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# THE HAWK'S HERALD

an independent student newspaper

## Congress to Campus

Former congressmen encourage  
political involvement

John Maintanis  
Contributing Writer

Two former U.S. Congressmen visited RWU on September 20. Democrat Mike Forbes, a former Eastern Long Island Representative, and George Wortley, a Republican Representative from the Syracuse area, addressed students in three different lectures, speaking about the election, and more specifically, how to get elected. Two lectures were held in Political Science Professor June Speakman's classes and one was held in MNS 200. The largest lecture was attended by about 60 people.

Congress to Campus sends bipartisan pairs of former members of Congress - one democrat and one republican - to visit college campuses around the country. They spend two days holding classes and meeting with

students and faculty, encouraging students to get involved in the political process. The program is a partnership between the Stennis Center for Public Service, the Center for Democracy and Citizenship at the Council for Excellence in Government and the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

The visits are not debates. At RWU, each spoke on different topics, sometimes relying on the other for information. Forbes began his remarks with background information about himself, then focused on the issues that our country is facing at the present time, including homosexuality in the military, health-care and a poor economy. Forbes told the audience he decided to run

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## Willow window smashed by table

Bonnie Savage  
Contributing Writer

Vandals used a picnic table to smash a first-floor window in Willow Hall on Friday, September 10.

Dana Cohen and Anya Metlitsky, who live outside Willow 51, were in their dorm at about 11:45 p.m. when the table was thrown into their window, breaking the pane of glass.

R.A. Chris McGrath arrived immediately after the vandalism. He reported seeing a group of people gathered around the area, but no one claimed to know who caused the incident.

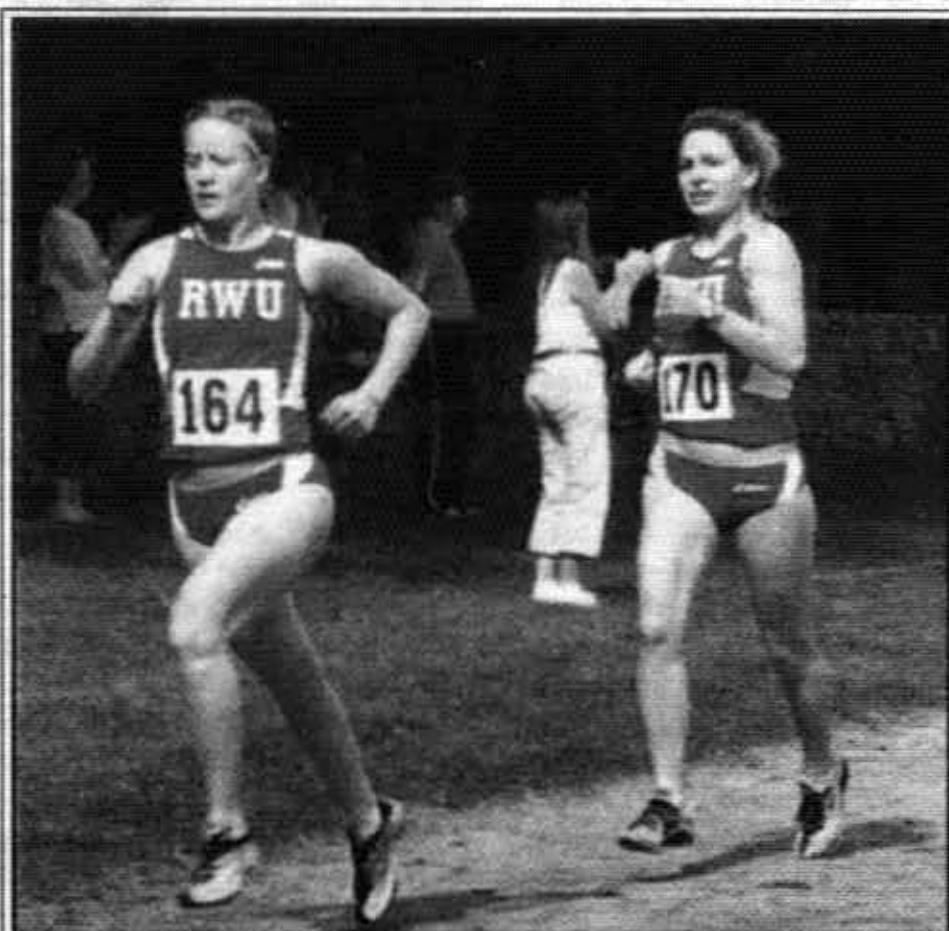
"The damage must have occurred quickly, because a few occupants of 51 stated they had just gone inside from sitting on the pic-

nic table no more than five minutes ago," said McGrath.

"I think it was disrespectful because whoever did it had no reason... It was a probably just a drunken action that ended up as a great inconvenience to us," said Metlitsky, whose desk sits directly in front of the broken window.

Vandalism and other disrespectful behavior has not been a major problem so far this semester, Director of Public Safety Brendan Doherty reports. "In general most of the student body is respectful and courteous... As a whole, the students comport themselves with maturity and regard for others."

No further problems have occurred since the incident and the picnic table still sits outside of Willow 51.



Chris Parish

Allison Belanger (164) and Emily Labnon (170) finished second and fourteenth, respectively, during last Saturday's Invitational. RWU finished second overall in the meet. For story, see page 8.

