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THIS
WEEK



Midnight Madness
gets crazy!
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SPORTS



THE HAWK'S HERALD

an independent student newspaper

RWU, Bristol discuss plans for service compensation

Kellie Corcoran
Contributing Writer

Sunday, September
12: Bayside resident
reports larceny of com-
puter.

Tuesday, September
14: A wallet was report-
edly stolen from campus.

Wednesday, September
15: A student requested
assistance returning to
campus following a
motor vehicle accident.

Each week the Police Beat of the campus newspaper, *The Hawk's Herald*, is full of reports detailing "situations" that involve the Bristol police. Most are non-violent in nature, yet the local police provide free services to Roger Williams University. RWU does not pay a property tax to the town, meaning it receives safety services and residency in Bristol free-of-charge.

The white and blue police cruisers are dispatched daily to RWU to handle a variety of situations, and, "The majority are three types: alcohol, narcotics or unwanted parties... In most cases none are serious," said Lieutenant Guercia of the Bristol Police Department.

Since most of the incidents are general calls for service, the police force does not receive compensation for their efforts. In fact, RWU can also call the Bristol Fire Department and is not required to pay for the provided assistance. "I would guess [police are sent to campus] a minimum of three times in a 24-hour period. That is just an approximation, without research," said Lieutenant Guercia.

Nationally, colleges, like churches, are not-

for-profit institutions, and therefore by law are not required to pay taxes. Even though RWU significantly boosts the economy of Bristol, the "tax-free" services can potentially be seen as a burden on the town's officers, as they are often dispatched for minor situations. RWU has begun talks to expand its campus safety personnel hoping that it will lower the number of responses needed by the town.

Students on campus are bound to spot the police presence at RWU. Junior Mike Robichaud said, "I noticed at the beginning of the year there were cop cars constantly driving through campus... it seems like they are everywhere."

The question then becomes, does the high

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Bush Wins 2nd Term

President Bush was reelected with 51 percent of the popular vote, the first time a Republican has won by a majority since 1988.

Views on the Issues:

- Abortion - Opposes
 - Affirmative Action - Neutral
 - Gay Marriage - Opposes
 - Gay in the Military - Supports
 - "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" - Opposes
 - Gay Adoption - Opposes
 - Hate Crime Legislation - Opposes
 - Increase Size of Army - Opposes
 - Federal Budget - Increase Military spending
 - Dealing in A.W.P. - Supports
 - Alternative Fuel - Supports (sometimes)
 - Energy Policy - Supports
 - Gas Mileage Requirements - Supports (sometimes)
 - Radiation Drug Costs - Supports
 - Prescription Drug Benefits - Supports
 - Nationalized Health Care - Opposes
 - Sue HMOs - Opposes
 - Patriot Act - Supports
 - Immigration - Supports enforced laws
 - War in Iraq - Supports
 - Iraq Reconstruction - Supports
 - Pre-emption Policy - Supports
 - Afghanistan - Supports reconstruction
 - Middle East - Supports peace process
 - Death Penalty - Supports
 - Drug Policy - Supports harsh penalties
 - Gun Control - Opposes
 - Social Security - Supports privatization
 - Tax Cuts - Supports (for the richest)
 - Job Creation - Believes economy is fine
- For more election coverage,
see pages 12-13



the board: Global CEO of Porter Nocelli, former Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, one of the primary architects of the Chunnel. (the underground tunnel that crosses the English Channel to France), CEO of the Smithsonian Institute, and head of the Clear Channel Corporation. I'm relieved; at least there isn't anyone important here, or I'd feel awfully out of place.

12:56 p.m. - We begin eating. The President asks for the salmon. Since fish swim instead of flying, walk-

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The Golfcart Diary

Walking around in the President's shoes: Part III

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

11:42 a.m. - "This is called down time," he says to me. Yet he can't seem to sit still. He paces in and out, talks to his secretary, shuffles through papers. The secretaries make me one of those fancy gold nametags.

11:46 a.m. - While I'm admiring my nametag, I look up to realize I've lost Nirschel. I eventually find him down the hall, consulting with the Vice President for University Advancement. After, he stops in to every other office on the way back, chatting and saying hello.

11:59 a.m. - Email, yet again. The President, like me, is an email junkie. After reading an email, he makes a quick phone call. Nobody answers.

Even when you're the President, sometimes people don't answer the phone.

12:02 p.m. - Nirschel looks out of his window, then walks outside. The administration building has a walkway that surrounds the entire second floor. He goes to the railing and calls down to Political Science Professor Mark Sawoski. Sawoski's tie is crooked, as usual. They have a brief chat, then Nirschel walks around the entire building, peering into people's offices and saying hello.

12:07 p.m. - The President reaches his office once again, only to find his computer has crashed.

Even the President's computer crashes. It may have been from the 273 times he checked his email.

12:09 p.m. - Binh Tran arrives from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She is one of the members of the Board of Overseers, and the founder of American Pacific University, the first American university

in Vietnam. Some of their students have applications that will be reviewed by the admissions department at RWU.

12:25 p.m. - It's time for the important part of the day - lunch with the Board of Overseers. Apparently only two private universities in the United States have a Board of Overseers - Roger Williams University and Harvard University. As Nirschel says, "Harvard is in pretty good company." The luncheon takes place in the Marine and Natural Sciences building conference room. I notice that the President is big on mingling and speaking to everyone individually.

This is a big deal. Roger Williams plates, Roger Williams water and my personal favorite, Roger Williams chocolates.

12:43 p.m. - Finally, everyone is seated for lunch. Among those on



Chris Villano
Contributing Writer

From Providence, with love

"Road Trippin' Part II"

The Boston trip was great and I was successful in my mission to not get arrested, but one weekend away from the house wouldn't be enough to quell the hatred the Providence police had for me and my roommates. Solution: another road trip!

"Let me see in your syllabus where it says you can't miss more than three hours of class," my roommate asked, as I pleaded with him that missing any more class would be extremely detrimental to my GPA. As I conceded to Ryan's request and agreed to accompany him on a four-day trip to Virginia Tech, I couldn't help but think back to freshman year, first semester. The good ol' days, when I didn't believe my professors when they assured the class our grades would be lowered by half a letter if we missed more than three (I had a 2.2 that semester).

Against my better judgment, I left on a Thursday, missing a few classes (*because I was sick*). The itinerary: a one-hour car ride to the New London Ferry, an hour on the ferry, two hours in the car driving to St. Johns University in Queens to pick up the third member of our trip Dan (who would later become known as "Herbie Sherbie"), and then an eight-hour drive to Virginia

Tech - all in one shot. Sounds easy, right? But is anything ever easy anymore?

When we arrived in Queens that night to pick up Dan at his apartment, Ryan informed him of the travel plans. We would be leaving immediately, driving South for eight hours through the night to Virginia Tech (it was 9 p.m., Ryan doesn't plan things very well). Dan responded with something like, "I live above a bar, I'm the commissioner of beer pong, I can't leave tonight, I have to work." (In fact, Dan doesn't actually work there, he just bosses people around the pong tables and makes up rules like, "You can't triple stamp a double stamp"). Ryan and I were quickly persuaded to stay, as all the college student vices were laid out in front of us, literally, on the table.

More important than winning a few matches of pong on the road, I learned something very interesting that night as I watched my traveling mate make frequent trips outside to take private calls: there was an X-factor, and it was a woman! (I would later learn that Ryan met a girl named Amy on his "pseudo-junior year abroad" to Florida, where he worked as a life guard at Disney, made no money and received no credit because he dropped out of his one class). We were heading to Virginia Tech to visit her, at her sorority. What had I gotten myself into I wondered, as I tried to pass out in a reclining chair (that wouldn't recline) late

that night.

Morning would come and so would the difficulties of using MapQuest at 6 a.m., hungover. We eventually ended up writing the directions down on the back of a baby picture because the printer wouldn't work. It's a little hazy, but I remember one instance while driving through NYC, when Ryan made a wrong turn onto a bus lane and was stopped by an officer who rudely yelled at him, "Hey, did you know you could get a summons for driving in this lane!"

This became a personal joke to me for the entire trip as I sat in the backseat yelling things like, "Hey, did you know I could skull you for looking at this pavement!"

Finally, we arrived at the beautiful campus of Virginia Tech (complete with an on-campus golf course). Dan and I were greeted with the knowledge we would have to attend a dress-up semi-formal for the sorority (similar to prom) and we had already been chosen as dates for two lucky/unlucky girls. This was a bit shocking to us; we're from Long Island wine country and I go to school in Rhode Island - I know more about Tampons than I do about sororities. But as Ron Burgundy would say, "When in Rome."

Think back to your senior prom - add a bar and three years to your age, that's where I was last weekend while you were drinking Busch Light down at Bayside. After the sorority formal, we headed to a local bar. "Oh, well in

New York, we celebrate Halloween on Halloween, I don't know how it's done in Virginia," exclaimed Dan to the third person who asked him why he wasn't dressed up on Halloween Eve. I'd have to say, my favorite Halloween costume enthusiast was "Captain Underpants." This was a girl who thought wearing red tights and underwear (tight-whities) on the outside would be a great thing to wear to a bar. It gets better though: at one point in the night, the Captain asked Ryan why there was so much room in the front of guy's underwear and if we really needed that much space. Perplexed and inebriated, Ryan turned to the nearest male and asked if he could, "fill out her underwear?" I'll never forget that, and I'll never forget why missing classes in college is just as important as attending them.

Below, "Captain Underpants," and the road trip to Virginia Tech.



Police Beat

The dog ate my license...

Wednesday, October 27, at 12:23 a.m.: William McElroy, 19, of 30 Primrose Dr., Bristol, RI, was charged with driving with a suspended and revoked license for prior violations.

Dorm Disruption

Friday, October 29, at 9:05 a.m.: A disorderly student was investigated in front of Maple Hall.

Dude, you're gettin' a Dell...

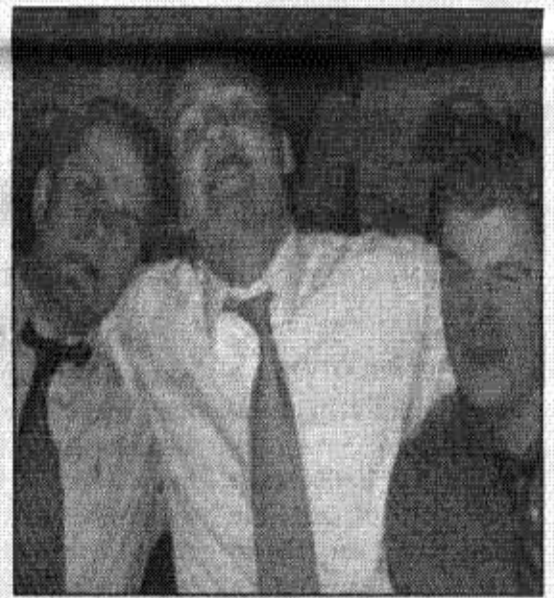
Friday, October 29, at 10:44 a.m.: A RWU student reports the larceny of a Notebook laptop from Willow Hall.

Post-Chameleon Club conflict

Saturday, October 30, at 3:01 a.m.: RWU Public Safety reports a large fight that broke out on campus.

What's in your candy bag?

