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Beloved former creative writing professor dies unexpectedly

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Managing Editor

Former Roger Williams University professor Michael Gizzi died Sept. 27 in his home in Providence, R.I.

According to his obituary, Gizzi was born in 1949 in Schenectady, N.Y., and received his BA and MA from Brown University. He spent years working as a tree surgeon in southern New England before moving to western Mass. He began his teaching career at Lenox High School and later went on to teach at RWU and Brown University.

Gizzi began his career at RWU five years ago, beginning as an adjunct professor before becoming a visiting professor. Last spring, Gizzi applied for a newly-created tenure position, but due to the economy, the administration had to close the position.

Gizzi then learned that he would not be hired back for a fourth year as a visiting professor. "Though Gizzi's time at RWU was short, his impact was immense," Gizzi was a favorite of many.

His popularity was noted on KiraMyProfessors.com, where Gizzi was received a score of 4.6 on a 5-point scale, in overall quality. The verdict of the raters all echoed similar sentiments.

"Gizzi is AMAZING! Best man alive," read one. Another said, "Prof. Gizzi is a shining example of what teachers should aspire to be. He is interested, engaging, and, most importantly for a writing professor, an actual WRITER."

Many were saddened by the news of Gizzi's death. Former students and colleagues were eager to reflect on the beloved professor's life.

"Michael was a devoted poet who was much loved by the students in creative writing classes here at RWU. He was very serious about his writing, but his poetry had playfulness with words and ideas that spoke toward who he was," said a friend and classmate.

Gizzi was a devoted poet and writer, and his death has left a profound mark on the RWU community. The university has planned a memorial according to Gizzi's wishes.

The memorial will take place at 7 p.m. in the State House to remember the beloved professor. The event will be open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

S.A.F.E. holds vigil for victims of sexual discrimination

Christopher Munsey
Herald Staff Reporter

On Sunday October 17th, Roger Williams University’s LGBT group S.A.F.E. (Sexual Advocacy For Everyone), along with other schools from across the Rhode Island area, will hold a vigil on the steps of the state house to remember the lives lost to gay bullying and raise awareness of it.

The event was planned after the group received numerous emails concerning the tragedies over the last few weeks of Asher Brown, Raymond Chase, Tyler Clementi, Billy Lucas, and Seth Wade all taking their own lives in response to bullying that they have endured because of their sexual orientation. S.A.F.E. stated, "In response to the recent tragedies plaguing the nation from Calif. to R.I., we decided to rise up and speak out against homophobia and its consequences on our educational systems."

Originally, S.A.F.E. planned to form a community discussion about the suicides, but after deliberating on the idea, the group felt that it was better to plan something that would be a combined effort of LGBT organizations from across the state that would bring the community together. From this came the idea for R.I.S.E.E (Rhode Island Students Embracing Equality), which will take place on the steps of the R.I. State House in Providence from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The memorial, students will be able to come together as one to remember those that were lost due to harassment and discrimination; student speakers and musicians will take part in the vigil, as well. So far, S.A.F.E. has been able to confirm that students from Salve Regina, Bridgewater State, Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island College, University of Rhode Island, Community College of Rhode Island, Brown University, and Rhode Island School of Design will participate in the memorial.

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No flu for you

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Based on zero reported instances of swine flu on campus, the recently released Clairey Campus Security and Crime Statistics Act, commonly known as the Clairey Crime Statistics Act, details the types and rates of any on-campus incidents, and to 'call public property crimes that have occurred within the last year.'

Each October, RWU posts the Clairey statistics for the past year (January 1 – December 31), as mandated by the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965. The goal of the act is to increase awareness about campus crime and provide warnings to the campus community when necessary.

Robert Manning  
Herald Staff Contributor

The USS Olympia, Admiral Dewey's Flagship at the battle of Manila bay, is in danger. First commissioned in 1895, the Olympia's first years were spent as the flagship of the US Navy's Asiatic Squadron, overseeing and protecting American interests in China and the Pacific Islands. When the Spanish-American War broke out, the ship, under the command of Commodore George Dewey, sailed for the Spanish-controlled Philippines. Leading the American fleet, the Olympia sailed into Manila bay, delivering a smashing blow to the Spanish fleet in two and a half hours of naval bombardment, and later providing naval gunfire support to marines and Filipino revolutionaries fighting in the city.

The ship, going on 128 years old, has not seen service in a dry dock for even been out of the water since 1945. As one can expect, her hull is in danger of rusting out from under her for the first time in her life. If she is not attended to now, she will sink at her berth within three years. Her current owners, the Independence Seaport Museum, located at Penn's Landing, Pa., do not have the funding for her repairs, nor have they been able to find a suitable caretaker for the old vessel. The ship's restoration has washed their hands of the ship, giving the museum the right to responsibly dispose of her. I.E. sink or scrap her.

