

STUDENT LIFE @ Roger Williams University

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

FALL 2012



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Parents and Students,

This semester our new resident students were once again welcomed to campus with move-in assistance from faculty, staff, and many returning student volunteers – many of them student athletes or ROTC cadets. The entire entering class, many parents, faculty and staff along with senior administration and trustees participated in Convocation on Saturday, August 25th. The Academic Address was delivered by our new Provost and Sr. Vice President Dr. Andrew Workman, who recalled the life and lessons of historic figure Roger Williams as an example for our students.

A vibrant Weeks of Welcome schedule featured national diversity speaker, Maura Cullen, in an interactive presentation sponsored by our Multicultural Student Association. Our Health and Wellness Peer Education group hosted former college and NBA player, Chris Herren, in front of a standing room only crowd. Herren spoke about his 13 year personal journey of addiction to drugs and alcohol which began when he entered college and the many interventions necessary before he entered recovery.

During Labor Day weekend, 1,375 students attended an outdoor concert and BBQ featuring the band We the Kings. Nearly 2,000 students attended the Student Involvement Fair on September 12th featuring 80 clubs and organizations recruiting new members. New students began their theatrical careers at RWU during the weekend of September 21-22 in a collection of short plays written by 60s-era playwrights, many of whom became major forces in American theatre.

Student Senate, under the leadership of President Ryan Freed and Vice President Kevin Manuel, has been meeting weekly and inviting key administrators in to discuss issues and provide them with student insight about campus life. In the past month, over 260 new students have registered to vote in Rhode Island while many others have been encouraged to arrange for absentee balloting through the educational efforts of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning & Community Engagement. Our College Republicans and College Democrats have been busy volunteering for local races and debates in this important national election year.

Women's Volleyball, Men's Cross Country, and Women's Soccer are in the middle of fall season campaigns to defend their 2011 conference championships. Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, and Women's Cross Country are having excellent seasons and are all seeking a return to the finals for the conference championship. Our Sailing team is currently ranked nationally at #3 in co-ed racing and #13 in women's racing. The Equestrian team enters the first show of the season this weekend and features riders with national qualifier ambitions. Fall club sports with busy seasons include Women's and Men's Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, and Field Hockey while Golf competed in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship Qualifier.

This issue of Student Life at RWU offers more insight on campus life inside. We encourage all parents and family members to visit campus during Homecoming & Family Weekend taking place October 19-21. A full schedule of activities and online registration can be reviewed at: <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/homecoming/>

We hope to see you on campus SOON!

Sincerely,

John J. King, Ed.D

Vice President – Student Affairs

PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello!

I hope the beginning of the school year is going well for you and your student. I am excited to announce that the Parents Association will be hosting their annual meeting during Homecoming and Family Weekend again this year. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Global Heritage Hall, Room G-01. Please consider attending this meeting as part of your weekend activities. RSVP for the meeting to amarsili@rwu.edu.

We are looking for parent volunteers to join us at our October 28, 2012 Open House. Having current parents at our admission events speaks volumes about our University. While we have a lot to share with perspective parents, they love to hear from you- parents who have already been through the process and who have had a great experience at RWU! If you are interested in volunteering at the October Open House, or would like more information about other volunteer opportunities, please contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming and Family Weekend! If you are on campus before then, please stop by and visit me. My office is located in the Alumni and Admission Center.

Sincerely,

Amanda Marsili

Director of Admission Operations and Outreach

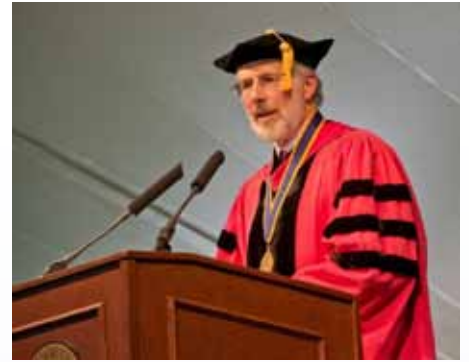
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NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION

By Allison Chase Padula, *Associate Dean of Students & Director of Conferences*



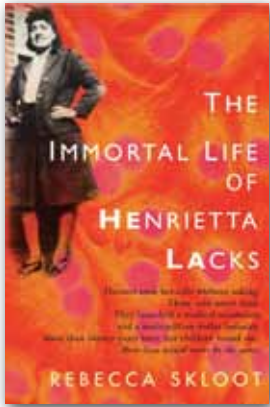
The sun shined brightly on the entering class of 2012 as we welcomed them into our academic community and marked the beginning of another academic year at New Student Convocation on Saturday, August 25. New students, their families and University faculty and staff assembled under the tent, on Paolino Field, to hear welcoming remarks from President Donald J. Farish, Ph.D. who presided over the ceremony. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. John J. King, encouraged students to take advantage of all of the opportunities

ahead of them at RWU and new Provost, Dr. Andy Workman, provided his first academic address since arriving at RWU this summer. Students were also welcomed by Student Senate President, Ryan Freed '13, and the Invocation was said by Rev. Nancy Soukup, our Multi-Faith Chaplain. The culmination of the ceremony occurred as each of the academic deans instructed students to don the academic robes provided as a symbol of their membership in the University and Dean Jerry Dauterive led the incoming class in the Pledge of Academic Integrity.



