Reorganization creates dispute in SAAHP

Ben Whitmore
Assistant News Editor

The School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation (SAAHP) will undergo controversial changes during the upcoming reorganization of the academic schools and colleges. As part of President Roy Nirschel’s Strategic Plan RWU 2020, the university is planning a realignment, which will go into effect July 1, 2011, and will group faculty representing various majors with other faculty from different majors currently working under different deans.

According to a letter authored by President Nirschel and sent to faculty, Architecture, Engineering, Construction Management and Historic Preservation will be combined into one school, led by current Dean of Architecture, Stephen White. Art and architectural history, currently a part of the SAAHP, will be moved to the proposed College of Communication and the Arts. Besides art and architectural history, the new college will contain communications, creative writing, the languages, English literature, visual arts, music, dance and theater. The school will be lead by current Dean of the Feinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Robert Cole.

“A key idea is wanting to bring the arts together in a way that has not happened before,” said Nirschel.

Senior receives Outstanding Peer Educator Award

Herald Staff Report

Roger Williams University Health and Wellness Educator (HAWE), Hannah Freedman, was honored at the recent BACCHUS Network regional conference for her peer education efforts at RWU and the local community.

Freedman received the BACCHUS Area 90 Outstanding Peer Educator Award on Feb. 27 at Suffolk University in Boston.

Mass. This award is given to a peer educator who has demonstrated commitment to their peer education program, excellence in leadership roles and maintained academic success.

Freedman is an RWU senior studying communications with a minor in political science. She joined the Health and Wellness Educator program as a sophomore. In 2008, she was appointed to the school of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation.

Tuition will rise 3.5%

Keira Haley
Herald Staff Reporter

Roger Williams University will increase tuition 3.5 percent for the 2010-2011 academic year, according to the university’s head of finance. The raise is exactly the same percentage as last year’s tuition boost. The increase should set next year’s tuition at $35,794, excluding architecture majors. Room and board costs and fees will likewise rise 3.5 percent.

“We’ve taken into account the fact that families are struggling as well,” said RWU Vice President for Finance James Noonan. “Last year we had the lowest increase of tuition in the history of the university.”

While other schools are struggling in this harsh economic climate, universities all across the nation have been raising tuition more drastically, especially at state universities such as the University of Maine.

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Students go to Turkey for conference

Kelleigh Welch
Editor-in-Chief

From Mar. 1 to 5, three members of the RWU chapter of Model United Nations (MUN) attended a conference in Antalya, Turkey at the Chateau Prestige. The students in attendance included Russell Feely, Ziad Achkar and Corey Egan.

At MUN conferences, students from schools across the country and around the world are assigned countries to represent, and split into committees to solve world issues as the United Nations would. The students spend the conference negotiating potential solutions.

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that isn't currently in the structure," White said.

"People really want to be able to see - and students want to be able to make things that maybe they weren't able to see," White said.