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The ship, materials, storage for her historic artifacts and her personnel, payment of the repair staff and crew, the refloating, and the tows for her journey to and from the Norfolk location cost is staggering. The current plan that is under major consideration is to donate the ship to the US Navy, to outfit the ship, turning her into an artificial reef. An independent non-profit organization has agreed to a dredging of a section of the Delaware river, which sits tilted up from her hull. If she is not attended to now, she will sink at her berth within three years. Her current owners, the Independence Seaport Museum, located at Penn's Landing, Pa., do not have the funding for her repairs, nor have they been able to find a suitable caretaker for the old vessel. The ship's restoration has washed their hands of the ship, giving the museum the right to responsibly dispose of her. I.E. sink or scrap her.
GIZZI: students and colleagues reflect

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A bitter pill: Bristol’s favorite pharmacy sells to CVS

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Herald Staff Reporter

Campagna’s Pharmacy has been a staple in the Bristol Community for well over 40 years. It is a small, family-owned pharmacy located on the corner of Wood and State Street. Although, starting Monday, October 18th, 2010 Campagna’s pharmacy will be reopening as a CVS pharmacy.

“October 18th, 2010 Campagna’s pharmacy will be reopening as a CVS pharmacy. It’s been my life for over 40 years,” owner Vinnie Campagna explained. Before Vinnie owned the pharmacy, it belonged to his father. It has always been a family business—that is, until now. Vinnie explained that he chose to sell the pharmacy because he is ready to retire. Campagna’s Pharmacy is about a three-minute drive from the Roger Williams campus. All prescriptions that are filled at the RWU health services come from Campagna’s Pharmacy. The pharmacy delivers the prescriptions to campus, everyday at 4 PM. Their delivery services extend to residents in Bristol. Even though Campagna’s is switching ownership, health services will still be receiving their prescriptions from the same location, just with a different name.

Vinnie believes that selling the pharmacy will not have a large impact on the community: “there will be some changes, but it will be very minimal.” CVS will still sell most of the same products and be able to fill all of the same prescriptions. The new CVS will also make deliveries, like Campagna’s did. CVS just won’t have the same family-owned ambiance. Throughout the years, Vinnie has received many offers from different companies who were interested in buying his pharmacy. However, Vinnie was not ready until now. He finally decided to sell the pharmacy to CVS because he is tired. Vinnie, who has four sons, describes the pharmacy as his fifth child. He has put so much time into it over the years, “I have mixed emotions. I’ve enjoyed it, but I’m glad that I won’t have the responsibilities anymore.”

For Vinnie’s retirement, he plans on spending time with his grandchildren and doing some traveling. He does not know where he wants to travel to yet, “I’m just going to take it easy; I don’t know what I’m going to do. I’ve been doing this for 40 years.”

This Friday night, Campagna’s will close down until Monday morning, when they will reopen as a CVS pharmacy. The store will have some different merchandise, but for the most part, there should not be any major changes. The Bristol community will be unhappy to see Campagna’s leave.

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At Nacho Mamma’s, Bristol
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Town buys Perry farm as open space

Expands area of town-owned open space to 100 acres

Town cashes in on underage drinking

New ordinance keeps underage drinking violators in town

Wireless Zone opens store in Bristol

A Barrington man has bucked the trend in this difficult economy and opened four local franchise stores in the past 18 months.

Wireless Zone business opportunities.biz

Article courtesy of Bristol Phoenix

In the early 1900s, Francis M. Perry built Elm Farm and lived on a large expans of land that ran along Hope Street from what is now the Bristol Country Club.

In between her husband's cow barns and the family's farm house stood a Tea Room where for two dollars or less, a patron could enjoy a lobster or steak dinner surrounded by the elegance and charm of fine dining.

As the years passed, some of the land was sold off and developed, turning farm land into what is now a quiet suburban neighborhood in town. As of August, with care to preserve its former use as a commercial environment, rich with flora and fauna — a state that the family, the town and the conservation committee have agreed to preserve.

The town paid $450,000 from its open space account to the estate of Francis Noel Perry for the adjoining 35 acres. The town will apply for a $250,000 open space grant through the state's Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to help pay for the land. If DEM approves the grant, any money awarded will be reimbursed to the town's open space account.

The Perry property is a combination of woods and wetlands, over which DEM will hold a conservation easement to ensure it remains as protected open space.

Allowable uses include passive recreational activities, such as hiking and environmental education.

"It's good to see that it's finally been acquired," said Ray Payson, conservation commission chairman. "When you look at Bristol, there's not a lot of land left to acquire!" The Perry property had been earmarked for purchase for nearly a decade, he said, when the family first approached the town as a potential buyer with an interest in preserving the land.

