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TAKE A HIKE

Tuition expected to spike 3.9%

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief & **WILL FOLEY** | Herald Reporter

Next academic year's tuition fees will increase by 3.9 percent, continuing a trend that has seen Roger Williams University's tuition increase annually for at least the past twenty years.

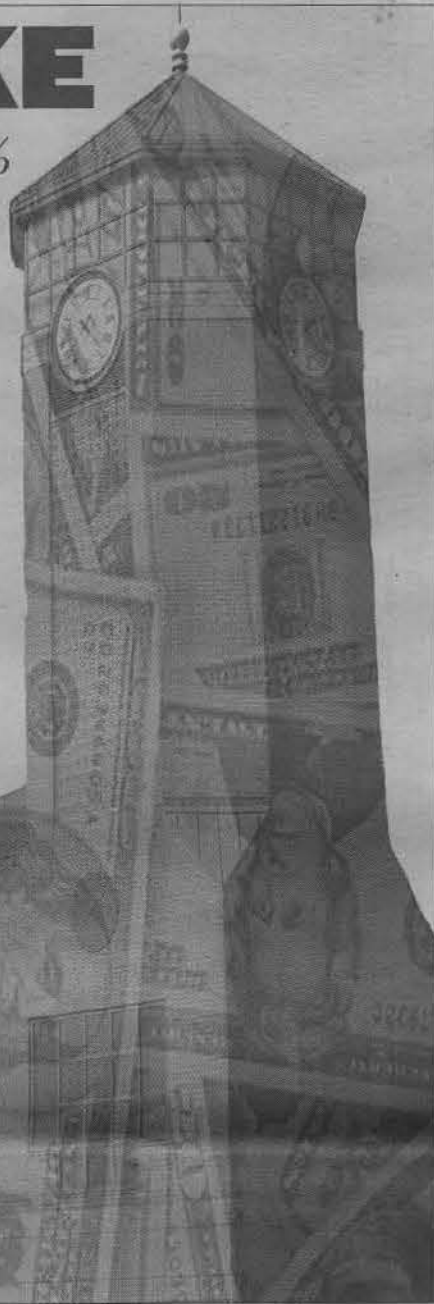
The cost of tuition, fees, and room and board for a non-architecture undergraduate student next year will be \$44,128. This year's figure was \$42,458.

This year's tuition increase is only slightly larger than the previous two years' tuition increases, which both were 3.5% hikes. In the 2007-2008 school year, tuition increased by seven percent.

This year's relatively low increase is the result of the university's deliberate efforts to keep costs low, said Jerome Williams, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration.

"We are doing everything we can to reduce the level of increase and the cost of tuition and room and board," Williams said. "For the last two-and-a-half years,

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AMANDA NEWMAN

Law school gets new rank, remains bottom tier

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

Though in the most recent U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT's rankings the Roger Williams University School of Law jumped from a tier four to a tier two institution, the law school still remains in the bottom 25 percent of law schools nationally.

In the past, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ranked law schools in four tiers, with the top schools occupying tier one, while the lowest-ranked universities were placed in the fourth. From its inception in 1993 until this year, the RWU School of Law has been a tier four institution.

This year, the nationally respected ranking organization changed its method of ranking law schools. Now, law schools are rated like their undergraduate counterparts: by a numerical rank. The bottom 25 percent of law schools in the country, however, are not numerically ranked; instead, they are listed alphabetically in a separate category - the renamed "tier two."

"Some of the tier two schools are young schools or less established institutions that haven't

had a chance to build a reputation among law school academics or the legal community," said Bob Morse, Director of Data Research for U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

"So just because you're in the tier two, or the lower 25 percent doesn't mean that the institution is destined to be there."

Morse said that tier two schools tend to be less selective and have fewer types of jobs available to its graduates compared with ranked law schools. U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT determines whether a law school is ranked or is a tier two institution based on a number of factors, including admissions data, career data, the rate of bar exam passage, and financial data, Morse said.

The RWU School of Law expects to be ranked a tier two institution, given its young age compared to other law schools, said Michael Bowden, Director of Communications for the RWU School of Law.

And the school is, for now, content with remaining a tier

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Donor, Trustee Spiegel dies at 92

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Roger Williams University Board of Trustees member and benefactor Marc Spiegel died last Thursday of natural causes at his home in Italy.

Spiegel was actively involved with international affairs. In 1960, he spearheaded the first cable television systems in Europe. Spiegel led a long career of nearly five decades as an executive for the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). He also served as the president of Academic Centers Abroad, LLC, a nonprofit organization working with colleges and universities worldwide to develop study abroad programs.

In 2003, his passion inspired him and his wife Peggy to donate a gift to Roger Williams

University to establish the Peggy and Marc Spiegel Center for Global and International Programs which, according to the university website, is "dedicated to realizing Roger Williams University's vision of 'Learning to Bridge the World.' Through a variety of programs and initiatives, the Spiegel Center builds the international knowledge and skills of students, faculty, and staff, and forges ties between the university and the world."

Spiegel went on to join the RWU Board of Trustees in 2007, a position which he remained active in, serving on the recent Presidential Search Committee to elect the tenth president of RWU.

On Wednesday, the RWU

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'Justice was served' RWU students reflect on bin Laden's death

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

Osama bin Laden, leader of al-Qaida and mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, was killed in Pakistan on Monday, ending a decade-long manhunt for the man known as the global face of terrorism.

U.S. Navy SEALs killed Bin Laden in a nighttime helicopter raid at a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, a city about 35 miles north of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. The compound had been under U.S. surveillance for several months. At the time of the raid, U.S. intelligence was confident that the resident of the compound was a "high-value terrorist target." The Pentagon was not certain, however,

that this resident was bin Laden.

The U.S. troops cleared the compound, killing some of bin Laden's associates, handcuff-



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Osama bin Laden

ing others with zip ties. A lone SEAL reportedly killed the unarmed bin Laden, shooting him once in the head and once in the chest. The SEALs were not on a strictly kill mission.

The news of bin Laden's death Sunday night drew reactions of spontaneous celebration outside of the White House and at Ground Zero in New York City.

At Roger Williams University, American flags were hung out of windows in the Bayside Apartments and off of balconies in the Almeida Apartments. Scores of students posted Facebook statuses about the news, comprised mostly of celebratory statements and patriotic sentiments.

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GRADUATES TO BE
A complete list of everyone who's set to walk the stage

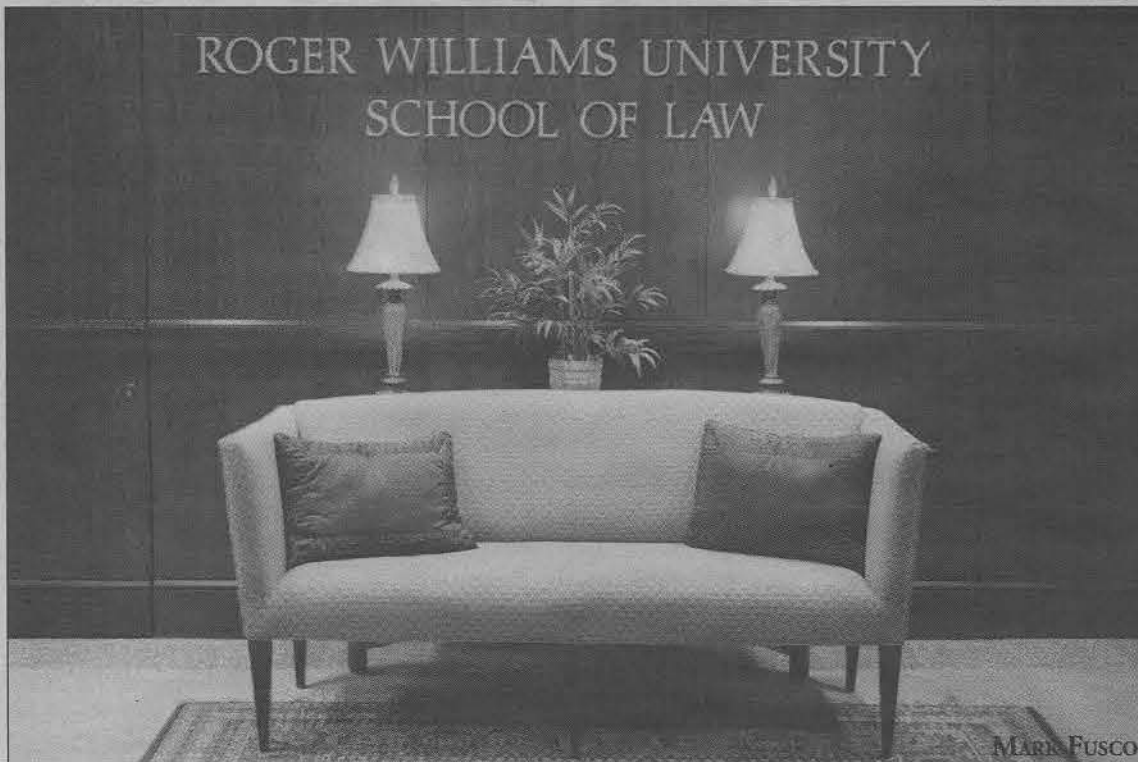
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two institution.

"It's not a matter of not having ambitions to rise in the rankings. The rankings are glacial, and they are based on a vast number of variables, many of which are beyond your control," Bowden said. "It's not realistic to say by the end of this decade we want to be one of the top tiers. It's something that comes with time, with a growing alumni body, and with a whole other number of factors."

Bowden said that the RWU School of Law's ranking is often not a liability when it comes to admissions. He said that many applicants are drawn to specific strengths the school possesses, which are independent of the institution's rank.

"For a school of our age we have an uncommonly strong relationship with the local bench and bar. There are tremendously good opportunities for intern-

ships with judges, the attorney general, and the public defender. As the only law school in the state, we really have the bar's undivided attention," Bowden said.

Among other attributes, the RWU School of Law's other selling points to potential students include its strong faculty, marine law program, and the public interest law program, Bowden said.

"We tend to get law students who want to make a difference. Public service is generally not for people who are going to go out and make the big bucks at a law firm. They tend to be people who are out there with a cause of some sort," Bowden said.

Bowden said that the majority of students that attend the RWU School of Law are concerned mainly with getting results from their degree: passing

the bar exam and becoming a practicing lawyer.

"I don't think anyone is standing up saying a Roger Williams law education is for all practical purposes is the same as a Harvard law education. It's not. But we can say that if what you're looking for is outcomes, Harvard has a 100 percent [bar exam] pass rate and we have a 93 [percent pass rate]. It's pretty good. It's not embarrassing," Bowden said.

For now, the RWU School of Law is less concerned with U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT's measure of the institution and is more interested in measuring how well the school can satisfy the needs of its students, Bowden said.

"That's the kind of measure [we want] where we can look and say what does the tier matter when you can get the job you want?"

BIN LADEN: Ten years later, RWU reflects on Sept. 11 attacks following announcement of bin Laden's death

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Yet, for some RWU students, the news of bin Laden's death held personal significance.

"I'm very happy Osama is dead. I've been waiting for this day for almost ten years," said Matthew Mackay, a senior.

Mackay's mother was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 11 and passed away on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I will never ever heal 100 percent from that day, but his death definitely will help. I don't think it will even come close to justice to what he did to our nation, but it is some sort of justice for me."

Meaghan Coombs, a junior, found out about bin Laden's death from a notification at the bottom of her TV screen while she was watching a show at home with her boyfriend. "Our jaws dropped, and we looked at each other and were like, 'Oh my God!'" Coombs said. "It was such a mix of emotions. I was happy, relieved, sad, angry, all at the same time."

Coombs's father, Jeffrey, was a passenger on one of the flights to Los Angeles that were hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001. Since his passing, Coombs and her family have created the Jeffrey Coombs Foundation, a community assistance organiza-

tion for Coombs's hometown of Abington, Mass. and the surrounding area. Since its inception in November 2001, the foundation has raised over \$350,000 from road races, auctions, charity sales, and concerts, which Coombs personally organizes.

Before his death was announced on television, Coombs said she did not think much about bin Laden.

"At first when it was in the news so frequently, I thought about it. And when 9/11 first happened, I would always think all these angry thoughts of how I hope he suffers ... but kind of being so busy and not having time to pay attention to the news as much, I hadn't really thought about it as much," Coombs said.

"I'm glad justice was served. I'm glad that he didn't live his life getting away with this awful crime, but it doesn't change anything for me. My father was still killed, and thousands of other people were still killed, and families grew up with someone not there. I'm relieved that it happened and I'm happy that they found him, but it doesn't change anything for me."

Pell Grant availability expected to decline

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

Funding for Pell Grants, financial aid that goes to college students showing great financial need, will most likely cut all across the nation before the 2012 fall semester.

The details are still being worked out, but those who receive the current possible maximum amount of \$5,500 could see up to an \$820 that would take place for the grants bringing July 1, 2012.

"We've talked to a member of the congregate delegation and he is not optimistic at all," said Lynn Fawthrop, Senior View President of Enrollment Management and Communication.

According to the HUFFINGTON POST, "The Pell Grant program is the country's cornerstone financial aid program, providing scholarship aid to 9.4 million low and moderate-income students a year."

A cut on such an important

program could create drastic changes – even Roger Williams University will be affected.

"The Pell Grant program is intended for basically borderline or poverty families," said Fawthrop.

While it is not typical to find a large amount of such families at a private university such as RWU, there are still some.

In the fall of 2008, 11.7 percent of students enrolled at RWU received Pell Grants. This number increased 31 percent by 2010. That fall, 16.1 percent received Pell Grants. This is not surprising considering the state of the economy in general.

The university realizes the issues this may raise for their students and is concerned, Fawthrop said.

"In the past we have always tried to make up for a reduction," Fawthrop said. "To the extent that it's fiscally possible, we will try to make up the difference."

Cuts to Pell Grants could even

affect the decisions of prospective students.

"Where families are extremely needy it does make a difference in terms of access and where they can go," Fawthrop said.

With less financial aid, needy young adults may have to choose their colleges with that in the front of their minds.

