N.H. gay marriage law upheld

Amanda Newman
Business Manager

An attempt to repeal the newly-enacted gay marriage legalization law in New Hampshire failed in the N.H. House of Representatives.

On Feb. 17, the proposed bill, entitled House Bill (HB) 1590, which looked to fully repeal the law, along with a constitutional amendment known as CACR 28 looking to ban same-sex marriages in New Hampshire altogether, died in the House.

CACR 28 was proposed with the intent to "restore the definition of marriage" to the meaning it has always had -- the union of one man and one woman," according to LetNHVote.com.

On June 3, 2009, N.H. State Governor John Lynch signed the legislation that would replace civil unions and make same-sex marriages legal in the state starting Jan. 1, 2010. The passing of the law made New Hampshire the sixth state in the country to adopt a gay marriage bill.

The same-sex law was voted into action by the N.H. House of Representatives vote of 178-176. Senate vote of 14 to 10, according to various reports. The majority party in the House is Democrats.

According to reports, Lynch called the topic an "intensely passionate and personal" one, which can be seen through the eyes of its opponents. The opposing Republican Party has frequently attempted to hinder the progress of the bill throughout its lifetime. From the bill's proposal, Republicans have fought hard against the legislation. Their most recent attempt, the repeals, has undergone a lot of criticism.

Scott Feinberg, a senior at Londonderry High School in Londonderry, N.H., and the organizer of the Londonderry Young Democrats, offered his support of the bill -- and his discontent with the Republicans. "The Republicans who have been working on this frivolous legislation are wasting valuable time," Feinberg said.

"If they spent half as much time on real legislation... they could make a positive impact on the state instead of continuing to try to hold the state back and reverse important strides towards equality for gay and lesbian couples."

Despite his dislike of the Republicans' efforts to shut down the bill, Feinberg views the sentiment as something that could inadvertently aid the gay marriage and equality fight. "We have..."

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Think before you toss

What really happens to your recyclables:

An RIRRC worker sifts through plastics. Contaminated plastics cannot be recycled.

It's not a coincidence that recycling comes last in the environmental mantra: reduce, reuse, recycle. Sometimes, recycling habits are not as eco-friendly as one would think.

Putting the right recyclable materials in their proper disposal bins is critical to recycling effectively. Tossing pizza boxes into a paper recycling toter or throwing margarine and yogurt containers in with other plastics can send would-be recyclables to the landfill.

Contamination, or the presence of non-approved materials in a recycling container, poses a problem for those processing recyclable waste. It's not a coincidence that recycling comes last in the environmental mantra: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Ben Whitmore
Assistant News Editor

New credit card rules went into effect on Feb. 22, changing what the credit card company has to disclose and what you have to do to open a credit card. The Credit Card Act of 2009 changes credit card rules for people under 21.

Those under 21 will need to show their ability to make payments or need a cosigner to open a credit card. If an under-21 person wants to increase his or her credit limit, they will need their cosigner to agree to the increase in writing.

There were also changes to billing and payments, starting this week.

The credit card company is required to mail or deliver your bill at least 21 days before payment is due. The due date will be the same each month, payment times can not be cut off before 5 p.m. and...
Ex-WQRI GM returns to position

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WQRI's former General Manager, Henry Lindner, has been reinstated to his position. As of Friday, Feb. 19, Lindner, a sophomore, was given his position back in a meeting that convened to discuss Lindner's recent impeachment and the apparent violation of WQRI's constitution and Student Senate's bylaws.

Some of the violations committed by the majority of the e-board included not honoring the one-week waiting period between issuing a letter of impeachment and the e-board vote, failing to alert all members of the e-board of the desire to impeach, and not maintaining the correct majority of two-thirds of the board for signing of the letter. These actions are explicitly outlined in WQRI's constitution.

Present at the meeting was Brendan Boyle, student body president, who observed along with representatives from Student Senate's Clubs and Organizations Committee, the majority of the WQRI e-board, and WQRI's advisor, Adrienne Mukiria.