"With the Perry property, there's about 100 acres of open space and vines and, in some areas, an old stone wall identifies the land in this quiet residential neighborhood that brackets the acreage. The northernmost boundary extends approximately 60 feet into the neighborhood of Women where it is surrounded by undeveloped space in that town.

The 35-acre parcel that was purchased from the estate of Francis Perry had been in the family since the early 1900s, said Jane Castro of Bristol. Ms. Castro, the daughter of the late Francis Perry, recalled when the land was a working farm with 100 head of cattle, horses, sheep, chickens and "a huge vegetable garden" that her father tended with care to supply the tea room with fresh vegetables.

"After my father died in 1965, my mother rented out farmland to area farmers," she said.

Since 1987, when Francis Perry died, the land has been untouched. It is a natural environment, rich with flora and fauna — a state that the family, the town and the conservation committee have agreed to preserve.

The farm and its tea room were a significant part of the town's history, Ms. Castro said. "We'd love to see the land named The Frank M. Perry Preserve."
You’ve got mail

Christina Berlinguet
Herald Staff Reporter

We all pass by the small white house between the gym and Bon Secours, most of us, do not realize that this building is the Roger Williams mail center. The mail center is filled with smiling faces waiting inside to greet you and give you your packages. It is filled with homemade cookies baked with love from your grandmother, care packages sent to you by your mother, clothing you ordered from your favorite store, posters, and other exciting boxes and envelopes filled with surprises ready to be ripped open. Although anyone can walk into this building, there are a few things that you should know before you enter.

Jerry Caracciolo, the head of the mail center, has a few pieces of advice for students, so that the recent issues of miscommunication between the mail center employees and RWU students can be resolved. He asks that when students come in to get their packages, they bring in their e-mail that they have received from their g-mail account and their school ID. This is crucial because there are many different sizes of boxes, bags, and tubes, and it saves the mailroom workers time if they have the e-mail in front of them, specifying the type of package. Alexis Barnes, a mailroom work-study student said, “If your mom calls and tells you that you have a package, we don’t have it unless we sent you an e-mail. This is a common problem that we come across in the mail center.” Caracciolo also brought up this point, and wants students to know that the mail center only has their package if the student has received an e-mail from the mail center. A recent addition to the lobby of the mail center is a new computer. This computer can only be used to log in to RWU’s g-mail accounts in order for students to check their email, which helps both students and workers identify the size of their package or bag.

The mail center also encourages students to pick up their keys to their mailboxes that are located in lower common rooms. When students pick up their keys, they will learn their mailbox number, which is crucial if a student wants to receive their mail on time. Caracciolo mentioned that he receives a lot of phone calls from parents asking for their child’s mailbox number, but he is not allowed to give out this information over the phone. All of the mailroom employees are friendly and are used to dealing with these common misconceptions, but it could save more time if things could run more smoothly.

The mailroom employees are made up of twenty-four work-study students, two full time employees, and some part-time employees. Last July Carac­ciolo was declared the mailroom supervisor. He describes his job as supervising the other employees, reporting, and keeping track of the regulations of shipping companies, such as FedEx and UPS. Although the mail center is not open on the weekends, the window is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barnes loves her job and loves the people that she works with. With an exaggerated expression on her face, Barnes said that the only thing she does not like is when a student is unfriendly. She hates when a student walks in and she says, “Hi, how are you?” and the student hands her their ID card and says, “medium box.” When students are friendly, it makes the employees’ jobs more enjoyable. There are two shifts that employees can work: morning and afternoon. Barnes explained that in the morning, the workers receive two shipments and they label them and then put them in the computer, which immediately sends out e-mails to students who are receiving packages. When the employees use done organizing the shipments, they deal with the morning rush, and then their shift is done. The afternoon shift deals more with counter help, but the employees also drive around the golf cart and put mail in the mailboxes. The mail center is a welcoming building filled with friendly employees and exciting packages, so next time you receive an email, print it out, bring in your Student ID and enjoy the friendly service provided by all of the welcoming employees. If you have any questions about the mail center, call 401-254-3147.
They stay up ‘til dawn to raise others up

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Herald Staff Reporter

Cancer has always had a significant impact on the population; being the second most common cause of death for children ages five to fifteen in the United States. However, with the aid of philanthropy, its devastating effects have been reduced.

One such instance of philanthropy is shown through Up ’til Dawn on campus. Last year, Kathryn Swenson and Sarah Grille, first-year students in the Allied Health department, founded this on-campus affiliate of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and has been a group on campus for the past two years. Both of the girls have had varying inspirations for starting the group at Roger Williams University. "My good friend invited me to a philanthropic event because she knew how much I loved with the people and the organization, and knew that Up 'til Dawn had become prominent on the Roger Williams campus," said Swenson.