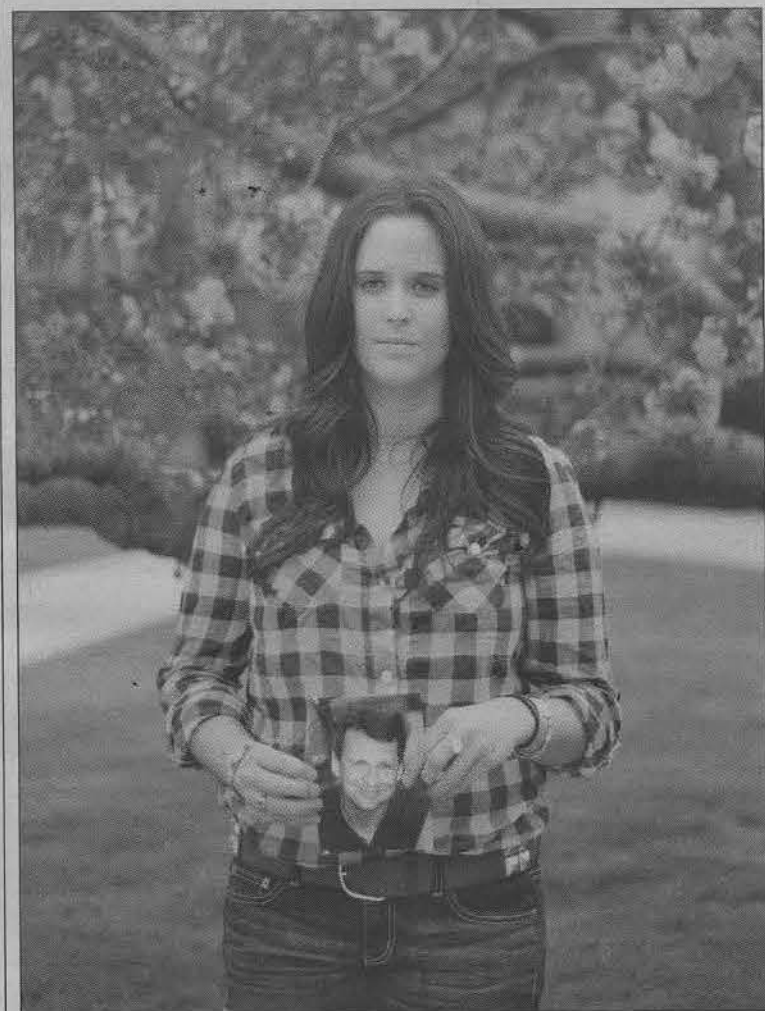
It may be very difficult to stop the cutting of Pell Grants as well.

"Congress is in a tough position and it's really come down to politics," Fawthrop said.

Affected students may not want to speak out either, because as much as they could use the funding they don't want to attract attention to their financial situation.

Fawthrop encourages students to fight however, because she does not think that universities can make a change on their own.

"A grassroots effort on the part of the students may be what it takes," Fawthrop said.



MARK FUSCO

Meaghan Coombs holds a photo of her father, Jeffrey Coombs, who died in the Sept. 11 attacks.

TUITION: Fees will increase for the 2011-2012 academic year

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the current budget and the budget before, we have taken out about nine million dollars."

RWU's operating budget is the sum total of the university's expenses. Because RWU covers the majority of its costs through tuition revenue, keeping its costs low is the chief means of being able to keep increases to tuition low.

"The economy is starting to recover, but it has been a very tough couple of years. We certainly recognize that this has impacted students, families, and their ability to pay for higher education," Williams said. "So a couple years ago we said to ourselves how can we reduce costs without impacting the educational impact or the student aspect."

In order to reduce costs, Williams led an effort to bid out its utilities and health care providers to the least expensive companies.

"What we are trying to do is reduce our costs without having to do some of the other things that other colleges and universities did," Williams said. "Some of the other colleges and universities went through layoffs, went through programs that have been discontinued, and we have not had to do that because we had a concerted effort to using good business practice to reduce our cost."

Though the administration strives to budget wisely, it still must cope with the negative effects of an ailing national economy.

"Oil has gone up, so our heating costs have increased dramatically, and that's even taking into account Senior Vice President Williams's [bidding out of the heating contract] ...," said

Lynn Fawthrop, Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management and Communications. "Healthcare costs have gone up, the cost of electricity has gone up. Food costs alone are something you can't control. And again, it's all because of the oil prices."

"It's those quasi-fixed costs, or costs that continue to rise, that are really driving the need for an

cial aid," Fawthrop said. "And that was intentional, given that the university really wanted to ensure students would be able to continue to financially afford to be here. We put a lot of the money into the currently enrolled population and then we put some of the money into the entering class. But we were very purposeful in terms of ensuring that we were just as intentional in terms of the aid packages with the returning population as we were with the entering class."

Because RWU's aid resources are finite, the university looks to students to seek as much federal and third-party funding as possible.

"We do have a philosophy that the first dollar in the aid package is the student loan because we feel students need to take on the initial responsibility, and therefore, we require students to take the maximum federal direct loan," Fawthrop said. "And then we fill in need from there, with institutional aid being the principal fund in addition to work study."

According to the university website, 85 percent of students receive some form of financial aid from the university. This percentage has been going up in recent years, Fawthrop said.

"I'm one, along with [Williams], who spent a lot of time looking at benchmarks and trying to minimize the increase in tuition and fees, and overall costs for that matter, along with student affairs, so that we can continue to make Roger Williams University an affordable option," Fawthrop said.

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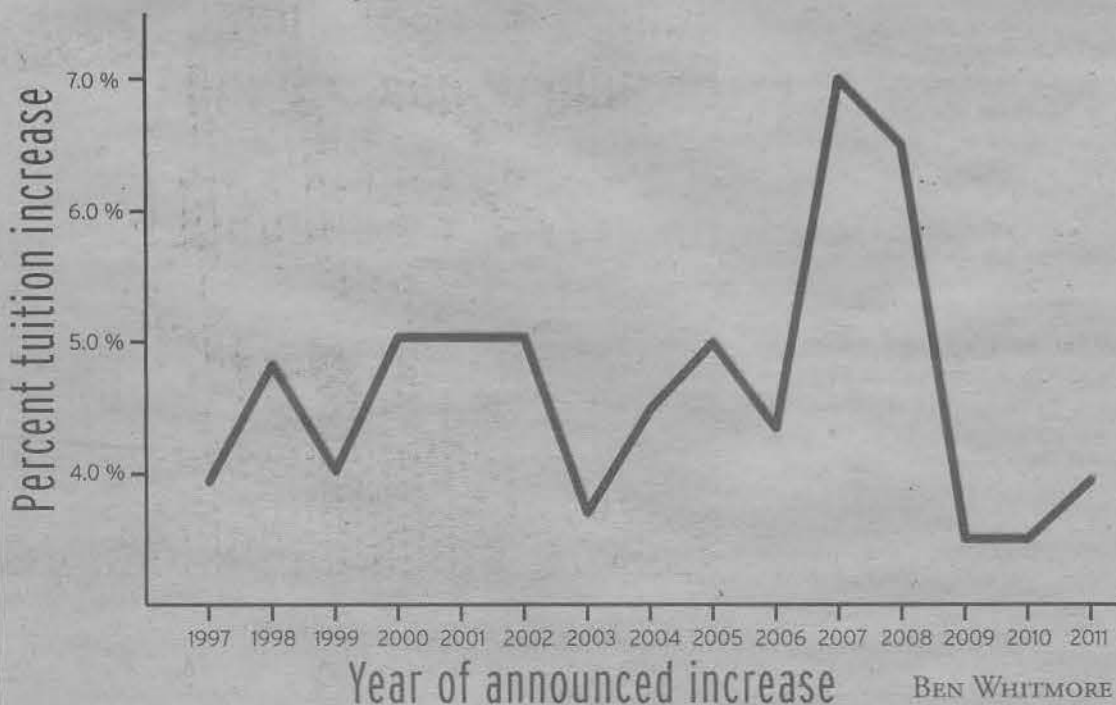
- Lynn Fawthrop

increase in tuition," Fawthrop said.

Another part of next year's increase includes tuition subsidy. Counter intuitively, the university needs to increase tuition in order to generate more funds for financial aid.

"Part of the budget incorporated an additional 3.4 million in financial aid. So when we look at gross tuition revenue, we will net out more money in finan-

Annual Percent Increase of Tuition, Fees, Room, and Board for Undergraduate, Non-Architecture Students



THIS JUST IN

NEWS BRIEFS

Sources give new details on bin Laden's death; photo won't be released

Seconds after a Navy SEAL team entered a room in his Pakistan compound, Osama bin Laden was dead from rapid-fire shots to his chest and forehead, according to a U.S. official who has seen military reports of the raid.

President Barack Obama, not wanting to inflame passions or appear to gloat, decided not to release a photo of bin Laden's corpse, the White House said Wednesday.

-CNN.com

New Intel tech will create smaller, faster microchips

When Intel's drive to shrink its processors while maintaining speed began to hit a brick wall, its silicon-chip wizards rethought conventional design wisdom.

The result of a decade of research is a processor called Ivy Bridge, which will be smaller, faster and -- perhaps most important in this mobile world -- more energy-efficient.

-CNN.com

Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan safe after convoy attacked

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday one policeman was killed and another injured when his convoy was attacked on its way to a campaign rally.

Erdogan was not in the convoy at the time of the attack and was airlifted to his next stop in a helicopter, NTV news reported.

-CNN.com

Private employers added 179,000 jobs in April

U.S. private employers added 179,000 jobs in April, while payrolls for March were revised up modestly, a report by a payrolls processor showed on Wednesday.

The ADP Employer Services report came in shy of economists' expectations for a gain of 198,000, according to a Reuters survey. March private payrolls were revised up to an increase of 207,000 from a previously reported 201,000.

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Telescopes snag Meathook Galaxy

Two complementary views of the so-called Meathook Galaxy, released today, show how astronomers are piecing together the history of this lopsided group of stars.

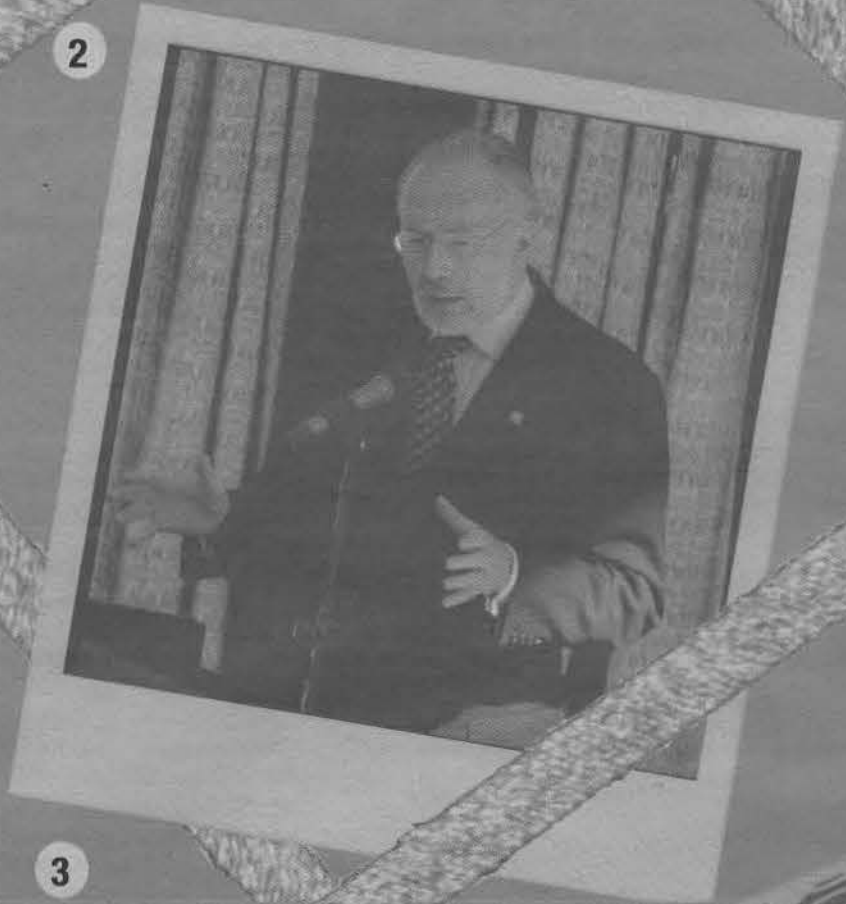
The galaxy, located about 50 million light years away in the southern constellation Volans (The Flying Fish), is recognized for its asymmetrical spiral arms. One is tightly folded in on itself and host to a recent supernova, and the other is dotted with new star formation and extends far out from the nucleus.

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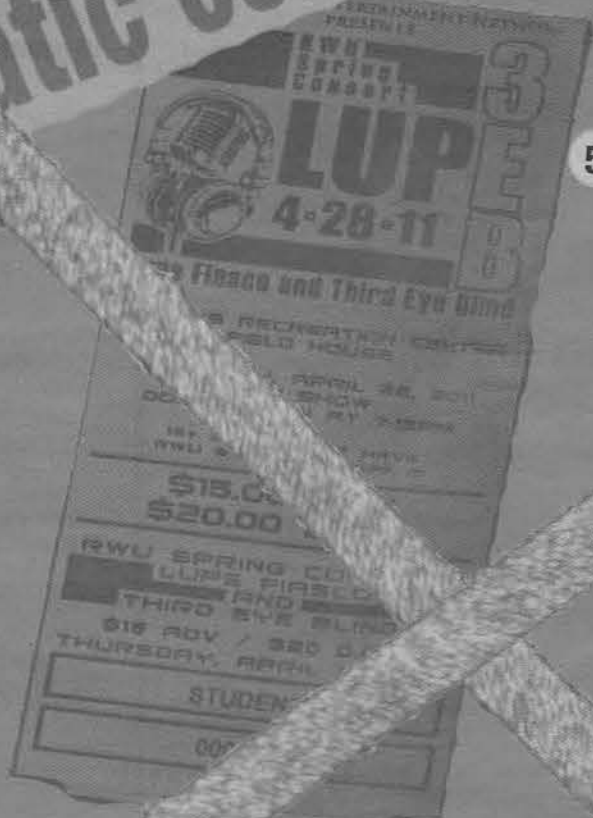


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A year in review: 2010-2011

1. "Champagne named interim president"

RWU named Ronald Champagne interim president after the July 2, 2010 resignation of former president Roy J. Nirschel. Champagne joined the RWU family with an intense enthusiasm and willingness to help the momentum of the university.

2. "Meet your president"

In March, Donald J. Farish was named the 10th president of RWU, replacing Interim President Ronald Champagne. About 250 people crowded into the Global Heritage Hall atrium to watch Richard Bready, chairman of the Board of Trustees, on March 29, 2011.

3. "Public Safety video-tapes write-ups; student feels violated"

After violating maximum capacity for a room party, Public Safety recorded footage of alcohol while writing up students in Bayside. The issue called student rights into question.

4. "Dramatic conclusion: HBO too pricey for admin"

The administration cancelled HBO at the end of the spring 2010 semester in order to help save the university money. The \$72,000 that the university saved went to avoid an increase room and board.

5. "Worth the Wait"

Spring concert performers, Third Eye Blind and Lupe Fiasco, delivered an impressive show to nearly 2,000 students. The concert went above expectations to those who waited four hours in line for the sold out show.

6. "Groundbreaking project passed"

A new turf field replacing the field in front of bayside is set to begin construction this upcoming summer. The new field will include stadium seating that will set close to 600 people.

7. "WQRI to return to air following hiatus"

After five months of being off air, due to equipment failure, WQRI made the ultimate comeback on November 18, 2011. Once the organization properly allocated money, the repairs were made and the radio came back to life.

8. "Gettin' trashed"

RWU administration placed a campus-wide ban on Four Lokos, saying they posed a health risk to students. Before the ban, many hospital transports were attributed to the popular beverage.

