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## Primary '08: Clinton takes Ocean State

### Penn pushes for Obama support

Phil Devitt  
Managing Editor

In the 2004 film, "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle," actor Kal Penn played a starving stoner on a late-night quest for the perfect burger. But an entirely different cause brought him to campus last week: Democratic Sen. Barack Obama and Rhode Island's March 4 primary.

Penn, best known for portraying goofy characters in teen comedies, was serious Thursday as he stumped for Obama in the Bay Room of the New Academic Building, his last stop on a one-day tour of several Rhode Island colleges.

Sen. Hillary Clinton won Rhode Island over Obama Tuesday by 18 percent, though early exit polls showed that Obama had a six percent lead with voters ages 18 to 29. Clinton also swept Texas and Ohio, keeping her in the race after a series of losses to Obama last month.

Republican Sen. John McCain secured the nomination for his party in the four-state primary.

Penn, 30, told the audience of about 140 people, many of them students, that young Americans can have a major impact on this year's election. And they already have.



Michael Hurley

Actor Kal Penn votes support for Sen. Barack Obama on campus Thursday.

Penn said, claiming that youth voter turnout in the primaries to date has increased 150 percent from the 2004 election.

"People collectively have already  
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### Chelsea Clinton campaigns for mother at RWU

Dee DeQuattro  
News Editor

The presidential campaigns swept through Roger Williams last week; Chelsea Clinton came to campus Friday afternoon to advocate for her mother just one day after Kal Penn spoke in favor of Senator Obama. Over three hundred people gathered in the New Academic building to hear Clinton speak. Clinton, 28, spoke for about 10 minutes before opening the floor to questions. Over the course of the hour-long meeting, she responded to questions on a variety of subjects from the war in Iraq, the economic crisis, health care, Darfur, the Supreme Court and gun control.

Immediately following the question session, Clinton stepped onto the floor to meet students and pose for photos.

Roger Williams was just one of the many colleges Clinton has visited while advocating for her mother's campaign. During her speech she made repeated references about how



Courtesy of Special Events

Chelsea Clinton campaigns for her mother, Hillary, in the Hawk's Hangout last Friday.

proud she is of her mother and she highlighted her mother's many achievements.

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## The Cost of Discourse

### Some students question benefits of guest speakers

Michelle Bazinet  
Herald Staff

Matt Pacific, a third-year Communications major, filed into the RWU Rec Center alongside both fellow students and an overwhelming majority of Bristol residents. He quickly found a seat behind an older man with a "Dobbs for President" sign, and one row in front of two men deeply discussing politics.

"There were a lot more adults in the crowd than students," Pacific said. "I guess I expected that more students would

show up," said Pacific, who, unlike most students who were there, decided to attend RWU's Civil Discourse Series voluntarily. "I knew Lou Dobbs was controversial and I wanted to hear what he had to say," said Pacific, who made himself comfortable in the sea of Dobbs fans.

Dobbs went on to voice his opinions on immigration, the middle class, and our current presidential candidates. Pacific, who keeps up with the news regularly, felt out of the loop during the event.

"All of a sudden, he started talking about taxes and mortgages, and once I heard those words, he lost me," Pacific said. "It was almost like he wrote his speech for other adults, not the students. I wasn't a big fan when

I left."

Once 'Dobbs Mania' died down on campus, students such as Pacific wondered if the cost of having such a big-name speaker come to RWU was worth the benefits.

Rumors of how much Dobbs was paid began circulating around the community - \$25,000 or \$60,000? And was he, along with other speakers in this series, worth it?

Since RWU is a private institution, monetary rumors will often remain rumors.

As a strategic business tactic, RWU will most likely not disclose the numbers on speakers' paychecks.

"Negotiation is a really

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## Bus pass usage underwhelming

Allison Collins  
Herald Staff

Freshman Lauren Lane was given a very useful tool at the beginning of the fall 2007 semester.

It was a tool that would allow her to get off campus, experience the area, and travel around Rhode Island.

"I have yet to use it," said Lane, referring to her RIPTA pass.

Last semester, for the first time, the university gave RIPTA passes to all freshmen.

While the RIPTA bus pass program began with good intentions, few freshmen have actually take advantage of it.

These passes are referred to, in RIPTA terms, as "U-passes."

Tim McCormick, manager of RIPTA's planning department, approached RWU with the idea. John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, says he rejected the original proposal, which he says would have cost RWU \$300,000.

A PowerPoint that McCormick says was presented to administration suggested that the annual cost for all students to have a bus pass would be \$212,800. The cost was calculated with each bus ride costing the university \$1.12, and with a rough estimate of how many rides RIPTA thought students might take.

"For us at Roger Williams, it never made a lot of financial sense at that \$300,000 figure for us to do it, because that's a lot of money," King said. "But now it's making more and more sense because we're paying for exactly what we're getting."

During the Fall 2007 semester, freshmen took 14,152 rides, although in September not all rides

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Courtesy of Public Affairs

(From left) Ishmael Beah, Soledad O'Brien and Lou Dobbs are some of many famous speakers brought to campus.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor Cournoyer:

I am writing in regards to the article titled "Senator removed after closed door vote."

There are a few logistical things I feel the Student Body should know when formulating their opinions of this situation:

The bylaws can be amended by any senator who wishes to do so by writing a piece of legislation. A senator may state their case as to why their appeal should be granted through their appeal letter.

The motion to close a meeting can be introduced by any senator. Meetings are not closed by the chair.

All of the student senators who resigned this year were due to personal reasons. While some individuals were dissatisfied with senate proceedings, the majority resigned due to personal reasons including academic commitments or going abroad.

All of the Student Senators are leaders on this campus; they are all charged with making changes on campus.

Below is the mission statement of the Student Senate:

Entrusted by the students, The Roger Williams University Student Senate is the advocate of student rights, responsibilities, and opinions. Acting as a liaison between the student body and the University's administration and faculty, the Senate is responsible for representing the myriad of student thoughts and resolving their concerns. Assisting in the creation of an inclusive community that encourages intellectual, social, and personal development, the Senate is dedicated to promoting diverse thought and action amongst our pluralistic student body. The Student Senate endorses its clubs and organizations by providing a comprehensive network of support and recognition. Committed to collaborative leadership, the Student Senate places a strong emphasis on constant improvement for the benefit of the current and future students of Roger Williams University.

The following are questions you had posed to me last week but I was unable to answer due to the lateness of the questions. When you interviewed me earlier in the day, you did not ask these questions. You sent me your follow up questions late at night and my responsibilities as a student prevented me from answering them. I had to study for a quiz the next morning, so the immediate deadline you gave was not feasible.

*How do you respond to numerous former senators claim that the senate is inefficient and meetings are unnecessarily drawn out?*

The Senate meetings length is based on a number of external factors. Many people are at the meetings to give updates and participate in open debate. As you know, members of each organization give a weekly update, members of the student body are invited to participate in meetings, and there are many issues discussed by members of the General Senate as well. The length of meetings is solely based on the amount of discussion in a given meeting.

*They also argue that certain viewpoints are not welcome and that your decision to ask Joe off was a way to get rid of those viewpoints. Response?*

The Senate represents the student body as a whole and any and all viewpoints are welcome. This was not a consideration in the request for Joe's resignation.

*If Joe had been talked to throughout the year, why weren't demerits given?*

Joe had been pulled aside numerous times by advisors and three members of the executive board as a means to assist him in growing as a student leader and to help him to understand that these actions were wrong. Again, these conversations were not the only issue in the request for his resignation. The decision was based on his behaviors.

*Why were three student senators given demerits for underage drinking at a senate function while Joe was asked to step down with no demerits?*

The request for Joe's resignation did not pertain to underage drinking.

*Other allegations claim that you tend to make "unilateral decisions." Did you consult others before you asked Joe to step down? I realize that bylaws do not require you to do so.*

During an executive board meeting, I consulted each and every member of the executive board and all gave me their support at the time. Though others may have the opinion that I make "unilateral decisions," you will notice in meeting minutes that I tend to refrain from voicing an opinion on most issues.

If students have concerns with the way the Student Senate is functioning and they should direct their concerns to senate@hawks.rwu.edu or stop by the office and speak with any Student Senator or member of the Executive Board.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Student Senate please stop by the office to pick up an election form.