As for Grille, she said, "I have had personal experiences with cancer affecting my family. Working to help other families in the same situation is, to me, the highest priority of my life."

The objectives of the affiliate are to inform the campus of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, to take children whose families cannot afford such treatment, and to fundraise, and to build teams for a final event that consists of people staying up ‘til dawn—“hence the name—to raise awareness and funds for cancer research."

"The idea behind this organization is that it helps students learn who they are, and builds up their motivation in becoming a leader," said Streiff.

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In this level, conscientiousness of self, congruency, and consciousness of self. We have discussions and read articles related to these three ‘C’s and how they can be used in our life and our leadership styles. It is so important because this is a significant tier because it helps students learn who they are, and builds up their motivation in becoming a leader."

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Ben Whitmore
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In light of a recent spike in students confessing to binge drinking out of water bottles filled with vodka, Roger Williams University has redrafted its open container policy, now including bottles with screwed on lids under the umbrella of prohibited alcoholic containers.

"It's not a new policy; it has been around for ages," said Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students and Co-Chair of the Alcohol and Drug Taskforce (ADG). It's just about what clarifying an open container is.

According to McMahon, the term open container refers to a "container of any kind containing alcohol outside or in the common area. A container is any bottle, can, glass, or receptacle similar to that designed to hold or that is capable of holding a liquid that is alcohol." This current definition of an open container has not changed noticeably from previous years' definitions. What is new, she said, is that containers with caps on them that are found to be either outside or in a common area of campus or a dormitory will be treated as an open container.

McMahon said she has been troubled by a change in the drinking culture here at RWU. "Every week this year I've met with, if not one, but two or three students who have been transported and when I ask them what they were drinking, they say vodka out of some type of a container, whether it's a water bottle or a Gatorade bottle," McMahon said.

From the start of the school year to the current, no more or fewer students have been assessed for alcohol poisoning by Public Safety and Residence Life staff members than in the previous year, McMahon said. But the percentage of assessments that result in a medical report, however, is "much higher" than last year, McMahon said. McMahon did not provide specific numbers of assessed and transported students.

Public Safety officers have been patrolling around designated high-traffic areas on campus on Friday and Saturday nights in order to stem students' dangerous drinking, said John Blessing, the Director of Public Safety.

"If we see a student that we believe that they have alcohol inside their container, we're going to investigate it," Blessing said, "and if it turns out that it is alcohol, we'll document it accordingly." Similar to what we did in the past with beer cans and beer bottles, which are much more noticeable, Blessing said that Public Safety officers are trained to approach suspected drinkers only on "reasonable suspicion." It's got to be something that attracts the attention of the officer. The student might be uncivil, they might be stumbling, having a staggered gait or appear to be intoxicated," Blessing said. "We're not going across campus at noon time checking containers. It's generally night time after weekend hours when we think alcohol may be a factor in some of the activities going on campus."

When Public Safety officers are confident that a student may have alcohol in an otherwise inconspicuous container, but the officers can not immediately prove the presence of alcohol, the officers may ask...
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the student to pour out the contents of his or her bottle, Blessing said.
Students of legal drinking age are still permitted to bring alcohol to their residences, provided that they are not exceeding the quantity policy, Blessing said. "It is just that if they were carrying that six pack in and they had opened one and were drinking one along the way, we don't allow that on campus," Blessing said.

Blessing also said that officers may exercise the right to check students' bags if a Public Safety officer has reasonable suspicion that a student may be transporting alcohol in conflict with the quantity policy. "Would I approach a student near Maple Hall around ten in the morning to ask to check their bags? No, I wouldn't. But, at 11 o'clock at night in Bayside area, it's possible," Blessing said. "And generally when we try to explain the reason for it, the majority of students are cooperative and they understand what we're doing. We try to be as transparent as possible."

In talking with students about the redefinition of an open container, McMahon said while some students showed interest in surprise, others expressed concern that their rights could be infringed upon. "We're just talking about outside, walking around with alcohol in an open container. We're not invading on people's privacy when they are socializing or having a drink in their own student dwelling," McMahon said.

RWU's current policy is consistent with state and federal laws and is similar to benchmarked school's open container policies. "I know that students are upset and that they have a sense that their rights are being taken away," McMahon said. "I just differ. This is a law and this is a private campus and we're choosing to enforce the same laws that the Rhode Island police forces enforce."

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McMahon said that she welcomes constructive criticism and questions regarding the redefined open container policy. She has been reached via e-mail at kmcmahon@rwu.edu. She also encouraged that student responses be sent to her fellow co-chair of the AOD, Jim Azar, who can be reached at jazar@rwu.edu.