9. "Students get infatuated with Like-A-Little"

New website Like-A-Little became a smash success on campus due to its ability to let students anonymously flirt with anyone. Students everywhere were seen on the webpage the week before Thanksgiving break.

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SPIEGEL: Benefactor dies at 92

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Richard L. Bready, sent a campus-wide e-mail announcing Spiegel's death, accompanied by a brief summary of Spiegel's involvement at RWU. In his e-mail, Bready wrote, "It is with great sadness that I share the news that our valued Board of Trustees member and longtime friend ... died this week."

Bready went on to praise Spiegel for his "zealous commitment to the integration of global perspectives in education," noting that RWU will "forever be grateful" to Spiegel for his contributions to the university. Bready's sentiments were

shared by others on campus, as well.

"The faculty and staff of the Peggy and Marc Spiegel Center were saddened to hear of Mr. Spiegel's passing," said Laura DeAbruna, Provost of RWU. "Mr. Spiegel was a special partner to Roger Williams University in its goal of learning to bridge the world. He and his wife were generous benefactors of the Global Heritage Hall. More importantly, Mr. Spiegel was a tireless advocate for global learning. His spirit will live on in Roger Williams' core value of developing global perspectives."

Spiegel is survived by his wife Peggy. He was 92.

RWU ranks in PRINCETON REVIEW

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

Roger Williams University has been added to THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S GUIDE TO 311 GREEN COLLEGES. The list includes 308 institutions of higher education in the United States and three in Canada.

The criteria used to determine sustainable colleges included innovative curriculum, campus culture, infrastructure, and preparing students for green careers.

RWU currently offers a sustainability studies minor that includes a range of course options relating to engineering, biology, anthropology, political science, and others. The university campus has eco-friendly shuttles that run off recycled canola oil from the kitchens. Eco-reps, a program run by residential students, educates and promotes sustainable efforts in our campus community. The university continues to "go

green" and keeps sustainability as a priority.

The Center for Economic and Environmental Development (CEED) is also a part of sustainable efforts on campus.

"We do lots of green stuff over here in CEED — one of the main reasons we grow shellfish is that they are biological filters that help clean and clear up the water — you can't have a healthy ecosystem without a healthy shellfish population," said Timothy Scott, Director of CEED.

CEED also uses solar power for their projects, like in the shellfish hatchery located in the new expansion of the Marine and Natural Sciences (MNS) building.

RWU was one of three Rhode Island higher education institutions to make the list compiled by THE PRINCETON REVIEW. The other schools in the state were Brown University and University of Rhode Island.

Students take second place at national advertising competition

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

Roger Williams University juniors and seniors took home second place this weekend in the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC). The NSAC has been holding annual competitions since 1973, which RWU has participated in for the last 5 years.

The second-place finish is RWU's best ever placing at the competition. Last year, the school came in fourth; two years before that it tied for last place.

Kathleen Micken, Professor of Marketing, explained how students prepare for the competition: "This is a year long program. First semester, the class is called advertising research. The second one is then NSAC. We do the background research in the fall and we do the creative strategies and execution in the spring. The students can do either half or they can do both."

Justin Reyes, a senior, has participated in the competition the past two years.

"Each year a client pays to be a part of the competition. This year it was JC Penney," Reyes said.

JC Penney gave the participating students a case study. "They write up a case study and say, 'Here's the problem. Here's what we want you to accomplish. Here's the target market.' This year the target market was women age 25-34," Micken said.

There are two requirements when entering this competition. The first is a student-created plan book. It is a 32-page document that students put together, which lays out all the strategies and some example ex-

ecutions of the campaign. That is due the first of April.

The second requirement is the presentation of the plan. On the first of May, students go to the competition and showcase a 20-minute multi-media presentation that focuses more on creative examples.

"We use a presentation editor called Prezi. It's like PowerPoint on steroids. The judges primarily look at the research students did, the strategies they developed, as well as their creativity and media presentation," Micken said.

"This year our tagline was 'Fashion That Fits,'" Reyes said. "We really tried to play on the reality of clothing for women: fashion that fits their lifestyle, their body, their family, their profession. It was a real campaign. We didn't try to be funny. We really tried to hit the target audience."

This year the competition was held at the Hill Holiday, an advertising agency, in Boston.

"The judging differs every year. This year there were two people from JC Penney's corporate office, one person from Saatchi and Saatchi, which is JC Penney's ad agency, and there were two other women from a place called M-planet," Micken said.

"Getting second place is kind of bittersweet for me," Reyes said. "It is awesome because this is the highest finish that Roger Williams has ever done. Last year we got fourth place, but this year we felt we had all the right pieces in place to get first place. Although second place is awesome and we beat BU, going in and expecting first place is still kind of a shot to the heart. It's awesome but it stinks

at the same time."

Winning first place was another Rhode Island school, Johnson and Wales University. At NSAC, RWU also competed against: Boston University, Emerson College, Quinnipiac University, Salem State University, University of Hartford, and University of New Haven.

The winner will continue on to nationals in San Diego where it will compete for a \$5,000 prize.

Although Reyes said he was disappointed, Micken said she was ecstatic. "This was our fifth year in the competition. The first year we were just a couple points below fourth. The next year we tied for last. The third year, there was tremendous disagreement within the class about what approach to take so we didn't go to the competition. Last year we took fourth out of seven schools and this year we were second out of eight schools. Given that, I am delighted that we took second place."

"In taking second, we were better than BU, who won the district last year and then went to the National competition and won fifth nationally. Emerson is often the winner and we were better than they were. The presentation was perfect," Micken said.

"I think this is a tremendous experience for students. Especially when you get to be a senior I think you get tired of sitting in a class," Micken said. "This is an opportunity to take what you learned and then apply it. The students are incredibly talented and inventive."

All access: Meet the new face of the web

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

THE HAWKS' HERALD sat down with Suzanne Barnes, Roger Williams University's new Chief Information Officer (CIO), who is responsible, among other things, for maintaining the internet on campus. Barnes was hired on February 14, 2011, replacing former CIO Joe Pangborn.

THE HAWKS' HERALD: What are your goals as CIO?

Suzanne Barnes: My goals are to improve the communication between Information Technology (IT) and students, faculty, and staff; provide helpful technology to everyone; maintain infrastructure, and provide the best customer service for everyone at the university.

We are starting to accomplish some of these goals: this summer, we will be improving the website with [the Marketing Communications department] to be part of a new look. We want to have sections for students, faculty, staff, and parents, have more self-help sections, and generally make it easier to figure out where and how to get things better. Also, we want to

improve IT so that students can get help. This summer, we will also be moving Computopia so that it is centrally located. Computopia will also now support Macs and PCs beginning in the fall. And they now provide seven by 24-hour support for everyone.

HH: Students have long complained about the internet at RWU. How have you been addressing these concerns?

SB: Students have long complained about the Internet at RWU. How have you been addressing these concerns?

I totally understand where students are coming from. Two major uses of the network are for gaming and downloading movies. We are working to support that as well as general needs on campus. Downloading causes issues and causes the network to bog down. We increased the Internet capacity by 60 percent — the result of studies we ran on the wireless signal throughout the dorms and having been improving any weak signals. However, the wired network always gets faster speed. Also, we are upgrading

our technology for the Internet building by building. We are in the process of moving data more efficiently. We are also being extremely cost-efficient and conscious of tuition money. We have a specific, planned, approach on how to upgrade. I encourage students to let me know if they're receiving a weak signal. We've already had a student tell us about a unique area on campus and we improved the access [in that area]. I'm very open to that.

HH: How would you evaluate the current network and signal strength?

SB: [Laughs] In regards to wireless [access] across campus, during the day, it's fine, but during the day it slows down because of the amount of people using it. This is why we increased the capacity by 60%. We are also looking to increase hardware-wise. In a couple of years we will be able to improve our bandwidth access, because there's more bandwidth being brought into Bristol, and we are part of a consortium of schools that will allow us to take advantage of that.

HH: What do you think your

biggest challenges are going to be?

SB: They're not so much challenges as the ability to move forward and build, but ... trying to get the word out ... some students don't realize they can get help at all hours on some level and having the time to get

everything done. We've put together a great roadmap to get going. ... Also, making sure the infrastructure is strong enough, because it is going to be the backbone. But I have a great team; they're very dedicated. The easy part was to come here.



Suzanne Barnes, RWU's new Chief Information Officer (CIO), is ready to improve Internet access on campus.

New RIPTA busses are cleaner, smoother, still admit students for free

DARIELLE TERRY | Herald Reporter

Bouncing through the tight, narrow streets of downtown Bristol, the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority (RIPTA) bus makes frequent stops to pick up students and Bristolians alike. All day, everyday, the route 60 bus travels between Newport and Providence, passing through Bristol, offering convenient, inexpensive, and now environmentally friendly transportation.

RIPTA has found a way to provide an even more environmentally friendly transportation service by introducing hybrid buses.

"The new buses ride a lot smoother. These [current] buses do not take the bumps well," said RIPTA driver Ron Bay.

The bus route that travels through Bristol has not been lucky enough to have the new buses yet, but they are expected to grace the streets of Bristol soon.

"The new ones do not have the transmitter for the bridge yet," said Bay, who has driven the new buses, just not along route 60.

The hybrid buses are powered by clean diesel hybrid electrical propulsion systems, have new soft seating, and have improved

shock absorbers for a better ride. Most importantly though, they save approximately 20 percent on fuel and reduce up to 50 percent of nitrogen oxides, according to Cristy Rapo-

is released into the air.

However, students now have an opportunity to take improved and enhanced environmentally friendly public transportation services. Students like

look really nice, they are cleaner, and smell a lot better," Levasseur said.

The fact that they save on fuel and release fewer emissions into the air is also a big improve-

we live in," Levasseur said. "It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to help our environment."

In addition to the new buses, RIPTA has also developed a five-year strategic plan to improve public transportation in Rhode Island. This will include new service routes to accommodate more passengers and connect riders with new destinations that will hopefully improve the economy in the state. Some parts of this plan have already been put into effect.

Just in time for the end-of-the-semester hustle home, RIPTA has added a new line from Kennedy Plaza in Providence to the Warwick Train Station. This line will conveniently bring students within walking distance of T.F. Green Airport. This will certainly help cut down on travel time and headaches for those heading to Warwick and catching a flight out of Rhode Island.

Another added benefit of riding RIPTA is that it does not hurt the average student's wallet at all.

All Roger Williams University students can ride the RIPTA anywhere they want in Rhode Island for free. RWU provides students with RIPTA passes that can be picked up at the ID office in the commons.



COURTESY RIPTA

One of the new clean diesel hybrid buses travels along one of the many RIPTA routes. Though the 60 route that services RWU does not yet have the hybrid busses, it will eventually.

so, the marketing coordinator for RIPTA.

Taking public transportation is already an environmentally friendly thing to do. The fewer the number of cars on the road, the less the amount of pollution

Emily Levasseur, who have ridden the hybrid buses, say they are a big improvement.

"I take the RIPTA a few times a week. It is an easy way to get to Providence and my internship. The new buses

ment for the RIPTA rider.

"It's great that the new RIPTA buses are hybrid. This sets a great example and shows awareness to other Rhode Islanders and commuters that we have to be careful with the environment

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BEN WHITMORE

Ray Sabourin, the owner of Magaziner Farm off of Poppasquash Rd. in Bristol, grows vegetables, like these garlic plants, to help feed starving children.

New manager needed for food bank farm

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

Other than a small flower garden he keeps in his yard, Ray Sabourin had never thought about becoming a farmer until he learned his casual interest in gardening could help feed hungry children.

For nine years, Mr. Sabourin has made the drive from his Riverside home to the Magaziner Farm off Poppasquash Road in Bristol three days a week to spend a few hours mending fences, planting, weeding, harvesting, or doing whatever jobs needed to be done on the farm. But now Mr. Sabourin is ready to pass the plow on to someone else who wants to be outdoors and do something good for the community.

Volunteers at the community farm grow fresh produce for the R.I. Community Food Bank. Mr. Sabourin and his wife, Bonnie, were motivated to volunteer at the food bank after Mrs. Sabourin saw a newspaper article about the growing number of Rhode Island children who regularly go to bed hungry.

"She thought it would be a good idea to do something to help," said Mr. Sabourin, who served the last five years as the farm's manager.

They began volunteering at the food bank, where they would stock shelves, sort food and do other tasks to help those in need. At the same time, the concept of growing fruit and vegetables in community farms was being developed.

Mr. Sabourin joined a group of four or five volunteers to tend an acre of land donated by the Magaziner family to help stock the food bank. Although Mr. Sabourin started out as a farmhand, "It took off from there," he said, and he became the farm manager a few years later.

After a few years in operation,

the first farm manager left, leaving a group of three people to share the responsibility of managing the farm. Of the three, "One passed away, one moved away. That left Ray," he said, referring to himself. "I had enough contacts to make it go."

From community groups to student volunteers, the farm has the hands necessary to work the land. Mr. Sabourin, however, hopes someone or another small group of people, will volunteer to replace him and take over the responsibilities of farm manager.

"It's a great example of community teamwork," he said. "I have some wonderful volunteers who get together informally to decide what we need to do."

The major responsibility is ensuring the farm has plants to tend. The farm relies on donated seeds and seedlings, from the University of Rhode Island and other sources. "Every once in a while we'll get a call to say someone has extra plants or seedlings they want to donate," he said. Once the food is ready to be harvested, volunteers get it from vine to the food bank as quickly as possible.

At just under one acre, the farm is manageable and can still produce a significant amount of produce for the food bank. With a regular volunteer staff of six, the farm relies on groups who visit periodically to "get their hands dirty" tending to crops of squash, tomatoes, peppers, beans, eggplant and whatever other vegetables are donated to grow on the farm.

"There's a sense of satisfaction that comes from working a farm," Mr. Sabourin said. "When I started out, the tasks weren't that great." The more the farm grew, the more he had to learn about management in addition to farming. "It's more about being able to delegate tasks," he said.

The farm volunteers share a desire to combat hunger in Rhode Island. Born in Trinidad, Ben Rajkumar couldn't believe when he heard that people in America were starving. He would see news accounts of surplus wheat being dumped and corn being used to create ethanol. It was during a golf match that a friend asked him if he'd like to help work in a community garden. When he learned the farm was only six miles away from his Bristol home, he couldn't say no.

"It's very uplifting," said Mr. Rajkumar, who has volunteered for three years. "Ray leads from the front. If you enjoy doing something, others will enjoy helping."

The R.I. Community Food Bank spends about \$1 million each year to stock its Cranston distribution center.

"As companies became more efficient, the donor stream has dried up," said Bruce Zaremka, the food bank's director of acquisitions. "We service 180 member service agencies around the state, including Bristol Good Neighbors." The farms are "really a community-driven program," he said. "Ray has been a cornerstone," with the Magaziner Farm harvesting nearly 8,000 pounds of produce each season.

With the ground finally thawed from winter, Mr. Sabourin and other volunteers are preparing the land for the upcoming planting. Last week, Mr. Sabourin surveyed the crop land tucked away in the woods off Poppasquash Road, and contemplated leaving.