Regards,  
Veronica L. Columb  
Student Body President

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*Fact: HBO is a premium channel. Fact: It is a privilege to have HBO included in our cable package on campus. That being said, how much longer is HBO going to come in blurry? It's impossible to watch anything on good old channel 18 without a pair of 3-D glasses and an active sense of imagination. Those of us who enjoy certain late night programming, and the rest of us history nerds who are all jazzed up about the upcoming John Adams miniseries are certainly hoping this problem gets cleared up soon.*

Got a suggestion? E-mail  
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# BUS PASS: Students want program expanded

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were recorded, King said. Each ride costs 88 cents, totaling \$12,453.76.

Of those who did take rides, many use their passes to go to Providence and Newport.

"I use it at least twice a month to go to the mall or shopping in Newport, or to go out to dinner," freshman Elyse Dolde said.

Some ask whether the money provided by the entire student body should be used to bus freshmen to leisure activities. Some students think the program should be expanded to include more students. Student Senator Juan Escoriza, a junior, is one of them.

"I think if we're paying \$35,000 a year, we should have [RIPTA passes]," he said.

"It would be really cool if in the future they considered upperclassmen," said senior Greg Bem.

King is aware of that interest. "I received probably four or five emails from sophomores who said they really wanted it, and wanted me to know that they thought they should have it and everybody should have it," King said.

Student Affairs and the Student Senate fund this program, each covering 50 percent of the costs, according to King.

King calls the program an "enhancement of student life."

"I presented it to the vice presidents and president in August," he said, "as an initiative to allow more students to get into the community and experience Providence, particularly first-year students who are not allowed to have vehicles on campus."

At the beginning of the fall 2007

semester, freshmen were supposed to pick up their RIPTA passes at the Student Affairs office. Some reported picking them up in the Commons. But some freshmen did not bother to pick up their RIPTA passes at all.

"You would be surprised at the number of first-year students who didn't pick up their passes," says King.

Some who did say they are making frequent use of them.

Freshman Heather Berkley said, "I use mine a lot, around four times a month or so. I go into Providence and Newport a lot."

Berkley's use of the pass is fairly typical.

"I've used it three or four times to go to the mall, Providence and Salve," said freshman Jackie Giroux.

Many freshmen barely use their RIPTA passes at all.

"I use it on occasion," freshman Amber Thomas said. "The only time I really use it if I'm going to the Providence Place Mall."

King said the university has not received feedback from any of the freshmen, "I have gotten a lot of response from upper-class students, particularly student leaders, who thought it was a great idea," says King.

"I'm happy for them but at the same time I think that it's really not a good thing for the upperclassmen such as myself," says Bem.

Other Rhode Island schools are engaged in similar programs. McCormick reports contracts with Salve Regina, Gibbs College, Providence College, Johnson & Wales, the University of Rhode Island, Brown University, and the Rhode Island School

of Design.

"All schools pay for whatever portion of the fare that the student does not pay," McCormick said. "Salve, Gibbs, PC, J & W, Brown, RWU (for freshmen), and RISD all let students ride free and pay the whole fare. URI and RWU (non-freshmen) pay half the fare by reselling regular RIPTA fare cards at half price."

Prices vary for all schools, and are based on the number of rides that schools are expected to purchase for the year, according to McCormick.

He said prices range from 55 cents to \$1.

McCormick said he noticed two trends with colleges. They are filled with "financially strapped" people who were not taking the bus, and that most colleges are lacking parking spaces.

"I decided to see if we could kill two birds with one stone by lowering congestion, and solv[ing] overcrowding in campus parking lots by inviting the students to ride for free."

"I used it a lot first semester, and believe it or not, I used it a lot over break, but then I gave it to my boyfriend because he comes down here every weekend via bus," said

freshman Jessica.

The RIPTA passes given to freshmen are adorned with their pictures. One might wonder why the bus driver doesn't realize that this freshman's boyfriend is not the person pictured on the card.

Bus drivers, however, are not required to check the pictures on the cards.

"Bus drivers are not necessarily supposed to check the picture on the student ID... If they suspect something, they can check, or they can check every one, but if they are late, or otherwise stressed, they don't have to," said McCormick.

A purpose of giving freshmen RIPTA passes this year was to encourage them to explore the Bristol and RI communities, according to King. A RIPTA bus pass gives students an excellent opportunity to get off campus. Freshmen cannot have cars, and the bus pass allows them relatively easy, and completely free, access to the outside world.

It apparently also allows relatively easy and completely free access to campus for at least one outside student.



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## PENN: 'White Castle' star stumps for Obama

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proved the cynics wrong," Penn said. "The cynics have decided that you can't do anything for your parents when you're older, you can't help your buddies afford college or healthcare and you can't do anything about the environment."

"It's exciting to me that we're seeing all across the country individual voices coming together into a huge choir of voices standing up and saying, 'Yes we can,'" he said, using a phrase made popular by Obama in recent speeches.

Penn said young people today are connecting with each other and politically mobilizing unlike any other generation, thanks to social networking Web sites such as Myspace, YouTube and especially Facebook, a billion-dollar company founded in 2004 by a Harvard University student.

"If we have the power to create billions in wealth for our peers, think about the opportunity we have collectively to change the face of the presidential election," Penn said. "Not just one presidential election, but the way politics operates in general."

Aside from voting on Election Day, Penn was not politically active before he started campaigning for Obama, he said, though some of his roles in film and television have had political undertones. On the Fox drama "24," he has a recurring role as a

terrorist. And in April, he stars in the sequel to "White Castle," "Harold and Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay."

Obama first caught Penn's attention when the Illinois senator spoke at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

"I heard some guy say that especially after 9/11, we shouldn't be divided into Blue states and Red states. We should focus on being the United States. I turned up the volume. I thought, 'Who is this guy with the funny name and the big ears?' By the end of his speech, I thought to myself, 'This guy's got to be president.'"

Penn spoke for about 30 minutes, taking questions from students regarding Obama's plans for the war, the environment and college affordability.

The New Jersey native started campaigning with Students for Barack Obama in Iowa just ahead of the state's caucus late last year, when a writer's strike shut down Hollywood and left Penn "completely unemployed."

Penn said in an interview after his speech that the primary would give Rhode Island voters the rare chance to directly affect what candidates would appear on the November general election ballot.

"I'm from a small, eastern state and we're used to not having a big influence or impact on the primary election," he said. "Now is a great opportunity for people in Rhode Island to make

their voices heard because they've certainly got enough delegates here to make a big impact on the presidential race."

Rhode Island has 33 delegates who will vote for a presidential nominee at the Democratic National Convention this summer.

Penn was just one of several well-known people who visited the Ocean State in the days leading up to the primary. Former President Bill Clinton rallied for his wife Thursday at Bryant University. Sen. Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, spoke with students in the Hawk's Hangout Friday, and Obama rallied at Rhode Island College Saturday, about a week after Hillary Clinton made her appeal to Rhode Island voters.

Juan Escoriza, coordinator of the RWU chapter of Students for Barack Obama, said Penn's appearance on campus brought more awareness to Obama's campaign.

"A lot of people are undecided and I think he informed a lot of people who weren't sure who to vote for," Escoriza said. "The point was to get them here so they could gain more knowledge."

Whether or not he changed any minds, Penn said the day was a success.

"I love when undecided folks come out because it's really inspiring to see the fact that they're taking the election seriously," he said.

## CLINTON: Chelsea speaks to students

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"I passionately believe in my mom as a daughter, but also as a young woman and a voter," said Clinton.

Though she spoke at length about her mother's ideas, she also made numerous references to the failure of the Bush administration.

"She doesn't agree with almost anything the current administration has ever done," said Clinton. She said her mother believed in "getting back to a president that believes in things like evolution."

Sen. Barack Obama's name was not mentioned once during Clinton's speech, and she only briefly referenced him as her mother's opponent. When questioned if Clinton and Obama would consider running on a single Democratic ticket, Clinton answered, "I hope she (Hillary) has that choice."

Clinton was repeatedly questioned on the war in Iraq,

and specifically her mother's stance.

"She is against preemptive war," she said. She clarified that her mother did not vote for the war in Iraq but instead voted to send weapons inspectors there.

"We have a war to end in Iraq," said Clinton, "and a war to resolve in Afghanistan."

She also stressed that fact that her mother has visited the Middle East more frequently than President Bush.

"It is great that President Bush visited Iraq several weeks ago. It is tragic that this was his first visit," she said.

Clinton repeatedly made allusions to the importance of a president who wants "to get back to fiscal responsibility."