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WTF of the week

Mark Fusco
Photo Editor

Another Wednesday, another late night for The Hawks’ Herald editors as we labor to assemble your beloved newspaper. Unfortunately, the editors were grief stricken to find the pizza had not yet arrived to the office. With spirits low and hunger high, the night’s editing began. However, the newsroom was soon saved by the Multicultural Student Union and Campus Entertainment Network. The Herald office was graced with the presence of a few Ogo Reps holding a box of Dunkin’ Donuts munchkins and two boxes of coffee. The newsroom was enthralled to say the least. The poor little munchkins stood no chance against the swarm of editors that descended upon them. As the box was being passed around, a shocking discovery was made: one side of the box was missing. The poor little munchkins featured merely a skeleton dancing in a gravy-yard, but looking closer at the headstones revealed a peculiar pictorial combination. The series of three stones features a Chris­tian cross, followed by an equals sign, finished off by the proverbial “R.I.P.” Maybe it was the exhaustion, or simply the sense of humor of the room, but it appeared that Dunkin’ Donuts was telling us, “Christianity is dead; eat more munchkins.” Many that were to our fellow Ogo leaders, and WTF Dunkin’ Donuts?

Breaking Up Better

Racie Stacie
Herald Contributor

Dear Hawk Herald,

On an average afternoon in Bristol, Rhode Island, you may be relaxing in Colt State Park, grabbing a delicious Slap N’ Dip coffee, or strolling around the picturesque town. However, if you passed by Paderno Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, September 5, 2010, you would have witnessed much more than the sunny skies, blowing clouds, and gentle sea breeze. On the field was half the Roger Williams University student body—sitting, acting, talking, singing, dancing. The Campus Entertainment Network, commonly referred to as CEN, hosted hip-hop performing artists Shwayze and The Elevators to perform at the most successful fall concert in RWU history.

Despite the hours of hard work and preparation by student staff and CEN members, students continue to complain about the concert; however, there is no question, that the event was successful. According to CEN Chair Patricia Byrne, over 1600 people attended the performance. The afternoon was done and dusted for most, who, during The Elevators’ performance, relaxed with friends and enjoyed the barbeque provided by Bon Appetit; others were hung up on Shwayze and The Elevators’ performance. CEN member, senior Mary Randazzo was pleasantly surprised, and was happy that her first fall concert was such a big success. The event was evidently more location than last year’s fall concert, Say Anything, when only a small group of students were near the stage and the majority left after eating. When asked how he would compare the Shwayze concert to the Say Anything concert, sophomore AJ Scodro said “The crowd at Shwayze was much more lively.”

After tackling the first boycot­ted concert at RWU this spring, the event helped CEN regain support and decadent that CEN requires to please the student body. CEN Traditions Co-Chair John Walsh and Dan Sheer organized a survey, distributed to 75% of the dormitory and available to all students via MyRWU, to get a sense of what the campus wanted. About 55% of the student body responded to the surveys, and the consensus was a split between rock’n’ roll and hip-hop. Shwayze explained that “when it comes down to it, everybody thinks their genre of music is the best, so you’re never going to get a cohesive result; I think 55% of people attending across the board. We got a lot of great feedback and awesome responses.” When asked what they would say to those who didn’t support the concert, Sheer and Walsh agreed “We do our best to survey the student body, if you feel strongly about it, make your voice heard. But if you don’t voice your opinion, do you really have the right to complain?” CEN deserves praise, not harassment, for their efforts.

While many on campus thoroughly enjoyed the show, there were still those who felt discontented. Though Shwayze’s live musical talents were on par with his recordings, his advocacy of drugs and alcohol made some students feel uncomfortable. Others felt that Shwayze’s support of purifying and illegal substance abuse eradicated, and behavior on campus during the evening following the show. One student, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, “Shwayze’s and The Elevators were superhit, explaining “though the behavior of the student body may have been typical concert behavior, it was not typical RWU behavior.” She continued, “While CEN definitely had a very successful show, I think they need to start considering what others will think to their contracts.”

Shwayze’s musical performance may have been fantastic, but his behavior was inappropriate. A Bayside Resident Assistant agreed, saying that she felt “that the aftermath of the concert was not put under consideration. Nobody considered how this would affect the RA’s, Public Safety, Central Staff, or fellow students. The roadworthiness of few affected the wellness of most.”

It may be advisable that some students will always be dissatisfied with the CEN concerts, but my experience as a student, I just experienced the most popular event in campus history. We received a free concert, detectable food, and dryadic weather on a Sunday afternoon. So instead of complaining, Roger Williams, why not start thanking the volunteers at CEN who work so diligently to make these events happen? Very truly yours,

Shannon M. Pitt
Class of 2013

What you have to say
RWU's open container policy: What role should the university take?

