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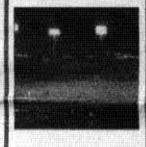
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#### **SPORTS**



# THE HAWK'S HERALD

# How far is *too* far for Administration?

Tracey Lemle **Contributing Writer** 

On Saturday nights, Dean of Associate Students Gerry Willis of Salve Regina University (SRU) often attends offcampus parties with his students.

When Dean Willis goes to parties on weekend nights, it's not to have a casual beer with his students. Instead, he passes the time busting loud, underage drinkers and those who are simply acting in a disorderly fashion.

students nationwide the protest heavy involvement of deans in

off-campus violations, the school administrators claim that they're just doing their jobs to keep students safe.

"We are responsible," SRU Dean of Students John Quinn remarked. "We don't just walk away."

When asked if Roger Williams University is planning on implementing a similar policy. Student Senate President Adam Noska said, "No! That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard."

According to Heidi And while indignant Hartzell, the Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Standards at RWU, "Roger Williams"

policy involves the gathering of information. meeting with each student and holding the stuaccountable depending on how serious the matter might be."

"I can't see the administration going too far with that," Noska said.

SRU, however, feels very strongly that this is the right direction for them and they are comfortable with their poli-Quinn Dean acknowledges that students should be able to have fun, but when the noise, and more importantly, the drinking, gets out of control, it is their

"We are not trying to be Dr. Death," Dean Quinn stated, "but too many bad things happen."

duty to take action.

Across the country, more colleges and universities are cracking down on their students for their off-campus

schools believe it will make for a safer nightlife and community. students are universally outraged.

Tucker Smith\*, a senior at RWU, was fortunate enough to slide under the radar of the judicial system after being

arrested

for possession of marijuana. Smith stated, "I would be very upset if the school took further action upon my incident because they have no affiliation with me or what I do with my time outside of class."

Lucky for Smith, the school never reprimandbehaviors. Although the ed him; however, there

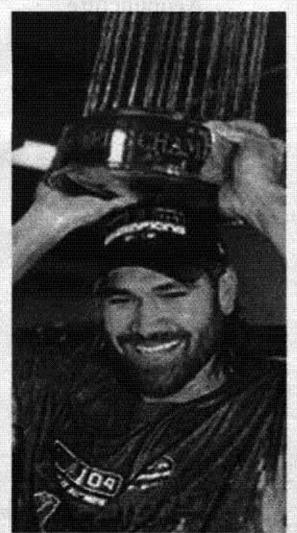


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are many students who are not granted the same luck. Ms. Hartzell claimed that "many students have already been through the judicial system this year. They have been documented offcampus at local bars and liquor stores (purchasing

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# WHAT **CURSE?**



Congratulations to the Boston Red Sox - 2004 World Series Champs!

# The Golfcart Diary

Walking around in the President's shoes: Part II

Chris Parish **Contributing Writer** 

a.m. The President takes off his coat, unties and re-ties his shoes, and sits back in his rather comfy chair. The office has two plush chairs, a couch and a glass table on one side, his desk and computer are on the other. Nirschel, Gillooly and President Enrollment Management and Retention Lynn Fawthrop discuss the arrival of Bob Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots, who is scheduled to speak later in the day.

"What am I giving him for a gift?" the President asks.

Gillooly and another assistant show him a plaque made up by the business school. It's not particularly attractive. The President is not pleased.

"Bag it," he says. "I'd rather not give him anything at all than something that looks like this."

(Students across the campus really have to ask - how much did this plaque cost you? I may go fish it out of the trash later...)

9:51 a.m. - The real news of the day is the inaugural meeting of the Board of Overseers. The day is running on a tight schedule, so everything must be perfectly timed. As a means of transportation around the campus, the Board, as well as Kraft, will be driven in official administrative golf carts. The President has his own special golf-cart, eight-seater with the RWU logo on it. It's a gift from Board of Trustees Chairman Ralph R. Papitto. But it doesn't have a roof yet, and with the weather looking gloomy, it may not be the best method

of travel. 9:57 a.m. - The meetand the ends.

President sits down to check his email.

"Car and insurance ads, lots of junk mail," he says, deleting as he talks. "I don't get many emails from students anymore. As things have gotten better on this campus, there aren't as many complaints, but I try to respond to all of them that come in.

(Students and faculty... Consider this your

written invitation). 9:59 a.m. -Coffee cup number three - this time with cream - as he sits down to prepare for interview. The President has numerous fancy coasters in his office, all decorated with the University logo. His cup of coffee sits on a wooden table, next to a coaster.

The interview is with a woman who is applying to be the University Director of Human Resources. The interview goes very well. If I were hiring, I'd give her

the job. From my impression, Nirschel felt the same way. Only he IS hiring.

(Side note - did you know the campus budget is just over \$130 million?)

10:40 a.m. The interview ends. The President checks his email again. Nothing.

I take this opportunity to use the bathroom. It's small, but he's the only one who uses it, so I suppose that's OK. It's decorated with rather ugly gray tile, and has a tiny shower stall, a sink and a closet. On the shelf he has two books one about the old Newport War College and another about Roger Williams himself.

10:55 a.m. The President reviews his schedule, while I review his office. His bookshelf has autographed photos of John McCain and George W. Bush, as well

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#### Chris Villano Contributing Writer

What's more classic than a college visit? My aesthetics professor would Mozart's Symphony, but I say it's nothing! But I'm not talking about the college visit you take with your parents when you're a junior in high school. I'm talking about the weekend-long freak show where you sleep on floors and drink entire bottles of 99 Apples while disrespecting everyone you see, because you'll never see them again. Ah yes, visiting your high school friends at their college or university is a grand ol' time.

I went on a few of these recently. Due to my recent and numerous with encounters the Providence Police, I felt it best that I get away for a few weekends so I don't end up in prison sharing a cell with Kobe (so guilty). I have a few buddies who go to school in the Boston area; it's only an hour away, so what the hell.