She stressed this notion when questioned about Social Security, stating, "Both Medicare and Social Security would be solvent if we got back to fiscal responsibility, instead of a president who is borrowing from the Medicare and Social Security trust funds."

"A lot of Americans feel that we are in a recession," Clinton said when she spoke of the suffering U.S. economy. She informed the audience of her mother's dedication to raise the minimum wage to \$9.25 an hour, to introduce a 90-day moratorium on home foreclosures, and provide heating and

energy assistance. She emphasized the importance of taxes. "I think I should have to pay higher taxes," she stated. "I think those that have done well should help pay for this country's future."

When questioned about the AIDS epidemic, Clinton explained that more needs to be done and her mother is already working to do more. She stressed her mother's work to eliminate the so-called "gag rule," which was put in place by the Bush administration. The rule states that the United States will only fund health initiatives internationally and domestically that support abstinence only sexual education.

"We need more honest sexual health education, a thing we have lost during this administration," she said.

Though her speech focused on many serious issues, she did draw some laughs when she commented on the differences of both political parties.

"As a Democrat, I just wish that the Republicans would say you're right ... on everything."

Instead of advising her listeners to vote for her mother, she suggested, "We all as voters should think about what is fundamentally important to us." She did, however, suggest that she felt her mother is the stronger candidate on all the issues.

Clinton visited Roger Williams a day after Obama supporter, Kal Penn, addressed the campus. Nearly 150 people attended Penn's speech, compared to the 300-plus that turned out for her.

On Tuesday afternoon Clinton returned back to R.I. to speak at Rhode Island College.

## Obama speaks to crowd of thousands in Providence



Juan Escoriza

Presidential candidate potential Barack Obama spoke at Rhode Island College last week to campaign before the Rhode Island primary.

Lorin Richardson  
Asst. Features Editor

Bearing the cold crowded atmosphere on the morning of Saturday, March 1, nine Roger Williams students took school transportation to get a glimpse of the "change" Barack Obama has talked about since the beginning of his primary campaign. A man outside stood in front with a Barack Obama sign for two hours, holding it high above his head along with thousands of citizens waiting in line at Rhode Island College.

The students left campus at 7:30 a.m. in the student senate van and did not return to campus until 5 p.m. The general consensus of the group seemed to be that this trip was worth it. These nine Roger Williams students were admitted to the event through the VIP entrance and were greeted with front row seats, where they waited three hours for Obama to take the stage.

Chris DiSciullo, a sophomore criminal justice major, said that the wait was entertaining.

"A lot of people were excited. There was this lady who wanted to fight somebody, she tried to get in front of us and wasn't VIP. This other man slid under the barrier and got kicked out by secret service," DiSciullo said.

Juan Escoriza, RWU chapter coordinator of Students for Barack Obama organized transportation to the rally. He sent invitations out through Facebook to students he thought would be willing to join the campaign and received a few quick responses.

Escoriza said that he never expected the students to get so close and that it was a motivational experience he would never forget.

"When he [Obama] started his campaign I was thinking to myself that he is never going to come to RI. It was amazing to see him speak at RIC. He was very motivational and all the students that came with me had an amazing time," Escoriza said.

Rhode Island State Representative Patrick Kennedy and Senator Patrick Lynch introduced the Presidential hopeful. Throughout the speech, Obama vocalized many of his hopes and addressed the public on the major issues. He also made some joking references to rival Hilary Clinton having a "magic wand" to make the country ideal.

During his speech, Obama emphasized on the idea that "nothing worthwhile in this country has ever happened except somebody somewhere was willing to hope."

The auditorium was packed and extremely warm, and at one point Obama asked security to open the doors to cool off the place.

"A few people collapsed," DiSciullo said. "A girl who came with us kept getting migraines and falling into the crowd. Another person fainted and had to be lifted out in the middle of the speech."

In addition to their VIP seats, the nine RWU students who attended the speech shook Obama's hand. This is a privilege that only few at the speech were given.



Courtesy of Special Events

# COST: Staff argues value of guest speakers

"important piece," said Josh Hiscock, Associate Director of Student Programs and Leadership. "If you disclose how much you're paying for a performer, it can hurt your negotiations in the future with other performers because they know what your financial range is. There's that practical purpose in the industry of entertainment... that's not something you share."

Tory Peman-Dupier, a junior majoring in Criminal Justice, was frustrated that her money had gone to someone like Dobbs, who had much different opinions than hers. "I just didn't understand why they brought him here when he doesn't really fit the tone of the school," she said. "If I'm going to be paying for something, I want it to be something that I think is worth it."

While no exact price tag has been disclosed on Dobbs' appearance at RWU, most journalists and broadcasters of his caliber reportedly start at \$30,000 and their pay only increases from there.

Popular personalities such as Joan Lunden, Connie Chung, and Andrea Mitchell are paid \$30,000 to \$50,000 to speak, according to the All American Talent and Celebrity Network. While this speaker's bureau/booking agent does not disclose how much Dobbs is paid, one might assume that he makes as much as Chung or Lunden, and probably more. For example, Dobbs' CNN colleague Anderson Cooper, who is more in the public eye, still does not have as many viewers watching his show as Dobbs does. But Cooper gets paid \$50,000 or more per appearance.

Despite the apparent high price of having a credible speaker come to

RWU, most of the money used for lecture series are from deals with other companies and from donations, not from students' pockets.

"We had a deal with Barnes & Noble where they gave us \$20,000 a year for the Presidential Lecture Series," said James Noonan, RWU Vice President of Finance. "So for five years they gave us \$100,000 and that was used to pay for a lecture series. Several donors have given us money for speaker series."

Often, money that the school receives through donations also goes into the endowment. The earnings off that endowment are used to pay for these lectures, he said. Noonan even describes the amount of money that comes out of students' pockets for events as "small money."

Hiscock believes that students should recognize the benefits that these speakers are bringing to the school, as they most certainly outweigh the cost.

"It's a real benefit that students get a real-life experience out of the people that they meet through the different lectures and performances on campus," he said. "There are a number of students who have met amazing speakers, made great connections, and perhaps gotten jobs or internships out of those experiences."

Hiscock also described how students involved in setting up other entertainment events reap these benefits. "For the student-activities end, they practice actually programming the event. They book the performers, they bring them in, and they plan the entire event," he said.

"Students that are on the committee are getting all those real-life opportunities. Many people have got-

ten jobs after college because of their work managing budgets, and so on".

Allison Chase Padula, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and a strong supporter of the Civil Discourse Series, said speakers such as Dobbs not only benefit the students, but also the faculty and those living in Bristol.

"I think for the Bristol community, it may be one of the few times that they get to hear this kind of caliber of speakers. I think by the university opening it up to the public, it does them a great service," she said. Padula said this particular lecture series has guided those living in Bristol and Roger Williams students into becoming a community. "It gets the Bristol community to have interaction with our students and our faculty, which is a good thing, too."

"I think the notoriety the school gets puts you on TV, puts you in the newspaper, and make more people interested in Roger Williams," Hiscock said. "It brings in lots of different aspects to the university in terms of a more-diverse student body."

Despite all the benefits speakers bring to Roger Williams, Pacific "still wonders" why the university chose Dobbs to come to a liberal campus.

"Isn't it better to have a variety of speakers come on campus with different points of view?" Noonan said. "I may not agree with some of these points of view, but I'll listen, I'll disagree with that person without throwing a rock at them. That's what this is all about - that we can have disagreements or we can discuss it because we learn every time we have a discussion like that."

"You want to make sure that you're providing a wide variety of options and backgrounds," Padula said.

"Because there are so many voices on campus, you want to make sure that you get a lot of those voices in."

As for next year, the school promises to continue forward with the series and bring it to new levels.

"We are going to get a true variety of folks," said Padula, who could only describe the lineup next year as including all kinds of aspects.

"We'll have someone from entertainment, academia, business, and so on," she said. "It's something that I'm really excited about, and I definitely think it's going to appeal to a lot of people on campus."



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# Ambassador discusses peace in Middle East

Teddy Applebaum  
Herald Staff

Scores were left dead last week after an Israeli offensive was launched into Gaza in what Israel says was a response to continued rocket attacks by Hamas militants in the region. In light of this news, it seemed especially pertinent that Daniel Ayalon, a key player in road map for peace was asked by president Nirschel to talk about prospects for peace in the Middle East. Ayalon made no secret of his subjective outlook on the situation.

