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# HAWK'S HERALD

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## Single vehicle accident cuts life of RWU student short

By Jason Turcotte  
Co-Editor

This fall the junior class at Roger Williams University is one short, as a mid-summer motor vehicle accident untimely took the life of a Criminal Justice student entering his third year.

John Michael Sylvia IV, 20, of 33 Annawamscutt Drive, Bristol, was driving alone at about 3:30 a.m. on July 29, when he lost control of his Ford Mustang convertible, abruptly crashing into a utility pole at the corner of Narrows Road and Sousa Street. Lt. Michael Serbst of the Bristol Police Department told The Hawk's Eye that the vehicle "ended up flipped over on its roof." Serbst also described the road conditions during the night of July 29 as slick, "it was raining significantly that

night," he said.

The accident was reported by a resident on Sousa Street as rescue and fire crews arrived at the crash scene. Rescuers were forced to use the Jaws of Life to remove Sylvia from the vehicle. The Jaws of Life is a brand of piston-rod hydraulic tools often used to pry open accident vehicles in situations where the driver or passengers are trapped. Sylvia was transported from Mt. Hope High School via helicopter to Rhode Island Hospital where he was pronounced dead later that morning.

Sylvia not only attended RWU, but was also Providence born and Bristol raised. He was the eldest of five boys and son of John Sylvia III of Bristol and Michelle Rainville-Sylvia of Warren. In 2001, Sylvia graduated Mt. Hope High School

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Photo by Laurie Schorr  
Seen from a Bayside window, this "unofficial" lighting of the bonfire was sighted the day before the actual event.  
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## Viva la...wherever you want

By Jared Lindh  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 4 university officials announced that Roger Williams University received a \$2 million private grant to establish the Peggy & Marc Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs. The grant marks the third largest in university history.

The Center, which will be temporarily run out of the lower level of the Student Union, aims to strengthen the existing study abroad program, culturally broaden the university's curriculum and increase the number of faculty exchanges with other universities.

Mr. Spiegel, a decorated WWII veteran, and who served for 35 years as the senior executive of the Motion Picture Association of America, is

also a member of President Nirschel's Advisory Board. The donation helped make 2003 a record year for RWU fund-raising. Spiegel had this to say in the university press release, "My wife and I strongly believe that every American college and university student should study in a foreign country at one time or another during their education. We are delighted that this gift will help President Nirschel in his extraordinary vision and mandate of learning to bridge the world."

University fund-raising on a whole has seen a dramatic increase since President Nirschel took office. Two years ago less than \$1 million was given to the school, this past year the University totaled a school record of \$7 million dollars in donations, thanks in large part to the generosity of the Spiegels.

## Senior leadership displayed as Hawks soar past the Endicott Gulls

By Tim Mannion  
Staff Writer



Photo by Tim Mannion  
RWU fights to steal from Endicott.

In front of a huge crowd at Bayside field, the Hawks squeaked by the Endicott Gulls 3-2 on Saturday Sept. 20th, in what turned out to be a game of timely goals by each side, including an overtime clincher for the Hawks. Jamie Danis netted a header which was part of a double assist by David Hatch and James Trill thus sealing the sudden death win and showing the younger players how to finish the game, as all three are veteran seniors.

For a majority of the first half the Hawks controlled the ball so smoothly that it seemed like they were executing practicing drills. The Endicott Gulls couldn't stop the Hawk's flow. Freshman goalie Kevin Deegan only had two shots against him in the first half because the Hawks were busy

playing keep away. But the Hawks were unable to put the ball in the back of the net. Constant cross passes towards the goal by Hatch and junior Sean Whalen were set up perfectly, but to no avail. Every time a ball was crossed it would be rejected by the Endicott goalie or trailed out of bounds.

With 19:17 the Hawks found much needed offense in the form of Brian Cussen, who launched a kick not far from half field, right over the head of the opponents. The Hawks went into the second half with a 1-0 lead.

The second half turned out to be an eye opener for the Hawks. After dominating the entire game with perfect ball movement, careless mistakes cost them the lead. With 40:51 left in regulation a big pile

formed in front of the Hawks goal. While goalie Kevin Deegan was shielded from the ball an Endicott forward slipped a shot through the left side of the goal. The goal shifted the momentum in favor of the Gulls.