"I think the only thing that's missing is this is the vision that is being achieved by the people that are left behind in the factory," Wannall said. "That's the one thing that's missing."
TUITION: RWU's affects financial aid
Continued from page 1 of the Providence Journal, which raised tuition by 2 percent in March. In Rhode Island, Providence College just raised their tuition by 4 percent and Brown University announced a 4.5 percent increase, bringing their total cost to $80,000. Although not too dramatic, Brown's raise is coming with extreme budget cuts, job elimination, and increased enrollment as well.
One reason Brown is struggling a little more than Roger Williams is due to their endowment dependence. In 2008, Roger Williams' total endowment was $8 million. Within that $8 million, about $4 million was designated for the new buildings. In 2009 there was a significant drop, leaving the total endowment at $67 million. "The school went from $90-$60 million, so just like Brown lost [38 million in their endowment] we lost 30 million," says Noonan. "RWU's endowment does factor into tuition. The university has what they call a 'spending policy,' which allows the university to use a certain percentage of the endowment in the budget.
"For instance, in 2009 we had available to us about $4.5 million. For this year that number has gone from $4.5 to $4.25 million," Noonan said. This loss is not very significant, however in prior years the balance was a little higher and it gave the university a little more spending room. Although not significant for Brown, Brown might have had $40 million available, and they may have lost $10 million, so then losing $10 million compared to so losing $30 million. The loss of $90 million in our overall $1.5 million budget is not going to increase tuition as a result," Noonan said.
According to Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Advancement Lynn Pawtucket, we are in a better position than universities who rely heavily on their endowment. We don't. We try to utilize tuition revenue and fundraising. For accepting more students in order to accumulate more revenue, Noonan says it's a bad idea.
"We're not looking for bodies, we want people here for our graduation rate because if they drop out, we don't get that tuition," Noonan said.
"We've had some pay freezes over the past year, we've had some reduction in benefits, and employees are paying more of their share of their health costs than ever before. We're not overly burdened in my opinion. We haven't laid people off but we've got unfilled positions we're not filling," Noonan said.
"Although limiting new hires, the university will be filling some open positions. We've looked at all of our open positions and the majority of them have been put on hold at this time unless they are health and safety related, critical to the academic needs or allowed us to raise money. So for instance, we have a Dean of Admission position open. We use the Dean of Admission in order to recruit students and to help generate tuition revenue so that position will be filled," Pawtucket said.
There are other small ways the university is bringing in revenue. For example, when a student uses his or her UniCard in the town gift shop, the university gets a commission. The town gift shop bought over $25,000 in commission.
Roger Williams is also looking into the possibility of renting wed­dings on campus. "We've got someone running a conference group that's working at attracting weddings. As an alum, wouldn't it be a great place to get married?" Noonan said.
At one point the university owned an insurance agency and it sold a few years ago for $800,000. Also, during the summer there are plenty of class meetings empty, so the university is trying to have more classes during the summer to generate revenue from the buildings that otherwise aren't being used.
The new North Campus Residence Hall and the Global Heritage Building have accumulated debt. "We've not had a lot of fundraising where folks have stepped up," Noonan said. "So here's $5 million, put my name up on a building and build a building. [...] So the buildings and the entire campus has been by borrowed money over the years. So we have $104 million in debt and we pay an interest rate on that. Our interest rates are 3 to 4-1/2 percent."
"The new buildings, however, were necessary," Noonan said. "We had a consultant come in 2005 or 2006 and look at our academic space and tell us if we were adequate for the number of students, and they came back and said we're short two classrooms. That's when the New Academic Building was born," Noonan said. The required to classrooms quickly became to when the Global Heritage Hall was built.
In regards to the North Campus Residence Hall, Roger Williams had previously been looking at buying apartments, Founder's House, the military housing and the low-income students residences down in Middletown. The new residence hall acquired around 300 new beds, and gave the university a chance to get out of King Phillips and Founder's House.
Ultimately, running a university is the same as running a business. As Noonan said, "We need to run this business as efficiently as we can to provide the product that we provide to the students, so we need to be as cost-effective as we can be."
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Opinion

Career Center looking for leaders

For the first time in two years, the Career Center is searching for volunteer leaders to fill the Career Assistant positions. Both the Career Center Event Assistant and the Career Center Public Relations Assistant are payroll positions open to any undergraduate student, each is expected to work up to ten hours per week for the Career Center for a monthly stipend. Students applying should be familiar with Microsoft Office and have excellent communication skills - both verbal and written.

The Career Center Event Assistant works closely with the team to plan and execute events, mainly communicating with the necessary offices to ensure room bookings, guest speakers, and small details that go into an event. It also includes creating the marketing for the event and helping volunteer voters to work the event.

Major events in the past have included Dining etiquette, Gabelli School of Business Networking Reception, and the Annual Career Fair.

The Career Center Public Relations Assistant is a new, morphed position; the individual will work closely with the Director to develop website content, write pieces for the Hawk’s Herald, maintain social media communications on Facebook, and create print marketing materials.

These positions are considered leadership positions at the University. Applications can be found in the Career Exploration and Civic Engagement building and will be due on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Career Center at extention 3244, or through the Career Center email CareerCenter@rwu.edu.