## Men's Soccer: Deegan saves 13, offense stalls in double-overtime

Tim Mannion  
Sports Editor

The RWU men's soccer team battled the Rhode Island College Anchormen to a 0-0 double-overtime tie Thursday at Bayside field. Sophomore goalkeeper Kevin Deegan led the Hawks with 13 saves.

Both teams came out with early fire, looking to stay on the offensive in the first half as each team took turns controlling the ball. Senior co-

captain Ian Poole anchored the Hawks defense, thwarting all chances that came into his zone.

On several occasions the Hawks' front line, led by super freshman Nate Boucher, had cross passes on net deflected out of bounds by the RIC goalie. These wasted opportunities would continue till the end of regulation.

When the whistle for the first overtime blew, the Hawk portrayed a

sense of urgency. They took a lot of chances on goal, in part because Deegan and the defense were playing spectacularly, but the chances never panned out. Although the Hawks out-shot the Anchormen in both overtimes, in the end they had to settle for a tie.

RWU has three road games coming up, but will return to Bayside field on October 16 to play Colby-Sawyer College.



Daniel Roth

Members of the Multicultural Student Union show off their banner and sweatshirts during the Light the Night Walk on Saturday, October 2. The Walk was held in Newport and raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



# From Providence, with love: "Recipe for Disaster"

Chris Villano  
Contributing Writer

How come everything I put in the microwave sucks, or almost burns the house down? Am I to assume forks, fully clad in aluminum foil on a frying pan, do not belong in a radioactive box? Am I to assume that if I put a frozen waffle in the microwave for 30 seconds it will come out soaking wet? Did I put this waffle in the microwave or did I grab it out of a urinal? I can't recall.

I have come to the conclusion that I know two things about the microwave: it can pop corn pretty well (however, one must watchful, like the eyes of the RWU Hawk, so as to not burn and blacken the popcorn – because everyone knows burnt popcorn is the third foulest smell known to man) and it can defrost my meat like no woman ever could (with radio waves).

One thing I really hate is when the microwave asks me

for the weight of the meat and I enter in an undoubtedly inaccurate number like 1.1. How much *does* a chicken cutlet weigh? Um, how about an eighth? I have no idea.

So I went to Transfer the other day hoping that maybe, even though I'm not on a meal plan, the school would still hook me up with 50 free food dollars (yeah right). But that turned out to be a complete waste of my time (just like the day I walked to NC from Willow at 8 a.m. to find out my class had been canceled). Apparently you still need an ID to spend doubtfully existent food dollars.

I don't understand how, if I want to eat at my school that I pay 30 grand a year to go to, I get carded. But, if I want to engage in underage drinking in the city I frequently publicly urinate in, it's no problem. I can go down to any bar around my house with a used napkin that says

something like "I is 21" and get served, no questions asked.

But I digress. Cooking something really good usually takes me 15 to 30 minutes, but then once it's done, it only takes me about two minutes to completely devour. No matter how delectable that Easy Mac may have been, I'm still pissed off. So it's a real treat when one of my generous roommates will cook for the whole house. The other night James made this absolutely amazing chicken pasta with vodka sauce. And ever since then I've been adding vodka to everything I make in the hopes that it will taste delicious.

When I say vodka I don't mean real vodka. I mean the kind of vodka that will kill most people instantly upon ingestion: \$8 dollar per handle, half-gasoline, half-nuclear waste, low carb, vomit vodka. The kind of stuff you can only buy at places that accept

used napkins as valid ID (like the place in Bristol by the ATM that charges \$10).

This new concept of mine has been nothing but trouble. This leads me to my lesson of the week: never add boiling vodka to Ramen – that's just plain stupid.

For as much trouble the vodka thing caused my body, it really got my brain thinking. Did you ever notice that if you add alcohol to the name of a food, that food will then sound like the greatest liquid/solid combination of all time? Take "beer-battered shrimp" for example. Now there's a crafty marketing idea.

Bear with me here and imagine if they injected beer-battered shrimp with THC?! Is that even possible? Could you imagine seeing that served next to the Pasta Pronto? Then again, how would one cook something like that? Whatever, you could probably just throw it in the micro.

## Police Beat

### Did the janitor make bail?

Tuesday, September 21, at 3:31 p.m.: Student reports the larceny of over \$400.

Thursday, September 23, at 8:07 p.m.: Student reports the larceny of a computer from his dorm room.

Friday, September 24, at 1:18 p.m.: Student reports the larceny of CDs.

Tuesday, September 28, at 3:20 p.m.: Student reports the larceny of a cell phone.

### Gallant? I think not...

Thursday, September 30, at 2:21 a.m.: Andrew Gallant, 19, of Marlborough, Mass., was charged with possession of marijuana.

### Belched Breathalyzer

Friday, September 24, at 3:27 a.m.: Randy Belcher, 21, of Saugus, Mass., was charged with DUI.

### Run, Finkle, run...

Saturday, September 25, at 11:12 p.m.: Ryan Finkle, 19, of Brandford, CT, was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

### Newbury Should Know Better...

Saturday, October 2, at 3:25 a.m.: Michael Jursiewicz, 22, of Newburyport, Mass., was charged with disorderly conduct.

### Cedar Beater

Sunday, September 26, at 1:22 a.m.: Scott Liquori, 19, of Weymouth, Mass., was charged with simple assault/battery.

### Is it really that upsetting?

Sunday, September 26, at 2:25 p.m.: Student reports damage to their Pontiac.