Sunday, October 31, at 12:03 a.m.: Noah Slosberg, 19, of 71 Algonquin Ave., Chestnut Hill, Mass., was charged with possession of marijuana.
Sunday, October 31, at 4:04 p.m.: Phobe Angle, 19, of 3 Young Lane, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, was charged with possession of marijuana.



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Editor's Desk

Today's message is brought to you by Pillow Top air mattresses and French Roast coffee - The former which we don't see enough, the latter which we see far too often.

So, Bush won. Bummer.

So, thanks, John Kerry, for not winning.

Thanks, Alaska, for not legalizing marijuana.

Thanks, Montana, for legalizing medical marijuana.

Thanks, Ohio, for being the most difficult state in America.

Thanks, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, Montana,

North Dakota, Oregon and Utah, for banning same-sex marriage.

Thanks, Nader, for giving America a heart-felt concession speech.

Thanks, Florida, for not being a problem this year.

But thanks, writers of the Constitution, for allowing us to make our own stupid decisions.

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To the Editor:

In their letter to the editor, science professors Tim Scott, Paul Webb, and Scott Rutherford whined about being labeled cowards for failing to participate in an evolution-creation debate. Not only has their article accentuated the charge of cowardice, it has also demonstrated that the threesome are too small-minded to examine their own ideological blind spots.

Certainly, disagreement is not tantamount to fear, but when the science professoriat take a public position in the classroom—the theory of evolution—and when this position is called into question by someone of similar expertise, a failure to defend such a belief either means the science faculty don't have confidence in what they believe or that they are too afraid to defend it, or both.

Moreover, for the trio to say that "any resemblance" creationists have with science is "coincidental," to write that such an alternative position "violates basic principles of [the] scientific method," and to sidestep debate with examples featuring "extraterrestrials," these professors are actually providing their stance on the issue. The problem is, though, that these men chose to present their case after their challenger's exit, leaving no room for cross-examination from the original challenger. If the creationist position could have been easily dismantled, as Scott, Webb, and Rutherford imply, then why not engage in a debate? To say that it will legitimize the other side is silly because time, energy, and space have already been allocated to the evolutionists' position, as their original letter reveals.

The fact remains that debates are beneficial to the campus community because students are provided with premises and conclusions by professionals from both ideological camps and can therefore decide which argument is more coherent, logical, and cogent. With this in mind, the title of "coward" is an objective evaluation, rather than mere name-calling.

Since these professors did not thoroughly think through their position before they picked up the pen, they created an epistemological and philosophical dilemma for themselves, as most naturalists or atheists do. According to the threesome, "science aims to find natural explanations for observed phenomena," and thus precludes any theistic interpretations with regard to the formation of the world or any other experience. However, by disallowing any theistic interpretation, these professors are assuming their commitment to naturalism in advance, but have failed to prove that such a commitment to naturalism is warranted. If the naturalist says that the "scientific method" is the ultimate standard, as the threesome suggest, one must ask how in fact that statement is itself provable? If it's through the "scientific method", then the question has been begged, but if it is through another means, then the "scientific method" is no longer the ultimate standard. All this means is that evolutionists and creationists aren't neutral and that both come to the debate with underlying presuppositions that are already inherently taken for granted.

Let's take it a step further. In order to resolve the difference in world-views rationally, one must see which position better comports with reality, the laws of logic, ethics, and the uniformity of nature (induction), all of which provide the preconditions for science, learning, and intelligibility. Atheism is debunked by its own philosophical arbitrariness and incoherency. If this world were conceived by mere matter in motion and were the result of random chance, as is purported, then naturalists could not justify the existence of universal, invariant laws that are immaterial in nature and which reflect absolute truth.

In fact, anytime a naturalist reasons or uses the universal precepts of logic, he is borrowing from the supernaturalist worldview, for only in a theistic framework do universal, abstract, and invariant entities, such as the laws of logic, make sense. The naturalist cannot rationalize how a materialist philosophy can have attached to it metaphysical conceptions that not only exist but remain immutable from culture to culture.

I don't expect every member of the science department to digest these arguments in one sitting, for as have we seen with the recent articles from faculty, intellectual poverty and blind biases plague some professors at this institution.

Cheers,
Jason Mattera '05

To the Administration of Roger Williams University:

I am greatly dismayed by the failure of the Administration to involve the student body in its negotiation regarding voluntary contributions to the town of Bristol. One of the thorniest political issues in the town is the perception that the University should be paying property taxes—an impossibility, of course, as the school is a tax-exempt non-profit institution. However, the resulting political pressure has driven the Town Council to ask the Administration to voluntarily enter into a contract with the town that would obligate the school to provide a certain amount of funding.

How much? I don't know—and nor does any other student. What for? I don't know that either, because neither the town nor the University have deigned to inform the public or student body. What I *do* know is that the goal of this process is to create a contract—a legal obligation—for the school to give money to the town for use in unspecified public services. Despite protestations from the Town Council that "this isn't a tax," that sounds like a tax in all but name to me. And even if this tax isn't raised through a new, explicit fee on students, we will ultimately be the ones footing the bill. The school's money, after all, comes from the students.

I don't necessarily object to this. I'm a staunch Democrat—and as such, I view taxation as a legitimate tool that can serve a genuine social good. What I object *greatly* to is the fact that this tax is being discussed without any representation from the student body. I raised this point with Town Council Chairman Richard Ruggiero, and he replied that the university Administration represents the students.

There are two problems with that position. One is that the Administration is not elected by the students—and in the United States, elected representation is viewed as an essential prerequisite for legitimate taxation. Remember—the money the town is trying to get from RWU serves the same function as a tax, and so by any reasonable standard *is* a tax. The second problem with student representation by the Administration is that, again, it is the *students* that will ultimately be paying this tax—not any Administrators in the negotiations. Thus, the only people representing RWU in these talks have neither a financial nor a political incentive to ensure that the *students* are not presented with an onerous tax burden. Indeed, they may not even be able to realistically assess what constitutes an onerous burden even with the best of intentions.

The Administration must act in order to ensure that the students do not become victims of "taxation without representation." The best way to do this is for the University to bring the Student Senate—the *elected* representative body for the students—into the negotiating process. The Senate could have a seat at the negotiations proper, or the Administration could agree to agree on a common negotiating position with the Senate—the particulars don't matter a great deal. The key point is that the Senate must be fully informed on the process, have the ability to veto a proposal, and be able to introduce ideas of its own.

Beyond that, the Administration must hold itself to Woodrow Wilson's standard for legitimate negotiation—"Open covenants, openly arrived at." It's shameful that the University has made no effort to inform the students it's even in negotiations with the town, and this should be fixed as soon as possible. Details of negotiation, of course, may not be suitable for public view—but at the very least, the University should submit such information as is *not* sensitive to the student body.

The negotiations with the town have been lamentably undemocratic to date, and raise the ugly specter of taxation without representation. If the University follows the principles of representation and openness, however, this can be redressed.

Ethan Maron, Class of 2006

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding an article in the Editor's Desk column (pg 2) of the Saturday, October 9, 2004 issue of the Hawks Herald (vol 15 issue 3). This article describes how RWU students "fended off" a skunk by surrounding it, yelling, throwing weighted projectiles (full drink cans) on it and dousing it with hot water. This is disturbing enough, but even more outrageous is that the Hawks Herald and the students involved in this act of violence lauded it as an excellent "display of teamwork." This is absolutely ridiculous; if a group of students threw heavy objects and hot water on someone's pet dog, the majority of people would be appalled! Why are the standards for cruelty different for a skunk? Furthermore, if the skunk didn't sprayed these students after being subjected to such inhumane treatment, there is little chance it would have sprayed someone just walking in the building door. Please don't encourage such unnecessary and cruel actions.

Kady Marino

Note: Due to the recent influx of Letters to the Editors, we are now enforcing a 700-word limit on future submissions. For any letters that exceed this limit, the Herald reserves the right to refuse publication, or edit content to fit the space provided.

Nirschel

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ing or crawling, it's OK to eat. While we dine, various PowerPoint presentations are given by Nirschel, Gillooly and Fawthrop.

1:18 p.m. - Cup of coffee number five for the President.

1:27 p.m. - Dessert - a lovely array of fresh fruit with some sort of cream sauce in a cookie-like edible bowl. The bowl may have been simply for decoration - I'm the only one at the table who ate it.

1:48 p.m. - Fawthrop begins her PowerPoint presentation. On one of the slides she shows the basic demographics for the students at the campus - a map of New England. I happen to notice that Vermont and New Hampshire are in the wrong place.

1:49 p.m. - Cup of coffee number six for the President.

2:15 p.m. - Mario Gabelli and Ralph Papitto walk in to join the meeting, albeit late. Recognize the names? How about the Gabelli School of Business and

the Papitto School of Law?

2:55 p.m. - The luncheon has run a little long - Gillooly is given the sign from Nirschel to move quickly. When this doesn't work, Nirschel interrupts and gives the time. Gillooly coolly flies through the rest of his presentation.

3:00 p.m. - On cue, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots arrives, chartered to the building in a golf cart. Gabelli, who is good friends with Kraft, walks out to greet him. The meeting wraps up, and Nirschel runs away to make a few phone calls checking that everything is still on schedule.

3:07 p.m. - Kraft meets the Board of Overseers. Photos are taken, cordial introductions and conversations go around, and Nirschel returns to walk with Papitto, Gabelli and Kraft around the campus.

3:14 p.m. - The four "bigwigs" walk to the Gabelli School of Business to tour the building. On the way out, Kraft notices a student on a cell phone wearing a Patriots sweatshirt. He calls to

the student and gives him a thumbs-up.

"Hey, nice sweatshirt!" Kraft yells.

The student's jaw drops.

"Yeah, the Seahawks are going down!" the student replies.

3:25 p.m. - Golf carts pick up the entourage to bring them to the gymnasium for Kraft's speech, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. (I actually rode in a golf cart from the library to the gymnasium. I've never felt so lazy in my life; it was great).

3:28 p.m. - The President's day is only going to get busier from here. I decide that I've gotten enough insight as to how he goes about his business, who he is and what he does. Thanking

him for a great day, I shake his hand and move into the audience.

4:12 p.m. - After Kraft's speech, Nirschel arrives on stage and presents him with a plaque, thanking him for lecturing at the school. It's clearly not the same plaque that got tossed out earlier in the day. I have no idea how this happened; the original plan was to simply give up on the gift. At no point did anyone mention coming up with a new plaque and I don't know how someone came up with one in less than five hours.

Apparently, if you're the President, you can simply make things happen.

Note: Last year President Nirschel

received an email from a student in Willow who was complaining that there was no hot water for showers. The student had apparently been complaining for weeks to Student Life but nothing had been done. Nirschel immediately made a few phone calls, and two days later the student emailed back, thanking him for his timely efforts, calling him "the man."

It's true. My inhibitions from his fancy house to his plush office were erased when I got to know who's really leading our University; we're in better hands than some might think.



Chris Parish

Ralph R. Papitto, left, and President Nirschel converse as they walk from the MNS building.



Chris Parish

President Nirschel spends time in his office organizing his daily routine.

Former Secret Service agent lectures on U.S. security

Mark Walerysiak
Contributing Writer

John Enright, Chief of Counterterrorism in Rhode Island, was a guest speaker for the forensic science class on Thursday, October 28.

Enright, a former Secret Service agent, spoke extensively about the Service's purpose, and the condition of United States' security.