The Roger Williams Career Center, located in the Career Exploration and Civic Engagement building, assists both undergraduates and alumni in a professional life track after college. Services include the online database for jobs, internships, and mentors - HAWKS HUNT, on-campus recruiting, career assessments, graduate school search and application assistance, job and internship searches, and career events, such as the Roger Williams Annual Career Fair.

Career Fair will help students find jobs

Erica Seymour
Career Center

The 14th annual Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Recruiters for full-time and part-time jobs, summer jobs, and internships will be there to meet with students of all years who are interested in the college’s career fair. Almost every organization in existence has different components and areas that work together to create a cohesive organization and common goal. That means that the same psychiatric hospital, which was basically a given to the psychology major, is now of interest to the Public Relations major, every hospital has a public relations department after all.

A goggle search of “what can I do with my major?” yields around 73,000,000 results in just 0.40 seconds. If a student should look at the listing under their major, say a criminal justice major, that student will be provided with a comprehensive list of the different areas of expertise, such as social services or criminal law, and a list of the different employers. A business major can search for the same thing and find a comprehensive list similar to the criminal justice major, even though the two have very different focuses.

An organization is multifaceted. It has many different pieces that come together to make the organization function and succeed. Organizations are not black and white, they cover a wide variety of colors and people and professions. Here’s a challenge from the Career Center, put the idea to test at the 14th annual Career Fair. Recruiters from a variety of organizations are coming in the hopes of finding people to fill current and upcoming openings. All students regardless of major or class year should attend the Career Fair and should speak to as many recruiters from as many different organizations as possible. Students should bring copies of their resumes and professional attire is highly recommended. As an added bonus, the center will be giving away two $50.00 debit cards, that can be used anywhere, every hour at the career fair. A complete list of the organizations that will be present at the Career Fair can be found by logging into your HAWKS HUNT account. Students can also register on-line for the event via HAWKS HUNT under the Career Events tab. To help students prepare for the career fair, the Career Center will be holding all day resume walk-ins on Monday, March 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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Another kind of senioritis

Kelleigh Welch
Editor-in-Chief

I wouldn’t call it “senioritis” in the terms most students are used to. With the return from spring break, and the beginning of the final countdown to graduation, I find myself refusing to do anything for class. In exchange, however, I’m not sitting off to go out on a Tuesday night instead of finishing my paper, or playing ‘nookie’ to sit in the sun at Colt State Park. Instead, I find myself surfing job websites after job website looking for somewhere that will hire me. I’ll admit, the real world terrifies me.

Over break, I traveled to Washington D.C. to visit a few people who recently graduated and were now working in the city. During the three days there, I got a taste of what life was like: apartment rent costs were over $1000, plus food, plus bills, plus student loans in order to survive, you had to be making at least $40,000 a year.

If you own a car, you have to pay for insurance and repairs, and let’s not forget that in the working world, an old pair of jeans and a t-shirt is no longer acceptable attire. No, you now have to spend money for a suit or a nice dress to appear professional.

And all the while, I was thinking to myself about the $330 I had to live on for the rest of the semester.

Thank you for hat return

On February 24 I attended a faculty caucus and then the annual Britts Lecture. In the lounge or the other I left the Creek fisherman that I’ve had it for several years which comes with a story I won’t tell here. I checked the rooms I was in and could not find it. I assumed it was lost forever. But on March 4th I came to my office door, there it was on the door knob, just waiting for me. I don’t know who found it and associated it with me, and who put it on the door, but to whoever, I thank you for your kindness and it means a lot to me.

Joshua B. Stein
Professor of History

Letters to the editor, commentary and editorials

March 25, 2010

Did we piss you off?

Did someone else piss you off?

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Hand dryers. We understand we're a bit more technologically advanced nowadays. But hand dryers are a step back in the world of technology. We have compiled several grievances relating to hand dryers.

If there were ever an epic battle between a hand dryer and paper towels, paper towels would clearly take no prisoners.

