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Sweetest thing
Cake Off iced in charity, frosting

Sophomore Samantha Casale works on her team's second-place-winning cake, WALL-E, while judge and Director of Housing Tony Montefusco looks onward at the Cake Off on Saturday.

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They're watching you
Cameras installed behind Willow, Cedar
NICOLLE BUCKLEY Copy Editor

New cameras have recently been installed behind Cedar Hall and Willow Hall, and they have residents feeling uneasy rather than secure.

John Blessing, Director of Public Safety, said that the cameras aren't a punishment or cause of worry; rather, they are merely an additional security measure. Blessing says the cameras are part of a security initiative that the university began undertaking a few years ago.

We brought in a consultant company to review the campus, existing cameras, and blue lights, and determine what we'd need moving forward for security,” Blessing said.

Blessing said that cameras can be found in the most public or "common" areas of the campus, such as entrances and exits, near residence halls, and the Commons.

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Delta Sig grants wish
RWU business frat seeks to make dreams come true

LAUREN TIERNEY Herald Reporter

Delta Sigma Pi's Nu Sigma chapter, the professional business fraternity at Roger Williams University, is looking to grant a wish for a child through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They will be hosting fundraising events throughout the spring and fall semesters in the hopes of raising enough money to grant one wish in its entirety.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980. Their mission is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The first wish was granted to a boy who was diagnosed with leukemia. His one wish was to become a police officer. Because the wish was granted in April, April is now known as Make-A-Wish Month. The organization has granted over 200,000 wishes to date.

According to the Make-A-Wish, the organization seeks to make dreams come true for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

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The Gulf of Mexico oil spill was unfolding that this was going to be a big deal and that it was going to be worth looking at. We’re a law school and we’re one of the very few law schools in the country that has a specialty in ocean, coastal, and maritime law. So it was sort of a no-brainer that we had to pay attention to this,” Farady said.

The RWU School of Law is one of five law schools in the country to have a specialty like the Maritime Affairs Institute. It is one of four schools that offer a Master in Marine Affairs with a joint law degree.

“It’s really a very unique area of expertise that we have. We’re one of the national leaders in this field,” said Farady.

Another school with this expertise is University of Rhode Island. Dennis Nixon, Associate Dean and Professor at URI, will be moderating one of the panels at the conference.

“We would like to do a better job of protecting the environment while we are pursuing our profession. The conference will explore some of the legal mechanisms to make that happen,” Nixon said.

A lot of what has to do with this issue is it’s not just law. It’s something that's business,” Farady said.

Christopher Reddy, Senior Scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, will be speaking at the conference. He will be discussing the overview of all the science of the spill.

“My pitch is that I’m a scientist. I don’t make policy, I just try to bring information to the table,” Reddy said.

Not only will there be a wide array of speakers at the event, but also a wide variety of people attending. So far undergraduate, graduate, and law students from RWU and other schools in the region are expected to come, as well as law and policy professionals, and even Coast Guards.

“We really invite anybody from the Rhode Williams community and the Bristol community to come and attend. This is a really special opportunity to have this range of expertise convened here at our little campus in the northern, we think, is really a fabulous opportunity to point to pause and reflect and say, So what have we learned? What are we doing differently? What are we not doing differently?” Farady said.

This is because the issues that this calamity raised are still very relevant and important and probably will be for a while.

“We must continue to explore and exploit offshore oil resources as long as we remain an oil dependent society, and we cannot afford another catastrophic accident like Deepwater Horizon,” Nixon said.

A year ago you couldn’t pick up a newspaper, or listen to the news, or look up anything on a computer without this oil spill being front and center news for probably months straight, and then it just kind of dropped off the edge,” Farady said.

However, RWU, along with many others, is not about to forget the disaster so quickly.

“If you think that good people are going to avoid the mistakes of the past, try to learn from them, then that’s exactly what this event is about,” Farady said. “Let’s see what we can learn about this going forward and hopefully make some better informed decisions in the future, because nobody wants another disaster like the Deepwater to happen.”

**CAMERAS: School puts more security in place**

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The Deepwater Horizon oil rig as it stood prior to the disaster.

**The Deepwater Horizon disaster**

**A convicted murderer and alleged cannibal is slated to be released from prison in August due to good behavior.**

Michael Woodmansee, now 52, was convicted in 1993 of the murder of five-year-old Jason Foreman and attempted murder of a 3-year-old.

Foreman’s disappearance was a mystery to local subbies when Woodmansee tried to lure Sherman into his house. Sherman escaped and went to the police, who began questioning Woodmansee about Foreman’s disappearance, according to reports.

When police searched Woodmansee’s house, they found several dismembered bones and a journal detailing how he killed the five-year-old. Public record stated that Woodmansee admitted to wanting to know “what it was like to kill a little boy.”

According to reports, Woodmansee pled guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 40 years in prison. His plea was part of a plea bargain negotiated to try and prevent the Foreman family from ever finding out the details of their son’s death.

R.I. residents have expressed their outrage at Woodmansee’s premature release. Residents have voiced their anger on various web forums; there are even Facebook groups opposing Woodmansee getting out.

“We are taking this very seriously. Occasionally we’ll have some old cases that we want to bring to the attention of the general public. At this time, we are providing a sense of security to the public,” Blessing said.