And with only five minutes later Hawks made yet another costly error when a player from Endicott college was tripped by a player from the Hawks, inside the box. This led to a yellow card and a penalty kick one on one with Deegan. The freshman goalie did his best to time the shot correctly but the ball slipped past him in the right corner making the score 2-1.

The Hawks were down but not out of it. Constant attacks to the goal were made by the Hawks forwards, but nothing

seemed to be working. With 15:25 left Rich Reddington ripped a shot that had a chance to go in but the post thought otherwise, as the ball ricocheted out of bounds. These strikes soon paid off and the Hawks had an answer when a penalty kick was called for outside the box. Brian Combra ripped a shot into the left of the net past the Endicott keeper with 3:54 left in regulation sending the game into overtime. The Hawk's resilience paid off, finally culminating with goals by Combra to tie the game and Danis to end it.

With the victory the Hawks improve to 7-1 and will travel to the University of New England on for their next game, where they aim to improve to 8-1.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I was shocked and dismayed at the low standard of journalism displayed in an article from the Sept. 22, 2003 issue. "RWU Student Faces Drunk Driving Charges" was carried on the front page, above the fold, and dealt with one of the most serious subjects imaginable—a horrible crime which may have ruined a woman's life and for which a young man currently stands accused. As the article points out, if convicted this man could spend years in prison. In light of this, the article demanded nothing less than the very highest standards of journalistic integrity.

What it got instead was much less. In two places, allegations for which the burden of proof is on the prosecution are treated as fact. The very first sentence states that "...a first year student plowed into a parked state trooper's cruiser...while allegedly operating at a high rate of speed and under the influence of alcohol." While I was pleased that the high speed and alcohol were referred to as "allegedly," it should have also been stated that the student only allegedly collided with cruiser—as the sentence stands right now, the collision reads like a statement of fact. Since it is not a fact unless the student is convicted in a court of law, that is a serious error. Further, the use of the word "plowed" is blatantly sensationalist—it seems to suggest that the reporter is more interested in providing a cheap thrill to his readers than serious reporting.

The error of stating allegations as facts was repeated in the first full paragraph of the second column, where it is stated that "...his 1991 Volvo struck Mass. State Trooper Ellen Engelhardt's cruiser..."—until the prosecution proves this beyond a reasonable doubt, the Eye has no business reporting this as fact.

Another error in this article is purely factual—the sentence which starts in the first column of the first page and continues into the second column asserts that the student "pleaded innocent." There is no such thing as an "innocent" plea—the closest our justice system has is "not guilty." This sounds trivial, but this actually reflects a core part of our criminal law—the idea that a person need not prove his innocence, that it is the duty of the prosecution to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Unless and until the prosecution has done this, the accused has committed no crime. It is a pity The Hawk's Eye did not always apply that principle in this article. If it had been printed in a major newspaper, the readers from which the jury pool will be selected might very well have been influenced, prejudiced to believe the student is guilty. It is only the tiny circulation of the Eye that saves him from this.

Of course, there are several places in this article where the allegations against the RWU student are stated as just that—allegations. But doing it right some of the time just isn't good enough in this case—it had to be done right completely, and it wasn't. The real kicker is that I am certain that if the author of this article had bothered to have it proofread by a professor, these mistakes would have been caught. Surely, an article of this importance demanded the extra editing.

—Ethan Maron

I would like to say thank you for writing about the DUI student in the 9/22 issue of the HE. I think it took a lot of guts, as well as the somewhat negative publicity drawn to the school by its own newspaper, and I'm sure Mr. Senne isn't too pleased with it, which makes it even better. Alcohol, I'm willing to say, is something that most college students familiarize themselves with, and it is also important to know how to be responsible, something this kid wasn't, if the charges against him are found to be true. It seems to me that a punk like him, who, as your article states, has had previous blatant disregard for the law, is now getting just what he deserves, in my opinion. I hope, if he has a conscience, this article will humiliate him (whether or not that was your intention), and I even would go as far as saying the school should dismiss him, as the embarrassment and disgrace that he is. While I'll admit it's an unfortunate situation for Senne, but particularly the trooper, who has to continue to suffer, and maybe, due to the severity of her injuries, stop working permanently, Senne will hide behind his money and his lawyers, and I think it's unacceptable. I hope he gets slammed by the law; he did it to himself.

Once again, Jason, thank you for your informational article, and I hope everyone who reads it takes a second look at themselves, and what can happen with foolish irresponsibility.