Enright explained that Secret Service agents dedicate their lives to the protection of the first family, and the Vice President's family, as well as major events such as the Olympics and the Superbowl. He elaborates, "There were lots of agencies involved, but the Secret Service basically ran the Salt Lake Olympics' security."

The Service was established in 1865 to fight counterfeiting, and in 150 years has

evolved to take on a variety of challenges.

Enright switched gears to parallel the forensic science class' foundation, discussing how counterfeiting, and more appropriately today, polygraphing, is very scientific.

"Are they telling the truth?" Enright asked. "Polygraphs are accurate 97 percent of the time."

The uses of polygraphs range from testing applicants who are applying for federal positions, to making sure people divulging terrorist plots are honest.

"After '92 when Clinton took office, he was visiting Kuwait. We polygraphed the guy who said the plot to assassinate the president existed. We found he was very truthful."

He cited the O.J. Simpson case, where Simpson refused a polygraph from the state, and instead hired an independent examiner who

was seen on T.V. holding up questionable polygraph charts that expressed O.J. was clean. "Reading the polygraph charts is really a science. The F.B.I. looked at it and said it made no sense," said Enright.

After retiring from the Secret Service in June 2002, Enright took the position as Chief of Counterterrorism in Rhode Island. Attorney General John Ashcroft created the positions as a result of 9/11. Enright said, "9/11 happened for a lot of reasons. We weren't paying attention. No one engaged local police with counterterrorism - that's a problem. There are 5,000 agents just on Terrorism - and there are 700,000 police [that could help]. We must engage state and local police in the effort."

"The hijackers were stopped by authorities two hours before board-

ing - for a speeding violation. It wasn't the law enforcer's fault; they weren't trained to recognize it. Now today if that happened, maybe we prevent that."

"Since 9/11 they have vowed to have blood run down our streets," said Enright. While he commends the job of 5,000 arrested Al-Qaeda members, he feels there must be more done to create constant pressure on terrorists.

"[The terrorists] are meticulous planners, and do not want to fail. It took them four years to plan 9/11. They couldn't have cared less if it took eight."

Enright estimates it is likely that we will see another terrorist attack during our lifetime. "3,000 on 9/11 is just the start. They are intent on doing more."

Several months ago a terrorist training tape uncovered plots to target American office build-



Allison Deyn

Chief of Counter terrorism John Enright.

ings. Enright said, "They looked like cops with hoods—could have put a S.W.A.T. jacket on and they would have looked as good."

Although Enright noted that the FBI "is a hell of a lot more effi-

cient and capable than pre-9/11," he feels further progress must be made. "It's hard to pay attention to a problem that isn't hitting you in the face everyday," he admitted.

Young Frankensteins: New freshmen course encourages links outside of class

Eleazar Steve
Contributing Writer

The kid's name is Bob. This Bob seemed to be in most places she was and she noticed that. Meeting and getting to know this kid became an itch, like the one that gets in the middle of your back and will not go away. Then she saw him during one of the planned activities they all had to go to during the semester.

She says to her friends, "Who is that kid? I see him all the time and I just want to get to know him."

"Oh, that's Bob," they confirmed.

She could not help herself any longer, so she walked up to him.

"Do you want to be friends?" she asks abruptly.

He answers just as abruptly, "Yes."

"And now we're friends," laughs freshman Melissa Pierce.

As corny as Pierce thinks her story is about how she met Bob, that is exactly the type of situation Michael Swanson, history professor, hoped for during the first trial of this Freshman Experiment.

The Freshman Experiment is a first-year program designed to involve freshmen students in classroom and campus activities; the campus activities being based on what is learned during the semester in the classroom. During the first year of its conception, the classes involved include history and lit/phil core classes.

"Having freshmen, sophomores and even juniors in core classes makes it hard to find a level playing field, because you have students who are literally just entering college in there with kids who have been around the block a few times. So the question was how to integrate a freshman experience and an academic experience," Swanson said.

The other trailblazer in this experiment is Bob Blackburn, a philosophy professor who says the experiment came about

when Provost Edward Kavanagh wanted a program to help freshman bond in a cohesive group.

Blackburn says history and lit/phil were chosen because faculty wanted to volunteer.

"Mike Swanson is guiding the history part and I'm guiding the philosophy part. We're by no means doing it all by ourselves, we're getting plenty of help from the rest of the faculty," says Blackburn.

Katherine L. Hall, a writing studies professor who also teaches lit/phil, was one of the volunteers for the experiment.

"I like first year students," Hall says. "They're very curious and they're just discovering what it's like to be an adult."

Hall says the extracurricular activities include dinner and a movie, where the students watched Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing," attended "Lysistrata," and will take part in will be having pizza and watching the presidential election results together.

"We incorporate what we're doing in class

because a lot of kids wouldn't see those things. I mean some don't go anyway. But we get to see things on campus [that we] wouldn't normally go out and see."

Justin Chrzanowski, a freshman architecture major, confesses that he does not mind being in freshman-only classes without upperclassmen. "You get to meet them in other ways, in other activities."

Miller and Pierce do not feel as if it is a big deal not being with upperclassmen in core classes, either.

Blackburn acknowledges that limiting certain classes can lead to certain problems in a freshman's first year experience. "That's a potential danger in a classroom when you remove the diversity-whatever diversity it is. But you have to remember most core courses are mostly freshman and sophomores. It gives them the opportunity to blaze their own trail and form their own identity," Blackburn said.

"If they want freshmen to get to know each other better they have plenty

"We are trying to get them to talk about it in class, in their dorms, and while eating dinner. We're creating common discourse," Blackburn said.

of opportunities. That's why they live in Cedar," said senior Patrick Kelly. "I think meeting older people is fun when you're in college."

Kelly feels the experiment is a bad idea. He says, "I think it takes away one of the main avenues for freshmen students to meet upperclassmen."

However, Blackburn does not feel it is the end of the world if freshmen are separated from the upperclassmen in some aspects of college.

"It's not like we're telling freshman they're not going to have any courses with upperclassmen; it's one course out of five," says Blackburn.

Despite the potential risks that may come with the experiment, Hall feels the two-month old

with the three activities," says Blackburn. "I had my students compare what they thought Spike Lee was doing or saying in his movie with a play from ancient Greece, 'Antigone.' We are trying to get them to talk about it in class, in their dorms, and while eating dinner. We're creating common discourse."

Mackenzie Miller a freshman communications and anthropology sociology double major, admits she has gotten to know her classmates better because of the program.

"It's a lot of fun. It's nice they have all these activities like seeing movies and plays," Miller says.

Pierce agrees with Miller, "I think it's good



Allison Deyo

Katherine Hall, above, teaches her Core 104 class. She, along with Professor Blackburn, helped create the "Freshman Experience." This program helps first-year students combine their academic lessons with social programs.

program, is looking good so far. "The classes have been a lot more talkative about issues discussed in class because they're attending more outside activities. Maybe it makes them feel more connected because they're doing the same things as other classes."

She feels that the college community should

verify that the new program has started out well. He says, "I like what they've done so far. You get to meet other people. It's not like a burden or anything."

Blackburn stresses the fact that this program is still an experiment and that nothing is certain beyond the fact that the students who are taking

back next year. But if the Provost doesn't like it, and everyone else doesn't think it works, we won't do it at all. But so far, it looks like students seem to like it."

Swanson agrees that the program will be evaluated after the year. He says that there may be a chance that the whole core curriculum is taught this way, but that nothing is certain.

Regardless of the cloudy future of this new program the reasons for creating it were clear.

"A lot of freshmen don't get to find out who are the other freshmen in their class," says Swanson, "because the class tends to be dominated by the upperclassmen."

If were not for this new freshmen experiment, how would we have met Bob?

make an effort to make the rest of the campus.

"The more time you spend with your students the better the relationship. We should make them more connected to the community because the first year is when most students drop out," says Hall.

Justin Chrzanowski

the Freshman Experiment history core this semester will try the Freshmen Experiment lit/phil course next spring and vice versa.

Blackburn says, "Part of an experiment is to see what works and maybe if the students like it and faculty like it, maybe we'll bring it