Blessing’s lawyers are looking at where cameras are needed and evaluating where the public areas are. “We’ve had complaints in terms of certain parking areas, like, ‘Why wasn’t there a camera? My car was vandalized.’ That’s why we’re in a process of installing cameras. Those cameras can do a lot of good,” Blessing said.

**Driver who killed RWU student sentenced to 15 years**

**Ben Whitmore | Editor-in-Chief**

The driver in the 2008 car crash that killed a Roger Williams University senior received a fifteen year sentence earlier this month.

Jamie Pretti, of Plymouth, Mass., who was 21 years-old at the time of the accident, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol with death resulting and leaving the scene of the accident. Pretti pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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O'Neill supported the idea, saying that he hasn’t “seen a school with paper grades in probably 10 years.”

The process of inputting grades itself will not be changed; teachers will still go through the same steps, except the last step of physically printing will be omitted.

“It is a redundant situation now, because as soon as the grades are posted by the instructor and we run them into the system, they’re immediately available to the students on the web, and we’re sending out grades seven to 10 days later. It’s really unnecessary,” O’Neill said.

Another reason to eliminate paper grades is to be consistent with other schools, including those already on campus. “The RWU Law School stopped sending paper grades out several years ago. We also surveyed sister institutions that we compare ourselves to. We contacted 39 different schools to see if they’re still using grade mailers. We received responses from 23. None of them are using grade mailers,” O’Neill said.

Though the paperless grading system has received the go-ahead and is set to be implemented, some balked at the idea of getting rid of paper grades. The Student Senate also raised concerns that some parents prefer a physical copy of the grades. Under current laws, parents aren’t allowed to access students’ grades without the student’s permission. O’Neill acknowledged that some parents see the grades come into the house and will sometimes open them, despite their being addressed to the student. The new paperless method would ensure that the grades were only accessible to the student to which they belonged.

“There’s nothing that we can do about that unless the student signs a Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release to permit the parents to do that. I am working with Information Technology (IT) now to determine if, when we get one of those student-signed forms, we would then send an email to the parents giving them the grades,” O’Neill said.

So say goodbye to paper grades, because they are soon to be out the window and on the web.

CORRECTION

In the March 31 article “No go on HBO: channel is gone forever,” it was stated that “...4,000-5,000 undergraduates... attend RWU...” That figure is incorrect.

The actual number of undergraduates attending RWU is around 3,675.

WISH: Chapter looks to raise $6,500 for child

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Wish Foundation’s website, a wish is granted through a four-step process, which includes referral, medical eligibility, finding the true wish, and creating joy. The average wish’s revenue is generated through donations. Delta Sigma Pi is looking to raise the full $6,500 in the next year.

Delta Sigma Pi plans to hold a few events over the course of the remaining semester to raise funds. The first event they intend to hold is a game at Spring Weekend, which will be at the tail end of Make-A-Wish Month. “Delta Sig will charge $2 for students to play and the prize will be a Make-A-Wish bracelet,” said Jennah Ziolo, Vice President of Community Services for Delta Sigma Pi’s Nu Sigma chapter. Ziolo said the Nu Sigma chapter is then going to co-sponsor a telethon with WQRI. They also plan to team up with Leo’s Ristorante and receive a percentage of the restaurant’s profits on a given night. The dates of these events will be announced at a later time.

Microsoft teams with Toyota to power smart cars

Microsoft and Toyota on Wednesday announced a $12 million partnership through which the two companies will create an advanced digital information and communication system for the Japanese automaker’s cars. The joint-venture will deploy ‘telematics’ in Toyota (TM) vehicles. That’s the catch-all term for car communication technology, including GPS, multimedia and telecommunications services.

Gaddafi to Obama: Please end airstrikes

Moammar Gaddafi has appealed directly to President Barack Obama to halt what the Libyan leader called an “unjust war” and wished Obama good luck in his bid for re-election next year. In a surprising, three-page letter to Obama obtained Wednesday by ABC News, Gaddafi imploring Obama to stop the NATO-led air campaign, which he said Libyan called an “unjust war against a small people of a developing country.”

Boeing alters its estimate for plane inspections

Boeing this week issued a bulletin advising operators of similar aircraft to inspect the planes for subsurface skin cracks after only 30,000 cycles. The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday mandated the earlier inspections and took its approach further, ordering the inspections be repeated every 500 cycles thereafter, at least until the cause of the April 1 rupture can be determined.
CAKE OFF: Orgs, campus, community come together for cause

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1st place: “Ace of Cakes”
2nd place: “Sweet”
3rd place: “Hawks in a Half Shell”
& “Half Caked”
Most Valuable Cake (MVC): “The Purple Cows”
Cake for Cancer:
“Recess”
Faculty/Staff Award: “Second Base”
Best Dressed Team: “The Peacocks”
Most School Spirit Cake: “Bake Frost Pool”
Org Award: “Expose Yourself”

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Cake Off
by
$1100 raised on-site
50 pounds of frosting
5 number of teams
420 number of award categories
9 number of judges

NEW YORK TIMES to start charging for online services

WILL FOLEY | Herald Reporter

When the popularity of print-ed newspapers began to decline, new sources started turning to the Internet as a medium through which to inform the public.

Many newspapers have several stories available online, and typically charge for the entirety of the paper. Some newspapers, such as the New York Times, have relied on web advertisements in order to profit from web content rather than institute a subscription fee. Now, however, the Times is encouraging more frequent readers to pay a subscription fee.