Boyle said that Senate played an active role in Lindner's reinstatement, acting as a judicial board. "When a grievance comes in, that's when the appeals process begins," Boyle said.

Lindner filed an official complaint with Student Senate which began the investigation into the violations made by WQRI's board.

"At the hearing, Senate discussed sanctions to give to the e-board," Boyle said.

The sanctions delivered included the immediate reinstatement of Lindner, the nullification of all decisions made by the e-board during the period between Lindner's impeachment and his reinstatement, and, in response to WQRI's upcoming elections, the creation of an elections committee, to be overseen by Senate representatives to ensure fairness.

Despite the impeachment, Lindner is optimistic and eager to get back to work. "I sent a letter to my e-board saying that I was willing to adopt some of the things they said needed to be changed," Lindner said. "Some of them were valid points. Even though we disagreed, I'm willing to work with all of them. It was a learning experience about leadership and communication."

"I look forward to moving past our differences and hope this decision will help to bring the e-board together," Lindner said. Boyle expressed similar ideals. "This will hopefully make other organizations go over their own constitutions and consider making important or in-depth revisions. This impeachment was important. It has proven that it will serve as a great example for evaluations to follow," Boyle said. "There is an opportunity here, and it gives [clubs and organizations] the chance to re-evaluate what is important to the organizations, how they operate, their relationships with other organizations and how organizations and senate can work successfully in conjunction together."

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News Briefs

Bill would decriminalize marijuana

A bill introduced by Rep. John Edwards (D-Tiverton, Portsmouth), introduced legislation that would decriminalize possession of up to one ounce of marijuana. Currently possession of marijuana can carry penalties of up to one year in jail and a $500 fine. Under this legislation, possession would receive civil fines of $50 per occurrence.

Polar Plunge Rescheduled

The Polar Plunge, originally scheduled for Mar. 6, is now rescheduled for Mar. 27. More than 2 million pounds of sewage was spilled into Mount Hope Bay, causing the date change.

Law limiting leaflets to be read at Bristol town council

The proposed new law cites public safety concerns and limited where and when citizens can distribute materials during parades. This comes after last year's July 4 parade, when a member of the Tea Party group in R.I. distributed declarations of independence, U.S. Constitutions and other materials to people along the parade route. Other items, including promotional items for a politician were also found during the clean up of last July's parade.

Julia Alvarez visits

Renowned poet and writer Julia Alvarez will deliver a speech Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center. Alvarez will share insights and observations of the Latino experience in the United States.

No Issue Next Week

There will not be an issue of The Hawks' Herald coming out next week. Our next issue will be out the week before Spring Break, on Monday, Mar. 8.

Husband Lindner

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Senate passes bill to fund academics

Kelleigh Welch
Editor-in-Chief

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Student Senate passed two bills, the first allowing funding to send junior Nicole Foti to the Popular Culture Association National Conference in St. Louis, Mo., and the second to provide second semester seniors with funding for academic-related work, as in the case of senior Kurt Schlagenhaufl, who asked for funding to attend the same conference.

Prior to the meeting, Senate did not fund second semester seniors because "the funding for such conferences is generated from the Student Activities Fee (SAF), a $2.60 charge on every full-time student's tuition. The total SAF generated is annually dispersed to all University clubs and organizations." So the SAF fosters student participation in active groups. But second semester seniors were considered poor recipients for conference funding because, graduating in May, they wouldn't necessarily contribute to next year's club and organization growth," Senate President Cory Egan wrote in a statement Tuesday night. Foti and Schlagenhaufl have come to Senate in early February requesting assistance to fund the trip. According to Foti, they already had funding from the English Department and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, however, they didn't have enough.

But it wasn't just the funding for the conference that was an issue. Schlagenhaufl has a second semester senior, and despite the honor of being selected for this conference, Senate bylaws prohibited the funding of Schlagenhaufl.

