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THE HAWK'S HERALD

A SOBERING DEBATE

Alcohol hot topic at Student Senate forum

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

Students, faculty, and administrators gathered Tuesday night for the Student Alcohol Forum, a Student Senate and Alcohol and Other Drugs taskforce co-sponsored event designed to gather student feedback on the AOD's alcohol policy proposals for the next academic year.

While originally planned to be held in the library's Mary Tefft White Cultural Center, the forum was moved to CAS 157. A dry campus? due to the "sense it would be highly attended," according to Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education and Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coordinator.

Darmody's senses were correct. The event, which had 107 confirmed guests as a Facebook event, filled the 200-seat lecture hall above capacity, forcing students to sit on the floor. Students representing all grades showed up to voice their opinions on what would make the most effective alcohol policies.

The high student turnout can partly be attributed to Senate's aggressive advertising of the event. Student senators in Solo cup outfits who roamed the cam-

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Students, staff seek 'cultural change' in campus drinking

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

Various voices throughout campus are often at odds when it comes to alcohol rules.

Many students seek empathy, while most administrators insist on safety. Can the seemingly inherent dichotomy in student-administrative ideologies ever be reconciled? Students at Tuesday's alcohol forum attempted to find out.

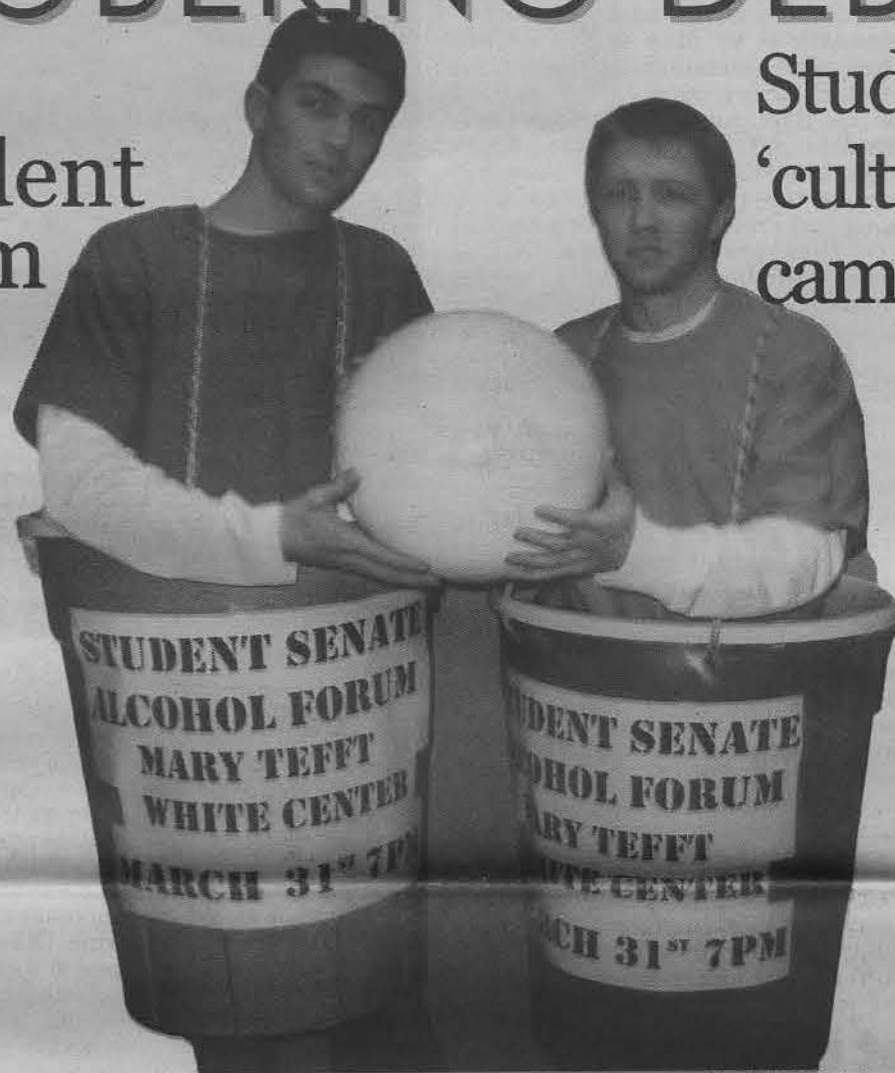
"It is [Student] Senate's job to be the liaison between students and the administration," Colin O'Reilly, Vice President of Student Senate, said. "The Senate felt that there needed to be more communication about alcohol issues on campus and that it was our job to facilitate that discussion."

Senator Brian McGrath said, "I felt that the student body in general was not being informed at all."

According to McGrath, the forum was created with the hope that "collaboration between the student body and the Alcohol and Other Drug Taskforce committees would [allow them] to reach some sort of agreement."

"I thought it went very well in terms of attendance and with the content of the dis-

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GINA PRESTONE

Student Senators Brian McGrath (left) and Cory Egan don beer pong game costumes to promote the Senate alcohol forum on Tuesday.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

a continuing series on the economy

Seniors face tough job search

By TIM HOLLAN
Herald staff writer

Michael Burke has a 3.4 GPA in his second semester of his senior year. Planning to graduate with Honors, he held an internship at Sullivan and Co. in Providence, and he applied for more than 30 jobs only to get no callbacks. As the semester, and his time at Roger Williams, comes to an end, he wonders where and when he will find a job.

Next to him sits Adam Barnes, also a senior in the Honors program, who maintains a GPA higher than 3.3. An international business major, he interned recently at Staples corporate headquarters, and as of yet, has not found a job, though he received two callbacks for the 10 to 15 jobs he applied for.

Both students have experience and good grades, and have fought hard to find a job, yet the future remains uncertain for them.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers report released on April 1, only 19 percent of seniors who have applied for jobs actually have received them.

Burke has worked on campus as a tutor in the writing center, where he "learned how to work with people and teach them skills." However, during the summer, he interned for Sullivan and Co., a company for Certified Public Accountants. There, he "went to clients and looked over their financial records to assure shareholders their records were accurate and no fraud was being committed."

He can quickly explain the numerous ways that fraud

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a small world after all ... GLOBAL FEST '09



PHIL DEVITT/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Students interested in other cultures poured into the Recreation Center Field House on Wednesday for Global Fest 2009. Students representing dozens of countries sat at information tables throughout the Field House, answering questions about their heritages and serving ethnic food.

FORUM: Students address alcohol concerns

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pus the day of the event were a unique promotion; large posters on the exterior of the library and paper advertisements atop Solo cup pedestals in the upper commons were hard to ignore.

The nearly three-hour forum began with opening statements from Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon and Vice President for Student Affairs John King. The administrators explained the research and planning the AOD and Senate members did leading up to the forum.

McMahon said that the AOD taskforce, the group that assesses student drinking behaviors and culture, was divided into six subcommittees, each with two to three senators as well as members of the division of student affairs.

The subcommittees – enforcement and access, messaging and marketing, policy, social space and student programming, freshman year experience, and academic partnerships – “benchmarked other schools’ policies, procedures, and best practices,” and looked at Roger Williams University’s own student-generated data in order to get the most comprehensive picture on student drinking, McMahon said. “We did not want to work in a vacuum.”

“No recommendations have been made yet,” McMahon explained. “The committees are getting down to the nitty-gritty and are at the point where they want student feedback.”

King provided empirical evidence for consideration. According to King, 72 percent of RWU students binge drink – the act of drinking five or more drinks in two hours. This percentage of the on-campus student population has remained consistent since 2006. The national average for percentage of binge drinkers in the student population is 44 percent, according to King.

King added that 25 students were transported to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning this academic year.