I have a friend named Brian Ball who goes to Boston College. He's a good guy and one of my best friends, but to preface everything I'm about to say, here's a little background; in our high school senior poll, Ball was awarded the dubious titles of "Dizziest" and "Most Absent-Minded" (yes we had BOTH those cate-

## From Providence, with love

#### "Trippin' all the way to Bahhston and back"

gories).

Ball has an apartment right outside the center of Boston and after a 45minute car ride to Brandeis University, a short walk, a crowded bus, a train, two margaritas, a bottle of Harpoon and half a flask of Jager, I had arrived!

Like I've mentioned previously, I recently turned 21, so naturally I went out with my buddy Ball to purchase alcohol and kegs for the next night's party. Fortunately for us, there's a quality liquor store 20 feet down the block. But this is where the story takes a truly wicked turn.

This is how the keg purchase went:

Clerk: I'm going to need to see both your IDs. (checks)

Clerk: I'm sorry but I can't sell to you. (points to me)

Me: Why not?

Clerk: Your license is expired.

Me: Oh, that's because in New York it expires on your 21st birthday, that was only four days ago man, It's really me. (shows RWU ID)

Clerk: I'm sorry but I still can't sell to you.

Me: OK that's fine, I'm not buying anything, he is (points to Ball), I'll leave. Clerk: No I'm sorry, you boys are obviously having a party tonight, and everyone at a party has to be able to prove they're

Me: Are you serious, uhh... I don't know this guy, I'm not going to his party. Clerk: Nice try, look kids, if I let you walk out of here with three kegs and a cop asks to see your IDs I could get fined \$5,000.

So screw it, we left. On to the next place. But the process doesn't get any easier. We had to resort to the car and driving around the busy streets of Boston looking for a place to buy three kegs.

Store 1: Sorry we don't sell kegs.

Store 2: Sorry we can only sell to people from Massachusetts.

Store 3: Sorry we don't accept New York IDs.

+ Finally, we found a liquor store 30 minutes from Ball's apartment that would sell us three kegs. The process gets even more complicated from here. In the lovely state of Massachusetts the law strictly stipulates that a person or persons may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one keg of alcohol in the car. So to break it down, the clerk said we would have to make three trips. They don't make this easy on you either, they bring the kegs out on a hand truck one by one to make sure you're not driving illegally. When keg number one was finally in the car, Ball turns to me and says, "Hey, why don't we just wait here for five minutes, then go back in and pretend we already dropped the other keg off." Sounds like a solid plan. Keg two made it into the backseat of the car no problem. Now here's the problem, hiding the keg in

the trunk was easy, but hiding a full keg in the back seat of a Ford Taurus is not. "Why don't you take your shirt off and put it over the keg," suggested Ball.

Yeah right, so now I'm just hanging out, sitting shotgun, shirtless? We eventually decided to cover it in newspaper, bribe the clerk with a \$20 bill and hope for the best. Call it divine intervention, call it what you will, but what happened next was a true miracle.

The clerk came bumbling out of the store with complete disregard for the 130-pound keg on his hand truck. He lost total control when he rolled over the six-inch curb and sent the keg toppling over into the street. Renegade kegs are a frightening, but amazing thing. I've never seen a keg smash into a car until that day, and man was it cool! Thinking quickly, Ball and I grabbed the keg from the street and threw it in the backseat before the clerk could even fathom what he had done. As we sped off, I turned to Ball and asked if he always had this much trouble buying kegs in Boston. He promptly responded, "You need to understand, this is the heart of puritanical society here, its not ghetto Providence."

And that's when it hit me like a Ray Lewisblind-side blitz: I seriously live in a corrupt ghetto, and it's awesome.

## **Police Beat**

Roger Ritual

Tuesday, October 19, at 2:51 p.m.: John Illick, 19, of 83 Sheldon Lane, Middleberry, VT, was charged with possession of marijuana.

We needed some tubes for our funnel... Thursday, October 21, at 9:49 a.m.: RWU Security reports a breaking and entering of Alegria Construction, Inc.

Duh.

Thursday, October 21, at 2:20 p.m.: RWU Public Safety questioned whether the plates on a Volvo belonged to the vehicle's owner. (They did).

Dude, where's your home?
Friday, October 22, at 1:05 a.m.: John
Mayberry was charged with trespassing near
the King Phillip Inn.

Visa: It's everywhere your girlfriend is
Saturday, October 23, at 11:24 a.m.: A
male RWU student called to report that his
girlfriend is using his credit card, and creating a large bill on the Internet.

Shuttle Bound
Saturday, October 23, at 4:42 p.m.:
Michael Anthony Faria, Jr., 24, of 15 Evelyn
Dr., Bristol, RI, was charged with driving
with a suspended license.

# Wellness Wednesdays Bag Lunch Lecture Series November 10 Acupuncture

Recreation Center Conference Room 12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact Donna Darmody at extension 3413

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#### Editor's Desk

This message is brought to you by Stop & Shop 1/4 Balloon Marble Cake with Vanilla Whipped leing (Happy Belated "25th" Birthday John Lindsay!! - Thanks European girl for the sugar!).

I would personally like to thank the kind individual who picked up my Unicard from the floor of the Gabelli School of Business on Tuesday. October 26, and delivered it to the secretary in the dean's suite. Just moments before. I had walked from the Hawk's Nest to the third floor of GSB for class, and upon sitting down, noticed my Unicard had fallen out of those conveniently-designed plastic-zip things (for what do you really call them?) given to students by IRHA at the beginning of the school year. After class, I had retraced my steps completely and asked in three different buildings, but was ultimately forced to walk to DSL (a decidedly long-haul, I mean it's practically Willow) and get a temporary card (so I could get into my Bayside room) as well as a pink slip from the Unicard office (so I could eat). Anyway, imagine the delight upon checking my messages from the Herald office to discover some nice person had delivered it to an office and it was patiently waiting for my return.

So thanks, kind sir or ma'am, for saving me \$25 and reassuring me that RWU breeds students of great character.

