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Changes to be made to CORE curriculum

VICTOR WONG | Herald Reporter

Members of Roger Williams University's administration are planning on imposing changes to the current CORE curriculum.

The current CORE curriculum's objectives are: "Breadth of knowledge and experience in exploring new areas," "Deep understanding of an area that you feel passionately about outside of your career," and "The ability to make connections and recognize the unity of knowledge," according to the RWU website.

It is a four-year requirement for all students, who begin their academic careers with classes such as Literature & Philosophy, Human Behavior, and Aesthetics. In their final year, students will select a topic for a senior seminar class, as the final CORE requirement.

The proposed changes that are to be made to the new CORE program are to be made in the following themes: Sustainability, global interactions, communication, critical thinking, and problem solving.

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RWU struts its stuff for women's advocacy

MICHELLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

Trading their tennis shoes for red, bejeweled high heels, 15 male students and staff, along with dozens of other supporters, took part in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. The event was co-sponsored by The Women's Center and The Locker Room.

"It's a walk to raise money to help the Rhode Island Crisis Assistance Center (RICAC), which helps women who have been sexually assaulted or in situations such as sex slavery," said Lucia Walker, a senior and President of The Women's Center. "We thought this would be a really nice way to get guys involved." Laurel Dreher, Coordinator of Residence Education, agreed. "Walk a Mile is an event across the country," she said.

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Senior class gift revealed

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Eager seniors, underclassmen, and staff alike crowded the Global Heritage Hall atrium at 12 p.m. Wednesday to hear the announcement of the senior class gift.

Inter-Class Council's (ICC) Senior Class President, Stephanie Birch, took the podium first to welcome all in attendance and thank them for attending. After her introduction, Birch set about getting to the main event: the announcement.

"It is a tradition of the senior class officers to put the money allotted back into the university," Birch said. "We have split our gift into two parts: one part is tangible, the other is intangible. First, we bought a sports bench for the turf field, which will be for the home team."

The second part of the gift was a "scholarship fund that would go back to university students. "We want to help students who are currently doing unpaid internships so that they have the ability to support themselves while they do their internships," Birch said.

Interim President Ronald Champagne took the podium following Birch's announcement, commending the class on its generosity, thanking them "on behalf of the Roger Williams University on a job well done."

The senior class was also thanked by Lisa J. Raola, Executive Director of Alumni Relations, who urged the soon-to-be alumni to continue giving back to the university, saying that the class has already succeeded in "expressing [its] pride in the institution."

The announcement of the gift was well-received by the audience, who seemed particularly receptive about the scholarship fund.

Birch said that the decision, which was finalized at the beginning of the semester, was made collectively by the four senior class officers and the senior class committee.

"We all agreed that we wanted to go in a direction of something tangible and non-tangible," Birch said. "We decided to purchase a bench for the new turf field as our tangible contribution."

The bench will have a plaque.

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NICHOLLE BUCKLEY Assistant News Editor

Coming in the fall semester, Sustained Dialogue, a student leadership program, will look to increase discourse among students on campus. Kathleer McMahon, Dean of Students, along with Carol Sacchetti, Director of Student Programs and Leadership, and Dr. Harold Lake, Director of Conferences & Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs, wanted to bring this workshop to campus.

"This workshop is basically professional training in strategies for intercultural communication," Sacchetti said. "Sustained dialogue is at several schools across the country and its mission is to develop everyday leaders to engage differences and strengths to improve campuses, workplaces, and communities."

Sustained dialogue is a process created by Dr. Harold Saun- don in 2003, the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network (SDCN), with Saunders as president, was formed to offer support, initiate programs, train moderators, and to promote the actual program of dialogue among college-aged students. The SDCN mission statement explained Saunders created "this process for leading participants through dialogue over time to create conditions in which relationship could change." Currently, the SDCN works with a network of 14 campuses nationally, including RWU.

Freshman David Lake has become very involved in starting this club. "Right now, we're in the preliminary stages where we're trying to create a community on campus where everyone can come together and commu- nicate efficiently." Lake and about 10 others are drafting the group's constitu- tion, mission statement, and deciding what they want out of the club.

"We have a lot of great ad- ministrators behind us that are helping us out. We see it be- coming a club early in the fall," Lake said. "We feel like there is a lot of promise to the club. There are a lot of kids who are interested in it."

To train students to become dialogue moderators, two rep- resentatives from SDCN came up to RWU after Spring Break. "They taught us what the club is all about and what sustained dialogue is, so we're just trying to take that idea and form it into a community on campus," Lake said.

Sacchetti agreed. "They talk- ed to us and really had some eye opening exercises to have students learn a little bit more about diversity and inclusion."

The club would be completely student focused.

"We have the students that went through the training and then there's continual training that they can offer," Sacchetti said.

Once ready, students will have more time to have a dialogue about some topic that is going on that affects the campus community or the world as a whole.

"They can talk. They can just... come and say, 'you know, this situation going on in the world has weighed a lot on me, I just want to process it.'" Sacchetti said.

"I think there's definitely been a big push this year especially, since it's connected to national- ly," said Lisa Pellecchia, S.A.E.E. Vice-President. "The silence is supposed to speak louder than words."

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On Tuesday, they were in- spired by the online campaign Knockout Homophobia, where people submit photos to be posted of themselves holding up signs saying what they fight for in the struggle against homophobia. At RUW however, these pieces of paper were hung up on the Awareness Wall in the Recreation Center for students walking by to see.

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RWU students take PRIDE to heart

University celebrates equality for all

CLAIRA MOSES | Assistant News Editor

Roger Williams University celebrated Pride Week last week, a time meant to celebrate the LGBT community and to edu- cate others.

Sexual-ity Advocacy For Ev- eryone (SAFE) RWU's gay straights alliance, held events on campus all week, including the Day of Silence on Thursday. On this day, those participating did not speak all day in order to send a message of solidarity to others.

"It's a day where we use silence to protest the actual silencing of the LGBT community by those that commit themselves to dis- crimination and harassment," said Lisa Pellecchia, S.A.E.E. Vice-President. "The silence is supposed to speak louder than words."

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CORE: Changes expected to have impact on liberal arts education

Susan Bosco, President of the Faculty Senate and Professor in the School of Business, said the plan is still being finalized, but that it is very likely that these adjustments will be put in place. It is not expected that the school will institute the scheme until the fall of 2012, at the earliest, because the school administration still has some details to debate, Bosco said. The administration might hold a seminar during this summer on campus, to test practice teaching with the themes above.

Regarding the changes, that will be instituted, future CORE classes would be taught with the themes above, and each class would have a different theme to focus on, which would be chosen by the professor. The amount of course work, and content taught would remain the same except the materials will be taught with that particular theme. The courses would be taught and other electives are also eligible to be taught using these themes.

