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Bridge to Haiti raises $4,600

Kelleigh Welch
Editor-in-Chief

Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, killing over 230,000 people, according to Morning Star Online, and leaving the country in a state of disaster, KC Ferrara, Director of the Presidential Center for Service Learning & Community Engagement, was almost immediately receiving phone calls from students and faculty asking, “What can RWU do to help?”

“The first thing we did was get everyone in the room and share our experiences emotionally,” Ferrara said. “We wanted to give people the opportunity to grieve and process what had happened, and then ask, ‘Now what?’”

Since their first meeting, the Haitian Relief Committee has met every week to further efforts to help Haiti.

The committee has been working to raise money for three organizations devoted to helping the relief in Haiti: Habitat for Humanity, Partners in Health, and Plan USA.

“The goal is for RWU to raise $1000, which will be matched by the university,” Ferrara said. “So far, we’ve raised $4,600.”

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WQRI votes to change GM

Amanda Newman
Business Manager

After two long hours of deliberation, the WQRI Executive Board (e-board) voted out its General Manager, Henry Lindner.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on Feb. 19, the word came in that Lindner had been voted out by a majority of the e-board. The board wrote that Lindner had “failed to act as liaison between WQRI and the University,” something that is explicitly stated in the General Manager’s job description and expectations.

The letter went on to say that Lindner had been inadequate at doing tasks such as managing the e-board and ensuring overall function.

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School offers mini-grants

Deadline for application is March 15

Sean Hayes
Herald Staff Reporter

The President’s Council on Inclusive Excellence (PCIE) is looking for applications for Inclusive Excellence Mini-Grants, which are a component of a PCIE’s approach to initiate the RWU community as a whole to promote inclusive excellence. Ande Diaz, Associate Dean and Director of the Intercultural Center, defines inclusive excellence as “enhancing the quality of undergraduate learning and campus life through diversity. The main goal is to bring diversity to not just one corner of the university, but to Roger Williams as a whole.”

The aspiration of the inclusive exc-
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Car accident causes major damage

Amanda Newman
Business Manager

Four vehicles were heavily damaged in a recent car accident that took place outside of Willow Hall.

The accident, which has been ruled as a hit and run, caused substantial damage to four vehicles, including the driver’s own.

On the night of Jan. 30 at approximately 12:35 a.m., a vehicle, operated by RWU student Patrick Solinas, was allegedly driving south through the campus by Willow Hall and Stonewall Terrace when the driver lost control.

According to a narrative by the Bristol Police Dept., the front driver’s side of Solinas’ vehicle collided with the rear driver’s side of a beige Ford near Willow Hall. The impact caused the beige Ford to be pushed into a third vehicle, a gray Honda. The collision then forced the Honda to be pushed into a fourth vehicle, which has been identified as a yellow Ford.

All three vehicles were struck “significantly damaged,” according to the Director of Public Safety, John Blessing.

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WQRI
88.3 FM

Mark Fusco
Tucker Silva, the new GM

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About that Internet article...

The Editorial Staff
The Hawks' Herald

An article in last week's issue of The Hawks' Herald titled "Meet the man behind the station [as a clear evaluation of the awards is set for February 11, 2010] would like to continue to grow and provide support and guidance as a leader." Tucker Silva, formerly Program Director and DJ Manager, will take over for Lindner as General Manager. Analyst, Ferdinand Fuentes, said that there was "a lack of leadership from Lindner." Music Director Paul Pet-...
Bon Appetit brings back campaign aimed to make diners "taste not waste"

Griffin Labbance
Herald Staff Writer

Over the next few months, students will be changing the way they return their uneaten food to gain a baseline number of what they are throwing away, said Josh Hennessy, Dining Commons Manager.

For the past few weeks, the kitchen and dining facilities have been scraping food waste behind the scenes to gain a baseline number for the level of food wasted, Hennessy said. Starting at the beginning of this past week, the commons began to collect data for the amount of food thrown away by students. "We want students to eat meals there and feel like they can get as much as they need, but be aware of what they are throwing away," Hennessy said.