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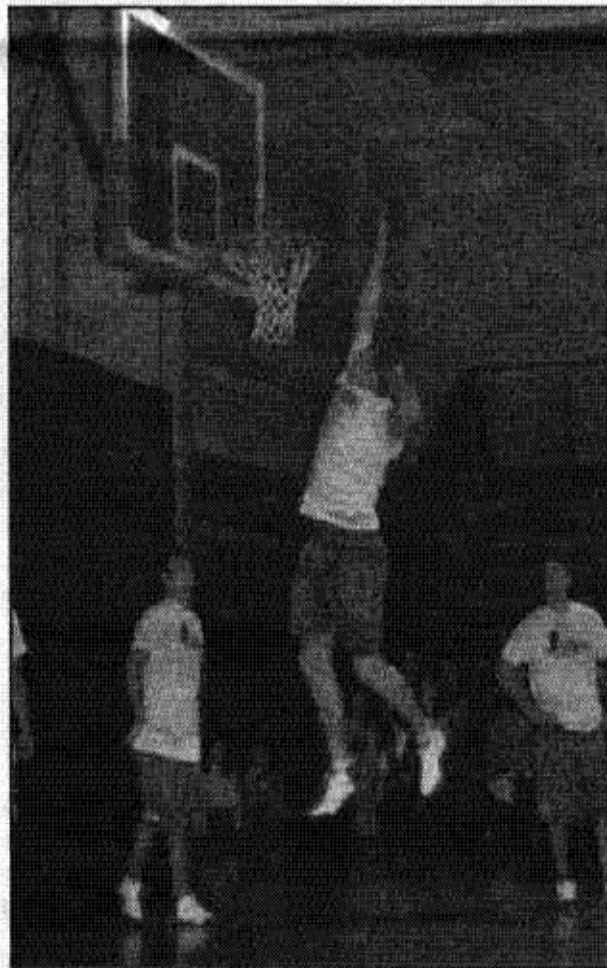
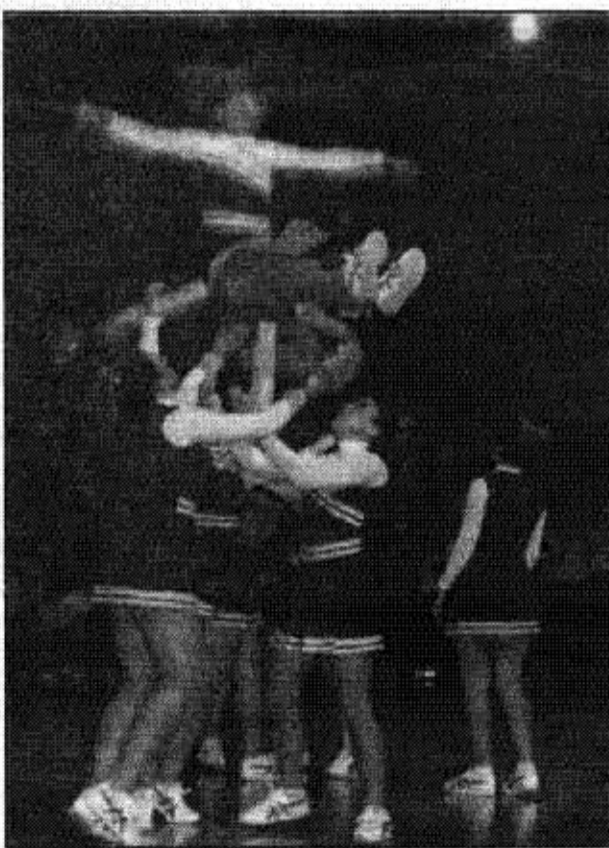
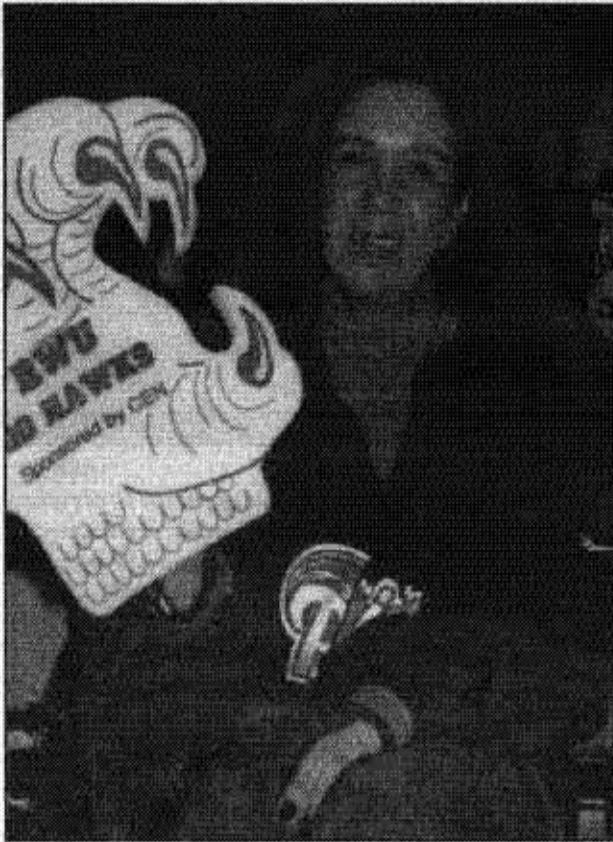
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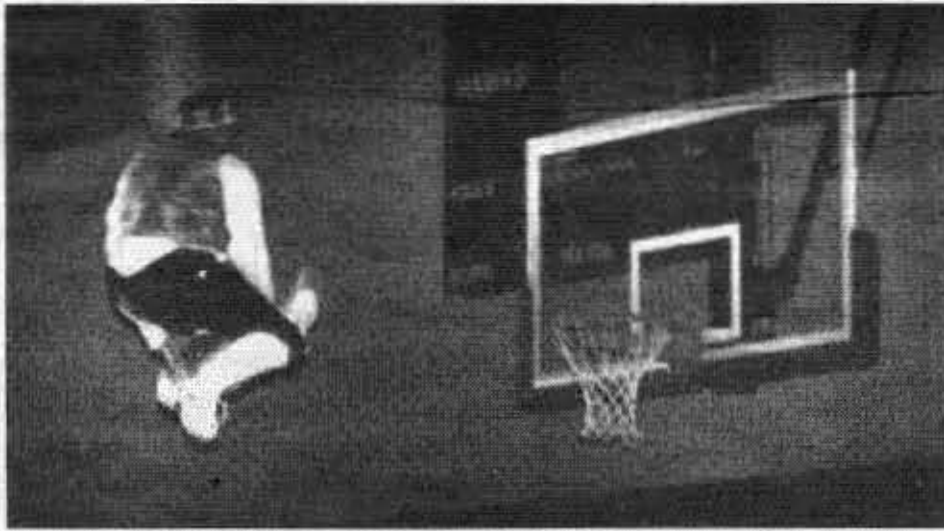


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Top Row: **Students** jump for some of CEN's "free stuff," and the **RWU chorus** sings the "Star-Spangled Banner."
Second Row: One enthused member of the Madness displays her support for athletics, **Swoop** receives a round of "Happy Birthday."
Third Row: The **cheerleaders** perform for the audience, one member of the men's basketball team shows off for the crowd, and **Student Senator Jackie Clum** takes the stage.
Left: **Director of Athletics George Kolb** shakes hands with **Student Senate President Adam Noska** in acceptance of a gift.

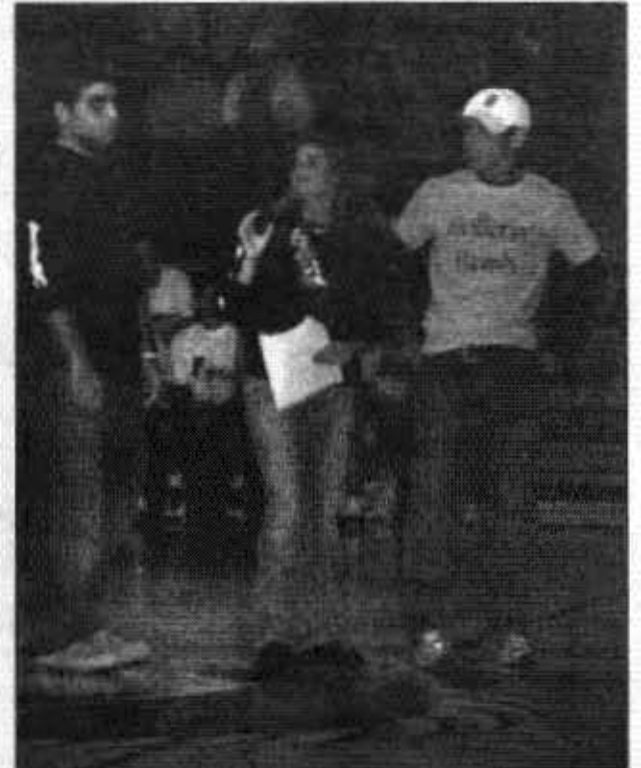
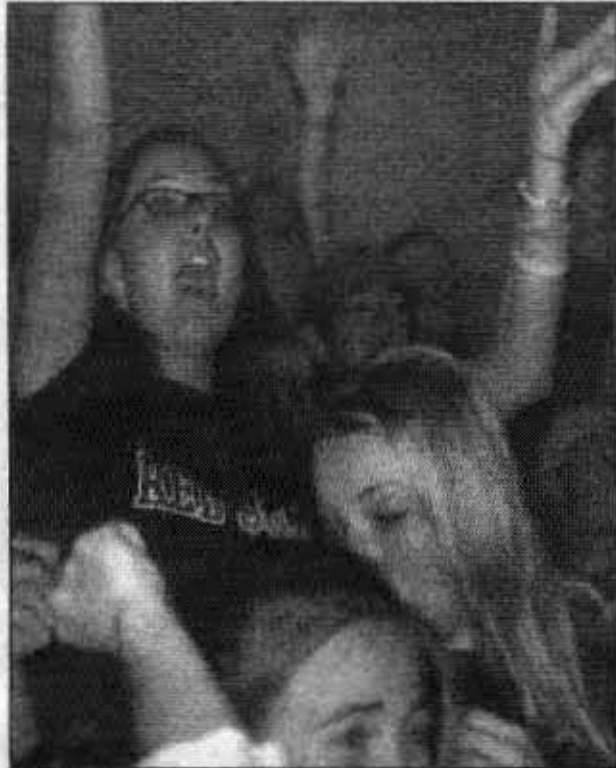


MIDNIGHT MADNESS



Photos by Blaine Maffa

Clockwise from top: **The Boston Celtics mascot** brings energy to the crowd; the **RWU wrestling team** prepares for the Madness; **Al Borelli**, Homecoming Queen **Emily Quintin**, and **Jake Cormier** of the **Hollerin' Hawks**; **Swoop** (back from Canada); the **RWU dance team** breaks it down to Usher; Student Senate President **Adam Noska** shakes the pom-pom; a student reaches for a give-a-way.
Center: a member of the **RWU cheerleading squad** poses in a lift.



State passed referendum to spend \$70M in land, water and recreation projects

Heather Kordula
Science Editor

The Open Space, Recreation, Bay and Watershed Protection Bond, question eight on the Rhode Island state ballot, passed with 71 percent Tuesday, a clear victory for environmental protection.

The Bond will allow the state to spend \$70 million for land, water and recreation projects. These projects include anti-pollution and restoration activities, which will benefit Narragansett Bay and state watersheds.

The referendum will preserve 3,000 acres of land a year in order to expand Rhode Island's parks, management areas and other recreation facilities. In addition to restoring eelgrass and salt marshes, the bill will clean up 130 bays, lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, as well as purifying storm water pollution in the cities and reducing nutrient pollutants through wastewater treatment plants.

Question eight will provide \$27 million for Narragansett Bay in order to reduce high nutrient and bacterial levels, which have been the result of beach closures and fish kills in the past two years. Included is a \$10.5 million wastewater improvement revolving loan fund, which will help to reduce nitrogen dis-

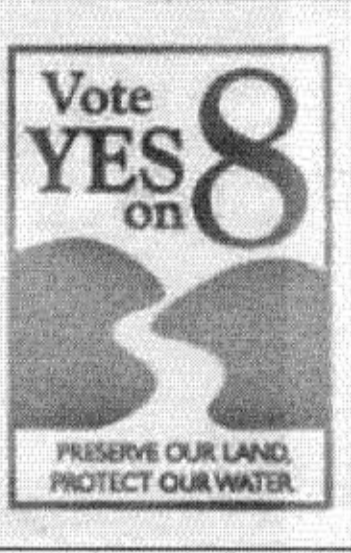
as ballparks and playgrounds, the Roger Williams Park Zoo and greenways. The open space and farmland in Rhode Island has been steadily decreasing in recent years, and the money should help to reverse this trend. Also included in this \$43 million is a renovation of Fort Adams State Park in Newport and at Snake Den State Park in Johnston.

The remaining \$8 million will go to protecting public drinking water supplies by allowing the RI Water Resources Board to buy wellheads for surrounding land in order to protect groundwater and public drinking supplies. It will also provide alternative sources in case of water emergencies.

Local organization Save the Bay strongly encouraged the passing of question eight. Save the Bay has been lobbying for wastewater treatment plant improvements in order to stop nutrient pollution in Narragansett Bay.

charges from wastewater facilities by 50 percent, improving nearly-depleted oxygen levels.

In addition, \$43 million will go toward the purchase of open space, recreational areas, such



Student Senate

Meetings are held every Monday at 6:30 pm in the Student Senate Chambers
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RETURNING TO ROGER WILLIAMS FOR 2005?

F.Y.I.

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Admin

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volume of police and safety at the University detract from the overall security of the tax-paying residents of Bristol?

"We do go down [to RWU], but at this point we don't go down so frequently that its taking away from the community in respect to police service and response," Lieutenant Guercia said.

This has long been an issue of discretion, as Bristol residents pay a high tax in addition to compensating fire/police personnel for their help. Rhode Island property tax rates range from \$3.77 to \$29.65 on every \$1,000 worth of assessed property valua-

tion. Effective in 2001, Bristol's rate was \$16.85, which lies on the upper-end of the spectrum.

However, according to Raymond Cordeiro, Associate Athletic Director and 10-year member of the Bristol Town Council, "[RWU] contributes in many ways to the community, both monetarily and with services. RWU donates money to the Fourth of July committee, I believe by sponsoring one of the visiting marching bands. It also puts a float in the parade every year. They donated money for the fireworks that are held in conjunction with First Night and the RI Philharmonic Orchestra's performance the night

before Labor Day at Independence Park."