More than 200 students, faculty, and community members, turned out to hear the former Israeli ambassador to the United States Ayalon speak as part of Roger Williams' continuing speakers series Reason and Respect: Civil discourse," on Wednesday, March 27. Past speakers in the series include Nobel Peace Prize recipient David Trimble, noted writer Salman Rushdie and TV news personality Lou Dobbs.

Ayalon began his analysis of the of region's complicated dynamics by referencing modern history. He sees the Middle East as a tumultuous tap-

estry of warring factions whose problems began long before Israel's creation in the 1948.

"I'm just looking at the last 50 or 60 years, but to say that the Palestinian Israeli conflict is the root cause [of the conflict], I'm not sure that holds much water," Ayalon said.

Ayalon said there are many views on why the problems between Israel and the Palestinians began and just as many misconceptions. For instance he lamented Israel's lack of natural resources while disputing claims that this was the origin of the conflict.

"I guess the Bible, the prophets and God promised us a land of milk and honey but no oil," he joked.

Instead he said he believes the issue to be cultural, and that responsibility lies with a group he labeled the "silent majority." These are people whom he said disagree with the actions of their leaders towards Israel but sit silently instead of speaking their minds.

"The clergy, the Muslim clergy, the political leaders, their silence is literally killing people. I would expect them to come forward and to show the real true face of Islam," Ayalon said.

While Ayalon went out of his way to state that the conflict was not religious, at one point calling Islam "a very great religion," he also accused the faith of being the sole breeding ground for global extremism.

"It is true certainly that not all Muslims are terrorists but if you look at today's world, all terrorists are Muslims."

Ayalon added that while negotiations for peace could eventually be successful in the region, much would have to change for that to happen.

"It's not enough to put Israelis and Palestinians together in a room because we hardly agree on anything," he said. Prior to any such negotiation certain preconditions would have to be met; specifically an end to acts of violence and extremism.

"So long as we have Iran, Hamas, and Hezbollah supported by Syria and others, every time we make any progress on the peace process we will go back because of terrorism," he said. Ayalon said he believed the Palestinians should take their lead from Lebanon and Egypt whom he says suspended attacks while negotiating with Israel on route to peace agreements.

Ayalon said that any successful negotiation would require leaders who were willing to compromise. He recalled the failed peace process of the late 1990s where he said Israel made a series of offers to then Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and never received a single counter proposal.

Ayalon said he doesn't believe there is a peace-minded leader on the Palestinian side of the conflict at this time.

After his talk Ayalon took question from the audience. Topics ranged from whether Israel has nuclear weapons to the Summer War with Hezbollah.

Senior Will Grapentine asked about the consequences of countries like the U.S. negotiating with known

enemies of Israel such as Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

"You wouldn't think to negotiate with Hitler, negotiations would be about what would be the arrangement of your own funeral," said Ayalon.

Senior Eric Sullivan questioned Israelis commitment to regional peace, asking why the nation had yet to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), and pointing out that this implied they may have nuclear weapons.

Ayalon explained that historically, signing the NPT has not always signaled a country peaceful agenda and vice-versa.

"Iraq and Iran are 'distinguished members' of the NPT, did it really stop Iraq in 1981 from hiding its nuclear facilities from NPT inspectors?"

Ayalon also said that Israel's geographical situation justifies their strategic ambiguity on whether they possess nuclear weapons. "Israel is a very small country, a sliver of land, and we are surrounded by 22 hostile countries."

However, he reiterated Israel's position that it will "not be the first country to introduce nuclear options in the Middle East."

"Israel is prepared and is willing to take a painful compromise to achieve peace but one compromise we cannot take it about our security and our ability to take care of ourselves," he said.

Professor Joseph Roberts, who specializes in the Middle East questioned whether Ayalon's rhetoric reflected a country that was truly aiming for peace.

"He was addressing how the Israeli world view influences or shapes a situation. We need to move beyond the Israeli world view to solving the real on the ground problems, and I don't think his discussion moves us in that direction."



## Couple of the Moment:

Carol Sacchetti and Tony Montefusco

Carol

Reporting by: Lorin Richardson

Tony

### 1. What was one of the first things you noticed about Tony?

He's very intense about a lot of things and he is extremely dedicated to his job and RWU students

### 2. What is the sweetest thing he has ever done for you?

I did get promoted to the Assistant Director position, so I think that he spent time with me to show me how to be a better professional and know more about my job. We do a weekly radio show on WQRI (Fridays at 10 a.m.) so we do spend quality time together in the booth.

### 3. How often do you fight and how do you resolve it?

We fight daily about little things and then laugh afterwards. We tend to babble about a lot of things, especially on our radio show and then we have a fight about what we talk about.

### 4. What is Tony's favorite thing to do when he is stressed out?

Watch Family Guy and then talk about the episodes and laugh to get over the stress, drink Pepsi and build a pyramid of empty cans

### 5. What is the most memorable moment you have had with Tony?

There are so many moments, from going to concerts, his ebay addiction, dealing with situations with students, wandering around on field trips around campus. After seven years working together, there are a lot of them.

### 6. What is your favorite movie?

Good Will Hunting

### 7. If you had to describe Tony in three words, what would they be?

Funny, dedicated, and his knowledgeable about so

### 1. When did you meet?

It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged meeting - her interview. It was 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2000. Thank goodness for employee records.

### 2. What was one of the first things you noticed about Carol?

Her big programming book. It was a book of all the programs that she did at her previous institution. It was very impressive. When I saw that I knew she had the job.

### 3. What is the sweetest thing she has ever done for you?

Cleaned up after my dog when she was dog sitting when I was out of town.

### 4. How often do you fight and how do you resolve it?

Everyday - at least once or twice a day. We have a very unique way of resolving our fights - we move on to the next issue and start all over again.

### 5. What is your favorite thing to do when you are stressed out?

Other than drinking Pepsi and building a collection of empties - I break the tension by doing something silly in the office - like dumping the paperclips over other workers desks.

### 6. What is the most memorable moment you have had with Carol?

It was the last day of RA training a few years back (they all start to blend together after this many years together) it was part of a skit and she was supposed to shove me and instead she pushed me over and I rolled down a hill. I was so impressed (scared for my life), I promoted her from a Core to an Assistant Director.

### 7. What is Carol's favorite movie?

I believe it is Good Will Hunting - but after the pushing incident, I think it is Rocky 1, Rocky 2, Rocky 3, and Rocky 4 - Not Rocky 5 because no one liked it even though I was an extra in the movie but enough about me back to Carol.

### 8. If you had to describe Carol in three words, what would they be?

I guess I have to be serious on this one - "Dedicated" "Committed" to students and "a hard worker" I guess that is a few more than three but she deserves it for putting up with me.

\*Editor's Note: Carol and Tony are a couple of coworkers but not an actual couple



Dee DeQuattro

# What's the buzz with honey?



Dee DeQuattro  
News Editor

Last Thursday many students treated themselves with a tasty treat of fresh honey from a local Rhode Island farm. As part of a month-long celebration of honey hosted by Bon Appetit, Betty Menucci, beekeeper and owner of Betty Bee Farm in Glendale, R.I., was invited to come sell her honey in the upper commons.

"Every month Bon Appetit focuses in on a natural, sustainable product," said James Gubata, business manager of Bon Appetit. "It's part of our corporate portfolio." Honey is a very sustainable product known to boost the immune system, to be a natural anti-oxidant, work as a moisturizer, and fight infection.

Andrew Castanza, production manager for Bon Appetit found Betty's Bee farm and invited owners to participate in honey month. "A friend of mine was a beekeeper and he told me about other people. That's

how I found Betty's Bee farm," says Castanza.

"We always try to find a local connection to our theme," said Gubata who was very excited to have Betty's Bee farm here. "We bought a five gallon tub of honey to serve in the commons," he said. Bon Appetit plans on cooking with the honey as well as leaving it out for students to try.

Menucci, the owner of the bee farm, was happy to be at RWU and share her experiences as a bee keeper with students. "I really didn't intend to (be a beekeeper) but my father was a beekeeper and when he died suddenly I inherited ten hives of bees."

Menucci quickly learned the ways of bee keeping and her colony flourished. Today, after 20 years she has 20 bee hives and she produces liquid honey, hand cream, and hand soap. She also teaches beginner bee keeping classes at Davies technical highschool in Lincoln, R.I. and responds to bee problems for the URI gardening hotline.

As a beekeeper Menucci says she gets stung here and there "but it's not that bad, it hurts for a minute then it's all over."