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#### To whom it may concern,

I am extremely appalled at the article that was published in the current Hawk's Herald pertaining to the so-called teamwork that was displayed in attempt to remove a skunk from the vicinity of Bayside. The students involved in this inhumane and unintelligent act should be absolutely ashamed of themselves. The appropriate way to handle this situation would of been to leave the skunk alone, plain and simple. I am surprised that the skunk did not spray them in defense after being scalded by hot water, struck with full cans of beer as well as a trash can top, and then covered with flour and sugar. I am equally infuriated that our newspaper published such a disgraceful article. Maybe those students who engaged in this heartless act should endure their own brutality and then decide if they still feel that their actions were appropriate.

Dana DeSandre

#### To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor in the October 9 issue of The Hawk's Herald, Jason Mattera writes in his own defense, that "it's bogus reasoning to equate 'disagreement' with 'fear'." However, on the same page he then fails to apply this wisdom to his vilification of the science faculty as "cowards" for not being drawn into a confrontation with a visiting creationist. Yes, that's right, we wouldn't take the bait, and Mr. Mattera immediately equated our "disagreement" with "fear"!

When asked (not by the College Republicans as the ad for the creationist speaker claimed, but by a student not affiliated with the group), we declined to participate in this debate for several reasons, none of which involved "fear". Creation and evolution are two fundamentally different ways of viewing the process of life on earth. By definition, science aims to find natural explanations for observed phenomena. The creationist view attempts to use science to support a religious view, one that invokes a supernatural explanation and is thus outside the realm of science. To debate evolution vs. creationism would give the appearance that there is equal weight of scientific evidence behind each viewpoint. This is simply not the case, and to enter into the debate would only seem to legitimize the creationist argument. The amount of legitimate scientific evidence that points to the young-earth view of strict creationists is negligible compared to the evidence for biological evolution that has accumulated over the past few hundred years in such fields as geology, genetics, molecular biology, and paleontology. The inherent bias that a 6,000-year time span places on the interpretation of scientific data grossly violates basic principles of scientific method, deductive reasoning and the parsimonious interpretation of scientific findings. It may look and sound like science, but it's not. The fact remains that any resemblance the creationist point of view has to science is purely coincidental. What is there to debate?

Furthermore, why is a debate format necessary, and why should we be compelled to participate? The speaker's own organization, Answers in Genesis, states on their website, "AiG does not usually participate in debates (our primary ministry is to arm and equip the church, challenging compromise and helping Christians to 'give an answer')." (http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2004/0323debate.asp). This university invites speakers to campus all the time, yet this is the only case we can recall where a portion of the faculty were labeled "cowards" for being non-confrontational. If a speaker came to claim that the pyramids of Egypt were built by extraterrestrials, would the history faculty be "cowards" for declining to debate the point? Of course not. If this creationist has a case to make, let him make it.

We understand that the College Republicans prefer to draw attention to themselves by trying to stir up controversy, but it is disappointing that for all their talk of reasoned debate and intellectual discourse, they have once again resorted to name calling to make their point.

Inn Scott Paul Webb Scott Rutherford

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#### To the Editor:

James Tackach tried to mount a heroic defense of his colleague Glenna Andrade by responding to me in the Hawk's Herald, but his rebuttal only showcases that yet another writing professor is in desperate need of a history book, a course on logical rhetoric, and lessons in critical thinking.

As Jim Tackach's efforts reveal, liberals revert to emotional hysteria to compensate for their dearth of intellect. According to Tackach, "Mr. Mattera and his associates" have "so vividly demonstrated" hatred with their opposition of gay marriage. Voicing disapproval of gay marriage, however, is not tantamount to hating homosexuals. I could say that Tackach and Andrade hate traditional marriages because they want to redefine the union, but that would be mere cowardice in motion, rather than intellectual engagement.

Tackach states that since the 14th Amendment does not mention race or ethnicity, arguing that it cannot apply to gays is fallacious. Tackach, however, is divorcing the context from the wording of this Amendment. The 13th Amendment abolished slavery; the 14th Amendment guaranteed that bitter southerners could not deprive blacks of citizenship, and the 15th Amendment gave blacks voting rights. The 14th Amendment protects racial civil rights, and it wasn't until 1940, in Cantwell v. Connecticut, that judicial activism started to separate laws from context, thus butchering the original intent of the 14th Amendment. Tackach, like many other liberals, is uncomfortable with going back to original intent as the standard to define what should or shouldn't be legal, because to do so would put an end to judicial activism.

If the 14th Amendment applies to gays, why then was the practice of homosexuality forbidden in every state long after this Amendment's ratification? It would be honest scholarship for Tackach to say that even though he believes that the 14th Amendment should apply to homosexuals, original exegesis and contextual reflection forbid it. Furthermore, his analogy with regard to the First Amendment is misleading. Television and radio are subject to government regulation, even though print media is not. Ever heard of the Federal Communications Commission?

Tackach asserts that definitions of marriage found in some cultures and subcultures differ from those found in traditional Western culture. He's partly correct. Small, isolated pre-literate tribes did tolerate non-traditional relations. These are the same tribes that were also accustomed to those fructuous practices of cannibalism and female genital mutilation. Even a dullard wouldn't use these tribes as evidence to support gay marriage, but maybe Tackach finds something sexy about raw flesh and clitorectomy. The fact remains that opposition to gay marriage is not limited to America only, but extends to almost every civilized culture throughout the world.

Tackach, in an attempt to challenge the prevailing view of marriage, has relied on arguing by exception. And due to his intellectual copout, he never addressed the question 'how do we define the social institution we call marriage?' Rather, he chose to carry on about his menopausal state. Marriage is about reproduction and childrearing. But since investigation into the fertility or willingness to have children would be an invasion of privacy, all society can do is define the structure, purpose, and qualifications of marriage-open to all who are potentially able to reproduce-and exclude those who are relationally impotent-homosexuals. Heterosexual infertility is beside the point

Prudence has guided civilized nations to believe there is something more to marriage than just 'love' and 'commitment'. For if these were the only qualifications for marriage, then there would be no rational basis to exclude polygamists or pedophiles. Tackach presumptuously wrote that such reasoning has a "slippery-slope" fallacy attached to it. But even with this statement, he falls short. It's one thing to say that the adoption of polygamy and pedophilia would definitely be a result of gay marriagewhich I didn't say, and it is entirely different to say that there would be no basis for exclusion of polygamy and pedophilia if gay marriage were adopted-which I did say.