Subscribers will have virtually unlimited access to archived stories, videos and slide shows through both the NYtimes.com and the NYTimes app for smart phones. However, for more casual readers of the paper, there are ways to side-step the fee. While online, should a site redirect a reader to the Times, they will not be stopped or charged for access. Rather, only those who go online and directly to the Times website will be charged. Essentially, the editors of the Times are hoping that die-hard readers will want to subscribe to the Times.

Should a Roger Williams University student want access to the Times website directly, they too will have to pay. The university’s subscription to the Times was only on a trial basis, and as of now, Senate is unsure if they will be continuing the service.

NEW YORK TIMES will still be available online - for a price.
Alum thrives as editor of web-only news publication

Danielle Terry | Bristol Beat

With the school year coming to an end, many students are on the hunt for jobs. Whether you are looking for a full-time job after graduation or a summer job, it can be a stressful process. However, alumna, Sara Bagwell gives hope to our student body. Only a year after graduation and she is the editor of the online local news site, Patch.com. "I never would have expected to be an editor at 22 years old!" Bagwell said.

Patch is a relatively new, interactive, hyper local news site that is community based. The website is a little different from other news outlets, though, because they only publish electronically. Patch does not produce a print paper or have a broadcast station; the only way to access patch is to go online. It is a new form of a media that has been created for the changing media market.

"Write online because a lot of people are online and unfortunately print media is dying," Bagwell said.

Bagwell is the editor for the Bristol/Warren Patch website. Since Patch is a hyper local site, there are several throughout Rhode Island for different individual communities. These Patches cover everything in the towns from news to events, and they have question answer sections where anyone can post whatever they want. The sites encourage interaction.

"I think [visitors] like the fact that they can comment on the stories, post their own announcements, and I think another benefit to it is the fact that we do update so frequently," Bagwell said.

The website can be updated electronically. The website can be updated as soon as breaking news hits, which keeps Bagwell very busy. It helps that she is very familiar with the town, she said. Bagwell grew up in Bristol, went to RWU, and still lives in town.

"This is my town, no body else can have this!" Bagwell said.

"I think people come up to her all the time saying how much they love Patch. According to Bagwell, the only concern from the community is that Patch is going to put East Bay Newspapers out of business, but she says that is not what Patch is here for. "I think it is good that we're here and East Bay Newspapers is here because a more informed community, more outlets for information makes a better community," Bagwell said.

Bagwell's efforts at Patch have been helping to keep the community in-the-know. She writes, edits, manages, and gets involved in the town. As busy as this keeps her, she said she is loving her first professional job after graduation.

"It's fun. Personally, it has exceeded my expectations for a first job, for any job. It can get stressful, like any job, but the self-preservation that you get out of it is the end is completely worth any stress that you would get put through," Bagwell said.

After graduating from RWU with a degree in communication, concentrating in journalism, Bagwell said that she has found a job that makes her happy. She feels as though she is getting more experience than she ever would never be able to learn in the classroom.

"It's just opened my eyes to so many other things that I didn't know about in my own town, so it's been a very enlightening experience," Bagwell said.

Sarah Bagwell, Editor of the Bristol/Warren Patch, works on her laptop in 'Spr N' Dip.'
An Offer You Can't Refuse

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Leo’s Ristorante
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Bristol, RI 02809

SU-TH 7am-9pm
FRI-SAT 7am-10pm

Goose trouble

Fecal matter from geese has become a major concern in Bristol, says Walter Burke, director of the town’s parks and recreation department, causing more beach closings in town than any other pollutant. The Eastern Rhode Island Conservation Commission (ERICC) has offered to help control the goose population.

Silver Creek marsh has been identified as a major breeding area for wild Canadian geese, so that’s where the ERICC will begin to cover goose eggs in cooking oil, a process that kills the embryos inside. The group will also spray Flight Away, a substance made from concentrated grape juice, on fields often overrun by geese. When sprayed, the product is unpleasant to the birds, causing them to leave the area. The ERICC has offered to provide the services for free, waiving the $5,000 fee.

Water authority audit extended

The audit of the Bristol County Water Authority missed its March deadline, announced Town Council Chairman Ken Marshall at the council’s March 31 meeting. The reason given was that the auditors, Black Consulting, ran into “a number of issues and a lot of things had to be put together from scratch.” Auditors had to go through a number of ratepayers’ cards manually because the information had not been entered into a computerized filing system. Mr. Marshall said there would not be any additional cost to the towns for the extra work.

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Resident athletic trainers honored in March

KINSEY JANKE/Herald Reporter

The month of March is most often associated with the beginning of spring, NCAA basketball, and the Rhode Island Athletic Training Association’s annual event, National Athletic Training Month. For many athletic trainers, the month is a time to give back to the surrounding community and to promote the profession. "To be a professional, you have to give back," said Josh King, head athletic trainer for Roger Williams University.

"That's it: give back," added Beidler, who has worked as a residential athletic trainer at RWU for three years.

"It's a really good way for us to connect with the students," said King. "It's an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for what they do for us."

Alumnus spreads hope at Haitian camp

MICHIELE LEE/Herald Reporter

When Leah Beidler is asked about what she does for fun on vacation, her answer is clear: traveling. "I have lived in and out of Haiti for a year," Beidler said. "It's a great place to go." And it's not just the beaches and exotic destinations that she enjoys. Beidler also finds joy in giving back to the community and the people of Haiti.

"I love the people," she said. "They are so friendly and welcoming."