The idea of making changes to the school’s CORE curriculum was brought up in the 2007-2008 strategic planning meeting, and it called for reviewing the current CORE curriculum, according to Bosco. In the very beginning of the initiative, students, teachers, and the administration were involved in the planning of details of the new general education program (CORE), Bosco said. Some members of RWU’s administration are very supportive of the proposed new changes because it will be greatly beneficial to the student body, who are getting an education in an ever-changing global society. In a recent poll, the Faculty Senate’s curriculum committee voted on whether or not to pass the change to the new CORE. The faculty senators voted seven affirmatively, one negatively, with one senator abstaining from the vote. However, there is still some opposition to this new scheme with the school’s faculty, because these changes do not represent the teaching style of a traditional of a liberal arts college. And according to Douglas Koritz, Associate Provost for University Studies, the ideal liberal education changes along with the world around us.

A liberal arts education consists of high-level learning that develops the capabilities and habits of mind required for a life of intellectual curiosity, local and global civic engagement, personal growth and professional development. According to Jane Speakman, a professor of 15 years who was a member of the first wave of faculty hired to teach the current CORE curriculum, her main concern about implementing these changes to the current CORE is the process. "I believe we are at least one year away from all of the details hammered out, so I think it’s too undefined at this point, and these changes have not been passed from the faculty senate,” Speakman said.

Speakman also said that even though the Faculty Senate’s curriculum committee has voted on this, the proposal has changed a number of times since it was first proposed and the school really needs to put their focus on the process of establishing the new CORE.

“This is probably the most significant change in the curriculum in Roger Williams in 15 years, some people say ever, and this really needs to be widely accepted by faculty and students. I don’t think we spend enough time talking to students about this at all,” Speakman said.

This JUST IN

Facebook accidentally turns on all e-mail notifications for some users

If you let it, Facebook will e-mail you with just about any trivial bit of news: You just got a friend request! A friend just tagged you in a photo! A friend commented on a photo album after you did! Someone changed the name of one of your groups! Many users choose to turn these e-mail alerts off—because, if you have more than about five Facebook friends, you might get e-mails from Facebook robots more often than from humans. Late Tuesday, however, some Facebook users apparently had all of these potentially irritating notifications turned back on—even if they tried to block them.

Military to pursue first capital prosecution against terror suspect

Military prosecutors have recommended the death penalty for the accused mastermind of the deadly 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole. The announcement Wednesday from the Defense Department is another signal the case against Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri will be moving closer to trial before a military commission. As one of 16 “high-value” detainees, he has been held for years at the U.S. Navy's detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. If approved, this would be the first death penalty trial in the reconfigured military trial system.

Einstein's granddaughter dies

Evelyn Einstein, who spent the last years of her life trying to fight for money generated by her late grandfather Albert's estate, has died, her close friend said Wednesday.

The friend, Allen Wilkinson, said the two had just started to work on her memoirs. “She always said her grandfather wasn't this great god of science, to her, he was just Grandpa,” Wilkinson said.

Apple earnings nearly double, helped by iPhone

Apple Inc. on Wednesday reported another exceptional quarter, nearly doubling its net income and far exceeding analyst estimates on the strength of the seemingly unstoppable iPhone.

However, sales of Apple's big new product, the iPad tablet computer, came in below expectations. The second version of the tablet launched three weeks before the end of the quarter, and manufacturing constraints prevented Apple from selling more of them.

Nissan will take new US orders for electric Leaf

Nissan Motor Co. will resume taking U.S. reservations for its Leaf electric car on May 1. Nissan America's Chairman Carlos Tavares said Wednesday.

Tavares said Leaf production remains on track despite the March 11 earthquake that devastated Japan and briefly closed the plant where the Leaf is made. The first shipment of Leafs made after the earthquake is due to arrive in Los Angeles next week, he said. There are 127 Leafs on that ship.

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Sophomore Mike Dreickson was proud to be walking. "I'm going to walk a mile in high heels to support the women and to raise money, I'm not sure how [women] do it." The whole heel thing is not working for me but I find if you take short and sweet steps, that is the key to success," Dreickson said. Jacob Fisher agreed, "I have to walk on your toes." During the walk, Sophomore Mark Deering, was still very positive. "I feel fantastic. I have milky-white legs, tight spandex, and a dollar in my shorts. I'm doing pretty good," Deering said.

All the shoes were donated by the RICAC. This is the first year The Women's Center and The Locker Room are running this event, but Dreickson hopes it becomes an annual tradition.

"This is probably one of the happiest days I've had all year and that is not an understatement," Dreickson said.

When everyone returned from the walk, awards were given out. Each guy received a certificate of participation in the first ever RWU Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The Best Dressed and Best Team awards went to "Single Ladies," Mike Dreickson, Mark Deering, Jacob Fisher, and Jacob Dopone, who all wore black leotards, black shorts, and bright red high heel. Director of Housing, won the award for bringing the most and the loudest supporters. The last award, for the most money raised, went to Tony Montesfusco, who brought in over $250. In total, the participants earned $705, and army after 38 years of service.

Before the walk, James Lawrence, a non-violence educator, prevention work and what the affect when they were coming up with career, money towards that. We understood the idea for the scholarship.

"We feel that internships are a very important in advancing one's career, so we wanted to put the money towards that. We understand students have financial issues, and we wanted to open the window of opportunity for them," Birch said.

Birch said that the Class of 2011 evenly split their allocated funds of $10,000 between the two gifts. The $5,000 designated for the scholarship will fund an individual scholarship for three $1,000 scholarships and four $500 scholarships.

The scholarship will provide money to students who are enrolled in an academic, unpaid scholarship for things such as travel expenses, food, or rent, and priority will be given to students who demonstrate financial need for such things. Birch said that this was an especially important element, because the class wanted to ensure that students wouldn't be "geographically trapped." They could go as far as they needed to do what's best for their education.

Any student who is currently applying for the scholarship. Applications will be reviewed anonymously by the senior class committee, and the process will be headed by the senior class vice president. The scholarships would be awarded on an annual basis at the Student Recognition Banquet, ideally in advance of the internship.

The scholarship fund is currently being written into ICC's constitution and pending official adoption by the entire ICC general assembly, which consists of all four classes and the Executive Board, who will be voting next Tuesday, according to Birch. If the scholarship is passed, ICC will annually allocate a portion of money from the senior class gift budget to the senior class scholarship fund. The remaining gift funds will be put towards gifts chosen at the senior class's discretion.

Birch said that she was very pleased with the gift and her class, "We're very excited," Birch said.

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Military Ball serves as source of enjoyment and reward for ROTC members

Cadets of the Roger Williams University ROTC program attended the Army ROTC Military Ball on Saturday, April 16. It began promptly at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Downtown Providence Hotel. The Cramer's Saloon was in attendance, which is made up of students from three separate schools: RWU, the University of Rhode Island, and the State College.

Kenneth Osborne, Coordinator for ROTC at Roger Williams University, said, "This event happens annually. "The Cader Ball is part of a training program."

When the Cadets graduate and do not go on active duty, one of the events they will have to attend is a Dining-In, which is a formal military event. It is usually done for change of command ceremonies or for award ceremonies. They are very formal events that require dress uniforms and everything else. So to prepare the ROTC, Cadets are able to handle themselves well in that type of environment, what we do is we have an annual Army ball so they are forced to be at tables, with high-ranking officers and doctors to have to cope with that type of situation as appropriately," Osborne said.