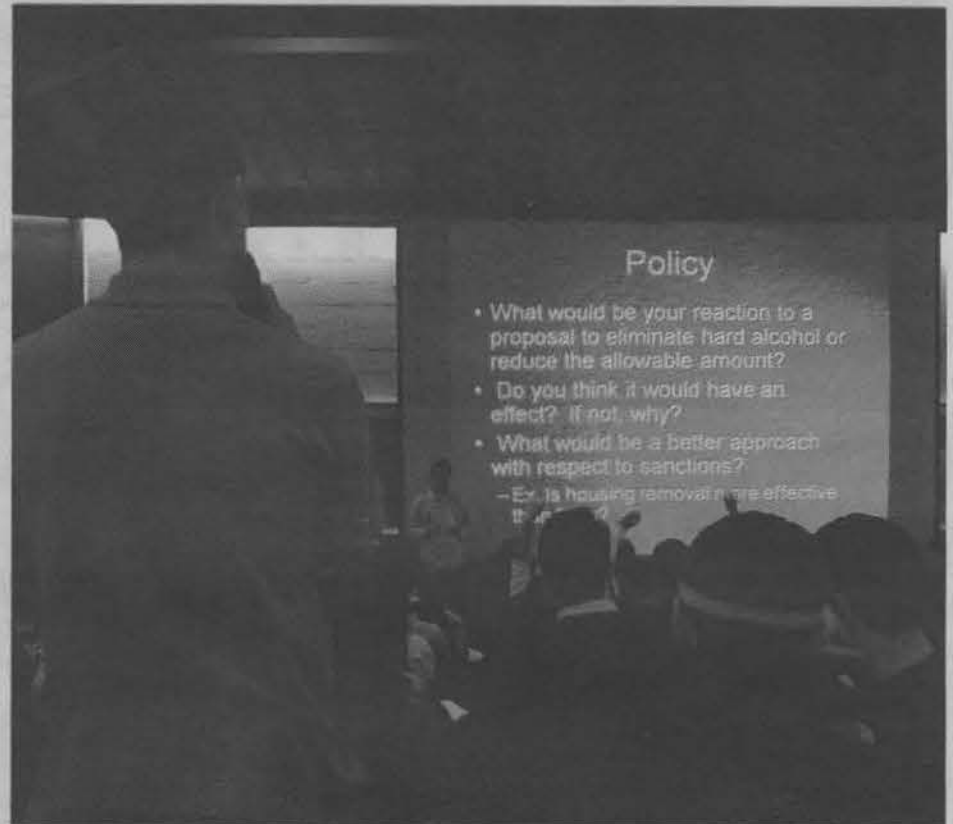
All of these transports reported using hard alcohol, King said. However, this number includes the 16 combined transports of this year’s two Chameleon Clubs.

King assured students that the administration was “going to stay transparent,” making sure that no student was surprised by any changes in alcohol policy when arriving back to school in the fall.

King explained that students’ ideas recorded at the forum would be taken into account before the AOD subcommittees made their policy recommendations to Senate on May 1. The Senate is to review the recommendations by May 4. Senate will then send recommendations to four student focus groups, each comprised of five RWU seniors. The Academic Student Affairs Committee, Team CARE, and the Board of Trustees will review the recommendations next; King and President Roy Nirschel will give them the final review. Official policies will be established in time for Orientation Advisor training, by June 1, at the latest, King said.

Each AOD subcommittee’s Senate representatives discussed their committees’ ideas on policy recommendations with the audience. While all topics discussed evoked passionate responses from the students, some issues proved more divisive than others.

The proposal of instituting bag-checking stations at Cedar, North Campus, or other dormitories seemed to touch a nerve with students. “It will increase binge drinking,” one student said. The student argued that in order to avoid bringing their alcohol with them to parties, students would consume all of their alcohol in one, dangerously hasty pre-game session. Lauren Bartolotti, a student AOD representative, defended the idea, saying that while indiscriminate bag checks are “not something we want,” increased bag checks are something that worked well for the many institutions she and her subcommittee



BEN WHITMORE/THE HAWK'S HERALD

A concerned student stands to ask a question at the Student Senate alcohol forum Tuesday night. Senate Vice President Colin O'Reilly stands in the background, listening.

benchmarked.

Another student in the crowd argued that the privacy of students is important and that Public Safety indiscriminately searching students’ bags would be a violation of rights. This response was met with applause from most of the crowd.

Another subcommittee’s proposal to ban hard alcohol on campus elicited numerous student comments. Many students said that restricting one type of alcohol would not do much to change the overall campus culture. Multiple students said that banning hard alcohol would only increase the consumption of beer and wine. Others said students will continue to drink hard alcohol, regardless of whether the school permits it on campus. “People are going to do it even if they are not allowed to do it,” one student said. The crowd applauded.

King reminded students that all 25 transports this academic year were the result of each student’s overconsumption of hard alcohol. The students did not seem to be convinced. One student retorted, “I am allergic to wheat, barley, and rye. Would I need a doctor’s note to be able to drink hard alcohol?” This remark was followed by students’ laughter and applause.

The debate on whether or not to hold future Chameleon Clubs was controversial. One student said, “If I had to choose between the two, Chameleon Club should be eliminated, as opposed to hard alcohol.”

Another student agreed: “Chameleon Club has become something dangerous. It does not show anything positive about our student body.”

Other students felt differently. “Chameleon Club is an excellent sell-

ing point for this school,” a student said. Another student argued that because there are so many health and safety personnel on duty at Chameleon Clubs, the dances are safer than dorm drinking “if something were to happen.”

However balanced the debate seemed, an impromptu vote by show of hands revealed a more one-sided sentiment among students. Only four students were willing to raise their hands in favor of banning future Chameleon Clubs.

Other topics addressed at the forum included:

- * whether or not to make the South Campus dry
- * how to best market responsible drinking campaigns
- * whether or not to replace fines with housing removal in the event of alcohol policy violations
- * whether or not shuttle drivers should allow intoxicated riders to board shuttles,
- * whether or not student leaders should be viewed as role models
- * whether or not students thought “increased academic rigor” would decrease drinking habits among students.

Students were given comment cards to write any of their opinions they did not get to vocalize at the forum. The Senate also created a Gmail account for students to send in additional opinions. According to Senator Brian McGrath, chair of the Alcohol and Student Committee, Senate collected 35 comment cards and received five “lengthy and informative” e-mails by the next day. Senate is still accepting comments at alcoholforum@gmail.com.

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in other news

Nirschel set to take control of WQRI mic

President Roy Nirschel is preparing to hit the campus airwaves.

On Saturday, April 4, he will be in the WQRI studio playing his favorite music and answering questions on air.

Nirschel also will give away prizes to listeners.

He will be in the studio from 4 to 5 p.m. Tune your radio to 88.3 FM or listen online at wqri.rwu.edu.

Senate proposes sorority chapter

Student Senate last week passed a resolution in support of starting a sorority on campus.

Theta Phi Alpha, described in the resolution as a "national woman's social fraternity," was created to "advance educational, social and philanthropic interest and leadership training" and foster spiritual development and high moral standards, according to the mission statement.

Senate urged the administration in its resolution to endorse the creation of the chapter on campus, and forwarded copies to President Roy Nirschel, Faculty Senate and the deans at each college.

Holocaust survivors to share survival stories

Several Holocaust survivors are scheduled to share their stories with the campus community next week.

Ruth Fishman, Rabbi Abraham Teitel and Phyllis Teitel will speak in the School of Law, room 283, April 7 at 6:30 p.m., as part of an event called Survivor Stories, sponsored by Hillel.

STAND to stage 'die-in' on D'Angelo Common

The RWU chapter of STAND is set to stage a "die-in," a version of a sit-in, to raise awareness for the genocide happening in Darfur, Sudan.

During the demonstration on D'Angelo Common, scheduled for April 15, participants will lay side by side in silence for about a half hour.

Members of STAND will be on hand to provide information about the demonstration.

To find out more about the demonstration, contact STAND president Amy Torregrossa at atorregrossa598@hawks.rwu.edu.

Barn to stage weekend of one-act plays

Stage Company will deliver double the entertainment this weekend, with two one-act, student-produced plays: Edward Albee's "The Sandbox," directed by Chris O'Brien, and Christopher Durang's "For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls," directed by Kristin Durinick.

The plays will be performed April 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (Barn). Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for the general public.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Hawk's Herald will not publish a print edition next week due to Good Friday. Look for the next issue on stands April 17. Check hawksherald.com for breaking stories.

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BEN WHITMORE/HAWK'S HERALD FILE

Students board RIPTA's 60 line at the campus bus stop last fall. After significantly reducing a \$12.2 million budget deficit, the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority has decided to not cut the service from Newport to Providence.

RIPTA opts to keep Bristol service

By BEN WHITMORE
Herald staff writer

After significantly reducing a \$12.2 million budget deficit, the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority will not cut service to its 60 line, the bus route running from Newport to Providence that serves Roger Williams University.

To reduce their costs, RIPTA made cuts in January to the service hours on some of their lines, including a one-hour service reduction on Sunday nights to the 60 line.

These cuts, along with "further [planned] cuts in June... and in combination with [falling] fuel prices, were enough to reduce the budget deficit," RIPTA Planning Manager and liaison to Roger Williams University Tim McCormick said. "At this point, it's just about eliminated."

RIPTA's continued service to RWU's campus is welcome news to the thousands of students who ride RIPTA monthly. According to figures provided by RIPTA, ridership among RWU students and faculty has, in some cases, more than doubled last year's ridership numbers (see chart).

While ridership elsewhere wanes due to rising unemployment rates and a struggling economy, ridership at RWU remains strong, McCormick said. "We expect [ridership] to grow every year," McCormick said.