"This has been an ongoing argument for three or four years. However, it's last been assumed that there is a lack of support for second semester seniors. What some of the senators did this time was make a valuable argument that second semester seniors should get funding because they can bring something to the school." However, with the passing of the second bill, these seniors can be funded by Student Senate in regards to academic-related needs.

"We now have the ability to help subsidize the cost," Egan said. "It will always be made on an ad-hoc basis, and there may be situations where we can't afford to fund this. It works the same as the finance committee." "We can help students find where to go."

― Ashley Saunders

According to Student senator Brian McGrath, this "shows that Senate also strongly supports academic." Foti and Schlagenhaufl were selected to represent two of 20 students in the conference. However, the new bill does come with guidelines.

"The primary worry is that Senate funds will be exploited by students unwilling to contribute to their own projects or who have neglected to ask other relevant departments for financial assistance such as their own Academic Departments." Egan wrote in his statement. "To mitigate this concern, a list of requirements were incorporated in the bill ensuring that Senate would serve as an emergency, kind of the road's source of funding.

These include written proof that all alternative sources of support were exhausted before approaching Senate, and the self-provision of a portion of the total costs is done by the student hoping to attend the conference."

"We can help students find where to go," Senate Vice President Ashley Saunders said. "They come to us and we can turn them in the right direction."

Students are advised to use this as a last step when looking for funding for academic work, and there is no guarantee that they will receive funding after submitting a proposal. However, senators who are in their second semester no longer have to worry about the prohibition of funding by Senate.

"That dynamic is very interesting," Egan said. "Senate's here to promote the interest of students. As students, we are here to study, that's our interest, so why can't we be more forthcoming to fund academic interests?"

Global Fest to celebrate cultures

Katlyn Proctor
Herald Staff Reporter

Roger Williams University's Annual Global Fest is coming up soon. On April 7 from 12 to 3 p.m., students can browse around the Telghouse and check out all the diversity that RWU has to offer. International students and student-run clubs and organizations on campus set up interactive tables with games, trivia, information and even food, to get students more involved and interested.

"Global Fest is a celebration of different cultures, backgrounds, ethnicities and beliefs at Roger Williams University," Co-President Aimee Curran said. A few countries that will be represented at the Global Fest are Saudi Arabia, Italy and Vietnam. In addition to all the displays there will be an interactive workshop from 3 to 4 p.m.

"Every year the workshop changes, and this year we are trying to do a Celtic dance lesson," said Curran.

All students are invited to attend this free event. Prizes will be given out to those who visit more than ten exhibits. Keep your eyes out for more information and watch the calendar!

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RECYCLING: University produces average percentage of recycling of waste compared to other schools

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Scott Yonan, director of Allied Waste, the company that runs the campus recycling, said the amount of recycling is bad, but that's the last choice to make. If you can reduce your usage first... then there's nothing to recycle.

"I don't want people to get the message that recycling is bad, but that's the last choice to make. If you can reduce your usage first... then there's nothing to recycle.

— Scott Yonan

Credit: Companies are required under the new law to tell people before raising interest rates

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if your payment is due on a holiday or weekend, you will have until the next business day to pay.

Changes in communication required of the credit companies also come with the new law.

The credit card companies are now required to tell you 45 days before they can increase your interest rate, charge certain fees that apply to your account, or make other significant changes to the terms of your card. The companies will also start telling you how long it will take you to pay off your balance if you only pay the minimum balance and how much you would have to pay each month to pay off your balance in three years. These things will be included on the bill.

Your credit card company also cannot increase your interest rate for the first year after you open your account. If the company raises your interest rate after the first year, the rate only applies to new charges on the card.

You need to tell your credit card company if you want to allow charges that go over your credit limit. If you do not choose to allow over-the-limit transactions and one goes through anyway, your credit card company cannot charge you over the limit fee.

Credit card fees (not including late fees) cannot total more than 25 percent of your initial credit limit. So if your starting credit limit is $500, your first year of fees cannot exceed $125.