The first issue we have with an automated hand dryer is time. Hope you're ready to waste a good 3 minutes of your life waiting for the dryer to attempt to dry your hands for you. With paper towel, you can choose your own speed. You know what we're talking about: the minute you push that stupid, silver, circular button, and the dryer begins to whistle, you can't help but roll your eyes. As the dryer spouters to heat up, your hands are just hanging limply in the air, dripping water and generally looking stupid. Let's not forget that it's physically impossible to get an even dry from the automated dryers. No matter how you move your hands around, you're always left feeling damp, or with little droplets left on some part of your hand. And what exactly are you supposed to do with your hands, anyway? Do you do the hand jive in the hopes that they'll dry faster? Do you rub them together, over and over again, so that the water will absorb faster? Or do you just keep handing them there and waving them around a little bit? No matter what you decide to do, you still look like an idiot.

Just can't be said about those damn dryers. To make matters worse, as you're standing there, watching your hands be tormented by the automated dryer, your ears are also suffering. The sound those dryers emit cannot be duplicated. You know that sound, though — you hear it before you see the dryer, in most cases. (This is especially prominent in public and airport bathrooms.) You could be a quarter mile away, en route to the bathroom, and as soon as you get within 100 feet, you hear the VROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOD that only a cranky dryer could make. Forget trying to hold a conversation once you cross that threshold.

Ladies, you know what we're driving at here — (since girls are notorious for making gossip trips to the bathroom, all hopes of talking about your dates or what Sally is wearing are lost. The minute that dryer begins to roar, you are temporarily deafened. Also, we're thinking this could be a major fire hazard. What if you're stuck in the bathroom, fighting with a dryer to get it to dry your hands, and the fire alarm goes off? Better hope you can see the flashing lights, because everyone knows you'll never hear the alarm sound over those ridiculous dryers.

Speaking of safety issues, there is a huge health hazard associated with not having paper towel present in the bathroom. Put simply: everyone poops. It happens. Unfortunately, what also happens is everyone spends time on their toilets, a load, and then flushes, wee tiny poop particles are spewed back up through the toilet bowl and into the air. Imagine yourself sitting atop your favorite throne, just don't your business. Think about the proximity of toilet paper in relation to the toilet. It's about 7 inches away, right? Did you know that poop particles can fly up to 6 feet? Yes, it's pretty gross to think about. What happens if someone needs to blow their nose, but an increased amount of energy to run all of the equipment, cost will add up to a significant amount while releasing bad ozone.

In our opinion: Paper towels are still an option.

Hair salon on campus: the environmental view

Samantha Duggan
 Nico Rep

So a hair salon on campus sounds good, in theory, because it would be so convenient for students, especially freshman and other students on campus without cars. However, there are many aspects of this idea that we should be considered from an environmentalist's point of view. One way to maintain the resources we have to use the things we have that already exist. Building a hair salon on campus will be costly to construct and maintain, especially if it's completely paperless. Between the school needing to increase its water usage significantly, and using an increased amount of energy to run all of the equipment, cost will add up to a significant amount while releasing bad ozone.

In our opinion, a campus hair salon businesses like Perfection Spa would have a significantly lower carbon footprint than your hometown. So a hair salon is the best idea is that by the end of the week, it will contribute to the school's reputation. Stealing a bulk of business from local salons would hurt the relationship between the school and the town significantly. I understand that the idea of a salon on campus is still developing, but I think there are still really important issues such as how the environment and local businesses will be affected by these ideas.
Welcome to the Bristol Shore

Think college is a piece of cake?

Want to participate in a cake decorating contest just like on Food Network? Then create a team of 3-5 people to compete in the first cake-off, an all-org event, and help raise money for Dana Farber Cancer Society. Sign ups are from April 5th-8th in the Commons.

When is the event?: Saturday, April 17th
Where is it?: Main Quad (Fieldhouse Rain Location)
How much does it cost?: $5 per person (all proceeds go to Dana Farber Cancer Society)

Contact: Adam Semple at ICC@rwu.edu with questions.
Class helps Bridge to Haiti project

Kelleigh Welch
Editor-In-Chief

As part of Professor of Marketing Kathleen Micken's Qualitative Marketing Research class, a group of students is participating in an auto-ethnographic project, creating a "pop-up" store to sell items donated by members of the RWU community as part of the Bridge to Haiti initiative.