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Along with the composting efforts, the dining commons is lowering their carbon footprint in different ways. The Farm-to-Fork program is designed to purchase food from local farmers, show their efforts with different displays of organic and local food and then use it in their system. All of the food on display in the commons is cooked down eventually and used in different forms. Students can also see this for the annual Low Carbon Diet Day, where all the food produced and served in the upper commons was purchased from local farmers.

Over the next few months, RWU, with help from the dining facilities, will attempt to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable.

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor, commentary and editorials

The Action Gap

William Capozzoli
Eco-Rep

Every day we are flooded with messages about the world around us. Friends, professors and news media all contribute to our perception of what is going on beyond the bubble in which we live. A current issue of great national concern is the relationship between humans and the environment, a concept referred to as sustainability.

A buzzword of its day, it's hard to miss in the headlines of nearly every major newspaper or magazine, or to imagine the plethora of created job opportunities, which we all so dearly covet.

To those students who are caught in the action gap, I ask, how much further deterioration is it going to take before you try to live more economically and environmentally efficient? Is the rapid growth of developing nations and the delicateness of ecosystem dynamics in our biosphere enough to get us to realize that drastic measures will be taken to alleviate this problem if it is to continue spiraling out of control? Is the industrial tarp that covers our earth going to spew smoke until we begin to suffocate?

Some students have a sense of duty to their community and build grassroots connections within our campus through bodies like Eco-Reps, the Sustainability Committee, or Students for Renewable Energy and Environmental Protection. Some students have trouble finding ways to get involved in the 'green' movement. Some understand that their collective negligence will lead to future consequences. For a great deal of students, though, we endorse the goals of President Nirschel's Climate Commitment in thought, but are naive to those goals in action.

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The first step towards avoiding this situation would be to have faith in the decency of human beings in the principles upon which our country was founded. Our citizenry proves capable of rallying together after events like the September 11th attacks, and World War II, where we ate rationed food and joined the armed forces. But hopefully we can rally together now to do something more sustainable, rather than wait for a serious conflict or upheaval.

We can start making these by realizing that the situation is a commons dilemma, meaning that we must take from a common pool of goods in moderation or it will disappear if overused.

Next, consider the Golden Rule, an ethical code that has roots in a wide range of world cultures. It states that you should do unto others as you would expect others to do unto you.

Finally, take the psychological phenomenon of the 100th Monkey Effect as it relates to how we can make sustainable behaviors the social norm. It states that you train monkeys one at a time to produce a wanted behavior, but as soon as not monkeys are all performing this behavior, then additional monkeys will follow suit, without the training.

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So, if after hours you see the lights on, know that being green and being clean are both important to us.

Regards,
Andrew Costanzo
Production Manager
Bon Appetit for Roger Williams University

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D is for dangerous driving

Connor Gentilcore
Herald Staff Reporter

While many drivers on campus are fairly safe, people have their slip-ups and they will always make mistakes. All pedestrians have to be conscious of the traffic around them in order to prevent accidents. I feel that it is necessary to practice safe driving. While most drivers on campus already respect traffic safety, others tend to disregard stop signs or try to catch some air off of speed bumps, which could result in accidents.

Around midnight on Saturday January 30, my friend Kayla Maroney witnessed a car accident in the Willow parking lot. The driver hit a parked car, which in turn hit three other parked cars. The driver sped away from the scene immediately, leaving a chunk of their bumper and three busted up, innocent cars behind. I understand it was the weekend and there could possibly have been some partying involved. However, in spite of distractions, drivers need to be fully aware of their surroundings at all times.

Maroney told me how, prior to the accident that she witnessed, she hadn't considered how often motor accidents actually occur. It was after the collision that she said, "I wasn't truly aware of how real accidents are."

People tend to forget that car accidents are happening every few seconds all over the world. During 2006, in the United States alone, there were 10.4 million motor vehicle accidents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. It is apparent to me that there are some reckless and unaware drivers on the road, and both need to be kept in mind as potential dangers. To further understand dangerous driving on campus, I sat down with the Director of Public Safety, John Blessing. I first asked Blessing how he felt the students drive on campus, and it became clear to me that we were on the same page when he responded, "I think most of the students are very responsible drivers on campus."