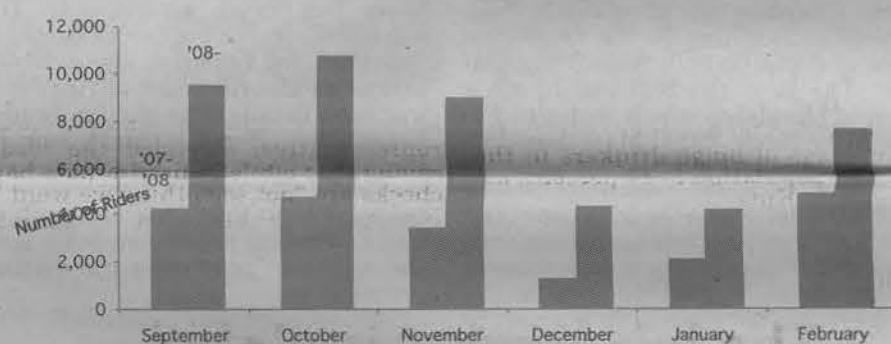
McCormick calculates that upperclassmen, who did not arrive at RWU while a free or reduced fare plan was implemented, are less likely to ride RIPTA than underclassmen, who have assimilated RIPTA riding into their culture. Current juniors are the last class who did not arrive at RWU with a free or reduced fare plan in place.

"Until the current juniors graduate, we will not have a clean [ridership] sample," McCormick said. Ridership will peak only when all students have gotten used to making RIPTA riding a part of their culture, McCormick said. "We have seen this at every campus we have gone to."

However, RIPTA is not out of budget trouble yet. It is still in approximately \$3.1 million worth of debt, according to McCormick. "The budget deficit is based on the projected gasoline price," McCormick said. "A lot of it is playing with a number."

RIPTA budgeted spending an average of \$2.87 per gallon of diesel fuel for the 2008 fiscal year, which began last July and ends this June. However, the actual cost of diesel

Monthly RWU Student and Faculty RIPTA Ridership



fluctuated greatly: during the 2008 fiscal year, the fuel price rose as high as \$4.51 per gallon; this week, RIPTA paid \$1.92 per gallon. The cost of fuel has both irritated and soothed RIPTA's budget.

Stable fiscal help could be on the way for RIPTA. In his Supplemental Appropriations Act of January 14, Gov. Don Carcieri planned to shift \$2.2 million annually from an environmental protection program, funded by gas tax revenue, to RIPTA. Adding an additional cent to the current \$0.30 per gallon tax would be enough to generate the annual subsidy to RIPTA. This measure is awaiting approval by the Rhode Island Legislature.

Yet, according to McCormick, if diesel fuel remains low, and the average cost per gallon remains below \$2.40, RIPTA will be able to put an end to its budget woes without any outside help.

RWU plans to continue its symbiotic relationship with RIPTA. The university has "set aside funds to continue the subsidy for faculty and staff, along with the free ridership for freshmen students," Vice President for Student Affairs John King said. "If RIPTA was unable to offer a significant subsidy, there would be a related impact on our ability to fund our program to the current level of involvement," King said.

According to the current contract, RIPTA charges RWU students and faculty \$0.88 per one-way trip. RIPTA charges all other riders \$1.75. If their budget problems return, RIPTA may not be able to maintain the current level of discount.

Neither party wants this. RWU ridership is on the rise, and as King pointed out, "RIPTA benefits from the marketing, access, and steady in-

come" the university provides it. "It is revenue they can count on — backed by the university and paid in a timely fashion," King said.

"The benefit [of RIPTA service] to students and faculty is access," King said. While last year RWU gave free-fare cards only to its freshmen class, this year, all students received such cards. "Our preference would be to continue to provide access to all students," King said.

Convenience is only part of RIPTA's benefit. "Parking demand has peaked," King said. As RWU reorganizes its parking lots, King looks to RIPTA for relief.

"We hope, over time, that RIPTA [utilization] will decrease the number of cars and the demand for parking on campus."

This is a crucial time for RIPTA's budget to be healthy. RWU's three-year contract with RIPTA is due for renewal in July. Like the contract it will replace, the new contract will lock RWU into a fixed fare rate, the price of which will be determined by how much RIPTA can afford to discount at the time. RIPTA's budget at the end of June will dictate the level of subsidy it provides to RWU for the next three years.

McCormick said he hopes his company's budget will permit RWU's relationship with RIPTA to continue as it has. Speaking to all RWU RIPTA riders, McCormick said, "You pass as the best thing that ever happened to this transit authority. The bus system is different having Roger Williams on the 60 [line]. The last thing we want to do is to change that."

IN OUR OPINION

Alcohol abuse, not alcohol itself, at root of campus drinking problems

What if RWU was a dry campus? What if hard alcohol was banned?

Senate brought up these questions for students during a forum held Tuesday night.

The verdict is in.

The Hawk's Herald overwhelmingly voted "no" against the banning of hard alcohol and alcohol completely on the RWU campus.

And not just because we like to drink.

Think about it. The reason why alcohol is so appealing to underage students is because it is technically prohibited. It is human nature to always want what you cannot have, and this is no exception. By banning hard alcohol or alcohol in general, the administrators would potentially increase the desire to dangerously drink.

That's not even the half of it.

The problem with alcohol on our campus does not lay solely in the hands of the student body. Yes, stu-

dents are the ones drinking the alcohol and, yes, college is supposed to be a steppingstone to the "real world" to which we will one day belong. However, the people with the potential ability to affect change have dropped the beer pong ball.

Sure, the administrators have brought speakers to campus to talk to us about alcohol use and abuse. And yes, faculty, administrators and students sit on different Alcohol and Other Drug subcommittees, but how has the student body benefitted thus far?

We haven't.

If the administration were to listen to the ideas of the students on our campus, ideas coming from the mouths of those directly involved in the issue, they would hear creative and innovative ways to combat our problems. One of those ways is teaching students how to drink responsibly, an idea that the administrators have not seriously considered at this

university.

But let's not take away from the root of the problem--the students. Some students at RWU drink too much and are too irresponsible. Instead of getting hyped up about the administration's stance on alcohol, maybe we need to take responsibility for our actions. That would require gumption: that would require you (yes, you RWU students) to tell your friends when they are getting a little too drunk. And that would also require you to take care of your friends.

It's important to remember that alcohol isn't the problem. Alcohol abuse is the problem. Far too many people guzzle down shots like water only to be hit by overwhelming sickness shortly thereafter. They don't know when to quit. If anything, they need an education in drinking responsibly. Banning alcohol on campus surely will not deter most people from drinking regardless

You win some, you lose some, but

wouldn't you rather tend to your puking friend than wake up the next morning and find your friend dead from alcohol poisoning?

Neither choice in that question is ideal, but the answer should be a bold and resounding yes.

ONLINE EXTRA

Get in on the conversation.

What do you think about the campus drinking climate? Do we have a problem? How can we solve it? Let us know how you feel in our weekly poll.

What's your take on the issues raised at the Senate forum? Comment on the stories in this issue at hawksherald.com.



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Spiritual events open to all

Do you wonder if we have regular Mass on Campus? Is there a Hillel at Roger Williams? Did you know that we have a Muslim Students Association? And an Imam? The Office of Spiritual Life, located in the Intercultural Center in Maple Hall, can answer these questions (and more!) for you.

Tom Sullivan, the University Multifaith Chaplain, works in Maple Hall, as well as teaching in the Core Program and the Gabelli School of Business. The Rev. Dr. Sullivan heads a team of chaplains which includes Father Mike Sisco, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, Imam Abdul-Latif Sackor, and Pastor Dan Randall. Each of these chaplains is available by phone and email, and each spends some time each week on campus, working with student groups and individual students as the need arises. We also have a group of faculty and staff advisors who work with the program: Patrick Tanner (from ResLife) works with the Interservice Christian Fellowship, Maria Adkins (from the Intercultural Center) advises the Muslim Student Association, Professor Mel Topf is our Hillel Advisor this semester (filling in for Professor Josh Stein, who is on leave), and Prof. Madge Thombs serves as Newman Club advisor.

Next week, for example, the Office of Spiritual Life is sponsoring a U2 Eucharist, which is an ecumenical communion service featuring the music of U2. Designed as a multimedia praise and worship service, this vivid combination of pictures from around the world and U2's stunning songs is focused on the ONE Campaign, a worldwide drive to eliminate poverty in this century. The service will be held on April 6th in CAS 157 - come and bring your friends. We will collect an offering to support the Bristol Good Neighbors Food Pantry and Playpumps (a ONE Campaign affiliate that distributes water pumping equipment to villages

in Africa).

Our organizations have been active this year: the Newman Club is raising money for "Keep the Heat On", a local agency that provides home heating aid for area residents. Hillel has hosted a wide range of activities, ranging from a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Washington, DC, to a Laser Tag Social just recently. They will be offering a program of Holocaust Speakers on Tuesday, April 7th, as well as a Passover Seder on April 8th - watch for details. The Muslim Student Association offered a month-long Ramadan program in September which featured awareness of local hunger relief work, and the Interservice Christian Fellowship supports a Bible study and regular "prayer-for-the-campus" events.