COMMON READING

By Allison Chase Padula, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Conferences



RWU is proud to have selected New York Times bestseller, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot as our 2012 Common Reading. This extraordinary book tells the story of Henrietta Lacks, a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells – taken without her knowledge in

1951 – became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in-vitro fertilization and more. Henrietta's cells (HeLa) have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown. Readers take an extraordinary journey, from the segregated ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital in the 1950s to stark white laboratories with freezers filled with HeLa cells; from Henrietta's small, dying hometown of Clover, Virginia, to East Baltimore today, where her children and grandchildren live and struggle with the legacy of her cells. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race and

medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. It's a story inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the legal battles over our whether we control the stuff we're made of, and the birth of bioethics. (Adapted from www.rebeccaskloot.com).



There are a variety of events planned for the fall semester, including a writing contest, interdisciplinary panels covering various aspects of the book, and small group book discussions. The culmination of these events is the appearance of Henrietta's son, David "Sonny" Lacks. Mr. Lacks will join us on October 18 at 7pm to share his insights on what his family faced upon learning Henrietta's cells had been collected and then used by doctors. We hope you will encourage your student to participate in these events (members of the freshmen class are required to attend the 10/18 event.)

The Center for Counseling and Student Development

By Dr. Jim Azar, *Director of the Counseling Center & Student Development*



The fall semester can be a challenging time for incoming freshmen to adjust to campus life and for returning students to face the new challenges that lie ahead. Challenges can come in the form of learning how to balance increased responsibility, finding a social niche, negotiating conflicts with roommates and friends, and reexamining personal goals, values and priorities.

The Counseling Center offers support to students in a variety of ways. First, the Center offers individual counseling to students seeking guidance as they navigate their college journey. This year we are also expanding our outreach efforts by creating a “Student Success Workshop Series.” The workshops are on such areas as happiness, healthy relationships, sleep, stress relief, time management to name a few. We are also offering three therapy groups this semester. They include: Women & Relationship; Anxiety Reduction and Distress Tolerance; and Dealing with Loss & Grief.

In October the Counseling Center will participate in the National Depression Screening Day. The screening consists of students completing relatively brief questionnaires and receiving immediate feedback from a trained counselor. It also provides students with the opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment at the Counseling Center. Students may complete any of the screenings at any point throughout the year at: <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/>.

Additionally, the Counseling Center has increasingly utilized the internet to provide information to students, parents, staff, and faculty. Various brochures can be found at: <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/resources/>. Weekly mental health tips can also be accessed anytime throughout the academic year at: <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/resources/mhtips.htm>. There is helpful information on many topics including, but not limited to, adjusting to RWU college life, depression, anxiety, and overcoming procrastination.

Our services are confidential which means we cannot share information about the fact or nature of students’ visits to the Center without their permission. However, as a parent you are welcome to call us to share your concerns or to consult with one of our counselors. All full-time undergraduate and graduate students (other than the law school) are eligible for our services, free of charge. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is located on the 2nd floor of the Center for Student Development, and we may be reached at (401) 254-3124.



HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2012

By Carol Sacchetti, *Director of Student Programs and Leadership*



Homecoming and Family Weekend is a favorite tradition for many students and family members and this year's events should not be missed. The Homecoming and Family Weekend Planning Committee has been hard at work

planning for this year's events. Here is a brief schedule of our confirmed events; those who have registered will receive a complete schedule before the event.

Please check the Homecoming website at www.rwu.edu/homecoming for event updates, registration and past event photos. Please note that some events are ticketed events and may sell out.

Monday, October 15 -October 21

The Inter Class Council presents its Annual Spirit Week with a week of events that celebrates being a Hawk. Your student will be able to take advantage of events that highlight their class.

Friday, October 19

Casino Night: Come and enjoy the excitement of our Homecoming Casino where you can play blackjack or Texas Hold'em' and enter to win fabulous prizes. The highlight to watch is our Wii Dance Tournament.

Midnight Madness: Show your Hawk Pride as the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) introduces the crowd to our Winter Sports Team. Midnight Madness is MCed by our own Homecoming Court.

Saturday, October 20

Family Workshops: Attend workshops on topics including our Parent's Association Meeting, Study Abroad, Co-ops and Internships and A Student's First 100 Days

Autumn Lunch: Join the campus community at our annual Autumn theme Lunch where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced

Autumn Festival: The highlight of Homecoming Weekend is our Annual Autumn Festival with activities such as pumpkin painting, carnival games, puppet show, local food vendors, live music featuring the Dan Mills Band and performances from our Dance Club and Dance Team. This family friendly event is a favorite of students who attend. The Inter Class Council (ICC) will once again sponsor St. Balderick's Day, a head shaving competition to benefit Cancer Research. Tours of Downtown Bristol will be coordinated by our Bristol Merchants Association during this time.