John S. Donley '06

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## Police Beat

### The bonfire: A week-long event

**9/19 at 1:00 a.m.** Fire crews responded to a dumpster fire at RWU. Three units were called to the scene.

**9/24 at 12:07 a.m.** The bonfire spot on the lawn adjacent to Whitecap and Nike was set a day early. Two fire engines responded and extinguished the fire.

**9/28 at 12:49 a.m.** Crews responded to a reported dumpster fire at RWU. Two engines arrived to extinguish the fire.

### Something in the air?

**9/19 at 8:17 p.m.** A caller reported a student in Stonewall Terrace possessing marijuana. Authorities investigated and no arrests were made.

### Vehicle vandals

**9/21 at 1:43 p.m.** The owner of a 1994 Ford called to report vandalism that occurred overnight at Roger Williams University.

**9/22 at 10:02 a.m.** The owner of a 2003 Honda called to report vandalism to her vehicle that occurred at Roger Williams University.

### Missing PC

**9/27 at 4:03 p.m.** Roger Williams Public Safety reported the larceny of a computer from the campus.

### Assault & robbery

**9/28 at 2:16 a.m.** RWU Public Safety reported that a taxi cab operator was assaulted and robbed. Minutes later a second call was made, requesting rescue for the cab operator who stated he was having chest pains.

### Almeida assault

**9/29 at 3:40 a.m.** RWU Public Safety reported a disturbance/assault coming from an Almeida apartment on Bayview Avenue.

# NEWS

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## Sawoski's lecture explains the diversity of the Islamic world

By Monique Stuart

Staff Writer

An estimated 50 people attended the first in a series of events designed to educate Roger Williams University students and faculty about Islam and the Middle East, held last week.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Mark Sawoski, a professor of Political Science led a lecture in the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences to open a discussion on the Muslim religion and the Middle Eastern region.

Sawoski explained that the introduction of this framework over the next year, possibly even several years, is to better educate people in order to lead to a better understanding of the different cultures, something that he feels is necessary in an era of globalization.

During the lecture, Sawoski concentrated on nine main points and key questions. At the end he opened up the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

"The Islamic world is incredibly diverse," Sawoski started his speech, "There are 1.2 to 1.4 billion Muslims in the world today. The Islamic world encompasses many different people and cultures. The Islamic identification comes second to their national identity."

Among these assertions, he particularly stressed that, "Within the religion itself there are many important divisions." There are Sunnis and Shias, Arabs and Persians, and Jihad and extreme, fanatical Jihadists. Sawoski then went on to explain some of the major differences between these groups.

Sawoski offered a differentiation of the two types of Jihad that had been mentioned. One division of Jihad is concentrated on the strug-

gle against sin within himself and the concern about internal life. The other type, most notably associated with Osama Bin Laden, go beyond this first type and make it their duty to struggle against foreign infidels.

Sawoski explained that the majority of Muslims do not support or practice this sec-

and political restraints, such as the Jihadists' popularity.

As to the second question of why they are so popular, Sawoski speculated that it is because many Muslims sympathize with them. He also offered, "People are fed up with corruption and the ineffectiveness of many current Arab governments. They see

Eastern people had about the United States and the Western world in general, and how much the Western world has about them, ensued.

To this examination of different peoples' beliefs on the topic, Charles Trimbach, professor of psychology offered, "I think that it's reciprocal

beyond their traditional media outlets and find news from other countries and read books on the topics to better familiarize themselves.

Two other events in this series are already planned for this semester. On October 8, again in CAS, a film related to these topics will be shown at

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ond type, and that in fact, they believe that Bin Laden doesn't have the authority to declare Jihad of this kind, against foreign infidels, because he isn't authorized by some greater power, namely Allah.

Even with many differences between the different factions, Sawoski explained that there are five main pillars to Islam. They are: to bear witness to the true Allah and the prophet Mohammad; pray five times a day in the direction of Mecca; pay taxes, and give 20 percent of all money and food to poor; fast during the days of Ramadan, although able to eat at night; and, if physically and financially able, to make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their lifetime.

The two major questions that Sawoski raised were: Why aren't other Muslims, and predominantly Muslim countries, acting against them? Why are they so popular among many of the Muslim people in the Middle East and in other regions of the world? And, are the Jihadists the future?