It's safe to say that our campus is not flooded with irresponsible driving, but I decided to ask Blessing if he feels that dangerous driving is a problem on campus. He responded, "I don't believe it's a problem on campus, but safe driving is always a major concern on and off campus for our community members - especially students." When I asked him how safe he feels walking on campus, he said, "I feel it's very safe and walker-friendly, but we do have numerous vehicles entering and leaving, so there is a thought of promoting safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. This requires awareness for both parties, especially vehicle operators."

We all seem to be aware that practicing safe driving on campus is something that most of us do, but I'm sure we can all think of a few instances where we've seen a car driving abnormally and wondered, "What are they doing?" This makes me think again of the accident Maroney had witnessed. For students to be safer drivers on campus, Blessing suggests that students "follow the rules, and travel at speeds that are no higher than 15 mph (the maximum speed on campus). We do have a small percentage of accidents on campus, but it's always recommended to be aware, be safe, and to drive carefully."

In the end, it is up to the drivers on campus to stay attentive to traffic rules and to practice safe driving habits. What makes the roads on our campus safe for drivers and pedestrians alike is the awareness and respect everyone has for each other.

WTFs of the week:

Why is there an empty bottle of wine on the third floor of the parking garage? Really guys?

What are you getting ready for?

Binge drinking for women hasn't been previously studied, but one Harvard Medical School study suggests women are four or more times more likely to have unplanned and unprotected sex. Being drunk may be your excuse but it doesn't change what happened. wake up tomorrow feeling good about yourself.

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Clothes with huge, oversized, frumpy is a snapshot of two sisters playing dress up in their house in Eastern Connecticut. The line of clothes will expand from bubble-hemmed dresses to vintage blouses, jeans, graphic T's and the newly created "CB+ME" line. "We take the tank top from the overweight guy at the beach and add a zipper, lace and anything fun and girly," Baldwin explained with a smile.

"CB+ME has evolved from the dress-up clothes seen in the photograph into tangible products made with passion. It's a true testament to ourselves if we can make it on our own," said Baldwin with enthusiasm.

There's a framed photograph of two young girls in a house in Eastern Connecticut. It is a snapshot of two sisters playing dress up in oversized, frumpy clothes with huge, wide-eyed grins displayed as their biggest accessory. One may find it ironic that these two girls would one day design and make their own clothing.

"We call the dresses the 'Friends.' Girls put on a dress, fall in love and then they end up buying three," says student, creator and co-business owner of CB+ME, Carey Baldwin, the bubble-hemmed dresses, with their flared, slightly bunched hems.

"I made my first dress to wear to a premiere in Chicago that my sister invited me to. I had no idea that it would be so popular. Before I knew it, girls were asking me where I got it from. Now I was surrounded by people dolled up in clothes designed by major fashion designers and they were asking me about something I whipped up a day before," Baldwin said. Baldwin and her sister, Megan Elizabeth Baldwin, the other co-business owner of the clothing company, run the business entirely by themselves, make a weekend of meandering in and out of thrift stores, searching for the right garment or fun print materials to use for their next set of clothes.

"I tried to get everything that I possibly could that is geared towards college students. You can use Amazon.com to earn credits when purchasing textbooks or even buy groceries from Peapod.com. Right now, we are promoting Valentine's Day with fairly inexpensive gifts that you can earn credits for purchasing," said Malvin.

Malvin's line of clothing and instead chose to use the easiest and most sensible advertising method: online forums. "It's a brainstormed idea and morphed into an impressively entertaining method. [CB+ME] is paying for itself. Consumers know the people behind it, they are more likely to trust you," Malvin said.

"It's the dress-up clothes seen in the photograph serving as tangible plans of expanding the boutique in Martha's Vineyard. There are 30 dresses currently in stock at the boutique, but the sisters have future plans of expanding the business by opening a summer boutique in Martha's Vineyard."

