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# THE HAWKS' HERALD

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## Public Safety videotapes write-up; student feels 'violated'

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

Does Public Safety have the right to record?

This was the question on students' minds following an incident involving a residence hall, Public Safety, and a video camera.

According to John Blessing,

Director of Public Safety, the answer is yes; however, it is a right that is rarely exercised. Discussion about the topic was ignited following an on-campus alcohol documentation that was videotaped by Public Safety officers.

On the night of Jan. 29, on-duty Resident Assistants (RAs)

and Public Safety officers entered and cleared out a Bayside apartment that was found violating the university's maximum capacity of guests (The maximum capacity for any given dorm on campus is five times the number of residents).

Upon entering the room, alcohol was also found, and the

residents were written up for alcohol policy violations. Public Safety officers documented the event through the use of a video camera, which recorded footage of the alcohol, as well as every room in the Bayside apartment, according to senior Tom

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## The search is on



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Presidential candidates arrive on campus

## Prestigious speakers coming to RWU Guests set to lecture on culture, arts

CLARA MOSES | Herald Reporter

Two speakers will be coming to Roger Williams University this spring for this semester's civil discourse distinguished lecture series.

Last semester, Taslima Nasrin, a Pakistani author, and Mallika Sarabhai, an Indian activist and performer, came to the school as part of the lecture series.

During the week of March

22 to 25, Robert Quinn, the founding Executive Director of the Scholars at Risk Network, will be at the university.

Quinn is the second Woodrow Wilson Fellowship speaker RWU was awarded this year, the first one being Nasrin.

"It's a pretty prestigious program to be involved with," said Allison Chase-Padula, the Director of Conferences and

Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, about the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program.

The theme of this year's lecture series is "Artists and Writers at Risk." Quinn's speech, "Courage to Think," will fit in with this. It will take place on March

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## Women's basketball players named to TCCC honors

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter

The results are in for the 2010-2011 All-Commonwealth Coast Conference team. The Roger Williams University Women's basketball team placed two of its members to the team, sophomore forward Alexandria Lanieri and freshman guard Kaitlyn Bovee.

Lanieri was named All-TCCC Honorable mention for the

second year straight. She was a league leader in several categories for the TCCC, tying at 14th with an average of 12 points per game. Lanieri was 13th in the league for rebounds with 7.3 per game. Her presence was strong in the paint, placing her third in the league for blocks per game with 1.7.

Bovee took the spotlight in her

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## THIS JUST IN *NEWS BRIEFS*

### System glitch delays some Southwest flights

A telecommunications glitch at Southwest Airlines ticket counters caused delays to some flights Tuesday night.

"We had a temporary telecommunications systems outage that caused some customer service issues at our ticket counters throughout the system and we had to implement a manual system," said Ashley Dillon, spokeswoman for the airline. "It caused some short delays, less than an hour." —*CNN.com*

### Taliban: Pakistani minister killed over stance on blasphemy law

A Pakistani government minister who had said he was getting death threats because of his opposition to a controversial blasphemy law was shot to death Wednesday.

Shahbaz Bhatti was the only Christian member of the Cabinet in Pakistan, where 95 percent of people are Muslim. He served as the government's minister of minority affairs. —*CNN.com*

### Apple's Jobs unveils iPad 2

With a surprise appearance by CEO Steve Jobs, Apple on Wednesday debuted its iPad 2, updating the gadget that's become nearly synonymous with tablet computing.

"So what's new?" said Jobs, who appeared at the event to a standing ovation. "It's an all-new design." He said the new tablet will be "dramatically faster" than its predecessor. —*CNN.com*

### In new book, pope exonerates Jews for Jesus' death

Pope Benedict XVI has made a sweeping exoneration of the Jewish people for the death of Jesus Christ in a new book, tackling one of the most controversial issues in Christianity.

In *JESUS OF NAZARETH* excerpts released Wednesday, Benedict uses a biblical and theological analysis to explain why it is not true that the Jewish people as a whole were responsible for Jesus' death.

—*msnbc.msn.com*

### Ford recalls vehicles over fuel leaks

Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday recalled about 35,000 pickup trucks and crossover vehicles in the U.S. and Canada because of possible fuel leaks and electrical shorts that could lead to fires.

Ford said that the recall included about 25,000 2010 Ranger pickups and involves fixing potential problems with the fuel line that could lead to a fuel leak and a fire. —*msnbc.msn.com*

## VIDEO: Student Handbook currently lacks policy

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Maybury, one of the room's residents.

"As a student, my privacy felt violated by the video documentation of our apartment," Maybury said.

Blessing acknowledged that though the intent of the Public Safety officer's use of a video camera in Maybury's room was for the intent of documenting alcohol violations inside the room. Video cameras have generally been used in public areas on campus, something which Blessing said he is "more comfortable with."

"The general practice in the past when Public Safety documented alcohol violations in the residence rooms is with notes and reports and, on occasion, with photographs. That is the more appropriate method to document these types of incidents at the university," Blessing said.

Concerned about his privacy, Maybury decided to issue a formal complaint in the form of a letter to the Student Senate, because "Senate is the liaison between the students and the university," Maybury said.

"I figured if I asked Senate to get involved, we could get answers and hopefully prevent other students from feeling an invasion of privacy," Maybury said.

Senate's Student Affairs Committee, which deals with issues on campus that are unrelated to academics. Blessing also scheduled a meeting with Maybury following his letter. The Committee arranged for two meetings: one with Maybury, and one with Blessing.

Kris Carter, Chair of the Stu-

dent Affairs Committee, said that at the meeting with Maybury, the Committee agreed that Public Safety's actions were excessive.

At his meeting with Blessing, Maybury said that he wanted answers about why a video camera was used and if it was a new policy the campus was trying.

"I wanted to get answers for the students," Maybury said. "As a former RA, there was no use of any digital documentation. This meeting was not to

video or digital record or photograph of any person where there is reasonable expectation of privacy (i.e.: restroom, locker room, etc.) ... shall constitute violations of the RWU Code of Student Conduct."

However, that code does not apply to Public Safety. Because RWU is a private university, it has the right to limit students' rights. This is because "tuition and employment contracts rule private school relationships. The hurdles erected by the U.S.

Constitution's Fourth and Fifth Amendments are exclusive to the nation's public schools," according to the Center for Public Education.

Maybury said that he understood the supervisor's reasoning behind the use of the camera in his room, but said that if cameras were going to be used in the residents' rooms, students should be educated about university's policies on videotaping and documentation.

"An informative seminar or letters to the students explaining the policy of the video cameras would allow the students to learn the changing policies on campus," Maybury said.

The Committee had similar views. "We understand the need for a camera," Carter said. "We just want to make sure it will be used properly and not all the time."

In response to the meetings, Blessing reviewed the camera's use and began outlining protocol for the portable [video] camera. Once finished, he said he is looking to have the policy adapted into the Student Handbook.

"I WANTED TO GET ANSWERS FOR THE STUDENTS ... THE MEETING WAS SO I COULD FIND OUT IF RWU WAS GOING TO START A VIDEOTAPING POLICY FOR DOCUMENTATION."

— Tom Maybury

try and relieve my sanctions; I know I was wrong by having a large gathering, and I paid for that with the consequences. The meeting was so I could find out if RWU was going to start a video[taping] policy for documentations."

The question about a videotaping policy was the biggest question the Student Affairs Committee had, because there is currently no policy detailed in the RWU Student Handbook.

In the Handbook, the only reference to videotaping occurs in the RWU code of Student Conduct, which reads: "The use of any device to capture audio,

## SPEAKERS: Quinn and Albee scheduled for spring semester

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23 at 5:30 p.m. in room 238 of the Law School.

"We were lucky that [Quinn's lecture] just happened to tie into [the theme]. It was done intentionally so we weren't just bringing different people speaking on different topics," Chase-

Padula said.

RWU has to apply for Woodrow Wilson Fellowship speakers.

Quinn also serves on the Steering Committee of the Network for Education and Academic Rights (NEAR) and the Council of the Magna Charta Observatory. He is the former founding Executive Director of the Scholar Rescue Fund and has been involved with many similar things in the past.

The second speaker coming this semester is renowned playwright Edward Albee. He will lecture on April 3 in the Campus Recreation Center.

Albee is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner. One of his best-known works is the drama, *WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?*, which won the Tony and New York Drama Critics Circle Award in 1962.

"We're expecting that one to be a big, popular event," Chase-

Padula said of Albee's lecture.

"It's very exciting to have him," said Jeffrey Martin, Chair of the Department of Performing Arts and Professor of Theatre. "He's probably the most important living American playwright."



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executive director of the  
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## TCCC: Basketball players given accolades

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rookie debut. She was named All-TCCC Honorable Mention as well as Rookie of the Year. She led the Hawks in scoring during conference play, averaging 11.5 points per game. This placed her 17th in TCCC standings and second among freshmen. Bovee was also 4th in the league for throw percentage (.841). She was ranked 8th in both the three-point field goal percentage (.368) and in rebounds per game (8.2).

Collectively, the Hawks had a standout year under first year head coach Kelly Thompson. The team finished at 16-10 overall and 8-5 in the league, a large improvement from last year when they finished 9-17 overall and 5-8 in conference play. This season's performance set a school record for wins.

"The huge improvement this team made over last year's record is not a shock to anyone

inside our program - we knew we had the talent to turn things around, and it was just a matter of pointing that talent in the right direction... I think we are just scratching the surface of what this team will achieve in the upcoming years, especially with a strong core of players returning," Thompson said.

The Hawks earned the 6th seed in the TCCC tournament after being ranked 9th in the preseason. They went on to upset Colby-Sawyer College 73-68 in the quarterfinals.

Lanieri led the charge with a career-high 29 points, 7 blocks, and 11 rebounds. The Hawks ended their season on a loss to the University of New England in the TCCC semi-finals. The team will graduate four seniors, Kate Malenczak, Carly Spagnola, Nicole Atchue, and Sara Morris.

## MISPRINT

A statistic listed in the Feb. 24 article "DRUG USE DOWN ON CAMPUS" incorrectly stated "In 2006, 91% of students reported that they used marijuana everyday." It should have read "9.1%."

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

THE HAWKS' HERALD was notified by Heidi Hartzell, Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, that statistics published in the Feb. 24 article "PERMANENT RECORD" were incomplete. The following four statistics were not listed in the original article.

### Spring and Fall 2010 Student Disciplinary Suspensions

- 2 suspensions for participation in a fight and assault on another community member on campus while under the influence of alcohol.
- 1 suspension for disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest off-campus. Included multiple violations of the Conduct Code and of University probation.
- 1 suspension for driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, causing off-campus property damage. Included making false statements to the police. This student was arrested.

# Presidential candidates come to RWU

AMANDA NEWMAN | Managing Editor

The search for the next Roger Williams University president is fully underway.

Brenda Littlefield, the Executive Assistant to the President, has been spearheading the task of informing and updating the RWU community about the search process.

In the latest emails, Littlefield reported that the search process has been narrowed down to three candidates, two of whom are current sitting presidents.