Sawoski answered the first question by explaining that other countries are acting against them; but at the same time, many of these countries are limited with what they can do because of domestic

Jihadists as so religiously based as to be incorruptible. Also, while many of their governments offer no help in the form of social programs, many Jihadists do."

Sawoski voiced his fear that they are not in fact the future, that some unforeseen enemy is and because of this concentration of our resources on Jihadists, we will not see who is coming next.

When the lecture concluded, Sawoski allowed the audience to convey their feelings and ask questions on the issues. Some fascinating remarks and inquiries were made, even some debate ensued.

Joshua B. Stein, a professor of history at RWU, found it problematic that Sawoski defined the extremists as something other than Muslims, if admittedly, the Jihadists defined themselves as Muslims and were supported by other Muslims. Stein believed that "...it doesn't serve us well to define them outside what they say they are."

When the suggestion was made by another professor, and supported by Sawoski, that most Muslims didn't support the Jihadists, Stein asked, "How do we know that? Who took the poll?"

Following these comments a debate about the level of knowledge most Middle

Eastern people had about the United States and the Western world in general, and how much the Western world has about them, ensued.

The conversation of which country was better informed transpired to a discussion of whose students and youths were better informed. This in turn led to an exchange about American media coverage, and what kind of media the Islamic world was being exposed to.

The consensus reached among the group was that one form of media, and one media outlet, is never enough. People need to go

2 p.m. The third of these events will be a about Middle Eastern and Muslim art, possibly accompanied by a lecture.

Although no other events have been planned, Trimbach and Sawoski were optimistic that more forums on these subjects would be arranged in the future. They would like to schedule more in this semester if possible. Many members of the faculty are heavily involved in the effort.

## Single vehicle accident

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with honors, where he excelled academically and athletically. During his senior year at Mt. Hope, Sylvia served as co-captain of Mt. Hope's football and baseball teams.

"He was a good friend of mine," said Frank Formisano one of the owners of Quito's restaurant where Sylvia was employed for six years as a cook. The Quito's owner described Sylvia as a loyal friend and avid hunter, especially deer. "He loved to go fishing with his father," Formisano added.

Sylvia was a Dean's List student at RWU's School of Justice Studies. He also worked part time as a quahogger and had a

genuine interest in a future career in law enforcement. He had recently applied to become a Rhode Island State Trooper. A few of Sylvia's other passions included, baseball and wrestling.

Authorities are not revealing if speed or alcohol played a role in the accident. The crash occurred on a residential street where 25 mph is the posted speed limit. The Bristol Police Department are working with Rhode Island State Police reconstruction crew to further investigate the nature of the accident before releasing more information to the public.

# SCIENCE

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## Brown professor speaks on population diversity

By Andy Millet

Staff Writer

An assistant professor of Ecology from Brown University delivered a lecture to a group of Roger Williams University students on Sept. 17, in the Marine & Natural Science building, entitled: "Population Diversity and why it matters: Case Studies from Costa Rica."

During her 45-minute speech, the first of the Science Math Seminar Series this semester, professor Jennifer Hughes discussed her study of butterfly, moth, and bird populations in what she described as "forest fragments" in Costa Rica.

Due to deforestation in Costa Rica, large forests have been split up into small patches, or "fragments," separated by large areas of pasture.

Hughes made the assumption that each species living in the forests stayed in the forest and did not travel into the pastures: "It's as if the fragments are islands and the pastures are oceans," said Hughes.

She soon realized, however, that this was not the case. In fact, over 50 percent of each of the butterflies, mammals and birds presumed to live in the forests were also found living out in the pastures.

This definitively proved that a given species was not limited to just one habitat and could play a role in several different

types of environments simultaneously.

Hughes also highlighted the issue of tropical deforestation. "About 20,000 tropical species go extinct every year, which works out to two species every hour," she said.

Hughes claimed that this extinction of species doesn't only affect the one species, but rather the entire habitat.

One example Hughes used to illustrate this point was the Biosphere II experiment—a 3.15 square acre area in Arizona that contained all of the different environments found on Earth as well as several different species of animals.

The goal of the 200 million dollar experiment was for

eight people to survive for two years using only the resources provided. Ultimately, the project failed and the biosphere became uninhabitable.

"Though this project was considered a failure, I see it as a very important experiment," said Hughes. "It proved that a habitat needs to include more than soil and the initial species to create a hospitable environment.

