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Besp by lightning strikes and poor heat ventilation, WQRI fights to get itself back on air

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Roger Williams University's student radio station, WQRI 88.3 FM, is predicted to remain off air indefinitely, pending funds for new equipment necessary to get the station to get back up and running.

The station, which usually broadcasts live daily from the campus recreation center, has been off air since May, after the radio station's antenna was struck by lightning, on an event which damaged the transmitter as well.

"There is an extensive amount of work that must be done before WQRI can get back on air," said Harry Lutchen, WQRI's General Manager.

WQRI is currently facing issues on two fronts: its transmitter and its DJ booth.

This is the third consecutive school year that the station has been forced off air for any period of time. During the first year, the station had to stop broadcasting due to the demolition of the original Student Center, which had housed the station's transmitter. The station resumed broadcasting after about a month-long hiatus, during which time the transmitter was moved to Maple Hall.

Last year, the antenna was struck by lighting for the first time, frying the station's audio processor. Again, the station was off air for about a month. In addition to the damaged transmitter, the DJ booth has poor ventilation, causing sensitive broadcasting equipment to overheat and break down. "If it's the booth not ventilated, any new equipment will not function as the east hall," Lindner said.

The heat problems were last fall, when the booth lost an "unusual amount" of equipment, including a distribution amp and a delay (censor), Lindner said. At the time they broke, the amp was still new and has already had its heat damaged. "It's very strange for two pieces of fixed and new equipment to malfunction after such a short period of time," Lindner said.

"Ventilation has been a problem for a long time," said Adrienne Munro, the Assistant Director of Student Programs, and Leadership and WQRI's advisor. "The DJs always deal with it, but when you have new equipment breaking or not functioning after less than a year.

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Senator proposes free legal consultation program

Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

The student senate has issued a committee tasked with developing a free legal consultation program run by third-year law students from the Roger Williams University School of Law. The program would aim to offer legal advice to undergraduate students and other members of the campus community in need of budding lawyers' professional opinions.

The program is the brainchild of Student Senate Treasurer Nick Tsimortos, who was inspired this summer by a similar program at Syracuse University, which hires outside attorneys to give legal counsel to students.

"The way I saw it was, I'd love to see something like this happen, especially when you have a school with a law school," Tsimortos said.

While many law schools have programs in which third-year students offer pro bono legal consultation to outside individuals and non-profit organizations, Tsimortos said he has found no other law school that offers this service to its school's related underclass student body.

"This would be the first program that bridged the gap between the law school and the underclass student at RWU," Tsimortos said.

What is better yet, Tsimortos said, is that the student senate does not have to spend any money from the student activities fund, the pool of money generated from a bimonthly fee collected from all students, to pay for the program.

When Tsimortos pitched the program to the school of law's Student Bar Association (SBA), he was told, "You're away on it and I'll see you later, I don't think it will happen," Tsimortos said.

So Tsimortos proposed the program to the student senate, which was immediately interested, according to Senate President Patrick Catarino.

"I don't think it will happen, but I think it should," Tsimortos said.

The program is open to any undergraduate student, and its first year will focus on contract law, according to Tsimortos.

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Trespasser found bleeding in student's car

Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

In the early morning of Friday, Sept. 17, public safety officers issued a no trespass order against a man who was found unconscious in the backseat of a student's car, bleeding from his arm.

An anonymous student spotted an unidentified man at 5:13 a.m. staggering in the street and adjacent to Jolt. The student reported his sighting to public safety dispatch, who ordered three officers to the scene according to a public safety incident report.

Upon arrival, public safety Shift Commander Dominic Salmone and Officers Russ Torkelson and Jeff Stone began searching for the unidentified man, who was no longer near the scene.

After searching the perimeter of the area in vain, the officers began looking in less conventional hiding places.

Drops of blood on one car's side view mirror and rear door handle prompted one officer to look in the backseat of the parked car, where he found Luke Lohan, 20, of Hanover, Mass., unconscious and unable to be roused. He was bleeding from cuts and scrapes on his arm. The car was unlocked.

The officers entered the car and found a student's car, bleeding from his arm.

