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Groundbreaking project passed
Turf field set for summer 2011 construction

AMANDA NEWMAN Managing Editor

The Board of Trustees recently approved the installation of a turf field, much to the excitement of many on campus. At their Dec. 10 meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to pass the field, a decision that was anxiously awaited by athletes and faculty alike.

"This is a tremendous project for the university community," said Dave Kemmy, Acting President of Student Affairs. "This will be a signature component in the middle of our campus that will enhance the entire area around it. The level of excitement this is generating is exceptional."

This field is more than rubber and synthetic grass," said senior Drew Smith, who has been a big advocate for the field since its proposal. "It represents a new and exciting chapter in the book of RWU athletics. It will open big doors for the talented and hardworking athletes that have been historically disadvantaged by the lack of facilities."

The approximate cost of the project is $2.15 million dollars, a sum that includes the stadium, its seating, a new scoreboard, a hawk logo in the middle of the field, and a new foul line of the baseball field to prevent fly balls from straying onto the turf field.

According to John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, the school is looking to fundraise in order to help pay for the field. They are also hoping for donations from benefactors, as well. The first major contribution was a $50,000 donation from the Student Senate, which will go towards the cost of the field's lights.

The turf field will have the capacity to seat approximately 750 people. 53 of those seats will have seat backs, and the rest of the seating will be aluminum bleachers. "The field will be capable of handling a 100-year storm," King said. "What this means is the field can be hit by the worst storm imaginable, and it will be able to be used the day after."

The field owes this ability to its unique drainage system which, according to King, is the "most important and expensive part." However, the field will need only a one-time installation, and then it will be able to be renovated as needed. "The carpet on the field is expected to last 14 years," King said. "When it's time to replace it, the cost is much less than the total project cost, because the drainage system remains in place." The field can be updated with any type of turf, as well.

The Board of Trustees voted on eliminating cost, upping credits

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The Roger Williams University Faculty Senate recently motioned to change the criteria that defines a course overload. According to the RWU website, "Day students who have written authorization to take more than 17 credits (overload) must pay for each additional credit over 17. Each credit over 17 will be billed at $1,160 per credit. Architecture students will be charged $1,306 per credit for credits over 17."

On Feb. 9, the Faculty Senate motioned to eliminate that fee, and allow students to take up to 21 credits before being considered as a course overload.

"Sometimes a student needs to take an extra class for their major or minor," Susan Bosco, a professor of management and president of the Faculty Senate, said. "Charging money for the additional credits seemed to be preventing students from achieving their academic goals."

Bosco said that the administration also supported the idea, making it a joint endeavor. "The idea was brought up initially a couple of months ago," Bosco said. ["Professor David] Moldovan brought it up again at the Feb. 9 meeting."

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**TURF: University to begin construction in May**

**News Briefs**

**Hawaii Legislature approves same-sex civil unions**

Hawaii lawmakers Tuesday sent the governor a bill that would allow civil unions for same-sex couples.

Democratic Gov. Neil Abercrombie's office says he intends to sign the bill into law within 10 days. Civil unions would begin Jan. 1, 2012.

The Hawaii Senate voted 18-5 on Wednesday to give the bill final legislative approval following years of thousands-strong rallies, election battles and passionate public testimony on an issue that has divided the Rainbow State for nearly two decades. The measure passed the House on Friday.

**Solar flares could create auroras over northern U.S.**

The sun has unleashed its most powerful solar flares in four years, sending a torrent of charged particles that could bring auroras as far south as Washington, D.C., experts say.

Earth-bound flares — coronal mass ejections, in non-layman's terms — began erupting Sunday, with one of the biggest flares since December 2006 recorded on Tuesday, NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory reports. Though such magnetic storms can affect communications and power grids (shortwave disruptions were reported today in southern China), no serious problems are anticipated, because the flare isn't expected to hit Earth head on.

**University celebrates CATCH-22 anniversary**

CLAIRANCE HAVENS

The Annual Professor John Howard Birris, Jr. Memorial Lecture series is being held this year for the eleventh time at Roger Williams University.

Each year, RWU honors an important American literary work that has a significant birthday. This year, the university is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the novel CATCH-22 by Joseph Heller.

"It's really important for us to remind one another about classics in American literature," said Dr. Becky Spritz, the Assistant Director of the RWU Honors program.

"The university has been honoring classics with the Birris lecture series since 2000, according to professor James Tackach, who arranges the events every year. It all started when Roger Williams College alum Robers Blais, class of '78, donated money for a lecture named after his friend and scholar, John Howard Birris, Jr."

The first lecture commemorated the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of Moby Dick, by Herman Melville. Birris' favorite book. Other honorees have been UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, WALDEN, THE GOOD EARTH, ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FIN, and TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, to name a few.

This year's book, CATCH-22, was first published in 1961. The plot focuses on World War II. The novel is responsible for the use of the phrase "crotch-22" in everyday language, which refers to a situation where all outcomes are undesirable.

"CATCH-22 is worth celebrating for many reasons. Joseph Heller brought a new term into our language—we all have been caught in a catch-22 situation," Tackach said. "He also taught us a new way to write about war. The war novel, pre-Heller, was serious, grippingly realistic. Heller's book is satirically humorous and mixes the realistic with the absurd."