In the past, "the class was originally conceived as a "standard" qualitative research class, with students selecting a topic to investigate; developing interview protocols; conducting, coding and analyzing interviews and videos; and then drawing conclusions," Micken said in an e-mail. "When the opportunity arose to develop a pop-up store on campus that would sell items that had been donated by RWU community members in support of the Bridge to Haiti effort, we refocused the class. Instead of interviewing other people, students would 'interview' themselves as they went through the process of planning for and implementing the pop-up store!"

According to Joelle Riccio, a member of the class, the students have learned that although donations have been made by the country, it is still not enough.

We hope that our efforts will raise the awareness of the disaster that is still in progress," Riccio said in an e-mail.

According to Micken, the idea arose when Professor Brett McKenney, a member of the RWU Haiti organizing committee, suggested a pop-up store. Micken figured out how to incorporate the store into her curriculum.

"The charitable reason (to help with this store) is to help raise funds for rebuilding Haiti," Micken said. "The pedagogical reason is that the project provides a basis for research and gathering data that the class can then analyze at the end of the semester. We will have textual data from interviews, video and photograpy that we can analyze."

The store will sell donated items from members of the RWU community, including handmade products. Prices vary from hand-made soap for $5 to handmade jewelry for $40.

"We would help in developing a culture of charity and civic engagement on campus, as well as later on analyzing our data to see what comments we heard about selling hand-made items as opposed to commercial, mass-produced items," Micken said.

"We'd like to thank the GSB dean, Dr. Jerry Dauterive for his support of the project and the RWU Frisbee club for also being a sponsor. Obviously we are very grateful to all the RWU artists who have donated their work to the project," Micken said.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to helping Haiti. Students are encouraged to donate items. You can drop off items at the GSB dean's office, or contact Micken for further information at kmicken@rwu.edu.

To see some of the items for sale, check out the class's blog at rendezvousforhaiti.blogspot.com.

"We really aren't going to ask for much from students," Riccio said. "Whether you buy one of our products, or if you just make a small donation on your own we would really appreciate it. Even the presence of people surrounding the store could make others more aware and spread word of what tragic events still take place in Haiti."

Potatoes with Cheese and Tomatoes Recipe

INGREDIENTS
8 to 12 small red-skinned new potatoes
2 Tbsp butter
1 med yellow onion, finely chopped
4 large green onions, cut in 1-inch lengths
2 large fresh tomatoes, peeled and chopped
t/s2 cup whipping cream
1 Tbsp finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
1/2 tsp. oregano leaves
1/2 tsp. ground cumin
Salt and pepper
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

METHOD
— Scrub the potatoes; do not peel. Place the potatoes in a large pan, cover with water and boil, covered, until tender when pierced, about 20 minutes. Drain and place in a serving container. Keep warm.
— Melt butter in a frying pan over medium heat. Add chopped onion and green onions and cook until limp. Add the tomatoes and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Stir in the cream, cilantro, oregano, cumin, and salt and pepper to taste. While stirring, slowly add the cheese and cook until the cheese is melted.
— If potatoes are not small, cut them in halves or quarters. Spoon the sauce over the potatoes.
Serves 4 to 6.

Chicken Teriyaki Stir Fry over Vegetables

INGREDIENTS
1/3 c. chopped onion
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 c. soy sauce
2 tbsp. salad oil
2 tbsp. white cooking wine
1 tsp. honey
3 chicken breasts split

Combine onion, garlic, soy sauce, oil, wine, and honey; mix well. Arrange chicken in shallow baking dish; pour sauce over. Marinate at room temperature 30 minutes, turning several times. Broil or grill while brushing with sauce until tender. Cook stir-fry vegetables and place on platter. Arrange chicken breasts over top. Makes 6 servings.

STIR-FRY VEGETABLES
1 tbsp. butter
1 tbsp. salad oil
2 c. sliced carrots
1 c. sliced onion
2 c. green beans or broccoli
2 c. cauliflower or cabbage
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. salt (optional)
dash pepper
2 tbsp. chopped parsley

In wok or large heavy skillet, heat butter and oil. Add carrot and onion; stir-fry 3-4 minutes. Stir in other vegetables and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add other ingredients and stir. Sprinkle chopped parsley.
It all started with snakes...