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BRIEFS

Oliveia Lyons
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Roger Williams University student, faculty, and staff gathered on the D’Angelo Commons for the Crime Prevention Fair, on Wednesday, September 22nd, to promote safety awareness among the campus community. "Our mission is to maintain a safe and secure environment at Roger Williams University by promoting safety awareness through our crime prevention program," said John Blossing, Director of Public Safety. "We hopefully will reach many of our university community through our Crime Prevention Fair."

The Crime Prevention Fair was co-sponsored by Student Senate and RWU Public Safety. The event featured presentations on Alcohol Awareness, Drug Recognition, Emergency Medical Services, Seat Belt Safety, Women's Self-Defense demonstrations, several RWU clubs and organizations including the Women's Center, Information Technology, Facilities, Environmental Health and Safety and the Counseling Center helped spread a 'safety awareness' message to the RWU community. Multiple call-to-action organizations were invited to work at the fair as well, such as, Brown University Police, Public Safety officers, the Rhode Island MACD group and the Women's Resource Center. The advocates at the Women's Resource Center are fighting to end domestic violence and are working endlessly to raise awareness about the harmful affects of domestic abuse can have. Sheila French, a representative from the Women's Resource Center, said she feels that the Crime Prevention Fair is an important event to hold on a college campus. "We are reaching out to the women, regardless of age, to let them know we are here," French said. The Women's Resource Center creates avenues of internships for college students at Newport and Bristol offices. "As an intern you will gain an in depth look at domestic violence and learn how to help improve safety within the home," says Diane D'Errico, a Community Development Officer for the Women's Resource Center, "It is a great educational experience."

"The most important thing is to be aware and to know what's going on around you," said Laticia Walker, a RWU student and President of the Women's Center. The Women's Center strives to ensure equal and full opportunity for all people. "We are always looking for new faces," Walker said. The RWU Women's Center encourages safety and overall awareness to all university students. The Center for Counseling and Student Development sent P.E.E.R.s (Peer Educators Empowering RWU) to the event to help educate the community on mental health. In informative handouts explain the ways the group's goals were distributed to students. "P.E.E.R.s are students who have been hired and trained by the Counseling Center to provide confidential referrals, supportive listening and informational and educational programs for the campus community."

RWU students stopped by the Crime Prevention Fair in between classes. "I think that the Crime Prevention Fair is a great event to have at RWU," said freshman Kim Fresco. "It promotes values and awareness, which is a major part of what this university stands for." Public Safety officers at RWU encourage students to be aware, be safe and report any suspicious activities to Public Safety. "If students have any concerns, they are urged to contact Public Safety at 401-254-3611.

An aerial view of the Crime Prevention Fair

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and woke Lohan, who was in a "confused state," and "appeared to be intoxicated," according to John Blessing, Director of Public Safety.

Upon interviewing Lohan, officers determined that his birthday was the night before and that he reportedly had been drinking, had fallen and cut himself on a driveway somewhere in Rhode Island.

It is unknown to public safety how or why Lohan came to campus. Lohan was not a registered guest of a student.

While public safety officers questioned Lohan, Bristol rescue units were called in, who brought Lohan to Newport Hospital. The owner of the car was contacted and questioned. The student owner denies having any connection with Lohan.

The public safety officers issued Lohan a trespass order in the presence of Bristol Police officers. This means that if Lohan is seen on campus again, Bristol Police officers will be called and he will be arrested, Blessing said.

Blessing praised the anonymous student who reported seeing the unidentified man wandering in the road. "We want students to be aware, to be safe, and to report suspicious activity to public safety," Blessing said. "That happened in this case."

But if Blessing could send one message to students, he said, it would be to "lock your cars."

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rides program, and argued that Gale's resignation would undermine his credibility with administration. In a later interview with The Hawks' Herald, Gleason explained that because there are no designated chairs of senate committees, Gale and Smith would decide between themselves how work in the Safe Rides committee is delegated. "At this point, Safe Rides still has a lot of work being done," Gleason said, "and I know personally that Tim will continue to work hard at this."

To fill Gale's senate seat, Gleason said he would send out an e-mail call for applications to all students. He said he hopes to have the seat filled within two week's time.