Every week, Roman Catholic Mass is held in CAS 162 at 8 p.m. on Sunday evenings, preceded by a Newman Club meeting at 7:15. Contact Alex Tillinghast at atillinghast430@rwu.edu for more information. Our Hillel chapter meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Shabbat services are held regularly); contact Michael Greenwald (mgreenwald185@rwu.edu) for more information. The Muslim Students Association meets regularly on Fridays; new President Haleel Alanazi is available at halanazi109@hawks.rwu.edu. And the Interservice Christian Fellowship meets regularly on Wednesdays at 7; contact Melinda McLaughlin (mmclaughlin127@rwu.edu) for information.

Please join us for any of these events and services. Call x3433 for more information, or email Dr. Sullivan at tsullivan@rwu.edu. And check out www.rwu.edu/studentlife/multiculturalaffairs/spirituallife/.

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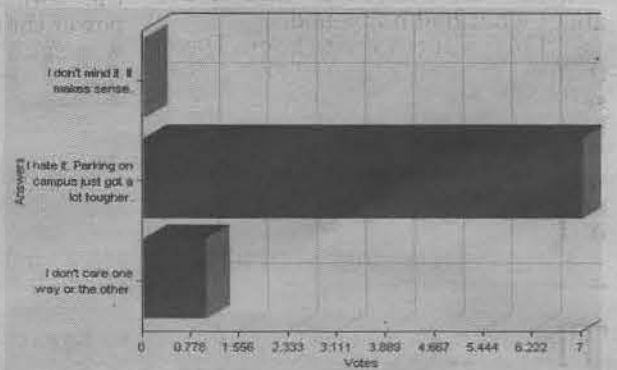
POLL RESULTS

In the March 27 issue, we asked you:

What do you think of the new parking situation?

Seven people said they hated it, while one person said they didn't care.

Nobody voted for the "it makes sense" option.



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COMMENTARY/ Anatomy of a 'hate crime': Swastika blown out of proportion

By DAVE HURWITZ, '09

It was a Sunday morning and carved in shaving cream on the front door of my Bayside apartment was a swastika. My first instinct was to blame it on some drunken asshole and clean the mess up myself. A friend of mine, who had discovered the inscription first, advised me to call Public Safety just to make a record of what had happened.

Little did I know, my call to Public Safety would represent the last time I had any control over what had happened.

About 10 minutes later, two Public Safety officers showed up to document the incident and also inform me that Bristol Police were on their way. Were they serious? "Listen, I just wanted to let you guys know this happened, it's really not necessary for you to call the police."

I might as well have been talking to myself.

Moments later, when Bristol's Finest came to my door, I told them who I thought might be responsible as they jotted down a few notes and they went on their way.

Over the next few days, I would speak face to face with the Director of Public Safety, the CORE of Bayside (ad nauseum) and later receive a call from Dean Kathleen McMahon who told me she wanted to talk to me about what had happened.

"I just wanted you to know, Dave, that we take this kind of thing very seriously and we are treating it as a hate crime."

I told her that I didn't believe it was a "hate crime" and that there was no need to make a bigger deal out of it. But, as I would learn more and

more throughout this process, my input was not necessary, despite the fact that it had happened to me.

"I understand that you aren't that affected by what happened, but the fact is a lot of people on campus were hurt by it and John King will be sending out an e-mail informing people that a hate crime has occurred."

Nothing turns random act of vandalism into a "hate crime" quite like an E-MAIL ALERT from John J. King. Suddenly, this was a matter for something called the "Bias Response Team." A team? Did this group go around and compete with other schools to see who can turn graffiti into the most catastrophic event possible?

Instead of simply documenting and trying to figure out who had done it, the administration of Roger Williams went steps further when they decided that it would be a perfect platform to show outrage and speak out against intolerance in a very public way.

"Regardless of [the perpetrator's] motivation, it is not allowed on our campus. The history of that symbol is hateful and oppressive to all of us," said McMahon in an article published in The Hawk's Herald on February 27.

When did it become noble to be so thin-skinned? Everyone knows what the swastika represents and the power that it has but by making what was more than likely drunken graffiti into the crime of the semester, the administration has put all of the power into the hands of the perpetrator.

All one needs to do in order to get Roger Williams into a tolerance frenzy is to scribble a historically hateful

symbol onto any part of a building or slip letters of hate under the door of the Senate Chambers (even if one of the letters is to yourself).

Ironically, when former Chairman Ralph Papitto dropped the N bomb in the now infamous board meeting, there was no E-MAIL ALERT sent out by King or effort by the administration to publicize what had happened (I guess they prefer to settle their score in court).

At this point, there is almost no way of knowing who carved the swastika on my door that night. And instead of accepting the fact that we will probably never know their motivation, the administration has determined that whomever did it must want to spread their message of hate and make those around them feel less

safe based on zero evidence of intent.

The fact is that no one has ever been held responsible for the incident but that was never important for the administration. It gave them a platform to be victims and feel outraged despite the fact that I (the actual 'victim') was very much over it.

Incidents that occur on campus should be taken on a case-by-case basis. Treating each act of vandalism as a dangerous event regardless of facts makes no sense and needs to end. If I had to do over again, knowing the how the whole situation was going to be blown way out of proportion, taken out of my control and used as a platform for the administration's talking points, I would not have reported it in the first place.

Like to draw?

Are you a talented artist? Do you like to stay on top of what's happening on campus? Do you want to see your name in lights (and by lights, we mean the Opinion section of your favorite student newspaper)? If so, you could be an editorial cartoonist for The Hawk's Herald.

We're looking for people to draw editorial cartoons about campus life and the big stories that affect our readers' lives.

Cartoons would run on this page every week. If interested, send a letter with your information and at least one sample of your work to opinion.hawksherald@gmail.com.

This one's for you: Best and worst of 'benefit' records

By TIM HOLLAN
WQRI News Director

For the Benefit of Mr. Kite Benefit albums. Typically lying below those dreaded tribute albums and slightly above those cheap knock-offs, benefit albums are a way for celebrities to get together and sing songs that nobody wants to hear but will buy so both parties can feel good. The singers feel good because they spread the word that nobody listens to, the purchasers feel good because they helped out a cause and got a nifty novelty frisby that contains the worst possible music ever to come out. Of course, occasionally these things are good, but with two recent releases, is that really a possibility? Or maybe just once, the heavens aligned so that artists would provide us with some work that could actually fit on their album but they donated it to a worthy cause. So, to benefit two good causes, things that benefit good causes and good music, I take the plunge into two recent releases.

Cause: Red Hot (AIDS research and prevention)

Album: Dark Was the Night
Who's on it: Fiest, New Pornographers, Spoon, Arcade Fire, The Decemberists, Stuart Murdoch of Belle and Sebastian

Grade: A
Red Hot is known for releasing benefit compilations, most notably "No Alternative," which featured among other artists, Nirvana. So, for 2009, they released a compilation of today's indie rock superstars. The two-CD set, which is also available as a slightly underwhelming three-LP set, features acts like The New Pornographers, David Sitek from TV on the Radio, Arcade Fire, and the Decemberists. The biggest name on this record is probably David Byrne, who performs with the Dirty Projectors. So while it may not have the big-name draw of "No Alternative," it provides an interesting snap-



shot of 'indie' music after the new millennium.

Most of the album is dedicated to indie-folk. Acoustic guitars drive the majority of the tracks, and it makes this collection something better taken disc by disc rather than in one large sitting. Despite that though, many of the folksy tracks are quite decent, and some even cross into a low-key beauty that can really make an acoustic track shine. Of those tracks, the best includes a cover of Bob Dylan's "I Was Young When I Left Home" by Antony Hergarty and "Sleepless" by the Decemberists.

The more electric and eclectic tracks are where the album really shines. Spoon opens up disc 2 with an electrifying "Well, Alright," followed up by a Funeral-era Arcade Fire track, "Lenin," which sounds lush despite its low-fi recording. David Byrne with the Dirty Projectors open up the set with "Knotty Pine," which mixes his distinct musical style with Americana style and sets an inviting tone for the album. "El Caporal" by My Morning Jacket blends together indie-rock with Mexican folk music with an infectious melody that sticks with you.

However, the further away from 'standard' indie fair the album gets, the better it sounds. David Sitek of TV on the Radio provides a noisy synthesizer crossed with soul horns version of the Troggs' "A Girl Like You," which mixes together art rock with bubblegum pop for a delicious result. Kronos Quartet's version of "Dark Was the Night" by Blind Willie Johnson gives an atonal and creepy vibe to the blues classic. Yeasayer provides what may be the best track on the album, "Tightrope," bridging together indie with tribal rhythms. Second to that track is the soulful "Inspiration Information," by Sharon Jones, which proves that they still can make classic soul today just like they used to.