Now, on to the menopausal scholar's "logic". According to Tackach, the argument that marriage should be withheld from homosexuals because they do not produce offspring is based on a "faulty premise", the premise being that homosexual activity does not beget life. Unless Tackach can demonstrate that gay sex can produce life, there's nothing invalid about the argument.

Tackach says eiting "promiscuity and rampant disease in the homosexual community as factors for society's lack of approval" is "logic [that is] rather twisted". In fact, Tackach says that my statement is a non sequitur. So does he approve of promiscuity and rampant disease, or does he think that society does? Maybe he's not clear even in his own mind.

Unless Tackach has the gift of prescience, it's bold of him to imply that homosexual marriage would actually decrease promiscuity. If Tackach had directed his energy toward fact-finding, he would have come to the opposite conclusion. A study in the Netherlands, where homosexual marriage has been legitimized, found that the average length of a homosexual "marriage" is no more than two years—the ephemeral nature of homosexual relationships remains persistent.

I agree with Tackach that a person's occupation should not preclude him from political discourse, but I never said that such a requirement existed. Glenna Andrade was advised that she would help her cause to leave the discussion up to those who have erudition (just as I'd defer to Tackach when it comes to writing children's books), Such advisement is not argumentation ad hominem. So Tackach prattled on needlessly about calculators, George Washington, and Ronald Reagan.

It must be pointed out that Tackach attempted to impress the student body by carelessly invoking a vocabulary of terms used in logic that he doesn't thoroughly understand himself. His intellectual masturbation just took up space. In addition, Tackach should be more careful when it comes to sentence construction. This "young scholar" can point out grammatical incongruities of Tackach's text, and he's an English professor. The sixth line of the fourth paragraph should read "police department refuses", not "refused", to respect parallelism, a basic Expository Writing concept.

On a final note, it must be said that Tackach's approximately 2,000-word response to a 700-word article demonstrates that he is not a good writer, but a mere babbler. My heart goes out to his students.

Cheers,

Jason Mattera '05

Yote: Due to the recent influx of Letters to the Editors, we are now enforcing a 710-word imit on future submissions. For any letters that exceed this limit, the Herald reserves the the secture publication, or edit content to fit the space provided.

#### Nirschel

(cont'd. from page 1) as a photo of former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani and a book Henry written by Kissinger, Noticing a trend here? I'm going to

go out on a limb and assume he's Republican. Nirschel also has ball autoby graphed Tommy Lasorda

as well as a baseball bat propped against the wall in the corner of the room

10:58 a.m. - Michelle Allaux, the Director of Corporate Foundation Relations, stops by to review the daily schedule, statistics and notes. The meeting is very brief. She leaves, and the President notes that he's hungry, which leads to a conversation his diet. Apparently, Nirschel is a vegetarian.

"If it flies, walks or crawls, I won't eat it," he said.

11:06 a.m. - A reporter from the

Providence Journal calls regarding the arrival of Bob Kraft and two local high-school football teams who may be attending the speech. The interview is brief about seven minutes. After the interview, the

crawls, I won't eat it,"

said Nirschel.

email, and then reviews

his remarks for introduc-

ing Kraft. Nirschel

apparently writes all of

"I used to be a speech

(Gillooly) looks at them

to see how it resonates,

but in general I'm in

charge of them. If I'm

giving a speech to stu-

dents, sometimes my

daughters will look it

over for me to make sure

I've got things like

musicians and pop cul-

11:20 a.m. - The

tables turn; the President

asks me questions. I tell

ture correct."

he said:

Jeff

his own speeches.

writer."

"Sometimes

part of the job description.

President checks his Bowl XXXVI."

> 11:30 a.m. President checks his email again, Still nothing. Gillooly stops by for the third time today, then quickly leaves. The President makes some phone calls, then finally gets a chance to relax. It lasts about 30 seconds. The phone rings.

> to me. "They're washing the sculpture outside."

\*\*This is a 3-part section in next week's

him I aspire to be a sports reporter, which leads to a 10-minute conversation about sports.

"I grew up a Yankees fan," he says, "but I converted to a Red Sox fan, I had to - it was almost

"If it flies, walks or

"I've only been to one Patriots game in my life. It was in New Orleans, in Super

"Good news," he says

series. Look for the last issue. \*\*



ASK MEG & ASH

Meg and Ash:

I ve got a question for your column. I met a girl here last year, and I've always thought she was cute. Now that I've recently gotten to know her. I think I may like her. However I'm not sure I want a serious relationship. Also, she's had a boyfriend for a while, and although most of our friends think he doesn't treat her right, I'm not sure I want to be the one to break them up. What

Sincerely, Confused on Campus

#### Confused on Campus:

First, when you say her boyfriend doesn't treat her right, do you mean he is abusive in some way or just that he isn't romantic? Perhaps your mutual friends can talk to her about her current situation. Use that information to evaluate whether or not she's in a bad relationship. If she is, she needs to get out of it regardless of whether or not she'll end up with you. How does this girl act? Does she realize she's in a bad relationship, or does she seem oblivious? Perhaps you should start moving a little closer to this girl and make sure everything's alright. Develop a close relationship with her and earn her trust. The closer you get to her the more she'll re-think her current boyfriend. We wouldn't usually recommend getting in the middle, but if she's being treated poorly you should be her knight in shining armor! However, be cautious; you don't want to earn the dreaded "friend" fitte. Be sup portive and open... but a little flirtatious when the moment calls for it. Good luck!

Hey Meg and Ash

I'm a sophomore and lately I've been going out a lot more than I-did last year. I go to Bayside almost every weekend for parties but most of the time I'm the only one not drinking. Usually that doesn't bother me but lately I just feel awkward and have thought a lot about drinking just to fit in, even though I hate the taste of alcohol. Any suggestions?