The history of St. Patrick’s Day

It all started with a saint. St. Patrick’s day, celebrated annually on March 17, is a holiday that is known worldwide. It is an especially prominent Irish holiday which celebrates Ireland’s patron saint, St. Patrick. The holiday is on the day of St. Patrick’s death, and it is celebrated through a grand day of dancing, feasting and drinking. Though St. Patrick’s day falls during the season of Lent, the Irish are able to eat meat for the day. Patrick lived during the fifth century in Ireland, and is recognized as a critical part of Ireland’s history. He is rumored to have converted many pagans to Christianity.

The shamrock, or three-leaf clover, which is the most popular symbol of Ireland, got its claim to fame from St. Patrick, who, according to legends, used to explain the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland. He said that each part of the three leaf clover represented the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, respectively. St. Patrick is also credited with having driven all the venemous snakes out of Ireland as well, though this is unconfirmed. Today, St. Patrick’s day is celebrated in a variety of ways. In America, the holiday is known for its large parades, which feature performers and marching bands. Other countries also have parades, including England, France, Italy, Russia and China. In Dublin, St. Patrick’s day has transformed into a week-long holiday, known as St. Patrick’s Festival. It doesn’t matter if you’re actually of Irish descent.

On March 17, everyone gets a little lucky of the Irish.

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Movie reviews

Shutter Island

by Kelleigh Welch

Based on the book by Dennis Lehane, Shutter Island tells the story of a U.S. Marshal, Edward "Teddy" Daniels, from the Boston area, who is called to investigate a case of a missing patient at an insane asylum on Shutter Island.

While there, Daniels discovers the question-able practices at the establishment, sending him down a path of who to trust and who not to trust as he tries to find the truth.

The movie industry has not produced a decent suspense thriller, in my opinion, since The King and The Sixth Sense, but Shutter Island has restored my hope. I found myself on the edge of my seat, wondering how everything connected, and with the surprise ending, you realize all the hints throughout the film that allude to it. It is definitely a movie you need to see more than once.

If you can’t handle blood, skip this, however it is minimal. The true terror is in not knowing if something is going to jump out, while trying to figure out the mystery.

Overall, Shutter Island is an excellent movie and is worth the $10 on a rainy day.

Alice in Wonderland

Amanda Hewson

If you’re looking for a new spin on a classic film, complete with a varied array of splendid-out characters, then Tim Burton’s Alice in Wonderland is for you.

Burton’s Wonderland picks up years after Alice has first fallen down the rabbit hole, a deviation of Disney’s original, animated classic.

The story begins with Alice Kingsleigh (Mia Wasikowska) being pressured into a marriage to Lord Hamish Ascot (Leo Bill) a man that she does not find appealing. When he pops the question (in front of a hundred other people, no less) Alice becomes quite nervous, and runs off into the woods, claiming that she needs a moment. While she’s taking a breather, she sees a white rabbit, the same one she’s been picturing in dreams. The rabbit jumps in a rabbit hole, she leans over to see where it goes, and falls into the hole. Thus begins Alice’s return trip to Wonderland – or Underland, as it’s now being called.

The Wonderland of Alice’s dreams is no more, however. Alice finds herself thrust into a world that is unlike any she can remember. In fact, she’s not even sure she’s ever been to Underland before. But a prophecy seems to push her as the Alice who will save Underland and restore Wonderland. And so Alice’s adventures in Underland start. She must cope with the malevolent and bloodthirsty Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and the daunting task of slaying the Jabberwocky. Aided by the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), Alice embarks on a task to restore the White Queen (Anne Hathaway) to her rightful throne.

Overall, the movie is an enjoyable one. Depp shines in his portrayal of the Mad Hatter as only he could. Surprisingly, Depp also provided a good chunk of comic relief for the movie, both through funny lines and just plain wackiness. Burton’s Alice in Wonderland is a visual wonderland in its own right.