## Wellness Wednesdays Bag Lunch Lecture Series October 13 Principles of Fitness

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## SAVE THE DATE - SENIOR EVENTS OKTOBER FEST -- First Senior Pub Night October 22 from 9-12 Location TBA

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### Editor's Desk

Today's lesson is brought to you by Mr. Rogers, who taught us to know the people in our neighborhood.

I saw a stunning display of teamwork the other night, as I made my way back to my Bayside apartment. It was around 11 p.m. and as I turned the corner, I was approached by two young men who wanted to know where I lived. Granted, there are no mass murders around Roger Dodger, but I'm a little girl and it was late at night. Anyway, they informed me there was a skunk approximately 20 feet away. Looking over, I discovered it was directly in front of my door under a bush. Not being one to enjoy smelling like anything rancid, I joined the duo in a man-skunk standoff. After our persistent yelling, which failed to move the skunk, other students joined in the battle. The group of boys that live in the quint apartment above mine proceeded to remove the screen from their window and pelt the skunk with assorted items, all of which can be found in the typical college dorm room. In a true display of camaraderie, the guys above and the guys below banded together to defeat the animal. The apartment-guys tossed hot water and (full) beer cans, while one of the outside-guys flung the top of a trash can frisbee-style toward the bush. Finally, the apartment-guys dumped a pot of some sort of flour-sugar mixture. Alas, the skunk was defeated and all were able to return to their rooms unscathed.

Kudos, Roger Williams, for producing students who will work together for the common good.

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## Congress

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for Congress as a republican because he was fed up with the way issues were being handled. Before he was elected, he served 25 years as a staff aide on the county

and state legislatures.

Wortley spoke on how to get elected. In short, he said, you have to start off small and work your way up. He also mentioned that running for any office is an expensive process, "no matter how you cut it." He also

addressed how Congress operates and how it has changed over the years.

For instance, the pressing issue now is the creation of jobs, and this is true in both parties. If one representative proposes a bill that will create jobs, it is respected

by the others, because they might need support for the same issue later.

Another change is that what used to be a part-time job for representatives is now a full-time position, with responsibilities that include meeting with con-

stituents, meeting with lobbyists and voting on the floor.

The key point Wortley and Forbes emphasized was that if you are dissatisfied with the way things are run, vote. Otherwise, you won't have a say and must

accept the majority's ruling.

After the speech, Eric Fournier, a student majoring in political science, said, "I really enjoyed everything both of them had to say."

## To the Editor:

Glenn Andrade, in her letter to the editor, attempts to make a case for gay marriage, but her examination of the topic is riddled with superficial historiography, logical fallacies, and verbal gymnastics. Let's begin the lesson.

The "equal protection" clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment was specifically created to combat racial disparities; it was not intended to apply to homosexuals, as Andrade purports. In fact, the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments were consecutively codified to address racism. Using the equal protection clause, therefore, to support gay marriage is suspect and reckless scholarship.

Next up is Andrade's assertion that "unrecognized fear" fuels the engine of resistance toward gay marriage. Her underlying assumption says that to disagree with the practice of homosexuality is tantamount to the fear of homosexuals. It's bogus reasoning to equate "disagreement" with "fear." I may disagree with the eating habits of gluttons, but that doesn't mean I am afraid of those who are obese. Furthermore, Andrade's use of the word "prejudice" to categorically label dissenters of gay marriage is dubious and requires linguistic sleight of hand. Ultimately, the decision on the gay marriage issue depends on this question: should the government legitimize homosexuality as a viable alternative to heterosexuality? Gay marriage opponents cite promiscuity and rampant disease in the homosexual community as factors for society's lack of approval, and rightly so. According to the *Journal of Sex Research*, homosexuals have an average of 101 to 500 sexual partners in a lifetime. And according to the Center for Disease Control, homosexuals constitute most AIDS/HIV cases. In addition, the lifespan of an average homosexual is markedly shorter than a heterosexual's, because homosexual activity is a magnet for sexually transmitted diseases.

The reason why there has been widespread support across party lines to ban gay marriage is very simple: gay marriage by definition is an oxymoron. It makes no sense. Marriage, from time immemorial, has been defined as the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife. Marriage is not an erratic relationship created by the state. Hypothetically, legislators could pass a law that says men shall be called women and women shall be called men, but that would not change the essential characteristics of man and woman, who are biologically and emotionally dependent on each other.

The recognition of traditional marriage at a state or federal level simply supports what has always existed. Marriage serves a public purpose by reproducing life. Homosexuals cannot beget life, so homosexuality cannot be called a "lifestyle", but could plausibly be called a "deathstyle." Hypothetically, if all homosexuals moved to Rhode Island, and had no physical contact with a heterosexual, within a generation they would all die off. This is a moral issue, not one of prejudice.

Now to the next point: Andrade's claim that gays have a biological propensity to be that way. One of her tactics is to bully the "uneducated" by making reference to "science." Here's some insight. Anytime a peer, professor, or administrator boasts of scientific proof to support a claim, ask these questions: has the study been replicated? Was the sample size representative? Has a difference been established between correlation vs. causation? Without getting into scientific legerdemain, a quick Lexus Nexis search will show that the nature vs. nurture debate of homosexuality is still ongoing and inconclusive because the questions above have poked massive holes into the arguments of activists who allege that individuals are born gay. Yet Andrade ostentatiously writes that some individuals "are biologically programmed to be attracted to same-sex relations." Andrade must have fallen asleep at the wheel of her studies.

