the Eat Less Challenge. On that day all of the food for the meals will be procured within 150 miles of the school. Although it doesn’t seem like one day of eating food that is locally grown, it can have a large impact. Normally food travels hundreds of miles before it gets to the consumer’s hands, greatly affecting the amount of pollution that enters the environment from the trucks that ship the food.

The hardworking dining staff, a beautiful facility, passion and inspiration, and ingenuity, hardworking chefs all contribute to the rise of the student approval rating,” said Gubata.

Top five best things about the fall

1. Apple Picking
2. Wearing Pants
3. Ghost Hunting
4. Snuggling
5. Jumping in leaves
WQRI's DJs of the week

Dzifa Ababio and A.K. Agodo

Show Names: Monday Night Party, Friday Night Jump Off
Show Times: Monday: 10 p.m. - 12 a.m., Friday: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dzifa’s Top 5 Favorite Songs of the Moment:
1. C.R.U.S.H - Ciara
2. Nuthin’ But a G Thang - Snoop Dogg
3. Little Waltz - Herbie Hancock
4. Bittersweet Symphony - The Verve
5. I’m Good - The Clipe ft. Pharell

A.K.’s Top 5 Favorite Songs of the Moment:
1. Fear - Drake
2. Sooner Than Later - Drake
3. Turn Your Lights Down Low - Bob Marley and Lauryn Hill
4. Money to Blow - Birdman, Lil Wayne, and Drake
5. Trick’n - Mullage

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The Hawk's Herald's Recipe of the Week

Whole Wheat Cereal Bars

Servings: 6

Ingredients:
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup honey
½ cup peanut butter
3 cups coarsely chopped shredded wheat cereal
¼ cup raisins

Directions:
Combine brown sugar, honey, and peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Melt the mixture in the microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring after each melting, for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cereal and raisins.
Press cereal mixture into a non-stick pan. Cool and cut into bars.

Pettini’s picks: WQRI Music Director shares his playlist selections

Moby
Album - Wait for me
This album borders on Indie Rock as opposed to Moby’s typical trance style music. It strays away from the usual and becomes personalized as each song progresses, recorded and best suited for the individual listener. He creates elements of New Wave and Post-Punk over tones allow a melodic but trippy experience.

Matisyahu
Album- Light

And the winner of the week is…………….surprise another great album produced by Rabbi/Rapper Matisyahu. This album contrasts with elements of new age and classic hip-hop, providing a positive vibe and message.

The Topside

WELCOME BACK ALL RWU STUDENTS!!
MIDNIGHT MADNESS!!
WINGS 7:00-10:00
WINGS 7:00-10:00
THURSDAY-SATURDAY:
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!
CHECK OUR FACEBOOK OR MYSPACE FOR THE SCHEDULE!!
MIND: MLB predictions
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The man from the Midwest, Zack Greinke has been a force to reckon with all season long while pitching for the worst team in baseball. He currently has a 2.08 ERA, has struck out 200-plus batters this season and has a dominating WHIP. Unfortunately for Greinke, his overall record has suffered due to poor run support from the Kansas City Royals hitters. After last night's dominating performance against the Red Sox, it looks like Greinke has wrapped up the Cy Young award and should continue to pitch at a high level as the season comes to a close.


The NL CY Young race is much more competitive than the one in the AL where you have 3 legitimate candidates battling each other down the stretch. Chris Carpenter has returned from numerous injuries and has been unbelievable for the Cardinals all season long. Tim Lincecum is by far the best overall pitcher in the majors. In only his third season in the big leagues, Lincecum has already struck out more than 200 batters twice while winning the award last season. Adam Wainwright is another pitcher from the Cardinals who has had a remarkable season. The 6'7 former closer has transitioned nicely into a dominant starter and has put together a very nice season. He will have to win at least two more starts to have a shot at jumping ahead of either Carpenter or Lincecum.