Due to the discretion regarding applicants, THE HAWKS' HERALD refrains from releasing any information about candidates that could publicly identify them. However, the candidates' experience range

from fundraising campaigns to psychology.

Littlefield and the presidential search committee encourage students to attend the open-forum sessions that are being held during each candidates' time on campus. The first candidate was on campus from Feb. 27 to March 1. The second candidate will be on campus from March 2 to March 4, and the third and final candidate will be visiting from March 6 to March 8.

Each candidate has a busy itinerary planned for their respective stays on campus. The candidates will all sit for multiple interviews with a variety of administrators and faculty on campus, and will have the opportunity to talk to students, as well.

## Milner named interim women's lax coach

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Herald Reporter

Fans of the Roger Williams Women's Lacrosse team will notice there will be a new face calling the shots on the sideline this year.

Mary Jane Milner, who has over 10 years of coaching experience in the game, will be taking over on an interim basis while the search to replace the departed Abi Jackson takes place. She inherits a squad that has reached the The Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship (TCCC) game the past three consecutive years. Though the team has fallen short of the grand prize on each of those occasions, Milner thinks this may be the year that the women are able to finally win it all. She certainly has reason to be optimistic.

Milner grew up in a family of six girls (all of whom played the game) in lacrosse hotbed Moorestown, N.J., playing for legendary coach Bea Thomas. Though a native of the Mid-Atlantic region, she does bear a connection to this state, as she attended the University of Rhode Island. At her alma mater, she received a scholarship to play both lacrosse and field hockey, earning a spot on

the New England Collegiate Lacrosse Select Team. Most recently, while living in Pa., she was at the helm of the Central Susquehanna Girls' Lacrosse Club (PA) and the Lewisburg High School team, as well as leading the premier Capital Region Keystone Games Girl's team to statewide silver medal finishes in 2004 and 2005. Indeed, Milner has great knowl-

ing quickly through the air and the players are passing and cutting precisely."

Despite a youthful roster, which includes nine freshmen, Milner is satisfied with what she has seen. "I am pleased with how our team is looking. We have some extremely solid senior anchors in our defense and midfield. Our rookie freshmen are showing much potential and new talent," Milner said.

Milner believes the shift from indoor practices in the Campus Recreation Center to training on grass will inject enthusiasm into her players. "We are definitely looking forward to getting outside and can't wait to get our games underway," Milner said.

Though a new season brings many uncertainties, Milner is optimistic in assessing her team's chances. "I feel that, with the right amount of hard work and determination, this might be the year for us to break the glass ceiling," Milner said. And though she ultimately wants to win the TCCC Championship, she said she can only ask that her team "works hard, plays hard, and leaves everything they have on the field." Based on what she has seen, achieving one or both of those goals seems plausible.



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Mary Jane Milner

edge of the game.

"I love the way the game is played," said Milner. "It really is a game of finesse and speed."

She cites the aesthetic beauty in the game as a large draw for fans. "It is such a beautiful game to watch when the ball is mov-

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# Students put on a show(case)

NICHOLLE BUCKLEY | Herald Reporter

The University Honors Program and Alpha Chi have joined forces and are giving students a chance to show off their work with an Academic Showcase Exhibit Gallery. Anything from papers and portfolios to photographs and sculptures are welcome, said Peter Deekle, Director of the University Honors Program and Dean of the Library.

"We wanted to identify from across the campus those instances where student talent, creativity, and interests exists and find a way to highlight them, display them, and recognize them. This is not only to celebrate and recognize those various entries and individuals, but hopefully to motivate or inspire people in the years ahead," Deekle said.

Deekle started the event ten years ago. Since then, it has only grown. The first couple of years, the event was held in the Marine and Natural Sciences lobby where there were about 6 tables and only 20 entries. After those first two years, Alpha Chi was invited to co-sponsor, and there was a need for more space and multi-day exhibits.

"Now we have well over 120 entries annually, and each year we take in more. We don't have a set limit on the total number of entries, although each entrant is permitted one entry, so that's 120 students, but we always welcome more than that. So far, we have almost never and very rarely turned an entry away. We try to show all of them, as long as they conform



NICHOLLE BUCKLEY

The School of Art, Architecture, and Historic Preservation's gallery will host the Academic Showcase.

to the guidelines."

Becky Spritz, Assistant Director of the University Honors Program, and Bonita Cade, Faculty Sponsor for Alpha Chi, are also helping with the exhibit. Cade is the coordinator of entry judging. She is convening a panel of faculty judges from as many disciplines as possible.

"As far as awards, we've invited each academic school to provide awards, and in each instance, they could give up to a first, second, and third prize for entries that come from students within those schools," Deekle said. "In addition, the University Honors Program and Alpha Chi gives awards to students in

each class: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior. Also, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, will give one or more awards."

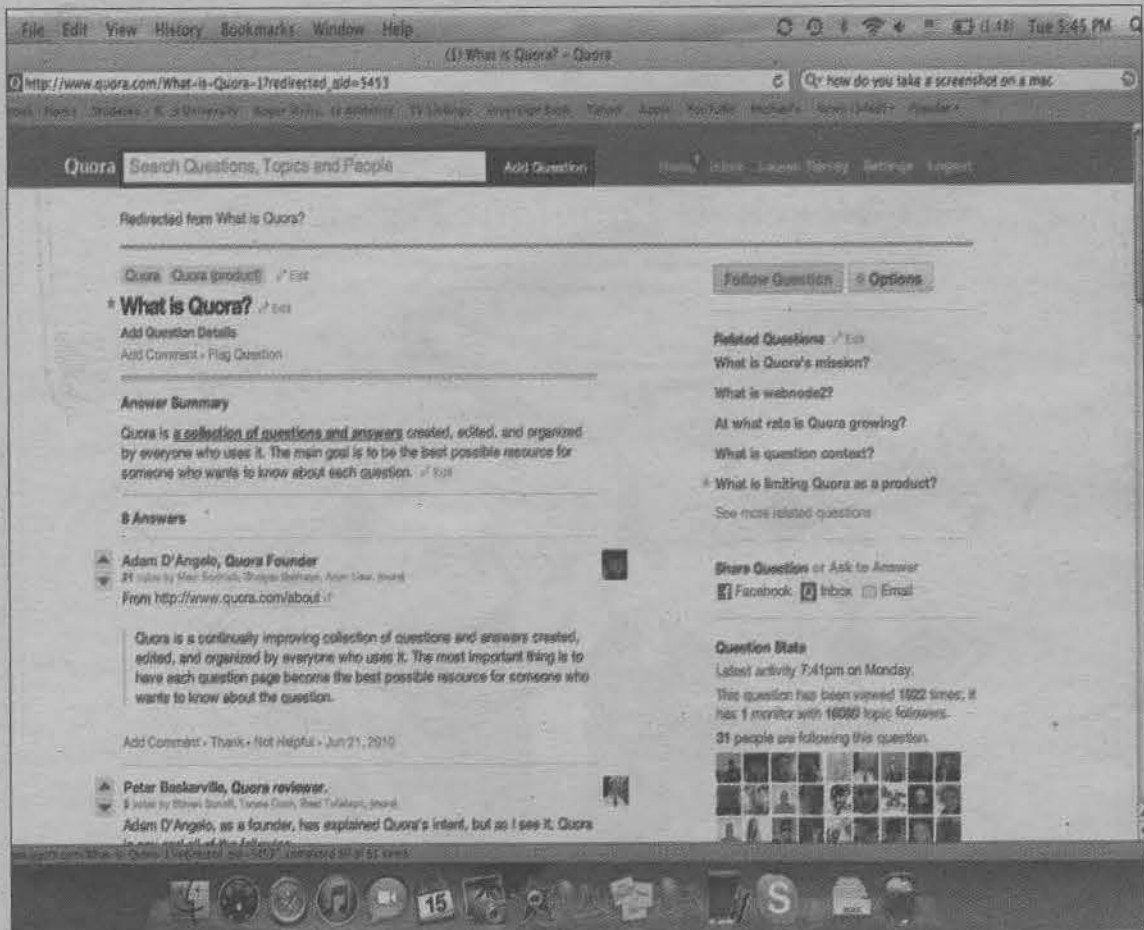
Deekle suggests that students submit their entry form before spring break because they are due on March 25. The exhibit will be held in the School of

Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation's Exhibit Gallery April 6 through 10. Everyone receives a certificate of recognition just by entering.

"This is an opportunity we provide for student achievement," Deekle said.

## Searching for the new search engine

LAUREN TIERNEY | Herald Reporter



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Quora is the newest search engine to gain significant media attention for its ability to follow others' searches.

As Internet usage grows at an exponential rate, companies are resurfacing an old idea with a new twist. Many new question and answer websites are entering the market. The leaders of this online industry are Wiki-Answers and Yahoo Answers. According to analytics firm comScore, Inc., 50 million people used these sites in the United States during the month of Dec. Comparatively, the newest question and answer site, Quora, still has low traffic, with only 164,000 visitors in the U.S. during the same time.

The creators of Quora, Charlie Cheever and Adam D'Angelo, have plenty of experience with online networking sites. Cheever was an engineer and project manager at Facebook. Quora looks to provide a different, more professional service than previous question and answer sites. The site uses a Twitter-like feature that allows the user to follow friends on the site and see what questions they post.

Unlike traditional question and answer search engines, users must sign up for an account. Users can find friends and set a profile picture. The method

behind this system is to give users an idea of who is answering their questions. Often, answers on these types of sites are either irrelevant or poorly supported.

Quora allows users to see if it's a doctor answering their medical questions or a schoolteacher. In addition to the answerer awareness feature, there are also community moderators that govern the site, cutting out irrelevant answers.

To enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of the site, Quora requires posted questions to contain proper grammar and wording. When a user attempts to post his first question, he must read requirements of questioning on the site. These requirements include the aforementioned proper grammar and wording, as well as the requirement that a question must be understood at any point in time. For example, a user may not ask who starred in last night's episode of CSI. The date of the episode must be included.

While Quora is still a small traffic site, it hopes to expand due to its relevant search answers and professional site appearance. Currently, it has an estimated value of \$86 million.

# Winter meltdown: Bristol's snow budget drained

**DARIELLE TERRY** | Herald Reporter

For those living in the area, it should come as no surprise that Rhode Island's snowfall this winter was above average. Over winter break and during the beginning of spring semester, Bristol was hit with snow storm, after snow storm, which has taken a toll on the town.

"We're 22.4 inches above normal snow fall rates, up to this point in time," said Bill Simpson, spokesperson from the National Weather Service (NWS).

Normally, by the beginning of March, Bristol sees an average of 27.1 inches of snow. This year, Bristol has already seen 49.5 inches of snow, and the winter precipitation season is not over yet, according to the NWS branch in Taunton, Mass.

This year, Bristol's municipal plowing and snow removing crews struggled to keep up with the high level of snowfall.

"It's been quiet a challenge, frankly, and it's also very expensive," said Diane Mederos, the Bristol Town Administrator.