If we would extend Andrade's loose definition of discrimination we are all potentially discriminated against, not just the "3 out of 30" students she touts. If I were wholly committed to and in love with my sister, I couldn't legally marry her. That's discrimination against those who would pursue incestuous relations. If I were steadfastly adorned with two of my ex-girlfriends and wished to marry them both, I legally couldn't. That's discrimination against polygamists. If "love" and "commitment" are the only yardsticks Andrade uses to set marital boundaries, then she can't logically outlaw incest, polygamy, or pedophilia, for that matter.

Before this lesson is over, I would like to offer minor critiques. Andrade could have chosen a better verb than "arouse" while discussing the subject of homosexuality. And finally, Andrade would help her cause if she left the sociologists, political scientists, and logicians to present cogent arguments, while she instead focused on—well—editing papers.

Cheers,

Jason Mattara '05

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# Student questions the apathy of young voters

Kellie Corcoran  
Contributing Writer

On a recent trip home to New Jersey, junior Jeff Lellahi was talking to his uncle about the upcoming presidential election, when the topic of voter apathy came up.

"My uncle told me that when he turned 18 he couldn't wait to vote, and he doesn't understand why our generation just doesn't want to, when his wanted to so badly. We should care because they run the country - they control our wages, job opportunities, and safety, and there is one man who runs it all. We have the power to choose him but a lot of us just ignore that," explained Lellahi.

Every day society is bombarded with a variety of media efforts aimed at raising election awareness among the youth. The question of whether or not they are successful has been met with mixed reviews from RWU students. Commonly, the perception is that students are unconcerned with the upcoming election, but on campus, the opposite attitude can be found.

Whether you realize it or not, you are being recruited each and every day. Those flashy MTV

commercials, the celebrity support at the recent Video Music Award show, Comedy Central's political commentary - they all are designed to persuade the young adults of America to exercise their voting abilities. A recent poll shows that of the 26.9 million youth eligible to vote, a mere 9.9 million, approximately 42.4 percent, actually exercise their voting privileges ( ).

The target age is 18-30, and the media is pulling out all the stops (and all the funds) to rouse election interest.

MTV has launched its own campaign for the election, airing "Choose or Lose: 20 Million Loud" advertisements that bombard the television. It is a national movement that increases public awareness about voting, mostly by way of commercials. MTV also highlights the movement with a website inundated with polls about the national conventions, information about the candidates and grant opportunities awarded to Choose or Lose promoters. The goal is to recruit 20 million youth voters to state their opinion and make a difference.

According to senior

Elhiasar Steve, the constant barrage of MTV ads, where celebrities express their own campaign beliefs, are not appealing. "Nobody is gonna vote cuz P.Diddy tells them to. It has no influence; no younger people care what he says." It is precisely this perceived lack of concern that has sparked the media campaigns.

For junior Frank North and other RWU students, it is not that they don't care what the celebrities have to say, but rather a level of disagreement with the message of the ads. "Some I've seen encourage you to vote but some tell you to try to CHANGE something rather than support a candidate. That isn't necessarily how it should be. For example, an ad listed all the policies in place now under Bush, and said that if you don't like some of them, then change it. It is OK to tell kids to vote, but don't influence their opinions and that's what I think a lot of ads do," he reflects.

Junior Dave McCullom believes that the campaign ads aimed at the youth may have some effect, but the influence does not only come from the media.

"A lot of the voting opinions of our generation come from peer pressure. A lot just vote to vote without knowing much at all. If your friends hate Bush, then some people may not state their true opinions or even vote for him just to fit in. Same for Kerry. You should just come up with your own opinions," said McCullom. He went on to add, "For me personally, the ads really don't have any effect."

But junior Andrea Worthington and some of her peers believe that the advertisements and media influences positively influence public opinion. "The media showed me the impact of what the young adult population can do to effect the elections. It seems like we can each make a difference."

The one common thread throughout the ad campaigns is the notion that most youth are quite uninformed about the candidates and their respective views, and the media takes it upon itself to educate the youth. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Civics Assessment is a test distributed nationally to students to measure their cultural

literacy. In 1998, and the results found 25 percent scored a level of proficient or advanced. However, 75 percent scored basic or below basic. Out of all the high school seniors surveyed, 90 percent understood that social security is a major concern for future generations, but only 9 percent could name two ways in which our society can profit from active citizen participation.

The common perception of election ignorance, or apathy, in young adults holds true in the minds of older generations, but this may not be correct. Every RWU student asked had registered themselves as either a democrat or republican, and knew which specific views they liked/disliked about their particular party. Frank North has formed his own political beliefs without the help of outside media sources, and reflects on them, saying, "I am a republican, which mostly comes from my parents who instilled their opinions in me. Also I am a conservative person concerning my morals and actions so I mostly agree with the party's opinions on traditional family values. My parents are strong



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Republicans and used to be very active in the party."

Worthington's beliefs were also shaped by her family. "My family influence led me to become a democrat...you kind of end up like your family 'cuz they bring you up and you inherit their views. I registered the day I turned 18 and have voted in a variety of town elections. I am planning on voting in the upcoming elections, for Kerry most likely. I don't believe either are truly strong candidates but I have to vote for the lesser of two evils."



## ASK MEG & ASH

Dear Meg and Ash,

Honestly I feel a little weird writing into the advice column but I think I need some advice from a neutral person who doesn't know all the drama that goes on in my group of friends. The five of us have been friends for a little while now but lately one of my friends has been having guy problems. It's all she thinks and talks about and it has even started to affect her school work. Frankly we're all tired of hearing about it but we still want to be a good friend. What do you suggest?