1. Chris Carpenter 2. Tim Lincecum 3. Adam Wainwright

Women's Volleyball gets back on track, prepares for three team tourney

by AARON PIEMENTESI
Herald Staff Writer

The women's volleyball season began competition this week after a successful preseason. The Lady Hawks' season opener resulted in an upsetting loss against Eastern Connecticut State, where both teams played well in a hard fought match. The team then traveled to Springfield College for the annual invitational tournament. Unfortunately the Hawks got off to a slow start and were not able to prevail until their final match against Lesell College. In the end the squad won the match in three straight set wins.

Again the Lady Hawks soared as they won in four against the Emmanuel College, Saints, losing the first set 26-14. The girls decided that they would show the Saints what they were made of by scoring 6 points in a row to take the second set after being down 24-20. After that Lady Hawks didn't break stride as they took the next two sets 25-23 and 25-21, sealing the match and their first home win of the season.

The team went on to win their home Invitational on September 12th with 3 straight match wins against Rivier College, in 3 sets. They then sent NYU-Polytechnic and the University of New England packing, both in 4 sets. The Lady Hawks struggled in their next two games, with a loss to Connecticut College last Tuesday at home and another at the hands of Western New England College. The Hawks did come back with a win later on in the day against Endicott College. They followed up that win with yet another strong performance against Suffolk University, where they beat the Rams decidedly in 3 sets, 25-10, 25-20, and 25-12.

Last season the team made it to the Coastal Common Wealth Conference semi-finals and have their sights set on a championship this season. "This is going to be a really great season, we have many strong returning players as well as fresh talent from the incoming class. We all want to make this season a memorable one." Said senior captain Kristina Dolan. Kristina isn't the only one that feels this way, all of the players are ready to reap the benefits of their hard work and effort that they have put forth. The Lady Hawks will play their next games at Wheaton College in a tri-meet against Wheaton and Trinity College. Their next home match will be on September 30, so come out and support the ladies volleyball team.

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RWU Women's volleyball prepares for tournament.
Men’s and Women’s soccer teams continue to roll on

by ABBY CUNNINGHAM
Herald Staff Writer

The second and third weeks of the men’s and women’s soccer seasons proved successful for the Hawks. Collectively, the Hawks racked up four wins, two losses and one tie. Coming off of a strong opening week, both the men’s and women’s teams carried their success over into their last couple of games.

The men’s soccer team began their second week of play against Wentworth. With a solid defense and uncontrollable ball handling due to the elements, the Hawks found it difficult to sway the game in their favor. Junior forward Jared Falcornet assisted freshman midfielder Billy Kissane with the game’s only goal for 87 minutes.

Wentworth responded as junior midfielder John Camuto took a shot on goal to tie the game with less than four minutes remaining. The game continued into two overtimes as Wentworth proved to be the tougher competitor, winning the game.

“Our biggest challenge has been trying to replace the players we lost,” senior captain Christopher Guerrini stated. “We’re trying to incorporate our eleven new freshman.”

Following the loss, the Hawks traveled to Wheaton, where they suffered a loss to the Lyons. Despite the two losses, the men’s soccer squad closed out their third week with two impressive wins against Framingham State and Anna Maria.

Against Framingham State, two second-half goals pushed the Hawks past the Rams for a two-to-zero win. Their game against Anna Maria proved to be just as impressive, as the Hawks edged past their competitors with three first half goals, eventually settling in a four-to-zero victory.

The Lady Hawks had just as an exciting few weeks, recording two wins and one tie. Wentworth seemed to be no match for the Hawks as they were victorious with a three-to-two win in overtime. Sophomore midfielder Alex Wood proved her first goal of the season by scoring the first and only goal in the first half. Laurin Pendleton netted one for the Hawks with 59 minutes left on the clock. Wentworth responded with two goals tying the game at 2-2. The game continued into overtime when Mather ended the sudden death with a goal allowing the Hawks to earn another victory.