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MSNBC.com: "NYC Couple tired of cops getting addresses mixed up"
An elderly couple is tired of the police coming to their house looking for criminals. According to them, it's happened over 50 times in 8 years.

Today: msnbc.com: "Wedding guest injured after shooting self while playing Russian Roulette"
A wedding guest shot himself in the temple with a rubber bullet, suffering severe injuries. The game of Russian Roulette was impromptu, and the shooting happened during a speech which was being given in honor of the groom. The man who gave the victim the gun has been charged with hooliganism.

AolNews: "Power to the penis! Japan celebrates phallus with festival"
A national festival is held annually in Japan to commemorate and celebrate the male anatomy - chiefly, the penis. The festival draws huge crowds each year, and nothing is more popular than the 8 foot long, 620 lb penis statue that is carved out of a cypress tree and put on display for the world to see.

Attention: College Freshmen

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On Mar. 23, President Obama signed legislation to overhaul the U.S. healthcare system.
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According to nytimes.com, "Republicans, who voted unanimously against the bill in both houses, vowed to work to repeal the bill and to challenge it in court."

Vatican City
In light of the recent sex abuse scandal against the late Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy of Wisconsin, "Top Vatican officials — including the future Pope Benedict XVI — did not defrock a priest who molested as many as 200 deaf boys, even though several American bishops repeatedly warned them that failure to act on the matter could embarrass the church, according to church files newly unearthed as part of a lawsuit," reported nytimes.com.
This incident has now brought to question the intentions of the Vatican, causing officials to question whether the Vatican had dismissed this situation to protect the church from scandal instead of dismissing Murphy.
According to nytimes.com, "The documents emerge as Pope Benedict is facing other accusations that he and direct subordinates often did not alert civilian authorities or discipline priests involved in sexual abuse when he served as an archbishop in Germany and as the Vatican's chief doctrinal enforcer."
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one overall in the 2001 draft.

This deal is not only good for the Twins and their fans, it opens up for other opportunities for mid-market teams to sign their home grown talent, for instance a small yet successful team like the Tampa Bay Rays could possibly loose two of their star young players to free agency, Carlos Pena, 35, and Carl Crawford, 29, who could opt to shoot for greener grass on the other side of free agency, or stay for a pay cut to play for their original teams.

According to the terms of the agreement, Mauer will receive $23 million a season which compares to New York Yankees ace Carl Crawford, 29, who could possibly loose two of their star young players to free agency, Carlos Pena, 35, and Carl Crawford, 29, who could opt to shoot for greener grass on the other side of free agency, or stay for a pay cut to play for their original teams.

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they are the team to beat.

This year, the team returns 11 players adding five freshmen to the roster of already talented individuals. The Hawks are lead by senior outfielder Michelle Caprice. Caprice will add her experience as a three-year starter to aid her teammates to another winning season. Although Caprice is the lone captain, four of her fellow seniors will contribute to the team's predicted achievements.

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Kansas lost

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eating in the closing minutes.

Down by only one with 44 seconds to play Kansas turned the ball over, on a transition play where NIU was running the floor, the ball found senior Ali Farokhmanesh who found himself left wide open and hit a deciding three pointer. Farokhmanesh finished with 16 points and made a statement in his final year at NIU.

For the first big upset in the tournament comes the number 1 overall team ousted in only the second round. Kentucky and Stanford previously accomplished this in 2004 when they were both beaten in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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**Track & Field**
Mar. 27, Jerry Gravel Classic (hosted by Westfield State College). Westfield, Mass. - 12 a.m.