Athletic Events: Cheer on Hawks Soccer as the Men and Women's teams are both in action. The Finals of our Annual Fall Classic Flag Football Competition will also take place

Special Event: Comedian Hal Sparks: The Homecoming Planning Committee is excited to bring Hal Sparks to campus as our special comedian on Saturday night. He has recently starred in his own Showtime Comedy special "Charmageddon" and is as a commentator on the VH1 popular "I love the 80s series". Hal is also a pop culture expert and regularly appears on such shows as "Joy Behar" and CNN's "Your Money." His numerous other television appearances include "The Tonight Show," "Larry King Live," "Charlie Rose," "Good Morning America," "The View," "Jimmy Kimmel" and MTV.

Sunday, October 21

President's Jazz Brunch: Join Dr. and Mrs. Farish at our Jazz Brunch in the Dining Commons. This event will be a great chance to say goodbye to your student before heading home.

RWU Athletics – Fall 2012

By Nicholas Williams, *Athletics Communication Director*

While most Roger Williams University students spent their summers working, taking on internships or going on vacation, some students elected to give back to the University and spend the majority of their summer break as Orientation Advisors. This past summer, 13 student-athletes were involved in the program designed to help their peers who are new to RWU help transition to life at “The Roke.”

Tim Clarkin (Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field), Lindsey Cruff (Women’s Swimming & Diving), Andrea Dewitt (Women’s Swimming & Diving), Julia Doyle (Equestrian), Jack Dunleavy (Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field), Leandra Fox (Women’s Track & Field), Jeremy Kacher (Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field), Nikki Lespasio (Women’s Lacrosse), Shayna Moran (Women’s Lacrosse), Katie O’Koren (Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field), Sam O’Neil (Field Hockey), Jeff Pini (Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field) and Lauren Tierney (Softball) were all part of 42 Orientation Advisors for the 2012-13 academic year.

As Orientation Advisors, the students were charged with representing Roger Williams University in assisting new students and their families with their transition into the RWU community. Throughout Orientation, the OAs facilitated small group discussions with students, engaged with parents and served as an overall resource for students and parents.

For the students, the common reason given for their decision to become an Orientation Advisor revolved around the desire to ease the transition into college life while giving back to the RWU community.

“I thought being an OA would be a lot of fun,” said Dunleavy. “I was a freshman last year, so I went through this process, exactly a year ago,” said Dunleavy, reflecting on his decision to become an OA. “It was really cool and helped out a lot. I thought I’d be able to meet some really cool people and it would be fun to do for a summer.”

“I had a fantastic experience at my own orientation,” said Pini. “My OAs were some of the nicest and friendliest people I’d ever met and, I really felt that’s what I wanted to do for future classes of Roger Williams students.”

“I chose to do Orientation because I watched one of my roommates from freshman year do it, and I watched her come back from the experience a completely new, awesome person, who came back with the best attitude about life, said DeWitt. “She was very changed by the experience, so I thought that if that could happen to one person, I want that to happen to me.”

Lespasio commented, “I wanted to give back to the school because Orientation was the sole reason why I came to the school with the positive attitude that I had. They were so accommodating and so welcoming.”

Training to be an Orientation Advisor involved many team-building exercises, group talks and long days spent with one another. Yet according to Tierney, these bonding experiences were what allowed the group to come together and connect.

“It’s really allowed everyone to break out of their shell and get to make connections with people on such a deep level that they would they normally wouldn’t get to make.”

Those connections were definitely needed to help get through the long days of training and preparation before the students arrived on campus. After an 8:00 a.m. breakfast, the OAs then went through training sessions from various departments in the University so that they could impart their wisdom onto the incoming students. The sessions lasted until lunch, after which the groups went through more training and team bonding. When the groups weren’t training, they split up into various committees for other activities, including working on the Bristol 4th Of July Parade float and rehearsing for the OA skits.

RWU Athletics – Fall 2012 cont.

By Nicholas Williams, *Athletics Communication Director*

However, as busy as the Orientation Advisors stayed, it definitely was not all work and no play. The students let off steam through different events, including kickball, trivia night and a scavenger hunt.

“We have traditions that keep us connected throughout the day and bonded through our time here,” said Lespasio.

For the first-time Orientation Advisors, the experience was been everything they imagined and more. The returning Orientation Advisors enjoyed seeing the camaraderie by all the new OAs and the enthusiasm they bring.

“It’s been incredible; I’ve felt I’ve already gotten so close to everyone and made so many new friends,” said Doyle, a first-time OA. “It’s been an eye-opening experience too because we’ve done a lot of talking and learning about each other on a whole different level.”

“I thought that this year’s experience would not be able to compare to last year, but this year has been just as amazing, which is pretty incredible because we had a great group of kids last year,” said Cruff, a two-time OA. “But this year’s group has been just as amazing.”