One of the problems Bristol officials faced this year was finding the money in their budget to pay for all the plowing, parking ban enforcement, and the employment of snow removal personnel.

"The council only budgeted

\$50,000 for snow removal, which was probably blown on the first storm," Mederos said. "Right now we're over \$100,000 spent in that line item and the dust hasn't settled yet. I mean

to spend this season.

"When you budget for these things, you have no idea what kind of a season you're going to get," Mederos said.

Not only do Bristol town ad-

weekend where our personnel would get time-and-a-half [hourly pay]," Mederos said.

The fact that most of the storms this winter fell on weekends sped up the sinking of

"The same people who do the plowing are the same people who have to then pick up the trash. These people are very tired at the end of cleaning the snow for hours at a time and then they have to go pick up the trash," Mederos added. "So it's been difficult on that end as well."

In order for these personnel to actually clean the roads, the residents in Bristol were asked to move their cars from the road. A parking ban was put into effect before each snowstorm. Town residents were required to move their cars onto driveways, into parking lots, or even onto the Bristol Town Commons so that the Department of Public Works could sand, salt, and plow the entire roadway.

"Dealing with the parking ban to get people to get off the roads to get them clean is sometimes a challenge because people either don't listen to the television or don't realize that they have to move their cars," Mederos said.

Yet, Mederos remained positive about the town's monetary and meteorological forecast.

"We've had some challenges," Mederos said. "We've tackled it the best we can do and hopefully were seeing spring coming sooner than later."



**MARK FUSCO**

*Sand used to clean winter roads clogs Bristol storm drains. Besides littering the streets with debris, winter storms ravaged Bristol's budget, costing the town twice what it allocated for snow removal.*

we still have a couple more weeks to get through at least."

Snow removal requires a lot of time, resources, and equipment. Plowing and sanding the roads have cost the town a lot more than they were prepared

ministrators not know how much snow will fall during a given winter, but they also do not know on which days the snow will fall.

"It seems like a lot of the storms ended up falling on the

Bristol's snow removal budget into the red.

And not only was the town's budget drained by the weekend snowfall, the men and women cleaning the streets were physically over-taxed, too.

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## Council supports vicious dog law

ARTICLE COURTESY | Bristol Phoenix

In response to a series of recent pit bull attacks on people and pets in Bristol, the town council has endorsed a resolution to criminalize attacks by vicious dogs to make their owners responsible.

The resolution approved at the last council meeting states that criminalizing attacks by "vicious dogs," which is a determination made after an attack by a panel including a police officer and a R.I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals representative, will place more responsibility on the owners of vicious dogs to keep the public and pets protected. The resolution asks the General Assembly to make this a law and to require within the law that the owner of a vicious dog compensate victims without having to file a civil suit.

"This is positive, because we know this is a very serious prob-

lem and we know it needs to be addressed," Councilor Halsey Herreshoff said.

Todd Roper, whose dog was severely wounded by a pit bull at December's Grand Illumination downtown, spoke favorably of the council's push for a state law. The pit bull, owned by Michael Decosta of Warwick, was deemed vicious after it attacked Mr. Roper's dog, which sustained bites on its head and snout. A bystander and the pit bull owner's teenage son, who led the dog through the congested streets during the holiday festival, also were injured in the attack.

The Ropers incurred approximately \$1,000 in veterinarian bills, which Mr. Decosta initially offered to pay. Mr. Decosta has since made no attempt to compensate him for his expenses, Mr. Roper said.

The petition was brought about because of irresponsible dog owners and the lack of re-

course other than civil action for the victims.

"I'd like to carry on with the (police) chief at some point to discuss our town ordinances," Mr. Roper said.

After several dog bite incidents, Police Chief Josue Canario and other dog owners agreed to discuss possible measures that could be made at the municipal level to keep the public out of harm's way of aggressive dogs and make pet owners accountable. Chief Canario has agreed to schedule a meeting to begin that discussion.

The signed resolution was handed to state Senator Christopher Ottiano (R-Bristol, Portsmouth) at the meeting.

The deadline to submit new legislation has passed for this session. However, Sen. Ottiano has begun to research the issue. He is also looking into "options for how legislation like this may be worded and the role it could serve."

## New board takes helm at Mt. Hope Farm

ARTICLE COURTESY | Bristol Phoenix

The Mt. Hope Trust elected a new slate of officers at the annual meeting on Jan. 15 at the farm's Cove Cabin, a spot for meetings and events located on Mt. Hope Bay.

Joseph Brito Jr. was elected president of the board of trustees. A Bristol resident with a long list of philanthropic endeavors locally, Mr. Brito, who is vice president of C. Brito Construction, has been supportive of the farm over the years and served as co-chairman of a major fundraising event last summer. He was appointed a trustee in 2010.

"I am honored to lead the Mt. Hope Trust at this exciting and pivotal point in its history," Mr. Brito said. "The overwhelming talent and commitment of this new board was the deciding factor in taking on this challenge. I look forward to working with them and Executive Director Janet Zwolinski to raise the visibility of the farm through increased public programming, creative fundraising events, and greater use of the inn and special events venues."

Officers elected to other posts include Beverly Larson, vice president; Marcia Blount, treasurer; John Day and Kate Breslin Harden, assistant treasurers; and Lane Sparkman, secretary.

Last fall, the Mt. Hope Trust updated its bylaws regarding who must serve on the board of trustees. The requirement that town officials, a Haffenreffer family member, and a member of the board of governors serve as trustees was stricken, opening up many seats that were filled in the fall.

With new trustees, Marcia Blount and Kate Harden, installed on Jan. 15, the board is now composed of all new members, except two who are still serving out their terms, Victoria White and Rob Pirri. The board of trustees also includes Jerry Dauterive, Marc Landry, Georgina Macdonald,

Sandra Matrone Mack, Merritt K. Meyer, Anthony Rego (town council at-large appointee) and Tim Serbst.

And the new trustees have tackled their duties with a relish. The new board has been meeting every two weeks, and each trustee has volunteered to serve on one or more subcommittees that include strategic planning, development, events, marketing, agriculture, programs, buildings and grounds, and finances.

"As far as enthusiasm," Mr. Brito said, "it's over the top. The trustees are coming to the meetings with their sleeves rolled up and diving into the work. We have had 100 percent member participation at each board meeting."

Some immediate goals of the new board are to complete a public survey (more information in sidebar) about visitors' experiences and interests at the farm to include in a five-year strategic plan; to roll out a membership campaign that "offers the opportunity for members to invest in the farm's future" through memberships ranging from \$35 to \$1,000; to raise an endowment; and to develop an electronic newsletter for members and friends who have provided e-mail contact information.

The next event at Mt. Hope Farm is a wine and chocolate tasting and silent auction on Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the barn; tickets are \$40 each. A raffle to benefit the farm kicked off this past Saturday and offers cash prizes of a \$5,000 grand prize and two \$2,500 prizes. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased from the farm or a trustee. The raffle will be drawn at the farm's Cool Jazz at Cove Cabin event on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Mt. Hope Farm can always use volunteers; if you're interested, contact the farm at 254-9300. "We're opening our arms to anyone who wants to assist us in our campaigns," Mr. Brito said.

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## Warren DMV branch extends hours

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Warren's Division of Motor Vehicles branch will be open an additional day each week in the wake of the closure of the DMV's Middletown branch. The branch, on Joyce Street, is usually open Tuesdays, but starting yesterday, it will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

The additional hours were requested by Rep. Jan Malik and Sen. Walter S. Felag of Warren as a way to accommodate those East Bay and Aquidneck Island residents who would have been

left out in the cold by the Middletown branch's closure. Prior to their request to open the Warren branch an additional day, DMV officials had suggested that East Bay and Aquidneck residents use the Wakefield branch. That would require a long ride, and fees for crossing the Pell bridge.

Until a new home for the Middletown branch can be opened - DMV officials hope to have the new office occupied by July 1 - Warren will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# Professors outside the classroom

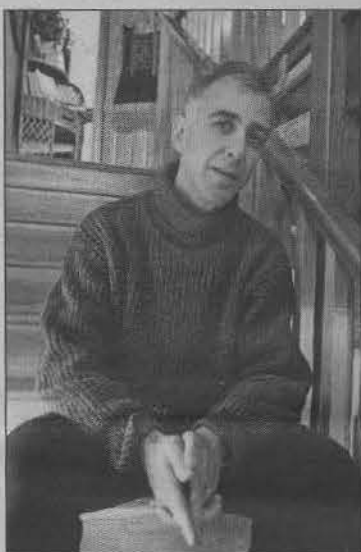
## RWU faculty publish myriad works

KINSEY JANKE | Herald Reporter

For many Roger Williams University students, their professors are just the adults they listen to three times a week. These students turn in writing assignments, lists of equations solved correctly, and they cram last minute for tests. Then, these students go on their way to a new semester filled with new professors. But what many students don't realize is that they are slowly but surely being honed into career-ready professionals by the very people who they want to eventually be.

Professors Adam Braver and James Tackach are two professors on campus that know exactly what they are doing.

Adam Braver, a 47-year-old



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Professor Adam Braver has published four books, and has a fifth one due out in 2012.

California native, is an assistant professor of Creative Writing and a writer-in-residence at RWU. After getting his Masters in Creative Writing at Vermont's Goddard College, Braver started looking for a teaching job at a university.

"I started writing and teaching around the same time," Braver said. "It was hard for me to find a teaching job [at first], but once I put out a book it got a lot easier. It opened some doors for me to get into other universities to teach."

Braver has written and published four books to date, with a fifth due out in 2012. His work deals with fictionalized accounts of real people and what they went through, featuring an emphasized human element in his writing.

"Some of it is actually just like journalism," Braver said. "Sort of like a combination of journalism and fiction and about finding those moments inside people's heads that you don't normally know about."

And so, like with journalistic writing, Braver's work comes with a side of research. Since his literature deals with people like Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, actress Sarah Bernhardt, and a renowned Vincent Van Gogh scholar, Braver is always immersed in research before he can begin his writing.

"The research is educating yourself on the basics," Braver said. "But I also like finding the

odd stories and coming across little tidbits of weird information that sometimes tell more of the story than the big part of the story. I do a lot of research, and I like interviewing people."

Braver's books have been selected for the Barnes and Noble Discover New Writers program, for *Border's Original Voices* series, and twice for the *Book Sense* list. He has also been published in journals such as

"THE MORE YOU TRY YOUR HAND AT SOMETHING ELSE, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL BE GOOD AT IT, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING IN LEARNING ABOUT THAT KIND OF WRITING."

-JAMES TACKACH, ENGLISH PROFESSOR

"Harvard Review," "Ontario Review," and anthologized in the "The Lincoln Anthology."

While his writing has brought him acclaim and respect, Braver is interested in something different.

"I'm always interested in the human side, it's what drives me," he explained. "I'm interested in very public people who are dealing with very private torments. People have this idea of who you are but don't see who you really are."