More information can be found online at federalreserve.gov.
Growing up N.H.

Katlyn Proctor
Herald Staff Reporter

"Today we are standing up for the liberties of same-sex couples by making clear that they will receive the same rights, responsibilities, and respect — under New Hampshire law." — New Hampshire Governor, John Lynch.

One would be surprised at what a subject this is to write about. I sat and pondered my approach for many reasons. One, I simply could not think of how I wanted to express my opinion. Two, I could not decide whether my sister would be mad that I was speaking out while she is still so young. And three, although I completely support the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, I am nervous of the positive or negative reaction I may get from my friends, family and peers. This nervousness, however, is not enough to keep me from adding my two cents. I have lived in New Hampshire for more than ten years. My sister, Alexe, is a lesbian. Growing up with my sister was nothing out of the ordinary. She was always the tomboy adorned with basketball shorts, a Chicago Bulls sweatshirt and her hair in a ponytail while I was what my parents called "the glitter princess." She would never let me come close with a makeup brush or a bottle of nail polish. When she reached 6th grade, she copied the usual attitude and while we couldn't do anything about it. As a side note, I would do absolutely anything for my sister. I have never loved anyone so much in my entire life and although this could be dangerous to say, I love her more than I love my parents. Home isn't always the best place for us. My parents were never around and when they were, before divorcing, times weren't happy. That's why we are a team. I would die for her and do anything in my power to see her happy. Through thick and thin we are there for each other and it broke my heart into pieces to see her like this.

Within the past couple months, Alexe came out. And I have never seen her happier. She finally confided in me that the thought of coming out had tormented her for years.

Nothing had ever hurt me more than the thought of her being so tormented by not being able to be herself because of the fear of being accepted (or rejected) by everyone in her life. I never realized the psychological impact this could have on someone.

Her coming out has changed nothing in my family. We all love Alexe and respect her for who she is. Watching Alexe struggle with the difficulty of coming out was one of the worst things ever. When her heart aches, mine does. When she is unhappy, I am too. I am so glad to finally know that she can be happy with herself. And I am pleased that the state that I live in respects the equality of humanity enough to allow same-sex marriage. I am pleased to know that my sister can live a life with her partner and be accepted for it, without worry of not being able to be well.

I believe that it completely goes against the rights of humankind to restrict people from experiencing love. One should never have to worry about who they love, and where they do it. The rest of the United States should pick up on this movement and set aside their differences. Everyone should be happy and truly, it is wrong to allow people to suffer. What kind of nation are we to not allow people their right of happiness?

Did we piss you off?

Did someone else piss you off?

Is something on campus pissing you off?

Tell us about it. hawksherald@gmail.com

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Top 20 gay-friendly schools

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2. Stanford University
3. New College of Florida
4. Swarthmore College
5. Emerson College
6. Simon's Rock College of Bard
7. Prescott College
8. Wellesley College
9. Marlboro College
10. Mount Holyoke College
11. Bennington College
12. Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
13. Macalester College
14. Hampshire College
15. Grinnell College
16. Warren Wilson College
17. Reed College
18. Smith College
19. Pitzer College
20. Vassar College

From the Princeton Review

The Hawks' Herald asked:

What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport and why?

Connor Gentilcore
Herald Staff Reporter

"Hockey because it's exciting and a lot of people are into it."

Christian Haddad, 2013

"Speed skating because it's a huge adrenaline rush."

Jen Ayala 2013

"Figure Skating since Evan Lysacek is hot."

Meghan Sullivan 2013

"Snowboarding because it's way better than anything else."

Anna Dallendorfer 2013
Art show helps Haiti

Kelleigh Welch
An art show in the library on Wednesday night raised money for Haiti relief.

Top workstudy job on campus is Hawk's Nest Desk Attendant

Kathryn Proctor
Herald Staff Reporter

It's finally been done. After intensive investigating, the best work-study job has been discovered. The criteria were based on what the typical (hon­est) student wants to do when they get to work—nothing. When you team up nothing with being able to eat text and do homework without being constantly interrupted by questions, telephones or other students, you have the best work-study job.