"The themes really apply to the way that we think about war today," Spritz said. She thinks this is a good book to honor because its characters, themes, and humor will appeal to many different people.

On the twenty-eighth, James Nagel will be giving the keynote address. There has already been a book discussion group, a student panel discussion, a showing of the 1970's movie adapta

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**RWU goes pink for cause**

*Athletic teams participate in breast cancer fundraisers*

**LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter**

Roger Williams University Athletics thinks pink. All teams, regardless of season, participate in breast cancer awareness activities as well as raising funds at themed athletic games. On Feb. 12, 2011, the RWU women's basketball team donned in pink breast cancer shirts during their warm-ups, then faced off against Regis College in their Pink Zone game. Despite the outcome of the game, it was a positive experience for the student athletes and members of the RWU community.

Before the game, the team decorated the gym with pink streamers and balloons. Alumni, a local youth basketball team, and a Girl Scouts troop were invited as guests to the event. During the game, the women's softball team set up a table outside the gymnasium to help the women's basketball team hand out free pink carnations to each woman that entered the gym.

There was a box for donations and cards to fill out in honor of a victim or survivor or breast cancer. There was also a 50/50 raffle to raise more funds. The winner of the raffle was Phil Malenczak, father of women's basketball player Kate Malenczak. He donated twenty dollars back to the cause. The funds raised totaled over $300 and will be donated to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Women's Basketball is not the only team on campus to participate in breast cancer awareness activities on campus. Women's volleyball holds its annual Dig Pink event each fall. The team sells pink breast cancer and volleyball-themed shirts throughout the week leading up to the event. This past fall, the team raised over $1,000 for breast cancer research.

Women's softball holds an annual Think Pink game in the spring. The women's basketball team assists with their event. The team also gives out carnations and takes donations. The team wears pink shirts during warm-ups and decorates the field. In the fall, the team participates in either the Boston or Providence Breast Cancer Walk to show support and raise awareness.

According to Acting Athletic Director Dave Kemmy, the department-wide breast cancer support was started by former women's basketball and softball coaches about seven years ago. The events were part of the increased community service efforts athletics started at that time. "It was a collaborative effort on the part of the coaches involved, their teams, and, the department with all supporting the women equally. They have evolved into some great events with the support of everyone in athletics and they have become annual events that you don't want to miss," Kemmy said.

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Proposal looks to remove charge, up number of courses for overload

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Bosco said that though the number of hours that would qualify as a course overload would change, and there would no longer be a fee, it doesn't mean that anyone can automatically overload on courses.

"Students need to recognize that there is still an approval process," Bosco said. "Taking away the fee does not remove the necessary approval from one's advisor and dean." Deans will still need to approve any course that puts a student over 17 credits. The new maximum amount of credits one can take in any given semester is now 21.

"We want to be sure students can still support the workload. We don't want to compromise their academic achievement," Bosco said. "I'm glad the school is deciding to do this," Lewis said. "It's definitely going to help." The Faculty Senate consists of 70 faculty members who represent all aspects of campus, from the individual schools to the library and counseling services. They meet monthly to discuss issues and other things directly impacting education.

As of press time, the final decision is pending a vote by the Board of Trustees later this month. If they vote in favor, the fee will be eliminated as of the fall 2011 semester; and a course overload will be redefined as a maximum of 21 credits.
Civility at its best

Currently on display on the awareness wall in the Recreation Center are a bunch of actions posted by RWU students. The students wrote down things they did for others out of kindness. The wall is dubbed the "Civility wall" in honor of MLK Jr. Day.

Love your body...

Love Your Body Week
February 21st-25th
Table in the Commons
Thursday February 24th
from 11am-2pm and 5pm-7pm

"Health at Any Size"

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50th birthday
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A themed exhibit has been put together in the library. Christine Fagan, the Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian, has been designing the Birss series exhibits in the library for ten years.

"I look for manuscripts illustrating the style of writing, photographs of the author, first editions and foreign editions of the book, promotional materials and reviews from the time of publication, film promotional materials when available and historical artifacts representing the setting or theme of the work," Fagan said. On a personal note, I approach this project with enthusiasm, since it is one of my favorite aspects of my job. It gives me the opportunity to focus my research on a particular book and a particular writer.

Sparrow said she thinks it's important to do this each year because universities should honor academic and cultural achievements.

"One of the reasons why we get involved is because we would really like to get students more excited about some of the intellectual events on campus," Sparrow said.

Tackach already has plans for next year as well. The university will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston.
That’s amore
Awad and Byrne win free Valentine’s dinner at Leo’s Ristorante

Darielle Terry | Herald Staff Reporter

Love was in the air as Valentine’s Herald photo contest winners Patrick Byrne and Nibal Awad sat down for dinner at Leo’s Ristorante on Valentine’s Day. The couple, who have been seeing each other for about two years, were very excited that they actually won the contest.

“It’s really much so it’s nice to get a little break,” Awad said.

Byrne and Awad submitted a photo of themselves that was taken this past Halloween. Byrne was dressed as the Knave of Hearts and Awad was dressed as the Queen of Hearts, both characters from Alice in Wonderland.

“I leaned over and kissed her on the cheek and someone took a picture,” Byrne said.

“It’s just silly because our costumes are so ridiculous,” Awad added.

“I like the fact that she’s laughing so hard,” Byrne said.