Stressed in Stonewall

Dear Stressed in Stonewall,

Sometimes it is difficult to be a supportive friend. We understand that you do not want your friend monopolizing all of your conversations with her problems but it is important for her to know that she has a shoulder to cry on. Situations like this are difficult for anyone to go through. Why not have a "girl's night out" to cheer her up, or even a popcorn and movie night? Explain that the night is a way to get her problems off her mind. As a last resort, we'd suggest telling her how you feel. Be sympathetic, but hint about the fact that you've heard the story 100 times. We also recommend that you refer your friend to the counseling center, located in the Department of Student Life. If this continues, you can accompany her when she makes the appointment and even to her first meeting with a counselor. Just like you said, it is nice to talk to a neutral third party and going to a counselor will help your friend immensely. This service is free to RWU students.

Keep those questions coming! Email: askmeg\_ash@hotmail.com



Blaine Moffa

Visiting writer Mary Yukari Waters signs a copy of her novel, *The Laws of Evening* for a student. The novel is a collection of short stories about Japanese women and children who must learn to survive after losing loved ones in World War II. Waters, invited to campus by the creative writing department, read an excerpt from her book and spoke with students on Thursday, September 23.



## Zoo researcher gives students lecture on tree kangaroos

Heather Kordula  
Science Editor

Lisa Dabek, director of conservation and research at Roger Williams Park Zoo, lectured to a full room Wednesday afternoon. "Who knows what a tree kangaroo is?" she questioned, opening the newest Science and Math Seminar series, entitled "The Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program: A Community-based Approach."

Tree kangaroos are unusual looking marsupials, small in size, with thick, dense fur. As their name suggests, they are arboreal, meaning they live in trees and spend little time on the ground. "They are really sweet animals," declared Dabek.

Tree kangaroos are only found in the rainforests of Australia, West Papua and Papua New Guinea (PNG). Six of the ten species can be found in PNG, in some of the last undisturbed rainforest habitats left in the world.

According to Dabek, the Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program (TKCP) focuses on the Matschie's tree kangaroo, *Dendrolagus matschiei*, which is endemic to the Huon peninsula on the northeast coast of PNG. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature placed the Matschie's tree kangaroo on the 2003 Red List, labeling it an endangered animal.

The major threats to

tree kangaroos is over-hunting (for their meat and fur) and habitat destruction from logging, mining, and agriculture.

The TKCP is investigating tree kangaroo population densities (both past and present), home range sizes and movement patterns.

Dabek claims "tree kangaroos are extremely hard to find in the world," and so studies are conducted through distance sampling, the use of remotely triggered cameras, tree kangaroo genetics studies, and landowner interviews.

The landowner interviews provide information about regional tree kangaroo abundance, tree kangaroo history and cultural beliefs about the tree kangaroo.

In addition, local participation in the TKCP research is highly valued. They involve the village landowners in the research projects by training them to collect data.

Dabek and the TKCP feel conservation action requires investment in local communities. This is because 97 percent of the land in PNG is held under customary tenure, which means that traditional communities control its resources. Therefore, educating these landowners about the values of biodiversi-

ty is essential to the conservation of the land.

Overall, the TKCP is making a significant impact on conservation in PNG. Over 75,000 acres of rainforest on the Huon Peninsula have been set aside for conservation. However, TKCP is seeking to establish a conservation area of 150,000 acres that would provide a continuous conservation corridor from the coast to 4,000-meter mountain peaks, becoming the only area in PNG to expand over this range of altitudes.

They have also conducted the first-ever population density estimate for a PNG tree kangaroo species. TKCP will use this to determine the habitat requirements of a Matschie's tree kangaroo.

With all it has accomplished, the TKCP has shown that community-based conservation works and is a model for other zoos to get involved in such programs.

For more info, visit: [rogerwilliamsarkzoo.org/conservation/TKCP\\_main.cfm](http://rogerwilliamsarkzoo.org/conservation/TKCP_main.cfm).



Roger Williams Park Zoo

## Great white shark spotted, tagged off coast of Cape Cod

Heather Kordula  
Science Editor

A 15-foot great white shark was spotted and tagged off the coast of Cape Cod a few weeks ago. This is the first time a great white has been equipped with a satellite-tracking device in the Atlantic.

The tag does not instantly transmit data about the shark's location; rather, it documents information about the shark's travels. It is programmed to pop off in April 2005, float to the surface, and send all of its archived data back to land. Scientists said the gathered data would provide a vast amount of information about the migrations of the great white shark.

The white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias* also called the great white, man-eater, white pointer and several other sensational names, is now the most famous shark in the world — beating out the tiger shark.

Their maximum size is around 21 feet with a weight of about 6,000 pounds. However, most of the big whites seen

today are 16-18 feet long. The great white is white on the bottom, and charcoal on top, with big jet-black eyes and a crescent-shaped tail fin.

Shark scientists say that when great whites reach around 1,000 pounds, they switch from a diet of fish to marine mammals, mainly whale carcasses and seals. At more than 1,700 pounds, the shark trapped near Cape Cod would probably prefer a big fat seal to a fish dinner.

Since the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the seal population in New England and on Cape Cod has exploded. Gray seals alone have gone from less than 20 in Southern New England waters in the

1970s to more than 6,000 year-round residents on Cape Cod.