Some work-study jobs were ruled out in the beginning. Anything that involved walking outside in the cold, answering lots of phone calls or photocopying was knocked from the list. Other work-study jobs were more closely examined.

For example, being a Public Safety Attendant. Although you get to hang with the toughest enforcers on campus all day and you get to do your homework, it is a far walk from punching in at the North Campus location to the tiny public safety hut. And then back to punch out. It's a little bit on the more serious side, although we all know how nice Public Safety actually is. One perk (I would assume) that would keep it in the running: no tickets. Feel free to argue me on my choice of ruling out public safety attendant.

Next off the list is Media Services Assistant. Working with electronics is easy for most of us, and the best part about this job is carrying around a walkie-talkie and driving a golf cart. You get to hang in the basement of the library and wait on frustrated teachers who cannot get the DVD player to work for the life of them. But, dealing with stressful situations isn't always fun when you can be listening to your iPod and doing homework with little to no interruptions, talk on the phone, sleep and listen to music. During the day there is a "managent" who makes rounds, but I heard he is a nice guy.

The winner of the best work-study job was titled "Hawks Nest Desk Attendant" by student L.J. Zarisky. This job, fellow students, has it all. Located nicely next to coffee, sweet treats and smoothies, desk attendants simply monitor the pool tables, video game station and TV. These are the people you are required to check in with in order to get permission to play. Also, as a desk attendant, you can watch TV, if not taken by another student, play video games and pool, depending on the hours and if students are using it, eat, do homework with little to no interruptions, talk on the phone, sleep and listen to music. During the day there is a "managent" who makes rounds, but I heard he is a nice guy.

So when choosing a work-study job, choose wisely. Narrow down the options and weigh out your best choice. Feel free to argue with me on my choice. E-mail me at kproctor687@g.rwu.edu
Spring is coming, and that means it's time for students to get into Bristol and enjoy living on the coast. Here, we highlight some of Bristol's finest restaurants, coolest places to hang out and entertaining things to do to keep you occupied this spring.

Go for a walk downtown. Poke your head into that cake store, meet the people who work at the toy and book stores, and stop by the Beehive Cafe for some coffee.

Bristol Mansion and Gardens: You drive by them often enough, why not stop by and figure out what is actually there?

For Pizza: Papa Joe's Wrap Shack. Try the buffalo chicken pizza. Trust us, it's delicious.

For Ice Cream: The Daily Scoop. It's local, it's fresh and it's homemade.

For lunch with visiting grandparents: Topside Bar & Lounge. Their new atmosphere and menu are great. Plus, they have a deck.

Do You Enjoy Tanning?
Come Hear an RWU Alumnus Tell Her Story

March 4th at 7pm in CAS 157
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The Columnists

Spreading the Lenten Love

Kerry Burke and Christine Adamczyk

Contributors

When Christy and I decided to forgo the traditional pre-Lenten resolution and help strangers instead of giving up a food or a bad habit, we weren't sure what lay ahead of us. We felt open-minded about this refreshing new idea, and were hoping that it would provide us with that warm fuzzy feeling what lay ahead of us. We began on Ash Wednesday, improving the life of one stranger every day. We started with small things, like holding the door for someone a few steps behind us, or letting someone go in front of us at that damned Cumberland Farms intersection. These are things that we should do all the time, but forget to do in our everyday hustle and bustle. Christy and I were planning on volunteering at the Animal Shelter this past weekend, but unfortunately I was hit with the plague, also known as the common cold, so we decided to postpone it until next weekend. Instead, I was stuck on my couch with a box of tissues and a bottle of Nyquil. As I was leaving CVS post-Nyquil purchase, I ran into an interesting opportunity. I was getting into my car, and I looked up and saw an elderly woman struggling to push her shopping cart. She had three fairly small bags, but she had a hard time lifting even the lightest one out of the cart. As she started walking toward her car with the first bag, the cart started to blow away down the sidewalk.