Byrne and Awad met one summer when they were both orientation advisors, which is when they were able to do one of their favorite things in Bristol.

“During the summer we like just getting ice cream at The Daily Scoop, walking around and being near the water. I mean, it’s a nice town,” Awad said.

The couple also likes to dine at Thames Water Site restaurant, where they can look out at Bristol Harbor.

“Yeah, Thames on the Water, that’s probably one of our favorites,” Awad said.

“We definitely hang around Bristol a lot,” Byrne said.

“They said they also like to stop at local pizza places and sandwich shops like Ricotti’s. However, they said they could not forget about their other favorite restaurant, Leo’s, which they had actually been to a few times before winning the photo contest. To them, the best part about Leo’s is the atmosphere.

“It’s cozy, it feels like you could have been here for your first time or a 100 times. It’s just a good atmosphere and the food is good,” Byrne said.

“It’s warm and inviting. It’s very homely,” Awad added.

This is exactly how Leo’s own Paul Mancieri wants students to feel when they come into his restaurant.

“We really welcome the students and we are big supporters of the university. We are available for romantic nights out at Valentine’s Day and we are available for whatever your needs are,” Mancieri said.

“Tonight, [Byrne and Awad] are being treated to one of the chef’s specials,” Paul said about what the couple would be enjoying for dinner.

Photos contest winners Pat Byrne and Nibal Awad enjoy their complimentary Valentine's Day dinner at Leo's Ristorante in Bristol.
BCWA has spent hundreds of thousands on attorney fees

The Bristol County Water Authority spent about $140,000 in legal fees over a nine-month period in 2010, and has spent nearly $350,000 in attorney costs over the last three-and-a-half years.

Last week, Ms. Mack, who works with the firm Cameron and Mirandle, produced a spreadsheet documenting the different requests filed by Barrington resident Jeff and Janice Black. The sheet details eight separate letters and references dozens of follow-up letters that requested information.

The Blacks, who filed complaints with the Rhode Island Attorney General's office regarding the BCWA's response, criticized the authority in an e-mail last week.

"Rather than funneling requests through outside law-yers, BCWA could have simply provided access, they wrote. "And the Attorney General would have given BCWA free advice. There were also significant legal fees for the Roger Williams water tank agreement, pension plan issues, and other issues that perhaps BCWA employees and directors could have addressed.

A breakdown of the authority's legal expenditures shows that category money is covering everything from a response the council-ordered efficiencies audit ($5,843) to labor dealings ($12,890) to a public records complaint filed by the Barrington Times ($3,285).

The water authority has spent the most money on legal fees for the first two years of the subsequent Attorney General complaint investigations ($56,183), followed by an audit ($27,901), and on a category titled miscellaneous ($70,807).

Jeffrey Williams, a Barrington resident appointed to the BCWA Board of Directors, said he was aware of the amount of money being spent on legal fees and has started talking about negotiating the rate structure used by Ms. Mack and her firm. He added that Ms. Mack was a "top-notch attorney who was well-versed in water authority work.

"I agree, we have spent a lot of money on legal fees," he said. Barrington Town Council President Julie Speckman has some experience when it comes to covering legal fees associated with records requests. The Town of Barrington has been involved in more than one lawsuit over records requests and has twice been found in violation of the Access to Public Records Act. On both of those occasions, the Blacks were the individuals who had filed the initial complaints against the town.

"Because the Blacks requests were so numerous and complicated we had to forward those to the solicitor," Ms. Speckman said.

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Student Senate: Behind Closed Doors

MICHELLE LEE / Herald Reporter

As students cast their vote on their normal routine each Monday night, a certain group of students selected by the student body gather together to discuss different campus-related topics.

The Student Senate is a large group of undergraduate students who each year elect a new group of senators who then create an online voting system to represent the student population as a whole. It is their role to bring the organization discusses different programs and events being put on by different clubs, organizations or departments.

The topics that are discussed at Senate range from a single student's concern to the administration requesting the student's opinion on a growing topic, said junior and Student Body President Thomas Gleason. He added that the organization goes into a deeper discussion of relevant campus topics.

Many senators feel that being a part of Student Senate doesn't just mean advocating for students and departments but that it's also a great place to connect with other students who share the same passions. Junior and first-year senator Shannon Fahey feels just this way.

"The best part about being on Senate is the connections that I have been able to make with some student leaders as well as my fellow senators," Fahey said. She added that not only were the connections with students great, but the connection made with faculty and administration was great. Each senator is faced with the task of representing the student body in front of many different departments on campus, and many different topics and issues. Advocating for anyone ranging all of the organizations and clubs on campus causes each senator to become dedicated and supportive of the efforts put forth by the Roger Williams University community.

Sophomore Parliamentarian, Kevin Manuel, said he agrees that being apart of Senate has given him skills that will be useful even after graduation.

"Being apart of senate has allowed for me to gain great experience in the area of civic and public service and has helped prepare me for a better career," Manuel said.

After having eight senators resign last year, Gleason and the rest of the senate have not stopped to let the change affect them. "Senate's biggest accomplishment has been moving forward," Gleason said. He added that the current cabinet is the youngest group that the university has had in a very long time. "It has taken a lot of enthusiasm from everyone to build a strong foundation, and because of this we have become organized, pragmatic, and have built a strong foundation to begin running like a business," Gleason said.