"For example, you need apples for food, which means you need an apple tree, and therefore you need bees to pol-

linate the trees, and the list continues," explained Hughes.

Hughes concluded the seminar by explaining that population diversity is important because it allows for ecosystem stability. Without a stable environment, it is difficult to meet harvest quotas.

Hughes said, people depend upon resources, such as fish from the oceans and crops from agricultural lands, which are strongly tied to the ecosystem.

When this system is disrupted, people lose out.

"It's as if the fragments are islands and the pastures are oceans," said Hughes.

## Small steps yield simple solutions to complex problems

By Garry Dow

Science Editor

It's 6 p.m. on a Friday. Work ran long again and I'm out for a stroll looking to blow off some steam.

Only a few steps into my walk I notice that the street, normally quiet, is rumbling with activity—cars idling at a stand still are backed up a quarter of a mile in each direction.

On most days, these same cars hurtle down the street at speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour, but today they are stopped, frozen in place. I am the only one moving and the reversal is strangely empowering.

From within their cars—trapped behind walls of steel and glass—people stare blankly ahead. I am a ghost to their eyes, a silent observer.

Immagine their faces come sharply into focus. There is the anxious mother on her way to daycare; there is the tired father coming back from another 10 hour day; there is the indifferent teenager heading off to a friend's house for the night.

Time marches on.

As I round the bend the source of their aggravation finally begins to take shape. A turtle has stopped in the middle of the road. He's as big around as a small tire, accented with horny growths protruding from his thick, scaly skin. He stands there, as still as a stone.

A father has stopped with his son and together they have effectively created a human roadblock. Quietly, but persistently, they edge the turtle towards the safety of the pond across the street.

I think: Would I do the same? Would I stop my car,

stop this traffic, stop the world, to save one turtle?

I stand there, propped up against the guard rail, taking it all in. The turtle walks painfully slow. One step, then the next, then the next. It stops, raises its head for a moment, and then continues on.

Five minutes later it finally slips under the guard rail and is gone.

Everyday questions of environmental preservation play out on a global stage. On the radio, we hear people debate the reality and consequence of global warming. In books and magazines, we read that each day 2,400 species are lost to extinction. On television, we see animals coated in oil, dying, because another tanker has run aground. There are no easy answers.

Still, despite the complexity of these issues, I can't help but return to that day, and to

a simple realization: true conservation doesn't start somewhere far away.

It starts in our own backyards. It starts with recycling a single can. It starts with writing on the other side of the paper. It starts with using the same plastic bag the next day, and then again the day after that. It starts with helping a stranded turtle to safety.

We say that we do nothing because the problems we face are insurmountable—that they are too many, that they are too great. We say Washington doesn't care, that we are powerless against the powers that be. We ask again and again: what difference can I make?

I say all the difference in the world.

The Earth has existed for 4.6 billion years. In that time it has survived catastrophic floods, dramatic periods of warming and cooling, mete-

ors, eruptions, earthquakes, fires, death, disease, and destruction.

If the entire geologic history of the planet could be compressed into one year, then all of civilized human history would account for only part of the last minute of that year. We are not a threat to this planet; we are a threat to ourselves.

Chief Seattle, of the Suqwanish tribe, once said, "We do not inherit the earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children." I believe that the true spirit of conservation rests in that statement.

Change lives and breathes at a turtle's pace. It moves one painfully slow step at a time. It is the reality of the world we live in. It is the reality of the challenges that face us. And it is ultimately the reality of the scale at which we will succeed or fail.