Courtney Costello
Herald Contributor

This topic is an absolute lose-lose situation for all parties involved. Any rule that a private university implements will end up having a positive and negative affect on the population. It goes without saying that our university has gone through quite a few rule changes with which we can all agree and disagree. So, why has it become "the rule" most recently that all students on this campus have to dump out an open container, whether it be a water bottle or in our case, a lovely reusable water bottle (thanks RWU for being eco-friendly)?

These rules were created for one reason and that is to protect the well being of the students. Most of us can't stand these changes, but we have to remember why we have reached this point. Students here need to become more responsible about drinking and because of recent flaws with this, rules have been established to tackle the spike of misbehavior. No one wants to hear this, but we go to a private secular institution and they have the right and responsibility to make those rules for the students. Most of us are old enough to make the right choice, but it should be a collective ideal that we all can make the right choice, which in the future could lead to less of these rules.

The one quart that I have found with the new rules is that they blanket over many students and all situations. What says that if I come back from the movies on a Friday night, and I have an open soda, public safety has the right to make me dump my drink out? What about the students going to the gym with a health drink in a water bottle? The bottom line: these rules have to be in place to protect all of us. Granted no one wants to hear these truths, but that has to happen to keep an order in this community. Personally feel that these rules do not lead to students fostering their own personal development and learning from their mistakes, but that is something for each of us to handle differently now.

With that said, all the new alcohol policies that have been brought to this campus over the past few years have your good interest in mind. Although, more and more of these rules are popping up and people will continue to drink, so maybe a different approach could be taken in the future.

We have programs like AlcoholEd and awareness events put on by all sorts of groups on campus, and I think that if education continues and rules are fair for all parties involved, this issue could be handled without infringing on the rights of the whole campus.

I will leave you with this question: what is our responsibility and when do we need to become socially responsible of ourselves on campus? It should be sooner than later so we can enjoy the right to choose no matter what activities fill our nights and days.

Everyone has been there: It's a Friday night and you are simply trying to have a good time in the middle of the quad when some RA comes up and decides you could use some good 'ole fashion disciplinary action. Doesn't it suck to not be able to booze outside of our tiny dorms? I mean sometimes there are simply way too many people in your room and some fresh air is always a great match for that Natty Light or water bottle. Have no fear though folks, as the Roger Williams University Alcohol Policies and Guidelines dictate, "It's okay to be sober!"

So let's discuss these regulations, specifically the open-container policy that most of the student body are huge fans of. Rhode Island is an awesome state, we are really small and a cock (the Rhode Island Red) is our state bird! We were also one of the few states that did not ratify the 21st Amendment! So please do not think of my home as the land of drinking Nazis, but we do have a law against open containers. The fact is, ladies and gentlemen, that as much as we would love to walk around and booze on the campus, we cannot, because soon we will leave this campus and join society where the consumption of alcohol that we expect on a typical Friday or Saturday night is generally regarded as an alcohol problem in the "real world." You will all feel free to laugh at that idea, college is supposed to be a mix of academic pursuit and slightly hazy and fun-filled memories, but we have to respect the laws and regulations.

On that note, folks please do not stand in front of a public safety officer and drink and expect to get away with it. I have seen it, you have seen it, and we both know what is going to happen. One nice thing about these regulations is that if you are smart enough, you won't get fired or reprimanded. There are plenty of ways to navigate the rules and avoid a conversation with one of our fine public safety officers or RAs, you just have to be smart about it. The guidelines are simple and not entirely ridiculous, and let's be honest: we still manage to have fun despite these policies.

I want everyone to have an excellent weekend and hopefully you will also avoid getting your student ID's taken away. On the bottom are two links that take you to the alcohol guidelines if you are that bored. Good luck and God bless.


Andy Plocica
Herald Contributor

I passed a soldier today and I couldn’t even bring myself to say “thank you.”
I’ve never been so ashamed.

I want the day when I can let balloons float to the sky and not feel bad about it. I miss being carefree.

Even in college, I still struggle with my shuffled animals!

I cried on my way back to school because I realized I forgot to say goodbye to my cat.

I don’t know how to tell my best friend I’m moving to the other side of the country.

Everyone deserves to love and be loved, but NONE of your scars can make me love you less.

