Graffiti controversy

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By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

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To view comments on this photograph after it was posted on Facebook, see page 7.

Nirschel to address university’s future

By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

On Thursday, Nov. 12, President Nirschel will speak at a student forum about "RWU the next five years" in CAB 197 at 7 p.m.

Nirschel will discuss the state of the university, including opportunities and challenges facing Roger Williams University, progress made by academic affairs and faculty in developing learning outcomes, the status of general education curriculum review and potential for enhancing the educational experience for students.

Student Senate President Brendan Boyle will provide an overview of issues being reviewed by Senate this year.

Provost and Sr. Vice President Laura D’Abruzzo, Sr. Vice President for Administration and Finance Jerry Williams, Sr. Vice President for Enrollment Management and Advancement Lynn Fawchrop, Vice President of Student Affairs John King and Boyle will be available for questions.

Student Senate, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are sponsoring the forum.

New subcommittee to establish student leader guidelines

By LAURA KELLY
Herald Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the new subcommittee dedicated to setting guidelines for RWU student leaders held its first meeting to share its expectations and policies.

In August 2009, the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Taskforce submitted a charge and recommendation involving the creation and enforcement of a student leader behavioral guidelines committee at RWU.

"Expectations from students were a part of a lot of the different discussions, but we also have students who are in leadership positions on campus and so that is the conversation we are going to have now," said Gretchen Streiff, chair of the subcommittee and Assistant Director of Student Programs. "I think it’s important because student leaders on campus set what the culture is and help influence it greatly.

Included in this conversation is the AOD Taskforce recommendation of a differentiation between the behavioral guidelines set for elected, compensated and volunteer student leaders.

The subcommittee’s first meeting was an informational one and has not yet made any conclusions, Streiff said.

"Our group still has a lot to talk about, as we were all coming up with many different viewpoints and behavioral scenarios," Streiff said.

"We’re going to look over what the expectations already in place are for leadership positions. We’re also looking at the expectations we can reasonably hold students leaders to.""--Gretchen Streiff

The subcommittee currently consists of seven members, including a freshman and senior Student Senate member, both of whom were asked to be on the committee. There are no current openings for students to join.

"The ultimate goal is to have a consistent policy across the board," Streiff said. "I want the students to feel like their voices have been heard."
Facilities deals with over 10,000 maintenance requests per year

by ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

The number of maintenance requests went up slightly after Halloween weekend, according to Facilities personnel.

On Tuesday they received 49 requests, but they have received up to 60 in one day, said Jim Finn, Associate Director of Maintenance Services.

As of Tuesday, 10,361 requests had been completed this year.

About 200 requests remain open at any given time.

"We like to get all of them done in five days at the most," said John Tamco, Director of Facilities.

About 40 percent of the requests are from students, Tamco said.

Health and safety concerns are dealt with first, Tamco said.

Students can make maintenance requests online.

Sometimes facilities will receive phone calls from parents before students have actually made requests, Finn said.

"We have to know before we can go out," Finn said.

Recently $200,000 was spent updating the HVAC in Stonewall Terrace because of a mold problem, Finn said.

"Mold needs a specific environment to grow," Finn said. "If the source of water is cut off, the mold will go away."

Response time to maintenance requests depends on what the request is, Montefusco said.

"It depends on the actual concern," Montefusco said.

This is part two of an examination of the housing and maintenance departments. If you have had good or bad experiences with either department, please contact The Hawk's Herald at hawk-herald@gmail.com.

Display board to promote campus events

By BEN WHITMORE
Asst. News Editor

Though at first it only displayed the time, date and a school spirit slogan, the new digital display board located on the south wall of the Recreation Center soon advertised upcoming campus events.

The $15,000 display board, installed Monday, is capable of displaying text, full-color JPEG images and moving graphics. Administrators say the content it displays will be intended to promote large events, such as home athletic games, civil discourse series lectures, CEN events and other academic programs to students, faculty and staff.

The university instilled the display board in lieu of students and faculty members commenting that they did not "know what was going on [on campus] with the constant flood of e-mails" sent from the university, said John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

For those in the campus community that "may have heard about an event," the new display board will put the upcoming programs "in the here and now," King said.

Campus clubs will not be able to advertise meetings times or small events, said Mike Gal- lagher, Assistant Director of Athletics. Instead, advertising will be limited to only those events involving the entire campus community, Gallagher said.

In its first few days in operation, the board displayed text and graphics throughout the night. As of Thursday, the board was programmed to shut off between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. in order to conserve electricity, said King. The board runs on hardwired electricity.

The display board's location was chosen to optimize the number of viewers. People walking in the quad towards the Commons and people driving towards the center of campus will have clear sightlines to the board, said King.

"We felt that it was one of the most visible places to put it," Gallagher said.

If the display board receives enough positive feedback, administrators say they may consider purchasing another one. King said the university would consider installing a sign on the exterior of the Global Heritage Hall in order to serve south campus.

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GRAFFITI: Stonewall graffiti questions diversity on campus

Despite the graffiti's message, the university is not considering it as a bias incident because "there is no information that it was directed at anyone, nor does it indicate bias of a group or persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, gender or sexual orientation," said Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students and co-chair of the Bias Incident Response Team.

Even after the administration saw the full message, the graffiti was not considered "biased." "It's not a bias incident either way, it's just a really angry complaint that was made public," McMahon said.

"Whether it's a bias incident or not, it has an impact on the community," McMahon said.

"If further information comes to our attention we will certainly take that into consideration," McMahon said.

"The picture of the incident is pretty clear, the question is who did it," McMahon said.

Public Safety, which was responsible for removing the tape from the wall, is investigating the incident, Blessing said.

"We wrote the message, no unknown," McMahon said.

Any graffiti incident on campus is treated as "seriously," Blessing said.

Those with additional information are urged to call Public Safety at Ex. 3011.

Students seek stress relief

By GRIFFIN LARBRANCE
Herald Staff Writer

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From the Editor:

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

This is not a rant. This is not a scolding, not an angry editor letting out her frustrations in a public forum.