Sober in Stonewall

#### Sober in Stonewall:

First, kudos to you for sticking your ground and not drinking, that is very admirable. Many college social events involve drinking, but this doesn't mean you have to miss out. Sometimes people tend to go a little crazy when intoxicated. As the sober one, you can prevent your friends from making bad decisions. Also, everyone loves the designated driver. You can assure friends a safe ride home while getting some extra gas money. But you don't want to spend your entire college career being everyone's babysitter. Talk to your triends and see if you can save a night for some sober fun, like a movie or bowling. While at parties, we suggest that you always have a drink in hand. You could just suck with something as simple as a bottle of water or a Coke in a party cup. So, if anyone offers you a drink, say you have one. How are they going to know that your Coke doesn't have any rum in it?

Keep shore emails coming! arkmeg, arkahatmail.com



## From the tormented mind of an undecided voter

Kate Tangney **Contributing Writer** 

On November 2, the nation will go to the polls and choose the next President of the United States. For most of this highly-polarized country, the decision will be easy. But for the unfortunate few, the sotermed "undecided," the choice will be an agonizing one. And I am lucky enough to be one of them.

There, I admitted it. I'm an undecided voter. Go on, throw things. But before you get to the really heavy objects, hear me out. And try to remember, it's not easy being me.

My entire life I've been nothing but a Democrat, a populistleaning liberal Democrat. For years I've been certain that when the time came for me to vote, I would vote along the party line, "pull the lever," etc. That was my full intention when I registered as a Democrat this spring. I didn't like John Kerry, but I didn't know John Kerry. I was sure he'd grow on me. The problem is, he hasn't.

I am just as unsure of Kerry now, after months of speeches, a convention and three debates, as I was last spring. And know what? vou Everyone I've talked to is just as unsure of Kerry as I am. Not one of them really likes Kerry, or is passionate about his views. The only thing they're passionate about is getting George W. Bush out of office, and so on Tuesday they're "sucking it up" and voting Kerry.

Why can't I just shut up and do the same? Because I've found someone else, a candidate who shares my views, and stands up for them: David Cobb, the Green Party's presidential candidate. After I saw him speak last month at Brown University, and entered the mental turmoil that is indecision. I called home, looking for sup-

Instead, all I've gotten is flack. "Are you actually considering voting Green?" Yes. "Do you remember the 2000 election?" Yes. "Okay, but if Bush wins the state, it's on your head Kate." And

it might very well be. Unlike the majority of people here at RWU, my state isn't a guaranteed Kerry victory. I'm from a swing state, so my vote might actually matter. And god forbid, if I vote Cobb and Bush wins the election, my next four years are going to be

I'm in a full-blown crisis of conscience. People keep telling me that a vote for Cobb/Nader/any third party candidate is a vote for Bush, which although might be true is really not fair. Why must I vote for a candidate I don't like, just to vote against one I hate? Ours was never meant to be a two-party system, people aren't supposed to make these kind of decisions, pragmatism or idealism.

Unfortunately, essence that is what it has become. We are almost forced to vote against the greater of two evils, and go the practical route. But if there's ever a time to vote ideologically, isn't it now, when I can still claim the ignorance of youth? Next Tuesday, do 1 vote my head or my heart?

# College students face insurmountable obstacles when attemping to gain political office

Meghan Rothschild **Contributing Writer** 

He wanted to be the first student to successfully represent Roger Williams University in a state office, but on September 14, Adam Maust, senior political science major, was not one of the names on the primary ballot.

After announcing his candidacy for Rhode Island State Representative on April 24, and dutifully collecting 140 signatures (when only 50 were required). Maust found himself facing hurdle after hurdle from local politicians, as well as the town.

"I wanted to prove that a student would be influential in getting other young adults my age involved in the political process," said Maust. "To find out that I did not meet the town's criteria on paper was one of the most disappointing moments of my life." His position is similar to recent situa-Brown tions Providence, where students attempting to be involved in government have found themselves

participate in local government. Bristol needs some type of reassurance that candidates for state office know this town inside and out, and by creating a residency requirement the general public can be at ease. The one year residency obligation is nothing but assurance that the town is not placed in the hands of a rookie candi-

Some students could fit the description of a fair-weather candidate, but many students getting involved actually care about the outcome.

"Students are often a great deal more knowledgeable about the political system from an acathan view demic adults," said Joan Roth, Bristol resident and chorus teacher at RWU. "Those who are interested are generally very interested and often very bright."

According to the Green Bay, Wisconsin Press, the new trend sweeping campuses is getting involved in poli-

"It's important for students to be involved," Bryenne Libby, population in Bristol.

This means that if all students were taken into consideration by the town, they would have the right and the ability to affect change. This instills a lot of power which could be threatening to Bristol residents and local politicians.

According to June Speakman, political science professor and a member the Town Barrington Council, students could have a significant influence. "If students register to vote, and then vote in large numbers, politicians will begin to respond to them," she said. "Concerns about college funding, the draft, overpriced rentals, even the drinking age. will begin to be addressed."

For RWU's young adults, this influence could be great. Students could vote to lower housing costs, decide on environmental issues or choose to keep music in the elementary schools. The often-silenced voice could finally be heard.

However, this could create a problem for Bristol residents

requires that for any student to participate in local or state office, they would have to live here over the summer to complete the full 12 months. This is undesirable for students. The current housing prices in Bristol are at an all-time high, making it difficult for the majority of parttime working students. The only other option is to stay at school and take summer classes or become involved as an orientation advisor. Many students may live far away and want to go home to visit friends and family. Unfortunately, inability to comply with these requirements automatically makes students ineligible for positions in local govern-

It seems as though students are stuck between a rock and a hard place, and there's not much to do.

Ray Cordeiro, Athletic Associate Director at RWU for 23 years, tends to think otherwise. "I don't think it [the residency requirement] is about the students," said Cordeiro. who is just finishing up

Seeking to be more involved with the Bristol Community, senior Adam Maust, above, was blocked from running for State Representative.

you learn more about the political process then you would from a textbook or class."

Maust's plan of action. was to jump into local government headfirst and to act as a role model for current students. Unfortunately, he faced many problems along the way and wasn't able to continue on his journey.

"I was there when Ray Gallison attempted to persuade Adam to withsaid Speakman. Gallison is State Representative (D) for college town and this could create problems if any were elected to office. The student would be removed from office and another would have to be electresidents ed-Bristol could suffer.