The Senior Cadets, MS (Military Science) students, are the ones who put on the Ball. They have to book the facility, make all the arrangements, put on the banquet bowls ceremony, and put a slide show together. They take care of everything. That is part of their training, as well. They have to learn how to put together organizational programs. It is a good test of their Cadet Corps, the Non-Commissioned Officers, and the Officers, as they have been very good, they can go to them," Osborne said. "I thought it went very, very well."

The special guest speaker at the Ball was retired U.S. Army General Leon J. Laporte. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1968 prior to commissioning. He was deployed as a member of the 1st Armored Division to Vietnam. After the war, he returned to the University of Rhode Island to complete his education.

Attending the event was General Laporte, Distinguished Graduate of the University of Rhode Island, and the United States Forces Korea. Right after, he retired from the Army. He was Admiral of the Navy.

Attending his third Military Ball was junior Tate Russack, MS3. "General Laporte is a really funny guy. After retiring from the Army, people usually get a sense of humor," Russack said. Saturday was Osborne's twentysomething Military Ball. "I oversee the ROTC program at Roger Williams. I facilitated the students coming into the program. I have to fill out forms. I track each course students will take over the next four years to make sure that they graduate within four years," Osborne said.

Also attending the Ball were Major Troy Kennedy and Dorothy Cabral, the Administrative Assistant of the ROTC program. "They are part of the Cadet Corps from URI but we have them on the Boston campus. They do the instruction, I do the administrative processes. I speak Army and I also speak academics, if you know what I mean by that. I can be a go between for the University and the Army," Osborne said.

The Military Ball lasted until 11 p.m. All Cadets dressed in their Military dress greens, were invited to bring a guest. Encouraging the event was senior Matthew Stein. "We were excited with the event date, the dinner date was scored. Dinner consisted of salad, guests' choice of chicken, steak, or vegetables, and then dessert. A slideshow of pictures was shown, and everyone was sent home with a complimentary mug."

"I'm really excited to be a Senior Cadet and plan next year's Ball and I commend, Russack said before leaving the Ball.
Colt State Park offers respite from end-of-semester crunch

DARIELLE TERRY // Herald Reporter

After being cooped up inside for those long, cold, winter months, it is now warm enough to go outside and enjoy Bristol's gargantuan scenery. It is nice enough to sit outside, relax, and maybe do some homework. Here in Bristol, we have easy access to the biggest state park in Rhode Island. Colt State Park has 464 acres of open space for everyone to enjoy, for free.

"With the economy, the price of gas, and everything I think it will make parks much, much more popular than they ever were before," said Lou Roccaballo, the Regional Park Manager. There is no end to the activities that students can participate in at the park to get their mind off the end-of-semester crunch. Colt State Park is free, and entry to the biggest state park in Rhode Island, Colt State Park, has no entrance fees.

Additionally there are public charcoal grills and picnic tables scattered throughout the park. There are tremendous open space for the people to come in and enjoy. They start when the weather gets a little warmer. There are free picnic tables, benches and plenty of space to lay out in.

"You can spend an entire day from sunrise to sunset and it doesn't cost you any money to enjoy the park. That's really what it's about," Roccaballo said. There is an option of renting space, though. Fireplace sites, which include picnic tables, cost $3 to $4 a day. Gazebos are a little more, they are $100.00 a day, but they include two grills and eight picnic tables. These sites cannot be rented overnight, which means no camping in the park. Whether spending a day lazing out, having a picnic, or barbecuing, all trash that comes into the park must be carried out. There are no trash cans anywhere outside at Colt State Park. Even the booth at the landing offers respite from the end of the semester crunch.

Jeremy King

Colt State Parks gorgeous shoreline offers park-goers access to Narragansett Bay. Entrance to Rhode Island's largest state park is free, and is open all summer, daily until sundown.

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shoved his shoulder into the 
lieutenant's chest and grabbed 
on to his jacket. Assuming Mr. 
Bennett was intoxicated, Lt. 
McNally escorted him from the 
bar and across the street to wait-

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vised Mr. Bennett that he was 
under arrest. Mr. Bennett head-
butted Officer Viera in the face, 
crushing a chipped tooth and a

laceration to the officer's lip. As 
they struggled, Officer Viera 
was flipped over by Mr. Ben-
nett, which resulted in Mr. Ben-
nett also falling onto his face.

After ignoring several warnings 
to cooperate, Mr. Bennett was 
subdued with pepper spray.

Mr. Bennett was taken to 
Rhode Island Hospital for inju-
ries to the face from the fall. He 
was treated and released. Police 
charged him with disorderly 
conduct, resisting arrest, and 
assault and battery of a police 
officer.

Officer Viera declined treat-
ment and returned to work.

Pizza shop stake-out nets two arrests

Acting on an anonymous 
tip that drugs were being sold 
through Pita Wave restaurant 
on Metacom Avenue, police 
set up surveillance outside the 
business on Thursday, April 14, 
to monitor activities.

At 7:20 p.m., officers ob-
served one of the employees, Cory A. Costa, 22, of Warren 
exit through a back door and get inside an awaiting car, then 
re-enter the restaurant. Several 
minutes later, the car returned 
and Mr. Costa again exited the 
door and got into the car. As 
officers watched, Mr. Costa 
legally accepted money in ex-
change for a small plastic sou-
ble cup used for restaurant food.

Police immediately approached 
the car and questioned the oc-
tupants, who said the mari-
juna contained in the cup was 
purchased from Mr. Costa. A 
field test was positive for mari-
juna.

Police entered the restaurant 
and asked another employee 
for Mr. Costa's backpack. That 
other employee, Kyle Santos, 
22, of 26A Wall St., reportedly 
became visibly nervous about 
the officers' request. Believing 
the two acted together, police 
also asked to search Mr. Santos' 
backpack in which police al-
legedly found a smoking pipe, 
scale and other paraphernalia, 
as well as 28 grams of mariju-
ana, 4 pills suspected to be Vico-
din and $400 in cash.

Police charged Mr. Costa with 
possession of marijuana. Mr. 
Santos was charged with pos-
session of marijuana with intent 
to deliver and possession of a 
scheduled narcotic.

Mr. Hope Boat Ramp off An-
napasuck Drive later that day, Mr. Stravato brought a friend, 
Timothy Dubois, 18, of War-
en and the girl arrived with 
two unidentified men. During 
an exchange of words, police 
report that Mr. Stravato alleg-
edly threatened to knife one of 
the men. His friend, Mr. Du-
bois, was armed with a 
shovel. But there was 
nothing, according 
to police. Everyone 
left the area with no 
physical assault tak-
ing place.

After questioning 
those involved, police 
charged Mr. Dubois with 
felonious assault with a 
dangerous weapon, 
conspiracy and disor-
derly conduct.