What this is is a recommendation. I am writing to remind you, the students, of the resources you have to express your opinion. I am writing to encourage you to speak out, to let your opinion be known, to act.

In the past four years of being part of The Hawk's Herald staff, I have been approached at least once a week (or once per issue) by a student about some sort of qualm that he or she has with an article in the paper.

Now, I am not saying that this feedback is annoying, in fact, I enjoy hearing what the students have to say, but I am asking for your opinion. I'm writing to remind you, the students, of the resources you have to express your opinion to the newspaper, his or her opinion has reached a certain number. This is not a scolding, not a rant. What this is is a recommendation.

According to the article, the key issue seems to be the university's insistence on a provision that would allow maintenance workers to be laid off if RWU's enrollment drops below a certain number. So, if the admissions staff admits just one student below a set number, the university can fire maintenance workers. There is apparently no provision for rehiring these workers if admissions recover and exceed the magic number.

We understand that these are difficult and uncertain times for the university and our students' families. We should all do our best to ensure that students continue to be at the center of our school.

The maintenance workers' union should not agree to this contract proposal.

-June Speakman
President, RWUFA

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Should football grace RWU fields?

By JENNA MULVEY
Herald Staff Writer

At Roger Williams University, we may have a lot of wonderful sports from basketball to soccer, but there is one great sport that is missing: football. Many people that I have met agree with me that Roger Williams should have a football team. If we had a football team, chances are that our school would have more school spirit.

In my hometown, my high school did not have too much spirit, but when it came to football games, everyone went to them. Football was an exciting event. It was fun to watch the games and have another place to go with my friends. In fact, I'll be going to one of my high school's football games when I go home for Thanksgiving, because that's a popular and fun event for alumni to go to.

Also, having a football team can help more students to apply to RWU. Not only would many football players want to apply here, but there are many students who look for schools that have football teams when they begin the application process.

In college, football is considered a big deal. So, should football definitely be a sport here at RWU? The answer is yes, because everyone would benefit from the new sport.
What Really Grinds My Gears
Over-the-Top Couples

In lieu of the past Halloween festivities, I have decided to tackle one of my biggest pet peeves: over-the-top costumes. As I casually sipped from my red solo, I glanced around the over-crowded kitchen. I had to choke back laughter as I counted the number of people who paraded around in matching costumes with their significant other.

Yes, I admit some of them were cute and quite creative, there was a cracked out looking Heidi Montag, is sorta kinky, but other than that, I mean, let’s be serious. No one looked ridiculous. I saw these poor guys being dragged along like lost puppies, forced into wearing humiliating attire just so their girl-friends could claim them as their own. I mean, be serious. No naughty Girl Scout is going to chat it up with the unfortunate sucker they’ve got their arms around. I mean, let’s be serious. No naughty Girl Scout is going to chat it up with the unfortunate sucker they’ve got their arms around. It can’t just be boys dressing like baby’s asses, can it? It can’t just be boys dressing like baby’s asses, can it? And you still need to feed each other in public? I don’t get it.

The annoying habits can go on from there: baby talk; clinginess (can’t you go out alone once a week? i didn’t realize the boy wanted to sip wine and give himself a pedicure too, but sure, he can come to girl’s night, no biggie). The list really can go on. I guess what I’m really trying to say is, give each other some space, you’ll appreciate each other much more in the long run. Let him watch football and drink some brews from there: baby talk; dinginess (can’t you go out alone once a week? i didn’t realize the boy wanted to sip wine and give himself a pedicure too, but sure, he can come to girl’s night, no biggie). The list really can go on. I guess what I’m really trying to say is, give each other some space, you’ll appreciate each other much more in the long run. Let him watch football and drink some brews
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Well, we did up until the point when the two lovebirds decided it was a great idea to feed each other at the table. The five of us were already cramped into a slightly too small booth and you two A—bees things now’s the time to play choo-choo train? You’ve got to be kidding me. We all kind of just put our forks down, looked on in amaze-ment, and sat in silence for roughly three minutes. It was then that they noticed. Their only response was this innocent, childlike, “well we did it all the time” followed by coy little giggles. Have you two been dating for like six years or something
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by OWEN KAUPPILA
Web Manager

Dakota Fanning in Homecoming Princess? Dakota Fanning is a cheerleader for her high school squad? Dakota Fanning isn’t in rehab?

How refreshing: a young star living a fairly ‘normal’ lifestyle, separate from the limiting effects of red carpets.

Sure, Fanning has met her quota of red carpet appearances, but her film credentials trump any sort of socialite or actress stigma that usually label young stars.

We watched Fanning start her career in a Tidal commercial at 5 years old. Now, after ten years of steady growth as an actress, Fanning is starring as Jane in the “Twilight” sequel, “New Moon,” as well as playing the lead role of Cherie Currie in “The Runaways.”

Keep in mind that Fanning is enrolled in high school while taking on these movie roles.

Fanning is truly a positive role model for girls across the nation. Miley Cyrus (probably tutored on the road) manages to act like a bimbo, provide mediocre live acts and dance on a stripper pole during her performances. Inspiring.

Mary-Kate Olsen tried the school thing for a couple years at New York University, which ended in an eating disorder and her twin dropping out. And don’t even get me started on Lindsay Lohan, who doesn’t even resemble the little actress who starred in “The Parent Trap” anymore.

No matter the case, Fanning is an intelligent 16-year-old individ-ual with a bright future ahead of her.

I’mma let you finish, but ac-tresses in Hollywood these days should be taking notes on Dakota Fanning’s career and making serious changes to their own.

by Ethel McCallister
Contributing Columnist

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Roger Williams University
Student Conduct
Brief Fall 2009

In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlights selected judicial outcomes and statistics. The outcomes of cases during spring 2009 resulting in suspension or expulsion from RWU are listed below. Suspension from the University is typically for 1 semester up to an indefinite time and usually begins immediately. Expulsion is permanent and once found, students are immediately withdrawn from the university.