Beidler and her sister, Caitlin, have been volunteering in Haiti for the past three years. "It's been a really big part of our lives," said Beidler.

Beidler's decision to go to Haiti was not an easy one. "I was at a time where I was really struggling with my faith," she said. "I felt this needing to go somewhere to connect with God."

Beidler's faith guided her to Haiti. "I went to Haiti for a reason," she said. "I felt a sense of direction and purpose." And she didn't go alone. Beidler and her sister, Caitlin, started a nonprofit called "Haiti Hope" to help build schools and provide medical care to the people of Haiti.

"We're still here as a reference," said King. "We're still health care professionals."
Junior Duren Swenson, a marketing major, first saw the posters in his residence hall. "I didn't know at first who had put them up but now that I have seen them around campus, I think that it is a really cool way to promote a message to the student body," Swenson said.

Although students had varying feelings on the newly posted banners, the creators said they felt the message was conveyed to them, the creators said.

"We posted the banners knowing that they would be received with mixed messages and we knew that they would be taken down, but if students take the time to read and talk about them, the message was conveyed to them," the creators said.

Over the course of the day, many students began to feel that the message of the posters was not being received as the creators intended. Sophomore Megan Colvin agreed that although the posters intended to send a message, students were "making a joke out of them" rather than taking them seriously.

"I just don't think that they came off as a serious campaign message, as most students found them to be humorous and found a way to make them into a joke," Colvin said. She also added that she knew about the open container policy before the posters went up.

Both of the creators of the posters said that they anticipated the reaction that the students were giving the posters. "People will either love them or hate them, but if they are reading them, then they are absorbing the message which was our goal," they said.

Some students, such as sophomore Letty Carlucci, had mixed reactions to the posters. Referring to the slogan, "It's just water, dammit, why are you getting so upset," Carlucci said he finds students being chided about something they may not be doing. "Asking all students why they are getting angry is annoying them out on their reactions. The school should not be seen as a group that makes students feel bad about what they are doing," Carlucci said.

"The school should be letting students know what policies are, such as my favorite slogan, 'If the seal is broken, your drink is open,'" Carlucci added.

With the campaign posted around campus in many different areas, the creators said that they tried to post certain campaigns in specific areas. "We targeted themes in each poster that were specific to the location they were hung," one of the creators said.

Athletic Director Dave Kenny described the placement of the campaign posters as "smart." "Students frequent all of the locations that the posters were placed daily," Kenny said. "Thousands of students walk through the Recreation Center each day, making it very smart for the [creators] to place the posters where they did."

Junior Nick Tsimortos said he saw the posters a little differently. "The message is very important, but the posters may not be the best way to reach students," Tsimortos said.

"I am disappointed that the posters came out of nowhere with no prior knowledge to the student body," he added.

Both of the campaign's creators encourage students to discuss the posters and to take the time to read them. Both of the creators feel that their goal was accomplished and stated that, "the posters went up more than a week ago and students are still talking about them, which was our main goal."

Students will have a chance to share their opinions on an online survey that will be sent out via e-mail within the next few weeks.

**AN INTERVIEW WITH DEAN McMahan**

**Q:** Why did you choose to post scores of posters, in seemingly unprecedented numbers, to get across your message?**

**A:** The reasoning was that we wanted to put a strong message out in a creative manner that would attract the attention of the entire university community about open containers containing alcohol.

**Q:** Who came up with the theme of the campaign and who designed the posters?**

**A:** The images were all corrected by members of the university community, but who created the posters is to remain anonymous.

**Q:** Why did you choose to roll out the campaign in early April? Is the timing of the campaign significant?**

**A:** The timing was intentional for the beginning of spring when students tend to be outside more. We're trying to be preventative of what might be coming ahead in the spring.

**Q:** What is the main point that you wanted students and other members of the campus community to take away from the campaign?**

**A:** We wanted to educate people about our policy regarding open containers regarding alcohol so that we have fewer violations and a safer campus.

**Q:** Why did you choose the messages and the images that you did to convey your message?**

**A:** These are tailored to the specific types of situations that are happening on campus. We went to Student Senate in the fall and talked to them about this. There's a connection between the amount of alcohol on campus and high-level incidents that are a risk to community. The more high-level intoxication you have with students, the more fights, the more aggravated assaults, sexual assaults, and transports occur, which are all very high-risk things to be happening here with our students. We were also trying to get at some social marketing ideas, such as health and school pride."
EDITORIAL: CAMPAIGN IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FLOP FOR ADMIN

Ben Whitmore | Editor-in-Chief

At around 10 p.m. last Wednesday night, I was surprised to find a crowded men's bathroom in the Rec Center. The normally serene empty porcelain chamber was bustling with four zealous Residence Life staff members, busily ripping off generous strips of blue painter's tape, affixing posters to the walls. In about 30 seconds, they were gone, leaving four different posted banners in their wake.

"Don't break the seal" posters in the bathroom? Was this a joke?

No.

The sun rose the following morning, shining clarifying light on what I witnessed the night before: the Student Life department is omnipresent in admonishing the student body like children. Students do make pretty terrible drinking decisions fairly regularly.

But, as my day progressed, and Student Life's omnipresence waggling finger confronted me at every turn, my disposition soured. While I think that its reactive, negative-reinforcement, punitive methods are backwards, alienating, and counterproductive, I respect Student Life's imperative to try to prevent students from drinking themselves into oblivion.