The colony collapse disorder, which has also been referred to as bee HIV has not affected Menucci's hives. Instead she says her biggest set back is "cases of bee mites, which make it harder to keep bees throughout the winter."

Despite the struggles she has encountered, Menucci would not change her career for anything. She says she has grown to love bee keeping and is happy the business "got to stay in the family."

According to Stephanie Colliton, marketing manager of Bon Appetite, RWU is just one of Bon Appetit's 400 accounts that focused on honey for the month of February. This month Bon Appetit will feature nutrition instead of a specific product in celebration of national nutrition month.

# Library exhibit exposes 'horror' of Holocaust

Teddy Applebaum  
Herald Staff

On the left side of the wall there stands a Menorah, its eight brass arms fanning upward elegantly. On the right there hangs a tallit, or prayer shawl, borrowed from a local temple. The Menorah is a reminder of the times before the Holocaust and the shawl is evidence that Judaism still flourishes today.

In between the two displays, hang a series of photographs, which graphically illustrate the horrors and atrocities of the Holocaust.

This wall is the spectrum of modern Jewish history. Both a celebration of survival and a memorial of tragedy.

Acquisitions Librarian Christine Fagen designed the exhibit, which also includes a timeline, and Torah scroll dating at least 100 years old among other artifacts. The objects are on loan from a series of temples and people in the local Jewish community.

The exhibit, which can be viewed while walking into the library, was conceived almost a year ago to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Elie Wiesel's iconic Holocaust memoir "Night." Along with the library display, a one-credit course was offered on Wiesel's series of books, a speaker was brought in from UMass, and professor Josh Stein gave a talk on anti-Semitism before the Nazi's.

When Fagen speaks about her work on the exhibit her voice is laced with emotion.

"I have the sense that I have worked on something really important. I hope that students will learn from that, and that they will spend time reading the text and getting a sense of the horror of what happened, and that they will always have their eyes wide open in the hope that this will never happen again," Fagen said.

Fagen expresses her fear that the lessons learned from the Holocaust are not registering in a world that continues to experience mass atrocity.

"We have situations today of genocide ... there are situations that are occurring now that we need to be aware of, and we need to do something about."

Stein says the exhibit serves as constant reminders of a failure of human nature.

"It's a warning the human mind is capable of these things, the human soul is capable of doing these things, technology which is designed to improve mankind can be perverted into something that can destroy or weaken mankind in ways that are probably irreparable."

He also thought the exhibit shows the resilience of the Jewish people.

"People ought to take away from [the exhibit] the longevity of the community," Stein said.

The exhibit will be on display until March 15 and can be viewed whenever the library is open.



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## Stay safe on spring break

Katie Nuzzi  
Herald Staff

It's supposed to be a week of fun and craziness, without a worry in the world. Just you and your friends on the vacation of a lifetime. This "vacation of a lifetime" ended for 22-year-old Nolan Webster from Massachusetts, when he died at the Oasis Cancun Hotel in Cancun Mexico last year.

After he was pulled, unconscious, from the hotel pool, he had to wait 30 minutes for the ambulance to arrive. The hotel doctor allegedly refused to let a nurse perform any life-saving actions and then ordered hotel security to force her away.

This story and several others haunt the beautiful tourist location that draws in thousands of families and spring breakers every year. What these sun seekers don't know or don't want to believe is that there's more danger in Mexico than just drinking the water.

Several students every year are arrested, drugged, involved in car accidents, and learn about the dangers of the streets outside of the hotel.

According to the International Travel Safety Information for American Students website, "Americans have been badly injured or have been killed in automobile accidents, falls, and other mishaps. Many of these incidents are related to alcohol or drug use.

Other Americans have been sexually assaulted or robbed because they found themselves in unfamiliar locales, or were incapable of protecting themselves because of drug or alcohol use, or because they were the victim of a 'date rape' drug."

Student Kristina DelTufo got to

see what it was like outside the resort. "Senior year in high school, my friends and I went to the Bahamas with a bunch of people.

The company we went through told us not to wander around alone, it was too dangerous. They also told us not to get into any car saying they are a taxi- it had to say taxi on the license plate. One night, me and seven of my girl friends decided to go out to dinner; in the middle of downtown Bahamas.

We were the only ones getting dropped off; everyone else went to a club. When we came out of dinner, we realized we were on a side street in downtown Bahamas with no one but locals around. There were about four guys claiming to be taxis outside, but they weren't. We had to walk through downtown Bahamas by ourselves. We were followed by cops, stray dogs and a bunch of locals."

Many other students have experienced getting robbed, getting held up by cops, and getting kicked out of hotels being left with no where to go, like senior Abigail Taylor, who was in Acapulco last year. "We were threatened to check out onto the streets and leave after some friends threw water over the balcony."

Students can find more safety tips about traveling abroad at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Travelers can also, and are strongly encouraged, to register their foreign travel on the State Department's website at <http://travel-registration.state.gov> before the trip begins.

Travel registration makes it possible for the State Department to contact a traveler if necessary, whether because of a family emergency in the United States or because of a crisis in a foreign country.

## Health Services reports flu, other illness, on rise

Kimberly Salvato  
Herald Staff

Sickness is rapidly spreading through the Roger Williams campus, affecting an overwhelming amount of the student body. Students have been visiting Health Services in substantial numbers with complaints of influenza and respiratory illnesses. Although the flu season has hit the campus, as well as the rest of the country, later than usual, it is just now weaving its way through the RWU community.

Considering illness spreads so easily through dorms, the Health Services office has seen 50-60 cases of influenza so far this season. Aside from the flu, strep, minor colds, bronchitis, and sinus infection germs are also finding their way onto campus.

A majority of the students visiting Health Services are freshmen. Anne Andrade, Director of Health Services, said that "part of it is that freshmen get exposed to a new environment, new germs, and have to build immunities."

Freshmen are newly emerged into this pool of germs. They do not know how to independently take care of themselves. Andrade also admits all students, freshmen through seniors, experience difficult times; sometimes they simply have bad luck and are continuously exposed to the same illness. This causes them to become run down and their immune system to be unable to fight off sickness.

The Health Services office follows a strict policy regarding notes for excusing absences. "For one thing, we don't want to promote the overuse or misuse of services. Nor do we want to promote a population of students that think, 'every time I get a cold I should

go to my doctor.' It's just not practical, feasible, or cost efficient," says Andrade.

Students often miss class for something fairly routine that they could successfully take care of on their own.

"I would say a majority of time they do follow instructions to get better, but clearly, sometimes, whether it be they're too busy with work, school work, too busy playing hard, they don't do what they should do and we absolutely see them back."

Andrade remembers some students returning to the office complaining of a recurring illness while the medicine prescribed to them during their last visit was still waiting at the front desk. The Health Services office is available to students for guidance with independence and self care.

Math Professor Joe Simeone agrees with Andrade in regard to students' overall well being. "My class has been pretty good as far as the amount of students who actually show up for class who aren't feeling well."

Simeone's main concern when students miss a repeated number of classes in a short amount of time is that the student falls behind in material covered in class or homework. Luckily, Simeone has an in-class tutor, Cora Tetreault, to help students who miss class.

The RWU campus is definitely experiencing an intense flu season; however, we are at the same time pushing forth a powerful recovery.

Andrade says, "we're lucky in that the population in general is very healthy. It's a healthy strong population that's going to bounce back quickly almost no matter what."

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# Dressing the part: college students in the professional world

Kelleigh Welch  
Features Editor

It's Monday morning, 8:45, and Noelle Allard has exactly 15 minutes to get to her class across campus. Not exactly the way she would want to start off the week. Allard climbs out of bed, throws on the pair of sweatpants she wore all Sunday, and trudges off to class. No one will notice her outfit, as most students in Allard's class will either be dressed the same way or half asleep.

However, life after college has a very different requirement. An outfit that might be acceptable on the Roger Williams University campus may be completely inappropriate in the "professional world."

There are two types of professional dress. One is the more well-known kind of "Business Dress," which is expected in a business career. Then there is the student professional dress, where students may be expected to wear certain outfits at certain times, but may never have to obtain the "Business" look.

'Business Dress' is exactly what is expected," said Director of the Career Center Robbin Beauchamp. "Men should wear business suits,

while women should wear skirts or dresses, always wear nylons, and have conservative hair, makeup, and fragrances."

For Ellie Amaral, Store Manager of Talbots in Barrington, RI, professional dress should be classic and clean.