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# SCIENCE

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Mon 6	05:44a	4.2	06:16p	4.5	11:51a	0.6		6		6:47a 6:19p	
Tue 7	06:37a	4.5	07:04p	4.6	12:21a	0.5	12:31p	0.5	7	6:48a 6:17p	
Wed 8	07:22a	4.8	07:47p	4.6	12:45a	0.3	01:05p	0.3	8	6:49a 6:16p	
Thu 9	08:03a	4.9	08:26p	4.5	01:07a	0.2	01:38p	0.2	9	6:50a 6:14p	
Fri 10	08:41a	5.0	09:03p	4.4	01:34a	0.1	02:12p	0.2	10	6:51a 6:12p	Full
Sat 11	09:17a	4.9	09:39p	4.2	02:06a	0.1	02:47p	0.2	11	6:52a 6:11p	
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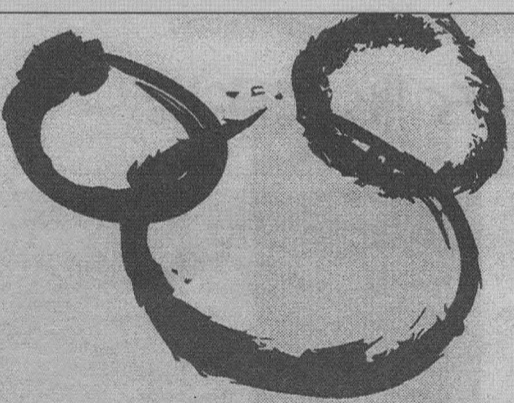


Photo by Garry Dow  
(Left) After a short hiatus, the newly renovated waterfall and pond located behind the Marine and Natural Science building is up and running again. Although completely artificial, it is home to several animal groups including gold fish and frogs.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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SCHWARZENEGGER PREPARES HIS REBUTAL

Curtis Edwards

## Hurricane Isabel postpones bonfire

By Samantha Brownstein  
Staff Writer

Hurricane weather, coming from the south, caused Roger Williams University's bonfire to be re-scheduled for Thursday, September 25th. Hurricane Isabel was the first hurricane to threaten our area since the 1990's. Hurricane Isabel caused RWU officials to take several precautions. The campus expected the hurricane to hit hard. Public Safety chained picnic tables to trees, the resident assistants held meetings for safety precautions and

the Campus Entertainment Network even went as far as moving the date of the annual bonfire.

However, Hurricane Isabel failed to meet the campus's initial expectations. RWU was pelted with a bit of rain, but little wind.

The bonfire that RWU holds every year is a pep rally introducing new students as well as upperclassman to our sports teams and staff. This is a method for students to meet new people and develop school spirit. The unnecessary postponement of the bonfire left many bewildered.

Jennifer Godett, a sopho-

more, was looking forward to the bonfire last week, as well as many other students. However, after talking to Kristine Macagba, the CEN chairperson of these weekends said, "I have no regrets of postponing the bonfire. The weather was perfect." Those in attendance were pleased with this year's bonfire despite its delay. The Bonfire, was just one of many exciting events that CEN has slated for the Fall 2003 semester.



Photo by Laurie Schorr

RWU maintenance worked diligently to construct the bonfire behind Bayside.

# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Nice and Smoothie: Freshens expands business

By Becki Gilbert  
Staff Writer

The new recreational center recently opened a second smoothie stand along with a coffee shop to further convenience students and visitors.

With the new recreation center being the "hot spot" on campus, the university expressed no hesitation in spending the amount of money they did on making the new recreation center superb.

In the student union, a Jazzman's Café is already placed, as is a smoothie stand.

"We have healthy smoothies but do not have ice cream or shakes at the recreation center smoothie stand," said Marissa, a current employee.

Coffee and light snacks, are available at Jazzman's Café but they find it to be more

professors purchasing those items than the students. The smoothie stand is what the students are after when done with a workout.

"I like leaving the gym and having a healthy smoothie menu to choose from. It is better to have more options in smoothies that are healthy, than to have ice cream as an option," said Renee Mastrosimone, a regular customer.

The smoothie stand and Jazzman's café in the recreation center opened on September 28 and began with only one or two employees. Since opening day, the business has increased dramatically. They now employ up to four people during shifts. Jazzman's and Smoothies look forward to basketball season and additional joining members of the gym, to expand upon the success the new stands have already achieved.

## Building on Traditions: A Homecoming Coronation

By Michelle Moore  
Staff Writer

If you haven't seen the posters, read the e-mails, glanced at the handouts, or seen the table tents set up in the student union then you should mark your calendars now! Starting on Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26, this year's combination of Homecoming/ Alumni/Family Weekend at Roger Williams is expected to be a blast. Jam-packed with fun and exciting events for student's families, friends, and alumni including, but not limited to, guest speaker Erin Brockovich, alumni sports

games, a Homecoming soccer game, and a Homecoming ball. If you had Homecoming at your high school, you know that it also consists of the voting and selection of a Homecoming Court.