Pini, another returning OA, commented, “About two-thirds of our staff are new OAs and one-third are returners, so the returners are able to take the experience from last year and the new OAs are able to put their own energy into it.”

“It’s so surprising to look at the people last year and the people this year and see how truly different the two groups are in personality,” said Tierney, another two-time OA. “It shows how great our program is when you see one group completely connect on an intense level and see the other group manage to make those same connections. It shows that you can do it with anybody, which is the point of Orientation—to make connections with all OAs and all incoming freshmen.”

Despite the long days and nights for the OAs, the young men and women who represented Roger Williams University both on and off the field are proud as their roles as ambassadors for the incoming Class of 2016.

“I think the best part about being an OA is being able to be the first people that freshmen encounter,” said Fox, a first-time OA. “I know it’s a lot of responsibility, but we feel that we are helping the freshmen get oriented to campus and it makes us feel great.”

Tierney echoes the sentiment. “Everyone here loves the school, so part of it is getting to share that experience with the freshmen to foster that love. Also, the other part is growing as a person from doing the activities. You learn so much about yourself that you never thought to reflect on before.”

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PREVENTION

By Donna Lynn Darmody MS C.W.P.

Director of Health Education, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Coordinator



This fall marks the 20th anniversary of the Health and Wellness Educators providing education and prevention on the top health concerns of college students. As the group evolved from being the APEs (Alcohol Peer Educators) in 1991, who strictly dealt with issues of alcohol abuse, to embracing a wellness model in the fall of 1992, they have changed names twice, increased from 7 to 10 members, attending 15 Bacchus Peer Education Network General Assembly Conferences and presenting at 10 of them. The BACCHUS Network™ is a university and community based national network focusing on comprehensive health and safety initiatives. It is the mission of this 501(C)(3) non-profit organization to actively promote student and young adult based, campus and community-wide leadership on healthy and safe lifestyle decisions concerning

alcohol abuse, tobacco use, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors. To date the RWU Health Education program has won the following awards for:

- 1996 - (Northeast Region) Area 10 Program of the Year: Alcohol Incident Referral
- 1996 - General Assembly National Outstanding Creativity in Prevention Education : Happy 21st Birthday
- 1997- General Assembly National Outstanding Creativity in Prevention Education : Passed Out
- 1997 - (Northeast Region) Area 10 Outstanding Program: Passed out
- 1998 - General Assembly National Outstanding Advisor: Donna Lynn Darmody
- 1999 - General Assembly National Outstanding Network Affiliate: RWU Health Advocates
- 2000 - (Northeast Region) Area 10 Outstanding Advisor: Donna Lynn Darmody
- 2007 - General Assembly National Outstanding Advisor: Donna Lynn Darmody
- 2007-2008: Outstanding AOD Professional (Finalist) Outside the Classroom, Donna Darmody,
- 2009- (Northeast Region) Area 10 Outstanding Peer Educator – Renee Belotti
- 2009 - General Assembly National Outstanding Affiliate: RWU Health and Wellness Educators
- 2010 - (Northeast Region) Area 10 Outstanding Peer Educator – Hannah Freedman

Their newest initiative is to bring the bystander intervention model into their prevention efforts with the slogan We Step Up. They reworded their mission and presented the model to over 1,500 freshmen and athletes before the Chris Herren program during the first week of this fall semester.

Mission:

We as Health and Wellness Educators, are students interested in promoting healthy lifestyles. We work together to educate the RWU community about alcohol & other drugs, safe sex, nutrition and general wellness. We recognize that an environment can have tremendous influence on individual behavior. We strive to create positive attitudes and relationships among students that decrease risks to one's self and others.

We believe...

- That health is an individual choice
- That people can choose to make lifestyle changes
- That motivation for change comes from within an individual
- Looking forward to the next 20 years!

INTERCULTURAL CENTER NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



The Intercultural Center had a great start to the new school year! As part of our motto “welcoming people of all faiths, nationalities and personal identities” we have a dynamite series of fall programs lined up.

International Students News

This semester we are pleased to welcome 73 new international students from around the world. This year the students kicked off the semester with a fun day in Newport, RI, visiting the mansions. Later in September the international students had an amazing time white water rafting in Western Massachusetts. They are looking forward to seeing Blue Man Group later in the semester as well. The “Hour With” series which gives international students a chance to share their culture and geography with the campus community will spotlight on the Ukraine, Bolivia and Greece this semester. The students are excited to plan an event-filled semester including providing cooking lessons from various countries during International Education Week in November.

Multicultural Affairs Happenings

This fall, in collaboration with several departments, we are excited to hold our semi-annual World Theater Celebration. Our World Theater program will take place during Social Justice Week, a week-long series of activities organized by the Department of History and American Studies during the week of October 22. Our performers are Alixa and Naima from Climbing PoeTree. Together, they will provide a workshop and a spoken word/musical performance for students using multimedia, poetry and theater that explore diverse themes,

including: healing from state and personal violence, environmental justice, civil rights, spirituality, global politics, and woman’s empowerment. Also this fall, the Intercultural Center will bring the national Campus Conversations on Race model, a student-led discourse that is action-oriented and focuses on community-building, to RWU.