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Safe Rides progresses towards enactment

Kaitlyn Lauer
Herald Staff Writer

Drunk driving is a major problem among college campuses today. Not only are the drunk driver in danger, but also the other drivers on the road are threatened by irresponsible drinkers. In order to help resolve and elevate this serious issue, students at the Roger Williams University are architecting a Safe Rides program for the campus. This program is created to encourage college students to make educated and responsible decisions before and after drinking alcoholic beverages. The mission of the Safe Rides program is to provide safe, free, confidential, and reliable rides home. Tim Gale and Taylor Smith are currently the committee chairs for the program at RWU. Both Gale and Smith have put many hours into their proposal and the promotion of this program around campus. Safe Rides will be provided to students in a 4-mile radius of campus, which includes Bristol and Portsmouth, rides back to Main Campus, Almeida, Baypoint, or another off-campus student place of residence. This program is expected to start sometime in November. The student senate vans will be used for transportation of the students. The students must obey and be willing to comply with the rules of the program. If a student is misbehaving or causing any form of danger to the Safe Rides driver or other students in the vehicle, he or she will be reported to Public Safety. This program is expected to run during the fall and spring semesters on Friday and Saturday nights from 10:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. If the program proves to be helpful and successful, a larger budget will allow the program to extend its availability to Thursday nights. As well as offering a safe transportation for students, a secondary objective is to provide the student body with information regarding safe driving. "We cannot step students from drinking, and we especially do not enforce it. We promote safe choices when a person decides to drink," Gale said. It is important for students to use this program as a backup plan and try to ensure dependable rides back home.

Gale and Smith said they much success for this Safe Rides Program. There was a great turnout at the first meeting, in order to have a solid foundation and reputation, around 70 volunteers are needed, as well as a consistent budget. An initial budget of around $4,600 is necessary for the first full semester of running. However, the following semesters are to have an expected budget of $2,900. The budget includes the gas for the RWU Senate vans, uniforms, cell phones, GPS units, and emergency kit. Gale and Smith, both hard workers and dedicated leaders of this program, were chosen to continue the Safe Rides proposal initiated by Jessica Alder and Brian McGrath, recent graduates who created the program proposal. Gale has four years of experience through the Red Cross with a program similar to Safe Rides designed for various high schools in his area. "With so many enthusiastic volunteers, the program will provide a stronger foundation," Gale said.

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Wrap Shack folds up favorites for students

Darielle Terry
Herald Staff Reporter

As you walk into Papa Joe's Wrap Shack on High Street, the first thing you see is a life-sized E.T. figure. The next thing you will notice is the star wars action figures hanging on the wall, the 200 plus wine corks framing the entrance and cousins from around the world behind the counter.

"We're all just sci-fi geeks. really and we've gradually started putting things up on the wall," Lisa Ventura explained.

Just about every day of the week you can find Lisa in the Wrap Shack, taking orders and running deliveries. Her dad, Dennis Ventura is the owner, but he rarely spends time in his restaurant anymore. Lisa and her brother Dennis are the ones running the place now.

The Wrap Shack is located on the corner of Hope Street and Bradford Street. It is in downtown Bristol, about three minutes from campus. They deliver to all of Bristol and although they do not deliver to most places in downtown, they do deliver to the off campus dorm BayPoint, located in the neighboring town. After you take in your surroundings at the Wrap Shack, you're welcome to take a seat at the counter or at one of their small tables. Someone is usually making a pizza, cooking fries or putting a wrap together. The environment is laid back, casual and fun. You cannot help but look around at all the quirky decorations on the wall while you place your order.

The Wrap Shack, as one may assume, specializes in wraps but they also specialize in New York style pizzas. Almost all of their wraps can be made into pizzas or salads.

Seefood lovers enjoy their popular "Bristolian Wrap." It comes with fried calamari, hot pepper rings, mozzarella cheese, mixed greens, and roasted garlic mayonnaise all wrapped up in a flour wrap.

Their other popular wraps are the buffalo chicken and Caesar salad. Popular pizza's include zarella cheese and basil pesto sauce. The BBQ pizza is just like a BBQ pizza but with bacon added on top.

If you have traveled out of the country lately and have some spare foreign currency, the Wrap Shack would love your donation. They currently have bills from all over the world on display. If it all started when one of Lisa's friends went to Iraq. They sent back some Iraqi dinar to the banker, Dennis, who kept hanging up any foreign currency that he got.