There will be a Homecoming Court comprised of five female and five male students to be crowned during the Homecoming soccer game on Saturday October 25. Any full-time student with junior or senior status who has a minimum GPA of a 2.25 and who has demonstrated RWU pride through ongoing dedication on campus, in the community, and are in good standing with the university are eligible to represent Roger Williams in the Homecoming

**FLOUNDERING, FAILING, FEELING LOW?**

People say college is supposed to be great, but many students feel like they are just out of it, disconnected, and alone. They feel sad, trapped by inertia, hopeless, and not "up to the challenge" of college. If you feel this way and can't shake yourself out of it no matter what you do, you might be suffering from clinical depression. Depression is more than just a bad day, the result of a bad grade or a little anxiety. It is a treatable condition that can leave you feeling so bad that you forget how it feels to feel good.

Symptoms of clinical depression include:

- \* Persistent, sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- \* Feelings of hopelessness, pessimism, guilt, helplessness, and worthlessness
- \* Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities, ranging from schoolwork to sex
- \* Sleeping too much or too little
- \* Changes in appetite
- \* Decreased energy, fatigue, and feeling "slowed down"
- \* Thoughts of death or suicide; suicide attempts
- \* Increased restlessness and irritability
- \* Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- \* Physical symptoms-such as headaches, digestive disorders, and chronic pain-that don't respond to medical treatment

On Thursday, October 9, the Counseling Center will be offering free, confidential screening for depression where you may fill out a quick self-test and talk with a counselor about your personal situation.

The screenings and information sessions are being held at the Counseling Center, 2nd floor of the Student Development Building, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., or call the Counseling Center at 254-3124 for more information.



Photo by Laurie Schorr

"Talk of the Town": The downtown Providence campus provides a popular place for students to eat.

Court.

Candidates may be nominated one of two ways: first, each student club, team or organization has the opportunity to nominate up to two candidates during a formal meeting or secondly, a group of ten people or more who each individually sign an endorsement sheet, attached to the application packets, may nominate an individual.

These packets may be picked up at various locations throughout campus including the Student Affairs Office, Student Life Office or Campus Programs and all must be turned into Campus Programs no later than noon on Tuesday, October 7th.

Once all applications have

been received the Homecoming Selection Committee comprised of faculty, students and staff members will select the court. The committee's selection will be based on content of their application, academic achievement, and dedication in and around the RWU community through student leadership.

After these ten candidates are selected to the Homecoming Court, they will be interviewed by the committee and voted on by the students to select a King and Queen. The court will then demonstrate Hawk pride by participating in several events, such as Midnight Madness sponsored by the Campus Entertainment Network on

October 24, the soccer game at 1 p.m. on October 25 for their coronation and finally, the Homecoming ball on the night of October 25.

Homecoming isn't exactly a new concept to the Roger Williams University community, but has remained unobserved for a number of years. While many students are accustomed to Homecoming being based primarily around a rival football game, Roger Williams is adding a new twist on this "century old tradition" by establishing it around a soccer game instead. Come out and try your luck at a front row seat during this year's Homecoming events by putting in an application for the Homecoming Court.



# SPORTS

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## An intimate look at the new equestrian coach

By Ellen Cassidy

Staff Writer

Roger Williams has hired a new equestrian coach, a former Brown University rider who captained her college team and had competed on a national level. Ellisa Schwartz hopes to make the RWU equestrian team top in the region.

George Kolb, athletic director at RWU was the one who approached Schwartz about the position.

"I was a little nervous at the onset of the whole thing but, really it was a dream come true" said Schwartz. Schwartz took the job in hopes of gaining some leadership experience and to grasp the opportunity of a lifetime.

Schwartz who is twenty-two, started riding horses when she was only three years old. She rode and competed throughout her high school years at Midland Park High School in New Jersey.

Schwartz attended Brown University, where she competed on the varsity equestrian team, which earned her four varsity letters. She also served as team captain for two seasons. Schwartz also was a big advocate in starting the first Dressage team at Brown dur-

ing her senior year. Dressage is like ballroom dancing with your horse. Dressage is when the rider guides the horse with his or her hands, legs and weights through a series of complex maneuvers.

Elissa has been a predominant figure for the last couple years at Windswept Farm in Warren, which is home to the Roger Williams and Brown Equestrian teams. She first began instructing riding lessons at the Allendale Horse Farm in New Jersey as well as Windswept Farm. Now on her second horse, Beau, she has been busy competing in regional events. Schwartz is also a member and competitor of the USA Equestrian and U.S. Eventing Association.