"Originally I mulled over the idea of different ways to make money without going off campus. I wanted to target college campuses and eventually BonusBuggy was created and launched November 9, 2009," explained Malvin.

BonusBuggy is an online database of over 350 stores, ranging from American Eagle to Stop & Shop that combines all types of affiliate marketing, including coupons, freebies, comparative prices and incentives. People can register with BonusBuggy and earn credits, similar to frequent flyer miles, and use them to get free items.

"I have faith in myself and the business because I did it all on my own," said Malvin.
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Your Campus

Stories that spark your interest

Commons goes green again

Griffin Lhabbane
Herald Staff Writer

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Dining services partook in this initiative last year and had great reviews and comments from students. "We have gained a lot of awareness from students but still have work to do," Hennessey added. Roger Williams has become much more sustainable that they were 5 years ago but compared to different regions in the North East, still have work to do. Hennessey added that regionally, it is hard to change a mindset that has been implanted into a student's head simply because of the region they grew up in. Different regions in the North East and also across the county have different views on compost and recycling, which is part of the struggle to educate students on a environmentally helpful habit.

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Over the next few years, Roger Williams, with help from the dining facilities will attempt to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. Hennessey finished with a simply analogy, "It was always told by my mom, when you leave the room, turn the light off!" The dining commons is working to make students more aware of the resources that they use while eating in the dining facilities. Roger Williams is keeping up with the growing trend and environmental awareness or reducing, reusing and recycling.

Hawkettes ‘Just Dance’

Elizabeth Monahan
Contributor

One of the most athletic teams on campus doesn’t play on a field. Instead, they dance their hearts out.

RWU’s Dance Team, known as the Hawkettes, is made up of fifteen girls: two seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores, and four freshmen. There are three choreographers and two captains. The captains are Ali Cambria, a senior who also choreographs, and Kayla Rodriguez, a sophomore who choreographs as well. The third choreographer is Kristyn Wajsgras, also a sophomore. The Dance Team practices on Sundays and Wednesdays for about 3 hours in order to get ready for their performances at the men’s home basketball games, where they perform at halftime.

Currently, the dances the girls perform are ones they plan to take to competition this spring. The Dance Team sent just one month left to prepare for their first competition of their season, to be held at the end of March at Dance Ovations in Bristol, Conn. Shortly after that, they will go to another competition, the ADA Competition on the weekend of April 6, to be held in Lowell, Mass.

The girls have 3 dances prepared for competition. The first is a hip-hop mix, choreographed by Wajsgras, which is a blend of the songs “Chillin” by Wale ft. Lady Gaga, “Talk the Night” by Chelly, “Go Girl” by Pitbull, and “Transform ya,” by Chris Brown ft. Lil Wayne. The second dance is a more modern one, set to the song “Rama Lama” by Roshan Murphy, choreographed dually by the co-captains.

The third and final dance is a jazz and tap piece set to “Me and My Gang” by Rascal Flatts. The tap portion was choreographed by Cambria and the jazz part was choreographed by Rodriguez.

The Dance Team is still relatively young, and with the senior captain graduating, and the current sophomore captain intending to dedicate her time to dance theater, the team will be looking for some girls to step up and fulfill a new captain position. With so much potential, though, the team will dance their way to success for sure.
**Top Five**

**Best blog sites**

After checking their e-mail and Facebook accounts, students spend hours online surfing blogs online, each representing a common topic that people can submit entries to. Of all the blog sites out there, these are a few of the better ones that can guarantee entertainment for at least a few minutes.

1. **Texts from Last Night (textsfromlastnight.com)** — Here you can find all those texts you wish you didn't send, the weird ones your friends sent you, or the ones that you can't help but share with the world.

2. **This is Why You're Fat (thisiswhyyourefat.com)** — Here is a photo blog of all the grossest, fattest, and sometimes delicious foods people have come up with. It's guaranteed to make you cringe a bit and head over to the salad bar at your next meal. A personal favorite: The meatloaf cake.