The Wrap Shack has been in business for nine years. Dennis was tired of working for other people so he decided to open up his own business. He had always worked in the food industry and his dad, Joe, who was a chef. Joe unfortunately passed away six months before the Wrap Shack opened so Dennis named the Wrap Shack, Papa Joe’s Wrap Shack in honor of his late father. Dennis had worked very hard coming up with all of his own recipes for the restaurant, but it’s all paying off now. The Wrap Shack is very popular here in Bristol, "we have people that come in everyday, they can't get enough of it," Lisa said. The Ventures also own a cafe in Pawtucket called Julia's Cafe. It has been in business for about two years and they are a little different from the Wrap Shack. Julia's Cafe does serve wraps but they are mainly a breakfast and dinner establishment.

RWU students frequent the counter stools in the Wrap Shack. Lisa said that many RWU athletes come in after practices. "These baseball guys always come in sit at the counter, high five each other and chest pump before they order," Lisa said. People get pretty excited about their food. Friday night is their busiest night, especially for pizzas. Lisa said. "If we get a lot of students, they come in and try it then they just keep coming back," Lisa proudly stated.

If you do not have time to dine in at the Wrap Shack or you do not have access to a car, you can always call "The Hunger Hotline," which is their delivery service. Lisa said, "if you're hungry, call us!"
RWU opens new construction center

Students, graduates and local companies pitch in on design and construction

Article courtesy Bristol Phoenix

With a little help from friends in the construction industry, Roger Williams University has turned an ordinary classroom into a spacious learning center.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday, a group of faculty, staff, student members and students joined industry professionals to open the school’s new Shawmut Design and Construction, Construction Management Project Center and celebrate the result of their “partnership of excellence.” And, since all the work was done for free, the university used the opportunity to say thank you.

Until now, students in the School of Engineering’s computing and construction management program made do with a small room in which they researched, planned, created and presented some impressive projects. But, despite the school’s success in turning out talented professionals in the construction industry, it lacked a focal point on campus.

“The students came to me with a problem,” said Professor Fred Gould, who served as the project coordinator. “In identifying what they and the faculty wanted to bring to future classes, they agreed on a plan to establish a core center for instruction, club and team activities; provide a well-organized place to incorporate a design that speaks to the quality and professionalism of construction management; increase program visibility; and provide the technology to link the school and students with students and industry throughout the world. They had the idea, they had the space, they knew what they wanted the center to look like. What they lacked was the material, the labor and the money to make it happen.”

When presented with what the university had—and didn’t have—to make the project happen, Bill Hughes, president of Shawmut Design and Construction of Providence, agreed to help. After all, he already knew the quality of the program, having hired many RWU graduates. “We wanted to do something to give back to the school,” Mr. Hughes said.

Mr. Hughes began by calling in a favor. “We started asking a lot of people to do a lot of things,” Mr. Hughes contacted a company he worked with on other projects, and which also has RWU graduates on its staff, Vision 3 Architects of Providence. Bill Gray of Vision 3 Architects took the concept the school provided and fine-tuned the design and space elements that would transform the 904-square-foot cinder block room, with lecture hall-style seating, into a state-of-the-art work space.

An army of subcontractors was recruited to donate time to demolish and rebuild interior features. The classroom was closed off at the end of last year’s fall semester, and work began in January. Renovations included leveling the floor, opening the room to the lobby, and creating a board room resplendent with an 18-panel conference table and information technology and audio-visual equipment. What’s going down around Bristol?

Downtown walking tours on Thursdays

On Thursdays, the Bristol Historical & Preservation Society presents an afternoon walking tour (weather permitting). On Sept. 30, the tour with historian Bat Seaton is “Hither and Yon,” which will meander around the lower end of Thames Street and the cover the history of the waterfront. Learn how the 1815 Gale altered the Bristol waterfront. The walk starts at 3 p.m. at the society at 48 Court St. It is free to members and $5 for others. Call 253-7223 for more information. Membership is open to all. There is adequate parking and the society is wheelchair accessible.

Solar power coming to Bristol compost facility

The town’s first alternative energy project is already in the works.

A $60,000 grant through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) was awarded earlier this year that will pay for the purchase and installation of solar panels at the town’s compost facility.