The large amount of first-year senators, the advisors and returning senators have played a huge role in supervising the organization. "I am constantly learning new things from the veterans and advisors," Fahey stated. Freshmen and Student Senator Olivia Rogine agrees that senate has helped to teach her valuable skills. "I am learning how to listen to others' opinions and try to see the situation from their point of view. We have a lot of strong personalities on Senate, so it is sometimes difficult to admit your view is not right at times," Rogine said.

On top of their growth after a loss of senators, junior and Veteran Senator, Samantha Simon, has seen the organization grow in other senses also.

"We have improved vastly at delegation and actually following out committee structures and roles. We are also dedicated more than we have ever been in fulfilling student needs and rights as the student body's voice," Simonos said. Gleason and the advising team help to create an environment that is professional and enjoyable for all members who attend meetings. Advocating for the student body, Gleason said that a main goal for this upcoming semester and into next fall is to create more space for clubs and organizations to advertise.

"If students want to find out more on issues or topics, you should come to our meetings," Gleason said.

Student Senate meets each Monday night at 6:30 in the senate chambers, located in the Rec Center.

"Anyone can come. We always look forward to seeing students, which is why we always have a spot on the agenda for open floor to hear student's concerns," Gleason said. "As well as when students want to participate in an open debate," Gleason said. Gleason, Simonos, Fahey, Rogine, and Manuel along with the rest of the 20 student senators said that they have all gained skills and developed their student leader personalities and encourage any student interested to either stop by the senate office or attend a weekly meeting.

Student Senate: Behind Closed Doors

Hidden Gems on Campus: University Main Library

The Main Library offers a multitude of resources for students use, and thanks to the text-a-librarian and LibQual services, the library's wealth of knowledge is within reach of all students.

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BEN WHITMORE | Editor in-Chief

For a university that had just six thefts from campus buildings last year, Roger Williams University is enduring a crime wave, suffering at the hands of sticky-fingered thieves.

In the past three weeks, three university laptops and a woman's wallet have been stolen from unlocked classrooms and offices, according to John Blessing, Director of Public Safety.

"We have an open community for learning, socializing, and creative thinking. But once you have people coming in here with the wrong motive," Blessing said, "I mean, who wouldn't be paranoid?"

The repercussions of theft are greater than the monetary loss of the stolen items. In a campus community of less than 5,000 students, faculty, and staff, theft's psychological detriment is amplified.

"I go somewhere, and then I come back because I'm afraid I didn't lock the door, and I call the secretary and say 'Did you see if I locked it? I am paranoid. I mean, who wouldn't be?" said Dr. Susan Pasquarelli, Professor of Literary Education and Co-Chair of the School of Education.

Pasquarelli was victimized when her university laptop and brand new Italian, handmade, red leather wallet were stolen out of her office in the university library two weeks ago.

"I came in from a meeting, and I had my laptop in my hands and my purse. I laid them down on the chair and put my coat over them," Pasquarelli said.

Then, leaving her office un­locked, Pasquarelli left to go to the bathroom. As she left, Pasquarelli asked her colleague in a neighboring office to keep an eye on her belongings while she was gone, she said.

"I was gone, we think, for four to five minutes. All [Professor Rachel McCormack] did was leave her office for about 40 seconds while she went to the printers," Pasquarelli said.

"We came back to my office, I knew immediately — like in a second," she said.

Upon seeing her laptop and wallet were gone, Pasquarelli said she immediately called Public Safety to report the crime.

For the Public Safety dispatch, Pasquarelli's report was the third report of theft in five days.

Earlier that week, two laptops were stolen from classrooms in the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences building (CAS) within 24 hours of each other.

In both cases, the laptops were left overnight in unlocked classrooms, one of which was left over the period of a weekend, Blessing said.

"There were two reports of theft, and I was kind of surprised the thieves were seemingly undeterred; pieces of the laptops were left behind, suggesting that the computers were ripped out of their security bindings," Blessing said.

While the two CAS theft cases do not have any official suspects, Blessing said two white males of average height and build were caught on surveillance video in the library around the time Pasquarelli's belongings disappeared.

"We did see two males entering the library around one o'clock on that day, then left in a hurried manner about 15 minutes later," Blessing said.

One of the men was wearing a backpack, which looked fuller as the man left the library. Blessing said.

"I just don't have a feeling it's a Roger Williams student. I feel they are roaming opportunist bandits," Pasquarelli said.

"This is my eighteenth year here and I have always left my door open. . . The kids that come down this corridor are usually in the school of education. We would have recognized them because we know all of our students," Pasquarelli said.

Following the two CAS laptop thefts, Public Safety increased their patrols of that and other campus buildings, Blessing said. Public Safety also issued an e-mail to the campus community, urging students and staff to not leave their valuables unattended.

"We're not feeling safe," Pasquarelli said.

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**RWU's Theft Statistics**

- **General larceny**
- **Larceny from a building**

![Graph showing RWU's Theft Statistics](chart.png)
Larceny is the theft of personal property

In the state of Rhode Island...

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2006 nationwide

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Lower Commons food fraud

Receipt deceit takes Bon Appetit employees by surprise

BEN WHITMORE | Erie-in-Chief

A different kind of thievery struck the Lower Commons last week through means Bon Appetit employees had never seen - receipt fraud.