"Women can wear a nice twin sweater set, while blazers have just been given a new classic look that goes great with skirts. Menswear for women is also in, where you can take the typical menswear look and change it to look more feminine."

Junior, Ashley Lago, says that a simple collared shirt with a skirt or non-jean slacks would be fine. "Then again, some places want their employees dressed to the max with a business suit and a professional demeanor," she said.

Depending on the occupation, the dress code may be different.

"(A job) in computing may allow jeans and a t-shirt, which would be fine," Associate Professor of the School of Business, Kathleen Micken said.

Beauchamp also said, "The definition of 'Business Casual' is dictated by the organization. However, when interviewing, dress as profes-

sionally as possible. When you are there, look around and see what others are wearing."

Dressing professionally also involves other minor restrictions such as neat hair, nails, and make-up make you far more marketable than if you didn't pay attention to those features.

"You should be neat and well-groomed," said Beauchamp.

"If you are not a construction worker, then you should not wear any jeans and especially nothing torn," said Lago. "Don't wear muddy shoes or a t-shirt, specifically with any writing on it."

An example is to avoid going to work with a shirt that says "Your boyfriend Likes Me Better."

One consideration, however, is that while you are trying to look professional, as Amaral pointed out, "You should always want to be comfortable."

By properly dressing for a job or interview, you make yourself more presentable. It is very important to receive positive first impressions from future employers.

"People form an impression in the first 10 seconds," said Micken. "You may only get a 'Hello my name is...' in,

but your outfit will communicate for you. Impression is a management strategy."

Junior Annalisa Deal agreed.

"When around people, you need to look your best because no matter what people say, we all do make judgments. Some people see past it and will talk to anyone, but everyone makes that initial judgment. It could make people come to you more."

When being interviewed for a future occupation, you need to market yourself. However, you also need to dress properly once you land the job, especially if you want to advance in your workplace.

"Don't dress for the job you have, but dress for the job you want," said Beauchamp.

"While a student prepares for an interview, they must research the dress," said Micken. "We do feel different when we dress up."

So if professional dress is so important, then does the typical Roger Williams student have what it takes to dress for their future occupations?

Amaral said he feels that while in college, professional dress is not as big of a concern.

"The college atmosphere

is relaxed, which fine," he said.

Once you graduate, professional dress becomes a big deal. This is why preparing for the professional world early is so important. Many classes on campus encourage professional dress for certain activities featured throughout the semester. In the School of Law, graduate students take elective classes that do just that.

"(The class) Mock Trial encourages (students) to dress like they are in trial," said Logan. "The tradition in this course is dress as if they were going to court, even though it is a mock. However, 95 percent of the law classes follow the rules of 'dress as you are'."

The School of Business also encourages professional dress on the students. Micken said, "When we have students do oral presentations, we include dress in the project to get them accustomed to dressing professionally."

For graduating seniors, RWU offers programs to help prepare these students for the real world. One part of the program Reality 101, includes discussions on proper dress for the working world, and a fashion show with Talbots to show examples of "in" styles of professional dress.

## How to prepare for interviews this spring

Lorin Richardson  
Asst. Features Editor

If you feel like applications are pouring out of your head, your feet are throbbing running from office to office, and you can't stop thinking of that last interview, you have caught it. This contagious disease is spreading around Roger Williams University and it is called getting involved. Butterflies in anyone's stomach shouldn't convince them that they should not apply for a position they feel they deserve. Opportunities and positions such as RA, PEER, HAWK, OA, and SA are on the loose as well as job opportunities for Seniors and Internship interviews for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.

This year students' participation in leadership positions has skyrocketed. There were 100 applicants for 30 Resident Assistant positions, 60 for 45 OA positions, and 28 for 10 overall PEERs.

Why the interest to suddenly get involved? Jen Stanley, the director of Residence Life and Housing says, "Being an RA is a great position on campus, and it changed my career path. When I did soul searching I thought about making a career about the RA process. There are so many skills that apply to different careers such as a teacher where you make bulletin boards and fliers for business." Leadership positions and interviews are great ways to get involved around campus and are known to build confidence, while gaining great experiences.

Of course there is a process to every application. RAs,

PEERs and HAWKs specifically have to go to an application info session. Then most leadership positions have a form of Team Building, usually a Group Process Day. "The goal is to see each candidate engaging in problem solving while they learn a lot about themselves." Each candidate is usually "shadowed" by a returner.

But the dreaded interview is something that students usually can't stop thinking twice about. The best advice from the experts is to just be yourself. Thung Q. Nguyen, the Assistant Director of Orientation had an important role in selecting this year's orientees. Some students might get the perception that Orientation Leaders are loud and outgoing, but Nguyen said he is looking for someone with a qualified GPA requirement, a role model, and a variety of cultural organizations. "They must have strong personalities and stay involved. We need both outgoing and reserved people; forty five energetic OAs might scare the students off." Nguyen said with a laugh. Stanley agreed: "We hope to find people who have diverse skills and talents, we wouldn't want every RA to be a cookie cutter." According to both, it is also important to be genuine and help others- not just because it looks good for the long-term resume.

We all know that someday in order to get a job, internship, or a leadership position some of us need to go through the knee shaking, heart pounding interview but the dramatics may turn into the best experience you have ever had.

## "The Other Boleyn Girl" review

Kelcie Sweeney  
Asst. Features Editor

Want a "can't put it down" book to read during spring break? Riches, glory, fame, competition, deceit, sex and rivalry are only a few of the many themes that are all weaved masterfully into the book "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gregory. Gregory's excellent storytelling makes for a spellbinding read that transports you back to a time of royalty and chivalry.

The book was recently made into a movie but was originally just part of a series of books about the years around the Tudor line of English kings. While the book is historic fiction it is anything but your typical work of historical fiction. Gregory's creative voice mixed with a historically correct back plot is captivating and gripping.

"The Other Boleyn Girl" is colorfully and vividly written and vividly story of the indulgent life of the royal family and the courtiers who lived their lives in the court under the scrutiny of a childish king. The book manages to strip away the glitz and glamour of the court life and leaves only the harsh realities of living in an era that places more importance to social mobility than the happiness in a person's life.

All the characters are dynamic and grow throughout the story. The characters are all intertwined into a plot which is riveting and full of important relationships. The development of the characters and their relationships with others propels the book forward.

The main character, Mary Boleyn, is the younger sister of Anne Boleyn and the narrator of the story. Through her eyes the reader sees the story unfold as she discovers the ugly side of the royal court and her own family. She is a character the reader can't help sympathize with through out the story.

The book begins when Mary is an innocent young girl at court that catches the eye of the king. Pushed forward by her ambitious family she becomes of a puppet in a powerful plot to become the king's favored family.

Yet the king is a fickle man and tires of Mary after she has two illegitimate children by him. Her cold family planned in case this was to happen and Mary's sister Anne slides right into Mary's spot in the King's heart and bed.

Betrayed by her family Mary wishes to escape the court life and live with her children in peace away from the pressures of society. Instead of accepting her disinclination to still be a member of court Mary's family expects her to serve her sister as a lady in waiting.

The Boleyn family triumphs at last when Anne becomes Queen of England. However the lavish, fast paced lifestyle at court finally catches up with Anne and she is replaced in the king's heart just as she replaced Mary in the king's heart.

Just as Anne's life ends with the blade of a French sword Mary escapes the wrath of the king and goes off to enjoy a life free from her family's grasps. The dynamic between Anne and Mary is one of sisterly affection and also rivalry, as one rises and one falls.

One minor complaint about the book is that is lengthy especially considering the end of the book is predictable to those who know the rise and fall of Anne Boleyn. However don't let the length of the book scare you away from reading this overall enjoyable story.

If you happen to enjoy The Other Boleyn Girl then you should look to the other books by Philippa Gregory about the era of the Tudor royal line including "The Constant Princess," "The Boleyn Inheritance," "The Queen's Fool", and "The Virgin's Lover." So if your looking to escape to a world full of intriguing characters set in a time of a out of control absolute monarch the look no further than the book "The Other Boleyn Girl".



# Strike to keep shows off air a bit longer

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Herald Staff

Finally. The writer's strike is "McOver." But where are the shows?

After months without McDreamy and McSteamy, an ugly girl named Betty, and some desperate housewives, The Writers Guild of America (WGA), both East and West, agreed to end their hundred-day-long strike on February 12, according to the WGA.

On that Tuesday, Patric M. Verrone, president of the WGA, West said "The strike is over. Our membership has voted, and writers can go back to work."