The Water Pollution Control Department, which oversees the compost facility, received the grant, which provides federal funds to encourage renewable energy projects that lessen the reliance on fossil fuels. According to the department’s supervisor, Matthew Caldeiro, “Water and wastewater operations are some of the largest utility consumers.”

This, he says, is due to the fact that the plant is constantly in operation to process sewage into a sludge that can be used as composting material. The solar power generated by this project is expected to save the department about $1,500 from a monthly $5,000 electricity bill at the compost facility, Mr. Caldeiro said.

As the compost facility is prepared to have the solar panels installed, the town will take the opportunity to replace the original roof on the building, a project the town has been getting ready to do this past year. Funding to replace the roof will come out of the town’s coffers.

“Town officials are very excited about this project. It is the first green project that is moving forward in Bristol,” Town Administrator Diane Mederos said. “We are confident that this will be the first of several renewable energy projects, including wind energy, in the next few years. As an example, the East Bay Energy Consortium, which the town is a part of, is currently working on a regional turbine project that would be of great benefit to Bristol.”

The town asked for funding to incorporate both solar and wind projects to generate power. Only the solar project was approved by the R.I. Office of Energy Resources for funding.

In September, five companies interested in bidding on the project attended a pre-bid conference to review the plans in preparation for submitting a bid. On hearing their questions, town officials determined the project’s specifications were too loose for contractors to adequately submit a proposal. “We’re going to come up with a plan that’s a little better defined,” Mr. Caldeiro said.

As a result, the deadline to submit a bid has been extended to Oct. 20.
Griffin Labbance  
Herald Staff Reporter

A 'special' group on campus is putting a unique spin on familiar music. Many students on campus are used to traditional college activities such as varsity athletics, intramural sports and the occasional concert or live band performance. But something that a select group of students is taking part in on campus may turn a few more heads this year in comparison to last.

The Roger Williams University, a Capella group, is a student group of students who sing some well-known tunes in a different fashion. What makes their group unique is that while solos are singing their parts, the rest of the group is singing in ways that resemble backup musical instruments.

Kristina Soprano, President of RWU Special Delivery

As a freshman ... the group wasn’t very organized, but saw a lot of potential in it.

Soprano and the rest of the group look to expand on these locations and perform outside of campus and hopefully bring their shows to a statewide level.

Last spring, the club got a taste of a broader spectrum of musicians by hosting the Spring Showcase in the field house. This invitational featured schools from within the region and totaled about 160 students.

Soprano commented that members from other schools had very positive remarks about the RWU club.

Like any club on campus, the students in Special Delivery are required to have a faculty advisor for the group. The members of the group spoke very highly about their advisor, William Atiu. Soprano stated that Atiu is 'very helpful and a good person to go to if anyone has questions or concerns about the group.'

Special Delivery held auditions at the beginning of this semester for members to join. Although clubs are not permitted to put a cap on members, Soprano stated that the reason for only being abroad in the U.S. also.

Bozeman volunteered for her uni-versity’s United Nations Association of South Africa (UNASA) chapter. Through this, she taught English to students ages eight to 13. Their previous knowledge of English varied but the work was rewarding.

"It was really nice to see the development in the kids’ reading levels and English skills throughout the five months I was there," Bozeman said.

It was in correlation with this program that Bozeman involved herself in a project that she became passionate about; she started working with a program called ‘Girls and Football SA (South Africa).’

"Football in South Africa is what we call soccer in the U.S. The mission of Girls and Football SA is to encourage young girls empowerment through body ownership, self esteem and sense of accomplishment," Bozeman said.

The culture in South Africa is, of course, very different from our culture here in Bristol, R.I., and while Bozeman was abroad she learned a lot about the ways in which cultures differ in regards to gender-based issues.

Unfortunately, South Africa has an infamous reputation for violence. They have the most murders with firearms, assaults and rapes per capita than anywhere else in the world. In a recent survey, it was found that a woman is raped every 17 seconds in South Africa today. Additionally, about one-fourth of the population is unemployed and lives on less than $1.25 a day. According to lostgirlsSA.org, a girl born in South Africa has a one in three chance of receiving secondary school, but a one in two chance of being raped. This is something that obviously has a large impact on the people that live there.