The week of October 8 is Diversity Week at RWU. Diversity week will feature a co-sponsored discourse with Sexual Advocacy for Everyone (SAFE) and the Multicultural Student Union (MSU) where they will discuss the intersections of race, gender and sexuality. Also that week, be on the lookout for a Henna night at the Men’s soccer game, an International Food Fair, Burundi Drums Ensemble, and a showing of the movie Rent to wrap up the week. MSU’s fall programming also includes a discourse on the role of race in the upcoming presidential election and several other programs highlighting cultural traditions.

The Bridge to Success Program (BTS) Success

The BTS Summer Institute had a very successful summer. The Summer Institute is focused on a primary goal of providing underrepresented high school juniors and seniors with SAT prep instruction. Other activities focus on college access skills trainings and social and emotional development. All of this activity happens during a two-week residential program in which students live on campus and get to experience what it is like to be a college student. This summer, 60% of our high school students saw an increase in their SAT score and of those 60%, the average increase was 123 points! Our RWU student mentors really worked hard to provide an encouraging environment where high school students were immersed in college life. Because of their hard work, 96% of high school students reported that the Summer Institute increased their understanding about the process of applying to college. Congrats to our mentors for such great outcomes!

Intercultural Center cont.



The Spiritual Life Program

RWU's Spiritual Life (SL) Program kicked off the year with the first Hillel Shabbat and Yom Kippur Breaking Fast dinner, a Muslim Students' Association Eid al-Fitr meal, an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship freshmen welcome event and prayer gatherings, and weekly celebrations of the Mass hosted by the Newman Club. In collaboration with several departments, the SL Program invited to campus in September former U.S. Army (ret.) Captain Paul Chappell, now peace leadership director for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, to speak on "Why World Peace Is Possible and How We Can Achieve It." Before an audience of nearly 80 students, faculty, and staff, he addressed how effective nonviolent strategies can be as compared to violence when applied to global politics. Cosponsors with SL were the College of Arts and Sciences, CORE Program, Philosophy Department, Counseling Office, and the Intercultural Center. Fall events will feature a GospelFest on Sunday, November 4, and a week-long speaker/film series on Jewish life to be held from Monday, November 12, through Sunday, November 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| • 9/21/12 | Weeks of Welcome Event: IC Get Down | • 11/4/12 | Gospel Fest |
| • 9/21/12 | Spirit Acting Lecture: Is World Peace Possible? | • 11/8/12 | Sisterhood and Spa Night |
| • 9/26/12 | Campus Conversations on Race | • 11/12-18 | Soforenko and Bernhard Foundations Speaker/Film Series on Jewish Life |
| • 9/26/12 | An Hour With Ukraine | • 11/20/12 | Thanksgiving Dinner |
| • 10/17/12 | Spirit Acting Lecture | • 11/28/12 | An Hour With Greece |
| • 10/24/12 | World Theatre | • 12/14/12 | Holiday Open House |
| • 10/24/12 | An Hour With Bolivia | | |
| • 11/1/12 | Campus Conversations on Race | | |

Impressive Kitchen Renovation

The new kitchen at the Intercultural Center is already a big hit with students. Featuring double ovens, cherry contemporary cabinets and stainless appliances, the kitchen is a special space where students from all over the world come together to prepare meals together and bake treats for events. The space is now more open and can accommodate more students with additional area for dining. All the RWU community is welcome to use the IC kitchen, and it is recommended that advance notice is given for groups. Many of the faith clubs have already made the IC kitchen a regular part of their agenda, just recently the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship met for a cookie night. Hillel is establishing regular Shabbats in the new space and we all await to see what will be cooking for "An Hour With Ukraine".



Makeover Edition RWU

By Theresa Capelo, Associate Director of Housing and Summer Conferences



Photo courtesy of the Hawks Herald/Rachel Diep/Jeff Los

Over the summer, an exterior makeover transformed the Whitecap U in our Bayside upperclassmen apartment complex. This is the first of three U's scheduled for renovation over a three year period.

Renovations were not only cosmetic. Energy efficiency was also greatly improved by installing new windows and foam insulation in both the walls and roof areas of the building.

Interior renovations were also made to cabinetry, appliances, floors and lighting.

Cedar Hall is now home to a State of the Art, multi-use common space to be enjoyed by all in South Campus. The original lounge, and some adjacent rooms, were opened up and reconfigured to incorporate spacious gathering spots for group study/meeting, multimedia viewing, game tables and comfortable lounge seating. According to Meg Dumaine, Coordinator of Residence Education (C.O.R.E.) in Cedar, "there has been an incredible use of the space for both study and recreation!" In fact, "the change has truly fostered an overall culture of positive community." The inviting gathering space has truly become the hearth in their home away from home.