In fact, the University gives a total of \$35,000 to the town for special occasions every year, and this is a relatively small portion of Bristol's total revenue from the University. As Jeff Gillooly, Executive Assistant to the President, says, "When you add up the amount of Bristolians we employ, the vendors we use in town to buy things, our students shopping in town, tuition remission to town employees, scholarships to Bristol students, etc., we add over \$55.5 million to the local economy."

This hefty sum, coupled with RWU's por-

tion of state taxes, amount to over \$500,000 that benefits Rhode Island every year. Although RWU receives a variety of complimentary services from Bristol, the amount it gives back to the community could be seen as easing the burden.

Nationally, schools like Yale and Cornell pay for fire and police response in lieu of property taxes. Yale's expenditure for fire services alone is approximately \$2.2 million; however, Northwestern University in Illinois does not voluntarily compensate for safety services. Although RWU's free safety assistance has not yet caused an uproar, it has been discussed.

"We do pay for our water and sewer use... The only other town service we do not pay for directly is [fire and police service]," Gillooly said.

In an attempt to alleviate the inconvenience caused by Bristol, RWU has recently moved to expand its campus public safety and EMT personnel. According to Director of Public Safety Brendan Doherty, "There are [currently] about five EMTs and about 20 public safety officers." Doherty says the safety presence is highly visi-

ble, and, "You're bound to bump into them at some point when on campus."

Bristol Town Councilman Kenneth Marshall recently attended a recent workshop to discuss the expansion of campus safety. "[It] would reduce the need to call upon the fire and safety officials from the town. RWU is looking to work internally rather than externally," said Marshall.

Gillooly confirms this, adding, "Indeed the University has obtained training for a number of our current public safety staff as EMTs. These individuals can act as first-line responders to emergencies on campus, and determine whether rescue vehicles need to be called or whether the situation can be handled by our own people."

Kenneth Skelly, a Public Safety officer certified through the national registry and the state of Rhode Island as an EMT-B, recalls his EMT certification and explains that the training course was approxi-



Photos by Alleyn Deyo

mately six months in length.

"As far as the other officers that went through the course are concerned, their course was paid for by Roger Williams University. The current system has 24-hour coverage, seven days a week, with at least one EMT-B on duty."

But as of yet, not every officer has received the training, and consequently RWU has not significantly lessened its burden on the town. According to Gillooly, RWU reportedly is making an effort to "work with town officials to compensate for fire and police service."



ASK MEG & ASH

Hi girls, I've got a question for your column... Some of my roommates are kind of slobs. They usually keep their mess in their room, but when they use dishes, they stay dirty in the sink for a week or two. I've talked to them about this a couple times, but they still don't seem to get the hint and wash them quickly. What can I do without being a pain?
"Baffled in Bayside"

Baffled:

There are two ways you can handle this problem. You mentioned not wanting to be a pain, so the first (passive way) of dealing with this issue is to go to the dollar store and purchase a dish bucket. That way, they can put their dirty dishes in the bucket by the sink and you can place a towel over that bucket so that the sink is free and clean and so you and your guests won't be subjected to their dirty dishes. You should also purchase your own separate dishes, that way as theirs pile up you can keep yours clean and out of the way. If you would like to take the more aggressive approach, you need to tell your roommates that you are not their mother and you refuse to pick up after them. After having a conversation about respecting each other and why the messiness needs to come to an end, give them a few days to mend their ways. If that doesn't occur, you may want to get your RA involved.

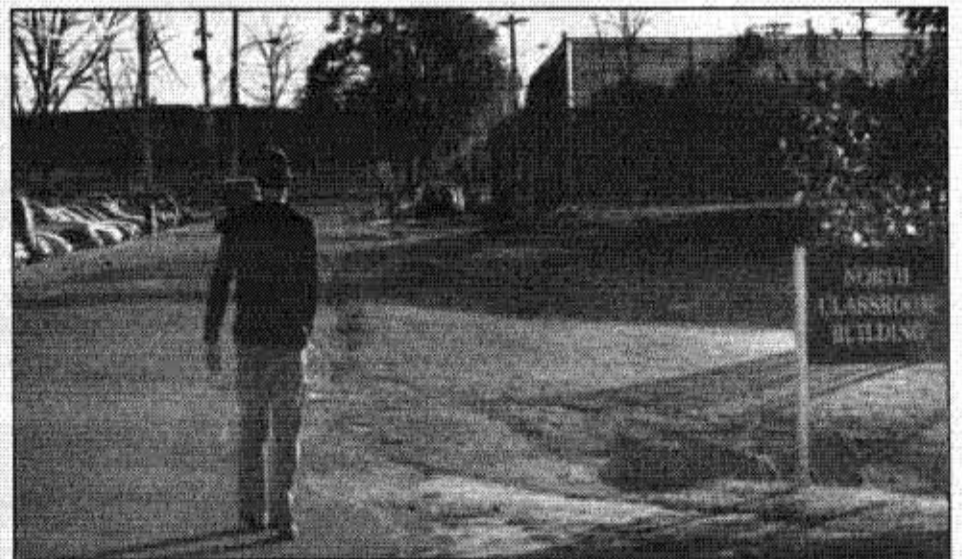
Meg and Ash,

OK, so here's the deal. In business class, we had to work on a project with a partner that our teacher assigned to us. I didn't know the kid I had to work with and I wasn't too happy about working with him. He's that kid who sits in the back of the room and doesn't talk to anyone. We met to work on the project and the kid started cool, but now that we don't have to work together anymore, he won't leave me alone. He shows up at my room and when I am eating with my friends in the cafeteria and he even calls my phone. I can't seem to get away from him. What should I do?

Stalked in Stonewall

Dear Stalked In Stonewall:

Eww... this is major creep. First and foremost, we'd like to express our sincerest apologies that you had to tolerate a "group project." Teachers must be out of their minds when they assign you to work with Joe Shmoes who has a 1.3 GPA and is in danger of failing out of college. But anyway, on to the more important subject at hand. It sounds as though this boy has developed a serious crush on you and probably busted his butt during the project to win you over. You should start by telling this kid you're not interested, in the nicest way possible, but make sure to do it in a public place, like the cafeteria or library. You don't want to be too pessimistic, but we recommend not walking home alone for a while after you tell this guy off and making sure that your doors are locked at all times. Have one of your male friends answer your phone and tell him you're "in the shower." If that doesn't keep him away - report him! Seriously. Notify Public Safety and perhaps even the local police. This situation can get out of hand in the blink of an eye. You said yourself that he's quiet and keeps to himself, so proceed with caution. Alert your friends and take the proper precautions to keep yourself safe and with someone at all times.



Sidewalks soon from North campus

Tracey Lemle Contributing Writer

After an excessive number of complaints made to the administration about the safety of students and professors walking the road to north campus, new sidewalks will soon be in place.

Facilities have been contacting outside firms to get price estimates for these sidewalks. The sidewalks will allow for

the shortest walking distance from the north campus to main campus. Director of Facilities Management Richard Goulet stated, "We are scoping them out and where they would go." There are talks of paving over the stone, which is the grayish material in front of the recreation center and by the athletic fields.

Although Facilities is just starting to investi-

gate the matter and determine what is feasible, once begun, the sidewalk paving process will not be difficult to complete. "This could even be finished by next month," Goulet said. Before the exact route can be executed, Facilities needs to choose a firm to work on the sidewalks. As soon as that is determined, new sidewalks will be implemented.

Students caught in balance between faith and fun

Eleazar Steve
Contributing Writer

There was a man who had two sons. The younger of the two wanted desperately to leave the family farm and start his own life. So one day he begged his father for his half of the inheritance, and got it. The son quickly got all of his things together, making his way into the big city, wanting to experience all the fun that haunted him in his dreams. The nights in the big city were long. The young man partied with his newfound friends until his inheritance was gone and his friends left him. The nights were no longer welcoming. Its mystery frightened him. He'd dig through garbage cans for food. When he realized the depths to which he had plummeted, he began to cry. He thought the only place he could go was home, and ask his father to take him back as a worker. So the young man walked with vigor, and made it home. There on the trail to his house, he found his father. The son begged his father to hire him as a worker, but his father refused. His father hugged him and called all the workers in the field and ordered them to throw a big party. He shouted, "One of my sons is back. He was dead, and now he's alive. He was lost but now is found."

Father Chris Davis of the Portsmouth Abbey, and former RWU chaplain, feels that students,

who, much like the prodigal son, were forced to go to church when they were younger naturally want to break out and experience new things when they reach college. But he also feels that having "fun" in college shouldn't consume one's spiritual life.

"It should be in partnership, social life and spiritual life. Everyone approves of fellowship, but hopefully there is a balance," says Father Davis.

According to an article in the Georgia State University newspaper, The Signal, UCLA did a survey, in 2003 about religion and college freshmen around the country. In the survey, 75 percent of students said religious or spiritual beliefs play an important part in helping to form their identity. The study also found that 80.4 percent of students said they attended services frequently or occasionally in their last years of high school, but only 29 percent sustained through their junior year in college.

Chip North, 20, a junior architecture major at RWU, attends the First Baptist Church in Providence, and on occasion he will go to churches in Bristol. Like Father Davis, North thinks there must be a balance between partying and religion, and often feels religion is easily lost in the mix of college life.

"I think when you're in college it's really easy to let go of the world and

get really wasted," says North. "I think college students and new drinkers have a hard time of knowing when to say, 'When.' So I just choose to not drink instead of answering that question."