Women and young girls are especially affected by this and, as a result of these problems, the Girls and Football SA program was created. Bozeman, along with five other people that coordinat-ed and found-ed the program over the past two years, which is part of the GSR Tech Project. This program was headed by Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems at RWU, Brett McKenzie.

The computing team collaborated with Ryan Weakes, Sarah Morris and Alexandra Lanier from the Lady Hawks, RWU’s women’s basketball team, throughout the course of this program, helping high school girls practice basketball skills and teach them the basics of computing.

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Willow won't shut up!

Clara Moses
Herald Staff Reporter

When it was announced that quiet hours were to start at 9:00 p.m. seven days a week in Willow Townhouse 1 from now on, students bailed out. The building's RA, Russell Thomas, held a floor meeting last Wednesday to give the news. This is Thomas' third year as an RA and he says he has never experienced such extreme behavior from a unit as a whole, until now.

Normally, quiet hours start at 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and 1:00 p.m. on weekends throughout all of RWU's dorm buildings. However, the change was made for Willow 1 because of the unruly behavior noticed. "The Willow community as a whole has seen behavior that's out of control," he commented.

Core Kimberly Beardsley pointed out that it is an expectation that residents will be respectful of one another so that studying and sleeping will not be a problem for anyone. She wants the dorm to be a "comfortable" place to live. "It's not about us trying to go on this alcohol bender," stated Beardsley. She says alcohol problems are not really related to the change in quiet hours. The amount of students written up in Willow this year are not that much different than the last.

Beardsley also mentioned that part of her job is to help students relate to one another, and that some residents might not feel comfortable asking their neighbors to quiet down. "Some people might judge loudness differently," she added, Beardsley was the one to call a second floor meeting for Willow's last Sunday.

The first meeting had not been well attended, but the students that were there immediately responded by giving attitude to Thomas. From there the response got worst.

Posters had been put up around the unit reminding students of the coming change. Soon after, new posters were put up. Some residents simply amended flyers with a "F" sticker scribbled in the corner, but one had been completely redone to resemble the original while the actual text promoted partying instead of quiet hours.

Because of this the second meeting was called. Beardsley explained that first RAs try to deal with the problem themselves but sometimes assistance is needed. "People will step in and support the process and help out so that it's not all on [Thomas'] shoulders, because he doesn't have to go through that by himself." At this, meeting Thomas went around the building to gather as many residents as possible. Then Beardsley explained that as long as the flyers stop and people become more respectful the quiet hours should go back to normal in around two to three weeks, which put a few residents at ease. "It's not our intention to take something away for a full year at all," Beardsley said in an interview.

Beardsley explained that every situation is different and they would have a fresh start soon. She added, "Our intention is not to crush whatever fun that people want to have, it's to try in a community and we want people to be respectful of one another."
The flip side: What’s it like to be an RA?

Katlyn Proctor
Opinions Editor

Being an RA isn’t easy, although a student may think that it’s no more difficult than simply taking a late night stroll to Stonewall, fewer students came to them with their problems or questions. Once RAs were moved to their own living areas, more accessible areas, students were more willing to interact. Overall, Montefusco is proud of the relationships that RAs have established with the students across campus and over the bridge. "They’re very creative," Montefusco said. "Over at Baypoint… it is very ‘male-heavy’ and one of the RAs did a tie-tying program.

It is this sort of cooperation and cohesiveness that makes a campus run smoothly and ‘helps to build the community’ as Montefusco said. 

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FOOTBALL: Girls play to gain recognition

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As a basis of its function, the
Girls and Football SA program
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Nations Millenium Development
Goals: gender equality, multi-
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They are learning these lessons
through role models like Bozeman.

Bozeman explained that,
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overcome in South Africa."
the Girls and Football SA is
looking to help girls overcome some of these hardships through soccer. According to Bozeman, most
of the girls involved with Girls
and Soccer SA consider soccer
to be a form of escape for them —
they use soccer as a way to
get their mind off some of the
struggles and bad things that
happen around them. Playing
soccer gives them a chance to
be confident about something
and gives them better opportu-
nities in life.

Some say men's sports have
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ensemble into smaller groups. This
segmentation allows for a
cleaner and more solid sound
in every performance. Supran
stated that Ali was a
very useful advisor when he
held auditions; he provided a
more grounded view on
their performances.