Suspensions and expulsions are listed on students' academic records. Decisions are final, and no appeal is possible. Students are responsible for all financial obligations for the semester.

When the sanction occurred. During suspensions and expulsions, responsible individuals are banned from University property. In such a circumstance with federal laws protecting the privacy of student records, identifying information in the following report, such as names and genders, is excluded.

Last semester, in addition to the below information, multiple students were removed and banned from campus for alcohol-related violations.

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Bayside apartment flooded: what really happened
By ALLISON COLLINS
News Editor

At the beginning of the semester, a Bayside apartment in the 10th floor flooded. It was because of a broken fire sprinkler pipe, said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing.

According to one of the residents of the apartment at the time, Bayside 132 flooded after a “certain drunken roommate apparently stepped upon a sprinkler pipe in the attic and set the whole thing off.”

The apartment that the sprinkler pipe broke in was also roomed by a number of the students who were expelled for alcohol and drug offenses.

“I was just hanging out watching TV that night when water just started spewing out of the ceiling,” the resident, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

Flooded, the residents have been re-housed in temporary quarters.

Those two apartments are offline for the rest of the semester, Montefusco said.

The walls are all giving to have to be replaced and the residents have been relocated to temporary quarters.

Montefusco said, “So there really is not a lot.”

In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlighted the “Student Chemistry Society Chapter Award” from the ACS Green Chemistry Institute.

The ACS at RWU is a student organization dedicated to bringing students interested in chemistry into the classroom. Members meet each week to talk about chemistry and the ways to get involved in doing research.

The student chapter is an affiliate of the world’s largest scientific society and a nonprofit organization charted by the United States Congress. Its Green Chemistry Institute was corporated in 1997 to promote and advance green chemistry.

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O’Shea said that ACS members last year taught community members basic science ideas and explained fundamental science properties during their trips to local communities, such as their visit to a high school in Barrington. In particular, they take part in “science nights” with local boy scouts chapters.

They also hosted interested activities on campus. Some, such as making ice cream and creating a giant periodic table, have attracted a lot of attention to the ACS, including raising awareness of different presidential candidates from used canola oil from the Commons by using it as fuel, and biodiesel, using them as fuel.

They have also tested the energy content of the biodiesel with a bomb calorimeter and then sent the excess biodiesel to Perkin Elmer, a local chemistry instrumentation company.

Perkin Elmer later published an application note including their findings that, on campus, biodiesel was made by their own company, and the energy content of biodiesel at RWU has a lower sulfur content compared to the community outreach and raising awareness of green initiatives.”

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Other than that, ACS members have also come up with the idea to start the recycling of fluorescent light bulbs, which contain mercury. They are currently collecting fluorescent light bulb recycling balls around campus and at nearby Bristol to collect the light bulbs.

Gladstone said that he is currently working with the school’s administrators. “I know myself and others are constantly trying to think of ways to improve the community around us, we do it in every possible way,” he said.

Student chemistry society recently

By JING AI
Herald Staff Writer

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Gladstone said that he is currently working with the school’s administrators. “I know myself and others are constantly trying to think of ways to improve the community around us, we do it in every possible way,” he said.
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**Graffiti triggers student comments on Facebook**

Student 1: Has this been reported?
Student 2: idk. ben and i saw it yesterday afternoon. if someone reported it then chances are it'd be gone today
Student 3: Reported for what exactly?
Student 4: yo no so (IDK in Spanish)
Student 5: lmao

**Celine Cousteau shares stories from the Amazon**

*By KATIE BOZEMAN*  
*Herald Staff Writer*

Celine Cousteau became the newest addition to the Roger Williams University Civil Discourse Lecture Series this past Tuesday evening. The marine and nature conservation adviser spoke about sustainability and social change. More specifically, she discussed what she learned on these subjects based on her past two years in the Amazon.

Cousteau is the granddaughter of famed scientist Jacques Cousteau and daughter of ocean explorer Jean-Michel. Despite family ties to her current profession, Cousteau took a round-about way of entering the field. She went to school to be a psychologist and spent several years working for a halfway house for mentally ill men. She then tried her hand at jewelry design before moving on to work in Intercultural Relations.

As Cousteau puts it, the road that led her to where she is now was “like a tree. I had gone off on many different branches just to eventually get back to my roots.”

The connection comes from her grandfather. Cousteau conducted in the Amazon was particularly special to her because it was an area that she had visited with her grandfather when she was only 8 years old.

In the Amazon, there is an incredible independence early on in life which leads to a greater connection with the environment,” Cousteau said.

It was this connection that Cousteau stressed as incredibly important in the quest for sustainability.

While at various research destinations throughout the Brazilian and Peruvian Amazon, Cousteau and her crew worked with indigenous people of each area to learn and teach all at the same time. The American crew would help by sharing various information related to marine life or medicine, while the indigenous people would share their own knowledge on each subject in return. The main goal was to learn how to eventually feel being back to reality?

“That was reality.”

--Celine Cousteau

Mark Fusco
When it comes to poetry, RWU students prove they are pros

By NICK WESTBROOK
Herald Staff Writer

Outside the doors to Roger Williams University’s first ever poetry slam, students gathered around the doorway, an air of excitement filling the empty space in the Global Heritage Hall. As the doors open and the eager crowd filed in, master of ceremonies Omar Reyes took the stage to begin the event.

The rules for the contest were simple: no props, no costumes and no censorship. The poets were to be scored by five judges, consisting of faculty members and representatives of MSU (Multicultural Student Union), in addition to a tutor from the Writing Center. At the end of the night, the three highest scoring participants were to be the winners. The final rule for the evening—applaud the poet, not the score.

The poetry slam consisted of ten poets, each performing in two rounds. In the first round, the poets performed in no particular order, starting with what was referred to as “The Sacrificial Poet,” a position meant to set a standard for the evening. After the first round of slam poetry, the order for the next round was determined on the scores from the previous round, highest scoring going first. In the end, the winners were Aimee Curran in first place, Matt Berry in second place and Patrick Burns in third place.