**Women's Softball**
Mar. 21, University of New England (DH). Home - 12 p.m.
Mar. 18, Curry College (DH). Milton, Mass. - 1 p.m.
Mar. 26, Regis College (DH). Weston, Mass. - 4 p.m.
Apr. 3, Endicott College (DH). Hammond, Conn. - 4:10 p.m. Overall: 6-4

**Lacrosse**
Mar. 27, Endicott College - Home - 1 p.m.

**Tennis**
Mar. 28, Wheaton Invitational. Wheaton, Mass. - 8 a.m.

**Track and Field**
Mar. 27, Jerry Gravel Classic (hosted by Westfield State College). Westfield, Mass. - 10 a.m.

**Co-ed Sports**

**Sailing**
Upcoming races:
Mar. 27-29, Admiral Moore Team Race @ NY Maritime in Fair Haven, N.Y. - 9 a.m.

**Equestrian**
Mar. 27, Regionals (Finals; Mystic Valley Hunt Club). Essex, Conn. - 9:30 a.m.

**Girls Softball team looks to continue their success**

Abby Cunningham
Herald Staff Reporter

The RWU Softball team is looking to find success in the 2010 season, much like the success they achieved previous years. With a 38-17 overall record for the 2009 season, the Roger Williams University Softball team is hoping to improve on last season's nearly 30 win record in search for a Commonwealth Coast Conference championship.

In the 2009 season, the Hawks earned a number four seed in the CCC playoffs. After having a bye and a win in the first round, the squad eventually suffered a tough loss to Endicott, the eventual 2009 conference champions.

Although Endicott is picked to win the conference for the 2010 season, the Hawks will fight to prove

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**Joe Mauer signs contract with Minnesota Twins**

**Will Boshes**

Assistant Sports Editor

For once a hometown talent is going to stick around.

On Sunday Mar. 21 the reigning AL MVP Joe Mauer, the catcher for the Minnesota Twins, signed an eight-year extension with the team worth around $184 million dollars. Mauer, 27, has been nothing but sensational in his short six year career.

A native of Minnesota, Mauer had a lot to think about before heading into this season—would he stay and write his name in the annals of history with the Twins, or would he take his talents to another league, possibly the National League?

With the Twins wanting to nail down a contract and his agent working overtime, the Twins didn't get a deal struck and the two sides went into arbitration in early December.

Bill Smith, the team's manager, was then. This is now, and this game is on neutral court. The Twins out-rebounded Xavier 39-30 in the win. However, the Musketeers have been strong on the boards throughout the tournament and seem like a much stronger rebounding squad.

If Xavier can somehow contain the Wildcat guards and shut down Clemente and Pullen they will move on to the next round. If they are unable to succeed with this task, they may get lit up on the offensive end. I see KSU moving on face Syracuse in the next round in what should be another exciting matchup.

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**Upsets create interest in NCAA tournament**

**Will Boshes**

Assistant Sports Editor

Every March the NCAA basketball tournament takes the country by storm and shocks everyone with stunning upsets or dominant performances that will dazzle the NCAA fans some day.

The NCAA tournament for sure is one of the most exciting things that hit the sports world, what could be better? A one and done and your out mentality, leaves these young collegiate athletes no choice but to leave everything on the court.

Heading into the second round there were three major upsets: a number three seed in Georgetown losing to a number 14 seeded Ohio, along with 13th seeded Murray State defeating Vanderbilt (out of the Salt Lake City bracket) and of course Washington-stoning the #8 seed Marquette (out of the Syracuse bracket).

The second round was filled with a lot of guaranteed wins according to specialists. But did anyone think that the number one over all team in the tournament would fall only in the second round?

Well the impossible happened when Northern Iowa beat Kansas 69-67 on Saturday the 20th, which sent a Mid-South Valley team in the sweet 16 for the first time since 1979 when none other than Larry Bird was attending Indiana State.

NIRU (Northern Illinois) were winning basically the entire game, which is uncommon for a Kansas team coached by Bill Self. Throughout the year Kansas was one of the most consistent and dominating teams in the country posting a 33-3 regular season record and a very impressive 13-1 record in Big 12 conference.

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**Xavier and KSU fight for an Elite Eight spot**

Dan Melkon
Sports Editor

Atlantic 10 clashes with the Big 12 for a spot in Saturday's Elite Eight regional battle. Revenge will be in the air, as K-State dominated Xavier on all levels back in early December. In the rematch it will be all about the matchup between Jacob Pullen of the Wildcats and Dante Jackson of the Musketeers. The Musketeers will also need Denis Clemente to play superlative all game long, while Xavier will need a strong night from Jordan Crawford in the low post.

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