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Opinion

In tune: what you’ll want on your iPod

“The Sound of Sunshine”
Michael Franti and Spearhead
Critics’ Pick

As we enter the season where rain and cold dominate, Michael Franti and Spearhead’s new song, “The Sound of Sunshine,” offers a glimpse of summertime happiness. The song radiates sunshine with its carefree rhythm and lyrics. Michael Franti and Spearhead, the reggae pop sensation, have introduced a fun genre that is new to mainstream radio. After making albums for 23 years, I’m thrilled to have my first top 10 album... I’m grateful to all the fans who’ve shared our music with their friends all these years and to the radio folks at 100s and venues around the country who have given us the opportunity to shine,” said Franti on his website. “The Sound of Sunshine” is receiving rave reviews from music critics internationally. This song is worth your download. The entire album, featuring songs such as “Shake It” and “Hey Hey Hey,” is absolutely sensational.

“Ooh La La”
Faces

Faces, an English Rock band, was formed in 1968 and was comprised of talented musicians such as Rod Stewart, Ronnie Wood (Rolling Stones) and Kenney Jones (The Who). The song “Ooh La La” was released in 1973 and, in my opinion, is one of the most brilliant songs of all time. Ronnie Wood performed the lead vocals and sang the moving lyrics: “I wish that I knew what I knew now when I was younger. I wish that I knew what I knew now when I was stronger.” The song “Ooh La La” appeared on Face’s last studio album, “Ooh La La.” The song’s popularity has grown over the past decade when it was used in popular TV series, such as Entourage, Californication, and Men of a Certain Age. “Ooh La La” is the kind of song that gives advice with every word: “Love is blind and you’re far too kind. Don’t ever let it show.” “Ooh La La” is truly an “oldie but a goodie.”

“Cudi Zone”
Kid Cudi

I’m not a big fan of rap, but I will admit, I do enjoy Kid Cudi’s music. Kid Cudi, the talented rap sensation, has yet to produce a ‘bad’ song. The song “Cudi Zone” is featured on his album released in 2009 “Man on the Moon: The End of Day.” Kid Cudi’s rapping abilities and vocal abilities are showcased equally and efficiently in this song. Many of Cudi’s songs, including “Cudi Zone,” experiment with a popular new trend of mixing electronic dance with traditional hip hop. “Man on the Moon: The End of Day,” is an album filled with upbeat tracks that are worth the download. So for all of the fans of “Pursuit of Happiness” and “Up, Up & Away,” “Cudi Zone” is a song that I definitely suggest you download.

I’m a little unnerved and slightly disturbed...

Kallyn Proctor
Opinions Editor

Lately, the news scares the sh*t out of me. The amount of horror stories emerging in the news on a daily basis about homosexuals getting beaten, bullied and ridiculed is repulsive. And with the recent suicides occurring, it opens my eyes to a world that I will never fully understand as hard as I may try. My sister is a lesbian, and I can’t help the fact that I’m an overprotective sister. I’m fulfilling the role that my parents should, but often neglect to take on. I couldn’t fathom the thought of anything happening to my sister — I don’t want to even think about it. But it’s hard not to with all the recent stories in the news. My heart goes out to the individuals that were targeted, including their families.

Not to hate, but we need a reality check. It is a terrible thought to not be able to trust your fellow citizens because they are prone to hatred, and physically hurt people that are different. I completely support my sister and whom she loves. As individuals and as a nation, we need to reconsider who we are; this nation was created as an independent state, and as the national anthem states, we are the ‘Land of the Free’. We need to relearn respect, consideration, and appreciation for human beings as a whole — something we’ve lost long ago. For one second, take the initiative to partake in a role reversal and imagine yourself in one of the victim’s shoes. It doesn’t make you feel good, does it? It should make you feel sick.

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Auto inspection
The return of American-made cars people actually want to drive

Sh*t really hit the fan for American manufacturers when the stock market crashed back in '08. For them, they had nowhere to go but up (or else close up shop). Backed by taxpayer dollars, they truly had to account for their decades of poor leadership and misdirection. Now, the future is starting to look good for Detroit. Ford's lineup has been almost completely revitalized since the start of the recession. Their focus has been on overall value and efficiency. GM has also redesigned much of their lineup. They have dropped some brands and introduced some vehicles with great prospects. But the question I keep asking: what is impeding these manufactures from reaching the top? They're hitting the market with a new vengeance. One example is the Cadillac CTS-V. It has outperformed the BMW M5 and the Mercedes C63 AMG. That's a huge accomplishment for this American manufacturer. Chevy has done just as well with the newest generation of Corvette. The top trim line ZR1 has been shown to compete with the likes of the Porsche 911 Turbo. Ford also deserves a serious shout out. This past month's Motor Trend has proven that the all-new Mustang 5.0 offers a far less expensive alternative to the German-made M3. The American cars have really turned themselves around. They are shooting for the stars and they're reaching them. And mark my words: we have not seen the end of their comeback. I think that over the next five years, we will see a shift from the traditional European and Asian leaders to cars made right here in the U.S.A. Only time will tell, but for now we should all commend Detroit for turning themselves around with such brute force.