The ex-boyfriend, Anthony M. Stravato, 19, of 
159 Hopeworth Ave, report-
edly agreed to the challenge and 
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Mr. Bristol Phoenix Rescue crew 
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During a recent routine medi-
cal call for abdominal pains, the 
rescue crew that picked up 
the woman who called for help 
found themselves with an unex-
pected and second patient.

On Wednesday, March 30, fire 
and rescue crews responded to 
7:23 a.m. for a woman 
who was experiencing abdomi-
nal pains. When the crew ar-

The scene at a fishing area ear-
lier this month of a stand-off 
between two men armed with 
a knife and a shovel could have 
come straight out of "West Side 
Story."

It started with a series of 
text-message exchanges 
from a young girl 
challenging her ex-boyfriend 
to fight her new 
boyfriend. Police 
report that on Friday, April 8, a 
14-year-old Bristol girl 
and her 15-year-old 
ex-boyfriend, from 
Bristol, began an argument 
through texts. She then 
provoked a fight be-
tween him and her boyfriend 
by issuing the chal-
lenge, according 
to police.

The ex-boyfriend, 
Anthony M. Stravato, 19, of 
159 Hopeworth Ave, report-
edly agreed to the challenge and 
said they said they would meet at 
11:52 p.m. on 
Wednesday, April 8, 

Knife, shovel brought to showdown over girl
**Soldier fights for country, then for credits**

**KINSEY JANEK | Herald Reporter**

For many college students, both at Roger Williams University and across the country, the goal of staving off student debt is a distant thought. Yet, there is nightly coverage of it on the news, black headlines daily in the papers, and weekly lectures in political science classes. Some students choose to enlist in the military and because of this, think they have a stronger grasp on what it is like to serve. But unless you have been distant works ever cover are the bad without getting really said Wes Isom, a of the cime, everyone is doing in political science classes. Some way." The administration here is really doing a disservice to themselves and the veterans that attend Roger Williams by only offering one Yellow Ribbon spot for each of the six schools here," Isom said. "I believe they should give some type of credit for military service. Some veterans are working to get jobs with Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Navy. Not many get big Department of Defense contractors right when they get out, sometimes making as much as six figures. So what is the incentive for them to come to college and not get any credit for their service?" Other than losing credits, Isom's adjustment to college was virtually painless. Because of his only getting deployed a few times, rather than the four times, his detachment from the outside was not as harsh as other veterans. "Each deployment kind of alienates you from the world and makes it harder to adjust when you get back because of the daily emotional highs and lows," Isom said. "I had been back in the States about a year and a half before my contract ended, so it's not like I came home from Iraq and hopped on a bus for home." Before further explaining that he was ready to take a break from learning, Isom said: "I have no idea where I would be right now if I had not enlisted. I knew I was not going to college because of the discipline and experience I gained in the Marine Corps." 

**Green building workshop brightens student job prospects**

**MICHELLE LEE | Herald Reporter**

It seems that "global warming" and "sustainability," words that were once not commonly used, are ones that are spoken about every day. Sustainability is the new "fad" that everyone wants to be a part of, even students at Roger Williams University.

Keith Doucot, a junior construction management major, with a minor in sustainability, is helping RWU students becoming "green" professionals on building green.

Starting April 4, Doucot and fellow construction management major, Kenny Ermann, run, six, one-hour workshops held in the School of Engineering, Water building to teach students about the six main credit categories within the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system.

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The system allows for a third party to verify if the building or community was designed and built using the strategies to improve energy savings, water efficiency, and indoor air quality.

The workshops held open to all students, but Doucot saidrees were given to those who went more deeply into building management and environmental science majors and some industry professionals.


The workshops were held by the RWU U.S. Green Building Council Student Group, on an organization started on campus last year that is a student chapter of the national USGBC organization. Doucot and Ermann both run the workshops under the supervision of Bilge Gokhan Celik, their construction management professor.

"I think that it's a big deal that "We need to start taking care of where we live, otherwise we're going to run out of what we need to survive."

-Kevin Doucot, LEED workshop leader

we have the [chapter] here at RWU," Doucot said.

"Douched said that the workshop is focused on the school because "the industry is moving so much into the green initiative, and the LEED program is so progressive in that whole realm of sustainability, we thought that it would be a really good idea to start the workshops." Students who completed all six workshops receive credits in the course, and attend every class and take the LEED Green Associate Exam. The exam, according to Doucot, is a way for people higher up in their field to earn credit in the course. The workshops are designed to teach the students the majority of the major information they need to know for the exam, as well as directing them on the best way to further prepare.

"It's a pretty prestigious credential," Doucot said. "It's the first step in the LEED professional accreditation system. It's definitely a good thing to have on your resume." Doucot said that the Green Associate logo on your resume makes you stand out.

"Buildings on campus, such as the Global Heritage Hall, are not only LEED certified, but to LEED or "green" standards. A lot more businesses are trying to get LEED certified, not just necessarily LEED certified," said Doucot. "People are run out of the cost of the building but the long run impacts of it is it all."

"Do you have enough hope of bringing in speakers from the industry to give the students a better perspective on the work."

"Douched said that it is still up in the air about how they will advertise for next semester's workshop. The workshops should look out for an announcement for the meetings at a possible information table announcement for the meetings at a possible information table.

"There's scientific data out there that shows how much of an impact our choices have on Earth, whether it's talking about ozone depletion or aguifer depletion," Doucot said. "It would be nice to start taking care of where we live otherwise we're going to run out of what we need to survive."

"It's a very core."

"In general, there has been very little outcry in the country, or even the U.S.," Silverthorne said. "In 1973 there was a show in New York City that showcased two photos galleries at that time and there was a mention of the exhibition in the New York Times and then nothing happened. It was this kind of underground body of work."

**Morbidly interesting:**

**Professor's work acclaimed abroad, ignored at home**

Jeffrey Silverthorne's office is cluttered with books, files, and posters line the walls. The desk is covered in paperwork and folders, his small Macbook sits securely in the middle, the silver of it glinting from the midday sun. The space is small, but no one has the favorite your restaurant's bathroom

PROFESSOR'S WORK is acclaimed abroad, and ignored at home

-RobLLesOnROCKS

Professor Jeffrey Silverthorne is renowned for his photographs of bodies in morgues. Though his work is shown in many galleries abroad, his work has struggled to gain acclaim domestically.

"It's been a very long time there was a show in the New York Times," Silverthorne said. "In 1973 there was a show in New York City that showcased two photo galleries at that time and there was a mention of the exhibition in the New York Times and then nothing happened. It was this kind of underground body of work."

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Alcohol policy changes have students talking

Lauren Prior, 21, senior

"I think that it’s making it almost more dangerous for students. It’s pushing them off campus so more students are likely to drink and drive rather than just stay on campus and have safe fun. We’re in college and I think it’s naive for people to think that we’re not going to drink as college students.”

Lauren Flannery, 21, senior

"I remember when I was a freshman it seemed like you could get away with everything. I don’t know if that’s a good or bad thing, but it definitely more lenient. I feel like my junior year it was a lot stricter even than it is now. It seems like they just really put in a lot of rules. It was terrifying to go to any kind of party. Even now I get scared even though I’m 21."