A colleague of Braver's from a sister department, English professor James Tackach is another

RWU faculty member who is both interested in American history and has the resume to prove it. At 57 years old, this Narragansett resident has been a part of the editing or authoring of 19 books, and has published many journal and newspaper articles. His subjects span from baseball jargon to the philosophies of Abraham Lincoln.

"I've written about history, I've written travel, I've written fiction and poetry," Tackach said. "Twenty-some years ago, when I was not as lucratively employed as I am now; I was writing coffee table books."

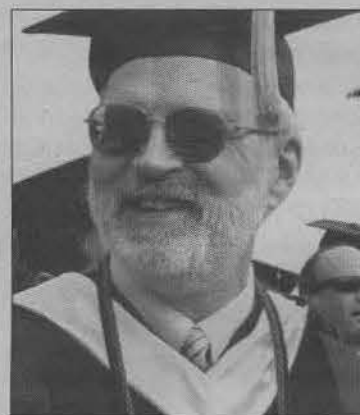
Getting both his Masters and Ph.D. in English from the University of Rhode Island, Tackach's main focuses have been contemporary sports and people and events from the Civil War era. In fact, Professor Braver gave Tackach inspiration to write one of his scholarly articles.

"[Professor Braver's] book on Lincoln inspired me," Tackach said. "I wrote an article that appeared in *The Lincoln Herald* [called] 'Abraham Lincoln in Recent American Fiction.' I looked at how Lincoln is depicted in works of fiction [as opposed to] in books written by historians."

Tackach's editing career has also been based around the study of the Civil War. He wrote the introduction to *Slave Narratives*, a compilation of short stories. His other edited

works include: *The Battle of Gettysburg*, *The Civil War*, *The Abolitionist Movement*, and *Early Black Reformers*. He recalls always being interested in this era, and states that even as a child he enjoyed literature.

"I was always a reader," Tackach said. "I remember moving to a new neighborhood when I was nine, and my brother and I got on our bicycles and we took a ride to the baseball field."



Professor James Tackach loves to write about baseball and events from the Civil War.

From there, we went to the library and took out a library card. So, I always read as a kid."

Tackach also gave a piece of advice to those creative writers who are wary about going from fiction to poetry or vice versa: "The more you try your hand at something else, it doesn't mean you'll be good at it, but there's something in learning about that kind of writing."

# Graduation comes faster than you think, and so does all the debt you have incurred

KATIE BOZEMAN | Herald Reporter

"Do you need a live cadaver?" was the shocking title of a recent job wanted Craigslist posting, according to NDTV news. The Boston couple responsible for this unusual listing, which offered up their body parts for any legal use and medical experiments, posted in order to eliminate their children's student loans that total \$200,000. Though extreme with their solution, this family is encountering a common problem among today's college students.

According to a recent study done by the National Center for Education Statistics, roughly half of all recent college graduates have debt from student loans, averaging \$10,000. As the cost of education continues to rise at double the rate of inflation, it is not surprising that so many students are forced to turn to loans to help pay for education until graduation and,

hopefully, the following job offers can alleviate the debt.

Unfortunately for recent and upcoming graduates, the job market is making the financial light at the end of the tunnel a fading reassurance.

The prospects of employment and income to pay off loans are at record lows.

According to USA Today, this past November's 5.1 percent unemployment rate for American's is at its lowest since 1970. Roger Williams University tuition for full-time students without the cost of housing or meals plans totals \$27,840, the cost being \$31,344 for architecture majors.

Despite 85 percent of the campus population receiving financial aid packages, with a median amount of \$20,807, the average debt for graduating classes is still \$35,000 according to the university website. This leaves many students on campus feeling the crunch as graduation

and payment plans near.

Senior Education major Rachael Ross expresses these concerns, saying that "it makes you feel like you should just take whatever job you can get, even if it's not in the field that you just racked up so much debt in to study."

"Not only is the application process to get student loans a painstaking one," Ross said, "but it definitely adds to the stress you already feel about graduation knowing that you'll be paying them off for years."

Ross's concerns express the reality of a situation felt by many students within the campus community, and across the country, who have taken out loans to help cover the cost of secondary education.

With graduation less than three months away, let's just hope that no RWU students take the phrase "cost an arm and a leg" quite as seriously as the Boston Craigslist couple.



JEREMY KING



# Pain at the pump: Students sweat high gas prices

ALANNA CONN | Herald Reporter

Roger Williams University students have long regarded J-Lot as the last and worst parking real estate available on campus. Yet now, with gas prices on the rise, it is suddenly become more than just a parking garage: it has become a storage facility.

With turmoil in the Middle East, particularly in Libya, driving up gas prices throughout the United States, many RWU students are opting to give their cars some rest.

"I haven't moved my car from J-lot in weeks. I can't even remember where I parked it ... could be the first floor, the second floor, I don't know," said Leland Thomas, a senior marketing major. "I was going to go out to get gas the other day, but when I heard about the prices, I was like, 'no.'"

According to AAA of Southern New England's latest survey, the average cost of gasoline in Rhode Island is \$3.36 per gallon — 15 cents higher than last week's sum.

Thomas, whose BMW hatch-



MARK FUSCO

back takes premium gasoline, isn't the only student affected by the drastic spike.

Kat Blanchard, a senior communication major, has worked as a hostess on weekends for the past several years in order to afford normal college expenses like clothes, food, and drinks.

Since she travels far for her job — the restaurant where she works is located in Dartmouth, Mass. — her paychecks no longer get her the mileage she once enjoyed.

"Sometimes I literally work just so I can drive there. My family knows how desperate

I'm getting. When I went to my Nana's birthday party last weekend, she felt so bad I had to drive to Massachusetts she gave me gas money. Twenty bucks, on her birthday," Blanchard said.

Though students' pockets are taking the biggest hit from in-

creased gas prices, RWU operations might be feeling it, too.

Leroy Gordon, a shuttle driver for the past four years, "wouldn't be a bit surprised" if the university reconsiders its shuttle schedule.

RWU shuttles gas up at Sunshine Oil, whose price for biodiesel fuel (what the shuttles take) currently stands at \$3.72. At that price, the inner campus shuttle alone costs the university more than \$150 every two days. With about seven shuttles in service, in addition to several Public Safety vehicles, gas expenses add up quickly.

Gordon, who owned auto shops in Bristol for most of his life, said that the high price of gas has yet to affect shuttle operations.

"There's been no talk about changing the shuttles, but it's possible that they'll try something different."

Students like Thomas, however, are already trying something different.

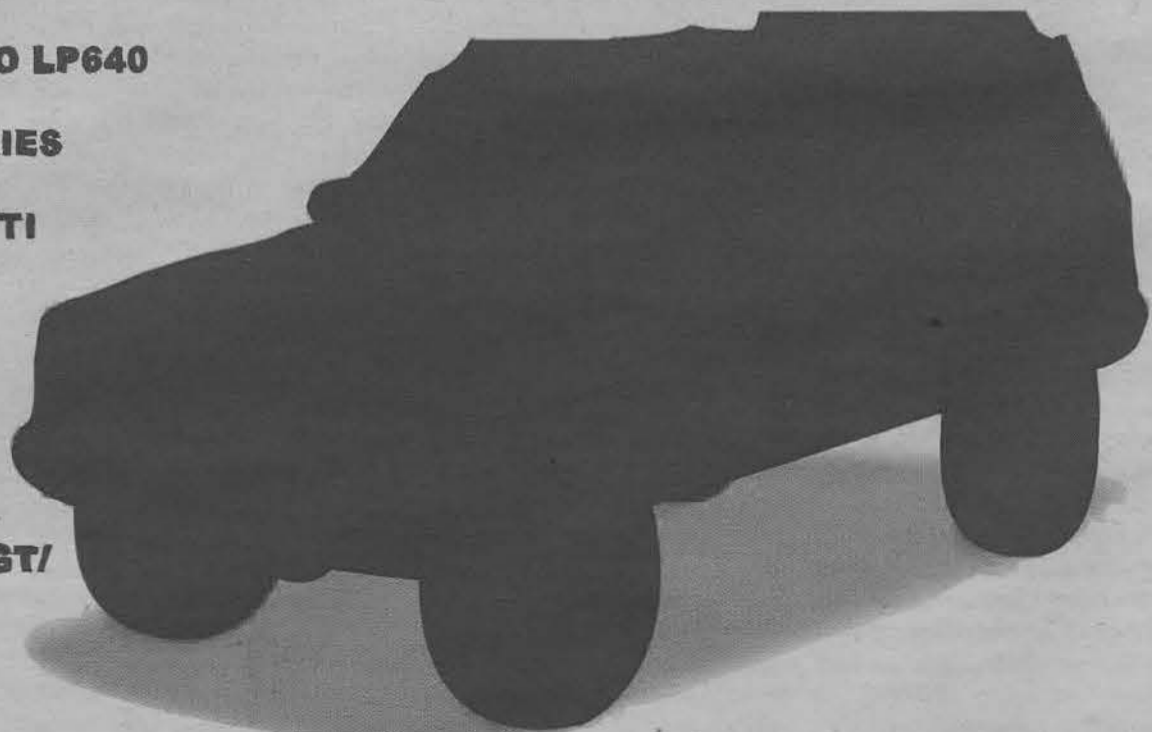
"I walk from New Res. to Commons now."

## Household items made from oil

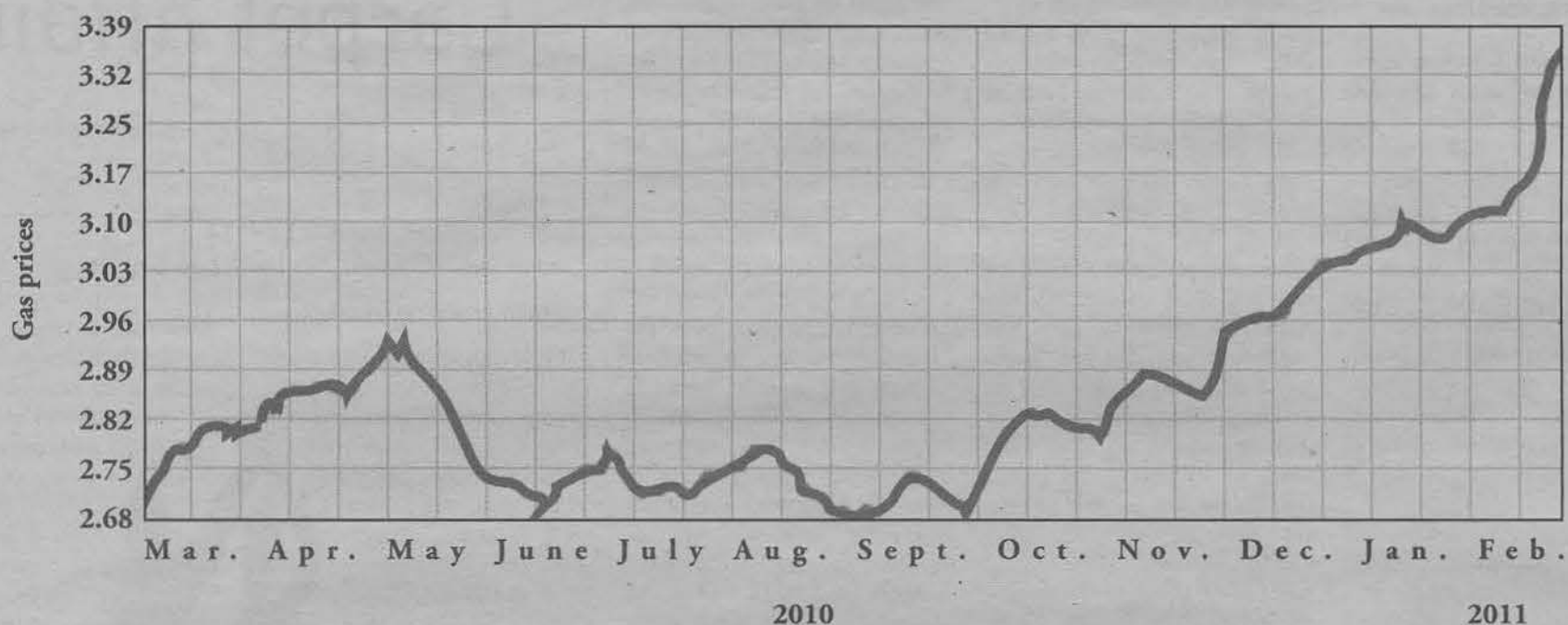
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## Top gas-guzzling cars