3. **Awkward Family Photo (awkwardfamilyphoto.com)** — Think your family is weird? Check out some of these great photos of other people’s families in the weirdest situations. Professional and amateur photos accepted.

4. **People of Walmart (peop1eofwalmart.com)** — Who hasn't seen some weird stuff going on at Walmart? At this site, you can post or view some of the best photos taken at the all-American store of some of America's oddest people.

5. **Food Porn Daily (foodporndaily.com)** — WARNING: Not for the Hungry. This site showcases close up images of some of the best mouth-watering recipes known to man. This is the website made for food lovers.

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**Corner of Love**

This week in the corner of love: Want to kiss like a pro? Take notes while watching these top-five cinematic smooches.

- **Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio's kiss on the raft in Titanic.**
- **Helen Hunt and Tom Hanks's reunited kiss in Castaway.**
- **Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze's post-'time of my life' kiss in Dirty Dancing.**
- **Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling's soaking wet kiss in The Notebook.**
- **Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal's long-overdue kiss in When Harry Met Sally.**

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**Michael Jackson's doctor arraigned for conspiracy**

Will Boshes
Herald Staff Reporter

About eight months ago, an American Icon, the one and only Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009. "The cause of his death was never truly understood. Death in his sleep was a peaceful way to go, but for many fans, not knowing the truth how has been a cause for concern."

On Feb. 8, Jackson's doctor was arraigned for conspiracy in the pop star's death. Dr. Conrad Murray, Jackson's physician, was brought into the Los Angeles Airport Branch Courthouse for his arraignment Monday, according to The New York Times.

Murray is being charged with involuntary manslaughter, in providing the pop star with a powerful anesthetic that was a major cause for his death. In the arraignment, Murray pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Jackson was very reliant on medication and sleeping aids in the later part of his life. According to Medicine.net, an overdose of Propofol, a heavy sedative that is extremely powerful, was what may have killed Jackson.

In the hearing, Judge Keith L. Schwartz of the Los Angeles Supreme Court stated that he intends to handle this case like an ordinary one. Despite the media frenzy the judge maintained a professional manner. Murray released on a $75,000 bail charge.
Lifestyle

Food reviews, entertainment, sex, health and more

Valentine’s Day Special

The Hopeless Romantic

Christina Adamczyk

Contributor

Call me a hopeless romantic, but I love Valentine’s Day! What’s not to love about a day about love? It’s a day when it’s okay to wear pink and red, tell people you love them, and stuff your face with ridiculous amounts of candy hearts. If you’re in a relationship, February 14th serves as an annual reminder to show each other you care. If you don’t have a significant other, it’s a great day to let your friends and family know how much you love them. Remember how much fun it was exchanging valentines with your classmates in grade school? Remember how happy your mother was when you gave her that homemade card?

Valentine’s Day promotes a ton of industries, from travel to florist to telecommunications. During these times, I think we can all agree the economy could use all the help it can get. However, I think the strongest argument for Valentine’s Day is brought to us by the ladies and Russell Flower. This is the only time of year milk chocolate strawberry cream hearts are readily available. Even the biggest cynic would have trouble resisting the delicious candies brought to us by the holiday. So go ahead and let your inner pessimist Get out there February 14th and spread the love.

Valentine’s Day is the single most useless holiday in existence. Why do people need a day to tell each other that they love each other? Shouldn’t we tell our friends and families that we love them everyday? Why do we need to reserve one day, February 14th, to tell people we love them? What about the other 364 days of the year—do you only love them then? What makes this day any different? How do you think we single people feel when we walk into CVS to buy a Rumpel the Jersey Shore party and are bombarded with pink and red hearts everywhere? I tell you how we feel: we feel like crap. Every heart-shaped balloon and pink bag of candy is a constant reminder that another year has passed and we are still alone...so very alone. The fact that marketing companies are throwing our loneliness in our faces doesn’t help.

And how embarrassing for all those romanticмарантистов that agree to the hype? If nothing else, at least Valentine’s Day serves as an economic boost for the flower, candy, and card industries.