"You see deer, coyotes, fox and hawks all around. It's a peaceful place," he said of the farm's location. Still, "I'm turning 70 this summer. I'd like to play a little more golf with my wife and spend more time with my grandchildren."

Beam from Ground Zero trucked to Bristol

ERIC DICKERVITZ | Bristol Phoenix

It's rusted, twisted and tattooed with unknown materials, some of which pierce straight through the foot-thick steel. This piece of rubble from Ground Zero will be displayed at the Bristol Fire Headquarters & Rescue Station as a sobering memorial to the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

On Wednesday, April 27, Fire Chief Robert Martin drove down to a security-tight hangar situated along the tarmac at JFK Airport. Waiting outside, Chief Martin watched as the 200-pound artifact of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack was loaded into his truck. Part of a support beam dug out from the rubble, the 3-foot-long section will be displayed at the station on Annawamscutt Drive as a source of inspiration and a symbol of honor to all the people affected by the event.

The process to obtain the artifact was initiated by David Woodbury, said Chief Martin. Mr. Woodbury, a firefighter and architect who worked on the fire station project, applied during the planning phase of the project.

"It took two years from making the request to getting the award letter," Chief Martin said. "We didn't know what we would get."

He described that hanger at JFK as being full of rubble of varying sizes, all remnants of the 9/11 destruction.

Examining the steel beam, for now placed inside a storage room at fire headquarters, Battalion Chief James Vieira remarked on the force it must

have taken to twist the steel and drive other items through the steel.

"There's some kind of paper or insulation jammed up inside the steel," he said, musing that it might be from an office inside one of the Towers. Commenting on the condition of the metal, he said, "The temperature had to be 1,000 degrees or more to expand the steel for premature collapse."

Right after the 9/11 attack, the Bristol Fire Department offered assistance to their New York counterparts in any way they could, said Chief Martin.

"New York had such a large mutual aid system," he said, that a Bristol team didn't go. But, he said, they were willing to help in any way they could.

"It was a trying time," said Battalion Chief Vieira, recalling that it was his first year full-time on the department.

The presence of the artifact was a sobering reminder of the unpredictability of life. Chief Martin recognized the 343 firefighters who lost their lives trying to save others and the many others who were killed in the attack.

"It has to stand for more than firefighters," he said of the artifact that lay in front of him. "That day changed my life."

Chief Martin will assemble a committee to decide where and how to weave the piece of American history into the fabric of Bristol. In accepting a piece of the rubble, the fire department had to agree to display it for the public. "It will be prominently displayed," Chief Martin said.

Police: Boy brought knife to school with intent to harm

TED HAYES | Bristol Phoenix

Police say a 13-year-old Bristol boy brought a box cutter to school in Warren last Friday with the intent of harming another student.

The boy, who was not identified by police due to his age, was arrested Friday at about 1 p.m. after police received a call from a counselor at the Kickemuit Middle School. Warren police detective Sgt. Roland Brule said the boy was charged with possession of a weapon on school grounds. The school has a zero tolerance policy toward weapons, he said, "and we prosecute all of them."

Det. Brule said it appears that

the boy was having a problem with another student.

"He made it known that he was having problems, and that he wasn't going to be pushed around by the other kid," said Sgt. Brule.

From here, the boy could end up either in Family Court or in front of the Juvenile Hearing Board in Warren. The board is designed for first-time offenders, but in order to appear before the board the accused must admit to the charge filed against them. Sgt. Brule said he doesn't know which route this case will take, but "99 percent of (similar) cases end up before the hearing board."

SPECIAL COMMENCEMENT EDITION

Roger Williams University Class of 2011



President Champagne thinks fondly of his time at RWU.

Champagne's farewell address

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

Depending on one's perception of time, a year can seem like an eternity or like it goes by like a flash.

Though the latter is more likely to apply in the context of Interim President Ronald Champagne's tenure at Roger Williams University, it is without doubt that he will be able to look back on his year at RWU at a variety of experiences.

A native of the Ocean State, Champagne holds a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University, along with Master's degrees from Fordham University and the Catholic University of America. After earning these degrees, he returned to Fordham to complete his studies, the culmination of which resulted

in his receiving of a doctorate in the foundations of mathematics and physics.

Prior to taking the Interim President post at RWU, Champagne served as President of Saint Xavier University, and, more recently, as interim president of both Shimer and Merrimack Colleges.

Champagne cited a strong "understanding of and dedication to academic excellence" as focal points of the positive experience he will take from his year at RWU.

"If a project is offered here, it is the best it can be," he said. "The commitment to resources, support, education, teaching, and learning is remarkable." He went on to add that the commitment of tuition dollars towards direct instruction is "the

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And your senior class speaker is...

KATLYN PROCTOR | Features Editor

After completing a rigorous application process that involved submitting a taped presentation, senior Dan Shea was selected to speak at the Commencement Ceremony on May 21. *THE HAWKS' HERALD* sat down with Shea and talked to him about being selected to speak in front of the RWU administration, alumni, his friends, family, and most importantly, the entire senior class.

Why did you apply to speak at Commencement?

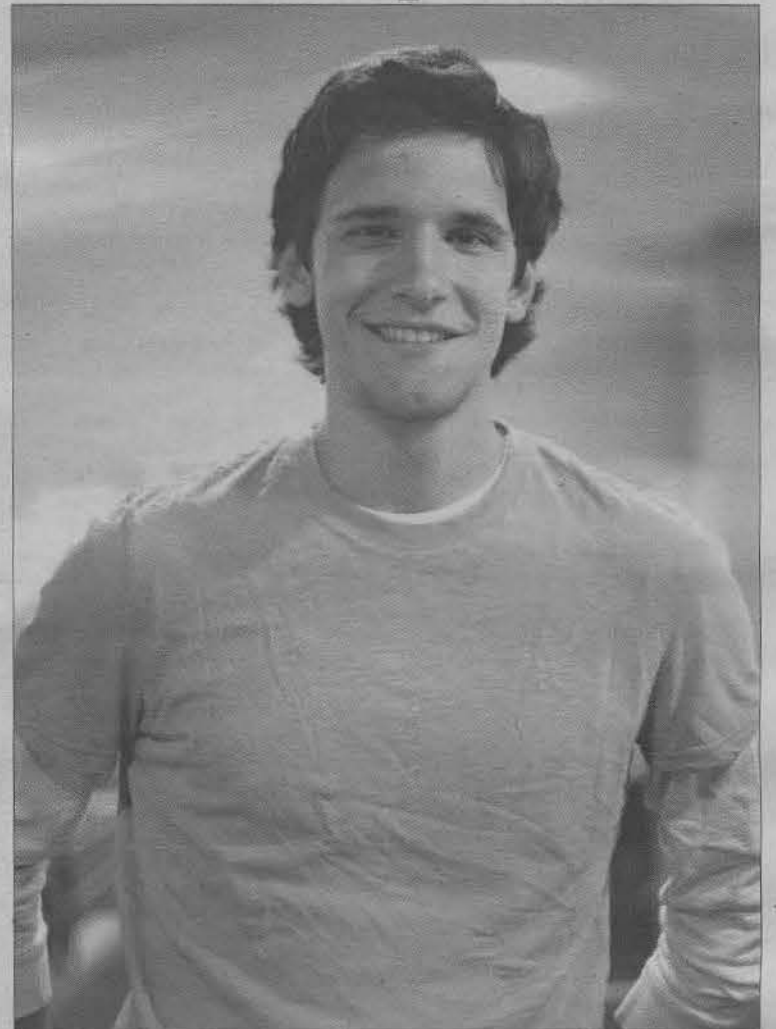
I feel like I've had a lot of unique experiences that probably most people at the University don't get to take part in. At the same time, I've gotten to delve in a lot of different things that have kind of gotten me acquainted with a ton of different people from our class. I feel like I gotten a great feel for what our class has done and what the identity of our class has become. I tried to put into words all the successes we've had.

What was your reaction to the news?

I was very excited. It's a great honor and I was humbled that I was selected and it's something that I'm taking very seriously. I feel very honored and privileged to take part in it.

Was it something you always wanted to do?

It wasn't something that I planned to do. It's something that, like I said, I'm really honored to do because it is kind of representative of your class and I get to go up there and portray



MARK FUSCO

Dan Shea, a senior, and Traditions Co-Chair for CEN, will speak at Commencement on May 21.

an image for your class. It's not something that I planned to do or intended to but it worked out for me.

Do you hope to get anything out of speaking?

Just being able to represent the class and put into my own words what the school has meant for myself and my entire class. Putting into words the accomplishments we've had is just kind of a thrill for me and I'm

excited to be able to do it.

Are you nervous?

I'm actually not. Presenting has never really been tough for me. As long as I'm fine with the material and as long as I know what I'm saying and what I'm speaking about. Then again, I say that now, a couple weeks out of presenting in front of a big audience but I'm really not too nervous. Not yet, at least.

Class officers give parting thoughts

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

THE HAWKS' HERALD sat down with Stephanie Birch, the Senior Class President, and Ben Sisko, the Senior Class Secretary, to ask them about their outlook sixteen days from commencement.

THE HAWKS' HERALD: How would you define the class of 2011?

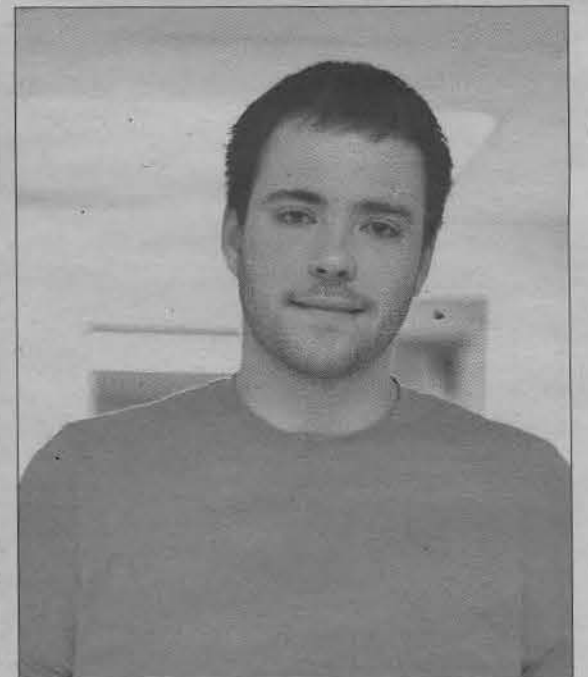
Stephanie Birch: I think the last four years we've really grown as a class and when I think of the class of 2011, I think mostly of a community. I think that over the years we've grown together and that individually we've all become successful people. I think the class of 2011 has given back to the university and has done a lot of great things for Roger Williams.

Ben Sisko: I kind of think of us as kind of a bridge from the old Roger Williams to the new Roger Williams. I mean, we're sitting in GHH now; this wasn't here when we were freshmen. The new residence hall ... pretty much upgrades all over campus. And then our senior gift was giving to the turf field so I mean right now, Roger Williams is only going up and I think our class had a lot to do with it.

HH: What have been some specific ways in which your class has contributed to the rise of the university?

SB: I think that a lot of members in our class have taken the time to start initiatives on cam-

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Senior Class President Stephanie Birch (Left) and Secretary Ben Sisko (Right).

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Note:

This list of graduates reflects the most recently updated roster held by the Registrar's office. The names appearing on this list are subject to change. This list is also not the complete list of graduates, as some students will become officially eligible to graduate in the coming weeks.

2011 Core Value Medallion Winners

This award was established in 2007 to recognize those graduating seniors who best exemplify the core values of Roger Williams University. The students awarded this honor have truly embraced the University's core values: Love of learning as an intrinsic value; preparation for careers and future study; collaboration of students and faculty in research; commitment to community through service and sustainability; appreciation of global perspectives; and promotion of civil discourse. Seniors were selected to represent each of the schools, with three selected from the College of Arts & Sciences – one from each of the three divisions within. There are also three At Large winners selected.

Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences

Social Sciences Division: Courtney Julienne Costello
Math & Natural Sciences Division: Rachel Ann Ricciardi
Humanities & Performing Arts Division: Molly Bancroft Gessford

Gabelli School of Business

Caisey Lyn Aiello

School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation

Sierra A. Helm

School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management

Brittney Marie Sullivan

School of Education

Kevin Michael Danaher, Jr.

School of Justice Studies

Winston Beyan Smith

School of Continuing Studies

Astrid P. Morales

At Large

Melisa Ivette Carrasquillo
 Justin K. Reyes
 Chi-Thien Lam Nguyen

Speaker to deliver commencement address

BEN WHITMORE | Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 1,000 Roger Williams University seniors will walk across the stage on Sunday, May 21, becoming the school's newest alumni at the University's 53rd commencement ceremony.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Caitie Abrahamson, Editor of Crossings, RWU's yearbook, and a graduating senior, will start the ceremony by singing the National Anthem.

"I feel extremely honored to have been selected to be the national anthem singer and have a role in the commencement ceremony. It feels like a great way to close out my last four years here at Roger Williams and round out the experiences that I have been through while here," Abrahamson said. "Some people know me on campus, but not as a singer, so I'll be able to show something to the school that I am also really passionate about."

Dan Shea, Traditions Co-Chair for Campus Entertainment Network, will address his classmates as the senior class speaker.

Following the student speakers, United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) will address the graduating class of 2011 and will receive an honorary degree from the university.

Whitehouse has served as Rhode Island's junior senator since 2007. Previously, he served as Rhode Island's attorney general and as a U.S. attorney.

Whitehouse is a member of the Senate budget committee and is Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. He also works to protect oceans and marine ecosystems as Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee.

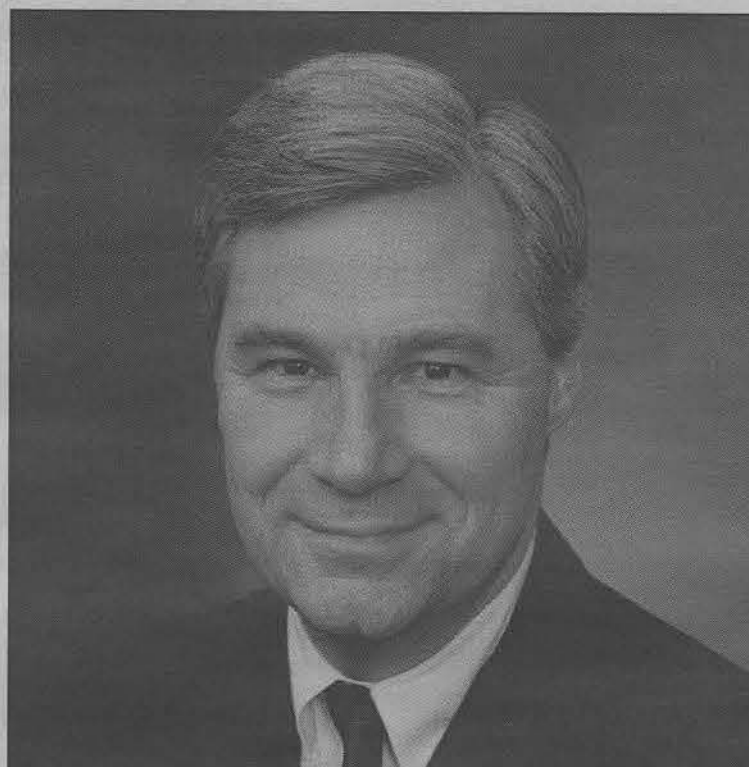
Also to be receiving an honorary degree from the university is Denise Jenkins, Grant Programs Officer for the Rhode Island

Foundation, and Vice Chair of the RWU Board of Trustees. She has a career in education and public service. She is also the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at RWU.