After one student ordered food from the Lower Commons' Grill station, paid for the food, and took the meal into the dining area to eat, another student attempted to use the first student's receipt as proof of food he had ordered but had not yet received.

The dupe worked.

"The ladies at the Grill remembered already doing it, so they said something to the [manager] at the time," said Tina Bullock, Assistant Retail Manager for Bon Appetit. "But, in all defense to this person, they had a receipt that said that something was paid for. And as [the Grill cooks'] jobs, they made it again, but questioned it after.

"I know it's busy sometimes, but they know what they made," Bullock said. "[The Grill cooks] said it seemed kind of funny, but we like to keep everybody happy." Yet, Bon Appetit has taken measures to deter would-be fraudsters. Lower Commons cashier clerks have started marking paid-for receipts with brightly colored highlighter markers, denoting which ticket slips are the results of proper transactions.

"Each person at the register has a different color. It's pretty much just a line to see they came through already, and it's bright enough so that anybody can see it," Bullock said.

"We are always out to make sure our general management practices are controlling theft as a normal part of doing business," said James Gubata, General Manager of Bon Appetit.

"We always expect to see what the point is of having different things here, I just don't expect it," Bullock said.

"This happened once," Gubata said. "I hope that kids are just really honest. You are out to make systems that keep honest people honest," Gubata said. 

"We just have to be diligent. We want to make systems that keep honest people honest," Gubata said.

"Something happened once, and we didn't want things to get out of control, so we stopped it before it could," Bullock said.

"I hope that kids are just really not to get a free meal. We have so many varieties, so many different things here, I just don't see what the point is of having to steal it," Bullock said.
Reflecting on Black History Month

Bristol's history bears scars of slavery

NICHOLAS TUNER | Herald Reporter

Initially, many residents of Bristol, Rhode Island, have trouble grasping the severity of the slave trade, which is often referred to as the "dark chapter of our history." However, the racial tension through Bristol's history has been well-documented.

"I was raised in a family without any knowledge of our history," said Kristen Grandonico, a junior at Brown University. "I was taught to focus on my academic career and not to think about the past."

This attitude towards slavery is not uncommon, as Grandonico explained. "Many people in Bristol don't want to think about the past, because they are uncomfortable with it."

"It's like they don't want to confront their history, because they don't want to face the reality of what happened," Grandonico continued. "They want to forget about it, to pretend it never happened."

As a result, many residents of Bristol have a distorted view of their town's history. "People in Bristol don't understand the impact that slavery had on our community," Grandonico said. "They think that the slavers were just a bunch of dirt-poor individuals who lived in the South, when in reality, they were upper-class New Englanders."
Confessions of a 'sloppy' shuttle rider

KATYEN PROCTOR | Features Editor

Alone on the late-night shuttle, the driver and I perused the streets of Portsmouth and Bristol, watching from their perspective, say that the shuttle is not an option I can see in. And believe me, I sympathize. But the result is usually a sloppy, loud, and frantic mess. I can easily imagine how quickly annoyance can set in. And believe me, I sympathize.

There is a time and a place to be sloppy... and most would say that the shuttle is not an appropriate place to be obnoxious. As students of a prestigious university, we should not be taking advantage of the free service that the shuttle provides us.

Instead, we should respect the shuttle property and more importantly the responsible shuttle staff who carry a burden of being the first face of RWU when we are too impaired to manage our own behavior. However, as an 18-year-old, I am sure I can say that it is fun to ride the sloppy shuttles.

Let's get a few things straight: I am in good academic standing, am of legal age, have two part-time jobs, and I have never been transported. I have never been written up. Therefore, I think it is safe to say that I am entitled to a bit of fun when I find the spare time. Even though I can say that I've never loaded and rode around on the shuttle for hours, taking the shuttle while intoxicated has created many memories during my time here so far.

We've all seen the plastered, pretty girl with impure hair. Or the boy helping their fellow drop down the stairs. Or lastly, the lone soldier left behind, with his check to the window. Without these images, our favorite college nights would not be memorable.

The few chaotic hours on Thursday as well as the rest of the weekend, reminded us that we are young. College is supposed to be the time of our lives. The party should have to stop sooner, we always turn the lights off at Gillary's.

I would like to commend the changes that have been made to the shuttle. Although you are constantly taken for granted, I would like to say thank you and let you know that you are appreciated. Your constant reliability has gotten me home safe on more than one occasion. Additionally, your persistent patience does not go unnoticed. I think I can speak on behalf of not only my mother, but also a thousand more RWU mothers as I say, "thank you."

And remember, choosing the shuttle as an alternative to driving, is almost a wise decision, even if you are sloppy. Don't pretend like you are cool enough to drive, because you aren't.

Lavishly, keep it classy. There's no reason to abuse privileges.

Event planners, give us more under-21 fun

CHRISTINA BERLINCOURT | Daily Reporter

Being under 21 on a campus where a majority of students are 21 and over can be a buzz kill, especially if a lot of your friends are the same age. I cannot count the number of underage people that I have heard say "I can't wait until I'm twenty-one so one day I can go to Gillary's on Thursday night." In fact, I have even said this myself. I feel left out when my friends boast about how MTV was at Gillary's last Thursday, or how it was the highlight of their week. I have heard say "The Fusco family mailbox. A.R.P."