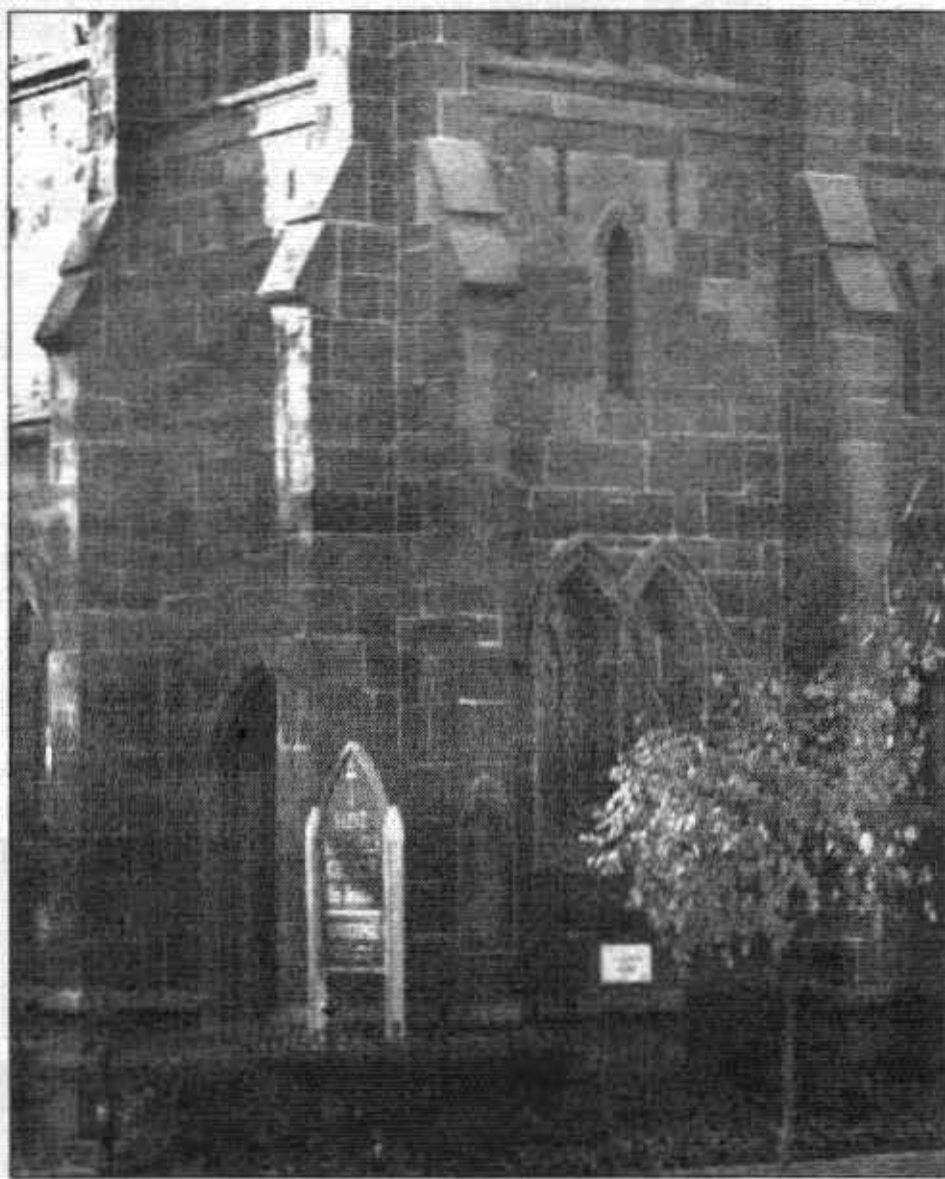
Brandon Parrish, 19, a sophomore, feels people should pursue what brings them happiness. He believes that sometimes there isn't more to life than just partying.

"Life is about being happy and having fun, and if partying is what makes you happiest in life, and as long as you aren't hurting anyone, then that's fine," says Parrish.

Dan Callahan, 20, a junior business management major, was caught up in the college partying circuit, but is now trying to grow out of that lifestyle. He says that drinking and drugs have had a negative influence on him.

"They've made me get into fights and hook up with random chicks," says Callahan. "Same as everyone else."

Callahan described one example of his ill judgment. While he was at home, he said, "Well, one time I was at a party in South Worcester [where I grew up]. Me and my boys were sitting outside his apartment chilling and some kid walked up to us with a bottle of Crown Royal. My boy asked for a sip and the kid said, 'No.' So my boy pushed him. After that, this other kid came outside and decked my boy,



Allison Deyo

The transition from high school to college can create a sense of tension for students as they try to balance their new social life with their spirituality.

so I grabbed the kid my boy pushed, and started going to town on him. In a matter of seconds it was like a 10 on 10 brawl outside in the street. We'd been drinking all night, so obviously alcohol had something to do with the event."

Callahan explains it was a long time ago, and he has matured leaps and bounds since that fight. Unlike Parrish, he says partying is not the end-all-and-be-all of life.

"Partying isn't anything when it comes to life. It's just an incentive. I mean it's cool once in a while, but not all the time," says Callahan, who witnessed some friends become addicted to drugs and alcohol, and knew others who died from making bad decisions while under the influence. These events have had a considerable impact on his life.

He says, "I don't drink as much and I haven't been in any serious fights. I've also kept my head in the books more, so my grades have definitely benefited."

Although he has had

a religious upbringing, Callahan does not feel his turn-around has been influenced by his faith.

"I have faith in what I believe in but I've always had faith. My changes came from a realization that partying all the time isn't healthy and can take things away from a person if it becomes too much of a habit."

While North actively attends church, Aliza Ross, 20, a junior, doesn't attend temple anymore. She feels the decision not to go is a combination of having no inclination and being too busy. She thinks every religious thing she needs to know has already been ingrained in her, so there isn't anything else she needs to learn. She says she goes to temple only on holidays out of respect for her parents.

She recently went to her brother's bar mitzvah, and as she walked into the service, she was overcome with guilt because she realized she hadn't gone for over a year.

"It was complete *déjà vu* for me," says Ross. "Took me back a good eight years. Kinda

reminded me that I am Jewish."

According to religious leaders, it is important for students who are lost spiritually to find their "religious north star" and be able to figure out what exactly is right for them. The students who are not religiously educated or experienced have the opportunity to explore these prospects at RWU. When Father Davis was a chaplain here for two years, he was involved in the Newman Club, a student-run Christian group, which he described as being very active despite its small number of members. He also says there were between 40 and 50 people at the Sunday masses. Despite the proof of Christian activity at RWU, Father Davis admits that this school, which lacks something as simple as a chapel, is still religiously malnourished.

North agrees that RWU is not a hotbed for spiritual activity. He says, "It's definitely hard on any college campus. There's going to be things that don't line up



Faith

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with people who don't have strong faiths. At RWU, there are only two Christian groups, one Catholic and one Protestant and there's only one Jewish group."

Ross feels that environment invokes how active a person will be religiously.

"Up at college you lead a different life," says Ross. "It's like you get caught up in school and everything else. I think if I lived at home the amount [of times] I went to synagogue would be completely different. I think I would attend more because it's

a more in-my-face kind of thing."

North argues that it is important for younger students to give religion a try while they're in college.

"College is like a time people try new things, right? Why not try church? If you've never been to church, you should go at least once and see if it's for you," says North.

Just because Ross doesn't attend synagogue as much as she did when she was a child (being tugged by the ear from her parents), she still agrees with certain beliefs and values from her religion, and subconsciously uses

them in her life. She says it becomes an instinctive thing, but it's all due to her built-in religious beliefs.

Ross says she can be weird about certain religious rules. She claims she "swears like a pirate" but won't yell at her parents because synagogue has taught her to value her elders.

"I can't even steal a pack of gum without feeling guilty," she admits. "I yell at my friends when they do."

A number of students have religious impulses, but seem to be less inclined to act on them. Ross decided to go to a religious service one weekend — and was

taken aback. She describes the service as a typical Saturday morning service, with the addition of the bar mitzvah boy reading from the Torah. She says that the service was upbeat and celebratory, unlike normal services that, she thinks, are kind of boring. She says this one was very serious, but everyone seemed to be in a good mood.

"During the celebration afterward, everyone laughed, ate and reminisced," she says.

North says that when he goes to local churches, he and his friends stick out because the congregation tends to be an older crowd. Despite

the age gap, he says that he always feels welcomed.

Even with his religious maturity, North says he can lose faith because of all the pressures at school, including being in the architecture program.

He says, "Every year, I'm under so much stress and I want to give up. If you have a strong faith, it can get you through that point and you'll see that there's more to life than just schoolwork and partying."

Father Davis says he truly believes in balance. He speaks of a Latin proverb that he takes with him everywhere: "ne quid nimis," which

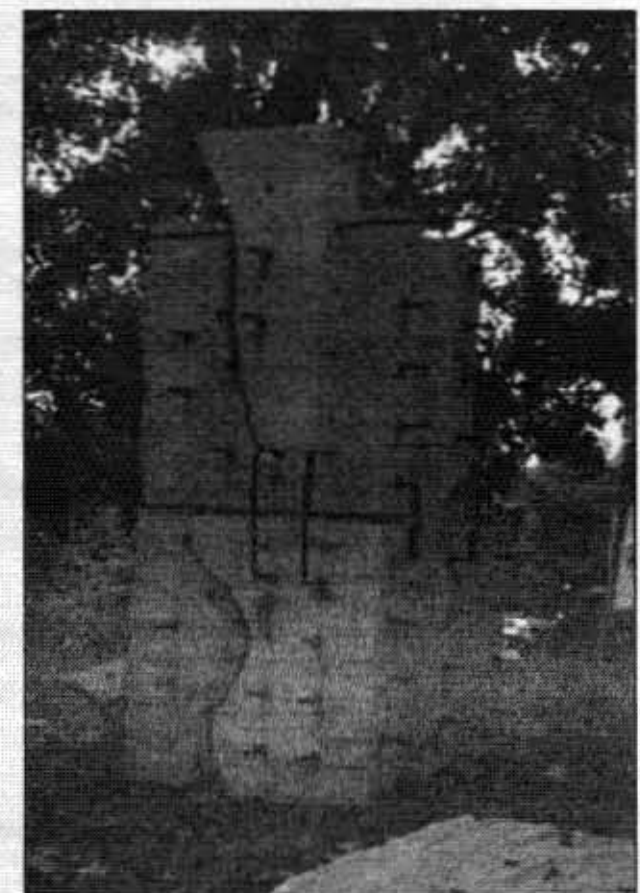
means "nothing too much". Davis says that there must always be harmony between spiritual life and social life. He says whenever one dominates the other, a student will be in trouble. If a social life dominates everything, a student will fail out of school much like the prodigal son failed living on his own. If a spiritual life dominates, the student will want to rebel much like the prodigal son rebelled from his father.

"You can even have too much religion," Father Davis says.

A Little Bit of Creativity

Students display their unique artwork across from Maple Hall on campus. These structures and creations were products of the sculpture classes in the art department.

All photos by Laurie Schorr



The Voter Experience

Two students discover the process is easier than expected

Allisyn Deyo
Tim Mannion
Editors

I can't believe I voted today. When I woke up this morning, I didn't think I was going to vote. That all changed when I walked into News writing and Reporting at 9 a.m.

It's 11:30 a.m. on November 2, and Tim Mannion and Sarah Underwood just voted in Bristol. Mannion, a junior, had never registered before, while Underwood, a senior, was changing her registration because her absentee ballot never arrived.

"I'm from New Hampshire," said Underwood, "But I heard I could vote for just the president if I

register here."

It surprised both students that you can register and vote on the day of the election. In fact, it took only ten minutes for Mannion and Underwood to complete the process.

It was so quick and easy, I just didn't think that my vote would ever count. There was no process, they just said, "Fill this out and vote." It was unexpected.

Mannion, a first-time voter, is from Connecticut. He wasn't planning to vote today, but he needed a story for a class, so he ended up at the polls.

Professor Delaney gave us an assignment, to find a story about Election Day and write it up for the paper. I wanted to

experience it, so I thought, why not? That's a story.

Both students arrived at Burnside Memorial Building on Hope Street, walked inside and asked to fill out the registration form. One of the monitors directed them to Town Hall, just a short walk around the corner.

It was a good thing I didn't have to vote for Town Council or any of the referendums. I don't understand Bristol politics and honestly, I don't care. All I wanted to do was vote for the president.

At Town Hall, the students were instructed to fill out the "Rhode Island Voter Registration Form" and provide a form of

ID. Once accomplished, they were handed a ballot and pointed toward the booth. All together, the experience lasted 15 minutes.

I think I filled out the registration form wrong so I might be going to jail, but at least I voted. Maybe if the nominee I voted for ends up winning they will feel obliged to support the supporter.

A monitor at Town Hall worried that students were leaving the polls because another monitor had told them that by registering in Bristol, they would mess up their financial aid. "I don't want anyone else to leave without voting - two students already did," she said.