But this campaign was too much. Posters by the hundreds plastered the campus. The scale of the claustrophobic campaign was abnormally large. Student Life displayed bad taste.

On a campus where getting a highly-regulated and censored bulletin board was a big deal, posting banners about the open container policy on every bare inch of campus real estate was like swatting a fly with a sledgehammer. Yes, student's poorly binge drinking behaviors are both serious, but this campaign only squashed the problem and left behind waste.

Rather than seeming witty and down-with-the-kids, Student Life's campaign advertisements were abnormally large. Student Life came off looking like the University Communi­cations Office. And to think the Student Life handbook, which encompasses the Residence Life, Office of Student Programs and Leadership, has authority over all advertising. According to the handbook, "The Department of Student Programs & Leadership has authority over all advertising with the exception of the Office of University Communications and the Department of Residence Life and Housing."

The Student Life department encompasses the Residence Life department, and therefore was able to autonomously post the campaign advertisements. Being able to approve one's own campus advertisement is a rare and precious ability on this campus. It should not be.

Any student, faculty, staff, or administrator should be able to post any flyer or advertisement that they are inclined to post. Does the Student Life administration think that they are the sole proprietors of good taste

If any member of the campus community were able to post a flyer, do they fear that the content would irreparably damage the sensibilities of the flyer's readers? Do they think that little of the entire campus community?

Instead of playing defense, trying to prevent students from making unhealthy decisions, the Student Life department should play offense, encouraging students to succeed in making smart, healthy choices. A Student Life-sponsored water pong tournament would be a sure hit; having better supervised, smaller-scale dances would also provide students with a competing alternative to campus drinking.

Student Life proactively helping students to see that pouring vodka into water bottles is stupid. Now that would be something to advertise.

STUDENT'S SPEAK ON CONTROVERSIAL CAMPAIGN

Max Kaskons
Sophomore business major

"I think the posters are pretty ridiculous. I think that the whole crack down on alcohol policy here has gotten a little out of hand. I know the school is trying to build a good reputation, but at the same time I feel like they're trying to shut down the social aspect. People are allowed to drink 21+, and we have plenty of kids here who are legally allowed to do it. I just don't think that the school is going about it the right way with the posters. I saw one that was like 'It's only water, why are you getting mad?' I just don't think that anyone has the right to come up to me and tell me to pour something out. It's a little ridiculous."

Kate Swenson
Junior biology and psych double major

"I think I really like the general idea. I think it's imperative that students know the difference between what's an open container and what's not because I've seen a lot of questionable things on campus where you see kids walking around with a red Poland Springs bottle. You know something's not right. I've also heard a lot of backlash about them. I think they're a little abrasive. Maybe (students) should have been aware about the campaign coming out or at least who put it out. It has been a lot of talk about was it the HAWES or Res Life. I think that was a little confusing."

Ashley Aliengena
Junior english major

"Well, the first time I saw them I started seeing them up in New Res and I didn't even really know the point that they were trying to get across. They weren't really clear, they were just like 'you broke the seal' but like what does that even mean? I feel like they're kind of attacking the students. They seem kind of condescending. That same idea like, why the scare tactics? They could be going about it in a different angle. I get the fact that they are trying to make a statement but they could be doing it in a different way. Maybe even putting more information on the posters. They were so simple that they don't even make a point."
Swoop: Behind the beak

GRiffin LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

Students may be surprised to hear that the identity of the largest, most spirited bleed on campus is being kept top secret.

Roger Williams University's mascot, better known to the student body as Swoop, is one of the most well-known figures on campus, appearing at sporting events, social gatherings, and different themed weekends. Overseen by Student Programs and Leadership, and more specifically, seniors Kim Savato and sophomore Amanda Sludio, the school's mascot is shown through a select group of student personalities.

"Currently we have six students serving as Swoop," Savato said. She added that each student has an opportunity to apply for the position of the school mascot.

"We release applications to the student body at the beginning of each semester and then conduct a interview with each student who returns an application. From there we choose whomsoever seems to fit the role and is full of school spirit," Savato said.

"We choose whoever seems to fit the role and is full of school spirit." - Kim Savato

Although Swoop is open to much of the campus, some students feel that the mascot should be seen at major sporting events. Junior and Varsity athlete Danica Delia said she feels that Swoop should be making appearances at the weekend sporting events.

"This past weekend there was a lacrosse doubleheader and it would have been a great place to see him," Delta said.

Any suggestions or comments regarding Swoop are welcome to be posted on the school's Facebook page, Savato said.

Savato commented that the department is utilizing the page much more for publicizing events and is currently having a give-away for the 500th person to 'like' the page on Facebook.

"If you think you have what it takes to be the next Swoop, be on the lookout for applications coming this fall.

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WASHINGTON — Hurricane Katrina was a disaster in 2005, but the impact of the 2010 Haiti earthquake is still being felt.

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The organization tries to do at least four fundraisers a year, Beidler said. "It's definitely nice because we're very small and still working on networking," said Beidler.

The Making Roots organization is made up of four branches: two being Camp Hope and The Planting Project. The other two are Redemption Art Community and Recognition, a program Beidler's sister runs to bring communities together through painting murals and providing jobs. There is also Mercy Relief, which provides help to the Haitian people in times of epidemics and disasters.

Beidler said over the past few years it has been hard to watch a great number of young boys join gangs as a sort of rescue from their poverty.