Violet Dixon, 22, senior

"I lived in Stonewall my freshman year and even there, that was an honors dorm, there was still a lot of alcohol that was around. I feel like they were strict about it, but we could pretty much get away with anything. … I feel like the policies they’ve put into place have been well-mind; they meant well, but I think there’s kind of a counter current of what students expected when they came here. Roger Williams doesn’t want to be seen as a party school, but students see it as a party school still, I guess. I definitely resent being 22 years old and being told I’m not allowed to have a beer on my balcony. I feel like by now I know how to drink responsibly."

MacKenzie Wasson, 22, senior

"I don’t really recall it from freshman year because it didn’t really apply to us back then. We just sort of snuck everything in. I was never really worried about getting caught or anything. … I think that they handle it very immorally. It’s like, I guess you could make an analogy to a soccer game. A soccer game has a referee, and the referee’s job is to make sure the game is played according to the rules. But they’re not out there specifically to hand out red cards. There’s some give and there’s some take. There’s some mutual understanding as to what’s acceptable and what’s not. To be honest, they pound it into your head that it’s so socially unacceptable that instead of making kids stop, they just resent the authority who makes the rules."
Myths vs. Facts

Information provided by Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students

The town of Bristol had a spike in DUs last year.

FALSE: Last year there was only one DU in the town of Bristol - it was a non-residential student. So DUs were actually down last year.

More students are drinking off campus.

FALSE: We had more BPD violations cited last year but this is primarily due to a grant-funded party patrol that BPD instituted that targets underage drinking. They did not have this the year before. And the funding is over this year and incidences of student alcohol violations off campus this year have decreased considerably.

The alcohol policy was changed again this year.

FALSE: There were no major changes to the alcohol policy this year - same quantity policy, 3 strike rule etc. The only change is the Medical Amnesty policy was put into effect.

Documented alcohol violations have increased.

FALSE: Alcohol documentation are actually down from last year and from four years ago (2006) down 25 percent. Last semester - Fall 2010 - alcohol documentation have decreased considerably.

There have been more transfers due to alcohol policy changes.

FALSE: Transfer rate from 2009-2010 had 10 less students transfer from the university than the 2008-2009 school year.

2008

Residence Hall Damage Costs: $115,241
Alcohol Abstinence Rate: 13%
Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): 345 violations
Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): 58%

2009

Residence Hall Damage Costs: Not available
Alcohol Abstinence Rate: 17%
Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): 275 violations
Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): 51%

2010

Residence Hall Damage Costs: Not available
Alcohol Abstinence Rate: Not available
Total Alcohol Violations (Fall): 223 violations
Students Binge Drinking Rates (5 or more drinks): 52%
**DIoN: Now is the time to include Islam in the American mainstream**

Final installment: ‘Ignorance is not an excuse’

**ERVIN DION | Health Contributor**

Many say it is time to do away with the "us" and "them" mentality pervading the American consciousness and accept Muslims into the mainstream fold. Slowly, Muslims are attaining high profile positions in the government, which allows for greater exposure. Keith Ellison from Minnesota was elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, becoming the first Muslim elected to the United States Congress. André Carson became the second Muslim elected to the House of Representatives in 2008 when he won the seat for Indiana's 7th congressional district. There are also several Muslims serving as Senators and Representatives on the State level. These elected officials work together to promote Muslim causes on a national level, which have been traditionally ignored.

More recently, it seems that a stronger wave of Islamophobia has hit, infecting not only the media, but lawmakers as well. Several states, including Oklahoma and Missouri, have introduced bills into their local legislature banning the use of laws from other nations or cultures, often singling out Shariah, the Islamic religious law. Proponents of the bills often say they are protecting freedoms and liberties granted under the First Amendment, and protecting America from foreign interests. Some politicians have taken this a step further. Congressman Peter King, the Republican Representative from New York, held a Congressional hearing on the "radicalization of American Muslims." His conclusion? That "Muslim Americans need to do more to combat Islamic radicalization" in their communities, that they were not cooperat­ ing with law enforcement, and that preaching in mosques was leading to radicalization. These hearings signal that Muslims in America are being viewed through a biased and unedu­ cated lens.

Things are looking up for the Muslims community, though. Senator Richard Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, held a hearing in the U.S. Senate on anti-Muslim bigotry in March. Senator Durbin said the hear­ ning was responding to "recent incidents targeting Muslims such as Koran burnings and restrictions on Mosque construc­tion." He is referencing Pastor Terry Jones’ plan to burn a copy of the Quran on the an­ niversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and the controversy over a proposed Muslim community center to be built two blocks from the World Trade Center site in Lower Manhattan.

While it is unclear what the future might hold for Muslims in America, this hearing represents a step in the right direc­ tion: an effort to identify and correct problems, and defend the civil rights of a marginalized group. After all, isn’t that what this country is all about?

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**PHOTO: Artist fed up with lack of stateside respect**

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work [and] I never intended it to be underground," Silverthorne has been teaching at Roger Williams University since 2002, becoming an As­ sociate Professor in 2005. He teaches the Core Curriculum class Aesthetics, along with a handful of photography classes that deal with both film and digital photography. While he is a modest and soft-spoken man, his work and achievements are not lost on his colleagues. "Jeffrey Silverthorne’s photogra­ phic work is an unflinch­ ing look at some of the most profound and disturbing sub­ jects that humans face: sexual­ ity, death, poverty, relationships and self-identity," said Randall Van Schepen, an Associate Pro­ fessor of Art and Architectural History at RWU.

When looking at his body of work, one subject matter that jumps out is his work portray­ ing bodies in morgues. Sil­ verthorne’s shooting of corpses started in 1972, at the tail end of the Vietnam War. The bodies that he photographed were of no importance — they were just people, and only one of the subjects was a war veteran. Sil­ verthorne received permission from the District Attorney to photograph the bodies. Though the subject matter, which some found shocking, made a bold impression on viewers, Sil­ verthorne says that he doesn’t need that anymore.

"I don’t need the dead people anymore," he said. "I can work with the idea of mortality, and the idea of death in ways that don’t embody the physical con­tent matter. I don’t need to have the dead body to address that."

On May 27, a show dealing specifically with his work will open in Groningen, Nether­ lands, entitled "Travel Plans.

Though a domestic opening is not included among the numer­ ous international showings, Sil­ verthorne is not deterred. "I didn’t put that effort into getting my work out," he said. "And in this country after awhile I just figured, you know, I’m just people, I’m them. Why bother? If there’s not go­ ing to be a response, why hang my head against the wall?"
Editorial: Don't underestimate veganism

On Earth Day, a reflection on struggle to give up animal products

ALEXANDRA ARTIANO | Opinion Editor

Last night, I found myself watching a documentary on factory farming and the food industry. The movie, titled "Food, Inc.," explores the realities of modern agriculture and the impact of corporate consolidation on both the environment and public health.