Photo courtesy of the Hawks Herald/Rachel Diep/Jeff Los



Over the Bridge, our Sophomores were excited to find a Baypoint Dining Hall updated with all modern equipment, fresh colors and new lighting to enhance existing amenities and other improvements made over the years. La Mar Rice, Coordinator of Residence Education (C.O.R.E.) at Baypoint worked with Bon Appétit staff to coordinate a grand re-opening complete with a gourmet menu and raffle prizes!

WEEKS OF WELCOME---

Take a Chance with Involvement

By Carol Sacchetti, *Director of Student Programs and Leadership*

The start to the Fall Semester is always exciting as the Department of Student Programs and Leadership works with the Orientation staff and our student leaders to create Weeks of Welcome (WOW). WOW is a 40 day series of programming that welcomes our new students to what RWU has to offer while providing a welcome back feel of tradition events to our upper class students. Our Orientation Coordinators, Christina Fontana '12 and Nathan Rodham '12 assisted the department in planning a wide variety of events that made exceeded many expectations.

WOW started with freshmen only events that brought the class to get to know each other outside of academics. The schedule included new events, just for our first year students including a day trip to Newport and RWU Takes over Target. The Newport trip allowed our first year students to walk around downtown Newport to shop, eat lunch or hang out with friends that they had met. The trip to Target saw over 500 first year students' board buses for late night shopping at a local Target, which had closed early to accommodate our students. With music, free pizza and soda and most of the class present; this event will surely become a new RWU Tradition.

As the first day of class began, our student clubs and organizations joined into hosting events to have students getting involved and see what happens on our campus. The Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) hosted its annual 1, 2, 3 Weekend which included comedian Arden Myrin, a showing of The Avengers and an outdoor concert featuring We the Kings. Students were also able to attend a favorite traditional event during the first week of school: The Merchant Fair. This event has local merchants come to campus and allows students to see what the local community has to offer. Other events included:

- Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA) and WQRI 88.3 fm Annual 90's Dance
- Multi-Cultural Student Union (MSU) hosting Latino Heritage Night
- Our Hollerin' Hawks supporting various sporting events
- CEN's Weekly Wednesday Series: Build a Bear
- Student Programs Annual Providence Place Mall Trip
- CEN's Fall Pep Rally including our traditional Bonfire
- Musician's Guild weekly Expression Session Coffee house style event

The highlight for many students during the Weeks of Welcome Program is the traditional Student Involvement Fair; a place where students can learn all about the various clubs and organizations that they can get involved with. This year's theme "Take a Chance on Involvement" saw our quad become a large Monopoly board where students could win prizes through our Community Chest as they investigated what could they be involved with. The Involvement Fair had a picture perfect late summer day to go along with a wonderful outdoor lunch.

Involvement Fair photos can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rwu-photos/sets/72157631520842409/>

As Weeks of Welcome comes to a close, there are still many events that students can take part in; a full listing of events can be found at: <http://www.rwu.edu/campus-life/get-involved/student-programs-leadership/events>

Students interested in getting involved or wanting more information on a club or organization can stop by Student Programs and Leadership in the Campus Recreation Center or email studentprograms@rwu.edu.



Student performer at Musician's Guild Expression Session.



We the Kings perform at CEN's 1, 2, 3 Weekend



President Farish at the Involvement Fair

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

By Steven Melaragno *Director of Public Safety*



On behalf of the Department of Public Safety, I want to welcome you to the University Community as the parents of our current students. Allow me to describe for you some of the services we provide and give an overview of the Department.

I came to the University in January 2012 after a 34 year career with the Providence Police Department where I retired at the rank of Major. During my career I have served in the Uniform, Investigative, Administrative and Training Divisions of the Department. I left Providence as the Major in command of the Uniform Division where I was responsible for managing the Community Policing model of the Department, and developing crime prevention strategies for the nine districts.

My Associate Director, Pamela Moffatt-Limoges came to the University after a 23 year career with the Rhode Island State Police, where she served in the Uniform Division before being promoted to Lieutenant in the Investigative Division where she developed expertise investigating Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault crimes.

Our goal for the Department of Public Safety is to enhance the quality of campus life through the creation of a safe and secure environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors.

About Public Safety

At Roger Williams University, we are committed to our students' safety and well-being. The Department of Public Safety's mission is to enhance the quality of campus life by providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community. Public Safety is available year round, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The combination of our picturesque location and our continued commitment to keeping our students safe makes Roger Williams University one of the safest campuses in New England.

The Department's 24 full-time staff includes Public Safety Officers and Shift Commanders who are trained to enforce campus rules and regulations as well as local, state, and federal laws. We also have nine Public Safety Officers who are fully trained and licensed EMT's who respond to medical emergencies on campus.



A Message from the Public Safety Director cont.