With another win under their belts, the women’s soccer team was confident going into their match against Brandeis. The lack of scoring, but excellent defensive playing, kept the game zero to zero as regulation time expired. In two overtimes, neither team scored, as freshman goalkeeper Kristen Darling earned her first career shutout. The game ended in a zero-to-zero tie. The Hawks’ next opponent, Anna Maria, was no struggle for the girls as they quickly edged past the Eagles with a 6-0 victory. With a successful record, there is no doubt the women’s soccer team is determined to continue winning. “We practice hard,” senior captain Carey Baldwin said. “Working hard in practices wins games.”

Both the men’s and women’s teams are looking forward to their next games. The men’s and women’s squad travel next to Regis College on Saturday.

Malkin’s Win
MLB Playoffs, MVP Awards and CY Young Winners are on the Horizon

by DAN MALKN
Sports Editor

The 2009 baseball season is quickly coming to an end with the playoffs just around the corner. It has been an exciting year in baseball and will continue to be an entertaining one as the playoff race heats up. Here are my playoff, MVP and CY Young predictions.

The New York Yankees will win the AL East and move onto the playoffs where they will match up against the Detroit Tigers. The Yankees began to take control of the division during the summer months and quickly separated themselves from the Boston Red Sox and the Tampa Bay Rays.

The squad from Detroit will also march on and once again face off against the Yankees for another match up of the greatest rivalry in baseball. The Tigers have a well-balanced lineup, while featuring a strong pitching staff. After watching the recent series between both of these clubs at Fenway Park, it’s clear that the Sox hold the upper hand at this point in time. However, the Angels will have home-field advantage, which will clearly work to their favor. In the end, the Sox will meet again and once again face off against the Yankees for another match up of the greatest rivalry in all of sports. Wild Cards Series 3-2.

The LA Dodgers have played strong baseball all season long and have established themselves as a powerhouse in the National League. They have a very strong and productive lineup that all season long has been able to score a large amount of runs each game. Their starting pitching is moderately strong and they do have one of the best closers in the game with Jonathan “The Bull” Broxton. The Colorado Rockies will outlast the San Francisco Giants to earn a Wild Card berth. The Rockies are an up-and-down team that has the ability to catch on fire at any time. They play great defense, have some solid hitters and an ace in Ubaldo Jimenez. With that said, Colorado does not have enough power to get past the hard-hitting Dodgers and will head home in four games. Wild Card Series 3-1.

Philadelphia vs. St. Louis will be the first real round series by a long shot. Both teams have MVP-type hitters and a few dominating pitchers, further adding to the excitement of what should be a wonderful series. Each team also made a major move during the trade deadline in order to better position themselves for a late World Series push. The difference in this series will come down to which bullpen pitchers better late into a ball game. The Cardinals have a very solid closer in Ryan Franklin and good setup men with Kyle McClellan and Trevor Miller. On the other hand, the Phillies have had major problems with their closer Brad Lidge and may need Ryan Madson to step up and fill in. In the long run, I think the Albert Pujols and the one-two punch of Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright will be enough to power the Cards past the Phis. Wild Card Series 3-2.

The AL MVP award looks to be the most intriguing race and by far the most difficult to predict. In my opinion, the MVP should most likely be awarded to the best player on a winning team. This year is extremely difficult to judge because the most complete player at this point in time, comes from a team whose club is battling for a playoff berth. The Minnesota Twins will most likely be unable to make the playoffs and will be sent home to the land of 10,000 lakes. Joe Mauer is the best player in the AL this year and even if the Twins don’t move on to the playoffs they deserve to be named this year’s MVP. He is batting over .370. He has more than 25 home runs and has more than 250 hits. He also has a catcher, fewer few weeks, why he deserves the award. 1. Joe Mauer. 2. Derek Jeter. 3. Miguel Cabrera.

Nobody in all of baseball has had a more productive and dominant season than Albert Pujols. He has a batting average above .320 and has also been able to hit 47 home runs while leading the league in RBI. Pujols is the best player in all of baseball and his team will be moving on to the playoffs. It is pretty much a given this year for the NL MVP where Albert Pujols will win away with yet another award. 1. Albert Pujols. 2. Hanley Ramirez. 3. Prince Fielder.

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