I realize that this might seem ironic, considering my personal diet, but the documentary forced me to confront my own food choices. As a student who eats meat and dairy products, the documentary challenged me to consider the ethical implications of my consumption.

The filmmakers, Kim Basinger and the Duke University Center for the Advancement of Food, Agriculture, and the Environment, explore the issues of corporate control, environmental degradation, and animal welfare. They highlight the ways in which industrial agriculture contributes to climate change, soil degradation, and water contamination.

I have always been interested in the environment, but watching this documentary made me realize that my actions have a direct impact on the planet. As a student who eats meat, I am complicit in the destruction of the ecosystems that sustain us.

I am not saying that I will become a vegetarian overnight. I am aware that this is a difficult transition, and I do not think that I am ready to give up meat entirely. However, I am committed to making changes in my diet that are more sustainable and ethical.

I am considering reducing my meat consumption and looking for alternative protein sources. I am also interested in learning more about plant-based diets and how they can benefit both the environment and my own health.

I am encouraged by the success stories of people who have made the switch to a vegan lifestyle. They have reported a decrease in their risk of chronic diseases, improved energy levels, and a greater sense of well-being.

I realize that this might seem like a small step, but I believe that every action counts. By making changes in my own lifestyle, I hope to make a positive impact on the world and inspire others to do the same.

I hope that my reflection on the documentary "Food, Inc." will be a catalyst for change. We must all take responsibility for our actions and work towards a more sustainable future.

By taking small steps and making conscious choices, we can contribute to a better future for ourselves and future generations.
Conservative anti-gay marriage priest: 'I now support full civil marriage equality'

RAYMOND DORE | Herald Reporter

Louis J. Marinelli is a priest that, up until very recently, was known for standing adamantly up against rights for the homo-sexual community—specifically against giving the right of marriage to same-sex couples. Marinelli was the man behind the Summer for Marriage Tour sponsored by National Organization for Marriage in 2010, which traveled the nation hosting rallies for traditional marriage. However, this was this year against same-sex marriage that sparked Marinelli’s later change of heart.

In a testimony in his personal blog, he explains that a huge part of this was that he changed his way of thinking was the exposure he got, starting with this tour, to the real people behind the cause he was fighting against. He was forced to see a new point of view and recognize real gay and lesbian people. Their heart-wrenching stories touched him, making him feel empathy for his opposition for the first time. He ends his blog saying, “My name is Louis J. Marinelli, a conservative Republican and I now support full civil marriage equality. The constitution calls for nothing less.”

That same night, as I was primping to venture into the unpredictable world of single mingling, I received a message informing me that my friend had just received a very important marriage engagement ring that would be sparkling on her finger until death do them part. It was followed by another text asking me to be a bridesmaid.

Just hanging open, somehow managed to type out the word “Congratulations,” and proceeded to convince myself that no one that was my age could be ready to be that committed. But somehow sweeping them together, it made sense; they were madly in love, and I was perpetually single. That’s when the irony set in. Here she was totally confident about the person that she wanted to spend the rest of her life with, while I couldn’t even decide which pair of shoes to wear. How could two people that were nearly the same age be at such different stages in their lives?

People in college don’t “date” anymore. You are either single, or in a committed relationship. There is no in-between, no middle ground. If you are casually “talking” to more than one person, you are in a relationship. That’s my verdict; you are either single, is knowing that people think it’s wrong. And if you are in a committed relationship, you are not happy with your life, it seems like one ounce of doubt from an outside party can shake up your entire existence. People seem to have gotten together in a group discussion and deemed it appropriate to split the above mentioned situations into two tracks:

Track 1—Loneliness or looking for some: This type of disapproval usually comes from people who are in relationships or from overbearing mothers that value traditional lifeways. If you are single and in college people seem to think that you are either indirectly tramping around, sulking, or in your room, all day daydreaming about your perfect lover, and stuffing your face with Dominos pizza. In reality you are finding yourself by making mistakes and accepting other guats, or working on your relationship with yourself.

Track 2—Devastatingly alone: Although every college student is taking their relationship to the altar before graduation, there are other students who are in serious relationships. When you tell someone you are in a committed relationship and you hear things like, "You are wasting your college years by not being able to be happy with one person," or, “You are too young to know who you want to be with." People that say things like this to you are either commitment-phobes, or people that are in a functional, loving relationship and are parents who are worried that you are going to make a big mistake. It seems like no matter what we do we are going to be told that we are doing it wrong. From the time we are young, we are taught not to judge or discriminate against others, regardless of race, religion, lifestyle, or background. So why do so many people find it acceptable to judge another person’s relationship?

Society tells us what we should think about love while regarding the age and time in life when we should settle down. Society tells us that the average woman gets married at 26.5 years of age, and becomes “average” we may miss our chance at true love. My suggestion to the new society is to screw statistics, and stop letting other’s opinions dictate your true relationships. The people in our society have been forced to judge another person’s choice of lifestyle. Although it is difficult judging the happiness of others, it seems to me that the words of your friends and family say, sometimes you have to sit back and be happy, which means following your heart.

STRACO STACY | Herald Reporter

Spring break 2011: Some-where south of Rhode Island, where the beer is not required, I enjoyed my time sprawled out on the beach with sand in between my toes and the protection of my best friends and Banana Boat SPF 30. I smiled coyly at guys I had never seen before with their tan, too broad shoulders and salt water soiled hair. An endless amount of hope and unknowns lay swirling in the humid air.

While I was soaking up the facade of premature summer heat, my friend was feeling a different sort of heat. Miles away, somewhere north of Rhode Island, two people were sitting inside watching the rain and planning their future together.

For centuries those who have been deemed ‘abnormal’ or ‘sinful’ by the majority of our society have been forced to fight for their rights. First, we fought for the right to vote. When we were living as an American, then we fought for the right to be allowed to practice any religion freely — without persecution. Then, the battle progressed to the issue of African-American rights, pushing for equality and against our society’s laws. Next, the battle was brought forth on the topic of women, who’s been treated as inferior beings for centuries. Now, when each of these battles have been won, for the most part, here in the United States a new one has come out forceful: it’s the fight for gay and lesbian rights into the traditional heterosex- ual box that dominates us.

Although I understand that this fight is incredibly important and worthy of our attention and support, it’s one that we shouldn’t have to have as all. It’s been proven that people constantly have to be reminded that everyone should be treated equally, that no one should be discriminated against because of something so superficial as race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. The fact that an example like Marinelli is necessary boggles my mind. I used to think that we are all good reasonable people, but people behind the cause he was our society have been forced to judge another person’s choice of lifestyle. Although it is difficult judging the happiness of others, it seems to me that the words of your friends and family say, sometimes you have to sit back and be happy, which means following your heart.

SPRING CONCERT SHOULD BE HELD OUTSIDE

JUNIA MULVEY | Herald Reporter

Last Monday when I got in line with my friends to buy a ticket to see Lupe Fiasco and Third Eye Blind at the Roger Williams University spring concert, a thought came into my head. Why have the spring concert outside? The music for the spring concert sold out on the first day and many students who wanted a ticket didn’t get one. Part of me feels like more students would be able to go to the event if it was held outdoors instead of in the field house.