This is a reasonable concern, but biased against undergraduates. Maust did not plan on taking this route; he had every intention of calling Bristol home. "If I had won office in Bristol I planned on staying here," he said. "I love this town."

Rules and regulations

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stonewalled by a variety of voting regulations.

At RWU, students are faced with the dilemma that most college-age students struggle with: being politically disenfranchised. Unfortunately, the effort to get involved is not always an easy requirements of candidacy for state office include residency in Bristol, or any town in RI, for 12 consecutive months. This prevents students who only live here for eight months of the year from participating in local government. Maust wanted to put an end to the hindrance of students within District 69, but his big hopes for State Rep stardom were soon destroyed.

On the other hand, some involved in hometown politics question the ability of students to

junior, a public relations major at RWU. "We're going to be out in that world soon, we need to plan for our

Registering to vote is only the beginning of governmental process, but many students do not realize what they are giving up by becoming an official voter in Bristol. For example, by registering here, you're declaring residency in Rhode Island; therefore, if you live in another state you give up your right to participate in that local government. Most students opt to stay registered at home and forego the option to vote here. This creates an under-representation of the populace in the eyes of Bristol: the student body makes up approximately 20 percent of the Although students live here eight months out of the year, many do not Bristol home. Therefore, many believe this new political interest could actually have a negative influence.

Beth Joyce, a Bristol resident for over 30 years, stated, "The students are well-intentioned, but I'm not sure they know what would be best for the town." She believes students don't educate themselves enough in regard to the issues facing local government. "I think students would tend to vote to their preference," she said, "regardless of the consequences for the town."

Perhaps this fear of student involvement is what created the town residency requirement for anyone desiring to run for office. The rule his tenth year on the Bristol Town Council. He believes that stushould involved, but on a lower scale than running for office. He wants stubecome involved in the voting process and to understand how politics work before they try to become politicians.

Other Bristol residents feel the same. James Rae, a current resident of Bristol, stated, "It'd be a great idea for students to begin with understanding the voting process, then when they get a little experience under their belt they could run for office."

Maust obviously felt differently about the situation. "I think those who want to take office have a right to," he said "By running for office

Rhode Island. When Adam declared himself as a candidate, he stunned Gallison.

"It's an unwritten rule that Democrats do not fellow challenge Democrats," Cordeiro. Maust's campaign would have weakthe strength Gallison needed to challenge the Republican Party. According Speakman, Cordeiro, Gallison wanted Maust on his side for the upcoming

One question raised by many local residents is where are these students going to be in four years. In defense of the town's residency requirement, there is a possibility that a student elected to the government could pack up and leave. Most students do not stay rooted in their are set-up to protect towns from unreliable candidates. Unfortunately, due to these requirements many students feel like they are being excluded from participating in local politics and as a result are unable to have their be heard. However, the trend is changing and students are beginning to exercise their rights, especially in the current presidential election.

"We have a drive they've never seen before," said Maust. "As far as barriers, if you see it like that, they are just challenges we, as a generation, have to overcome."

# Audubon Center exhibits the Island's habitat and creatures

Heather Kordulo Science Editor

Are you looking to get out in the fresh air, meet new people and learn new things? Then come the Audubon Environmental Education Center. The Audubon Environmental Education Center, centered on 28 acres of the Claire D. McIntosh Wildlife Refuge on Narragansett Bay, is a non-profit organization that carries out a broad program of public environmental educa-

Its goal is to provide programs with structured, classroom style methods along with hands-on, face-to-face experience, which fosters a deeper curiosity about the environment and as well as scientific concepts.

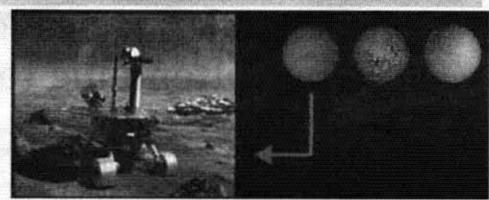
The Center is involved in conservation and preservation by continuing to acquire, manage and protect open space and wildlife habitats and working with individuals and businesses to ensure an environment that people will enjoy for generations to come. The Center is open all year and houses Rhode Island's largest aquarium. It also displays a life-sized model of a Right Whale, a Harbor Seal display, tide pool tank, trail and boardwalk, and a gift shop.

The exhibits represent all of Rhode Island's habitats including the woodland, cornfield, wetlands, salt marshes and the Narragansett Bay shoreline. The Center also provides outreach programs to RI schools in order to promote environmental education.

With a staff of eight, the Center welcomes volunteers of all ages and heavily relies on the 100-plus volunteers to make events run smoothly. An upcoming volunteer opportunity will be at the Holiday Craft Fair on December 4.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. It is open daily from nine to five, Monday through Saturday, and noon to five on Sunday.

The Environmental Education Center is located on Hope Street just before the Bristol/Warren line. Call 245-7500 for more information.



## Mars Exploration Rovers share information with Earth

Heather Kordula Science Editor

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun and is more like the Earth than any other body in our solar system. This makes it the most practical planet to travel to and a potential destination for spacecraft.

In the latest installment of the Math and Science Seminar Series, Brad Thomson gave a lecture entitled, "The Mars Exploration Rovers: Mission Objectives and Preliminary Results" Wednesday afternoon.

Thomson, who is completing his Ph.D. at Brown University, discussed the brief history of the Mars program, as well as current and upcoming missions.

In the lecture, Thomson described the missions of the rovers Opportunity and Spirit. Spirit landed on January 3, 2004, near Gusev Crater. Opportunity landed on January 24, 2004, near Meridiani Planum. Both have lasted long past their originally intended 90-day missions.

Thomson also showed panoramic images of the Martian surface, and passed out samples of hematite and iron oxide, examples of minerals found on Mars' surface.

Thomson also shared what the next decade of exploration will bring. Some missions include the exploration of the evolution of Mars, the search for evidence of past and present life and the exploration of hydrothermal habitats found on Mars.

During the question and answer portion of the lecture, Thomson was asked if he thought there was life on Mars. He replied, "I think we don't know, but we should still keep on exploring."