After the slam was over, Reyes, who had organized the whole event, said he was very pleased.

“It was an idea that passed on by the writing center,” Reyes said.

Reyes had put up fliers to promote the event and spoke to classes about coming and performing in the event. Relaying mostly on word of mouth for the event, Reyes was very pleased with the outcome.

Before seeing the size of his audience, Reyes was confident in the success of his event. “I was scared this morning, I thought they weren’t all going to fit in the room.”

Reyes was also impressed by the attentiveness of the audience. “They were good and they were loud and they stayed for the whole thing. Usually at college events people leave, but they stayed for the whole thing— that means the event was going good. I was really pleased.”

Reyes said he feels that poetry is a good form of therapy; he prefers spoken word because spoken word poets often aren’t afraid to speak their feelings to a larger crowd.

First place winner of the event, Aimee Curran, a junior creative writing major, was excited when she first found out that there would be a poetry slam. “Then I realized, oh, I have to perform it in front of people,” she said. “But I really wrote about what I cared about, it came from my heart.”

“The scores, honestly, don’t matter,” Curran said. “I told everyone that before I came. It’s about the message you have to bring.”

Curran feels that speaking poetry is really different from just writing it on paper. “I get real stage fright,” Curran said, “but I think it’s really impor-

Photos by Mark Fusco
clam hits the spot

First place: Aimee Curran

"It's not like you're going to die."
That was Dr. Campbell's optimism shining through this horrifying diagnosis.
I had no idea the certainty of her prognosis.
What the hell was a cyst anyway?
Buck up, get the facts, get 'em fast before the dread catches up and strangles those nimble fingers.

Ink drying up like your tears before they can even fall.
No weakness.
It doesn't really matter if my muscles SQUEEZE and CRUSH Teeth LEECH and CRUNCH

Nervous aspirin on the hypertension born into this dirty bloodstream
This chronic illness is my new reality.

Accept PCOS Polycystic Ovarian Disease
I've got a serious decision to make.

Climbed up the cliff, toed the edge, stood silently as loose pebbles broke off suicidally and stumbled down to the rocky danger below

Shit happens, some of us just fall off the edge.
Reaching back too late for a rough ledge

Not me.
I fling myself off into a life sentence of medication not approved by the FDA.

Needles, hospitals, a diet minus flour, potatoes, and corn

Metabolic syndrome just can't cope
I feel like I'm being dragged by a rope
Grabbing at feet that aren't there

Yelling for compassion -- ya don't care.

The agenda for my bodily fluids demanding and gripping with the medication slowly decomposing in my system.

Covering up those raging wars with Vera denims
Nails breaking
Hair thinning

Fears?

What about hair.
Collect it in a jar maybe they can weave a nice wig for ya.
I'm only two decades old -- no remainder.

I'm up to 5 pills a day
Please don't triple that Metformin dose.

My stomach might burst into a dust of crying stars
Showering my aching system with doubt.

Gotta get those vitamins.
Never stop taking Biotin.

Wanna keep my hair until I walk down that aisle
Get a 6% chance of passing it onto a child.

Keep up that chin.
I'm just begging my ovum to let that swimmer in.

Maybe if Doc C. puts me on Clomiphene I'll get twins.

We'll worry about IVF, cytoplasm, and that tricky D-chiroinositol at a later date

Chronic pain and struggle just happens to be my fate
Amenorrhoea?

Yep, that's how it all started.
Days turn into weeks, weeks into months.
And you wonder where the time went.

Could have been diagnosed years ago if they knew what they were looking for.

Now, I'm just making it through each day.

An empty vial of loneliness and crippling fear.

It's not like I'm going to die.
I'm already dead waiting to be revived.

Second Place: Matthew Berry

I wonder sometimes how the
Pass of an hour could know the nights and days of a romance we played you see
an afternoon idly we decided to break the thin line barrier chiding me with coy looks she shot down absent I thought we had a shot at this
when I rolled to kiss that tear I missed she turned to say, I just want to lay with you...

a touch that one time
a smile for one rhyme she drew me past comfort zone, accident prone
my game was wrong the scene was wrong.

I was mean cuz the man has needs but it was that one time, a first for us 4 years gone the chats we had see
I knew her she knew me
gone now, contracts...I go to speak but I choke on her cheek
it remains inside that mistake we made
we can't go forward a friend no more she cuts me off, no glances no more chances I just want to talk

and they say its my mistake
her heart. I bemoan a man they say
I took it away I broke the spell they say
tight she was I don't mean that but she was tight and I was fat but flying above I was a dove a lonely branch she's
I went to land it broke now gone why did a fall to snap this
I alp to remix, the friendship gone
the two dots blinkin digital clock

tickin away this hour
liberty taken to enjoy our discourse

between the risk we remorse no chance for re-course

trip wire snapped the risk fell flat
I didn't think she didn't think that
we could do that, see... she blamed that game we played she drew me in I couldn't win
the rhythm of our interaction

many actions but one action in the eyes of the outside.

you see everyone but we knew just what she went through cuz
judgement carries more weight than participation

and anticipation of the reaction I give they pass it down on me. I cried I tried to return

soft sheets laughing pressed pillows
gaping
under our weight, which brought down tons

it wasn't just two bodies but thoughts and dreams and talks of years and their cries and their times and their fears

and there is only one, first time

Third place: Patrick Byrne

"Red, White and Blue Sox"

Interracial baby born of two parents whose hues are too different to be allowed to live together.

They wear no rings on their fingers because hanging out together can lead to hanging from a tree.

Instead they wear scars from the hate filled beer bottles fueled and thrown by the unspoken side of "southern comfort."

Interracial baby your homeland is red white and blue, but yous skin tone is red white and brown.

So those waving stars and bars appear more like prison cells to those mocha colored eyes

that sit above that proud Cherokee nose to smell the blood in that

Mohogan Sun lobby on a face that is framed by that hair the same color of the buses that rolled through Winchester and Southie.