The RWU Equestrian team finished second in the region last season. Schwartz has set many goals for the team hoping to make the RWU Equestrian number one in the region. Schwartz explained, "My biggest goal for the team is to really pull the team together as a 'team'. It is really important to have a solid foundation. I want to see the team work together, be there for each other, win together and lose together. That's what any successful team is all about."



Photo courtesy of the Roger Williams website

(Left) The women's soccer team at RWU has shown great athletic talent this season.

## Seelig leads Lady Hawks past Anna Maria

By Alex DaLuz

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The Lady Hawks dominated Anna Maria College 5-0 this past Wednesday, Sept. 24 on Bayside Field in front of the Roger Williams University faithful. Emily Seelig blasted four goals, twice being assisted by Amanda Sherman to lead the charge.

The Hawks other goal was supplied by Kim Adamaitis when she was perfectly set up by Leah Beidler. Adamaitis also had an assist of her own

and Elena Kostka too contributed an assist.

The ball was kept on the offensive side for the Hawks thanks to the strong leg of defender Michelle Janas who controlled the tempo of the game by making great passes up to the midfielders and forwards. The midfielders Kate Jurek, Jessica Daneault, Kim Adamaitis and Allison Patrick consistently put the ball where it needed to be.

Allison Patrick left the game after a bad collision with an Anna Maria defender late in the second half. She was carted off the field and diagnosed with a severely sprained ankle.

With the victory, the Hawks improve to 3-4-1 overall. Next, the Lady Hawks will square off against the University of New England, where they hope to improve their record to .500

### Come Support the Hawks!

Tuesday 10/7

Women's soccer 3:30 p.m.

Women's volleyball 7 p.m.

Wednesday 10/8

Men's soccer 3:30 p.m.

Women's tennis 4 p.m.

Saturday 10/11

Cross Country 11 a.m.

Women's tennis 1 p.m.

## Lady Hawks blanked by Endicott Gulls

By Alex DaLuz

Staff Writer

In the second half of the home Saturday afternoon mens and womens soccer double header, the Roger Williams University Lady Hawks were over matched by the Endicott Gulls as they were shut out by the score of 7-0.

The Hawks only managed to get four shots off compared to Endicott's 16. A big reason for this was because the ball

was often around the Hawks net throughout the entire game. On rare occasions forwards Emily Seelig and Leah Beidler were able to get through the defense, but were unable to capitalize.

The scoring barrage started with 16:51 left in the first half when a ball was floated directly over RWU's goal keeper Meghan Banville and did not stop until late into the second half.

The Hawks fell to 2-5-1 with the loss.

By Blaine Moffa

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The Roger Williams athletics department has begun a swim club for all interested students, as aquatics director Julie O'Brien was thrilled to be given the opportunity to co-instruct the team, alongside of assistant cross country coach Tony Knapp.

O'Brien, who came from the University of Rochester where she taught men and women's swimming for seven years, said the club has received remarkable interest since the first meeting two weeks ago.

"We have 63 kids that signed up," she said, adding that there are no plans to cap the team at a certain number. "It's a tremendous amount of participants."

O'Brien says it's exciting

since a lot of students were just looking for such an activity at RWU. Seventy-five percent of the students who signed up were competitive swimmers at the high school level.

While the club just began working to create a budget and make a schedule, practices started this week. There will be approximately seven practices each week (twice on Mondays and Thursdays), and O'Brien would like to see participants be involved in at least three.

There are no set levels of beginner or advanced swimmers. The students will all share a similar workout in the pool. There are also 11 divers who will compete along side the swimmers.

The club has already elected officers. President Melinda Ryan is a sophomore who has been swimming for fourteen years.

"I never played basketball or soccer, [this is] all I've done. I want this to go so badly." Ryan said even at her second year she is more than willing to take on the responsibility of President if it means bringing the swim team to a competitive level.

"Our goal is to become varsity. If we get enough interest this year we may be able to apply for it next year," said Ryan.

Other elected officers include vice president Chris Briggs, secretary Candace Lavelle and treasurer Shannon O'Connor.

The club is trying to finalize their schedule for the winter. The first home meet (and first club meet) for RWU will be held Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in joining can still contact Julie O'Brien at x3421.

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