Globalization has used to be the butt of many jokes, but when Williams University students on Thursday nights, then the cold weather came in, and getting back to campus late when people had to attend classes the next day was not so appealing anymore. Maybe it is just cabin fever kicking in, but most students have been complaining about the nightlife at our school. Because it is tough to see friends going out and having a good time when bars and clubs are closed. Underage students are desperate and put themselves in danger by attempting to use fake identification to get in bars. On Wednesday nights, students used to go to The Beach on a weekly basis, and the police busted an absurd number of underage drinkers. There were more than 200 students on campus, not as many underage people, would have traveled across the bridge only to get arrested.

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The problem is that we are too young to appreciate things, and the risks of students not being of age to drive. I believe that we should open a similar dance to Chameleon Club a chance for people to get into bars. It is the worse part of the season. Everything begins to thaw, which in all fine and dandy. Grass can begin its long healing process and flowers can begin to sprout on trees and bushes that were once buried under a layer of white. However, before this can happen, we must come to an end to this and the worst part of the season. Everything begins to thaw, which in all fine and dandy. Grass can begin its long healing process and flowers can begin to sprout on trees and bushes that were once buried under a layer of white. However, before this can happen, we must come to an end to this and the worst part of the season.

This past winter season, my hometown of Madison, Connecticut was blessed with a record amount of snowfall (ironically while I was crossing the country in search of snow, but I digress). Record snowfall meant that the trees snowbanks were out in full force. Snow may be a bit of a novelty in my area, but plows are not. They seem to always be practicing their miraculous ability to thoroughly clean any street they encounter of its pesky mailbox problems. I don't mean tap, or hit either. I mean obliterate, removed from under nearly a foot of solid earth and crushed. Destroyed. To the tune of a $3000 complaint here would be to go on to wonder why they didn't at least leave me a "I'm sorry for you lose (3) card, but I don't have a mailbox for that anyway. WTF"

If you can qualify the taste, soccer has a lot to offer a fan

HENRY EDGORDIN | Herald Reporter

Imagine a lush, green field, with freshly cut grass. Think of flashy, colorful shoes that look as if they are from the future. Envision fans, cheering on war painted lids, and reverent crows of their entire bodies... except their arms. Yes, I'm talking about soccer, a game.

Unlike many kids who got into soccer by playing at an early age, I didn't crash "the bag" until late. As a football player throughout middle school, I always thought of soccer as the "evil empire." Though I had been to a Liverpool F.C. game during a visit to England, I didn't take anything from it. However, at the end of the group's trip, I started watching soccer on TV upon my return home, slowly but surely, becoming interested. I became hooked.

Known by the rest of the world as "football," soccer is arguably the simplest game known to man, two teams consisting of eleven players each, contest a match on a 120 yards in length by 70 yards wide. The object of the game is to see which team can put the ball in the other team's goal the most times than the other over the course of 90 minutes. It is played globally from the tiny villages of London to the villages of Morocco. Sight such as a ball curling into the top corner of a net, or a flying fingertips save from a goalkeeper, are uniquely incredible.

Despite its popularity inter nationally soccer takes a back seat in America to sports like American football, basketball, and baseball. Why? Some say it's "boring," while others are unattacked by the prospect of only one or two scores per game. Still more claim that it's a "wimpy" sport. Interested with players running around, suffering injuries and fouls. While it's safe to say that soccer does have a reputation for being low scoring and high in terms of theatrics, it's definitely different from any other sport. Reality games can draw over 500 mil lion viewers - over 5 times more people than the Super Bowl. Pretty incredible, huh?

While soccer might not have a household yet in the United States, the potential for growth is out there. Passion has definit ely increased with the U.S.'s successful World Cup campaign, drivers of the RWU campus stars like Thierry Henry and David Beckham arriving to play like a team the old days. I can only see it getting bigger. Even if you think soccer is a boring sport, I encourage you to watch a "big" game and see if that does anything to spark your interest. You might just be surprised.
After break-ups come hook-ups; then comes the slut rut

RACY STACY [Letter Contributor]

Ah, young love! Just like Heidi Klum says before she nixes a Project Runway contestant— "One day you’re in, and the next you’re out!" Although Klum is referring to the changing trends of fashion when she says this, she might as well be talking about the uncertainty of the college relationship.

Most relationships begin at any generic romantic comedy would have boy meet girl, boy and girl fall in love, boy and girl fall into the same 나오는 날, only to see a kid you barely know sneaking into his bowers. When relationships are solid, liberating idea, looks completely different in the brutal world of dating. As you make your way home, your other half secretly wonders why that felt so different from hanging out with your ex-boyfriend. Well, it feels different because it is different. When we hook up with someone that we don’t have an emotional connection with, it’s like going to the gym without water. We still get a workout, but there is no freshness waiting for us afterwards. And although female sex drive may not satisfy the same. Second reason is because this is almost as selfish of doctors, because not everyone is too. Therefore, it is almost as if a woman is forced into a healthy lifestyle. The privacy rights being infringed upon by unfamiliar staff members present during the birth of her child.