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3. FERRARI 612 SCAGLIETTI
4. JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SRT8
5. MERCEDES-BENZ G55 AMG
6. MAYBACH 57/62
7. BENTLEY CONTINENTAL SERIES (GT/ GTC/FLYING SPUR)
8. ASTON MARTIN DB9
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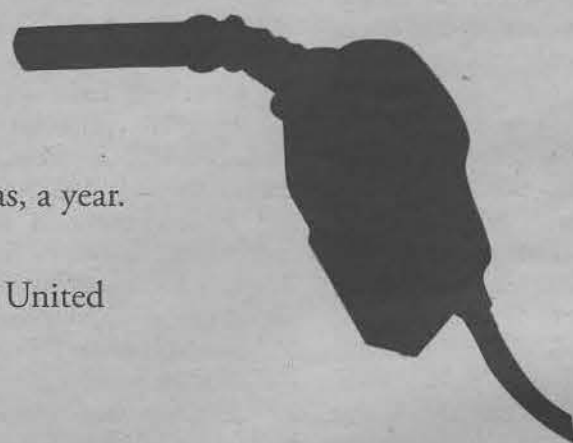


# 12 month average gas prices in the United States



## Did you know...

- The average American driver uses 750 gallons of gas and spends about \$2,625 on gas, a year.
- The average American person spends 912.5 hours in their car per year.
- According to a FORBES survey done in November 2010, the best-selling car in the United States is the Ford F-150 pickup truck.
- The average American spends \$3.50 per-gallon on gas.



# Oil consumption by state



# Acclaimed art shown in SAAHP

NICHOLAS TOMEO | Copy Editor

Visual Arts/Alive! Arts Exhibition, an art show currently showing in the School of Architecture, Art, and Historic Preservation (SAAHP), features Christopher Saunders paintings and a sculpture by Hiroyuki Hamada. The show is curated by Jess Frost of the Art & Estate Archive in New York,

Elizabeth Duffy, Assistant Professor of Art who organizes visual arts exhibitions, said that many people contribute to mounting an exhibition such as this.

"The Public Committee—of which I am a member—identifies and nominates people that they would like to bring in. I thought of Jess because I knew that she would do something exemplary and she has such a broad range of experience in the arts: she is trained as an artist, worked in the gallery world and has written, curated and lectured on art," Duffy said. "She represents the kind of expansive thinking and intensity that we try to instill in our students. DJ Alexander [Photo Archivist/Gallery Assistant/Studio Manager] is a phenomenal colleague and catalyst, and he does everything that he can to realize the vision of the curator," Duffy said.

Stephen White, Dean of the SAAHP, Duffy says, is always very supportive, and she said she is grateful for his rallying for this exhibition.

Alive Arts!, an on-campus arts organization, was very helpful in aiding with funding for this particular exhibition.

"Ultimately, though," Duffy said, "it is Jess Frost, the curator, whom we can thank for mounting such a stunning show in the gallery. She organized the show, selected the artists, wrote about their work, and installed these works. We are very grateful to her."

Frost had expressed an interest in curating a show for the gallery, but Duffy was the only person who nominated her to the Public Events committee.

"All credit for the stunning show in the gallery is now due to Jess," Duffy said.

As for the exhibition itself, "[Saunders and Hamada's] work has provoked interesting and important questions from our students: How did the artists arrive at the forms that they are making? What is the process of making these works like? What kinds of references and meanings do the artists wish to convey? These are part of the larger conversation around the importance of creativity in the lives of the students and faculty," Duffy said.

Christopher Saunders is a "2010 Fellow in Painting from the New York Foundation of the Arts. His paintings have been exhibited in New York, Boston, Miami, Los Angeles, and internationally in Berlin and Beijing," according to The James. "Christopher is a recipient of the prestigious Virginia Museum of Fine Art Fellowship and his work has been discussed in Contemporary Magazine, N.Y., Arts Magazine, and The Kansas City Star. He received his MFA from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and his BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University. The artist currently maintains a studio practice in Brooklyn, NY."

The magazine went on to compliment Saunders's, writing: "The process for my landscape paintings originates with a multi-source photographic index. I employ a stratified collage system to evolve an image from this indexical source into a final painting or series of works. Compositionally, the convention of field assumes the dual role of ground (rural and urban) and atmosphere (color

and light). Suggestive shadows, amorphous blurs, architectural remnants, stacked lines and deformations are referents for an informed and impaired picture. There are dramas of transition, a landscape on the move where is this no contradiction between the limitlessness of becoming and the evocations of recollection."

A different source from the List Gallery at Swarthmore College had equally flattering commentary about Hamada's compositons: "The graceful curves and intimate scale of Hiroyuki Hamada's sculptures and relief belie the intensity of their making. Overlapping wooden forms with burlap and plaster, he shapes and stains them with wax, resin, paint, and other materials—often revising over the course of two or more years. The resulting works appear paradoxically distressed and timeworn yet exquisitely crafted and harmonious. The contrast between his elegant self-contained structures and their agitated and almost ritualistically embellished surfaces suggest the duality of his vision and process. Geometrically simple, they reward long and careful observation. Hamada's gift for melding disparate materials redirects our attention to subtle textures and marks. His works do not refer to everyday things so much as to the experience of perception and industry over time. With these quietly affecting works, Hamada invites us to celebrate not only the essences of forms but also their myriad variations."

His work has been exhibited at Plane Space, New York City; Pierre Menard Gallery, Cambridge, Mass.; the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, Charleston, S.C.

The exhibition is available daily Feb. 23 through March 30 in the SAAHP Exhibition Gallery, ARCH 121.

# It's a Red Carpet affair

## ICC plans classy event

GRIFFIN LABBANCE | Herald Reporter

While only being able to watch the Academy Awards on television, juniors are getting the chance to walk down a different red carpet in style.

Each year, the Junior Class Council, along with the assistance from the Inter Class Council (ICC), work together to host the Junior Semi-Formal. This year, with direction from the Junior Class President Alex Palios, the dance will be expected to be one of the best events that they have yet arranged.

"Compared to previous years, we are going all out, we want this to be the best junior semi-formal yet," Palios said.

On a campus where the only formal dance is Commencement Ball, which is held exclusively for seniors, the junior class finds itself looking for another option to dress up and dance with their class. This year, the dance will be themed, "A Red Carpet Affair."

"Our theme was difficult to decide upon because originally, we were going to go with a black and white affair, but after receiving negative feedback, we went back to planning," Palios

said. With the decision of planning the dance around what the student body desired, the class council finalized the classy and mutual decision of the current theme.

"If they want the theme changed, and if it'll make the junior class happy, then they got it," Palios said regarding his council's philosophy of planning programs around the interests of the students.

Currently, the junior class is working directly with Alumni Relations to help lower costs for both the organization and also each student attending. "They are sponsoring all of our centerpieces as well as the party favors," Palios said.

The class council is currently working toward building strong relationships with different groups and departments on campus such as Alumni Relations. They are doing this in order to build a strong foundation for student philanthropy upon graduation.

"All of these connections start in the department of alumni relations, which is why we chose to contact them," Palios commented on his group's relationship with the department.

Junior Class Vice President Kayla Morency said that the ICC Junior Class is receiving a lot of feedback from the student body. "We created a junior class committee, which is a group of students who give their opinion on different aspects of the dance and also work to build the relationships we are working towards," Morency said.

Juniors will travel to the Atlantic Beach Club to a sold out dance on March 25.

Palios said that he wants the junior class to have the best dance possible.

"I am all about making the class happy."



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### Law

# Editorial: Message Boards are useless when censored

**BEN WHITMORE** | Editor-In-Chief

Judging by their work over the past few years, it seems to me that the administrators in the Student Life department are concerned mainly with one thing: keeping students sober.

Sub-departments like Residence Life, Student Conduct, and Student Programs and Leadership, however, would probably say their goal is to keep us physically safe and mentally engaged.

Yet, from a student's perspective, it seems the administration tries to achieve its objectives by either preventing or distracting students from being able to or wanting to drink alcohol.

Various departments under the Student Life umbrella have done their best to curb students' drinking habits. Administrators have created new alcohol policies on campus designed to limit access to and maximum possession of alcohol, banned Four Loko, and striven tirelessly to advertise programming events on campus, including purchasing a \$15,000 LED display board installed on the outside of the Recreation Center.

But despite the student life administration's best efforts, Roger Williams University's drinking culture persists.

All college campuses are host to underage partiers. Yet, at RWU, our drinking culture is, for the seeming majority of students, one of excess, clumsiness, and indiscretion.

I take no issue with respon-

sible, within-one's-limits, partying, but it seems like most drinkers on campus cannot find it in themselves to party in this manner.

Most recently, the Student Life Administration has tried to encourage students to stay sober by building a bulletin board on the D'Angelo Common, between the Main Library and the Gabelli School of Business. The bulletin board is planned to house upcoming event advertisements exclusively. It is made out of a durable, all-weather, synthetic wood, and has Plexiglas covers to protect posted bills and fliers from the elements.

"We haven't had any outside bulletin boards on campus, so we decided that it would be good to start experimenting and increasing the amount of advertising that we do for on-campus events," said John King, Vice President for Student Affairs, as quoted in a Feb. 10 article in *The Hawks' Herald*.

In the article, King went on to explain that not only will the display board be a space to advertise campus events, but also that Student Programs and Leadership will have the sole authority to post fliers in the display case.

To me, this bulletin board is a huge missed opportunity. Students need a place to post their views on campus life. Throwing ideas up on the wall and seeing if they stick is an often-used figurative explanation for what college discourse should be about. Yet, there is no place on

campus to literally put ideas up. This bulletin board could have been such a place.