I decided to do some re- search and I found out that Bristol doesn’t allow the spring concert to be held outdoors. The reason that the Spring Concert is never held outside is predominantly due to a Bristol town noise ordinance that prohibits such events from taking place after a certain time in the evening, and Don Shea, Traditions co-chair member on the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) board spoke about the annual Spring Concert. According to Shea, the weather, and other factors can make having the concert outside difficult.

Because the Spring Concert costs money, security would have to be heightened to dis- sade any acts that could interfere with the show. Obviously, with an enclosed venue such as the Field House, we are able to pinpoint any areas that may present a threat to safety, and ensure that everything is secure.

Positive things that would come with the spring concert being held outdoors is that there’s more room outside, and it’s probably not going to be raining on the event because more tickets would sell. People might even have a good experience with all of their friends, and it would probably be a better place for the performer rather than being in a packed into a hot indoor setting.

The double standard of dating in that ain’t your mama’s drama
The phrase “government shutdown” can conjure up the image of a nation coming to a stand still. This isn’t true, though. Many of the services that are put on hold during a government shutdown are deemed to be non-essential. So what does this mean? Does it mean that if a government shutdown would have occurred a few weeks ago it would not be a big deal? No, not at all. Even though nothing that would be affected is truly needed, there are shutdown results in hundreds of thousands of people being out of work, whether it be for a day or longer.

What I wonder, though, is why do we let ourselves become so divided politically that we end up in a situation like this? We shouldn’t.

We shouldn’t.

If I’m correct, the government wants something one way, they may not be able to get it because they are not the party in charge. Although the Democrats want something one way, they may not be able to get it because of the number of Republicans in Congress. Either way, with enough time and effort, they should be able to get done no matter what the political makeup of the government.

A shutdown would have been a wake up call that both parties needed to realize that we are living together in the same country, and because of that we will need to work out our differences.

CHRISTOPHER MUNSEY
 Herald Contributor

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Elephants, and Asans, and government shutdowns, oh my! So we successfully avoided a government shutdown, but I for one totally wish that we got to experience a world without the U.S. government in its entirety. Over the past decades, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, the size of the United States government has grown to that of an enormous and insatiable leviathan that has lost its ability to manage money.

The U.S. government under George Bush was a spending spree that look like a penis-pointingbusy spending on the War in Iraq, was deemed “dangerous” to our society and to our economy. I mean, after all, in 2008 alone he added $300 billion to our national debt. What sort of idiot would do that? Good question. The answer is someone who knows better than to add $1.5 trillion to our debt in 2010.

So what if Barack has been spending a lot of money? I mean we had the stimulus bill that fixed the economy and then Obamacare, which fixed our healthcare system. Is my sarcasm picked up easily through text?

So I did see the government shutdown as a good thing, because it would have served as an excellent wake-up call to the U.S. government that we can’t keep spending like we have. Folks, if you have 10 backs and you want something that costs 12, what do you do? No, you do not sell the financial future of your children to China. You don’t buy it, because you can’t! Our economy, although recovering slowly, is still in poor condition and spending and higher taxes is not the answer. The Republican-dominated House of Representatives isn’t even evil for wanting to cut down our spending.> They are representatives of the U.S. people of you and me. The American people are sick of the taxes funding a bureaucratic monster whose efficiency is best represented by the Department of Motor Vehicles!

I have to admit, I was concerned about what will be affected during a government shutdown and who does not. Millions of government workers lose their pay for a week or two—a tragedy because then all of those folks can’t spend that money at Wal-Mart and boost our economy. How about the fact that Congress still gets paid like the dumb f**ks that gave us this problem and who managed our money poorly still get paid when we have to suffer? Most of all, I’m concerned of the impact that a government shutdown would have on our soldiers. All U.S. military personnel deserve our support and our thanks. I’m sure paying them would be a nice start.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the U.S. government is spending too much money to achieve way too little and it needs to stop. The road to economic recovery starts with American consumers buying what they want, not paying more in taxes. Good luck and Good bliss.

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REPUBLICAN: Government shutdown would have been good wake-up call
**Negative Ions scam? Students at RWU not sure**

**CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter**

Many students may have seen athletes sporting the new negative ion bracelets and necklaces, but this recently hot trend has people wondering if the whole idea of negative ions is a scam.

Some swear that they have seen an improvement in their balance, while others are skeptical and believe that people who notice a change are just imagining it in their heads. Before judging the bracelets and necklaces, people should first understand the science behind the bracelets.

**How Negative Ions Work**

Kiflow.com states that negative ions, "neutralize free radicals, revitalize metabolism, and enhance immune function" and "purify the blood and balance the autonomic nervous system, promoting deep sleep and healthy digestion." People who are nervous about these ions being so close to the body only help to improve our source of ions. Negative ions help circulate more oxygen into the body which helps athletes fight the fatigue of exercise and by adding more oxygen to the brain. This helps people feel more relaxed.

**Who Needs Negative Ions?**

Although most people think that these bracelets are only for athletes, they may actually be beneficial for anyone looking to improve his or her health. In 1975, a medical clinic in Japan researched negative ion therapy and found that it increased blood pressure and even helped slow the aging process. Brazilian hospitals use negative ion treatment to treat children with asthma. Negative ion bracelets have been spotted in the PGA Tour and LPGA tour by renowned golfers who swear by the product. The bracelets have been proved to restore golfer's balance, warm cold hands and feet, help recover from sports fatigue, and improve concentration and focus. Josh Beckett, pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, also wears negative ions in a necklace form to help him keep his balance on the mound.

**What Do Roger Williams Students Think?**

Paige Congdon, a basketball player for RWU, said that she bought a bracelet because she saw a lot of other people wearing them so she wanted to try one out.

"I would wear it when I played basketball, but it didn’t really make a difference when I played or worked out," Congdon said. On the other hand, Meghan Parez, a runner for RWU, took part in balance tests before buying her bracelet, and noticed her that her bracelet abundantly improved her balance.

So are these bracelets a scam or do they actually improve people’s health and balance? The only way to decide is to try one out for yourself.

**Auto column: In modern automotive industry, cars’ national heritages are diluted**

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What does it mean to be an American car? What does it mean to be a domestic or an import? Where are our cars made? Where are they designed?

Once upon a time, a car said a lot about the country it came from. American cars were known for their excessive size and muscular V8s. Italian cars were designed with form before function, not known for their reliability. Cars coming out of Germany were engineered and re-engineered to push the boundaries of mechanical potential. Those days, I’m afraid, are long forgotten.

Today, all cars are technical marvels. Due to strict emissions regulations, safety requirements, and a high consumer standard for in-car amenities, nearly all new cars are well-made machines. Throw in robotic manufacturing and extremely narrow margins of error and the build quality on inexpensive cars rivals that of the best. The cars on the road today are really all the same. German-made BMW sources their electronic systems from Japan, Nissan, a Japanese company, builds their new Rogue crossover in Tennessee, Cadillac’s performance oriented CTS V drives its handling from German engineered suspension. Italian Fiat owns American Chrysler; Dutch Spyker owns ex-American (originally Swedish) Saab. You get the point.