Capturing the moment
Keep camcorders in delivery rooms — it is the family’s right

KATIE ROSS [Letter Contributor]

According to the Medical Liability
Claim Frequency by Physician Specialty from the years 2007-2008, out of the 4, 738 physicians that were sued, 62.9 percent of them practiced obstetrics/gynecology. And out of the 4, 738 physicians that were sued two or more times within these years, 52.1 percent were in the same field.

These percentages prove to be the highest out of all the medical practices, only measuring up with the field of general surgery. These outstanding percentages lead me to believe that there is reason doctors are beginning to ban cameras and recording devices in delivery rooms. That reason is because should these doctors make a mistake, without any form of evidence, they cannot be sued.

In my opinion, I don’t see why there is an issue at all. It presents a decision that should be left to the patient, not to the family. Furthermore, if random hookups become a habit, then it usually will assist you in building walls up so high that you are emotionally unavailable to be in a healthy, functional relationship for a long time, which would be the real rut. Hooking up without feelings may seem like a good idea for a little while, but it can also leave you feeling unworthy, unwanted, and cheap.

At the end of the day, guys are going to treat you the way you treat yourself. You become a common denominator by showing that you think you are a valuable human being, then guys will think the same about you. Usually, in life, the easy way out is tempting, but the more challenging path is rewarding. So while it might be scary to face your broken heart, it will be worth it to invest your affection in the bud when you get the chance. Being better than getting stuck on the merry-go-round of meaningless mushy-pucker.
As an American, I can only hope that one day those who are living under a government that denies its people some of the most basic rights of democracy will live in a society where their voice will matter. This denial of rights has been the case in Egypt for the past thirty years under the rule of President Mubarak. For two weeks now, this people have shown him exactly how they feel about his actions as president, and have come to the conclusion that they would like him to pack up and move on. I can definitely say that I was in any Egyptian’s position I would feel the same way, especially when their government is technically considered a democracy, but is led by only one party and one man.

That said, Egypt has long been an ally of the United States, so would it be wrong of us to support the uprising that is occurring in their country? No, not at all. Ally or not, the people of Egypt are looking for a solution to their problems, and what seems to be the best answer is a change in their government. After thirty years under the same leader, the people have decided what the first step should be to better their lives. The United States should support peaceful protesting in Egypt in the hope that their government will listen and try to change its ways.

The Egyptian government has an important opportunity to be responsive to the aspirations of the Egyptian people.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said, "I would like to think that my country would support the people of another nation when looking to change their government to one that provides the rights I enjoy each day.

Supporting this change is all we need to do. Egypt needs to work on this issue out on its own. Knowing that the United States and its citizens are standing behind its efforts to work towards a more democratic society, I feel confident enough in all of us that they do what is needed to peacefully come to a solution.

As our involvement in our own history we were in a similar position and were left to deal with it on our own: and after time and effort, our nation emerged as the example of what a democracy should be. Now it is time to let the people of another country do the same, so that they too can live their lives in whichever way they choose.

The White House called for there to be a "transition of power" in Egypt, even though they stated they were not totally sure what this would look like. Though this reinforces the fact that even though Egypt is considered an ally of the United States, democracy outweighs any sort of relationship we have with another nation. We have a responsibility to do this because of our own history. What is best for one group of people may not be best for another, the United States should allow this country to try to sort its problem out on its own, while supporting it from a distance.

This is the best way for the United States to approach the situation in Egypt. We should support our ally in pursuing the same rights that every American enjoys, but allow the Egyptians to form their new government on their own.

Hey folks, I hope everyone enjoyed the good weather we had last weekend. Unfortunately, we all know what an Arab-Israeli conflict looks like, just google "Arab-Israeli conflict" and read for a few minutes.

The political reactions to the riots in Egypt do not just serve to generate a possibility for conflict, but rather, there are also ramifications of these events that can have a huge positive impact.

I, for one, was surprised to see that the riots managed to obtain such a strong support within the public opinion of Egypt, let alone that they would actually bring about honest political change. So, the idea that the people of Egypt want to move against a dictatorship and create change is remarkable: imagine what that could do to other nations in the region.

Already the King of Jordan was forced to distract his government due to growing public pressure against him, how much could these events empower, say, the people of Israel? True government in Jordan is overdue for some good off fashion grassroots political change: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has most certainly overstepped his reign as president.

So, the good news is that the democratic political system sought after by the riots in the streets of Cairo could very well empower others to stand against their governments. Unfortunately, these same riots could also cause a complete destabilization of the peace the Arab world has with Israel.

So, let's keep our fingers crossed for the best case scenarios, and be sure to follow the headlines to stay up-to-date on Egypt. For those who honestly did not care about anything I just wrote above, I have good news because the de-stability that the riots could cause might have a positive impact on oil prices and that means I can go back to filling my V8 again! Good luck and God bless.
So, here's the situation: tanning can be good for you, in moderation

CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter

GTL, an abbreviation created by MTV’s popular hit, Jersey Shore, stands for gym, tan, lunch. While the two other activities might seem trivial to some, the fact that you can now get both done in one place is not to be ignored. As it turns out, tanning beds can cause serious diseases like skin cancer, not enough exposure can cause diseases that are linked with Vitamin D deficiencies.

A commonly known nickname for Vitamin D is the “sunshine vitamin,” because our skin creates Vitamin D from the sun’s ultraviolet rays. Too much of these rays can lead to skin cancer. More exposure in the sunlight or using a tanning bed can also cause skin cancer.