Sure, students can sound off on campus issues by posting on Facebook and through sending letters to the editor to *The Hawks' Herald*, but these uses of the media are not enough. College campuses are some of the few places left in the world where physical interaction between a concentration of thoughtful and studious people still occurs. Not providing a place for students, on their own time, to engage in discourse about their own topics is robbing them of the value of living on a college campus. Without community discourse, all students might as well commute.

Ironically, the administration itself recognizes the value of "civil discourse;" it is one of the university's six core values. Yet the programs and groups designed to foster student discourse on a large scale often fail. When will the administration realize that something new is needed?

The campus needs a community message board. And most importantly, it needs to be uncensored. Students need to feel encouraged to share their ideas and thoughts, no matter how seemingly unconstructive they may be.

The overwhelming majority of students on campus are over 18 years old. This means we are all adults. If students, or administrators, while looking at the message board read something that offends them, it should

be their responsibility to either avert their eyes or to write and post their thoughts on why the original post insulted them.

Students who think critically about their lives and discuss their thoughts with one another are less likely to become listless in and uninterested with their academic lives on campus.

Students who are not bored out of their minds during the day are much less likely to binge drink and black out at night.

Programs and groups like the Socrates Café, the Locker Room, the Women's Center, the Civil Discourse Lecture series, and the new Sustained Dialogue Program are all

good attempts by the Student Life Administration to try to promote civil discourse – but they do not reach far enough. An uncensored message board would have the necessary reach.

In the Feb. 10 *Hawks' Herald* article, King said that he and his team are considering installing bulletin boards free for student posting on campus soon. Yet, at this university, "soon" is only relative to the efficiency of the bureaucracy.

Administrators: give students an uncensored community message board now and you will sleep sounder about our drinking habits later.



**BEN WHITMORE**

*The new message board sits outside the RWU Library.*

## BASEBALL: A COMMERCIAL HIT

**HENRY LOUGHLIN** | Herald Reporter

Though I love going to professional baseball games, it's not something that I am able to do often. Sure, I have the time. Yes, I want to experience the atmosphere that is unique to athletic venues. There is one "no," however, that equates to my lack of attendance at top-level games: money.

Think about baseball. When it was created, the idea was to have fun. Now, however, it is becoming less known as a game and instead, is being branded as a business. Going to Fenway Park

to watch the Red Sox costs me around \$60 between tickets and food. It seems that what baseball is known as now has deviated drastically from its roots.

Don't believe me? When Albert Pujols, a first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals,



claims himself to be worth a 10-year, \$300 million contract, I become very skeptical. Sure, he has the talent that a very small percentage of the population possesses: he wasn't named National League MVP three times for nothing. Baseball talent, however, doesn't strike me as something being worth \$300 million. Aren't there a lot of other things that money could be spent on?

Despite being the recent focus of the press with his ludicrous wage demands, Mr. Pujols isn't the only baseball star that rakes in more dough than he arguably warrants. Look at C.C.

Sabathia, a pitcher for the New York Yankees. A couple of years back, when he was making \$23 million per-year, I went on ESPN.com to utilize a calculator they had made to determine how many years that

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## Facebook actually ruins real life friendships

**YAMILEH DURE** | Herald Reporter

Social networking has revolutionized the world of marketing and communication through platforms such as MySpace, Twitter and – most significantly – Facebook. This ever-prevalent network began exclusively for college students and then grew, so that people with ages ranging from as young as nine to as old as 70 now have their own Facebook pages.

It is the bane of every student's existence; the default procrastination technique able to keep one occupied for hours and hours of time chatting with, responding to, or creeping on all of your "Facebook friends."

But it is this term, "Facebook friends" that I call into question. Of the hundreds upon hundreds of friends that a person has on Facebook, it seems to be very common that only about one hundred are people to whom one actually has a desire to speak on a semi-regular basis, if even that. The excessive use of social networking sites like Facebook has distorted the meaning of what it is to be

friends with someone, almost beyond recognition.

In most cases, people never speak to the majority of their Facebook friends, and most will accept almost anyone, whether they're a friend or not. Users will, at times, readily accept perfect strangers as "friends."

Even more common, though, are new friends being accepted on the basis of networks in common. For example: "I don't know this guy, but he goes to my school so ... \*click\*."

People these days are sending their requests out after only one face-to-face encounter, or after sharing a class, but although these people aren't complete strangers; they would not have qualified as friends in the traditional sense of the word.

Since the majority of Facebook friends are acquaintances, co-workers, or complete strangers, people rarely keep conversations going or even ever contact most of their online associates.

This is a fact that most people are very aware of, which became obvious while I watched a student helping her mother

to set up a Facebook account recently. Her mother protested against adding someone that she wouldn't know what to say to because they didn't talk much: she couldn't see a logical reason to send a friendship request.

The girl responded: "Just add her Mom, you don't have to talk to her."

This is the attitude shared by most students who use Facebook: that you can just add people to have access to their profile, but no actual contact ever has to be, or is even expected to be made.

A friend is defined as a person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard. A friend is not someone whom you met last week in the dinner line. It is not an attractive stranger that attends the same school as you and it's not your friend's friend to whom you spoke on the phone that one time.

Social networking, although helpful in keeping in touch with old friends and staying in constant contact with current ones, is having a detrimental effect on our interpersonal relationships.

## LUCKY STIFF production: It's one to make time for

JARED WOLF | Herald Contributor

It's been far too long since I've been to a play, sadly, even though I would have never predicted myself becoming a theater junkie. Going to Friday's production of *LUCKY STIFF* by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, made the wait worth it.

I admit, I went in expecting a low-rate production on par with my hometown's high school play, but I couldn't have been more wrong. This show rivaled a good number of London's famous West End productions — and that's saying something.

Through the show, we are taken into the dull life of British shoe salesman Harry Witherspoon (Peter Arsenault) who conditionally inherits six million dollars from his American uncle Tony. The condition? Mr. Witherspoon must escort his dead uncle's body around Monte Carlo, Monaco for one last adventure-filled vacation. One screw up and the money goes to the Universal Dog Home represented by Annabelle Glick (Mary Dillon) who stubbornly stalks Mr. Witherspoon in the hopes of winning her beloved canines a fortune. All the while, they are being tracked down by Uncle Tony's lover Rita LaPorta (Kylie

Wyman) who strong-arms her brother Vinnie Di Ruzzio (David Kilfoil) to help her get her hands on the treasure.

The plot line of rolling a dead guy around Europe is bizarre to say the least. I'm pretty sure that's what everyone else was thinking too. But that didn't stop the audience from laughing until their bellies hurt.

And if that sounds a little too run-of-the-mill for your taste, fear not. The cast and crew mixed things up quite nicely with a trippy, somewhat creepy, glow-in-the-dark can-can. But that's nothing compared to the twisted ending that will make you shake your head in the comedic absurdity of it all. But I won't divulge that surprise!

The musically talented cast will, I'm sure, leave at least one of the play's songs stuck in your head. (I say this while quietly humming "Mr. Witherspoon's ... got a telegram.") Although typically having a song stuck in my head annoys me, I do not mind in this case; these songs allow me to relive the many comical scenes from the show.

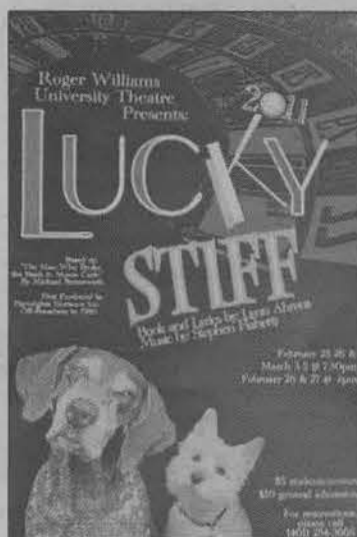
It's a real shame that only two weeks' worth of shows are being put on, because I honestly wouldn't mind seeing it one or two more times.

But such a short production run allows for another production, *A PATCH OF EARTH*, to

be put on this semester. And after seeing *LUCKY STIFF*, I'm confident that *A Patch of Earth* will not disappoint.

My advice to those of you who have not yet been to the show is: GO! Even if you're not the least bit interested in theater, I'm sure there's something that the actors can give during the show to make your five bucks worth it. But don't wait: there are only three more chances (March 3-5 at 7:30 p.m.)!

My advice to the cast and crew: don't change a thing.



The *Lucky Stiff* posters can be seen all over campus.

## THE ALLEGORY OF THE AIRPORT:

### Finding a love that will last forever starts with loving yourself



RACY STACY | Herald Contributor

I am sitting in the airport only to hear that my flight has been delayed yet again. As I sit waiting at my gate for the third consecutive hour, it hits me: Throughout the ages philosophers, poets, and rock stars have compared love to air, water, and even a black magic woman, but while people watching at Logan International, I discovered that love is actually like the process of traveling.

When traveling, you have to be prepared. You have to go online and find tickets that accommodate your schedule, take time off work, and go through the tedious task of packing. You always need to double-check to ensure that you don't forget phone chargers or panties to avoid mass panic when you arrive. Then, you need to find someone to drop you off at the airport two hours before, so that you can be probed and have all your carry-on baggage analyzed by TSA.

Now, imagine what would happen if you entered the terminal without planning ahead at all: your vacation would be a chaotic disaster!

The scary part is that this is how most people enter relationships: completely unprepared. Most people are constantly and obsessively looking for a relationship to make them into the person that they want to be, when really they should become that ideal person before entering a serious relationship. When you go into a relationship feeling unworthy and self-conscious, it usually makes for a connection flight, meaning that it ends sooner than expected, leaving you back at the airport, waiting and searching for a place to go for a more permanent, comfortable situation.

So, how do you get ready to open yourself to take off on the wings of love? The answer is simple: focus on yourself rather than using all your energy to desperately search for new love interests.

Here are some ideas of how to feng shui your life, so that when the right person comes along, you'll be ready:

**Be conscious of who you are.** Start actively observing the qualities that you admire in others, then go home and make a word document listing all of them. Make a second list with the things that you notice yourself doing that annoy you or make you feel bad about yourself, like gossiping about friends behind their backs or judging people before you know them. Strive to become what you respect in others, so that in turn, you will have respect for yourself.

**Do nice things for others just because!** Seemingly insignificant acts like holding the door for a stranger, or giving someone a heartfelt compliment give you contagious warm fuzzies and stir up good karma.

Keep in contact with friends and family. Just because you may not have romantic love in your life right now, doesn't mean that you don't have tons of people that care about you.

**Don't forget to show them that you care.** Make an effort to call, e-mail, or text one person who is important to you everyday and let them know how much you appreciate them.

**Don't look like a bum.** I don't care what anyone says, if you slump around feeling unattractive physically, then it is going to take a toll on your mental state as well. You don't need to go strutting around like America's next top model, but making small attempts to make yourself feel beautiful on the outside will make you glow with confidence on the inside.

**Pick up some new hobbies.** Instead of sitting around waiting for Mr. Perfect to come waltzing into your dorm room, get out there and try some new things. Whether it's going to the gym or picking up photography, start to expand upon the things you are passionate about.