Interracial baby, at what point in our twisted American History to I get to stop calling you interracial baby and starting calling you my baby?

Cause I can't see if you're white, brown, black, yellow, green, red, pin stripe, polka dotted or pink like the snow come from Fenway Park the day I fell in love with you.

A place where 9 innings felt like 9 minutes in heaven just watching you rue the damned Yankees.

Because I know Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier baby, but I forget what color is every time I see you.
Meet the Boys

Contestants of IRHA's Mr. RWU event share their stories to get ready for their performance on Nov. 21. You can read each of the ten contestants' profiles each week in The Hawk's Herald. Kelleigh Welch, Editor

Brian LeDuc
Senior

Brian LeDuc is a senior psychology major here at RWU. Originally from Rutland, MA, Brian grew up playing baseball, soccer and basketball. He also ran track in high school. Once he arrived at RWU, Brian began to build his school pride through involvement on campus, including the SOAR leadership program and serving as Freshman Class President through the Inter-Class Council (ICC). Since, Brian has served as the Chair of ICC for three years, represented RWU as both an Orientation Advisor and Coordinator, became a co-facilitator for the 'Emerge' tier of SOAR, participated in the cast of 'Drawing the Shades,' is a Resident Assistant, and represented RWU at the regional level with the National Association of Campus Activities as the Foundations fundraiser. Involvement has been a huge part of his career at RWU, but he also found personal fulfillment playing guitar, hanging out with friends, listening to music and watching Scrubs in his free time.

Brian has always loved the Mr. RWU program, and was ecstatic about the opportunity to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and Hasbro's Children's Hospital with his fantastic PA, Cat Stines.

Ian Powers
Freshman

Ian Kimball Powers was born on January 19, 1991 in Worcester, MA. The son of Michael and Norrie Powers, Powers spent the first 18 years of his young life in nearby Shrewsbury. Along with his parents, Powers' family includes his younger brother, Devin. The boys have had some rough patches but generally they are close. Powers had a happy childhood, much of which was shared with his best friend, Casey Stiles. After spending much of their lives together, the boys now attend Roger Williams University and share a room. Powers is a biology major and also enjoys playing lacrosse. During his senior year of high school, Powers was not only captain of the Shrewsbury lacrosse team, but also was honored as an All-American lacrosse player. He was a varsity hockey player and was even a member of the state championship winning team this past year. When he is not studying or playing sports, Powers enjoys watching movies, playing Mario Kart and just hanging around with his friends. He is very concerned about giving back to his community and helping others. For example, Powers has used his free time over the past three summers to share his many athletic talents with the youth by teaching them different sports such as soccer, football and other basic skills. Powers is ecstatic to be a part of the Mr. RWU pageant and is really looking forward to be able to help the Children's Miracle Network.

Paul Pettini
Senior

Hi. I'm Paul Pettini, a senior political science major. I'm involved on campus with WQRI, the student radio station, as well as on the board of STAND. However, what I really enjoy most is long walks on the beach and a nice sunset depending on the mood.

Griffin Labbance
Sophomore

Hey what's up Roger Williams, my name is Griffin Labbance. I grew up in Montpelier, VT, which for anyone who doesn't know (which is surprisingly a large number), it is the capital. I am currently an elementary education major with a core concentration in environmental science. I love golf, soccer, hiking, cooking and just hanging out. Doing nothing. I am very excited to be involved with Mr. RWU this year. I feel that it is a great experience for an even better cause. Quick shout out to my fabulous personal assistant, Sarah Beron, who has been keeping me on top of everything regarding the show and also my life. On campus, I'm involved in a lot of different things. I am the National Communications Coordinator for the Inter-Residence Hall Council, and an RA all the way down in Willow 23. I really don't have any cool fun facts about my life, which makes it sound boring, but I seem to keep busy and with help from Sarah this fall, I hope to put most of my time and efforts into the pageant and fundraising. So I guess whenever you see a blue jar, just put some change or dollar bills in it!
Tanning where the sun don’t shine

RWU student struggles with skin cancer from indoor tanning

By OWEN KAUPHLA
Web Manager

Summertime memories are a source of joy and sunbathing. But what would you do if the harmful rays of the sun were to appear out of nowhere?

Soares

So many students worked tirelessly to achieve during the peak summer months. Some students accept their predictable fair tone, but this year, exposing her body to the bronzed skin tone that was the main cause of this year.

I was diagnosed with Stage I Melanoma skin cancer in May of 2009, said Soares. "Doctors were pretty sure indoor tanning was the major cause.

When asked if there was a limit to how much an individual could tan per day, she responded, "customers are limited to one tanning session every 24 hours."

"Do I suggest it? Absolutely not," she said, "but if they absolutely wanted to they could tan seven days a week."

Risks of getting cancer from indoor tanning are common sense to those who use tanning salons. Articles published about survivors or patients dealing with skin cancers are cited throughout tanning magazines and health booklets; even tanning salons publicize the effects of tanning to their customers.

"I knew my life would change and that it was something I had to protect myself from forever," Soares said. "I never thought I would get skin cancer. Everyone thinks it won't happen to me, but when it does it's always too late."

The light bulbs used in most tanning beds and tanning booths emit UV rays. UVB rays are considered more harmful for the sole reason that they are prone to produce burning, most commonly known as sunburns. However, it could be argued that UVA rays are as bad or worse than UVB because they penetrate deeper into the skin, which leads to consequences that appear further into life.

This ultraviolet radiation is what causes the changes in cell DNA, and in combination with excessive exposure, eventually can develop into cancer.

The Nemour Foundation reported that "according to a recent study, radiation from just 10 indoor tanning sessions in two weeks can suppress a person's immune system." Any Pimentel, manager of the Bristol and Newport Hot Bodzesses tanning franchise, said, "I try to educate and make our customers aware of the risks involved in tanning." When asked if there was a limit to how much an individual could tan per day, she responded, "customers are limited to one tanning session every 24 hours."