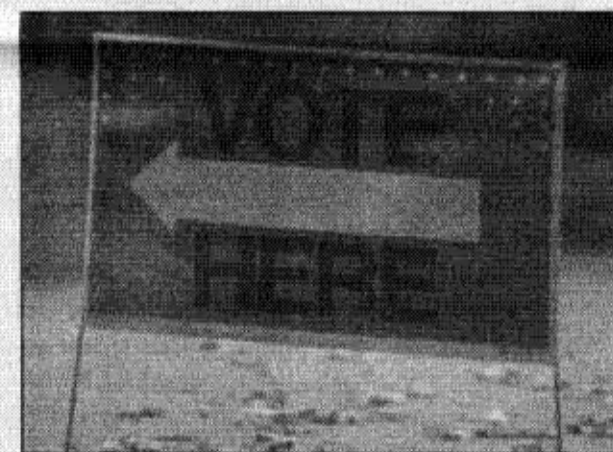
If you registered in Bristol to vote, register properly when you get back to your hometown. "All you need to do is go to your Town Hall and change the address," said the monitor. "So tell your friends to come and vote."

I'm excited that I finally took the initiative and went out to vote. It was a great experience that might lead to jail time but at least I got my voice heard. May the best man win!



Photos by Allisyn Deyo

Above, Sarah Underwood fills out her ballot; Left, Tim Mannion casts his vote in the booth; Below, directions.



Election Day perspectives from RWU students and faculty

10:57 a.m.: Student Senator Michael Fisher and roommate Aaron Kozik returned to the Almeida parking lot with Krispy Kremes in hand. The roommates had just gotten back from a voting excursion that ended with a trip to pick up the infamous donuts. Fisher and Kozik headed to the Bristol Town Hall early Tuesday, choosing to vote in RI because it was more convenient and it gave them more time to decide. "Of course I didn't make a difference. It's Rhode Island, it's going to Kerry either way. I did it to ease my conscience," Fisher said. *-Ashley Erling*

11:22 a.m.: The first swarm of students rushed into the mailroom to check their mailboxes. Jessica LaPointe, a senior and first time voter, looked to see if her absentee ballot was in her mailbox. LaPointe, like many RWU students who are not residents of Rhode Island, did not receive their absentee ballots on time. "Today is Election Day, and I have not received my absentee ballot, I filled out the forms Columbus Day weekend and now I don't know if I'm going to vote!" said LaPointe. *-Ellen Casady*

11:40 a.m.: President of the RWU College Democrats Sarah Bogdan, and two members of the association, Ally Lyons and Kathleen Manchester, sat in the lobby of the Student Union, folding pamphlets with information on both parties and handing them out, urging students to vote. In the days leading up to the election, they distributed information to students about how to vote in Rhode Island, even if they are not registered, as well as guiding students to where the shuttle could be taken so students have an opportunity for their voices to be heard on Election Day. *-Steve Annear*

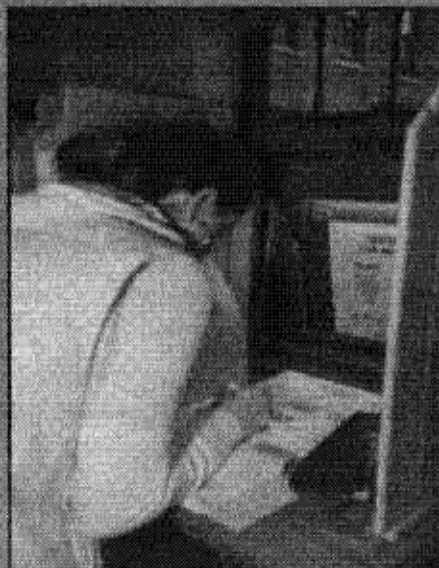
2:00 p.m.: On the day of the Presidential election, many students seemed more interested in talking about the World Champion Boston Red Sox than who would be the next President of the United States. Inside the Law School, SportsCenter was seen on TV rather than the presidential programs. New Jersey native John Rieffer, junior, said, "I could really care less, both guys are pretty awful in my opinion. All I know is I don't want to listen to, or see, Kerry's Rice

for the next four years," Brendon Billone, junior, quoted actor Robin Williams, "I feel like the United States has downgraded from Bush 4.0 to Bush 2.0." Billone went on to say that Kerry seemed to confuse everyone with his words in order to look like he was smarter than Bush.

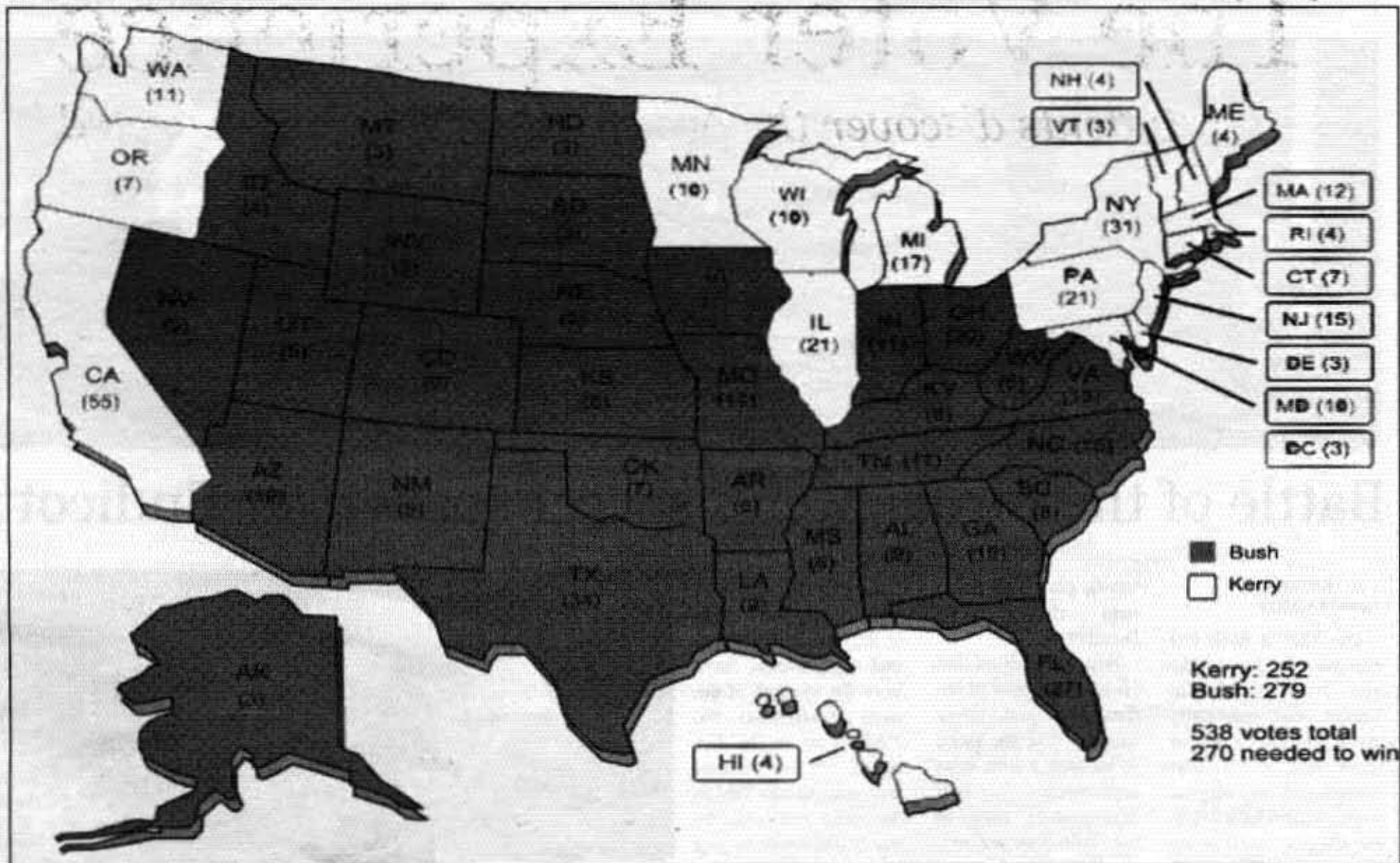
Billone said he is aware a military draft could happen if Bush was reelected, but even though he didn't vote, he favors Bush. Joe Moretti, junior, said he voted for Kerry. "Because every time I sit down and talk about the elections with people, the more I realize Bush messed up our relations with other countries due to the war in Iraq." Allen Papowski said, "I decided to vote for Bush after watching VH1's Battle of the Blingoff. When I heard that Kerry funded most of his campaign from his wife, I knew Bush was my man." *-Ty Macomber*

3:44 p.m.: Ashley Gingerella and Eva Landau answered phones and directed Bristol residents where to go to cast their vote. "I grew up in a very politically active family," said Ashley when asked why she wanted to get involved with the Bristol polls. "I thought it would be interesting to see how a town election is run from the inside." On Tuesday, they were at the Franklin Courts at 6:30 a.m. and didn't move until 9 p.m. "It was important for me," said Eva. "I feel very strongly about this election." *-Meghan Rothschild*

7:43 p.m.: Laryssa Ohlson left RWU Monday night to head home to Rutland, Mass., to vote in the Presidential Election. Ohlson's voted for the first time in person on Tuesday. For the past three years, Ohlson voted by absentee ballot. Ohlson explained, "By voting in person, your vote matters more because it is counted that night, while absentee ballots can be counted days later." After voting, Ohlson went to breakfast with her mom and other locals to discuss the election and the candidates. "It was worth the ride home to vote. This was a great experience, much better than voting by absentee ballot." Ohlson declared. *-Sarah Belkner*



Laurie Schott



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The Results Are In

Dub-ya's back for four more years

Allisyn Deyo
Managing Editor

The dreaded phone call was made at 11:10 a.m. With three states still being tallied, Senator John Kerry conceded the election to President George Bush. Iowa, Ohio and New Mexico had not been called, but with 254 electoral votes, and 51 percent of the popular vote, Bush prepared to give his acceptance speech.

As one of the most important political races anywhere, the United States' presidential election is followed by news organizations across the globe. *The Irish Times*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Le Monde* of France carried the story front page, providing as much online coverage and information as the top papers and stations in the U.S. Classrooms were filled with students dissecting the election, arguing about the electoral college and debating requiring a test to determine voting eligibility.

The GOP had a great night overall, gaining more ground in the

Senate and the House, in addition to the victory in the White House. They picked up three seats in the Senate (51 seats are needed for Senate majority and they now hold 53 seats), as Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle lost his seat in South Dakota, becoming the first Senate leader to lose a reelection bid in 52 years. They also picked up three seats in the House, increasing that total to 230 (218 are needed for the House majority).

Eleven states adopted amendments to their constitutions, declaring that marriage "consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman, and no other domestic union will be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equal, legal effect" - Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah.

Three states had marijuana-related measures on their ballot. Alaska, which failed to legalize it as a recreational drug, Oregon, which banned medical marijuana and

Montana, which legalized medical marijuana.

California passed a bond issue to fund stem cell research and Florida amended their constitution to require parents of minors be contacted before an abortion is performed.

In local Rhode Island news, Senator Patrick Kennedy (D) handily defeated challenger Dave Rogers with 64 percent of the vote.