"I used to feel so alone without a boyfriend," says a former frequent flyer. "But literally as soon as I stopped caring about boys and started focusing on becoming genuinely happy by myself, I found the most amazing boyfriend."

Falling in love isn't something that should be taken lightly; we have a responsibility to be in a place where we are emotionally available and not just lonely or bored. If you enter the airport with bags fully packed, you should be able to go on a great, long vacation with minimal turbulence getting there.

## Should freshmen be able to park on campus?

JENNA MULVEY | Herald Contributor

Having a car is a big convenience for students who go to college. Even though a lot of schools have shuttles that can take students to places they need to go, many students prefer to get a ride or drive themselves, because they can't always make the shuttle in time.

At Roger Williams University, freshmen are not allowed to have cars on campus unless their parents specifically request permission, and are successful only if they have a good excuse. If sophomores, juniors, and seniors can have cars on campus, should freshman be able to have their cars at school too without having to get parental consent?

RWU provides an assortment of shuttles for students to take when they need to go somewhere in Bristol. There is nothing wrong with taking the shuttle to get to their destination. However, sometimes students have class, activities, or other events when the shuttles are running, which makes it difficult for them to travel to

where they need to go. Sometimes students have to pick up prescriptions at CVS and need to wait for them to be filled. This can take some time, and depending on whether or not there are issues with getting the prescription, students may not be able to take the next shuttle back to campus. If a student misses the shuttle, then he or she is stuck in Bristol until the next one comes, or until one of his or her friends arrive with a ride.

Every student also receives a RIPTA pass when they first come to school, which students can use to take the bus to Providence or Newport. Even though there is nothing wrong with taking the RIPTA, it does have its setbacks.

Like the shuttle, it can be difficult for students to catch, depending on their busy schedules. Also, on certain nights, it can be problematic for students to take this public transportation, because it is so packed and not everyone can get on the bus. The RIPTA also does not arrive on time usually, and this can cause students to miss

their train or bus rides.

For students who are in a hurry, this bus may also not be the best transportation to take, because it stops at several stops along the line. Depending on the season and weather conditions, waiting for the RIPTA can be miserable, especially for those who get stuck in the cold or rain.

RWU makes an effort to provide transportation for students who don't have cars, but should freshman be allowed to have cars on campus? RWU argues that freshmen shouldn't have cars because it encourages the new students to spend more time on campus, leading them to become more involved. The university also believes that it will see a higher retention rate if freshmen do not have their cars.

These could be good reasons, but freshmen should be able to get off campus easily in order to explore Rhode Island, and see what else is off campus. Maybe in the future, freshmen will be allowed to keep their cars on campus without parental consent.

## SPORTS: Industry has become a business, not a game

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it would take for one to earn his annual wages. As a student who earns very little money, I put in a ballpark figure (no pun intended) of my parents' income. The result: a little less than 200 years to equal. Pretty ridiculous, huh?

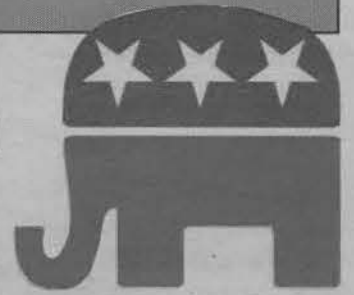
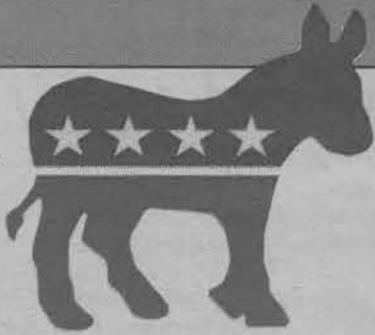
I'm not trying to plead that we immediately halt our support of these athletes. Assum-

ing they aren't "trust fund babies" or recipients of an estate, these guys need to make money just like everyone else. However, the argument that they need to make that amount of cash right now (as they will retire young) holds no water: there are such things as retirement plans.

It's also unrealistic to assume

the athletes in question won't make more money through various capital ventures, like endorsement deals through sponsors and public appearances. In addition, statistics have shown that many players go bankrupt within five years of retirement due to their lack of financial control.

# Democrat vs Republican



## Gun laws: good or bad on college campuses?

I'm definitely in favor of a person being able to practice their amendment rights, including the controversial 2nd Amendment – but only to a certain extent, when it comes to that section of the Constitution.

I'm not a fan of guns, and don't wish to own one myself, but I can understand the point of view of a person who would like to have one around for recreational activities. Other than that, I don't really see the point, though.

Yet, I apparently have a different view than the state of Texas, whose lawmakers are attempting to legalize concealed weapons on college campuses.

To me, this is absolutely insane. Of course, there will always be someone walking around certain schools with a gun, but to actually legalize this sort of activity is unimaginable. Most will argue that they will be better able to protect themselves

with a gun by their side, and yes, they technically would be; but imagine yourself in a situation where you would actually need to use it: could you do it, or would the situation turn out much worse than if there was no gun involved at all?

Those are just my thoughts on concealed weapon laws, in general, but if we took it a step further by extending coverage to college campuses, I'd ask: Why would any student ever need a gun to go from class to class?

There isn't any need to carry a gun while at school, whether it's at the University of Texas or Roger Williams University. Once in a great while, there are incidents where if someone were to have a gun, it may have turned out better, but that's just a maybe. The chance of there being an accident is

much higher, whether the weapon's safety is on or not. I know that if I were in a class sitting next to someone who may or may not be packing, I would be extremely nervous.

To most people, having a gun around doesn't make them feel safer – it just makes them more uncomfortable. I don't want to be near anything or anyone that has the potential to hurt me. All of this applies to concealed weapon laws overall, but once again, if you factor in a college campus, the idea of a law like this becomes even scarier and less of an Amendment right.

Guns shouldn't be completely outlawed, but I think most can agree that there are certain places where they are

not needed. When the weekend hits, most people end up in some sort of altered state of mind, and a law allowing a student to carry a gun doesn't end on Friday after-

noon. We all know of someone who we can picture doing something not so smart on a Saturday night; so, what could happen if they were able to carry their gun around with them: there's a chance that not everyone will make it to brunch the next day.

If someone wants to own a gun to shoot targets at a shooting range, okay, but if they plan on just carrying it around with them all the time, what's the point? A person is better off just not having it, especially at school. The whole idea of a concealed weapon law is to be able to protect yourself, but when not only you, but everyone around you, begins to carry a gun, then it becomes pointless. How is it possible to be safer, when we increase the amount of danger that's around us?

Sir Edmund Burke, a British statesman from the late eighteenth century, once said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to stand by and do nothing." I could not agree more, and with the Texas state legislature considering the passage of HB1167, I feel an explanation of why firearms are an indisputable part of the safety of our society is required.

HB1167, if passed, would allow individuals over the age of 21 who have gone through the extensive procedure of procuring a concealed weapon be permitted to carry handguns onto public universities and community college campuses. I'm excited, but I have a feeling that I am in the minority here.

"Andy, guns are bad?!" No, they are not; who will protect you in this world? Many states have bans on firearms with concerns to school zones: does that make you safe? Does the government's creation of an "invisible barrier" against guns keep the bad guys away? No.

Countless times in just the last decade gunmen have walked into "firearm free zones" and committed atrocities without the government's or law enforcement's prevention. A "firearm free zone" is as useful as closing your eyes in a car crash. The truth is that the government fails to prevent criminals from entering locations that should be safe, whether it be our homes, schools, mini-malls, or what have you.

Do not think that gun control helps either, by creating barriers to individuals getting handguns; do you think this stops criminals? Gun control laws prevent good, honest individuals from obtaining protection while still providing the criminals of our society to access their arsenals. Comforting is it not?

Example time! So, Washington D.C. is a fairly crime-ridden city, and to counteract their absurdly high homicide rate, they passed the Firearms Control Act of 1975. This prevented residents of D.C. from registering, and thus, owning firearms.

What came about from this law? Well, the homicide rates in the city rose to nearly 500 a year.

In the 2000s, we have seen several court cases revolve around the D.C. handgun ban, and in 2007's Parker v. D.C., the ban was ruled unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. Since then, the citizens of D.C. have been allowed to own firearms, and the homicide rates and crime rates, in general, have dropped substantially.

Guns do not kill people, but evil criminals, psychos, and husbands who come home early do! Imagine what the Virginia Tech shooting would have been like if as soon as Cho

started shooting, an individual who had been rigorously examined and analyzed to be worthy of owning a firearm and then, carrying it in public, drew his firearm and ended the shooting right then.

There are bad people in this world, and in those chaotic moments before law enforcement can arrive, we, as individuals, have a right to protect our lives, our property, and to have a chance to do the same for others. Giving everyone a gun is a bad idea, but giving good people a firearm can make this world a safer place for all of us.

Texas will probably pass this resolution, and their schools will be far safer than campuses in the rest of the nation. If given a chance, a good person will stand up to injustice and challenge criminals: let us not hinder them but give them and ourselves a fighting chance. Good luck and God bless.

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## Health tip: How to cut down your under the weather time

CHRISTINA BERLINGUET | Herald Reporter

Influenza is a sickness associated with chills, fevers, body aches, headaches, and congestion. This miserable virus will keep you bed-stricken and out of class for multiple days. Do you want the flu for the fewest days possible? Follow these ten easy remedies towards being flu-free:

### Nasal Irrigation.

This is just a fancy word to describe the process of using a NediPot. If you can get over the fact that water is going into one nostril and coming out the other, you can clear that mucus out of your nose and breathe again.

### Does your throat hurt?

Gargle. Put a teaspoon of salt in an eight-ounce glass of warm water, swish it around, and then spit. This can provide temporary relief from the pain of a scratchy throat.

### Take a hot shower.

The steam from the shower moistens your nasal passages and helps get all of those germs out of your system.

### Speaking of hot things, eat a Chili pepper.

Chili peppers break up mucus in the lungs. If Chili peppers are too hot for you, eat a Bell Pepper. Bell peppers are loaded

with Vitamin C.

### Don't like peppers at all?

Mustard also helps break up the mucus in your lungs. This tried-and-true remedy dates back to the Ancient Romans.

### Eat garlic.

Worried about bad breath? Do not worry, most vitamin stores make odorless garlic supplements that you can pop without having garlic-breath for the rest of the day. Garlic has been labeled "the wonder drug" and has been used to help treat the plague. It helps decrease the growth of the influenza virus, so go chow down on some garlic bread, or if you do not want bad breath, go to your local vitamin store and make a purchase.

### Drink tea and pee.

Tea has an abundance of benefits, and so, the more drink the more you pee, and the more you flush the germs out of your system. According to [holisticonline.com](http://holisticonline.com), boneset and sage tea can bring down a fever and also reduce congestion. Peppermint tea and basil tea are also fever reducers.

Echinacea (pronounced ek-uh-NEY-shuh), can be found at most any store with vitamins and supplements, and helps boost the immune system.