The group strives to recruit
incoming freshmen to help
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Lauren Fonti agrees with
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Between the Sheets
The yoga pants dilemma

Lisa Pellecchia
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Regardless of whether it is derived from elitist humor or.....

Sea Shells By the Seashore

Mark Fusco
Photo Editor

Whether it's a quick stop by the car in front of you or a ball being followed by a child on a neighbor..
BP Oil in Alaska: debate over drilling

Courtney Costello
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This summer while most of you were enjoying the sand and surf of the East Coast, the Gulf Coast community suffered through one of worst oil spills in American history. The drilling rig, Deepwater Horizon, leased by British Petroleum, exploded on April 20, causing an environmental and economical uproar. Regulations were not followed prior to drilling and the safer equipment required was not implemented on the rig.

The people whose livelihood and careers thrived on the oceanfront were lost because of this disaster, and the Gulf’s natural environment is now more endangered than ever before. Needless to say, both of these communities have still not yet felt the full repercussions. Due to this disaster, President Obama placed a moratorium on all offshore drilling in the United States. However, it appears that BP still has not received the message that drilling in the ocean is dangerous for all parties involved when the rules are not followed or executed. As it seems, our British brethren have another plan to get around laws put in place by the U.S. Government. Ultimately, BP has defied nature and created an island off the coast of Alaska to get around the “offshore” drilling freeze. This island, created by project Liberty, is a heap of gravel about 31 acres in diameter, located three miles off of the Alaskan shores.

Oh and by the way, the project is in the Beaufort Sea, which is in close proximity to a wildlife reserve. The drilling proceeds on this on-shore (yet offshore) Liberty project island will be one of the largest and riskiest the company ever created. BP plans on drilling two miles deep and then sideways, or as the experts like to call it, extended reach drilling, to get to the oil reserve. This type of drilling style causes “gaz kisses” — the same type of problem that caused Deepwater Horizon to explode.

One might be asking what the fuss is all about... Despite the fact that BP got around the law in place because they screwed up to begin with, it is the sheer pain I feel and I know many others feel as well, when a company goes full force into a high risk project that has the ability to make the same freaking mistake. Now I get that they are still a business and need to make a profit, but BP’s PR department needs to have better publicize on the positives. I’m sure many of you are sick of seeing the same two commercials on how BP is helping the Gulf’s natural environment. BP’s moratorium on offshore oil drilling is under the bottom of the sea, and the safer equipment required was not implemented on the rig.

The Wytch Farm oil field, in Dorset, England, who since 1973 have been drilling, is the longest onshore oil field in Western Europe to remain fully functional. The Wytch Farm oil field has the ability to extract from underneath the seabed and despite the dangerously fragile area they have chosen to drill in, it is fairly safe. In fact, BP has drilled 110 million barrels of oil in the Gulf of Mexico, they had already studied the situation in Alaska and created the most cutting edge plan to reach this vast supply of oil.

The oil is under the coast of Alaska, and although drilling straight down would be really easy, the great engineers at BP have decided to build the oil rig offshore, and drill two miles underneath the bottom of the sea, and then eight miles back into the coast in order to reach the oil. But Andy, how is that better that drilling straight down you may ask? Good question student body! The answer is that this style of drilling is environmentally safer for the ecosystem. Just ask the five people at the Wytch Farm oil field in Dorset, England, who since 1973 have been drilling, is the longest onshore oil field in Western Europe to remain fully functional.

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For those of you wondering how BP can drill despite President Obama’s moratorium on offshore drilling, the answer is simple: the oil is under the shore and despite the oil rig’s construction offshore, the moratorium cannot affect them since it only prohibits wells tapping into oil under the sea. At least BP will be able to counter the ridiculous, unemployment-causing, economy-hurting, and report reliable piece of legislation.

I do recognize that there are some strong arguments against the oil field other than the environmental risk that BP is taking, so let’s address some. First, who wants the Liberty Oil Field to generate jobs to help combat our state and unemployment rate? Also, Alaska and the National Government stand to reap massive amounts of royalties based off of oil that was drilled that would be boring. Who wants to be free from foreign oil that we are already way to reliant on anyway? More importantly, BP is running low on funds with which they can spend to clean up their monumental screw up in the gulf and I know that nobody wants them to do that. So remember everybody, BP is not evil, they just screwed up. Let’s give them a chance to redeem themselves and place scene money back into our economy. Thanks and God bless.