Public Safety Officers patrol Roger Williams University property on foot, bicycle or motor vehicle. Some of our services include building checks, campus security patrols, traffic and parking enforcement, campus-wide crime prevention, shuttle and courtesy transport services. Our presence is felt throughout the University Community and we are always willing to assist anyone in need.

The task of maintaining a safe and secure environment conducive to living and learning can only be attained through a collaborative effort involving the entire University Community.

Crime Prevention

Public Safety has various programs that are designed to inform students and employees about campus safety procedures and practices. These programs encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own personal safety.

The University has established a standing Safety Committee, made up of staff, to assist in reviewing, recommending, and establishing policies, procedures, and practices to enhance workplace and campus safety.

First year students are provided a security orientation program, as well as material advising them of precautions they should follow to help avoid becoming a victim of crime on or off the campus.

Crime prevention information and personal safety programs are presented to students and staff groups during the year, as reinforcement for our belief that we are all responsible for the personal safety and security of the campus community.

Crime Reporting

An additional function of the Department of Public Safety is the generation of reports and documentation that reflect the current status and historical data of the University as it relates to campus security and safety.

These reports include crime statistics, policies and procedures and other information designed to inform students, employees and visitors about crime prevention and how to respond if a crime does occur.

Please visit Public Safety at our RWU website: www.rwu.edu/about/administration/publicsafety/

Feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns at (401)-254-3667

Thank you and welcome to RWU,

Steven M. Melaragno
Director of Public Safety

TAKE BON APPÉTIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S “Eat Local (Fish) Challenge”

By Stephanie Colliton, *Bon Appetit Controller & Marketing Manager*

IN YOUR CAFÉ

Every year since September 2005, all Bon Appétit Management Company chefs have taken on the annual Eat Local Challenge to cook a regionally authentic meal made entirely from ingredients harvested within 150 miles. In the years since then, more and more people have realized just how important, fun and delicious it can be to support their local producers and artisans. But for all those who know their farmers, only a few can name their fishers.

This year, local fish is the new frontier, and we've taken on a new challenge: make a meal from entirely local ingredients, one of which must be seafood.

FLAVOR

At Bon Appétit Management Company, everything starts with flavor; we are committed to creating food that simply tastes good. We've known for a long time that food grown locally is fresher and dramatically more flavorful than food that is harvested early so it can be transported great distances. And now we're bringing you the fresh taste of fish caught or farmed within 500 miles of your café. Local, lesser-known species can offer subtle, new flavors that knock the socks off their air-freighted, mass caught, or farmed counterparts. Like strawberries in summer, the notion of “peakfish” is powerful for those lucky enough to have tasted it.

ENVIRONMENT

When it comes to fish, there are many advantages to working with smaller regional producers. Small boats are more likely to keep fisheries viable, haul in fish at sustainable rates (with proper monitoring and support), use less energy in total to catch equal quantities as larger boats, and use much less destructive gear to haul in the catch. Then there's fish raised or caught in a sustainable manner but



flown halfway around the world, which is very carbon-intensive. By using fresh local fish, we can achieve a major environmental victory.

COMMUNITY

The purchases you make can have a profound impact on your community. When you eat locally, you are simultaneously investing in your own community and helping to preserve local farmers and artisans ensuring that their traditions continue. If you buy local, you are helping to ensure that we can savor these authentic flavors in the future.

And just as the local food movement has made farming and ranching enticing to young people, a local fish movement could help fishing continue to be a viable livelihood and create promising new businesses such as sustainable aquaculture. Small-scale fish farms have also introduced responsibly raised species into the marketplace and are helping revitalize rural communities.

For more information on food and sustainability, visit www.cafebonappetit.com.

BAYPOINT CAFÉ GETS A FACELIFT

By Stephanie Colliton, *Bon Appetit Controller & Marketing Manager*

Back in 2006, when Dining was given a new home in the Commons building, much of the pre-used equipment, small wares, and china was sent to Baypoint, our second residential café. Baypoint was then the underwhelmed recipient of our main dining halls old “stuff.” It’s been many years since then and needless to say, Baypoint needed some love and this past summer it happened. The servery has been repainted, dining tables and chairs have been given new life, and there are now all new granite-topped stations. Overjoyed is an

understatement when explaining how the Baypoint chef’s and service employees feel. With all of the shining serving equipment and platters, the menu has also been given new life, now better reflecting their modern servery. Current students at Baypoint are delighted by the renovations of the café and past Baypoint residents have returned with their jaws dropped. Our guests now dine every day in a comfortable, light and functional place to break bread.



MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS EVENTS AND UPDATES

By Ande Diaz, Associate Dean & Director of the Intercultural Center



Recently hired Assistant Director, Candice De Los Reyes, provides multicultural programming at the Intercultural Center. In collaboration with several departments, the Intercultural Center is excited to hold its semi-annual World Theater Celebration. This fall's World Theater program will take place during Social Justice Week, a week-long series of activities organized by the Department of History and American Studies during the week of October 22. World Theater Fall 2012 will be held on October 24 offering a workshop at 3:30 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. Our performers are Alixa and Naima from Climbing Poetree. Together, they will provide a workshop and a spoken word/musical performance for students using multimedia, poetry and theater that explore diverse themes, including: healing from state and personal violence, environmental justice, civil rights, spirituality, global politics, and woman's empowerment. RWU students will get a chance to add their stories to a tapestry that is 5,000 submissions long and contains stories from people around the world. They will share tactics and strategies on how art and cultural work can be used at the service of our visions for a more just and sustainable world. Our hope is that students will share struggles and solutions from their own communities, and get creative, imaginative, and inspired!

The month of September welcomed Hispanic Heritage Month. Events included a Hispanic Heritage Night, salsa lessons with a professional instructor and food from El Paisa, a local restaurant serving delicious Venezuelan food. Earlier in September, MSU co-sponsored a film showing and

discussion of *Sin Nombre*, with Professor Autumn Quezada-Grant. The week of October 8 is Diversity Week at RWU. Diversity week will feature a co-sponsored discourse with SAFE and MSU where they will discuss the intersections of race, gender and sexuality. Also that week, be on the lookout for a Henna night at the Men's soccer game, an International Food Fair, Burundi Drums Ensemble, and a showing of the movie *Rent* to wrap up the week. MSU's fall programming also includes a Native American history panel, a discourse on the role of race in the upcoming presidential election, a talent show and the annual Chismahanakwanzaeid, which is a celebration of all winter traditions. Also this fall, the Intercultural Center will bring the national Campus Conversations on Race model, a student-led discourse that is action-oriented and focuses on community-building, to RWU.

The Bridge to Success Summer Institute had a very successful summer. The Summer Institute is centered around a primary goal of providing underrepresented high school juniors and seniors with SAT prep instruction. Other activities focus on college access skills trainings and social and emotional development. All of this activity happens during a two-week residential program in which students live on RWU's Bristol campus and get to experience what it is like to be a college student. The program is staffed by nine RWU students who serve as mentors for the two weeks. This summer, 60% of our high school students saw an increase in their SAT score and of those 60%, the average increase was 123 points! Our RWU mentors really worked hard to provide an encouraging environment where students were immersed in college life. Because of their hard work, 96% of high school students reported that the Summer Institute increased their understanding about the process of applying to college. Congrats to our mentors for such great outcomes!

They Battled The Clock For the Hawk And Won.....

By Jen Stanley, *Director of Residence Life & the Women's Center*

Nearly 150 students came out on Sunday, Sept. 23 to participate in a competition between the residence halls better known as Battle For The Hawk. Sponsored by The Department of Residence Life & Housing, this “minute-to-win-it” style tournament had teams of 4 to 6 students compete against other students in their community to represent their living area in the finals. The winning team of each building then squared off for ultimate Battle For The Hawk bragging rights, as well as a variety of other fun prizes.

Although the competition was stiff and it was anyone's game right up to the last second, this year's winners were a team referred to as “The Dog Pound” from Bayside Apartments comprised of Kevin Lennhoff, Matt Gallagher, Billy Keeley and Theresa Polly. Congratulations to all teams!



ROGER AFTER DARK

By LaMar Rice, *Coordinator of Residence Education*

Lights, Camera, Roger! Roger After Dark (RAD) an affirmative programmatic effort for students who are looking for a social space in a substance or alcohol free environment on the weekends. This initiative sponsored and supported by the Office of the President, Office of the Dean of Students and the Kelley Fund: Roger After Dark is guided by a professional staff adviser, two (2) student lead coordinators, and a committee of eight (8) student leaders.

Global Heritage Hall (GHH), also a mini-version of a campus student union - serves as the gracious host of all Roger After Dark events. A contributing factor that leads to the success of RAD is the commitment of our

various co-sponsors: Student Advocates, Add-Nothing, Hillell, HAWE's, and HawkWard to name a few. The RAD Team partners closely with an array of student-run clubs and organizations to maximize the quality of our programs.

Because the event is held on Friday's, the committee and co-sponsor(s) spend a great deal of time creating fun and engaging socials, with creative themes by showing movies, live entertainment, hosting coffee houses, giveaways, raffles, free food and best of all the Starbucks in GHH is open for the duration of our events .. 10PM - Midnight!



HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

Influenza

Student Flu Vaccine Clinics Scheduled for October

In preparation for the 2012-13 influenza season, Health Services is encouraging all students to be vaccinated with the influenza vaccine. Flu vaccines will be available starting in October.

Our first Influenza vaccination clinic is sponsored by CVS.

Thursday, October 18, 2012

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Commons

Most major insurance cards accepted. Bring your card.

Without insurance it is \$25 cash, check or bursar.

Additionally, the Flu Vaccine will be available at Health Service by appointment.
The cost is \$25 with receipt provided as we are unable to do third party billing.

For more information on the vaccine as well as tips on influenza prevention and care, please visit the following links:

The Rhode Island Department of Health
<http://www.health.ri.gov/flu/>



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