"I think specifically boys (just these gangs) because we've seen a lack of male leadership in Haiti," Beidler said.

Beidler's next trip back to Haiti will be this summer when she will look for land to build the home for street boys and run Camp Hope for four weeks.

"Haiti has done more for me than I could ever do for it.

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EDITORIAL: Pool of talent dissipates as tides of music change

HENRY LOUGHLIN / Sports Editor

Realizing a dream is the ultimate reward for anyone aspiring toward success. It can be the culmination of a season, a year, or a decade. It is truly individual. Regardless of what one is interested in, however, there are a few things that anyone looking to succeed must put forth. Hours of practice, good work ethic, and a love for one's craft are the prerequisites to reaching it. Indeed, success and fame in any of the area end results of hard work.

Or is it? Though this may have long been the case, it appears that the tide is turning, at least in the music field. What was once an industry based on auditions, record deals and the talent of one's voice seems to be deviating towards YouTube views, word-of-mouth, and hilarity. Indeed, it could be argued that the quality of the American music industry has declined drastically in recent times.

Who's to blame? There are many culprits, but I think there is but one platform that everyone can point fingers at: YouTube. Think about it. For starters, it used to be that aspiring artists would attempt to get their work known by auditioning through talent services and playing in bars in order to get noticed. If — and only if — they were deemed good enough for a record deal, they would be.

This made for a much more selective process, whereas now everyone and their brother can upload a video to YouTube and find their song a hit - some of them "accidental" or "unintentional." Let's look at two hallmark examples of "songs" that would never have made it out of a talent show years ago: "Friday" by Rebecca Black and "The Bed Intruder Song," by the Gregory Brothers.

First up: Friday. I may love the day, but let's face it - "Friday" the song. For those who are lucky enough to have not discovered this unfortunate news clip, please search for a song - don't bother finding it. Containing lyrics such as "Everyone's getting ready for the weekend, weekend," and "Looking forward to the weekend, weekend," this internet hit is quite possibly one of the most ear-crawling, headache-inducing, monotonous pieces of garbage that I have ever had the misfortune of listening to. This girl is, for lack of a better word, BAD. Had she written artful lyrics about her relief of the weekend's arrival and combined it with a great voice, I would have been more inclined to give her song a second notice. However, the song had the exact opposite effect, solidifying my view that it is way too easy to get noticed. It is really sad to think that YouTube has become a platform in which all have equal access to notoriety. The fact that songs like "Friday" can rank higher than songs from someone like Bob Dylan on the iTunes chart is, quite frankly, pathetic.

On the flip side, there is the "The Bed Intruder Song." Unlike Black, who put "Friday" on YouTube, 24-year-old Antoine Dodson had no idea he would become an Internet celebrity following a home intrusion where his sister was nearly raped. However, when news cameras showed up at his house to ask him what had happened, the curly-haired, bandana-wearing Dodson proceeded to address the television cameras directly. He spoke right into the camera, telling the residents of his Huntsville, Ala., housing project tribe that if they would watch, he would be watching "OBVIOUSLY we have a rapist in Lincoln Park. He's climbin' in yo windows, snatchin' yo people up, so y'all need to hide yo kids, hide yo wife, and hide yo husband — cause they raping everyone up in here." While Dodson himself didn't upload the video, the Gregory Brothers, a "band" that specializes in Auto-tuning news clips, found Dodson's interview and turned it into a video that racked up 56 million views in five months, raising enough money through iTunes downloads to move Dodson and his family into a better home.

Contrary to my feelings on "Friday," I find this accidental song hilarious to the point that I dressed up as Dodson for Halloween. He may not have been the most talented "singer" in the world, but Antoine Dodson was able to get a good laugh from many light-hearted Americans. Music used to be about talent. Names like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones were synonymous with aptitude. However, many deserving individuals who try to land record deals today often find themselves outdone by people who, I believe, quite frankly don't deserve there there. It's sad to think that the girl with the great voice has no chance of a career because she's not becoming famous because the kid who wrote a few thoughts on paper and recorded a video of himself "singing" will take her spot.

It has been said that one gets what their deserve; I hope that's still true. WFT of the week

RWU's greenest?

MARK FUSCO / Photo Editor

Crisis strikes. You spill your milk instead morning coffee, or maybe the person sitting next to you in class is a gifted snoozer (good or bad). Regardless, you find yourself in desperate need of a tissue or paper towel. I have felt this desperate need to become a greenie to reduce the amount of waste we produce. I have even gone as far as to upcycle paper towels and coffee filters into bags to store food in. Perhaps our school has even gone as far as to replace with brand new air filter's "green" equipment. Nevertheless, my time spent trying to "green" the university has even gone as far as to the pavilion that is used by student organizations. What is the aptitude of things had been moved everywhere. However, I have been the most talented "singer" in the world, but Antoine Dodson was able to get a good laugh from many light-hearted Americans. Music used to be about talent. Names like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Rolling Stones were synonymous with aptitude. However, many deserving individuals who try to land record deals today often find themselves outdone by people who, I believe, quite frankly don't deserve to be there. It's sad to think that the girl with the great voice has no chance of a career because she's not becoming famous because the kid who wrote a few thoughts on paper and recorded a video of himself "singing" will take her spot.