Cause: War Child (Children affected by war)

Album: "Heroes"
Who's On It: Beck, The Hold Steady, TV on the Radio, Duffy, Rufus Wainwright, Lily Allen and

Mick Jones of the Clash
Grade: A-

As anyone knows, there are two spectrums of covers. One the end, lies tracks like "Devo's" cover of "Satisfaction" by the Rolling Stone, a cover vastly different from the original but works really well. Then on the other end is Celine Dion's cover of "You Shook Me All Night Long," something so wrong that I pray daily to God to smite any evidence that it ever existed. Imagine my fear when I saw that this was both a benefit record AND a tribute album. Anyone who's heard a tribute album knows that most of the time, you are left with either covers that try to do something new with the track and just ruin it, or stick too closely to the original recording that you wonder why you don't just go and listen to that version instead. At best, tribute records are unnecessary, and at worst, they are degrading to the original work.



The unique thing about this record was that the songs were covered by performers selected by the original artists, meaning, David Bowie actually wanted TV on the Radio to perform his song "Heroes." Of course, the danger with tribute records is that typically the performers on the album fail to provide you with any reason to listen to their version over the original artists'. Thankfully, these guys tend to take some chances. Beck, unsurprisingly, provides a noisy rendition of Bob Dylan's "Leopard-Skin Pillar-Box Hat." TV on the Radio provides a unique take of "Heroes" that captures the crescendo and release of the original without being a direct copy.

However, those faults can be forgiven since the album does go out for a good cause, and overall, it is a decent listen. While not as memorable as "Dark Was the Night," you can do wrong to give this a try.

YouTube top 5

By COURTNEY NUGENT
Features Editor

As the semester steadily comes to an end, I am sure your workload is not getting any lighter. Picture yourself at 10 p.m. on a Tuesday night in the Learning Commons: you have a 12 page paper due tomorrow that you have not even started. What is the first thing you do, after checking your Facebook and e-mail account, of course? No, you do not go to the databases.

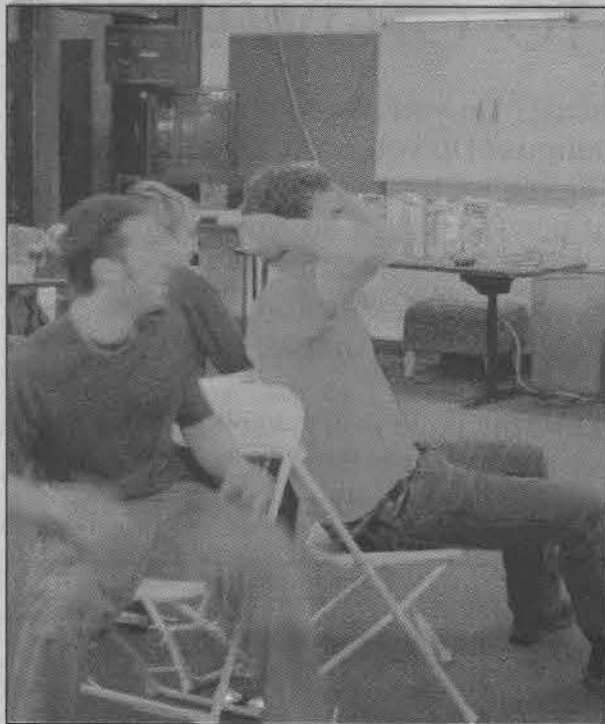
You sign into Youtube, where numerous videos await you. Here is a list of the top five YouTube videos you have to watch.

- 1. Drinking Out of Cups-** A guy, tripping on acid, locked in a closet. What could be better? It is set to an animation of an amphibian, wearing an Indian Chief hat. Check it out.
- 2. David After Dentist-** A little kid tripping on laughing gas after the dentist. Is this real life? Yes, David, this is real life.
- 3. Charlie Bit Me-** Cutest kids, even cuter accents. Enough said.
- 4. Top 60 Ghetto Black Names-** Sorry to ruin the ending, but the number one ghetto black name is apparently Courtney. I disagree.
- 5. Scarlet Takes a Tumble-** You might have trouble finding the original video due to the number of reactions posted. But take it from someone who watched the video, "That s***t is whack!"

'Round and 'round

The Chair Rearrangement Club, runner-up for best new club at last year's Student Involvement Recognition Banquet, hosted a musical chairs event in the Recreation Center Thursday night. Here, students exercise their competitive streaks as they whiz around in circles, hovering over chairs while waiting for the music to stop. Awards were given to the winners. The club also continues to rearrange chairs in artistic patterns in the Mary Tefft White Center.

PHOTOS BY KELLEIGH WELCH
Managing Editor



RWU partners with New England Aquarium



By **ASHLEY WILLOX**
Asst. Features Editor

The Roger Williams Marine Science program is swimming with the big fish these days.

"The rumors are true," said Dr. Paul Webb, chair of the Department of Biology, Marine Biology and Environmental Science. "We have a new collaboration with the New England Aquarium that includes a joint minor program in aquaculture and aquarium science, a semester-long internship at the aquarium, and research collaborations between RWU and the aquarium."

In fact, the New England Aquarium (NEAq) approached the university after seeing RWU students present their research at the Meeting of the World Aquaculture Association.

"They saw the tropical fish research that we're doing as coinciding nicely with their own research in Boston," Dr. Timothy Scott, professor of Environmental Science and Director of the Center for Economic and Environmental Development, says. "The collaboration is to conduct research into how to grow a variety of species that are usually in display tanks and also available for the marine ornamental trade."

There are close to 1,400 species in the aquarium trade, and roughly only 35 of those species are cultured. The rest of them must be captured from reefs in areas such as Indonesia and the Philippines.

"The idea is that if we can learn how to grow them in a hatchery, there will no longer be a need to capture them from the wild," Scott said. "Often, devastating collection methods are used which can significantly damage a coral reef."

Students will have the opportunity to dive into the NEAq's Giant Ocean Tank (GOT), a tank at the aquarium which holds fish that spawn on a regular basis, collect eggs and bring them back to campus and try to grow them.

"To support all this, we've created a minor degree in Aquaculture and Aquarium Science and have hired Andy Rhyne (who serves as a link be-

tween RWU and the NEAq) as a faculty member to conduct research and teach courses in the program," Scott said. "The minor degree is new as of fall 2008, but we've been conducting research on tropical marine species for about five years now ... It's been really successful."

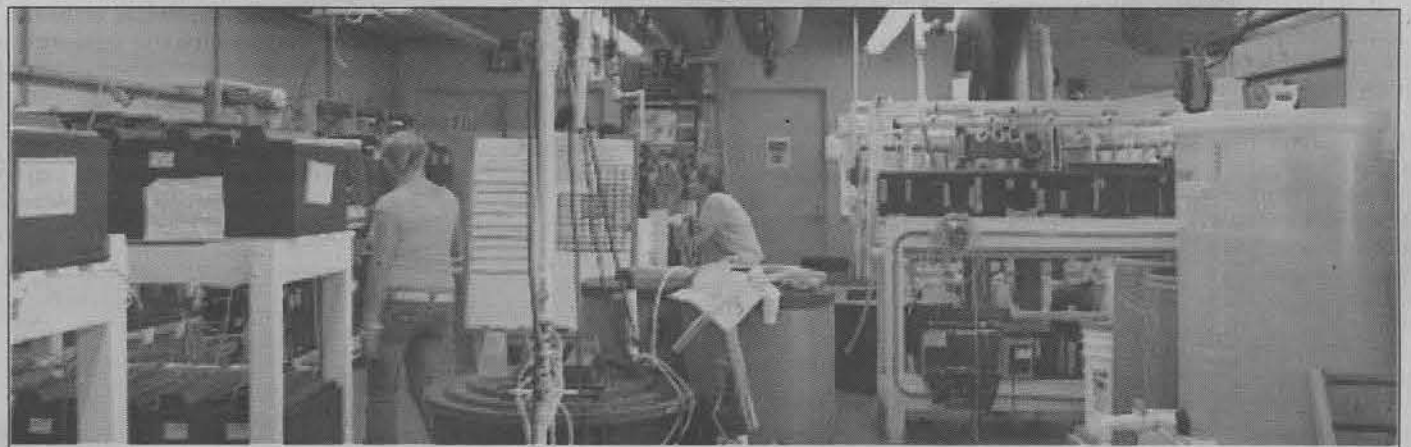
There are currently six or seven students taking advantage of the curriculum, but the program has high hopes to increase this number by next fall.

The internship program will offer both full-semester internships as well as shorter programs for flexibility, although interning at the aquarium is not required for a minor

degree. "Interning at NEAq would be a terrific opportunity," Scott said.

Some of the courses will be run in Boston by the staff of the aquarium. This includes a course on Public Aquarium Management and another on developing educational materials for public display.

"The aquarium is a phenomenal asset to our marine biology program," Scott said. "In fact, quite a few of our graduates now work there in one capacity or another. One is in charge of the penguins. This will provide them with additional research capacity and provide our students with some excellent real world opportunities."