Most employees of tanning salons are required to read up on the latest research and data collected about the effects of tanning indoors during their training. Pamphlets, flyers, and newsletters are mailed to salons in order to raise awareness behind the dangers of UV radiation and tanning in general, which Pimentel makes "clear and easy to read."

Whether or not the consequences of tanning are clearly delivered to the public, teenagers, adults and even some elderly continue to visit salons such as Hot Bodzesses to build up their bronzed tone.

"College students are a good 85 percent of our clientele," said Pimentel. "People ages 18 to 25 make up our market group, but you'd be surprised at the number of older men who come in."

For high school and college students like Soares, other factors affect their decisions to tan, such as friends, prom, other school-related events, self-confidence and the overall comfort.

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"When it comes time for the weekend and everyone’s going out," Pimentel said, "they want to look good."

There’s no doubt that image plays a large role in swaying teens and adults to tan under UV lights, but some people tan for more materialistic and more enjoyable reasons: it feels nice.

Tanning is comforting in the colder months during the winter," said RWU senior Joelle Rauco, "especially living in Rhode Island."

So no matter the reason behind using indoor salons to develop a tan, students should consider less-harmful options that some tanning salons offer, such as spray tanning.

Spray tanning is a healthy alternative to attain a sun-kissed glow without the harmful effects of ultraviolet rays. The active ingredient in spray tans, DHA, reacts with cells on the surface of your skin to darken the skin temporarily. Although a spray tan doesn’t last as long as a UV produced tan, customers can avoid the long-term effects associated with indoor tanning.

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When asked why she chose spray tanning over normal indoor tanning, Galvin said, "Statistics."

And statistics truly are stacked against the UV rays used in tanning salons. Pimentel noted that too many people focus on the negative aspects of tanning rather than the positives, such as the fact that "customers get more vitamin D production out of one tanning session than from spending a day out in the sun."

This could be based on the fact that tanning beds are controlled areas that force the UV rays directly to your skin without obstacles such as clouds or the Ozone layer.

Soares’ choice to use tanning beds throughout her high school career led to negative consequences that now restrict her ability to expose herself to the sun.

"I can never go in the sun for long periods of time," Soares said. "I have to continuously get checked by my dermatologist every 4 months, and I always need SPF 50 when coming into contact with the sun."

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Features

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University sees rise in students studying abroad

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As students prepare to end the semester and pack their bags to head home for winter break, a select group of students prepare to take the trip of a lifetime out of the country. Meanwhile another group dispenses advice on how to spend the second semester studying in a foreign country. The Peggie and Mark Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs (CGIP) at Roger Williams University offers 44 different study abroad programs in 26 different countries. CGIP strives to find the "perfect" fit for any study interested abroad programs in 26 countries around the globe to spend the summer semester, a group of students who have been studying abroad during their semester return home. Over the past 5 years, the university has seen a 48% increase in the number of students studying abroad. Currently, the most popular destination for the program is the study abroad in Florence, Italy with Australia and England close behind. As students return from winter break and say hello to the new semester here at Roger Williams, a different group of students will have said goodbye to Roger Williams and hello to a life changing experience in a new country.

Bias Response Team Report to RWU Community
Fall 2009 (reporting on spring 09 data)

The Bias Response Team, a university committee comprised of students, faculty and staff, will be reporting each semester on the bias related incidents that are reported and investigated in the prior semester. Our goal is to educate, increase knowledge about bias incidents and to provide information about what happens in our community. During the Spring 2009 semester six bias incidents were reported. Each was investigated and, where appropriate, was adjudicated through our student conduct system. The University protocol requires reporting of such incidents even when it is unclear if an offensive message was intended or not. As an educational institution we realize that students may feel that it is okay to joke around using words or symbols that are offensive, but when it involves threatening, harassing, intimidating, discriminatory or hostile behavior it is important that we as a community learn what is acceptable and what is not.

A bias incident, as defined by the Office of Student Affairs Bias Response Team, is "an event that has the effect of demeaning or degrading an individual or a group and is motivated in whole or in part by the perpetrator's bias of a group or person based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, gender or sexual orientation."

The following is a summary of reported bias incidents from the Spring 2009 semester:

Incident of written bias based on religion at Bayes Courts
Incident of written bias based on sexual orientation and race at King Philip
Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Bayes Courts
Incident of verbal bias based on sexual orientation at Willow
Incident of written bias based on race at Willow
Incident of written bias based on sexual orientation at Brownell

The Bias Response Team affirms the University's mission to promote a respectful community and is committed to fostering a healthy and safe environment for everyone. In addition, the Team is committed to preventing further acts of bias by educating the RWU community about the effects of bias actions and the impact on all of us. In our spring semester report, the BRT will also summarize educational efforts and training opportunities offered during the academic year.

"Overheard at Roger Williams"

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Editor

"Think about your morning routine. You wake up, roll out of bed, avoid the sight of your incredibly messy hair in the mirror, and saunter over to your computer. Name the top three things you check: e-mail, Facebook, and weather. However, this list is being added to, with the popularity of websites blogs such as Texts from Last Night, People at Wal-Mart, and Overheard in the Newsroom. These sights, open to the public to publish on, are collections of quotes and images pertaining to the blog subject. Now the RWU community has been provided with their own forum, a group established on Facebook called Overheard at Roger Williams, which collects quotes of funny moments and phrases that students have heard around campus. Although some quotes pertain to unhealthy behavior taking place on campus, many of the quotes are heard in passing. "I think it's funny to hear people talking about random stuff," senior Bryan Kozien said.
Student recalls life in Saudi Arabia

By SARAH MAMULA
Herald Staff Writer

Laura Studebaker is 19. She has blonde hair, blue eyes and was born in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Dhahran is most commonly known for its proximity to the 1996 Khobar Tower terrorist bombings. But Studebaker does not think of terrorist violence when she thinks of home.

Studebaker's father is not the first in her family to work for the world's largest oil corporation. A life in Saudi Arabia began for the Studebakers when her paternal grandfather left Maryland to work for the Standard Oil Company in the early 1900s, she said.