### Science & Math Seminar Series Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. MNS

November 3 Dr. Sandor Kadar, Salve Regina University

November 10 Dr. Chris Fedo, George Washington University

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# Eclectic guitars highlight Expression Session

Aron Chabot Contributing Writer

As Thursday night rolls on I am sitting in The Other Place, listening to Kevin Lisinski and Tony Hollums discuss various combat strategies in the event that they are ever assaulted by an errant zombie. Methods range from blowguns to handto-hand combat and beyond. This isn't a B-Movie showing, or even a stand-up routine - it's one of the weekly expression sessions held each Thursday night in the Student Union. The Session is a chance for musicians, poets and comedians (novice and advanced), to get stage time performing for fellow students.

The zombie routine is a way for Tony and Kevin to keep the growing crowd of spectators and waiting performers entertained, while students grab popcorn and fill the seats. Kevin, a lefty, decides to take the stage first, borrowing a guitar from the crowd, which he then begins to play upside down in pure Hendrix fashion. As he rips through

familiar favorites, such as Sublime's "Caress Me Down" and "What I Got," he sets the tone for the evening.

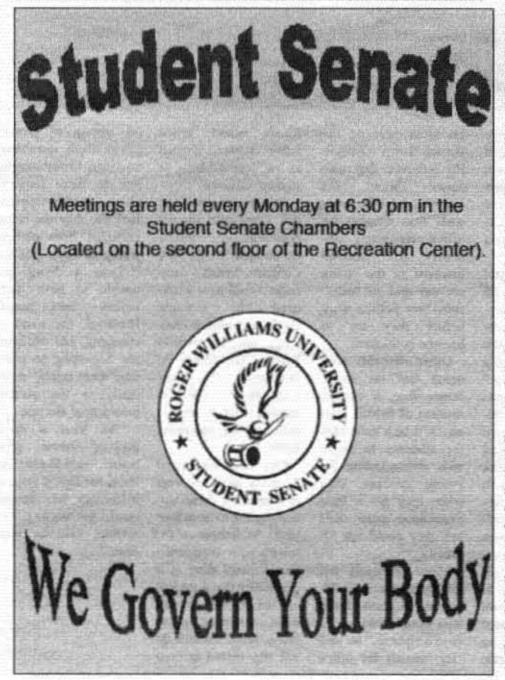
"What's the Status" and Brett Hobson follow with stripped-down acoustic performances of classics, such as "Hotel California," and a selection of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jones numbers that keep the crowd relaxed and comfortable – even the occasional slip-up earns praise from the crowd.

Following Hobson, Pete Eartash took the stage. He read two poems, which tell the tale of a strained fatherson relationship, "And as I am of you, I too am in shadow, a darkness unbroken, invisible to your blank eyes." Poetry music. revealed, are his ways of dealing with life in a creative manner. Next up is "Metallica Mike," sporting a tour shirt of the namesake band, and "shredding" on a lowslung, flamed Gibson Flying-V (guitar). At the request of the audience. he cranks out thrash staples from Megadeth and Slayer as students form a

"mosh" pit in the second row.

employee CEN Marshall Guthrie kicked off the second half, lamenting about the hassle of finding someone special in the bar scene, "All the Casanovas open with some killer lines, but for me, it's paint by numbers every time." Time-tested lyrics that were driven home with the help of his acoustic guitar. Next up was Rich Kuhn. The room fell silent as he tore out killer blues and had the ladies swooning the "Sexual Healing," by Marvin Gaye. It was exactly the kind of performance you would expect from a 13-year veteran musician.

For the finale, host Tony Hollums teamed up with Pete and Rich in an impromptu jam. Tony slapped his bass into a frenzy, and Rich provided the harmonic overtones that blended with Pete's thundering, tribalbongo styling. The three stayed locked together for the better part of ten minutes, ending Expression Session on an energetic note.



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at places such as 1776, and Mt. Hope Liquors) and they often get stopped when walking out or when an officer goes into bars such as Gillary's or Beans and requests ID."

One RWU junior who was arrested, yet not reprimanded, is in complete agreement with the students and not "the administration.

"I would be really pissed because I was off school property and it's not the school's business to know what I do outside of school," he said, "Whatever happens to me on my own time is my own business and not the school's."

Most schools, however, do not have their staff working overtime on weekend nights to patrol and watch their students. They rely on the local police stations to call in incidents that they either feel are too difficult for the busy station to deal with, or when they believe it is worthy of the college knowing.

Union College, located in Schenectady, New York, often hear of offcampus arrests due to the station having more important and serious crimes to deal with.

Trish VanDerhoof,

Program Assistant at Union, stated, "The police in town go easier on students so the school makes them understand what they did." For smaller offenses such as an "open container," "the police will call the school if the station's too busy. They call campus safety, then it goes to the Dean of Students, then to the judicial system," VanDerhoof said.

Jeff Foster of Judicial Affairs at Gettysburg reported, there is less of a need for a strong relationship between the college and the police.

At the University of Arizona, judicial affairs take a completely different approach.

"We do not sanction or put our students through the judicial process unless it's within the jurisdiction on campus," Program Coordinator at Judicial Affairs Terry Holthusen said.

Arizona, being a much

repressed by parents, beget a spirit of insubordination which is the great obstacle to science with us and a principal cause of its decay since the Revolution." Dean Quinn remarks, "We are not Hitler, we just want to talk to you. We won't even look around the house. We are very respectful."

Although not every college is as respectful and calm as SRU, the students there seem more important to deal with than DUIs (driving under the influence) and possession of pot?

According to RWU's Good Neighbor Policy, "It is important to understand that the University has no interest in regulating what goes on in the privacy of your home. However, when otherwise private actions or behaviors become public and attract the attention of neighbors or others within the community,

Pesare added that "all arrests are on public record so the school could find out about it that way or through the police's press release just from the regular press." Despite the good relationship between the two, there does not seem to be a constant sharing of information.