That said, I realize that Valentine’s Day is not just a day for couples. I realize this fact every year when my mother sends me a Valentine’s Day Survival Kit (copyright Donna Burke). It’s stocked with ridiculous valentines and candy hearts and chocolate and wine to drown my misery as a single soul.

Here is a list of things I won’t be doing on Valentine’s Day:

1. Checking my mailbox (the only thing getting on Feb. 14 is my water bill)
2. Staying sober
3. algae (though I do like the occasional toast of lady and gentles): Pop open that bottle of Yellow and Black for the two of us, and eat that pint of ice cream and have yourself a Happy Valentine’s Day.

To the staff reporters of The Hawks’ Herald:

We wish you all a happy Valentine’s Day!

With any luck it will be filled with chocolates, wine and love.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Love,

The Editorial Staff

Kelleigh Allison, Amanda, Ben, Mark and Sam

Valentine’s Day Gifts

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Top 5 places to eat in Bristol for Valentine’s Day

1. Ricc’s Restaurant

2. The Beehive Cafe

3. Leo’s

4. Topside’s

5. Redlefsens

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1. Make your own card.

2. Make your own romantic coupon booklet. In this day and age of technology, it’s so impersonal to send a gift card. While you could spend a lot of money, this typically has a stronger effect and it will also be cheaper than a store bought one. You could make a romantic coupon booklet and it’s cheaper than a gift card. Instead of buying a dozen roses, try buying one half dozen roses or even just one. Buying a half dozen roses is still a romantic gesture and will allow you to have a little more money left in your pocket.

3. It is not always quantity but rather quality with gifts, especially when talking about flowers. Instead of buying the typical dozen roses, try to find out the favorite flower of your loved one. Buying a half dozen or even just one will typically be cheaper than roses and will also show that you put a lot of thought into the gift. One flower is still a romantic gesture and often times it has a stronger effect than a dozen.

4. IOUs might normally be considered a lame replacement for a gift, but it can be done the right way. If you have to borrow money, be sure to put your money together to plan a special day or weekend trip together. Enjoy a winter day skiing or go ice skating and just spend time together.

5. Put off gifts altogether. If you have been together for a long time, it’s okay to put your money together to plan a day or a weekend trip together. Enjoy a winter day skiing or go ice skating and just spend time together. Enjoy a winter day skiing or go ice skating and just spend time together.

Even if money is low, there is no reason that you can’t enjoy your Valentine’s Day with the people that are dear to us.
Events:

February 9-12 (Tuesday-Friday): Valentine's Day Sale
Carnations and chocolates will be sold to benefit relief efforts by Haitian Ministries for the Diocese of Norwich, Inc. (www.haitianministries.org) individual carnations are $1.00 and come with a Valentine card. You can also purchase a carnation/chocolate Valentine combo for $3.00.

February 11 (Thursday): Valentine Cookie Sale
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Feinstein Center will sell Valentine Cookies in the Center for Careers and Civic Engagement (the farmhouse across from the lower commons). You could walk away with a free Career and Civic Engagement t-shirt when you visit.

February 14 (Cedar Hall RA Penny War)

February 16 and 23: Panel Discussion
Mary Telf White Center, 4-5:30 p.m.
Professor June Speakman will host panels on Haitian economics, politics, history, and the plans to rebuild this devastated country. Panels are free and open to the public.

February 24 (Wednesday): House, Heal, Hope Art Gallery Opening and Sale
Mary Telf White Center, 4-8 p.m.
100% of the proceeds benefit Partners in Health, Habitat for Humanity International, and Plan USA. Join us for this exciting art sale featuring the donated works of accomplished local artists and RWU students. Prices of art are set to be affordable to faculty, staff, and students alike. For a preview of the art for sale, please visit www.mollynook.com/haiti Event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the RWU Bridge to Haiti committee.

February 26 (Friday): Sign away a meal from the Upper Commons.
Sign away a meal to donate money to Haiti. 65 people minimum needed to potentially raise $100.
The Haitian Relief Committee meets Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in Global Heritage Hall, room 300. All are welcome.