Jeremy King
Business Manager

American cars were once the envy of the world. As far back as cars themselves, the American auto industry has paved the road for vehicle style, technology, and performance. But heritage isn't everything. Many of the once great domestic manufacturers have since crumbled since the emergence of plastics and E.P.A. restrictions. During the '60s and '70s, the American marketplace became littered with Japanese brands seeking to make names for themselves. Some of these companies are now the biggest sellers in the U.S. Companies, such as Honda, Toyota, and Nissan. But what happened? How did automotive legends like Cadillac and Chrysler turn into bottom feeders and is it possible that the American market might be climbing to the top once again?

Answers to last week's puzzles

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Breast Cancer Awareness: Learn Your Body

Kathlyn Proctor
Opinions Editor

As you all should know, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is predicted that there will be 207,000 new diagnosed cases of breast cancer this year alone. Although breast cancer is extremely rare and uncommon for young people, aged 20-30, it is not too early to start taking precautions. The Breast Self Exam, BSE, is an effective health precaution that all young women should know how to perform. However, the BSE does not detect breast cancer per se, but simply helps you become aware of any sudden changes in your breasts that could lead to early detection. Additionally, for all those guys out there: Approximately 450 men die of breast cancer every year.

Step 1: Begin by looking at your breasts in the mirror with your shoulders straight and your arms on your hips. You should look for:
- Breasts that are their usual shape, size, and color
- Breasts that are evenly shaped without any changes or swelling
If there are any immediate changes, bring them to your doctor’s attention.

Step 2: Raise your arms and look for the same changes.

Step 3: Next, feel your breasts while lying down, using your right hand to feel your left breast and then your left hand to feel your right breast. Use a firm, smooth touch with the first few finger pads of your hand, keeping the fingers flat and together. Use a circular motion, about the size of a quarter.

Step 4: Be sure to feel all the tissue from the front to the back of your breasts; for the skin and tissue just beneath, use light pressure; use medium pressure for tissue in the middle of your breasts; use firm pressure for the deep tissue in the back. When you’ve reached the deep tissue, you should be able to feel down to your ribcage.

Step 5: Finally, feel your breasts while you are standing or sitting.

Find more information at: http://www.webmd.com/breast-cancer/guide/breast-self-exam
Sophomore midfielder Maddy Howard takes aim at the goal during a free kick. Her shot ended up in the back of the net, helping the Hawks secure a 3-1 victory on Wednesday.

Women's Soccer continues successful season with eight-straight win

Article Courtesy RWUHawks.com

The Roger Williams University Women's Soccer team continued its winning ways Wednesday afternoon with a 3-1 victory over Western New England College to extend its winning streak to eight games. The Hawks struck first in the tenth minute, taking advantage to extend its winning streak to eight games.

Howard sent in a strong shot by the Western New England keeper and finding its way into the net, bouncing over the WNEC home Saturday at 1:30.

Despite trailing by two, West- ern New England continued to remain aggressive, attacking the RWU defense yet to no avail. One of the Golden Bears' best opportunities to score came in the 78th minute, when Western New England was able to get off three consecutive shots from a corner kick, though all three found a Hawk defender before RWU was able to clear the ball away and ultimately hold on for the win.

Kelsey McGee picked up her tenth win of the season, making five saves, while Kayla Prout cleared a Hawk defender before RWU was able to clear the ball away and ultimately hold on for the win.

Men's Cross Country takes 13th at Westfield State

Article courtesy RWUHawks.com

The Roger Williams University Men's Cross Country team took 13th out of 26 teams at the James Earley Invitational hosted by Westfield State University on Saturday.

Features a host of new scorers, as the majority of the team's top seven runners were running past this meet, the Hawks still managed to place in the top half of a competitive field, including TCCC competitors Anna Maria College, Colby-Sawyer College, Eastern Nazarene College, Gordon College, New England College, and Western New England College.

First across the line for RWU was freshman Henry Loughlin, who covered the 8-kilometer course in 28 minutes, 33 seconds, good for 88th place out of 288 runners. Sophomore Matt Carney was close behind in 76th, timing in at 28:42.

Freshmen Chase Osgood and Kyle Demarche placed 6th and 54th with efforts of 28:50 and 29:01, respectively, while sophomores Steven Carnevale rounded out the scoring, crossing the line in 107th place with a time of 29:10. Freshmen Dan Herbein and David Field took the next two consecutive spots after Carnevale, as Herbein clocked 29:23 and Field timed in at 29:21.

Finish times and places for Men's Cross Country

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The Roger Williams University Hawks are slated to compete at the University at Albany Invitational in Albany, N.Y. this coming Saturday. The race begins at 1:00 p.m.