Most people think of the great white as a warm water tropical shark, but that is not exclusively the case. Great whites also come into cooler waters. Our New England waters are suitable for whites, and we have a growing seal and whale population, which appears to have attracted this one.

Accordingly, experts are claiming it is the reestablished seal population in recent years which has led to the increase in great white sightings near Cape Cod.

However, much has yet to be learned about all sharks, including whites.



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## Legal Water World

Allison Deyo  
Managing Editor

In a campus-wide email Tuesday, Sept. 28, the Department of Student Life acquiesced to student demands and agreed to allow Slip n' Sliding on University property. The decision came following the passing of the "Slip n' Slide" bill in the Student Senate on September 20. The bill, "A Resolution Requesting the Injunction Against Slip n' Slide Use in Bayside

Be Repealed," was proposed three weeks ago.

The email states, "In response to the Student Senate resolution requesting the use of Slip n' Slides on University property and an increased level of student interest, it has been decided to approve the use of Slip n' Slides... because of their desire to engage in this activity to foster community and create a healthy social atmosphere, we will support this activity."

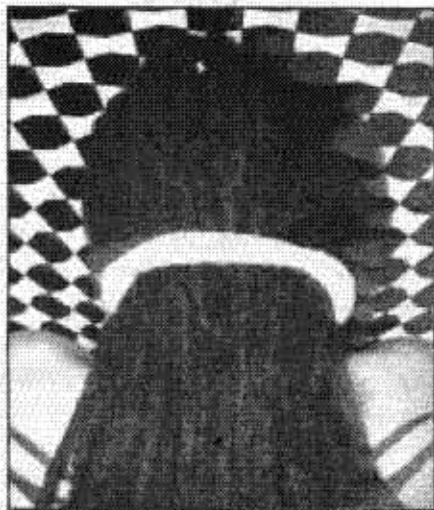
The conditions include: the average temperature be above zero degrees Centigrade, the game not interfere with traffic or cause harm to property, students refrain from drinking while participating and all materials be properly stored when finished.

"I'm wicked excited about it," said Senator Emily Quintin. "This shows that the senate can get things done for students."



# Recent Fashion Emergencies!

Meghan Rothschild



*Dreadlocks, like the ones above, can be fashionably cool - but only if kept clean.*

## Legwarmers: Retroactive fun? Not so much.

I've recently come across a "not-so-hip" trend sweeping the campus and needless to say, I'm frightened. Legwarmers, developed in the late 1970s, have been extinct since 1985, but apparently some students did not receive the memo.

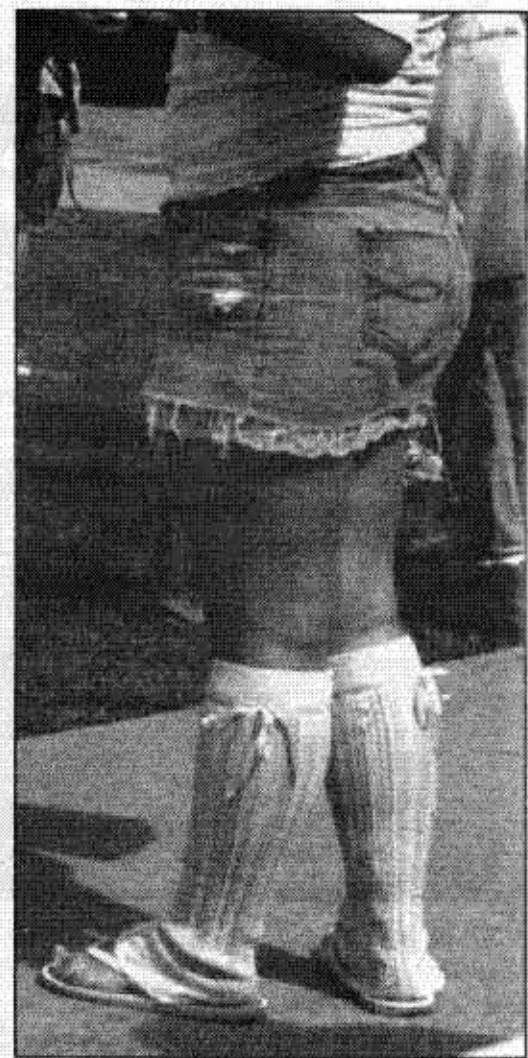
Please ladies, what are we trying to accomplish here and who told you that it looked good? I understand that *Flash Dance* is a cool movie, but there's no need to bring our love for the 1980s to such an extreme no-no. I feel as though Kevin Bacon is dancing around behind me to "I Need a Hero" whenever I see this hideous wardrobe malfunction. And that's precisely what it is: a malfunction. That's all I have to say about that...

## Dread Heads: Wash, rinse and repeat... please.

Ah yes, dreadlocks. Where can one begin? No, honestly, I don't have a problem with dreadlocks: they're very interesting and quite a statement, IF YOU KEEP THEM CLEAN. Recently, I have had the unfortunate experience of running into a few people who have no idea how to tame the massive knot growing out of their head. So, I have provided the following helpful guidelines to ensure I will never have to be grossed out again:

Care for your dreads:

1. If you feel like your dreads need to be washed it is OK to wash them! You can always re-wax loose pieces of hair, and washing actually assists in the dread-making process.
2. Be sure to get your dreads completely dry *every* time you wash them. This is important because your dreads will begin to smell funky if you do not. Mold can actually begin to grow inside the dread if they're not kept completely dry!
3. If you work at a job that can get smelly (for example, a cafeteria) wear a hat to keep the smell out. In addition, if you are camping or hiking, hats must be worn as well. This is so that dirt and bugs will not get trapped inside the dread. (Yummy, your very own Venus flytrap attached to your head).