This information is not often released because of the fear that people (like the character of Jersey Shore) will take this information, abuse it, and give themselves skin cancer from exposure to too much sun. To get rid of these artificial UV rays. An article in USA Today named, “The Truth” states that “people in the United States and northernly regions of the globe average 25-cents off per gallon of gaso­line. So, you buy a car wash, you get 25-cents off per gallon of gaso­line purchase. This is very helpful, as we know that the gas stations are always searching for more customers. Another thing I should mention is that the chefs are very flexible when it comes to ordering. This means that you can order things that are not on the menu, and they will still make it for you. This is very important to recommend this restaurant to others.”

Looking for a fresh, exciting restaurant to try while visiting downtown Providence other than what's in the mall food court? Then for you, I would recommend trying McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restau­rant.

Seafood is sort of a new pas­sion of mine. I used to be con­vinced it was disgusting, but I was turned off by the slimy texture and the fishy smell. However, after I tried it, I love it. I recently enjoyed the flavor and now I even like working with it when I cook. I know sea­food isn’t for everyone, which is why I often avoid it. However, I have seen many people who enjoy it and think about it, some people go for about half an hour. Tanning beds deliver a healthy practice.

Although tanning excessively, like using a black light in your dorm room, is harmful to one’s health, tanning moderately is key. So do your research, and if you like what you find, hop in a tanning bed and give it a try.

When you enter your salon of choice, inform them of the aspect such as “Smart Tan Certified” and “Member of the ITA,” which is the Indoor Tanning Association, an association that promotes smart and responsible tanning.

Researchers have proved that red wine has its benefits, but they also have drawbacks. If you should go about a bottle a night. Please tan responsibly.

I asked the waitress if instead of having pan seared scallops, they could grill them without using any oil and if I could have grilled vegetables on the side. Not only was this request perfectly manageable for them, but my meal was $8.00 cheaper. We have hoped for, and more. The scallops had a thin, crisp coat and were just slightly browning so that there was no hint of char. They were both juicy and plump.

McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restaurant is quite unique in the sense that their menu is printed daily because their fresh seafood collection is constantly changing to offer new items to fit all their patrons’ tastes. Also, the seafood they offer at lunch may even differ from the sea­food they serve for dinner, as fresh deliveries arrive throughout the day.

The wait staff is very helpful, as they know the menu well. They can help you choose a type of drink or food based on the type of drink or food that doesn’t mean that one needs to go back for seconds.

A groundhog’s roots are deeper than one may think

NICHOLAS TOMASO | Herald Contributor

It Groundhog Day still rel­evant? Surely, weekly meteo­rological predictions seem to tell enough in the nightly newscast to be worth some thought. However, the holiday seems to still have some signifi­cance, it is still celebrated.

According to Don Yoder, au­thor of the book Groundhog Day: Penn­sylvania Folklore, the holiday cre­ated for delectation. This information about myself I used to think about writing a book. This brings back the point of relying on our own knowledge of weekly meteorological conditions as somewhat more accurate, even if with less of a forecast.

Groundhog Day as a holiday is rather removed from the general public, as opposed to Hallmark holidays such as Easter and Christmas, but its significance in Pennsylvania — a state rich in tradition — speaks enough for the matter: the holiday still matters to some Americans.

As well, whether or not actually plans a sighting of a groundhog once next February, it is still important to know the ancient origins of this holiday. I believe that this applies to many cultures we do and give certain congratulations to them in our culture.

The sampler menu

McCormick & Schmicks offers more than just great seafood

KARIE ROYAL | Herald Reporter

Auto advice: To fight winter corrosion, just add water

JEREMY KING | Business Manager

It may be the end of February, but we’re not really feeling the cold just yet. Winter is a time of treach­ery and vehicle. The last few weeks have been a prime example of how dangerous beds. They send to chemically raise the temperature of the ice, and 15 predictions in 2011, 17 predictions of the winter solstice and culminates when the groundhog sightings are made. This tradition begins long before sunrise and culminates when "Punxs­utawney Phil" — a groundhog — rises from his Gobblers Knob Home.

One famous groundhog, however, the Gregorian calendar places in February 2, 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. This tradition continues to thrive in the area and southeastern Pennsylvania as a whole. In this town, the celebra­tion begins long before sunrise and culminates when Punxs­utawney Phil — a groundhog — rises from his Gobblers Knob Home.

While they could grill them without extra oil, they could grill them without extra oil, and they have even taken orders from local customers not seen too often these days. Even the atmosphere is perfect for this dining room: the lights are dimmed, creating a very relaxed vibe.

But all this sand and salt can take a toll on your car. The salt is extremely corrosive and over time can increase the rate of rust and oxidation of key components under your ride. The sand, on the other hand, doesn’t directly corrode your car, but it is highly abrasive; if you grab something, you should give a bottle a night. Please tan responsibly.

I would jump at the opportu­nity to recommend this restau­rant for meat and seafood lovers alike.

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McCormick & Schmicks offers a variety of fresh seafood entrees.

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Men net third-consecutive home court victory

Henry Loughlin | Staff Reporter

The Roger Williams University Men’s Basketball team won their second consecutive home game on Saturday afternoon, defeating the Regis College Pride by a score of 58-54 in front of the Hawks’ home crowd.

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