A look inside the Marine and Natural Sciences Building

RWU PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Food Review: Blue Plate Diner has right stuff

By SARAH COURNOYER
Managing Editor

While there are many options in Bristol for a decent breakfast, they do not compare to what The Blue Plate Diner in Middletown has to offer. Located on West Main Road on the way to Newport, this diner offers an array of typical diner food, including breakfast all day long.

With a 50s theme, the diner presents a retro but modern atmosphere with 10 diner commandments on the rafters of the ceiling. These cute phrases include some maxims to live by, such as: "Thou shalt not eat fast food" and "Thou shalt sit at the bar."

Upon entering, we were greeted by a very friendly manager who sat us quickly and offered us the daily newspaper while we waited for our server.

We began quickly with a chocolate milkshake. It was thick and creamy and came topped with whipped cream. The restaurant of-

fered a variety of milkshake choices, including a chocolate milkshake with raspberry sauce and a vanilla and chocolate milkshake mixed with coffee.

The loaded waffle fries sounded too tempting to pass up. They were loaded with bacon and cheese (although they could have been a little more loaded) and served with sour cream, scallions and BBQ sauce. They were hot and crispy. They also serve garbage-loaded waffle fries which are topped with chili.

Although a little expensive for breakfast, the choices are very good. They have eggs, pancakes, French toast and array of omelets. If you are looking for a good breakfast, you won't be disappointed.

Despite visiting the diner in the evening, I chose the French toast and egg meal which also came with a side of bacon (\$8). The "one egg any style" that was promised on the menu looked much more like two or three. They did not skimp on my portions. The French toast could have used a

Blue Plate Diner

Ratings (1-5)

Food: 4

Service: 5

Price: 2

little more flavor but was soaked in butter (and maple syrup once I got through).

My date opted for the turkey dinner entrée (\$12) that came in a giant bowl with cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetables. To his satisfaction, the dinner also came with a complimentary side salad or soup. The size of the dinner was more than he could handle, and

it became a nice leftover dish the following day.

Other choices included a variety of burgers and comfort foods such as chicken tenders and wings. Sandwiches ranged from a Patty Melt to a Roast Beef French Dip. Entrees included chicken pot pie, shepherd's pie, and other chicken and beef dishes.

They also offered a limited three-course meal menu served Sunday through Thursday nights that included a soup or salad, an entrée and a dessert for \$13.

The waitress was attentive and friendly and the manager stopped by to make sure everything was to our liking.

Everything was delicious and served to perfection.



BEN LEFEBVRE/THE HAWK'S HERALD

Decor inside Blue Plate Diner takes patrons back several decades.

ALCOHOL: Debate continues

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cussion," O'Reilly said. However, the majority of the students' voices heard at the forum were critical of the hypothetical new alcohol policies the AOD proposed. Many students, in the beginning of the forum, voiced their opinions through questions, asking the AOD subcommittee members to explain their justifications for their policy proposals.

When posed with the potential implementation of indiscriminate bag checks at Public Safety-run stations at the entrances to dorms, one student asked, "Will the increased number of Public Safety officers on duty raise our tuition?" Another student asked, "What if some students feel singled-out when their bags get checked, while their friends' bags do not?"

When debating the proposal of making South Campus (Maple, Cedar, Willow, Stonewall, and Baypoint dormitories) "dry," one student said, "What happens when students from the 'dry side' of campus all go to the 'wet side' to drink? This would put a strain on the limited number of [Public Safety] resources in Bayside and the new dorm."

Many of these students' comments were met with cheers and applause from the crowd.

"Nothing that went on last night surprised me," said Donna Darmody, Director of Health Education and Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coordinator and Chairwoman of the AOD's Freshman Year Experience Subcommittee. "It is easier to say, 'That will not work,' than to come up with something that will, and I think you saw that [at the forum]," Darmody said.

As the evening progressed and more students left the forum, students began providing more comments and asking fewer rhetorical questions. When one subcommittee asked students where they wanted more "hangout space" on campus, students came up with several different ideas, ranging from weekly movie nights to outdoor games such as manhunt. More suggestions were made regarding off-campus activities. The topic, "social space and student programming" garnered the most specific suggestions of the night.

"Some students had some fabulous ideas that we otherwise would not have heard, so I think it was a success," Darmody said.

McGrath agreed. "Overall, I think [the

forum] was a success," McGrath said, in regard to student turnout and the number of students who came up with "new and creative ideas."

However, McGrath voiced some concerns about the event's effect on the administration's decision-making process regarding alcohol policies.

McGrath said that at the forum, "students felt strongly about bag checks. However, I fear that the administration will still do them instead of working with students and creating equilibrium between the two."

"The administration put the gloves up right away," McGrath said.

McGrath said he fears that Senate is giving the administration proposals, "and they are not looking at them as properly as they should be."

McGrath gave the example of Senate's efforts to guarantee student access to a shuttle service when students were too intoxicated to drive home safely themselves. "They really fought us on the safe ride program," McGrath said.

McGrath acknowledged the need for both students and the administration to be willing to make sacrifices in order to have a mutually acceptable alcohol policy. "But right now, the administration is not sacrificing anything," McGrath said.

Darmody assured that this is not the case. "We will look very seriously at all comments from students and reevaluate some of the prevention ideas that we were working on," Darmody said.

"I feel really good that... the end product will represent all stakeholders," Darmody said.

McGrath and Darmody are in agreement that changing students' culture is the key to finding more effective alcohol policies.

"I think students made it crystal-clear that increasing [alcohol] policies and sanctions will not improve Roger Williams campus culture by any means," McGrath said.

"The cultural change I seek is that RWU becomes a place where the first steps of prevention are by students themselves," Darmody said. "Right now, one of the issues is students not addressing that among themselves."

Darmody said, "I hope that students are able to get from us the idea that prevention is not something we want to do to them, but something we want to do with them."

Last Hawk Standing

By KELLEIGH WELCH
Managing Editor

Following CEN's Last Hawk Standing event last weekend, a take-off on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," I was able to sit down with the two winners to get to know a little more about them. As part of their prize, they will open for Dave Coulier (who played Joey on the beloved sitcom "Full House") when he performs on campus later this semester.

Miranda Downing

Year: Junior

How did you get involved in Last Hawk Standing?: Tom Maybury told me to do it. I was always told I was funny, and it has crossed my mind to do stand up, but I never did until now.

What did you talk about during your performance?: I made a joke about being the only girl in the competition, but mostly after I signed up I just wrote down things that might be good in stand up.

Which famous comedians do you admire?: Mostly older comedians, like Steve Martin and Dan Aykroyd.

Would you ever pursue a career in comedy?: If the occasion arose, I wouldn't be afraid to try it.

Andy Plocica

Year: Sophomore

How did you get involved in Last Hawk Standing?: It was decided for me. The consensus amongst my friends was that I was an amusing kid. I was rather good at public speaking, so the combination of the two should come rather natural.

What did you talk about during your performance?: My entire skit was on ex-girlfriends. Everything I talked about were real-life experiences, some exaggerated, but still real life. I'm glad none of them (my ex-girlfriends) went.

What made you decide to become a comedian?: I like making people laugh. In middle school and high school, I was not the funny kid. I tried and it was pretty useless. And I was fat, which made me really socially awkward.

What was the most shock-and-awe moment you had?: One skit described me and a girlfriend picking up the morning after pill. The woman said, "That will be \$60." I said, "Are you fuc*ing serious? I can go get a hanger in my closet for free." (Note: Plocica does not actually subscribe to such methods but employed hyperbole in his act for effect.)

Which famous comedians do you admire?: Dane Cook, but that's a stereotype. I'll go with Christopher Titus and Stephen Lynch. If I could play the guitar, I would have done that.

Would you ever pursue a career in comedy?: I'm dead-set on the career I want, but if that backfires, comedy is always an option. But now I have a great new pick up line: "Who wants to become my new material?"

Education secretary eyes ways to keep college costs low

By JENNA WILLIAMSON
UWire News Service

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has big ideas to reform America's schools, ones he believes will empower kids, stand behind teachers and help us grow as a nation.

"Ultimately, we will have to educate our way to a better economy," Duncan said in a telephone news conference Wednesday.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed earlier this month will provide immediate funds to create or save hundreds of thousands of teaching jobs, according to the Department of Education Web site.

"In the long-term, the ARRA will strengthen the economy by raising Pell Grants and tuition tax credits to help more young people attend college."

Of the three "buckets" of education that Duncan outlined on Wednesday, early childhood education, K-12 and higher education.

"We are at a time when going to college has never been more important, but it has also never been more expensive," he said.

He spoke of "dramatically increasing" the number of Pell Grants, Perkins Loans and other forms of aid for students pursuing a higher education. There will be "millions more [students] literally receiving billions of dollars," he said.