*A recent trend seen at RWU: legwarmers and flip-flops, paired with a skirt. Has this style come back into fashion? We think not.*



# Record attendance at Club Endzone

Ashley Ehrling  
Contributing Writer

The music was blaring and strobe lights were pulsating on September 25 in the Campus Recreation Center for the first Chameleon Club of the year. This year's welcome-back dance theme was "Club Endzone." The Chameleon Club, a student-run organization, is huge, with attendance growing at every dance. The Endzone surpassed previous dances, with 1,490 students attending. CEN

Co-Chair, Stephanie Beres said this was the best turn out they have had yet.

Inside the gym, a giant screen ran continuous football clips over the DJ stand. This year CEN chose a student DJ for the event instead of a professional company. In addition to the decorations, CEN secured the Patriots' actual mascot, Matt Lopez, to mingle and dance with the gyrating students.

Students could be seen sporting their favorite

teams' jerseys and other football apparel. Some of the braver men dressed up in skirts and brought pom-poms to show support for their favorite cheerleaders. Many of the girls also flaunted their shortest skirts and shorts to show their team spirit.

Public Safety was out in full force, monitoring an event that is usually synonymous with drunken incidents. All guests were patted down at the door before entering. Several students were

either denied entry or escorted out of the event because they were too drunk to stand up. Some female students were even seen practicing their pole dancing outside on a lamppost before entering the dance, however, there were no major incidents reported.

Overall, the event was a huge success for CEN. They are hopeful that future dances will continue to bring in more students. Another touchdown for CEN.

# The State I Love to Hate: Bitter hatred toward the Sox

Tim Mannon  
Sports Editor

Massachusetts will forever be known as the birthplace of America. The first settlement was established by Puritans escaping persecution in Europe. Fast-forward 384 years and the same thing is happening. However, this time Massachusetts is known as Red Sox haven. The huge settlement is Boston, filled with "massholes" who have spread across their beloved state and into the tiny Roger Williams University community.

These massholes go about their daily lives like every other student (with the accent), but they do so with a chip on their shoulder... and I despise them because of it. I loathe them. I disagree with everything that comes out of their mouths. I will forever have a burning hatred toward their state and more importantly, their SOX.

I will never understand what makes them tick, nor will I ever have the power to efficiently understand their nature. They walk around cam-

pus with "Yankees Suck" t-shirts in the spring, and Tom Brady jerseys in the fall. They act as if the general public owes them something, and they blame Bill Buckner for their unhappiness.

Unhappy? The only people who are unhappy about this situation are the students who have to listen to the whining and moaning when the Red Sox lose. The whole campus went into an uproar when Boone hit that homerun last October. The excitement of watching the Red Sox

lose makes this campus something special. People who didn't even like baseball were rooting for the Yankees, just to watch the Bostonians break down and sob. I'm not going to lie - I loved it. The pain and anguish on the collective faces of Red Sox fans had me sleeping like a baby.

As another October is just around the corner, I would like to set something straight. The curse is one of the greatest sports stories of the century. People from Massachusetts are lucky. Red Sox fans are lucky.

Either way, win or lose, you're involved in greatness. This greatness doesn't involve winning. It involves the aura that surrounds those who are die-hard Red Sox fans. So don't say you, as a fan, haven't accomplished squat since 1918. You have built more tradition than the New York Yankees ever will. The heart and soul of this team is not the players themselves, but the loyal fans who would give

anything to see their team win. You've gotten to experience something the "average" sports fan, like me, will never get to feel or even have Steinbrenner buy. For that, I am jealous.







Chris Parish

Jim Dugan, back left, strides to keep up with runners from the Coast Guard Academy. Dugan finished in ninth place for the RWUCC team.

## RWU Cross Country takes second in Invitational

Chris Parish  
Contributing Writer

With perfect weather and an adequate, though soggy, course, RWU's cross-country team was primed for another victory.

Then the Coast Guard Academy (CGA) came along.

RWU's men's and women's cross country teams, fresh off wins from the Gordon Invitational, took second at the Roger Williams Invitational Saturday, October 2, at Colt State Park.

The men's 8K race began at 10

a.m. and the CGA runners took control immediately. The team posted a perfect score (15), with every runner finishing in the top five. The Hawks placed a solid second with 61 points (17 points ahead of Babson College) with eighth and ninth place finishes by senior tri-captain Eric Van Tassel (28:46) and sophomore Jim Dugan (28:49).

Dugan kept pace with the lead pack of CGA runners before falling back in the third mile of the race.

"Halfway through the race I was with a pack of three Coast Guard runners," said Dugan. "I was making a move on them and I picked up my pace when it felt like I had been punched in the stomach. I came down with a bad cramp and I just kept falling back."

In the women's 5K race, senior tri-captain Allison Belanger squared off against

Coast Guard's top runner, JoEllen Arons. Belanger grabbed the early lead, but Arons overtook the Hawks' top runner in the second mile and never looked back, finishing in 19:10. Belanger finished with a course personal best of 19:35.

"I was happy to run my best time on the course," said Belanger, "but I'm disappointed that I finished second."