The day prior to commencement, the RWU School of Law will hold its own commencement ceremony, conferring over 150 juris doctor degrees.

The Hon. Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court will deliver the commencement address, as well as receiving an honorary degree from the institution.

Also due to speak are the Hon. Robert G. Flanders, Associate Justice to the Rhode Island Supreme Court, and Betty Anne Waters, a 1998 RWU school of Law alumna, who became famous after fighting for 18 years to prove the innocence of her brother, who was convicted for murder. She was eventually successful, and inspired the 2010 movie Conviction.



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Junior Democratic Senator Sheldon Whitehouse will deliver the commencement address on May 21.

Senior class speaks out

"I transferred here in '09, yet I found my place at RWU with ease. The professors at RWU are really committed. I feel that I've come a long way since the beginning! Thanks RWU for everything you've done for me."

- Shannon Bernard

"It's a slippery world out there, hold on for the slide."

- Stephen Torti

"Freshman year seems like it was yesterday."

- Tom Harrington

"Happiness is like a butterfly: the more you chase it, the more it will elude you, but if you turn your attention to other things, it will come and sit softly on your shoulder." Henry David Thoreau

- Rachael Ricciardi

PRESIDENT: Champagne gives his insight

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best (I have) ever seen at any institution. The dedication to excellence here is not just words: it's real."

Champagne said he believes that RWU is a unique university in its seriousness to provide the best possible education to its students.

While on campus, Champagne made every effort to attend as many events as possible, he said, appreciating the amount of and diversity between different occasions around campus.

"All the events have been interesting," he said. "Founders' Day allowed us to look at ourselves and see how much we have progressed as an institution. All of my lunches and dinners with different students allowed me to see different perspectives. I went to many drama and dance performances and was impressed. And I loved watching the sporting events, seeing our athletes play hard."

When asked why he attended so many happenings, Champagne responded with an answer that epitomized his modus operandi. Gesturing towards

a window of his office, he said "The students are not in here; they're out there. The president is not there to sit in the office. Their job is to lead the academic community."

Unlike many who consider certain anecdotes to take precedence in the memory hierarchy over "everyday" encounters, Champagne said he preferred to remember all of his experiences here as uniquely important.

"Every moment here has been significant, when you take them all into account. I love to learn by looking and listening."

He again cited his strong belief in being involved in the community, highlighting a recent dinner he had with the Student Senate.

"I really enjoyed listening to what they had to say. They're a motivated group of individuals who are looking to make this campus the best it can be."

Overall, Champagne said that his favorite experiences here are "when I am with students and faculty."

"Those moments, to me, are the best."

In advising the senior class, Champagne had two words for the departing members of the campus community: "know yourself."

"Get in touch with yourself, take yourself seriously. Your time on Earth is to be taken seriously. You will be the ones changing the world for the different and the better. Never forget that what you do influences in society. If you know yourself and do what you need to do, then you're in a great place."

While it will undoubtedly be tough to see such an influential leader depart as Donald Farish, current President of Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., prepares to take the reins in the fall, there is no doubt that RWU as a whole has benefited from Champagne's brief presence.

A year can be a minute or a lifetime in the context of time, and with this leader at the helm, it is safe to say that the University has undergone enough positive change to fill the latter.

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Roger Williams on the map. As a college, through the service that they've been doing, there's been so many new clubs and organizations pop up here or put on amazing programs since we've been here, and I think, that they've really made Roger Williams a school that people want to go to. The traditions that the class of 2011 has made will be lasting traditions throughout the history of Roger Williams.

BS: I've been hearing a lot of people getting out in the workforce and I know that employers look at us as a school where quality students are produced and the more that people get hired and the more that are successful in the workforce, the easier it will be for future students to get hired, and I see that going in a positive direction.

HH: How do you feel about your class's chances getting jobs and graduating?

BS: For me, I know I feel like I'm doing on my own almost. The school hasn't actually been very helpful for me. Hawks Hunt is actually pretty terrible and I think almost everyone would agree with me there. It's hard to describe a little bit. I feel like a lot of people are desperate for anything at this point and they're taking the first thing that comes, which is alright I guess. I guess something is better than nothing.

SB: I had a little bit of a different experience. I am very happy with the education that I've received at Roger Williams and I think that it has adequately prepared me to go out into the workforce. Through the things that I've done on campus, they feel like I bring a lot to the table, when I talk to employers. I'm very confident leaving Roger Williams and going into the workforce. I'm very excited about it.

Gearing up to help community in Fall



RWU MEDIA

Students of the class of 2014 work with site leader Interim President Champagne, raking leaves and clearing brush.

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

First year students at Roger Williams University find their first assignment as students a little different than the normal, as they put down the textbooks and pick up paintbrushes, shovels, and hammers.

Going into its seventh year as a tradition, Community Connections has become something that many students look forward to and are excited to partake in. Sparked by an idea from John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, the program began as a proposal for an event that would get all students in-

involved in community engagement before they stepped foot in a classroom.

In 2005, the Feinstein Center for Service Learning brought about 1,200 students out into the community to partake in community service work.

"At the time, we didn't know how big or how popular this program was going to become," said KC Ferrara, Director of the Feinstein Center for Service Learning.

Seven years later, the university continually brings first year students on their third day of campus life to more than 65 sites spreading from New Bed-

ford, Mass. to Warwick, R.I.

"We started out with this program being a requirement for students, and over the years, it has become such a well-known and positive program. It has moved from being a requirement for students to being referred to as a tradition here," Ferrara said.

The program, which is overseen by two chosen students who serve as program coordinators, is facilitated site by site by student site leaders.

"We have such a great response from students who have participated in the past wanting to come back and serve as a site

leader the following year," Ferrara said.

The university usually sees about a 98 percent attendance rate from the first year students, which Ferrara attributes to the program's strong reputation. To make students more content at their sites the day of the program, the Center for Service Learning started in 2009 giving students options of what they want to participate in.

"We let students [consider] their options of what kind of work they would like to participate in. We want to make everyone happy by placing them where they want to be, both

first year students and site leaders," Ferrara said.

Along with preference, the university places students partly by major and general interests.

Not only does Community Connections have a positive impact on the first year students, but Ferrara said that she has seen a rise in university participation in community service hours. In 2004-2005, the university had 23,000 hours of service completed by students. In 2009-2010, students on

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Seniors keep fingers crossed for job after commencement

MICHELLE LEE | Herald Reporter

With the arrival of May, students can find consolation in the warm weather while dealing with the stress of finals. For seniors, it is a time of deciding where their life after college is headed. It is crunch time and the job search is on. For Carolyn Klipfel, a senior and a marketing major, the job search started in September and is going to continue until she lands that perfect job. Klipfel, who is from Redding, Conn., is looking for jobs primarily on the west coast in the San Francisco and Bay Area to be closer to her boyfriend.

"He has secured a job with Facebook and will be moving out to work there in Palo Alto, Calif. in July," she said. "I would like to be within the same area of the country."

The companies that Klipfel is applying to are not giving her

the attention she deserves, she said, due to her current location.

"It is very frustrating for me to not be taken seriously by companies on the west coast since I do not reside there," Klipfel said. "As I've begun to hear back



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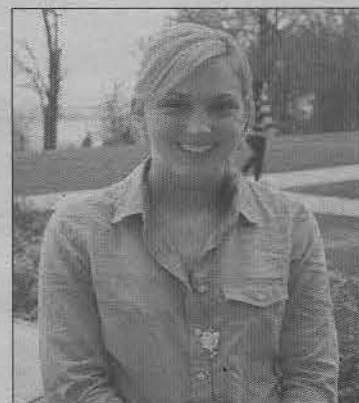
Senior Carolyn Klipfel continues to search for a job on the West Coast.

from companies, my confidence level has increased tremendously. I've learned that patience and persistence truly go a long way during this process."

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 2.4 million students will graduate with bachelor's and associate's degrees as part of the Class of 2011. These students that are graduating will not only be competing with other graduating students around the country but also with laid-off workers and unemployed students who graduated in 2009 and 2010.

In a recent survey done by CareerBuilder, fewer than half of employers (44 percent) plan on hiring recent college grads in 2010. This percentage is about the same as the previous year, but represents a decline from the 58 percent in 2008 and the 79 percent in 2007.

Another Roger Williams Uni-



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After graduation, Katherine Ilaria will start work at General Electrics.

versity senior is already apart of that lucky 44 percent. Katherine Ilaria, a public relations major, has already a secured job with General Electrics.

Ilaria, who will be working as part of their communication leadership development program, was encouraged to apply

to General Electrics during her internship with them last summer.

Ilaria and Klipfel both agree that internships are the best way to make connections and gain insight on what kind of job you would be interested in.

"The best way to get a job is to work hard at your internship and ask for real-world projects," said Ilaria. "It also is important to get involved off campus and intern for a company that you would want to work for."

Graduating, for both seniors, is coming with mixed emotions but also with excitement to start a new part of their life. For Klipfel, the search for a job continues.

"If my plans to secure a job on the west coast do not work out, I'm simply going to keep on trying," she said. "It may

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campus completed over 52,000 hours, an increase of almost 30,000 hours of work.

"This program has been a valuable addition to the university in many different capacities and students really understand that," Ferrara said.

"We have been recognized by other colleges in the area who have come to shadow our program," Ferrara said.

She said she believes the program has as great of an effect as it does due to the passion that the site hosts have about their organization.

"Students aren't just picking trash up on the beach and calling it a day, they are learning from the site host about Save the Bay and the impact that just five hours of work actually has on the surrounding environment," Ferrara said.

Each site host works with the school and student to show what the work is going towards and how they are making a difference.



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Students help prepare fresh green beans for a meal.

Currently, the Center for Service Learning is accepting applications for Site Leaders, which can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PL53RD6>.

Ferrara said the university has dedicated resources and manpower to a great event.

"We have support from all departments and staff," Ferrara said. "Each year President Nirschel would be on site helping and working with the students. Maybe President Farish will join us this coming fall."

JOBS: Perseverance is key for employment

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take longer than expected, but I would rather wait out for a job that I am excited for, rather than to settle on something."

Building connections and networking is something that Ilaria said she highly encourages.

"At times, I was invited to lunch, dinner, and networking events with people that I

worked with," Ilaria said. "Although it can be awkward at times, it is so important to go to events and show that you are a great person inside and outside of work."

"The sooner you begin, the greater the chance you will have of finding that perfect job," Klipfel said.



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Hundreds of people stand outside at the annual Newport Folk Festival, jamming by the water listening to music.

Newport Folk Festival is back in town

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

Founded in 1959 as a counterpart to the Newport Jazz Festival, the Newport Folk Festival has introduced many notable performers to the music world every summer.

Featuring performances by bluegrass, blues, country, folk, and folk rock musicians originally, the festival expanded in the 1990s to include the genres of alternative country, folk punk, and indie folk.

Taking place at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, the brainchild of George Wein celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009, hosting acts such as Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, the Decemberists, Fleet Foxes, and the Avett Brothers. The 2008 show saw the likes of Jimmy Buffett, Stephen and Damian Marley, the Black Crowes, and Jakob Dylan.

Wein, an established producer in the jazz world, has been called "the most famous jazz impresario" and the "most important non-player in jazz history," and is credited with the founding of both Newport festivals, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and the Playboy Jazz Festival in Los Angeles and the Newport Festival Foundation. He introduced the idea of corporate sponsorship for the concerts, gaining support from companies such as Mellon

Bank, Essence Magazine, Verizon, Ben & Jerry's, and Dunkin' Donuts.

Though the Festival began in 1959, it has not run continuously since. Halting performances in 1971, the Festival did not open its doors again until 1985 and has run without interruption ever since. It has hosted some of the most memorable events of its kind and has become the heart of the folk scene.

The year 1963 saw a young Bob Dylan get his first national performance when he came along as a guest of Joan Baez, and his 1964 appearance made him even more popular with the Newport regulars. His presence caused an uproar in 1965, however, when the audience became incensed over Dylan's usage of an electric guitar. He was criticized for "abandoning" the folk orthodox, despite the impact that his change in style had on both the folk genre and the rock genre.

The Festival is very dedicated to sustainability and has partnered with Clean Water Action (CWA) and Rhode Island Resource Recovery to collect 1.5 tons of recyclables. The CWA set up composting stations in an effort to control the waste amassed during the show and also used reusable water bottles from Klean Kanteen. The official beer of the Festival, Vermont's Magic Hat, used plant-

based, 100 percent compostable cups, and the Festival teamed up with CLIF Bar, setting up a bike valet to encourage concertgoers to ride their bikes instead of drive their cars to the event.

In order to offset the power used during the Festival, they worked with New England Wind Fund and also partnered with Farm Fresh Rhode Island so they could incorporate local foods into vendors' fare.

Last summer's event was headlined by the Avett Brothers, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, and Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings. Spin said the music at the 2010 event was part of the festival's "rich history of uniting disparate genres of music ... The one common thread: each artist's sound is celebration of American music, thus qualifying it as 'folk,' or 'carriers of culture.'"

In January of this year, Wein announced that the Festival had returned to being a non-profit event that will continue to be produced by the Newport Festivals Foundation, Inc.

The Festival will be held on July 30 and 31, and will feature performances from a solo Elvis Costello, the Decemberists, an acoustic Tegan and Sara, and the Felice Brothers. Sponsors for this year's event will be Alex and Ani, Tom's of Maine, and NPR.

Inspired by Seinfeld, student presents paper at Conference

Near the end of the semester, most students are bunking up in the library, cramming to write term papers and complete graphic design projects. Trips for fun are put on hold while schoolwork consumes all hours of the day. But some students had time to write for fun, and were rewarded for it.

In April, four English literature majors were selected to present a paper written on a topic of their choice at the annual National Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference held this year in San Antonio, Texas. For most, it was

an opportunity of a lifetime.

"The conference was great for me as an undergrad interested in further pursuits in the world of academia as I was able to speak with others in the profession, ask advice about the future and also hear a diverse host of ideas," said Daniel Hoskins, a senior.

Joining Hoskins were fellow seniors Nicole Foti, Cory Alix, and Lisa Pellecchia, who also presented in front of the crowd of roughly 3,000 people.

Hoskins presented a paper titled "Deconstructing Nothing: Finding Meaning in Seinfeld."

"The inspiration for my paper was actually while doing thesis

research and watching Seinfeld. I am using literary Darwinism for my senior thesis and happened to be reading Richard Dawkins' 'The Selfish Gene' while watching Seinfeld and the idea of memes which he brought up seemed to click," Hoskins said.