States will also be receiving money for higher education. Duncan's plans include dividing \$2.5 billion among the states, in the form of \$500 million per year over the next 5 years. A major intent of these funds is to increase the number of students graduating from colleges and universities.

"If we can look not only every 18-year-old but every 10-year-old in the eye and guarantee them that if you work hard, the money will be avail-

able, I think that's very important," Duncan said.

Dr. Wesley Null, associate professor of curriculum and foundations of education, said he feels the same way.

"President Obama is correct that the future of our nation, in terms of quality of life and economic competitiveness, depends upon the quality of education we provide, and specifically on the quality of our classroom teachers," he said.

"Obama is on the right path when he argues for raising the status of the teaching profession by encouraging the brightest college students to become teachers instead of investment bankers," Null said.

In a world where students are competing for jobs with people across the globe, a healthy education sector is crucial, he said.

"We need to be responsible and forward thinking, investing in the future," Duncan said.

"That is how we will not only make America more competitive in the 21st century—but ensure that all our sons and daughters have a chance to fulfill their God-given potential and reach for the American dream," he said.

"We are at a time when going to college has never been more important, but it has also never been more expensive."

- Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education

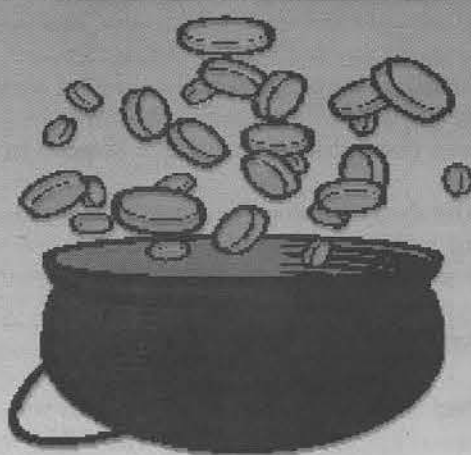
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SENIOR: Search for job can be fruitless

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is being committed, and makes use of current headlines to describe how a CPA could easily figure it out. When the internship was up, he could not secure a job from them after graduation.

Barnes worked in Staples' High Growth Markets division in an independent research project.

"I recommended a specific course of action for entering the Brazilian market. My boss still has to present the findings on my study before Staples takes any action." However, because the department had no openings, Barnes could not keep his job after college.

Barnes also gained management experience during the summer when he worked for a painter. "I managed a small crew, learned how to assign tasks, and learned how to estimate supplies." The most important lesson for Barnes, however, was "learning how the real world worked."

Burke, looking to remain a public accountant, applied at places like Bryce Waterhouse Coopers and KPMG. However, no place as of yet had gotten back to him. Barnes, on the other hand, decided to apply for a job in another department of Staples, which led to some luck. "I had an interview on Friday, the 27th, and I had a feeling that will lead to a job."

Burke said, "I'm having a harder time finding a job than my past summer jobs."

While both students have yet to find a job, they say they have concrete plans for the future if the job market doesn't work out in their favor.

Burke will attempt to get more certification past his degree: "Although it's possible for a college graduate without it to get a job in the big firms, I'm going to study for the CPA exam, which takes a few months. Hopefully that will help me get a job. Going back to a place like a supermarket would be the worst-case scenario."

Barnes looks toward the summer as a placeholder: "I'll go back to the painter, keep applying, and hope to start full-time in the fall. If I can't get back to my painter, I'll take any job with any shift."

According to Career Center Director Robbin Beauchamp, the majors hardest hit include architecture and construction management. However, there's "still a need for accountants, engineers, folks in the medical field, and still a great need for human services, such as social services and addiction programs."

She said she has noticed an increase in students coming to the Career Center, and also notes that many alumni are now making use of the center as well. She said that the annual career fair is only down to 70 from 100 last year.

"We're doing everything we can to get companies on campus, including collaborative career fairs with other colleges, specific ones for majors, like six for teaching, and networking events."

She warns against students trying to ride out the economic downturn by going to graduate school, unless they know exactly what they want to do.

"It shouldn't be used as a delay

tactic. It's not the best thing to do unless you know exactly what you want to do. Many students go to grad school hoping it will make them more marketable and that the economy will change. However, it can backfire. It can't just be grad school, it needs to be hands-on experience like an internship."

She says that employers are looking for "education, related work experience, and other work experience. They like to see study abroad, and especially language ability, even if you aren't very fluent."

Beauchamp also warns against fears that liberal arts majors can't stand up in a competitive job market. "Liberal arts students have many opportunities once they think outside of the box. It's difficult when they tie their degree to their career. They are probably easier to train because they are taught many different ways to think and are given a broader education. Ultimately, employers are looking for a set of skills: articulate, writing abilities, and initiative."

Beauchamp said a valuable piece of advice she gives to students is to network. "Tell everybody you know you are graduating and what jobs you want. Use social networking sites, especially those for professionals. Have a top-notch resume."

For students graduating from college, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the top bachelor degrees in demand are accounting, engineering, computer science and business management.

Burke said he doubted he would get much use out of career fairs host-

ed by the university. "I will be going to the career fair, but the fact that it is in April makes it pretty late for it to be very useful for me. I went to the career fair last year, and the closest thing they had for an accounting job is being a bank teller."

Barnes said, "They [the career fair] really did not have a lot of jobs in my major. However, I am willing to get a job in a company to get my foot in the door and move into my preferred department."

Barnes holds an optimistic view about the future: "I'm not too worried because I have a unique major and I have a lot of doors I can get through. My main concern is when I get the job."

But Burke takes a more pessimistic view about his life after graduation:

"I'm pretty worried. I thought with my grades, my internship, and my experience," he said before a brief pause, then continued. "The fact that I'm having trouble even getting a call back is really troubling."

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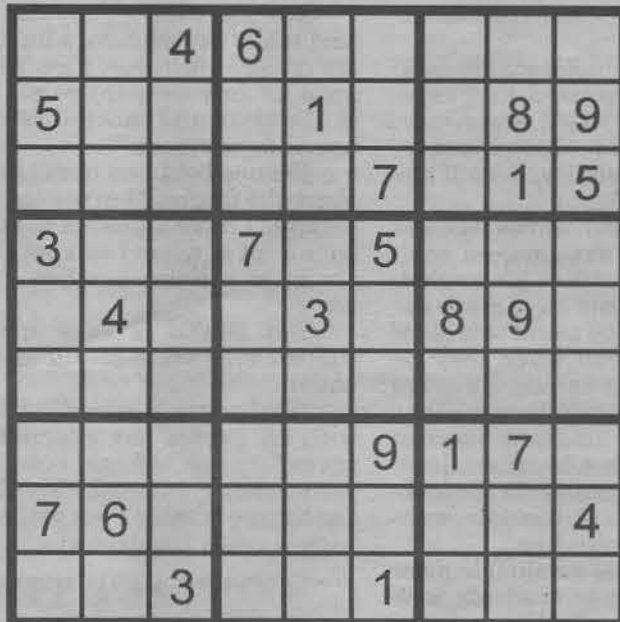
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TENNIS: Hawks pick up three wins in Orlando

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Osowski and Osepchuk followed up the victory with an 8-3 doubles victory. The team was able to hold off the Ramapo Roadrunners and finish with a 6-3 team victory.

In the final match while in Orlando, the team took on Edgewood College. From the beginning, both teams knew that this would be a difficult match against two very evenly matched teams. Ribchinsky got the team in gear by winning her match in a close 6-4, 6-3 battle. She then teamed up with Wolfe for a doubles match and once again helped de-

liver a win, with a final score of 8-5. As the match came to an end, Roger Williams was able to go undefeated on the day by beating the Eagles, 5-4.

All in all, it was a successful trip to Orlando for the team, as they were able to kick off the second half of their season in a strong way. Saturday, the team will travel to South Hadley, Mass., to take on Mount Holyoke College. The squad will then be in action back at home on April 11 to host Springfield College.



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The RWU women's tennis team posted a 3-2 record on their spring break trip, they now look to take on tough TCCC competition

SUPER SENIOR ATHLETES



Jeff Agonia

2007-08: Jeff went 10-5 in doubles competition and 5-2 in TCCC doubles matches.

2006-07: Named to Honorable Mention All-Conference Team for 11-5 record at doubles.



Brad Bolte

2007-08: Bolte went 11-8 overall in singles competition and 3-2 in doubles competition, and 7-1 in TCCC.

2006-07: Studied abroad in Florence, Italy...Named to the Dean's List.

2005-06: Earned 10-7 (4-4 TCCC) record in singles play. Went 13-2 (7-1 TCCC) in doubles play at the No. 2 spot. Earned All-Conference First Team honors for singles.

2004-05: Compiled an impressive 18-3 (8-0 TCCC) record in singles play, starting at the No. 4 and 5 spots...Played at No. 2 doubles, earning a 6-4 record...Also a Member of the Diving Team.