When going out to the mall, Studebaker says she is an "abaya." An abaya is a loose-fitting black dress that covers the chest, arms, and legs of a woman. Studebaker wears no head covering and at times her blonde hair draws unwanted attention from men. Despite this, she hardly ever feels frightened.

"Saudi Arabian guys have no experience with girls. They are socially awkward because their only interaction with women is usually with the one they are going to marry," Studebaker said.

"I think some Kennedys went to Saudi Arabia and lived there," she said, "because he had a baseball bat. He was traveling with the rest of the team and their families to a baseball tournament. It can be utterly ridiculous."

In Saudi Arabia, Studebaker acts like most normal 18-year-olds. She hangs out with friends and "just chills." However, some might say Studebaker's life is a bit more like a vacation.

On a regular basis, she has the option of frequenting one of four pools, the 18-hole golf course, or the movie theater.

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Like any big city, Studebaker knows which parts to stay away from. Coming back into the compound, Studebaker goes through two checkpoints where her identification card is checked. Walls, Saudi Arabian police and dogs protect the compound. Studebaker said, "If there is ever a time to be a worried, a warning is sent out via e-mail to everyone on the compound."

This is not at all like life in Bristol, R.I. Nevertheless, Studebaker prefers Dhahran to the United States.

"I can't explain it," admits Studebaker. "You just need to experience it."
The Hawk's Herald's Recipe of the Week

Ants on a Log

It's Ants on a Log! Who can resist enticingly creamy peanut butter, crisp celery and juicy, flavorful raisins? This childhood favorite, often found in lunchboxes adorned with Power Rangers and Barbie images, is a fun and easy snack to whip-up. Its simple recipe, classic flavors and whimsical name hits home with most every person in the United States. Enjoy this snack while watching Toys 'R Us or simply relaxing at home in your favorite bean bag chair; it's perfect for any situation and satisfies all the needs of hungry college students. Radic.

1 celery rib, washed, ends trimmed
2 tablespoons creamy or chunky peanut butter
10 raisins
Fill celery with peanut butter
Press raisins into peanut butter.

Courtesy of Home Baked Memories

RWU honors veterans with memorial
Fallen alumnus remembered with family present

By Julia Weiss
Herald Staff Writer

Approximately 300 people gathered in front of the admissions building at Roger Williams University on November 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. The University hosted a commemorative ceremony for 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin, an alumnus of the University's ROTC program, and a 2008 Roger Williams graduate who died in action on Aug. 23, 2009 while serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division in Muhallah, Iraq.

Both the American flag and the Roger Williams University flag were waving at half-staff, blowing wildly in the cold wind, as the service started on Veteran's Day. A few rows of chairs were spread out in front of the grass, while everybody else stood in a half circle behind them. Many students, alumni and staff were in their militia uniforms paying their respects to the veterans and current men and women overseas today.

Kenneth T. Osborne, Dean of the Roger Williams University ROTC program, opened the ceremony by welcoming Fortin's family, the entire Roger Williams community and University President Dr. Roy J. Nirschel.

"This is not a day to debate foreign policy, but to recognize veterans," said President Nirschel. "We would not be here today without their courage and their leadership. I believe that everyday should be Veteran's Day."

President Nirschel spoke of his own parents and grandparents, who have served their country, and thanked those who also served in the armed forces, extending his deepest sympathy to individuals who have lost their friends and family in the service. 2nd Lt. Nicholas Pelletier, a 2006 RWU and ROTC alumni, and 1st Lt. Sam Albahari, a 2008 RWU and ROTC alumni, both spoke on behalf of their friend.

"There are no words to describe the pain that runs through us," said Lt. Albahari. "Joe is within our hearts and minds everyday."

Lt. Albahari proceeded to tell the crowd what a hero his friend Fortin truly is. Albahari spoke of how Fortin went into battle without fear orilocomotion as well as Fortin's many accomplishments in Iraq, which includes doubling the amount of drinking water and electricity, saving the lives of four American soldiers, and supplying safety and security to the region he was supplyng.

The last to speak was Fortin's wife, Nicquelle Fortin, who thanked everyone for the truly amazing support she and Fortin's family has received, and expressed with incredible grace her husband's story and the wonderful life he lived. Nicquelle spoke of how much Fortin had accomplished in such a short time, how he is loved by so many, and has loved so many back with his whole heart.

"Joe would do anything for you if you so mentioned your need," said Nicquelle Fortin. "Joe always made the best lemonade out of lemons, and he would want us to do the same."

The American flag was raised all the way up to the top of the flagpole, along with the Roger Williams flag, which was then taken down and folded by seven Roger Williams faculty who all previously served our country. President Nirschel then handed the Roger Williams flag, which has never been taken away before in our University's history, to Fortin's mother and father in memory of their son. Two ROTC members and Joe's academic adviser for his time at Roger Williams, presented the Fortin family with a wreath in Fortin's honor, which they laid down under the flagpole, the American flag waving high above it. A 21-gun salute, consisting of three shots, was heard followed by the Roger Williams University flag, which has never been given away.

"We are privileged to have our own personal angel," Nicquelle Fortin said of her husband during the ceremony. "Don't we owe it to Joe just to have a little faith?"
Women’s soccer scores a victory on senior day

by ABBY CUNNINGHAM
Herald Staff Writer

Senior Day proved to be a success for the Roger Williams women’s soccer team. Not only did they honor Carey Baldwin, Amanda deCunha, and Jen Garzide for their excellent careers, they also defeated Curry College by a 3-0 score on Homecoming Weekend.

The Hawks’ excellent offense allowed the women to advance in regular season play. The score remained tied 0-0 until Laurin Pendleton netted one for the Hawks. deCunha assisted Maddy Howard with a ball that she converted for the Hawks’ second goal of the game in the 75th minute.

Pendleton netted a ball from teammate Carey Baldwin for the Hawks’ third and last goal of the game. Garzide made a couple impressive stops to prohibit Curry from scoring in the Hawks’ shutout. The RWU women’s soccer team continued their success into their next game against NEC.