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I have rotten milk in my fridge but I won’t throw it out cuz my R.A. will yell at me/make fun of me!

I still sleep with my blankets of my feet and I have NEVER washed my blankets.

I’m still going to be a doctor. Holy sh#t.

I shaved my pubic hair with my roommate’s razor!

I’m over involved, but I hate this school.

78 east
Stressed Out
Sleep Deprived

I have new inside jokes, but I still love this school.
In tune: what's really good?

"Dog Days Are Over"
Florence and the Machine

Critic’s Pick (Olivia Lyons)

Known for her unique style and her unusual music videos, Florence and the Machine took the stage at the 2010 VMAs and wowed the audience. The captivating sound projected in "Dog Days Are Over" is one of those songs that makes you want to move. The song’s popularity derived from the television commercial advertising the major motion picture "Eat, Pray, Love." Florence wags on her website, "I want my music to sound like throwing yourself out of a tree, or off a tall building, or as if you're being sucked down into the ocean and you can't breathe. It's something overwhelming and all-encompassing that fills you up, and you're either going to explode with it, or you're just going to disappear." Florence truly ‘explodes’ with it. Her song “Dog Days Are Over” is full of life and is worth downloading.

"Hold On"
Sam Adams (produced by Rusko)

Student Pick: Charles Spivey, freshman

Sam Adams, a wildly popular New England-based rapper, is best known for his "1 Hate College Remix" and his debut album "Boston's Boy." The up-and-coming rapper has now released the highly anticipated mix tape, "Party Records," which features his new single "Hold On." "Sam Adams’ newest hit "Hold On," produced by the popular DJ known as Rusko, is a collaboration between dubstep and hip hop. Dubstep is commonly noted for its electronic/dance sound, but I genuinely enjoy this different style of music. Dubstep is becoming a new trend, its popularity is intensifying and it is absolutely worth checking out. Sam Adams’ "Party Records" mix tape is available now and is full of this unique electronic style.

"Kings and Queens"
30 Seconds to Mars

Student Pick: Kim Frezza, freshman

30 Seconds to Mars’ newest song "Kings and Queens" has a "feel good" kind of sound. When compared to the band’s previous hits, this song sticks out. "Kings and Queens" exerts a more inspirational mood and contradicts the genre that Seconds to Mars is famous for producing. The band’s previous hits, this song sticks out. "Kings and Queens," productive. The band explores their talents and defies the limits that their genre has set for them. "Kings and Queens" has a US inspired sound rather than the band’s typical alternative punk style. The engaging lyrics, "We were the kings and queens of promise, we were the phantoms of ourselves, provoke happiness and encourage a sort of artistic freedom. The pop-rock group won Best Rock Video, for "Kings and Queens," at the VMAs on September 12, 2010. "Kings and Queens" certainly has my vote for a download this week.

Answers to last week’s puzzles

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SUNDAY PUZZLER

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I DON'T KNOW...

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IT'S A GOOD DAY TO GET
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Goal-oriented Hawks’ scoring ace Laurin Pendleton leads team in successful season

Abby Cunningham
Herald Staff Reporter

The Roger Williams University Women’s Soccer team has begun its regular season play in full swing as it continues to strive to become a force to be reckoned with. With a 5-3 overall record and a 4-0 conference record, the women are proving to be one of the top contenders for the Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) title. Exceptional wins over Springfield College, Salve Regina, and Colby-Sawyer College have undoubtedly earned the team prestige as well as achieving numerous accomplishments.

One of the top contenders for this season is forward Laurin Pendleton, who has contributed in the team’s success, as well as achieving numerous personal objectives. “I think the biggest attribute to my success is my teammates. Without them, I would never have the opportunities to score and make the plays I do,” Pendleton said. “Because of everyone’s chemistry and ability to work together as a team, it makes us able to score and consistently move forward towards winning each game.”

One of Pendleton’s most recent accomplishments was her hat-trick against Salve Regina University — a feat which she accomplished before. Pendleton continues to strive for excellence to exceed the many expectations of her coach, family, and teammates, while always putting on a powerhouse squad among the top contenders for the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

Two again earn TCCC runners of the week

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