Jill Mackey

The 2008-09 season will be Jill Mackey's first season as a member of the RWU Women's Tennis team...Has spent the past two seasons as a swimmer on the RWU Swimming & Diving Team, where she holds school records in the 50 Free and the 100 IM, as well as a part of the school-record holding team in the 200 Free Relay and 200 Medley.



Katie Wilmes

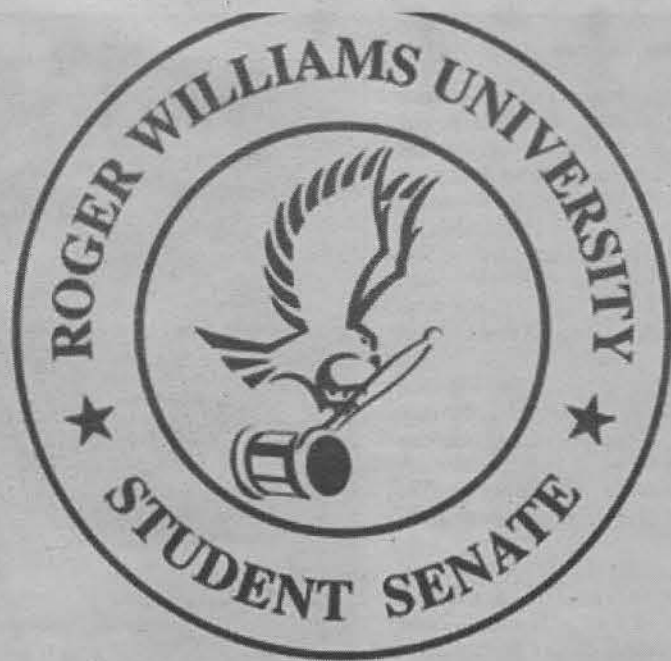
2007-08: Wilmes finished the 2007 season with a 3-0 overall single record and a 2-0 TCCC Singles record. She went 1-0 in TCCC play in doubles. In the sixth singles flight against Regis College, Wilmes won her match without dropping a set, going 6-0.

2006-07: Wilmes started two matches at No. 6 singles...Named to Dean's List.

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Softball struggles against rival Endicott

By JASON CARREY
Herald staff writer

After tough losses versus Western New England College last Saturday, softball looked forward to two home games against the division rival, the Endicott Gulls, last Tuesday. In the first game of the doubleheader, the score remained 0-0 as good pitching dominated the game for the first half, from Hawks pitcher Jackie Doolin and Gulls pitcher Jenna Bortolotti.

Then, in the top of the fourth, Endicott found itself with a runner on second after a quick steal, then a tough drive up the middle drove in the run making the game 1-0 Endicott. The Hawks tried to come back, getting several runners on base, but were unable to drive them home. In the top of the fifth, Endicott would add three more runs to the board and that score would remain the same until the final out, with the Hawks falling 4-0.

The second game of the doubleheader was much of the same. A pitching duel between RWU's Alex Sera and Endicott's Jackie Collier was spotted with a handful of terrific defensive plays. In the first three innings, the score remained 0-0 until Endicott was able to punch one home for a 1-0 lead.

After four more scoreless innings from the Hawks, they found themselves on the board for the first time, when captain Christine Bean scored from third off a sacrifice line drive by Sarah Grill in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into an extra inning. The Gulls, however, did what they came to do, scoring a couple of unearned runs in the top of the eighth, to make the game 5-1. The Hawks tried, but were only able to put one extra run on the board in the bottom of the eighth, resulting in a 5-2 final.

The Gulls, who have been near the top of the Commonwealth Coast Conference in softball for several years, have put the team into a 0-4 slide the past 4 games. The team started the regular season 4-0. "I think we have just finished player our toughest stretch of league opponents" Head coach Stephen Pappas said about facing Western New England and Endicott the past four games. Despite the hard losses, coach is staying positive, "We look to improve on our play and be poised for a play-off run."

In the first eight games of the season, the trend seems to be that when the Hawks aren't producing runs, they aren't winning. But this season, Pappas

said that is the biggest difference between this year's team and last year's team.

"In 2008-2009 we were a power-hitting, run-producing team. This year, when you look at our stats, you'll see something completely different." The Hawks pitching rotation has featured two freshmen, Jackie Doolin and Stacy Broughton, supported by returning junior Alex Sera. The three have a combined ERA of 3.21 so far this season, and almost 80 strike outs. Last year's team averaged 6.5 runs a game. This year, that is down to 3.8 per game.

The success does not only come from pitching. "Our team fielding average is at the top of the list, too," said Pappas. The team currently boasts a .965 fielding percentage. This year's team has seven freshmen on the 16-spot team, "Often times we have four of them in the starting line-up at one time," said Pappas.

However, unearned runs have been a sore in the Hawks' side, with nine of the last 17 runs scored against the Hawks being brought in by an error, which are key reasons to the loss of the past three games in particular.

Softball faced University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth on April 2, but results were unavailable at press time. The Hawks host Curry College at home Sunday April 5 at noon.



PHOTO BY JASON CARREY

The Hawks meet at the mound in the middle of the first game.

Women's tennis returns after successful spring break

By DAN MALKIN
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's tennis team recently traveled to Orlando to begin the spring season. The team closed out the fall regular season with four straight team victories and was ready to build on that momentum. The team has been growing well as a group and their strong chemistry has allowed them to be successful in their conference.

The first spring game for the Lady Hawks featured Roger Williams against Illinois Wesleyan University. Jill Mackey, Lily Osowski, Amanda Wolfe and Caitlin Osepchuk were all able to play exceptional tennis and earn wins for their team. As a team they were able to come away with a 6-3 victory during the first match of the day.

In the afternoon match, the team went up against Goucher College. Paige Cunningham and Melissa Perry were paired together to compete at a third seed doubles match. As a group they played strong together and were able to get Roger Williams on the board with a victory. Leah Ribchinsky also had a strong match and scored a victory at the number one singles seed for her team. Katie Wilmes, competing at the number 6 seed singles also had a strong showing while delivering the win. However, in the end the team as a whole came up short and lost the match 3-6.

During the final day in Orlando, the team was scheduled to play both Ramapo College and Edgewood College. Libby Magner started the match off with a 7-6, 7-5 straight set victory to give the Lady Hawks the early lead.

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Men's lacrosse starts off strong

By DAN MALKIN
Asst. Sports Editor

The men's lacrosse team was back in action this past week with two games on the schedule. After finishing their successful trip to Florida with back-to-back victories, the team was looking to continue on their early success.

The team was on the road for the first match of the week to take on New England College. The Pilgrims got on the board first and took an early 1-0 lead against the Hawks. Domenic Celeste answered the early goal for his team, with one of his own which tied the game up. After that both teams traded goals between one another for the remainder of the half. Drew Smith and James Turenne were also each able to score a goal as both teams battled it out early on in the game.

As the end of the second quarter came to a close, Joe Healy was able to get a strong shot off that found its way past the goalie. With the score, the Hawks took a 4-3 lead after two quarters of play. During the third quarter, the Pilgrims were able to settle down while scoring consecutive goals. After their two scores, the Hawks bounced back in dramatic fashion and were able to score five straight times. Sean Benner, Turenne and Mike Horan scored in the third quarter, while Beaver Barone and Dave Hurley added to the lead in the fourth quarter. When it was all said and done, the Hawks walked away with the 8-5 victory.

Turenne led the team in scoring, while finishing the game with two goals and one assist. Goalie Tyler Roebuck played strong defense throughout while registering numerous crucial saves to keep his team in the game. Austin Fehringer also had a successful day by winning almost all of his faceoff's while helping to set up an abundant number of of-

fensive attacks.

The team then traveled to Beverly, MA to take on the #1 ranked Endicott College. The Gulls got out to a quick lead as they were able to score the first two goals of the game. In the second quarter the Gulls continued to pile it on the Hawks by scoring another pair of goals. Hurley was then able to get some offense going for the Hawks by scoring the teams first goal. In the third quarter, Hurley was able to put another one past the goalie and was then followed up by Celeste who added a goal of his own.

Going into the final quarter of play, the Hawks found themselves trailing 5-3 with just 15 minutes left in regulation. Endicott stepped up on all defensive levels and were able to hold their counterparts to a scoreless final quarter. Endicott would eventually come away with the win, with a final score of 8-3.

As the week came to an end, the Hawks found themselves with an early overall record of 5-3 and 1-2 in the conference. The team will next host Wentworth Institute of Technology at home this upcoming Saturday. They will then be on the road once again while traveling to Newport to take on their rivals, Salve Regina.

Upcoming Games

- 4/4 - Wentworth Institute of Technology(2:30p.m.)
- 4/7 - @ Salve Regina University(4:00p.m.)
- 4/9 - Anna Maria College(4:00p.m.)



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Senior attacker Dave Hurley has been a strong force for the Hawks offensively this season.