Within the first 15 minutes of the game, Baldwin scored off of a cross ball from Howard. This pushed the Hawks’ up to a short-lived 0-1 lead. Pendleton took off down the field for an unassisted goal in the 29th minute. The Hawks exploded in the second half with six goals. Devon Leighton contributed one of the six goals for the Hawks. Baldwin, Pendleton, and Leighton scored their second goals of the game that made up the six the Hawks impressively scored. Jen Garzide finished with four saves and Katie Fusaro racked up two assists. The Hawks ended the game with an 8-1 win over the Pilgrims. This game ended the women’s regular season play as they advanced to opening round of the TCCC playoffs.

Number three-seeded Roger Williams took on number six-seeded Western New England College in the first round of the TCCC playoffs. Unfortunately, the game progressed to overtime periods. Alexa Mahler tied the shootout at 3–3 when Kristen Culver of WNEC scored the winning shot at WNEC’s.
Women's and men's cross-country win conference championship

By ALLISON COLLINS
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The women and men's cross-country teams both won their conference championships last weekend.

This was the 10th year in a row that the women's team has won the championship. The team beat Salve Regina by one point on Saturday.

Freshman Lily Rutler finished in fourth place, but probably could have finished second if she had not taken a wrong turn, coach Sean Livingston said. Sophomore Katie Crowley finished seventh, earning All-Conference and placed two runners in the last 150 meters.

Juliana Fernandez of the University of New England runner steps before the finish line to secure the win.

The senior group of girls "just refused to lose," Livingston said.

"They worked very hard all season and saw that work pay off with the biggest of those ten conference titles," Livingston said.

"After the mid-way point of the season (and after getting beaten by three conference teams in the same meet for the first time in 10 years), I knew we were up against it. But they all continued fighting, never feeling sorry for themselves," Livingston said.

The team battled a multitude of injuries this season.

Potential number one runner, freshman Rutler suffered from an infected blister that turned into the MRSA infection, Livingston said. She had to miss almost four weeks of training.

Emily Trun, who was third overall at the conference, missed some key workouts because she has been dealing with knee problems, Livingston said.

Returning All-Conference runners Suuan Thaxter and Fernandes also suffered from injuries and illnesses, Livingston said.

Other runners also suffered injuries.

"They all absolutely ran their hearts out though, and did just enough to get the win. It was a total team effort," Livingston said.

The men's team won their 10th over all conference title, and ninth in a row on Saturday. They were given the Conference Sportsmanship Award, said Livingston.

The team was co-favored with Gordon College going into the meet, as the men's team narrowly beat Gordon College last year.

Freshman Mitch Levisle came in second, junior Jon Ellis Rutler came in third and Tom Maybury came in fourth. They were All-Conference.

It was Maybury's best race of the year, Livingston said.

"He blew by three runners over the last 200 meters in order to finish fourth individually," Livingston said.

Junior Andrew Gallant finished 10th and freshman Matt Conroy was the team's final scorer.

"I think they really wanted it a little more than Gordon," Livingston said.

"As with the women's team, I was looking for the guys to leave it all on the course, with no regrets about how they were going to race," Livingston said.

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Women's volleyball wins TCCC

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At Western New England College (WNEC) last week the women's volleyball team took the court for the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship. The Lady Hawks got out to an early lead, pushing the score to 13-6. WNFC fought back and began to play at a higher level bringing the score to a respectable 16-12.

After a quick comeback by WNFC, Brittany Sullivan came to the service line and took over the game. Sullivan quickly served four straight points to lead the Hawks to a 25-17 victory.

In the second set the Hawks did not see the same scoring and started off in a deep hole. Katharine Beaz of WNFC was dominating for the service line and gave her team the early lead. The Hawks were able to play better towards the end of the set, but eventually lost with a final score of 25-10.

The third set was by far the most interesting and compelling set with a tight score throughout. The score was very close early on and remained that way until the Hawks scored seven straight points. This gave them the advantage 25-14. A nine point lead was too much for WNFC and the Hawks took the third game to lead the set 2-1.

In the fourth and what could be the final game, the Hawks raced out to an early lead. The game would eventually end in a landslide when Emily Lebowitz scored the final point.

Everyone on the team played at a very high level and the victory brought their record to an impressive 21-10. The victory also earns them a place in the NCAA National tournament for the first time in the history of the program.

The volleyball program has been on a role as of late and this season 20 win record gives them two 20-game season's back-to-back. They won the conference championship for the first time in eleven years. The team will now travel to New York, where the National tournament will be held. They will be placed in a bracket of 64 teams.

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After their upset of USC in Eugene on Halloween night, Oregon is in the driver's seat for the Pac-10 title championship. It's as simple as this, if they can best LSU, they will go undefeated and win a trip to the SEC Championship to take on Florida which is currently ranked number one. As usual, this is a difficult question because there are sure to be upsets along the way, which will cause major changes to the rankings as the weeks unfold.

The next few games, let's break down the contenders and predict the championship game.

Texas is currently ranked as the number two team in the country and the Big 12 after their huge wins against Oklahoma and Oklahoma St. Texas is in an unbelievable position at this point because they have beaten the strong teams in their division and should be able to win their final four games.

Their trip to College Station to take on Texas A&M is their only true test remaining, but I believe Colt McCoy and his Longhorn squad will come away with the victory. They will then play the Big 12 North winner and again I don't see Texas having any problem beating whoever wins that side of the conference.

In the SEC, Alabama is currently ranked as the number three team in the country and has been playing some great football. They took care of Virginia Tech, Ole Miss and South Carolina with ease and were able to escape with a win against an underrated Tennessee team. They have stepped up against their strongest competitors and have shown the country that they are for real.

For the most part their schedule is favorable—I see them taking care of Mississippi State, Chattanooga and Auburn with ease. That leaves their showdown against LSU as the final test. If they can best LSU, they will go undefeated and win a trip to the SEC Championship to take on Florida which is as usual will be an unbeatable game.

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