Echinacea is the most popular remedy in Germany for fighting respiratory infections. Not only does it boost the immune system, but also it can reduce coughing, headache pain, and body ache pains.

### Rub it in.

If your chest is really congested; try rubbing eucalyptus oil on it. Australians discovered that eucalyptus oil could help loosen phlegm and improve the function of the lungs. To avoid skin irritation, use with an organic carrier oil.

### Catch those zzz's.

Sleeping sounds like an easy thing to do, but most college students do not get enough of it. According to [associatedcontent.com](http://associatedcontent.com), people who sleep less than 7 hours a night are 3 times more exposed to the risk of developing the flu than those who sleep 8 hours or more.

Unfortunately, the flu has recently hit RWU. When living in tight spaces with hundreds of students, it can be hard to avoid picking up the germs left behind from others. Wash your hands, get vitamin C, sleep for more than eight hours a night, and if you cannot avoid the flu, follow these tips to getting rid of it as quickly as possible.

## AIR FILTERS: They suck, in a good way

JEREMY KING | Business Manager

Maintaining your car can be a real pain. And, unless you have big bills to shell out, keeping your car running right can be pretty costly. But, if you've been reading this column, hopefully you've been learning a few ways to save time and money while treating your car right.

This week I'm going to talk to you about tunes-ups. They are needed periodically due to the degradation of key components of your car. Tune-ups are also a good opportunity to check and replace fluids, pressures, bulbs, and all those other things we never have time to get around to.

My main focus here is to talk about air filters. Engines need three things to run: air, fuel, and spark. If any of these are limited or inhibited, your engine will start to suffer. Stuttering, chugging, misfiring, or rough starting could all be signs of a problem.

The air that comes into the engine is filtered to maintain a

clean engine. The air filter can clog causing restricted flow. When this happens, your engine is starved and can severely under perform. Poor acceleration, rough idling, and bad gas mileage are all symptoms.

But these are easy enough to fix. Most air filters are easily removed and checking is as simple as judging how clean it is. Air filters are like big coffee filters, and after enough dirt, dust, and sand has passed through it, it shows. If it's starting to turn black, change it! Most filters cost around \$20 and they should make up most of that in fuel savings.

Keeping your car in tip-top shape doesn't have to be a full-time job. You don't have to be a shade tree mechanic either. Preventative maintenance is the name of the game. Checking things before they break, wear, or run-out is easy if you just take the time to look. Even if you have a trained professional do the work, staying aware of your care is never a bad idea. It's as easy as finding the time.

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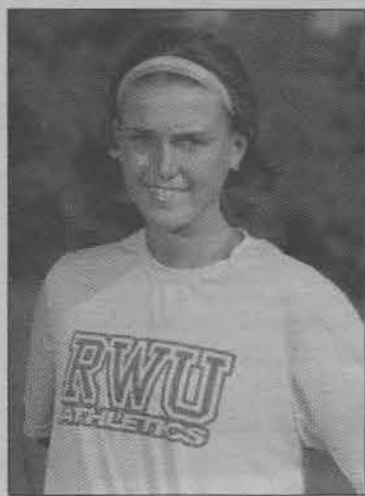


# Runner strives to carry Coombs foundation over financial finish line

HENRY LOUGHLIN | Herald Reporter

While most students will be in classes on Monday, April 18, there will be one who will be undergoing a challenge perhaps even more difficult than paying attention in class.

Junior Jess Kraiza, will be running her second Boston Marathon to benefit the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation. A road race with an illustrious history, "Boston" as it is known within the running community, will celebrate its 114th anniversary. It is the world's oldest annual marathon. And though it attracts a variety of runners of different ages and backgrounds, they all have something in common: they must qualify by meeting their respective age group's standard. Indeed, Boston is not for the faint of heart.



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Jess Kraiza poses for her Track team portrait.

Why undertake such a grueling challenge? "I love running because it makes me feel great mentally," Kraiza said. "It's something that allows me to just be 'me' and get away from everything."

Though a competitive athlete, she has a healthy perspective in recognizing that running is an individual endeavor based on personal goals, not the expectations others have.

Though she has clocked some impressive times on a variety of surfaces, including 20:27 over 5 kilometers this fall for the Roger Williams University Track and Field team, Kraiza is by no means a veteran of the sport. In fact, she didn't start running competitively until last year.

"I stopped playing basketball and soccer after high school," she said, "so I started running just to have something to do."

Kraiza became hooked, going out for runs five or six miles in distance. After Coach Sean Livingston heard about her impressive performance in a road race in the fall of 2009, he urged her to join the track team. Although initially skeptical, she agreed to sign up. She became hooked.

While participating in track, she decided to do "Boston" as a "spur of the moment thing," Kraiza said. "I ran as a bandit (without a number) with the goal of finishing in less than 5 hours. I did it in 3 hours, 47 minutes."

Her finish is perhaps all the more impressive considering that in her preparations she never ran more than six miles,

a distance far shorter than most who train for the 26.2-mile race undertake in training.

"I've always liked the longer distances. My favorite race is 10K (10 kilometers (6.2 miles). They feel so much easier." Indeed, she is definitely blessed with great endurance.

Although undoubtedly successful by any standard, many consider some of Kraiza's methods of training a bit unorthodox. "I made a goal of trying to run to and from work, which, for me, was 12 miles away."

Though she would often run one way and have her mother drive her the other, she occasionally went all in, running both legs of the trip in one day.

"I would run everywhere around town," she said, mentioning that she would run to different locations that most people would normally drive to, such as the supermarket. "It was just a different experience."

As for advising people who want to try a marathon at some point, Kraiza cautions, "You have to develop a strong mentality. You have to really want it. As cheesy as it sounds, I think it's all about the heart."

In preparing for "Boston" for the second time, Kraiza has upped her mileage significantly.

"Last year, I didn't really prepare. Now, I'm doing 12- or 13-mile runs, with the mileage of some runs being even higher," Kraiza said.

She says that her favorite route in the area around campus is one where she runs from RWU to the Eskimo King (an

ice cream shop in Warren) and back – a round trip totaling 18 miles.

Though most people are appalled and frightened by such long durations of running without rest, Kraiza revels in the completion of such challenges.

"I get 'runner's high,'" she explains, referencing a well-known phrase throughout the running community which describes the state of emotion that many experience upon finishing exercise, characterized by the overdose of endorphins in the brain. "That's what keeps me going."

Jeff Coombs, the namesake of the foundation Kraiza will support, passed away during the terrorist attacks on New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. His daughter, Megan, a junior at RWU, and a friend of Kraiza's, approached Kraiza and asked her if she would be willing to run for the foundation.

"I couldn't say no," Kraiza said. "I was more than happy to do it."

In the nine years of its existence, the foundation has raised over \$300,000 to benefit families who have lost loved ones due to illness or accidents in Coombs's native Massachusetts. This will mark the first time that a runner will represent the foundation in the Boston Marathon.

Putting her own ambitions aside, Kraiza says she would be grateful for as many people as possible to chip in to her fundraising effort.

"I would love for a lot of people



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Junior Jess Kraiza, a distance runner for the Women's Track and Field team, plans to run the Boston Marathon this year, raising money for the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation.

to donate. Even if it's a little bit, it really does help." Within two days of the start of her fundraising, she had raised a total of \$991, around one-fifth of her goal. She said was optimistic about reaching her target by race time.

Though she most certainly wants to improve her time from last year, Kraiza is most looking forward to reliving the event.

"It's such an incredible race. People are cheering every step of the way. It's an experience of a lifetime."

## Dave Kemmy to enter NWCA Hall of Fame

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The National Wrestling Coaches Association has announced Roger Williams University head wrestling coach Dave Kemmy has been selected as a member of its Division III Wrestling Coaches' Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2011. Kemmy's outstanding contribution to the sport of wrestling as a coach will be recognized in the induction ceremony, March 10, prior to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in LaCrosse, Wis.

The LaCrosse Center Ballroom will serve as the site of the induction, beginning at 6 p.m. with a social gathering, followed by a dinner and induction at 6:30 p.m. Kemmy will be joined in the class of 2011 by former wrestlers Zack Kallai, Jason Ott and Nick Fornicoia, coaches Steve DeVries and Gene Nighman and significant contributor Terry Shockley. The 2011 induction class will also be recognized during the Grand Marshall/Opening Ceremony portion of the national tournament.

"This is quite a humbling honor to say the least," Kemmy stated. "There are lots of people to thank for such an honor including all the current and for-

mer wrestlers, assistant coaches and parents who have been so supportive of me and my staff throughout the years. To reach the National Wrestling Coaches' Hall of Fame takes the effort of many people and I am very grateful for all the help and support I have received."

Kemmy has been a strong contributor to the sport of wrestling over the course of his 30-plus years as coach and administrator. His outstanding efforts have been recognized by numerous organizations including his 2002 induction into the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame. The following year he was inducted into the Bristol Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2009 he was selected to enter the New England Wrestling Association Hall of Fame.

In 2003 he was appointed Chairman of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee and also was appointed to a four-year term on the NCAA Wrestling Committee which oversees all the Divisions. For the past four years he has served the NCAA as an

Evaluator of the Officials at the NCAA Division I Championships. In 2005 he was honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association for his 25 years of service to the sport.

He continues to serve as the New England Wrestling Association's Secretary and Reporting Director and is Secretary of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Coaches Association. Since August of 2007 he has served on the National Wrestling Coaches Association Executive Committee as the Division III representative, a term that ends in August of 2011. In 2009 he was



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chosen to serve as a mentor in the NWCA coaching Leadership Academy. For the past 15 years he has served as Commissioner of the Pilgrim Wrestling League.

Upon his appointment as RWU head wrestling coach in 1994, Kemmy made an immediate impact, earning NCAA Division III National Rookie Coach of the Year and New England Rookie Coach of the Year. Overall he has guided the RWU Wrestling team to

a 243-158-7 record for a .596 winning percentage. He has led the team to five Pilgrim League titles while guiding four wrestlers to All-American status. Off the mat, his program has ranked among the top-25 nationally in team grade-point average nine of the last 10 years. His wrestlers have earned Academic All-Americans 25 separate times.

Prior to his arrival at RWU, Kemmy recorded a 128-33-2 (.791) record at Bristol and Mt. Hope High Schools, including three league titles and 29 tournament championships in nine years. He was named Rhode Island High School Coach of the Year, USA Wrestling Rhode Island Man of the Year and USA Wrestling Northeast Region State Chairperson of the Year.

Kemmy also currently serves as RWU Acting Athletic Director, overseeing the university's 20 athletic programs as well as intramurals and recreational services. Previously he served as RWU Assistant Athletic Director for Administration for 15 years. He first came to RWU in 1990 as the Director of Sports Information after serving six years as the Sports Information Director at Rhode Island College.



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### Wrestling

2.26.11 | 8:45 a.m.  
at New England Division III Championships (Hosted by Trinity College)  
6th / 73.5 pts

### Women's Basketball

2.24.11 | 7:00 p.m.  
at TCCC Semifinals - #2 University of New England  
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