Also, the students had some free time to explore the 'Lone Star' state, including a visit to the Alamo as well as getting to experience the Texas nightlife.

Upon returning home to school, the selected students can continue to revise their papers and look forward to future conferences. In addition, all are hopeful for their future.

"I'd have to say the conference was a great success," said Hoskins. "It gave me experience which will further help

me in grad school and at future conferences."



MARGARET CASE

From left to right: Nicole Foti, Dan Hoskins, Cory Alix, and Lisa Pellecchia. All students presented at the conference.

Editorial: Remembering September 11, 2001

Looking back on being a kid during the terrorist attack that shaped the nation's next 10 years



New York City firemen raise a makeshift flag over the wreckage at Ground Zero.

MARK FUSCO | Photo Editor

I was in sixth grade, it was just after Latin class, and I was pining for a snack. My small hometown elementary school, "The Country School," had a tradition of serving snack time every Tuesday while the students headed out for their morning recess. But this Tuesday was different. As my close friend Chris Elliott and I reached the doors of the cafeteria, we came across a small group of students that had gathered in front of the cafeteria doors. The doors were locked and every kid in

attendance was shuffling to try to peer through the small glass windows that ran like vertical slits just above the door handles. The faculty and staff were congregated around a small television, and no one was reacting.

The period bell rang and I shuffled off to English class. The teacher, Beth Lane, was late that day and she looked smaller than normal. A normally energetic teacher that never sat down while she taught, Mrs. Lane entered the makeshift room set up in the back of the library with an office chair in tow and solemnly

sat down. Typically a class that begins with a joke, or a story about the Lane Family dog began in silence.

When she finally worked up the courage to meet the gaze of her students, Mrs. Lane informed up about what the faculty had been watching. "Anybody with family in New York City today should go down to the Nurse's Office and call their parents," she said.

That was the day the New York City skyline and countless lives changed forever.

The wake of Sept. 11, 2001 left every American, some more than others, with a scar. The attacks took the lives of nearly 3,000 people in three different states in a mere two hours.

October of 2001 saw the launch of what would become the United States' most expansive, expensive, and eventually, exasperating manhunts for a tall bearded man named Osama bin Laden. After ten years of searching and frustration for the United States' military and intelligence agencies, bin Laden's lifeless body was hauled onto an attack helicopter by members of the U.S. Navy Seals; and just like that America's enemy No. 1 was no more. After a decade of intelligence agencies around the world fantasizing of the fortified cave-dwelling

bin Laden was inhabiting, the master mind behind the most deadly terrorist attack in U.S. history was found hiding in plain sight.

Although the killing of bin Laden is a massive victory for the United States' war against terrorism by removing the head of the al-Qaida snake with a bullet above the left eye, it is more importantly a sense of closure.

Terrorism itself is a worldwide affair and will in no way cease because of the death of one leader. However, what it has done is enable us as people to focus and coup with the true memory of Sept. 11 – the people. Despite the massive amount of casualties surrounding the attacks, the aftermath of Sept. 11th was a victory for the American spirit. The wake of the attacks brought a renewal to the pride of what it means to be an American as we were joined together as a nation in mourning.

Along with the victims of the initial attacks, many men and women from numerous fire and police departments lost their lives trying to rescue the survivors trapped in the wreckage of what once was the World Trade Center. These men and women showed a sense of unwavering bravery that illustrated the true strength of the human spirit; they risked their own lives for

those of people they didn't know. These people are the true memory of the most horrific attack on American soil.

Now in the aftermath of the American raid on a large compound located only 35 miles from the Pakistani capitol, bin Laden's lifeless frame was cleaned and wrapped in a white sheet in accordance with Muslim tradition. He was then placed in a weighted bag and dropped into the sea. He was not paraded around the streets of Afghanistan, nor was his body mutilated in a public square as if to make a point. Osama bin Laden was buried in a place with no markings, and no crowds. Only a small group of people watching from the flight deck of the U.S. aircraft carrier Carl Vinson witnessed the event. Osama bin Laden will not become a symbol to any of his followers, he will not have a grave, and as he sinks slowly into the sea his memory will fade, and we will be left only with the steadfast image of American spirit that is survived by the memory of those lost and those who survive them.

It is my hope that bin Laden will fade from our minds and our nightmares and eventually we will be left only with the thoughts of bravery shown by the heroes that emerged and the fond memory of those who were lost.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"The best medical help is available as long as you can afford it, but then again, being sick isn't supposed to be easy ... We are a nation of 'go-getters' and not people who say, 'help me I am irresponsible and can't take care of myself.'"

I'm not following the logic that brought Andy Plocica to the conclusion that taking on an immense financial burden is a natural part of being hospitalized. I'm also not understanding how Andy still seriously believes in the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mentality ("we're a nation of 'go-getters'"). Perhaps it's because he doesn't quite understand the complexity of issues like bankruptcy because of illness, or homelessness, or poverty.

Andy's simplistic argumentation in this opinion article astounds me: "If you smoke a pack of cigarettes a day and get lung cancer, why the hell should I have to contribute my hard earned money in the form of taxes to take care of your stupidity?" His argument here suggests that anyone in need of government aid is in such a position because of their own "stupidity," and not perhaps due to more complex circumstances.

He asks the reader to imagine a DMV, and figures that, naturally, a government-run healthcare facility would function in the same (mockingly) "efficient" and "caring" way.

Following this same line of argumentation, I could just as easily point to the Rogers Free Library on Hope Street or the post office next door to it and tell you that in my experiences, the librarians and post office workers have always been caring, eager to help, good-natured, and efficient. These are places supported by your "hard earned money." Pointing to a place like the DMV and concluding that universal healthcare would be as chaotic and inefficient is a weak, foolish, and tired argument.

Andy, I am a person who genuinely cares about my fellow Americans. I am deeply empathetic by nature. I understand that you absolutely cannot judge a person's circumstance unless you have talked to them and learned their story. Poverty is a vicious cycle, and your article is full of subconscious references to it and to the "irresponsible" individuals who find themselves in a financial mess – oftentimes because of illness.

While there are exceptions to everything, assuming that everyone who doesn't have healthcare or needs government aid has been lazy makes you sound like a heartless moron. Please reevaluate your worldview.

Sincerely,
Molly Katchpole, Class of 2011

EDITORIAL: Lesson on stealing

The theft of Willow common room television sparks a reflection on morals

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Assistant News Editor

When I was little, around nine, my mom wouldn't allow me to wear lip gloss. I begged and pleaded but she wouldn't budge, so, like most kids my age did at one point in their young lives, I stole. In my pocket on the way home was a sparkly Smackers lip balm from CVS. I opened it and the fruity aroma filled the car.

"What is that smell?" my mom asked.

"Uhhhh ..."

I was 9. I had no excuse. She caught me. All I got out of that experience was a slap on the wrist, figuratively. I knew, however, never to steal again because I would ultimately get caught.

I am 19-years-old now. I thought, or I assumed, young adults my age didn't steal. I figured we all knew right from wrong and didn't want to suffer any consequences. So when I received an e-mail telling me that this past weekend, the new 55" television was stolen out of the Willow rec. room, I was infuriated.

First of all, Willow residents just earned the privilege back to use the second floor of the

rec. room. When I first moved in, only the first floor was open. Students used their I.D. to enter the room that contained ample seating and a big television. Being a freshman, I had no idea what was above it. I had never even been up the stairs that led to the second floor. Willow Hall Council held a big grand opening a couple weeks ago where they unveiled the revamped second floor that contained the 55-inch television and two vending machines filled with snacks. I was thrilled. The other freshman dorms, Maple, Stone-wall, and Cedar, have vending machines. Whether for drinks or snacks, they are available to students. Willow had no late-night food options. I'd have to beg my neighbors or run to Lower Commons for food. Clearly, I was excited about everything the second floor of the rec. room had to offer. Especially

with finals coming up, it'd be a new environment I could escape to in order to get some peace and quiet. As a result of some stupid, probably intoxicated, selfish students,

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ILLUSTRATION BY JEREMY KING

You can't trust health services

YAMILEH DURE | Herald Reporter

Who can we trust if we can't trust our doctors? Here on campus, we obviously don't have our regular attending physicians to rely on when we get sick. But worry not; if worst comes to worst, the university has us covered. Instead of a working doctor's office with medical professionals who have any idea what they're doing, we have health services — that little hole-in-the-wall infirmary open five out of seven days in the week (because who gets sick on the weekend?) If ever we're not feeling our very best we get to put our trust in a facility that can't tell the difference between bronchitis and the common cold.

Of course, I'm exaggerating; the Health Services Center on campus is fairly well equipped with four nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and medical assistants, two administrative assistants, and two part-time physicians. These professionals are generally capable of offering information to anyone who

asks for it, instructing students on how to best begin managing their health care without the help of their parents. They can offer us Plan B and condoms with no questions asked and will help any students who do not have cars, by getting them off campus and offering pharmacy deliveries. Then on the weekends, when they are closed, Public Safety is technically available for emergencies. With the help of the Health and Wellness Educators (HAWEs), the people of Health Services do a great job of keeping the student population very well informed, but sadly, this isn't enough.

I understand that the university isn't required to provide us with a fully operating emergency room or anything of that nature, but to have a pseudo-sickbay is worse than having nothing at all. It's one thing to let us know, up front, that if we're sick we need to take care of it ourselves — head home and see our trusty old doctors, or actually go to the nearest hospital. Yet, it's another thing

entirely to pretend that they can help. Health Services is supposed to be able to manage average health issues that come with a student and correctly evaluate injuries and illness. Although much of the time the staff can handle the acute episodic illnesses and other things that come up, there are too many reports of misdiagnoses and other, unacceptable mistakes.

Sure, everybody makes mistakes, doctors can't always be accurate and it's hard to ever be sure when making a diagnosis. I just think that it's important that if we are going to have a facility for Health Services, that it can be trusted not to give us medicine that will make us sicker, or tell us there's nothing wrong, allowing serious issues to get worse. I don't think it's too much to ask that if a service is being offered, it should actually be provided. I want to be able to either put my trust in my health care provider, or know for certain to avoid it at all costs.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Female misogynists

YAMILEH DURE | Herald Reporter

There is a tendency among women to put all the blame for prevailing misogynistic stereotypes in our culture, on men. Although this is often true, men are not the only culprits for the image of women that exists in our society; women themselves are too often the ones bringing themselves down. I see it all the time in my travels on campus — girls that are constantly trying to make themselves appear weak and helpless, saying things like "I'm too tiny," or "We're girls

make yourself look intentionally weaker or less intelligent in the presence of men. I do not know many women, who like being told they are too weak, or unintelligent to do anything, at least by other girls, but for some reason, when the statement comes with testosterone, it loses its sting.

Most of us have this mindset to some degree, whether we want to admit it or not. For instance, some guy offers to carry my books for me, I am not going to take it as an insult, but if this was ever done by a girl, I

It is alright to be girly, and to love dresses, and pink, and pearls, but it's demeaning to make yourself look intentionally weaker or less intelligent in the presence of men.

STEALING: Theft of television not okay

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my Willow friends and I might lose our privilege to the second floor.

Secondly, how does one steal a 55-inch television? To the person who did, won't your mom or dad on move-out day be like, "Hey, when did you get a new TV? How did you have money for this?" Do you plan on bringing it home and keeping it in your room at home? Has your RA noticed the new addition to your dorm room? I do not understand. No matter

how badly you needed to fulfill your undying desire to watch TV for hours upon hours, it was not right, nor is it ever right, to steal. Buy your own or go into your friends' rooms and watch theirs.

Thirdly, I'm wondering how no one caught you in the act. Aren't RAs constantly roaming on the weekend nights? If not, aren't there other courageous, law-abiding citizens around to stop the heinous crime from continuing? Weren't there

cameras recently installed near Willow that would have caught you while committing the crime? I don't know how you got away with this. I don't care if it makes you feel cool, or if you will get punished, but just know, you hurt a lot more people than you thought.

I learned my lesson not to steal when I was 9 years old. Come on now, people, get with it.

we can't do that!" By saying things like this these women are taking a century-long leap back to when these ideas of women being incapable of doing anything complicated or difficult were taught and enforced.

Admitting when you're in over your head and asking for help is a healthy thing to do and I am all for it, but 90 percent of the time, the comment is being made about some action the speaker could most certainly handle on her own.

It is alright to be girly, and to love dresses, and pink, and pearls, but it's demeaning to

would be annoyed she thought I couldn't handle it on my own. Discussing this on campus, the reasoning that I was struck most by was the one stating that boys are stronger than girls by nature, and that girls are simply the weaker sex.

There aren't many things that can't be done by women inherently because they are women. This idea of being a damsel in distress is offensive to me. I think that it is about time we all wake up and realize that no matter how small or meek we've been told we are, women are fully capable of saving themselves, and should do so.

Is a fluency requirement necessary?

KAITLIN ROANE | Herald Reporter

As a citizen of the United States where there is no official language or religion, it is difficult to imagine having to prove my cultural knowledge and fluency of a language. Yet, in the Netherlands, the government has made its standardized language test much more difficult to pass. For some immigrants, this law is a reminder of the religious and cultural intolerance that they have experienced in their native countries, and ironically, why they sought freedom in the first place.

Although the Netherlands used to be known for its tolerance, these laws have turned it into one of the strictest countries in Europe.

This being said, there is a difference between integration and assimilation. It is one thing for a nation to expect new arrivals to understand the language and customs and to participate in society. That is why in the United States, the government requires a citizenship test involving questions of history, the Constitution, and other topics for immigrants who wish to become citizens. However, it is quite another to expect these im-

migrants to completely give up their culture and completely adopt the customs of their new homeland.

I believe the Netherlands are doing the right thing by expecting that long term residents have an understanding of the social rules, customs, and language. To deny this would undermine any other membership-based society, which has the right to say who belongs and who doesn't. Further, very few people from Western societies emigrate to places where the immigrants are coming from. So why should the West be forced to accommodate them and allow them to procure benefits, when the same privileges are not offered to us? It is not fair that the Western World be viewed as the "bad guys" when we simply do not have the resources or capacities to simply accept everyone.

However, the Netherlands should not have increased the difficulty of their citizenship test. In my opinion, it is acceptable to determine who deserves the citizenship of a particular country, but it is unfair to make such a test so difficult that no one is ever granted citizenship.

Value of a newspapers declining

JENNA MULVEY | Herald Reporter

In an effort to keep their newspaper afloat, The New York Times have established pay walls to require people to pay for online content. According to Davindra Hardawar's article New York Times pay wall plans are ambitious and sort of crazy, The New York Times lets readers read 20 articles per month for free. However,

once they go over that limit readers have to subscribe in order to continue reading. While I think the slow decline in print journalism is sad, I feel that once something

is on the internet, it's up there for everyone to see, and people should be allowed to see it without limitations.

News is an extremely important part of our lives. If a significant event, like Osama Bin Laden's death, has occurred people should be able to get to the news immediately anyway they want and the Internet is one of the easiest ways to do so.