“I felt like crap, my nose was running, and as sad as I am to admit this, on any other day I would have probably walked away.”

— Kerry Burke

So, to sum this up, I would like to thank the kind umbrella guy. Offering me your umbrella was very nice. And boys, remember that it is nice to help a girl out. Who knows, you may even get thanked in the paper.

— Kelleigh Welch, Editor-in-Chief

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Yelp.com

Read reviews of whatever you could possibly want to do in a city, posted by people who have already been there and done that. From restaurants to nightlife to shopping, Yelp.com compiles reviews of everything you need.

BoingBoing.net

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“Climategate: The World’s Biggest "Story, Everywhere but Here!"

Pajamasamedia.com

A blog article discussing international policies on climate change, and blatantly pointing out that the U.S. media does not cover any of it. The post also points out the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change made several errors. Go read the post.
Olympic Dreams

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World Watch

Stability of the Euro threatened

After years of releasing inaccurate fiscal statements, Greece is facing a credit crisis akin to the one suffered by the United States in fall 2008. In order to stem a financial crisis threatening to sweep through southern Europe, other countries with healthy budgets, like Germany and France, are poised to bail out the debt-laden Greeks. Though it was one of the major supporters of a unified European currency, Germany is now hesitant to subscribe to a large-scale bailout, fearing that it would endanger its own people's economic security in the process. Inaction, however, may very well weaken the euro to the point of extinction.

An unlikely Arab ally shapes up

Though Pakistan harbored terrorist groups in the past, the country is beginning a tentative working relationship with United States coalition forces. Working off jointly gathered intelligence, U.S. special forces captured the Taliban's deputy leader and operational commander Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in the Pakistani province Karachi. Meanwhile, U.S. troops have earned an important victory in Afghanistan's ultra-hostile southeast region. U.S. forces in conjunction with Afghan troops gained control of Helmand, one of Afghanistan's most dangerous provinces. This victory gives U.S. troops needed momentum in their complex and treacherous mission to eradicate Taliban insurgents taking refuge in southeast Afghanistan.

Chad-Sudan peace agreement could benefit Darfur

A truce signed by Idriss Deby and Omar al-Bashir, presidents of Chad and Sudan respectively, represents an agreement mutually beneficial to the two the two warring countries. Both leaders hope to earn votes in their upcoming elections by bringing stability to the countries' strife-ridden boarder, located in Sudan's Darfur region. Though peace deals between the two countries have historically been ill-fated (one lasted only for two days) this accord is unique because it's mutually beneficial. If the truce proves enduring, violence in Darfur could be alleviated. Chad supported Darfarian rebels in the past. Analysts argue that with Chad's support absent, Darfur could make true progress towards peace.
The ACHA, or American Col­lege Hockey Association, is a very aggressive league with excellent students. In order to keep their season on track, they hosted Northeastern University. Despite a tough effort, RWU’s first ever club ice hockey team was defeated by 5-2. Sean Reilly gave the Hawks their first tally of the game with Devin Zuck­er assisting the goal. The Hawks second goal was contributed by Daniel l’Esperance and assisted by teammates Chester Potter and Frank Castorina. Although the men started out on a bad foot, their futu­re seemed bright.

Two games after their first loss, the RWU men’s club ice hockey team discovered what winning truly felt like. Merrimack College hosted Roger Williams, as the Hawks defeated the Warriors 10. With one win under their belts, the squad kept the win­ ning streak alive with two more wins over Lyndon State College and Connecticut Col­lege. The rest of the season seemed to favor the Hawks’ oppo­nents, but nevertheless, the men showed great effort in their first ever RWU club ice hockey season.