Although schools like University Arizona deem the involvement of the offcampus arrests "not our domain," most American colleges are reforming and changing their policies for those arrests. It seems that RWU lies within the middle ground American schools in showing awareness and involvement with their student affairs, yet they do not seek out each individual crime and penalize the students for

"We are not Hitler. The way you talk to students is what's important," Dean Quinn stated. "We don't want to body slam - nobody here wants to."

\*The students interviewed for this story did not wish to be named.

# "When otherwise private actions become public and attract the attention of neighbors or others within the community, that's when RWU becomes involved."

College in Pennsylvania deals with a completely different set of rules. The school is located in a much safer and better area than Schenectady, therefore making the non-campus affiliated crimes minute.

Foster stated, "The relationship with the police used to be better. The police chief used to send all of the reports to the college, but not so much anymore because there is a new chief. We try to call the station weekly or biweekly, however, to see if there have been any reports."

Although the college will send the student through the judicial system if the crime has been larger college than RWU, Salve Regina, Union and Gettysburg, operate on the opposite end of the spectrum. Holthusen claims of Arizona, "If we started to discipline farther than campus we would deal on a much greater scale. Where would our role stop?"

When discussing the relationship between students and the administration, Dean Quinn of Salve Regina quoted Thomas Jefferson, citing amazement at the relevancy of its application.

"The article of discipline is the most difficult in American education. Premature ideas of independence, too little extremely under control and well aware of their boundaries.

"Nine out of ten times, we'll never hear from them again," Dean Quinn stated.

Another student at RWU, a sophomore, feels not only lucky but he laughs his way to class each morning because judicial affairs has not contacted him about any of his three arrests in the past month for drunk driving and underage drinking. He has been arrested in three different surrounding towns, yet the school seems to have no idea.

Why does judicial affairs feel that entering a bar while under 21 is

Williams University becomes involved." But clearly, the University does not involve itself with all off-campus arrests or disruptions. What offenses cross

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What offenses cross the line and spark judicial affairs' attention? According to Ms. Hartzell, "We have a very good relationship with Bristol, Newport, Portsmouth, Middletown and the State Police."

However, when asked if his department typically contact the University, Middletown Police Chief Tony Pesare, the former Dean of RWU's criminal-justice program, claimed, "We do not contact the school."



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# One Night Stand: Shedding pinstripes for Game 1

'Twas the night before the World Series, when all through the

dorm not a Sox fan was praying, not even with Schilling in rare

form. The tickets were hung on the refrigerator with ease, in

hopes tomorrow would bring a Johnny-Damon-suicide-squeeze.

Tim Mannion Sports Editor

Game one of the 100th World Series was held on October 23 at the great Fenway Park. The fall classic, which for the last ten years resided in the Bronx, has finally come full circle. The Boston Red Sox are finally playing in their first world series since

1986, after they rallied past the New York Yankees in game Fans seven. watched as the St. Louis Cardinals charged Roger past Clemens and

Houston Astros, they knew this was a match-up of epic proportions.

Many questions were left in the Red Sox fans' imaginations. Would the Sox break the curse? Would Schilling pitch? Would the Cardinals pitch to David Ortiz? Who would play first base when they traveled to St. Louis? But the most important ques-

How can I get tickets? This was not an easy question to answer. Unless you had a couple

thousand dollars and an

account on eBay, you

were limited to Joe

Bucks input and the

For this Yankee fan, all

that was needed was a

quick phone call - I had

commercials.

two World Series tickets in my hand just hours before the opening

I made my way to Saturday with half a tank of gas and 20 bucks pocket. The in my atmosphere was electric the Vendors selling t-shirts that said, "Whose Your

"What Would Johnny

Damon Do?" swarmed

the massive crowds of

around Yawkey way.

The smell of Fenway

franks traveled past my

gathered

that

Daddy

nose and the \$15 program limited my spending money, But that didn't matter for I had a ticket to see history.

Everything was just like a normal game...

Ten minutes before the first pitch, fighter jets flying over the stadium followed the national anthem. Ben Affleck sitting with Jennifer

the problem: for some reason I was pulling for Boston. Maybe because 1 would have been hung from Pesky's pole if I didn't or maybe it was because I actually wanted to see them win. The atmosphere consumed me to



lose (This year - it was a win!), these fans will still be fans.

For one night in October I hid my pinstripes. I swear to myself it'll never happen again.

Congratulations the Making ....

Next year the team will be different. Players will come and go, but Fenway Faithfuls will still be here rooting for their beloved Sox.

BoSox - 86 Years in



World series since 1986 and have a chance to reverse that damn curse.

Red Sox Nation has swept through the RWU campus. Students (above) enjoy a long October night watching playoff baseball. The Red Sox are appearing in their first

possibly mess up the name) was shown on the Jumbotron several times before it got old. What a surprise. Anticipation filled the

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her because he can't

air. Red Sox fanatics, old and new, mutated into a 35,000-headed monster. This made Fenway Park feel like the Coliseum, when gladiators fought and the cheering fans chose who lived or died. This Saturday was no different.

From the opening pitch the players worked the crowd. The crowd's response to David Ortiz' three-run homer in the first inning shook my seat as if an earthquake had registered a 4.0 on the Richter scale.

As the game continued, I felt a little funny, I immediately recognized meant so much more. The \$3,000 ticket was the world to them. Anyone could watch the game on television. These fanatics paid for the experithey ence, paid for a picture they two. paid for a Bellhorn homerun in

the point of no return.

Innings flew by and

the score changed here

and there, but to the fans

in attendance the game

a good show. They one: an 11-9 BoSox win.

Win



Red Sox faithful Ben Affleck with his new "Jen" at game 1 of the Fall Classic.

# Tune in to WQRI 88.3 FM: Radio Schedule

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3.00 PM - 6:00 PM	Mike Martelli Rock N' Rolls Greatest	Comfortably Numb with Sturk & Dusty	Pat and Bill (Dazed and Confused)	Too Rolling Stoned Aron Chabot	Top Ramen		Common Sense	
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8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Songs that last longer than your boyfriend with Laura and Kate	Freshly Baked with Giovanni and Ryan	Brendan & Annie (Easy Skankin)	Dave Scholten (Funky and SoSo)				
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