Michael Scully, an assistant professor of communications at Roger Williams University, believes that this is one of the reasons why newspapers have lost their popularity to the Internet. "... Many of our students carry around cell phones, and because of that constant access to the news, we've been accustomed to ... having access to the media [constantly]. And the newspaper model doesn't

many other journalism students. Professor Scully agrees that students can benefit from this change, too.

"I find that publishers haven't been paying my students for their work, because they don't see any revenue coming in from the Internet," Scully said. "Now that these news groups will be earning revenue online, I think they have a certain responsibility to pay for the

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Assistant Professor of Communications

meet that; it's once every 24 hours," he says.

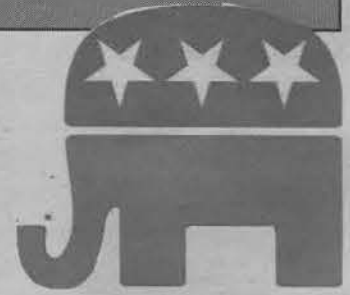
Making people pay for online content will affect everybody ranging from those working in the media industry, to online readers everywhere. Some day I hope to work for a magazine. So while I find paying for online content to be annoying, I do think that I will benefit from this change, along with

content they're gathering. So it will be good for my students. Students will graduate and go on to a professional world that will be willing to pay them for the work that they are doing,"

Scully says.

While it will be aggravating for people to have to pay for The New York Times and other news stories online, everyone can benefit from this change. Print journalism is slowly dying, but maybe the shift towards the pay wall system can give the news industry the jump it needs.

Democrat vs Republican:



Osama Bin Laden: Total reason for war in Middle East?

This past Sunday an event took place that Americans have been waiting almost 10 years for. Osama bin Laden was killed during a military operation, and at least some sort of closure occurred for thousands of families not only the United States, but throughout the world. After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the U.S. began a campaign to fight terrorism that would lead the country into two wars. The question remains, though, is the war still about terrorism, and was the war still about the destruction of al-Qaida, and the killing of Osama bin Laden?

Although the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have been going on for almost ten years now, I still believe that under

all of the bad press, and bad politics that the goal of killing or capturing bin Laden was still in mind. Both the Iraq War and the Afghan War have

different end goals, and began for reasons related to bin Laden, but may at some point strayed away from this goal. Iraq was thought, without a doubt, the war that was hard to figure out. With each passing year, the Iraq War became harder and harder to define, and I wasn't really sure what the point of being there was after a while. It wasn't really the smartest idea to go into Iraq, at the time there could have seemed to be reasons to do so, but as we found out there really wasn't.

We knew that bin Laden wasn't hiding in Iraq, so that war really had nothing to do with him. Of course there were al-Qaida activities going on there, but not on any level compared to in Afghanistan. Iraq became the war with no point. Not

that it is officially done and over with, although we still remain there, the country can look back and be thankful that we were able to remove a leader that was hurting his people. Democrats may not have wanted to be there, but the fact of the matter is that we did go into the country, so we might as well look at the glass as half full.

Afghanistan was the real war that was dealing with the capture of bin Laden. He was clearly operating in the country, and we may not like to go into other nations to conduct warfare, but after the attacks of Sept. 11, and all of the other operations that bin Laden took part in, Afghanistan seemed like the logical option. There

were two wars going on over the past decade, and both were about very different things as time went on. Iraq seemed to be pointless after the

first six months we were there, but the war in Afghanistan was helping defeat al-Qaida. Bin Laden was not only the leader of this group, but he was the spirit of it. He was the leader who was able to inspire others to take part in attacks, and now that he has been killed, al-Qaida has lost its main player, and will scramble to reevaluate themselves.

Both of the wars began because of attacks that took place in our country, but over time I feel they both became about very different things. Iraq, by the time it ended, was a completely different war than what it was when it began. The war in Afghanistan, though, stayed at least sort of on track fighting against al-Qaida, which is what it originally set out to do.

God bless America! After ten years of a searching, the United States finally found and killed Osama bin Laden (or Usama if you feel special). The news came Sunday night just moments before a statement from President Obama, who authorized the assassination. With the figurehead of al-Qaida and mastermind of the 9/11 attacks dead, is there a larger question looming? Does the death of the radical Islamist's mascot represent the conclusion of our war on terror, and therefore our need to be in the Middle East? Has our mission in Afghanistan been revised over the past decade, or has Osama always been our goal?

Our adventure into Afghanistan has never been about finding Osama bin Laden; it has, and remains, a mission dedicated to the

eradication of terrorist organizations that threaten the United States and her allies. Afghanistan was invaded because al-Qaida, under the leadership of bin Laden, was at fault for the unparalleled evil that we all remember on that fateful Tuesday in 2001.

We are involved in a "war on terror," which is a broad and unspecific way of saying "anyone who is and/or might be related to a terrorist cell." Osama bin Laden was not the goal; it was not one man who caused all the death and destruction we witnessed on 9/11, but rather thousands of men. We aim at annihilating these "evil-doers," but the death of Osama bin Laden is definitely a plus. Killing the leader of the al-Qaida may not cripple their ability to act. Hell, it might even aggravate them more, but it is simplistic justice

to the American people. Osama bin Laden was their leader, their figurehead, and we shot in him the head. Justice. BOOM!

Operation Enduring Freedom (the name for the war in Afghanistan; don't feel bad I had to look it up too) is ongoing, and we will not stop until that nation is capable of governing itself in a manner that denies the operation of terrorist cells within its borders. Our military will not stop until the last vestiges of evil are eradicated, whether that relies on ridding Afghanistan of the Taliban or al-Qaida entirely.

Iraq is a different question. We have officially gotten ourselves into a pickle

there and we will be leaving once the nation is stable enough to survive on its own. The vicious civil war that raged in the Iraqi borders for some years now was an unfortunate, but not unforeseeable, turn of

events that we must deal with.

I am concerned about Pakistan, and whether they knew Osama bin Laden was hiding a few blocks away from the Pakistani equivalent of West Point (yeah I'm sure they had no idea). Good news though, if the Pakistani's are playing both sides I'm sure they have realized we are watching them now.

So we aren't bringing the troops home anytime soon folks, but let us be thankful that we have the best military in the world. Our men and women overseas are amazing. They make "kicking a** and taking names" look like a walk in the park. Osama forgot that justice is not fast-acting but it will always find you. God Bless our troops abroad! God bless and good luck.

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RACY STACY: Summer Lovin'



RACY STACY | Herald Contributor

While you are at school it is easy to hibernate in your relationship. It doesn't matter whether that relationship is with someone on campus or if it is a long-distance love affair with someone from home. No matter who you are, summer brings changes in the weather and in your expectations. After finals, when you are spending time packing up all of the cute outfits that you wore out to parties and wrinkled pictures with the faded residue of double-sided tape, you usually aren't thinking about the best way to separate your bras from your socks. We are usually making mental lists of all the things and people we want to do before the end of the three-

month vacation. In a way, the beginning of summer almost feels like New Year's Eve all over again. We don't call them resolutions, but in our heads we are always thinking that we are going to make this the "best summer ever." It's unfortunate that so much of the time we rely on guys to act as the point of reference when defining how eventful our summer was.

It's mystifying that we are always taught to set goals that are realistic and attainable in regards to school and career options, but when it comes to the summer we expect absolute perfection in the love department.

Things never seem to work out the way we think they will when the end of August rolls around, which can lead to disappointment. That's why, I find that things are better when we relax and don't try to alter the motion of the ocean.

The Summer Prospect [thee-sum-ar-pras-pekt] (n): 1 the person or persons that one expects to have the perfect romantic involvement with between the months of May and August 2 this person can be imaginary or well-known to

the fantasist, but regardless the presumed outcome is not usually attained due to its unrealistic nature.

Before you leave school, figure out which one of the following sounds the most relevant to your life and be mindful of the mishaps that might take place when setting your summer standards.

Wing a Fling – For a lot of people summer means random, insignificant hook ups that expose tan lines and a Bob Marley, worry-free sort of attitude.

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While this is fun, if you go into summer thinking that you are going to be banging with the best of them, you could end up feeling incomplete and inferior if it doesn't happen. For many, we see the same people every summer at work, around town, and with friends. The likelihood of a single hottie moving in next door is doubtful. If something like that does happen, lucky you, but it's better to be pleasantly surprised than down in the dumps because you didn't find the illusion you

were looking for.

From 3 minutes to 3 hours – Contrary to popular belief, college is actually the perfect place to have a relationship if you think about it. When you are with someone in college, it is almost like you are living together. You can easily walk down a paved road and see them within seconds, you sleep in their bed every night, and you can even enjoy all your meals side by side. If you need space, you can take it, but if you want to see them you always have the option. When summer tumbles into town, it is a definite test on your relationship, if you choose

to stay together. Insecurities flare up whenever they tell you that they are going out, or when you see one of their cute, big-boobed friends write on their Facebook wall. It can put a strain on your trust if you are constantly concerned with what they are doing. Instead, take the summer as an opportunity to focus on hobbies that you enjoy and reconnecting with friends and family from home. If it's meant to be, you two will be able to stay together without stains of jealousy

getting in the way.

Constant Togetherness – If you have been in a long-term relationship, you probably have it down by now. For eight months out of the year, you have been perfecting the art of talking on the phone at night and seeing each other on weekends. You are probably ecstatic to go home and hang with your boy toy 24/7. Beware, of the too-much-togetherness syndrome though! When you go from having limited contact to an all-you-can-eat-buffet kind of love, you are more apt to get frustrated with your partner. To avoid this, make sure that you have your own to do list of undertakings that you want to accomplish this summer.

There is something about summer that makes us believe that anything is possible; never lose that feeling, but also remember not to lose yourself in defining what you think this summer should be. Usually what the universe has in store for us is better than anything that we could ever plan. So this summer, challenge yourself to not strategize your love life and follow the unexpected currents of change and humidity. After all, that is what summer is all about.

4 ways to relax during finals

CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter

With finals right around the corner, anxiety is inevitable for the majority of students on campus during the next couple of weeks. So here are five ways to relax, and reduce your stress. Just remember that summer is right around the corner!

1 Visit a Zoo.

Seeing animals just "being" allows us to slow down and relax. Animals at zoos are often slow moving and relaxed, which is proven to inspire us to move slower too. By going to the zoo we are also mixing up our daily routine and seeing animals that we may have never seen before in our lives. Seeing new things has been proven to excite people, which makes them happier, and reduces stress. Plan a field trip with your friends to the Roger Williams Zoo this weekend.

2 Look at pictures of friends and family.

Photographs are so powerful in that they can capture a moment in time and make it last forever. By looking at pictures of people that love us we feel less alone in our stress. We also remember the happy times in our lives, and realize that the stress from our finals will quickly pass.

3 Laughter Yoga.

This is a new form of yoga that is rapidly spreading across the world. Yogis combine laughing exercises with the breathing from yoga, which results in happy and relaxed people. Unlike regular yoga where people take classes at their local gym or yoga building, laughter yoga is a club. This creates relationships between people who have each other's support. Although laughter yoga has not yet reached Rhode Island, there are videos on YouTube that can guide you through a laughter yoga session. Laugh your way to relaxation!

4 Stare into an aquarium.

Many doctors' and dentists' offices have fish tanks in their waiting rooms in order to relax their clients. Researchers say that the bubbling noise that home aquariums make is proven to relax us. Not only are the bubbles calming, but the water itself also has been proven to be relaxing. This is why going to the beach and traveling to tropical locations reduces our stress significantly. Some researchers theorize that watching the fish drift slowly through the water allows us to feel unhurried so next time you are feeling overwhelmed with work, find a friend with a fish tank and gaze into the water.

An Offer You Can't Refuse

Tuesdays are college night at Leo's Ristorante

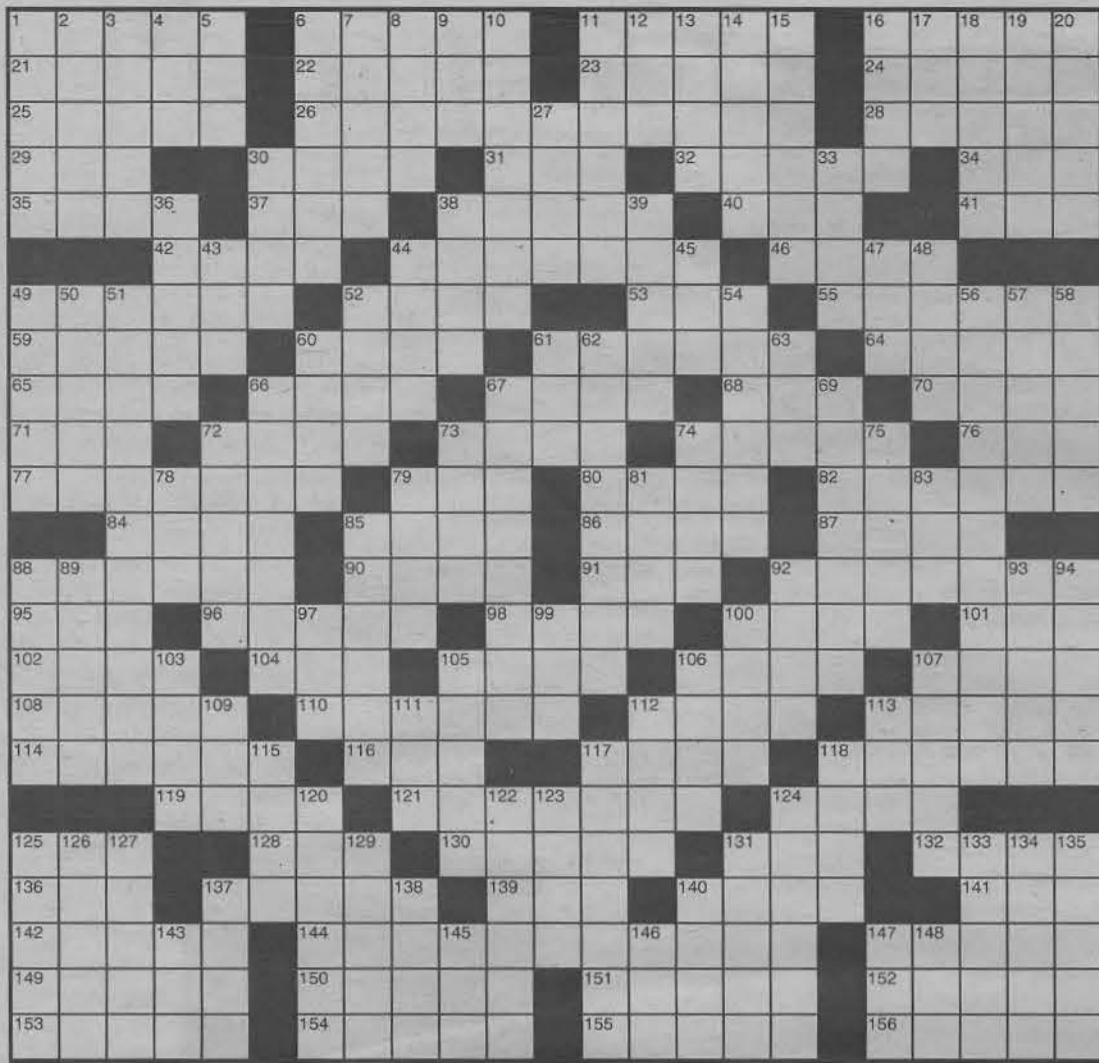
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SUNDAY PUZZLER