RWU’s new club ice hockey team allows students to play at the collegiate level, while getting an excellent ed­ucation. Students straight out of high school or prep school have the opportunity to grow as individuals on the ice, as well as have the chance to better the school’s young program. The men will be back on the ice next Octo­ber rigorously working to achieve a successful season.

Ryan Kesler chased down the puck and with a flick of his wrist shot the puck into team Canada’s empty net to secure the game.

Team USA won the game 5-3. A lot of sports analysts looked at this game and compared it to the game between team USA and the USSR in 1980 at the Lake Placid Olympic games. Hope­fully all an­swered if these two teams face one an­other in a possible gold medal match up.

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The U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated Canada on Sunday night.

**U.S. Olympic hockey team defeats Canada, 5-3**

**Cheerleading team places first in Portsmouth Cheer Challenge**

**Kathy Proctor**
Herald Staff Reporter

The life of a cheerleader consists of practice, fundraising, games and competition. Fundraising is for the team apparel and gear necessary to practice. Practice and games are all build-up to competition, where multiple schools bring their best routine, involving stunting, dancing, cheering and tumbling, and the best team wins.

Roger Williams University cheerleaders did just that. RWU's own 24 girls represented RWU and placed first in the All-Girls Division of the Portsmouth Cheer Challenge Competition on Feb. 6. "It's just a great group of girls," said cheerleading coach Andrea Merisiotis. All girls brought their best along with a little piece of RWU pizzazz and they won a trophy.

The team regularly performs at the men's basketball games, pep rallies, Casino Night and Midnight Madness. "Other than competition, basketball games are our main focus," said Merisiotis.

The team itself is currently only conditioning and getting ready for more fundraising where they plan on selling team gear.

"I was in the right place at the right time, said Merisiotis about becoming coach of the cheerleading team. "For sure."

**College basketball weekend approaches**

**Dan Maltin**
Game winning streak

This upcoming weekend will be one of the most important and exciting weekends in all of college hoops.

As teams enter the final leg of their seasons, it will be vital for them to be playing at their highest level. The weekend will also consist of five standout games featuring ranked teams looking to make a push heading into the NCAA tournament.

The first game of the afternoon will be Kentucky traveling to Knoxville to take on the Volunteers. It will be an SEC battle where both teams have consistently played at a high level in the conference all season long. Tennessee is coming off a loss on the road against Florida and will need to pull off an upset against the Wildcats in order to keep their top 25 ranking alive.

On the other hand, Kentucky is currently the second ranked team in the nation, riding a very impressive seven-game winning streak. The Cats feature a dynamic duo of freshmen, as John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins lead the way for their squad. This has the potential to be the best game of the weekend as the sellout crowd in Knoxville prepares for an upset.

Tennessee 82-Kentucky 80

**The battle of the Lone Star State**

The battle of the Lone Star State is sure to be an intriguing matchup. Both teams have had roller coaster-type seasons, and an in conference victory at this stage of the season would be a major victory.

Last month the Longhorns were ranked at the No. 1 slot and have slid 20 positions into their current rank. They have struggled immensely on the road at College Station will not come easily. Texas A&M is a well rounded team that, on the right day, could beat any opponent in the country. They came close to beating Kansas last week and have key wins against Texas Tech and Baylor. This is going to be a very close game and either team could easily pull off the victory.

However, the Longhorns have too much at stake at this point in their season, and I see them coming out firing on all cylinders.

Texas 74-Texas A&M 70

Another eventful matchup will feature two of the Mountain West's top teams. New Mexico will travel to Utah to take on BYU in a rematch of their game in January.

The Lobos are the hottest team in all of basketball right now and have won 12 straight games. They were able to beat the Cougars at home, 76-72, and this game is sure to be as close.

As of late, BYU has been dominating teams and their home court advantage should play a huge role in taking down New Mexico in this game. The one-on-one matchup between Jimmer Fredette and Darrington Hobson at the guard position should be an exciting one. If Fredette, BYU's standout guard, can knock down his shot consistenly the Cougars will win this game.

BYU 69-New Mexico 67

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