So how do you judge what a car is or what a car should be? I say all bets are off. Cars have entered a new age where they must be judged as stand-alone products. They can no longer rest on their laurels. We hear it all the time, “the world is flat,” and the saying surely holds true in the automotive world. A car’s heritage is really only worth so much, but from there you have to appreciate it just for what it is, a car.
SUNDAY PUZZLER

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PUZZLES

SUDOKU High Fives

HOW TO PLAY: SudoKu High Fives consists of five regular SudoKu grids, sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual SudoKu.

WORD WARP

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by Bill Biggar and Tom Gasior

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a triptych. The numbers indicate each answer’s length, and the + tells you to position it.

Example: The solution to “shimmer, Weddings into Barren is Wall.”

ASTRO-GRAF

By Benice Bode Ouel

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don’t, hesitate to get involved in a joint commercial endeavor, especially if your partners are excited about the subject. Enthusiasm heightens your possibilities of success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Soundwise for whom you recently performed a kindness has filed away in his or her memory bank to make sure that it isn’t easily forgotten. It could be the day that he or she reciprocates.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You’ll get a lot further if you aren’t hard-earned in business-related situations. Keep your behavior warm and friendly and you’ll generate the type of response you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although an idea with which you’ve been toying may have a short shelf life, you should be able to utilize it successfully by getting it to the right people. Strike while the giddles are smoking.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It’s an excellent day to get together with a few choice friends of yours, if you and they have the time to do so. The good mood everybody’s in will stimulate the warmth of friendship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Find an appropriate buddy to collectively go after something meaningful to you both. The warmth of friendship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — There are strong indications that you will be rewarded for something you did for another in the past. It won’t.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If colleagues offer you some good ideas, you should consider them, but without discounting your own notions. You may unconsciously know certain facts that others don’t.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Unknowingly so you friends who have your best interests at heart may be working on something that could improve your lot in life. It might concern the romance department.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is something in the works that could benefit you, in some manner so don’t get impatient and rock the boat. Let things unfold in their own way and in their own time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Lady Luck might be working on something that would be more palatable for you than anything you could put together. Give her plenty of room to operate and do her thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Noticeable improvements in overall conditions should put you in an upbeat mood. This should help you tremendously in accomplishing whatever it is you want to do.
Swinging bars. Flying balls. Excited fans.

While baseball's Saturday doubleheader against Curry College featured the prerequisites of any memorable baseball clash, the fact that the Hawks managed two victories against their conference rivals has made the occasion all the more memorable. Add in the fact that the postseason is just around the corner, and one has to feel that the Hawks are hitting their stride at just the right time.

The win improved the squad's record to 17-15, 11-5 within Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) play, while Curry falls to 12-18, 7-14 TCCC. Curry would go up 2-0 in the first inning of the opening clash, thanks to RBI's from Brad Hawin and Matt Drew, but the Hawks would take the deficit half thanks to Zach Porter's RBI of his own. And though the opponents 'home turf' may have been encouraged by their team's response to Curry's early advantage, they would get one better in witnessing their squad's eruption for six second-inning runs to blow the game wide open. Fans often in sports that the most valuable time for a team to concede is right after they've scored. This would prove to be true in this particular encounter, as, despite being downed in the first inning of the game, the Colonels would rally to tie it up at seven-all, blasting in two runs in the third inning followed by three more in the fourth. Needless to say, the game was filled with the sort of palpitating, topsy-turvy nature that every sport fans relishes, even if it was making the home supporters' hearts beat a little faster than they would've liked.

Thankfully for the home team, however, the game would end in their favor. While the fifth inning may have held plenty of uncertainty—especially with the visitors having rebounded from a six-run setback—the Hawks put the game beyond doubt with a gem that would light-up by TJ Oliver's three-run homer. Josh Orosz earned the win on the hill, possessing a perfect 5-0 record on the year.

Having emerged victorious from the first affair, RWU's nerves would not have been helped by the fact that the teams were still tied at zero after four innings of play. However, the Hawks would manage consecutive doubles from Eric Brunfield and Mike Pascarella allowed the former to score the first run of the game. RWU then replicated their second-inning performance from the first game, exploding for four more runs, stretching their advantage to five. Sean Boyle managed to hold on in the final two innings, striking out the final two batters to earn the shutout and the win, completing the Hawks' sweep of their conference rivals. Despite tough games still on the horizon, including a Thurs­day tilt against Brandeis Uni­versity (Coach Derek Carlson's Alma Mater), the season has gone well for the Hawks. And with these men picking up another pair of victories against foes Endicott College on Mon­day, one had to think that these men have the poten­tial to go far in the tournament.

Chris Comeau, 21, knocks a few bails into the outfield during pre-game warm up.

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Softball's numbers are unrelated to success

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You may not know many of the women on the softball team here at Roger Williams Univer­ sity. The reason is not because they lack in talent or determina­tion, but simply because they lack in size.

The team's current roster stands at 13 women. Yes, 13 is just four more players than what is needed to be on the field. While this deficiency in players would hinder most teams from competing at the same level of their oppo­nents, Women's Softball has already shown this season they do not see their opponents as a shortcoming, but rather as a point of motivation.

To the Lady Hawks, 13 is only a number when it comes to finding a way to win.

Joyce Maul­die, first-year coach, is making the transi­tion to RWU after spending eight seasons as Head Soft­ball Coach at Division I Tennessee State University.

When asked about the most notable differences between the two schools and athletic divi­sions, Mauldie remarked that besides the cold New England­ weather, the student athletes at the Division III level are "equally as competitive, play with a passion, and want to be successful." She also has been impressed by her own group of women, saying they have been "very coachable and done every­thing they've been asked to do. When Mauldie was hired as the head coach of the Women's Softball team, she knew the women had "a lot of talent and a pretty good nucleus in place," but they were having trouble filling the voids left by five seniors, includ­ing Captains Michelle Caprice. Both Erick Carlson and Sarah Grill, the lone senior on the team, were chosen unanimously by their fellow teammates to be the captains of their small, yet determined group.

Mauldie noted, however, that even though there are officially only two captains, the team is full of at least one who guide the team in different ways, whether it be vocally, inspirationally, or by example.

In a game where there can be 27 out of 10 times and still be considered great, Mauldie knows that the softball is truly a game of failure. She says that one of her team's greatest weaknesses is that they are too hard on themselves. In order to be suc­cessful, Maul­die says they must be able to "bounce back from mistakes" and play "pitch to pitch," rather than dwell on the past or worry about the next game on their schedule.

Coach Mauldie believes that there are three things these women need to have in order for these ladies to have success and make a run in this year's playoffs: "heart, teamwork, and desire."

And while opponents of this driven team may look at the squad's size and wonder how they "pounce" on in competition, they should note that these women would be successful for years to come.