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Videos of tsunami inspire change

JENNA MURPHY / News Contributor

In March, a powerful earthquake occurred in Japan that lasted for five long, grueling minutes. I remember tuning in on the news and watching footage ranging from subways shaking to people trying to take cover in an office. The subway scene made me remember a ride I went on in Disney World, where you experience what it is like to be in California during an earthquake. I remember feeling the sympathy I had and the appreciation I felt for the fact that I would not experience that on the east coast. The footage of the tsunami in Japan was terrible to watch, especially when I saw people screaming in terror. The destruction in Japan was so awful that it was hard to believe that something like that could happen. The television screen was filled with huge waves that struck the coasts of Japan, simply picking up everything from houses to cars, in its path.

The footage of the aftermath showing the destruction of the earthquake and tsunami was even worse. An assortment of things had been tossed everywhere. Houses were unrecognizable, I will never forget seeing a reporter going through a pile of random items and finding an old photo album. He mentioned that no one would ever know what it belonged to because the house where it came from could be miles away.

This footage could definitely have a big impact on viewers. When it is mentioned to live in Japan or has family members who live there, the footage could be harrowing to watch. The footage could even be upsetting to people not personally involved. I think that the footage emotionally connects the viewer to the disaster in a way that a news report would not be able to.
Racy Stacy: Fishy online dating, confessions of a charmer

RACIE STACEY | Editorial Contributor

For the past month, I have been partaking in a self-created social experiment. On March 3, I went onto Pluriverse and Plenty of Fish, a free online dating service that has become very popular lately. Under the alias of a 19-year-old female named Charley Prindle (inspired by Hester Prynne from The Scarlet Letter) who lives in Branford, R.I., and is studying psychology at URI, I began the investigation to see if love could only be a click away.

I signed up with a picture of a hot, blonde chick that looked pretty amateur and posed with all my stuff. My description said I was an avid snowboarder, who was upholding to open her own Danbury, Conn., up to 13 of these people are people that I would actually consider going to have sex with... and I was still skeptical. Five guys bluntly asked me to hook up with them, even though I clearly said I was looking for a relationship. I even got two marriage proposals. A lot of the people messaged me just to say how beautiful they thought the random girl I said was beautiful because I always thought that one of the perks of online dating was that you really get to know the person. However, that is not the case. Just like window-shopping, the store isn’t going to be crowded if the displays look distanced from the street. Unfortunately, looks are still judged, even if they are just on a screen with a photoshopped wort

PROS: It seems like every time I am at a club or party, some awkward kid, recking of beer, stumble over and starts talking about me. Or even worse, tries to make forced conversation, usually ending with them giving me my phone number out of pity and then having to deal with him for two weeks. The bright side of people creeping you out online is that you can ignore them completely – without the guilt. It’s like eating fast food; ice cream after 11 p.m.

CONs: I think it has depressed my confidence in society. After reviewing over 200 messages that were sent to my fake profile, I have calculated that only 13 of these guys are people that I would actually consider going out with... and I was still skeptical. Five guys bluntly asked me to hook up with them, even though I clearly said I was looking for a relationship. I even got two marriage proposals. A lot of the people messaged me just to say how beautiful they thought the random girl I said was beautiful because I always thought that one of the perks of online dating was that you really get to know the person. However, that is not the case. Just like window-shopping, the store isn’t going to be crowded if the displays look distanced from the street. Unfortunately, looks are still judged, even if they are just on a screen with a photoshopped wort
Has Obama lived up to his promise of change?

One of the greatest attributes to the word change is that it has many degrees. It has, it can mean having a different attitude about an idea, altering a routine, or transforming the face of a nation. One thing is sure, though, change doesn’t come easily.

In 2008 the country clung to this word, hoping that it would be the first step to a better tomorrow after almost a decade of mistakes. The person that embodied it was President Barack Obama, and so he’s done a decent job with the follow through. The problem, though, is that the expectations of the country were just too high at the time. Of course a president should be able to make his or her country better, but the public needs to understand that it takes time.

When Obama was inaugurated in January 2009 most people, supporters of his, thought from that moment on, things were going to get better, and fast. Anything less would be a let down, especially with the average worker needing to gauge the situation a bit. Now even I admit, just because he has a lot on his plate doesn’t mean that his presidential honeymoon phase is going to last all four years. He hasn’t followed through with all of his campaign promises, but what president can say that they did?

What is most important, though, is that he has begun to reshape our country into something we can all appreciate. In 2008, just before the election, the United States was at a point in its history where it was almost unrecognizable from what it had been just 10 years before. Obama has begun to bring that former image of the United States back.

Change we can believe in! WOO-HOO. Unfortunately, most of Obama’s campaign promises were lies that the American people ate up like cheese fries (that’s right, America, we not only elected an idiot but we also ate fat). On Nov. 4, 2008, I saw a nation vote for a man who made promises of great change and as I write this now, I see a man whose approval rating is hovering just above 55 percent. Change we can believe in was a lie, but let us track these failed promises in this week’s breakdown!

Obama promised that he would undo the tax cuts on the wealthy, but he upheld the Bush tax cuts instead. I liked this, so I’m not going to complain, but if you were a self-righteous hipster of the trickle-down economic system then you should not.

Obama promised to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, but instead, he has decided that its existence might be useful for the holding of suspected terrorists. How about his promise to stop torturing suspected terrorists? We still waterboard and ship folks off to Eastern Europe and Pakistan to get worked over so I guess his promise is broken.