The strike hit the Hollywood movie market harder than studios expected, and unfortunately, more than 60 series have been cancelled and television ratings are down according to the Los Angeles Times.

Regardless, enthusiastic followers of the shows on strike sure aren't worried about current ratings, but they are more concerned about when the shows will actually be back on air.

"I'm glad the strike is over. I thought it was really disappointing because there was nothing on. You get into a routine where you can relax and watch your shows with friends and just take a break. My friends and I would drop whatever we were doing to watch 'Grey's [Anatomy]'. Leah Seward, a sophomore at Brown University and a rather avid "Grey's Anatomy" fan said. "It's so sad. Because of the strike, I haven't had anything to do on Thursday

nights...except homework!" However, while some were bothered by the TV halt, others were the least bit disturbed by the strike and the resultant pause in shows.

"The strike's over?" said sophomore, Tyler Curtis. "I didn't even know there was a writer's strike until I went home."

Another sophomore, Chris Meier, was also unaware that the strike had ended. "I guess I'm glad it's over," Meier said, "I liked House."

Regardless, whether fervent fans or just occasional viewers, everybody will regrettably have to continue suffering through a few more lackluster weeknights because in reality, although the strike is over, the hit shows won't be starting up for quite some time if at all.

According to NBC, Las Vegas, one of the victims of the strike, is being cancelled after five seasons. However, other shows on the same network, such as The Office and Heroes will be returning with brand new episodes. The Office will hit the air again on April 10 and "Heroes" will return next fall.

The ABC network also has confirmed when their hit series are coming back. Desperate Housewives will return on April 13 and Brothers and Sister will air on April 20, while "Ugly Betty," "Grey's Anatomy," and "Lost" won't return to the TV screen until April 24. "The Grey's Anatomy" spin-off, "Private Practice," unfortunately won't be back at all this season. Viewers will have to wait

until the fall to watch it again.

According to the Fox network, the hit programs "House" and "24" were affected by the strike in rather different ways. House will be returning to television on April 28 with brand new episodes, however, "24" won't be back until January 2009, when it can run its 24 episodes consecutively. The strike hasn't had an effect on the recent series "Back to You." It will return on April 16 with brand new episodes.

Yet one big question still remains. Will the once devoted viewers return to their long lost TV programs after such a long hiatus?

"Actually, I don't even remember what happened in the last episode, it's just been too long. I feel like I'm not re-

ally going to get into it as much because of the big break and I may not even pick up the shows again," Seward said, referring to her time off from "Grey's Anatomy."

"I guess it's not as necessary now. Once you break a routine it's hard to get back into it. I've picked up other shows that don't need writers like 'American Idol' and 'Deal or No Deal'," Seward said.

As for sophomore, Cicely Hislop, she doesn't plan on getting back into the shows affected by the writer's strike at all. "I watch them sometimes, but I can't keep up with them," Hislop said. "I just watch other shows instead, like 'American Idol' sometimes."

And it turns out, it's these unscripted reality

shows such as American Idol and "Deal or No Deal" that have been taking over the Nielson Ratings, according to USA Today, but what happens when the shows on break return?

"I don't think the shows have to worry about competition when they come back" Seward said. "I think the shows that didn't need scripts will retain their ratings because people have become so hooked on them while there was nothing else on, so when the other shows return, audiences will watch both. They have a lot of fans, and even if they [the shows on break] lose some of their audience, there are enough people who are looking forward to them to maintain their popularity."



## The Hawk's Herald Fun

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# Men's basketball: loses shot at NCAA tournament

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Following the layup Barranger scored an additional 10 points to give the Hawks a 56-51 lead with just over two minutes remaining in the game. Gordon came within five points of the lead after Gordon sophomore Aaron Trigg made two successful free throw attempts.

However, the Hawks continued to widen the deficit with a three-pointer by junior Ryan McGinn and a successful free throw shot from junior Billy Barrett with a mere 19 second remaining to play. Although Gordon would come within three points of stealing the lead from the Hawks, but a successful free throw shot by Camobreco gave the Hawks a four point lead as the clock wound down.

As the final buzzer sounded, Trigg brought the score to 67-66 with a last second three pointer for Gordon.

"I thought it was a good game," Tully said. "I thought both teams played well. We were able to defend with a little more intensity five minutes into the second half and I think that is really



Shaun Hogan

Freshman Corey Fava looks for an opportunity to pass in the final minutes of the CCC semifinal game against Gordon on Thursday.

what made the difference."

Saturday's game against Curry got off to a similar start for the Hawks, as the Colonels held the advantage for the entire first half. Although RWU came within three points of the lead a 12-7 run in the final minutes of the period gave Curry a 35-27 advantage at the close of the half.

The trend continued in the first five minutes of the second half as Curry increased their lead 12 points. A three pointer by freshman Corey Fava and a jumper by Barranger brought the

Hawks within six points of taking the lead, but that is as close as they would come.

Curry responded with a 15-6 run, to bring the score to 64-49 with ten minutes remaining in the game. After this run the Colonels continued to outscore the Hawks and they were able to hold on for the 83-66 win.

Curry senior Jonathan Bowers scored a total of 29 points and made 11 rebounds in the game, while sophomore Mark Mastrullo and senior Tim Jones each finished with 12.

# Sailors: Team takes on difficult conditions and strong competitors

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25-knot wind. In the first boat senior skipper Andy Goetting teamed up with junior crew Kaytlin Hall, while sophomore skipper Matthew Duggan sailed with senior crew Sean Lucey in the second boat. In the third boat, sophomore skipper Jon Enright sailed with sophomore crew Kelly Dunn-Mockridge and junior crew Kelly Gorman.

"Despite the fact that it was so breezy the team sailed really well and team raced really well," Callahan said.

On Sunday, the Hawks took on the other top four teams from Saturday's qualifying rounds, with the race taking place in Washington D.C. With the lighter wind than Saturday, Duggan and Dunn-Mockridge sailed together, while Enright teamed up with Gorman in the Goetting and Hall remained together for the second day of competition.

"We had a good race to start of the day against Georgetown," Callahan said. "Then we had a string of really close races that we ended up

losing, but I feel like you always learn more from the races that you lose.

"So it was good that we got to race against some of the best teams out there this early in the season and we definitely learned a lot by sailing against those teams."

The Hawks ended the day with an overall record of 3-4, which put them in fifth in the final round. Yale University finished first with an overall record of 7-0 on the day, while St. Mary's came in second, Georgetown third and Charlestown fourth.

The team will be back in the water this weekend when they compete in the Wood Trophy at Salve Regina University. The races are scheduled to begin Saturday morning at 9:30.

"The good thing about this event is that it is at the site of nationals in the boats that the we would sail if we make it to nationals," Callahan said. "So we are sending our top guys to that event just so they can get a look at the venue and figure out the boats. Getting that experience is always good."

# Mets: The team from Queens looks to recover from bad year

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and they've gotten off to a great running start.

The offseason acquisition that landed Johan Santana in Queens rather than the Bronx, or Boston, shockingly enough, has seemingly given new life to the Mets and has everyone - player and fan alike - excited about what's to come.

The lefty Venezuelan who holds a career 3.22 ERA will anchor a rotation that saw success in '07 but, certainly needed a valuable addition. He is followed by the three time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez, and young rising stars John Maine and Oliver Perez.

Around the diamond, the Mets see changes both behind the plate and the outfield adding veteran catcher Brian Schneider and right

fielder Ryan Church. The constructive additions complement a team already full of talent with youngsters like MVP hopefuls Jose Reyes and David Wright and veteran Gold Glovers Carlos Beltran and Luis Castillo.

So, even though they don't have a 'B' on their hats or famous pinstripes down their shirts, I would say they look pretty good. It will probably take some time for Yankee and Red Sox fans to catch on and notice that other teams actually do play baseball, but when they do they'll see that there is another team around that is extremely talented.

It's much too early to tell now, but don't be surprised if you see one of these three teams playing deep into October, and I hope you didn't forget their name.

# Hurd: Prepares to pitch two more seasons after long recovery process

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for Roger Williams University.

His freshman year of college, Hurd began as a starting pitcher.

"Hurd is a great player, which is why he's one of the starting pitchers. It was on the rocks for a while, but he's coming back," Derek Carlson, the head baseball coach for Roger Williams University said.

Out of ten games pitched, a total of 65 innings, his average as a starter was three wins and four losses. His top speed pitched was 85 miles per hour. His college baseball career was looking good, until one of the final games against Wheaton College in 2006.