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| ACROSS | 108 | Browned bread | 49 | Postpone |
| 1 Loud sound | 110 | Crime | 50 | — acid |
| 6 Injures | 112 | Hay bundle | 51 | Kind of soft cookie |
| 11 Plate of mixed greens | 113 | Prom | 52 | Traveled |
| 16 — case scenario | 114 | Native American | 54 | Looked a long time |
| 21 Wheel spokes | 116 | Pooch | 56 | Easing the workload (hyph.) |
| 22 Cognizant | 117 | Hat part | 57 | Blue |
| 23 Put | 118 | Moved suddenly | 58 | Hinder |
| 24 Become less | 119 | Rod for roasting | 60 | Platter |
| 25 Tailor | 121 | Earth | 61 | Quid — quo |
| 26 Rascal | 124 | Benefit | 62 | Made soapy |
| 28 Competing one | 125 | Elec. unit | 63 | Dutch commune |
| 29 Scot's cap | 128 | Alehouse | 66 | Object of ridicule |
| 30 Use a blue pencil | 130 | Caffe — | 67 | Certain relative |
| 31 To a — | 131 | Opening | 69 | Undertaking |
| 32 Crunchy | 132 | Long story | 72 | Clear |
| 34 Building annex | 136 | Spoil the appearance of | 73 | Shade of blue |
| 35 Gaelic | 137 | — Jessica Parker | 74 | Degree holder, for short |
| 37 Came across | 139 | Dead lang. | 75 | Tantalize |
| 38 Discharged | 140 | Bird bill part | 78 | Dole or Dylan |
| 40 Modern | 141 | Payable | 79 | Flow slowly |
| 41 Like a fox | 142 | Century plant | 81 | Old |
| 42 Related by blood | 144 | Pioneering one | 83 | Insect |
| 44 Vocalist | 147 | Pilfered | 85 | Displayed |
| 46 Certain Scandinavian | 149 | Indian instrument | 88 | Raccoon-like animal |
| 49 Knife | 150 | Slowly, in music | 89 | Brother of Moses |
| 52 "— in Rome..." | 151 | Efface | 92 | Fashion |
| 53 — Alamos | 152 | Fathered | 93 | Female relative |
| 55 Song | 153 | Play part | 94 | Like some old cities |
| 59 Post or Dickinson | 154 | Glacial ridge | 97 | LummoX |
| 60 Lifeless | 155 | Challenged | 99 | Work at |
| 61 River in Nebraska | 156 | Girl in "Peter Pan" | 100 | Tranquil |
| 64 Sugary coating | | | 103 | Final-sale words |
| 65 Penalty | DOWN | | 105 | Russian writer |
| 66 Julep flavoring | 1 Container | | 106 | Sorrowful cry |
| 67 White-haired | 2 Speed-trap device | | 107 | DeVito or Glover |
| 68 Abr. in grammar | 3 Jefferson's predecessor | | 109 | Spigot |
| 70 Touch on | 4 Drink | | 111 | Destiny |
| 71 Sch. subj. | 5 Bash | | 112 | French cheese |
| 72 Disoriented | 6 Become calcified | | 113 | Pair |
| 73 Fast gait | 7 Be in store for | | 115 | Kind of palm |
| 74 Meet and — | 8 Engrossed | | 117 | Like beer and wine |
| 76 Raw material | 9 Title for women | | 118 | Slow pace |
| 77 Male deer | 10 Part | | 120 | Aquatic reptile |
| 79 Ocean | 11 Ill temper | | 122 | Paleness |
| 80 Long-eared creature | 12 Totality | | 123 | Attempt |
| 82 Closer | 13 Secular | | 124 | Denied entry |
| 84 Kind of salt or candy | 14 Fruit of the oak | | 125 | Gather together |
| 85 Actor Connery | 15 Declared untrue | | 126 | Sorcery |
| 86 Mild oath | 16 Distort | | 127 | Babble |
| 87 Gets browner | 17 Kimono sash | | 129 | Reveals |
| 88 Hack | 18 Rants and — | | 131 | Web-footed birds |
| 90 Retained | 19 Play for time | | 133 | Beautify |
| 91 Alert color | 20 TV, British style | | 134 | Held sway |
| 92 Wild horse | 27 Gas (prefix) | | 135 | The poor |
| 95 Scull | 30 Arab VIP | | 137 | Withered |
| 96 Hang down | 33 Mop | | 138 | Aaron or Williams |
| 98 Drove too fast | 36 Term in golf | | 140 | Old ruler |
| 100 Apple remnant | 38 Mr. Flintstone | | 143 | Mover's truck |
| 101 By way of | 39 Put off | | 145 | Native of (suffix) |
| 102 Field | 43 Fundamental | | 146 | Macaw genus |
| 104 Turn, said of aircraft | 44 Informal conversation | | 147 | Opp. of N.N.E. |
| 105 Good as — | 45 Decompose | | 148 | Cravat |
| 106 Walk through water | 47 Pester | | | |
| 107 Usual food | 48 Singer Fitzgerald | | | |

SUDOKU High Fives

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

WORD WARP

5/5/11 by Bill Biggar and Tom Gauer

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

Example: The solution to +flower, Wailing+ and Berlin+ is Wall.

+salad	7		+
+wing			+
+soup			+
wine+	6		+
soda+			+
ketchup+			+
+house	4		+
+brain			+
+dog			+
FINAL ANSWER		4	

ANSWERS (TOP TO BOTTOM): CHICKEN* BOLLIE* BIRD* FEED

ASTRO-GRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You can add a substantial amount of productivity to your work simply by showing a willingness to cooperate with colleagues. You'll accomplish much by sharing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If an associate at work tries to copy what you are doing, find a quiet corner off by yourself where you can perform your job. The boss will want to credit the real performer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you find yourself smack up against someone who always tries to upstage others, don't let this person steal your spotlight. Protect yourself, don't wreck yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let self-doubt fill you with pessimism regarding outcome of events. If you can maintain a can-do spirit, everything will work out just fine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although there is little doubt that you will be a welcome addition to a social gathering, a friend of yours who tags along might not feel so embraced. Help him or her to feel included.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're not likely to get things by merely snapping your fingers, but you will get what your work entitles you to receive. It'll be in your hands as to how much or how little you make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is not likely to be without its frustrations, so it will be important to keep a cool head. By holding things together, you'll be able to overcome any impediment that bars your path.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — One of the most admirable things about you is your helpfulness to those who need assistance. Don't be surprised if people who can't manage on their own lean on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Before attempting something new, you should think through all the things that could go wrong and try to avoid them as much as possible. It'll help you get off to a good start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When you're working with a clearly defined objective, impressive achievements become far more probable. Don't mar this clarity by taking on a lot of inessential side projects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Avoid discussing exciting plans with someone who is a negative thinker and is apt to put a damper on them. Tell a pal who'll add pizzazz on your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — As long as you and your associates don't have unrealistic expectations, you can make a joint endeavor successful. Be grounded and realistic, and avoid enticing yet false utopian goals.



COURTESY STEVE CARNEVALE

Steve Carnevale (L) and Jonathan Ellis (R) played key roles in Saturday's triumph.



COURTESY JESS KRAIZA

Kristen St. Pierre (R) won the 1500 meter and was part of the winning 4x400 relay.

End of the road for Men's Lacrosse

BRAD SHAPIRO | Herald Contributor

The Men's Lacrosse team made the long journey to Henniker, N.H. this past Saturday to participate in what has become an annual event for the club: The Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament. Not only is Roger Williams University accustomed to making the first round of the TCCC tournament, but they are used to winning in the quarterfinals as well.

The first round matchup provided a bit of déjà vu for the Hawks, as they would be facing the Pilgrims of New England College, a team they had just squared off against on the road two weeks prior in a tough 13-9 loss.

Looking to bounce back from their regular season defeat, the Hawks would take a 3-2 lead into halftime, but the Pilgrims would have the last say in a tightly contested game coming down to the last possession. The 9-8 victory for New England College eliminated the Men's Lacrosse team from the tournament and ended their season with an overall record of 8-9.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, losing close games was something the team had experienced several times during the regular season. Two of the most notable losses were against Endicott and Amherst College, both of whom are ranked in the top twenty in the nation. Each game came down to the final minutes of the fourth quarter, but the Hawks ultimately lost both contests by a slim, two goal margin.

Throughout the season the Men's Lacrosse team had trouble winning close games. While in

their victories the Hawks would win by an average of 10 goals per game, they would only lose by less than 4 goals per game in their defeats. The fourth quarter was also the only period in which the team had total fewer shots than their opponents on the season.

Head Coach Marty Kelly noted the competition had improved in the conference, which made it tougher for his team to achieve their goal of winning the TCCC Championship and advancing to the NCAA tournament. Despite not making the semifinals of the tournament this season, Kelly was impressed with how the team "stuck together during an up and down year, with a tough schedule, tough games, and good competition." As far as improvements for next season, Coach Kelly plans to work on strengthening the offense to go along with an impressive defense that came around at the end of the year and will have all four long poles returning for 2012.

Eight members of the club that will not be returning are the graduating seniors, five of whom are members of the All-TCCC Team, including Captains Drew Smith and Jim Turenne. "Both were terrific players and did everything they were asked to do" Kelly said of his two captains. Even though Kelly and the Men's Lacrosse team will miss this "unique group of guys," the Hawks look to fill their former players' shoes and come back even stronger next season.



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Double delight for RWU Track Teams

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

They may be the bridesmaids in terms of how much fame they receive around campus, but Saturday was all about the Roger Williams University Track and Field teams.

In just their third season as a varsity program, both teams brought home Commonwealth Coast Conference titles. Saturday's triumph was the third in as many years for the men, while the women won their second in a row. And while such an accomplishment may seem only realistic for a team that has a rich tradition with many years of experience, it may be all the more surprising to the average outsider that this program has only been in existence for such a short period of time.

Head coach Sean Livingston, who also heads the cross-country juggernaut (who, by the way, have won 10 and 11 consecutive men and women's titles, respectively), was very happy with the performance of his athletes, calling his team "unrelenting all day. They attacked each event and simply overwhelmed the competition. They are both deserving of the wins. The program has come a long way in three short years and I give all the credit to them and their hard work, determination, and focus. They really

came together for this meet."

The women's squad took the meet by the horns from the first few events and never looked back, amassing a whopping 276 points. Led by first-year Meg Breault's 32 points, which included victories in the 100 meter hurdles, long jump, and triple jump, the Hawks defeated second-placed Gordon College by 132 points. Joining Breault at the top of the podium in their respective events were Meghan Krauss 100m & 200m), Alexandra Honkala (800m), Kristen St. Pierre (1500m), Liliana Rutler (5K), and Marissa Jambor (10K). Add in many other scorers (which would take virtually the whole paper to list,) along with victories in both the 4x100 (Hannah Noel, Tory Benoit, Kraus, and Maria Lobalbo) and 4x400 (Honkala, St. Pierre, Annie Cassidy, and Katie O'Koren) relays, and you've got an unassailable squad that has it all covered.

The men found themselves in a dogfight "for about the first four or five events," according to senior Tom Maybury, who dominated the steeplechase, winning the 3000m event by 36 seconds. "It was back and forth (in terms of points) for a while, but then once we hit the 400 it opened up a bit." In addition to Maybury, RWU sported individual winners in Emil Porneles

(shot put, discus, and hammer throw), Justin Davis (400m), Steve Carnevale (800m), Tim Clarkin (110m&400m hurdles), Tom Jackson (pole vault), and Evan Jones (triple jump.) Couple those triumphs with a plethora of other scoring performances (including the victorious 4x400 relay team of Carnevale, Clarkin, Davis, and Jono Ellis) and there is your answer as to how the Hawks dominated the competition.

If any of the Hawks' opponents were to say that the teams will be depleted in terms of scoring talent, they would be sadly mistaken. While the men will have to say goodbye to Ellis, Maybury, Andrew Gallant, and Brian Ki, who all played vital roles on Saturday, they retain 235 of their 253 individual points. The women, on the other hand, return their entire team. Add in the fact that Livingston, a former high school and Division III All-American is at the helm, and there is enough evidence that this prolific program will be just as strong next season as they demonstrated on Saturday. These teams don't "re-build"; they just "re-load."

Livingston said that this meet was "a glimpse of what the future holds." Based on what happened Saturday, that future appears to be very bright.

UEFA Champions League Final: The sporting occasion of the spring

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Sports Editor

As the school year comes to a close, the barrage of post-season sporting events begins to increase. The Boston Celtics are currently in the middle of a series with the Miami Heat. Their hockey counterparts, the Bruins, recently advanced to the NHL Eastern Conference semi-finals with a victory over the highly despised Montreal Canadiens. And who could forget about all of the collegiate sports right on campus that are taking place? Indeed, spring and sports are two "S" words that are synonymous with the outdoors.

However, in my slightly biased opinion, I find that there is a bigger sporting event than all of these. It's even bigger than the World Series, which draws an average of 73 million

viewers (over a seven-game series.) Even more viewed than the Super Bowl! Yes, ladies and gentlemen, soccer's UEFA Champions League Final between Barcelona and Manchester United is, in my opinion, the biggest sporting event of the spring.

What is the Champions League? Essentially the World Series of European Soccer, the Champions League involves the "best" 32 teams of the continent. Many countries, such as England, Spain, Italy, and France, receive between two and four "places" in the competition at the beginning of each year, usually determined by

their placing in their domestic "league" (which is analogous to the "conference standings" in baseball.) Each team is placed in a group of four. After play-

zero for a loss) advance to the "knockout stage" of sixteen teams. From then on, teams are pitted against opponents whom they play a two game series

in which the aggregate score becomes a factor (if it comes down to a tie, the team with more away goals advances.) This process continues through the quarterfinals, semi-finals, and all the way down to the "final" which is a single game, similar to the Super Bowl.

Let's have a look at the two teams involved: Barcelona and Manchester United. Both teams have been recently successful in this competition; Barcelona winning at United's expense in 2009 in the final,

while United knocked out Barcelona in the semis en route to their 2008 triumph. They both have players who are globally known in Lionel Messi and Wayne Rooney, along with rich heritage and fervent supporters. Despite the fact that Barcelona are favorites in the eyes of most neutrals, it is without doubt that both these teams deserve to be in the final.

Even if you aren't a fan, I encourage you to tune in to the final of the competition on May 28. Soccer may be different from what you are accustomed to in terms of hard-hitting, body-slammng action, but two of the best teams in the world facing off is enough impetus to sit down for 90 minutes. It'll be worth it. And who knows? You might just want to watch again next year.



ing each of their group opponents twice, the two highest teams in terms of point total (of which a team receives three for a win, one for a draw, and