The CGA women took top honors with 32 points, while the RWU women (73 points) beat Wellesley College by three points for second. Katie Parise and Emily Labnon finished 13 and 14, respectively, for the Hawks.

The Hawks held juniors Jon Buell, a top-runner, and perennial third-runner Dave Strumski out of the race in anticipation of the upcoming New England Championships in Boston. However, word

**Freshman soccer player Nate Boucher was named CCC player of the week for the second time this season. Boucher led the Hawks to a 3-0 record with wins coming over Babson College, Eastern Nazarene College and Anna Maria College. Boucher scored five goals and four assists during the victories.**

## Boucher scores again

Tim Mannion  
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams men's soccer team breezed by their Commonwealth Coast Conference foe Eastern Nazarene College on September 25. The final score was 9-0, with spectacular play coming from freshman Nate Boucher.

Boucher tallied a career-high four assists, his first just a minute into the game as he made a cross pass to senior Sean Whale, who sent it past the Crusader keeper to put the Hawks ahead 1-0.

The Hawks scored another goal less than a

minute later as midfielder Michael Bray, junior, beat two defenders to make the score 2-0.

The Hawks used this momentum to soar into halftime with a 6-0 lead with a pair of goals from sophomore Joel Montgomery, clearly ending any chance that the Crusaders could attempt a comeback.

RWU cruised through the second half, getting goals from Shohei Okubu and Evan Solis, solidifying their second conference win. The Hawks will return to play Colby-Sawyer on October 16.

## New ruling sidelines alumnae game

Nicole Hauser  
Contributing Writer

Due to a recent ruling from the NCAA, members of RWU's alumnae softball team will be sidelined from playing in this year's annual game. The ruling limits Division III teams to fewer practice dates and only one day of games for their fall season.

The team had planned a scrimmage day a week before Alumni Day/Homecoming Weekend, when they are



Michelle Harrington

Alumnae softball team from 2003-2004 game.

scheduled to play against two other teams.

According to the NCAA website, article 17.20 of the bylaws states, "One softball date of competition during the traditional segment each year with an alumni team of the institution. Alumni contests conducted during the non-traditional segment are not exempt, and therefore must be counted as the one possible permis-

sible date of competition per bylaw."

Coach Steve Pappas stated, "Even though we wanted to play the alumnae game, we believe that playing the scrimmages that day will benefit us more athletically."

Pappas told the alumnae team that if they can get enough players together to field two teams, they will be able to participate against each other.

## Women's soccer rolls 8-1

Tim Mannion  
Sports Editor

The RWU women's soccer team had reason to cheer on September 25 when they outplayed conference foe Eastern Nazarene College's Lady Crusaders en route to an 8-1 victory. It was a game that finally mixed veteran seniors and savvy young freshmen into a gelled team.

Senior co-captain Emily Seelig broke the RWU scoring record, giving her 49 goals for her career, as she put the Hawks ahead 2-0 mid-

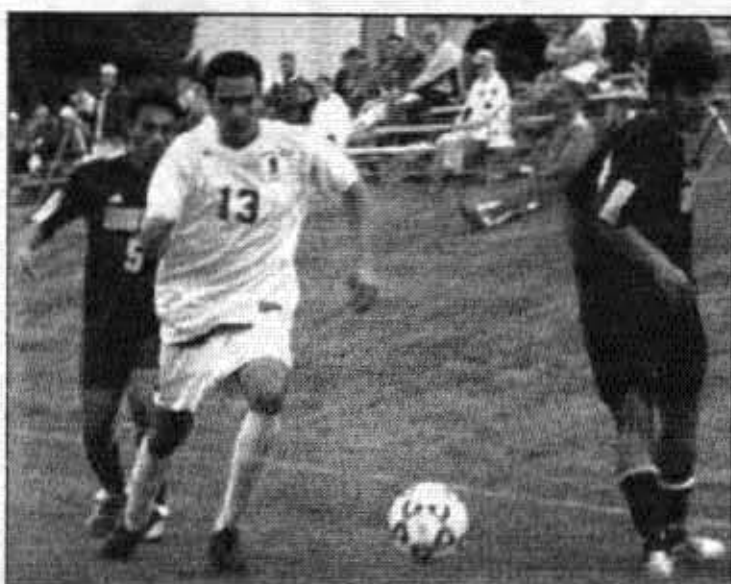
way through the first half.

The Lady Crusaders tallied a goal before the end of the half, making the score 2-1. The Hawks, desperate to keep up their three home-game winning streak, came out motivated in the second half, ready to end the crusade.

After several shot opportunities on goal that failed to create points, senior Lauren Lavoie took a pass from Kim Adamaitis and put the ball past the Lady Crusader goalkeeper.

Freshmen young-guns Caitlin Mayo and Mary DaCunha added goals just a couple minutes later to make the game 5-1 and officially out of reach for Eastern Nazarene College.

The Hawks stayed on the offensive for the last fifteen minutes of the game, scoring three more times to ensure a blowout win. RWU will be on the road for their next two games, but will be returning to Bayside field when they take on Salve Regina University on October 5.



Tim Mannion

Freshman Nate Boucher (13), dribbles the ball between two Anchormen defenders.

Despite numerous shots on goal, the Hawks offense was unable to score, and the game ended 0-0 in double-overtime.

## SUPPORT YOUR HAWKS!

Saturday, 10/9: Sailing 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, 10/10: Sailing 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 10/13: Women's Volleyball 7:00 p.m.