After throwing a few warm up pitches that day, Hurd said, "It just didn't feel right. Coach noticed I wasn't throwing hard and I was in pain, so he took me out."

After several doctor visits involving X-rays, CT scans and MRIs, Hurd was told that he had torn his labrum, which is cartilage that surrounds the shoulder blade. He would need surgery if he wanted to play again. For Hurd, and many other players dedicated to the game, news like this is the worst they could ever hear.

"Before surgery the doctor told me there was a 50-50 chance I wouldn't pitch effectively again," Hurd said, "So I had already accepted the fact that my pitching career might be over."

With his surgery set for the beginning of September, Hurd was able to play as much as he could in a summer league. Although it hurt to play,

he did not let it stop him.

When September finally came, fear was not the only emotion hitting him; regret, anxiety and anger were filling his mind as well. Regret for playing through the pain, maybe causing him more damage to his shoulder; anxiety of what may happen after; anger, at his own mind for pushing too hard, and at his body for possibly taking away his dream.

The surgery was a success, and as it turned out, there was a possibility of Hurd playing again after all. The good news brought Hurd to a whole new level of determination. Even though coming back after surgery was a long process, he pushed forward.

Attending physical training every other day for four months put him behind the rest of the team. That year he only pitched a total of 47 innings, with nine starts, bringing his ERA to 4.47. Although his speech speed has reached 85 mph since, he has only averaged a speed of around 80-82 mph, because it takes his arm longer to rebound now.

Hurd, now 20 years old, feels confident about the upcoming season. He has been pitching at practices since they began in January and has hit his old average speed of 85 mph a few times, and Carlson feels as though he is ready to start throwing his hardest again.

"I was glad to play again, especially since two of my roommates and best friends still play," Hurd said, "It's something I started a long time ago, I plan on finishing it."

## News & Notes

The women's lacrosse team will begin its fifth season in existence when they travel to Milton Mass. for a conference match up against Curry College. The team's first home game is currently scheduled for March 25 against the University of New England, with the action starting at 4 p.m.

The women's team was ranked fifth in the Commonwealth Coast Conference preseason coach's poll.

The men's lacrosse team traveled to Milton Mass. on Wednesday night to take on Curry College. The team will participate in two games, before leaving for Clermont, Florida

to participate in two games over spring break.

The men's lacrosse team was ranked at fourth place in the Commonwealth Coast Conference preseason coach's poll.

The baseball team will travel to Chandler, Arizona for spring break, where they will participate in a total of twelve games between March 15 and March 22.

The men's tennis team will travel to California during spring break, where they will two matches against Westmont College and Colorado College.

# Men's basketball falls short of CCC championship title

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Sports Editor

After coming from behind to win the Commonwealth Coast Conference semifinal game against Gordon College 67-66 on Thursday, the Hawks fell just short of their final goal as they lost the championship round to Curry College 83-66.

The loss brings an end to a season in which the Hawks posted an overall record of 17-11 and a conference record of 11-2 and takes away their shot at a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. With the win, Curry College finishes their season with an overall record of 18-10 and a conference record of 11-2, while the CCC title gives them an automatic bid for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"Curry is a very talented team and they played to their potential and when they do that they are tough to beat," head coach Michael Tully said. "Our kids played their hearts out and they played well, but we needed to make a few more shots in order to win on Saturday."

Saturday's defeat also marks the end of the college basketball careers of the Hawks' three senior players Geoff Barranger, Ben Camobreco and Dan Gumb. All three seniors made significant contributions in their final game,



Senior Geoff Barranger makes a dunk early in the second half of the CCC semi-finals game against Gordon College on Thursday. The Hawks won 67-66.

combined they scored a total of 32 points and made 18 rebounds.

"They've been great," Tully said. "Those guys have had a great four years here, I can't say enough about them as individuals, as basketball players and as captains this year. They did a great job of leading this team from day one."

"They have responded well for four years, they've done everything we asked and I was

happy to see that all three of them had great senior years on the court."

In Thursday's semifinal game, Gordon controlled the court in scoring and held a 31-27 lead as the halftime buzzer sounded. Gordon would hold the lead until the seven-minute mark, when a layup by Barranger tied the game at 48-48.

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# Hawks pitcher back on mound after surgery

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Straight from a freshly opened box, the 9¼-inch, 5-ounce baseball is perfectly pristine. Like any baseball, there are 216 waxed cotton red stitches, holding together two pieces of white leather. Underneath those pieces of leather are layers of yarn, twine or wool. Beyond those, in the heart of the baseball, is a ball of rubber.

Brian Hurd, a junior at Roger Williams University, picks up the baseball from his desk, and although, this one ball was perfectly round, white, stitched and unused, it was obvious that it was perfect to Hurd in so many other ways.

"I remember throwing a ball at a very young age," Hurd said, "and I was good at it. It felt right."

Beginning at the age of eight, Hurd was a natural on the baseball field. Bouncing from little league to little league in South Boston, Mass., Hurd was always kept himself busy. From playing on the field whenever he could, to playing forward and goalie in hockey on the side, he was an athlete through and through.

His constant hard work paid off when he started high school at Catholic Memorial High School in Roxbury, Mass.; he was able to walk onto the team as a starting left-handed pitcher. Through his high school career, Hurd was an all-star. Along with another player, Hurd was a lead pitcher; someone the coach knew would win games for the team.

In Hurd's sophomore, junior and senior years at Catholic Memorial, he received the most valuable player award, along with many others. This was only the beginning of his career, though.

Graduating in 2005 with three varsity letters, he became one of the first pitchers recruited to play

See Hurd p.11.

# Outside regional rivalry, Mets look to have strong year

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Asst. Sports Editor

This could have been another typical article about who will win the AL East, or arguing once again about who has the better team - the Red Sox or the Yankees, but it's not. It's not because I'm tired of hearing about it, writing about it, or even thinking about it.

This article is about a team that is overshadowed and forgotten in a land referred to as "Red Sox Nation" or "Yankee Country." It's for those fans that live in an overwhelming minority, and still proudly stand tall. It's not about the teams wearing the red, or the blue. It's all about the orange.

Yes, there is a third team in this neighborhood and it is the New York Mets. Usually placed on the back pages of even New York newspapers, here in Rhode Island the men from Queens are merely afterthoughts when most mention baseball.

Other than two home and home series with the Yankees and an occasional tango with the Red Sox once every three or four years, the Mets are a forgotten bunch.

Come April, though, this all may begin to change. The supporters of the orange and blue may find respect easier to come by and growing numbers of people will be forced to pay attention.

Their terrible end to last year's season deemed the Mets as the laughing stock of baseball, casting a dark shadow over Shea Stadium and the heart and soul of the team. This year, the Mets are looking to do everything they can to erase that memory. Their desire is to achieve even higher levels of success than they've found in the last few years,

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# Sailing gets off to a strong start with a fifth place finish in their first team race

Shaun Hogan  
Sports Editor

Tricky conditions did not prevent the sailing team from earning fifth place out of 16 teams in the John Jackson and Graham Hall team-racing event at Georgetown University and the United States Naval Academy this past weekend. The two-day race was the team's first competitive event of the spring season.

"I thought this weekend was a good way to start off the season," head coach Amanda Callahan said. "It shows how much work we need to do in order to make it to nationals this year."

This strong start to the spring season comes after a fall season in which the team was ranked as high as sixth nationally. Although the Hawks ended the fall season with an eighth place finish in the Atlantic Coast Championships and a national ranking of eighth, the latest *Sailing World* coed college rankings place them in ninth place.

The team began regular practices on Saturday March 23 and since they have had six days on the water.

"This time of year the weather is always the biggest factor and it can be pretty fickle," Callahan said. "But last week we ended up with five really good



Courtesy of Amanda Callahan

The RWU sailing team sails on Mount Hope Bay last week in one of their first practices of the season. The team took fifth in their first race of the season.

days on the water.

"So far at practices we have been focusing on team racing and getting our team racing skills up to speed. Progress has been slow, but I think we are heading in the right direction."

The first day of racing this weekend took place at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. where the Hawks posted an overall record of 5-2, falling only to the Naval Academy and top

ranked St. Mary's College. The Hawks collected wins over Hobart College, William Smith College, New York Maritime College, Old Dominion University, Harvard University and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in other racing action on the first day.

The team was forced to use heavy crews in the three boats it raced on Saturday due to a heavy

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