If you have any questions regarding RWU Bridge to Haiti, please contact KC Ferrara Director, Feinstein Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement at 401-254-3764 or ferrara@rwu.edu.

World Watch

Long Beach, CA: Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver of the popular television show “The Naked Chef” called for an overhaul of America’s food system yesterday at a TED Conference. According to CNN.com, the United States’ poor choices on food are causing shortened life spans and increases healthcare costs.

Oliver will host a show on ABC about making healthier choices on food consumption to fight obesity in Huntington Beach, CA.

According to CNN, Oliver said, “This is a global problem. It is a catastrophe. It is sweeping the world. England is just behind you [America], as usual. We need a revolution.”

New York: According to CNNMoney.com, despite the recent recall in Toyota cars, relatively few complaints have been filed about the product. Yesterday, Toyota published a study saying that “the automaker actually gets fewer customer complaints per car than the majority of its competitors.”

According to CNNMoney.com, Edmunds.com reviewed more than 200,000 complaints filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) over the last decade and found that Toyota ranked 13th among the top 20 automakers in the overall number of complaints per vehicle sold.

Athens, Greece: Public services were halted yesterday in Greece by protestors against austerity measures taken by officials in response to the current financial crisis. At this time, Greece is facing pressure from the European Union to cut its huge budget deficit. According to NYTimes.com, Greece is in danger of falling to a $128 billion debt coming due in April and May.

Dakar, Senegal: Nigeria’s National Assembly voted Vice President Goodluck Jonathan to become the acting President of Nigeria Tuesday due to President Umaru Yar’Adua’s absence for medical treatment.

- Since President Yar’Adua’s departure in November, Nigeria had been at a period of unrest, which according to NYTimes.com, has caused “civil unrest in the north, threats of renewed violence in the south and diplomatic tensions with the United States, which required extra scrutiny of Nigerian travelers after one of their compatriots was arrested and charged with trying to detonate explosives on a plane to Detroit.”

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Brees said in Sports illustrated, "Four years ago, whoever thought this would be happening when 85 percent of the city was under water? Most people left not knowing if New Or­leans would ever come back, or if the organiza­tion would ever come back. We just all looked at one another and said, "We are going to rebuild together. We are going to lean on each other." This is the culmination in all that belief."
It was an exciting, nail-biting game that did not come down to the last minute, but were some disappointed that 70-plus points weren't scored. All we know is that the Saints came in a heavy underdog and came out, as a well de­served Super Bowl Champion.

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Men's basketball team enters final week of season

Dan Malkin
Sports Editor

Coming off a road loss in New York against Salve Regina, the Roger Williams University Men's Basketball team was back on their home court to take on the University of New England. The Nor'easters got out to an early lead and quickly went up by eleven against the Hawks. After a quick timeout, the squad came back fighting and were able to cut the lead down to a single point, heading into the locker room.

After the break both teams came out firing on all cylinders. The Hawks were more dominant on the offensive end and were able to take the lead after Mike Igoe hit a go-ahead three pointer.

After the Hawks took the lead it was back and forth for both teams. Four times during the final ten minutes were marked by either team hitting a go-ahead basket. Towards the end of the game the Nor'asters were clinging to a 65-64 lead when then Hawk's committed an offensive foul. After both free throws were made, the score read 65-65.

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The team's next game was again against Amherst College, what was the last regular season home game for the Hawks. During the first half it was all Anna Maria as they quickly built on their early lead. With just under two minutes to play in the first half, they were up by 11 points. After that lead the Hawks fought back and went on an impressive 8-2 run.

In the second half the Hawks were having trouble making most of their shots and quickly found themselves in another hole. Once they settled in they made a push for the lead before Anna Maria made all most all of their foul shots and some major plays to finish off the game. The final score 86-66 in favor of the Hawks.

At this point in the season the Roger Williams Men's basketball team has an overall record of 11-11 with a 5-7 TCC record. They will look to keep their playoff chances alive during their next game against Regis College this Saturday.