A lucid government, where the people will know what is going on and be able to review bills and legislation before they are passed, was one of his big promises. Insert a big middle-finger here from the Obama administration to everyone who believed that malarkey. Remember that 1,073-page Stimulus bill that cost us nearly $4,000,000,000,000 (four trillion for those confused by all the zeros) that the government passed without reading, let alone let the public see it. Surely, he would have taken efforts to reduce the ability of private firms to lobby Congress! Nope, lobbying firms are stronger now, just in case you have not been following the news.

How about LGBT supporter? Are you glad that while the courts argued about the right of homosexuals to join the army the set by him when he could have simply made an executive order to do away with “Don’t ask, Don’t tell”? How about his promise to reduce earmarks? No, the Republicans are the leaders in trying to push through anti-earmark legislation.

My favorite promise was to make the government use plug in electric vehicles, which he decided to break when he realized his own car would then be prohibited. How is health care? Is that fixed yet? No. The economy? Nope. How about his promise to end the war in Iraq? Wait he did! OMG! Never mind, he just sent troops to Afghanistan and the jinx to Iran. No, I think about never starting a war without congressional approval? I’m going to run for president. Everyone will get free health care for life and I promise world peace! I cannot promise those things in good conscience because I can’t follow through. Just like in 2008, Obama made a freaking million promises to everyone and their mother all in the name of “hope” and “change,” and he has broken nearly all of them.

It doesn’t matter though, because some people think he can’t do wrong because he is a demi-god or something. Change we can believe in can go F**k itself, because if it must certainly F**k us. Accountability in 2012 seems Good heck and God bless.

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Some tips to improve your health near finals

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After a long weekend with minimal hours of sleep, Mondays can be extremely hard to get through. This week, try these ten natural ways of boosting your energy and tackle the week ahead of you. Some people binge-drink coffee, others turn to illegal substances, but the best ways to increase energy are as follows:

**Drink Tea.** Yes, it's that easy. Stress can wear us down and cause us to feel sluggish. Try taking three deep breaths in and out and you will naturally regain some of the energy lost due to stress.

**Chlorophyll.** Much like plants, we can gain energy from an intake of chlorophyll. Surprisingly, many drinks have a chlorophyll in them, but if you really want a boost, look for drinks that also have alfalfa, spirulina, and barley grass in them.

**Eat Healthy.** After all, you are what you eat! Don't be like those who look like French plants, we can gain energy from them. If you really want a boost, look for natural sources of energy, if you do come across them you will know that it works.

**Exercise.** By using energy, you will gain energy from endorphins. Endorphins work with the brain and act similarly to morphine or codeine. If the gym is not your favorite place in the world, try meditating, having (safe) sex, or eating chocolate. All of which have been proven to secrete endorphins.

**Eat those carbs.** Diets like the Atkins' Diet have convinced Americans that carbohydrates are the enemy, but in moderation, carbohydrates can help give you energy and keep you alert longer during the day. If you are worried about the calories in carb-filled foods like pasta and bread, try eating fruit such as bananas. They have carbohydrates along with fibers and other essential vitamins.

**Cayenne.** This pepper moves your blood farther out of all the herbs discovered on the globe. It stopped exporting this berry to Germany, and is becoming a popular source of energy, while also increasing your endurance, while also being a pretty powerful cold medicine. As bananas. They have carbohydrates along with fibers and other essential vitamins.

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Men's tennis looks to top the pile in 2011

BRAD SHAPIRO \ World Contributor

For the second consecutive season, the Roger Williams University Men's Tennis team was picked as the favorite to win the Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC). Last year, the Hawks lived up to those preseason expectations by posting an undefeated 11-0 conference record in the regular season. However, they fell short of their ultimate goal by one match in their loss to Salve Regina in the TCCC Championship by a score of 5-4. Despite losing their senior captain, Kyle Baker, the team not only looks to maintain their regular season dominance in 2011, but more importantly, to accomplish what they could not a year ago -- win in the conference finals.

Rohman, a returning sophomore, believes the team has been making all of the necessary adjustments to do just that. Rohman pointed out that in 2009, the season the Hawks captured their first TCCC Championship, the team's phenomenal singles player made a big impact in their title run. In the finals of that year, the team won all six of its singles matches. Rohman said that, under second-year coach Neil Canaga, the Hawks have made it a priority to improve their play at doubles in order to be a more balanced team. To date, the team has gone 2-2-1 in doubles overall and an impressive 9-3 in conference play. In addition to the improvement of doubles play, Rohman indicated that another change the team has made from last season pertains to their level of conditioning, which has been vastly improved by new assistant coach Josh King.

King, having played, coached, recruited, and trained at the college level, has brought new drills and a different physical approach to the team. Rohman said he believes this will allow his team to compete at a higher level in longer matches. Along with a new conditioning routine, King has helped the mental aspect of the team's game as well, which Rohman knows can play a big role in determining the outcome of a match.

This past Tuesday, the team was defeated 5-4 by Nichols College, which was ranked second in the aforementioned pre-season poll. Rohman said they came out flat in the match, which was reminiscent of last year's title game. Though Nichols handed the team its first conference loss of the year, the sophomore looked at it as a "good wake up call." Rohman believes that with another win, the Hawks reach the finals, but he plans on them facing Nichols again and exacting their revenge.

The team will face another tough test this week when they take on Salve Regina in Newport, a rematch of last year's TCCC Championship. However, as far as getting back to that title game goes, Rohman remains optimistic. "We want a championship. It doesn't matter how we get there, just as long as we get there."