In local RWU news, Political Science Professor June Speakman won reelection to the Barrington Town Council as the top vote-getter (with 19 percent) and Criminal Justice Professor Stephanie Manzi (D) was elected to the

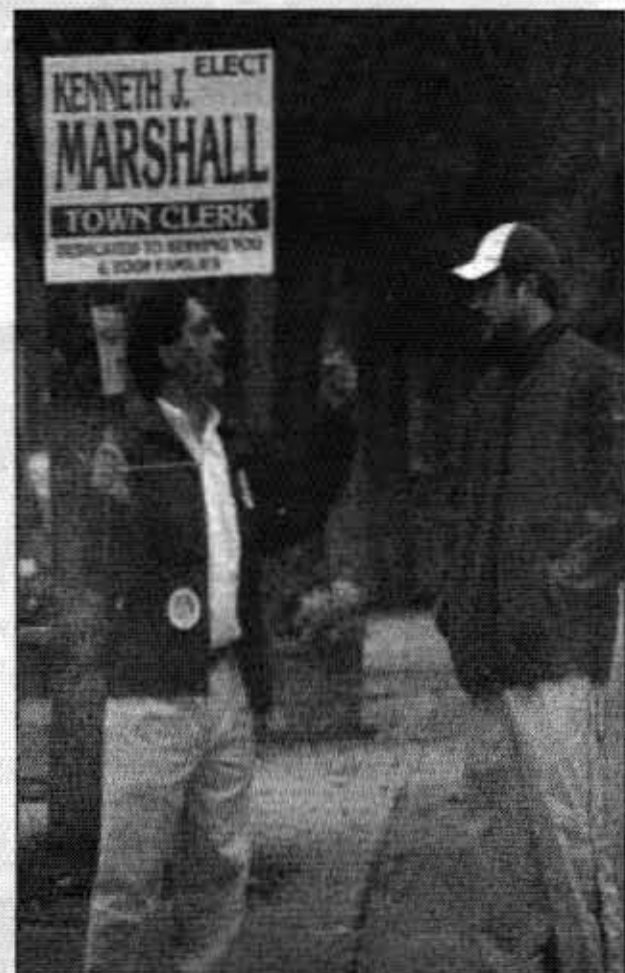


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Johnston Town Council District 5, with 79 percent.

In his concession speech, Kerry said about his conversation with President Bush, "We talked about the division in our country and the need, desperate need, for unity. . . Today, I hope we can begin the healing."

Above, communications students watch election coverage in class. Below, Tiago Moniz discusses politics with a campaign volunteer.



QUARTER-FINALS



Battle of the Birds: Men's soccer soars over Endicott

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

The Slip 'n Slide bill was passed a few weeks ago by the Student Senate, and apparently the RWU men's soccer team took it to heart Saturday, as they toppled the Endicott Gulls 2-0 in the opening round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) tournament, despite the rainy conditions.

This CCC battle has been building all season. The Hawks and Gulls already tangled once this season, a 1-1 tie on September 18. This game turned out to be a little different as the Hawks penetrated the Endicott defense with

terrific play from freshman striker Nate Boucher.

Boucher tallied the Hawks lone goal of the first half just seven minutes into the game as he took a pass from sophomore Joel Montgomery deep in the Gulls zone and successfully ripped a shot past the goal keeper for goal 15 on the season. Boucher now leads the CCC in goals.

The Hawks played a defense-oriented game thereafter, occasionally moving all 11 players into their half to spoil any scoring chance for the Gulls. This style worked effectively as goalie Kevin Deegan

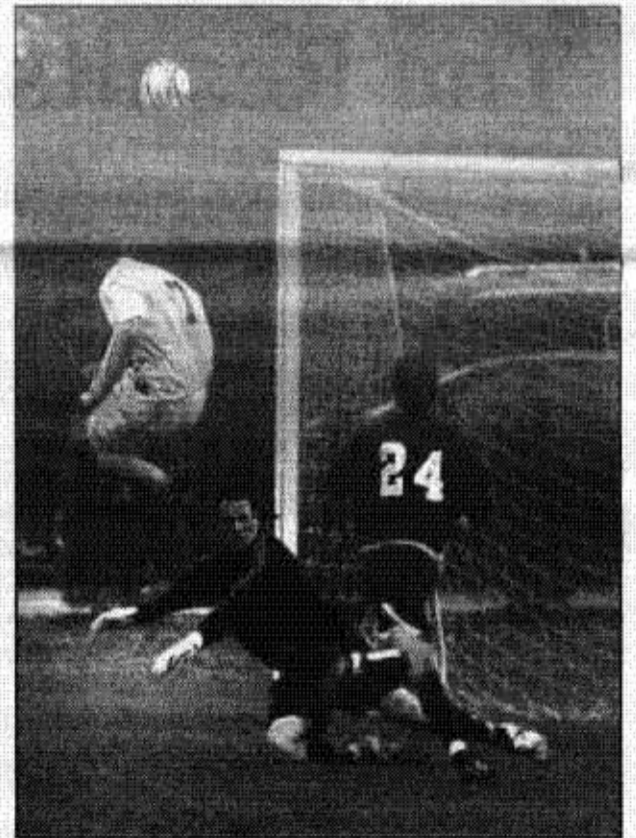
barely broke a sweat, making only three saves in the first half. Deegan and the defense have been the strength of the team throughout the entire year as he has reeled off ten shutouts this year. Credit this to the senior leadership he has in the midfield and backs and also his stellar performances in goal.

The second half turned out to be a game of cat and mouse as the Hawks were able to spread the field and pass the ball fluidly through the Gulls' defense. The prime example was late in the second half at the 83:13 mark when the Hawk strikers passed the ball 180 degrees



from one side of the Endicott goal to the other, ending with a goal from Joel Montgomery to put RWU up 2-0.

The insurance goal was enough. The Hawks prevailed and now move on to the Semifinals against the winner of second seeded Gordon College or seventh seeded University of New England on Wednesday, November 2.

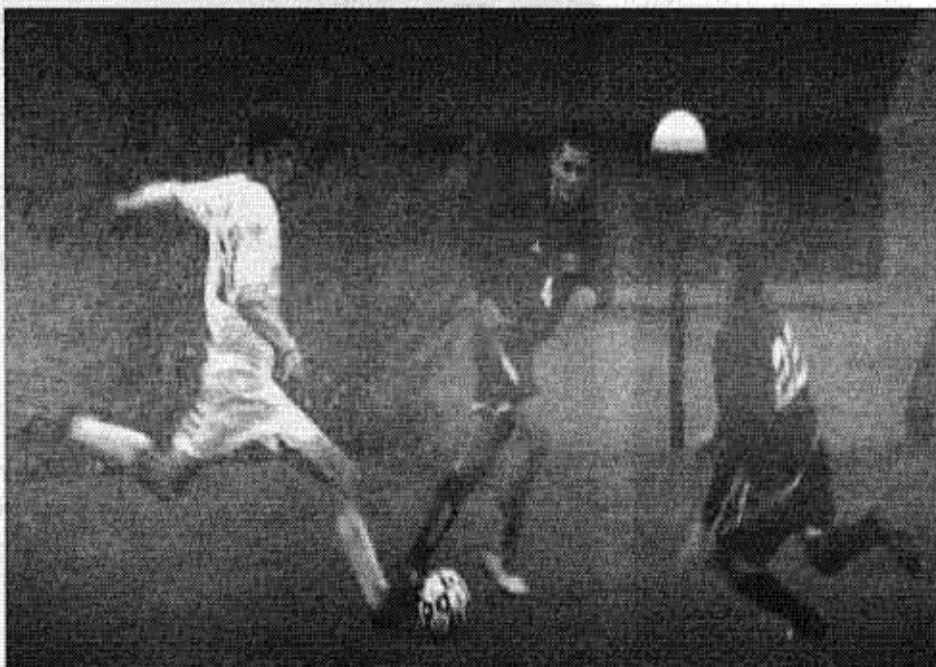


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Top: Goalie Kevin Deegan makes a save, senior Brian Cussen grimaces from a leg injury, senior Sean Whalen flies over the Endicott goal keeper.



Left and below, junior Michael Bray rips a shot through two Gull defenders, Cussen and Patrick Milner battle for the ball through a thicket of Endicott defenders.



HOLY CROSS COUNTRY

CCC Coach of the Year:

Sean Livingston, Head of the Men's Cross Country team, was named Coach of the Year. The Hawks won their fourth straight conference crown.

CCC Male Athlete of the Week:

Jon Buell, Junior, Cross Country:
Buell finished first in the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship. Buell also received CCC "Runner of the Year" honors.

CCC Female Athlete of the Week:

Allison Belanger, Senior, Cross Country:
Belanger finished first in the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship. Belanger also received CCC "Runner of the Year" for the third time in her career.

SEMI-FINALS

Early Thanksgiving for Hawks

Men's soccer blanks UNE, moves on to championship

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

The RWU men's soccer team vaulted into the final round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference championship on November 6, after defeating the seventh seeded University of New England (UNE) Pilgrims 2-0 in the semi-finals Wednesday afternoon at Bayside field.

The Hawks came out looking to control the game, much as they did in October, when they outplayed the Pilgrims en route to a 3-0 win. This day was no different. The Hawks were controlling the ball early, knocking the Pilgrims out of synch for nearly the entire first half. RWU was able to spread the field using all 11 players as passing magnets, equally dividing touches between each

player.

This plan led to the first Hawks' goal midway through the first half when freshman Nate Boucher punched in a kick from just outside the twenty-five yard box, making the score 1-0.

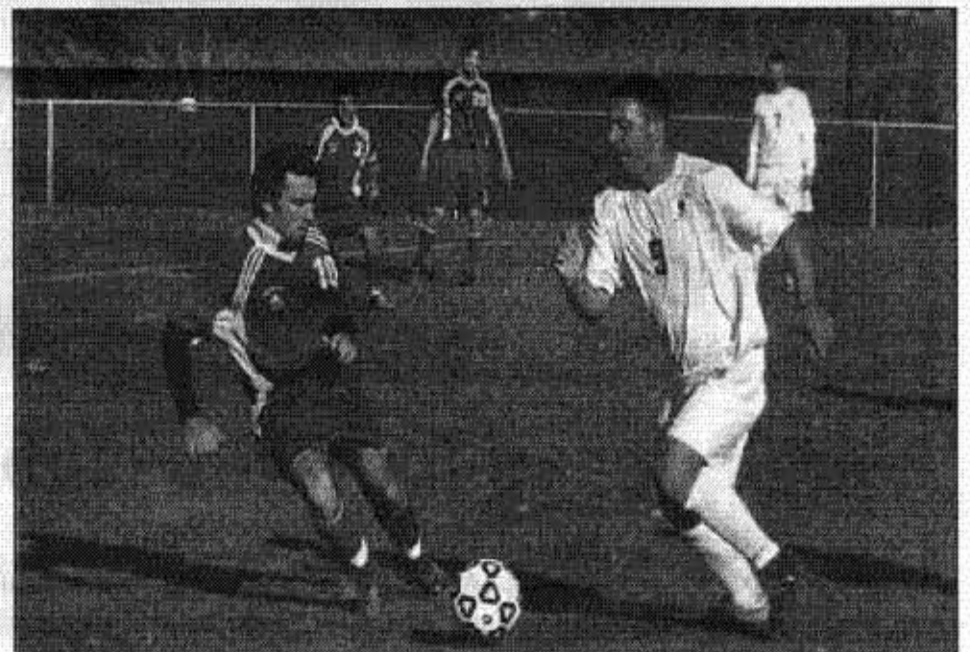
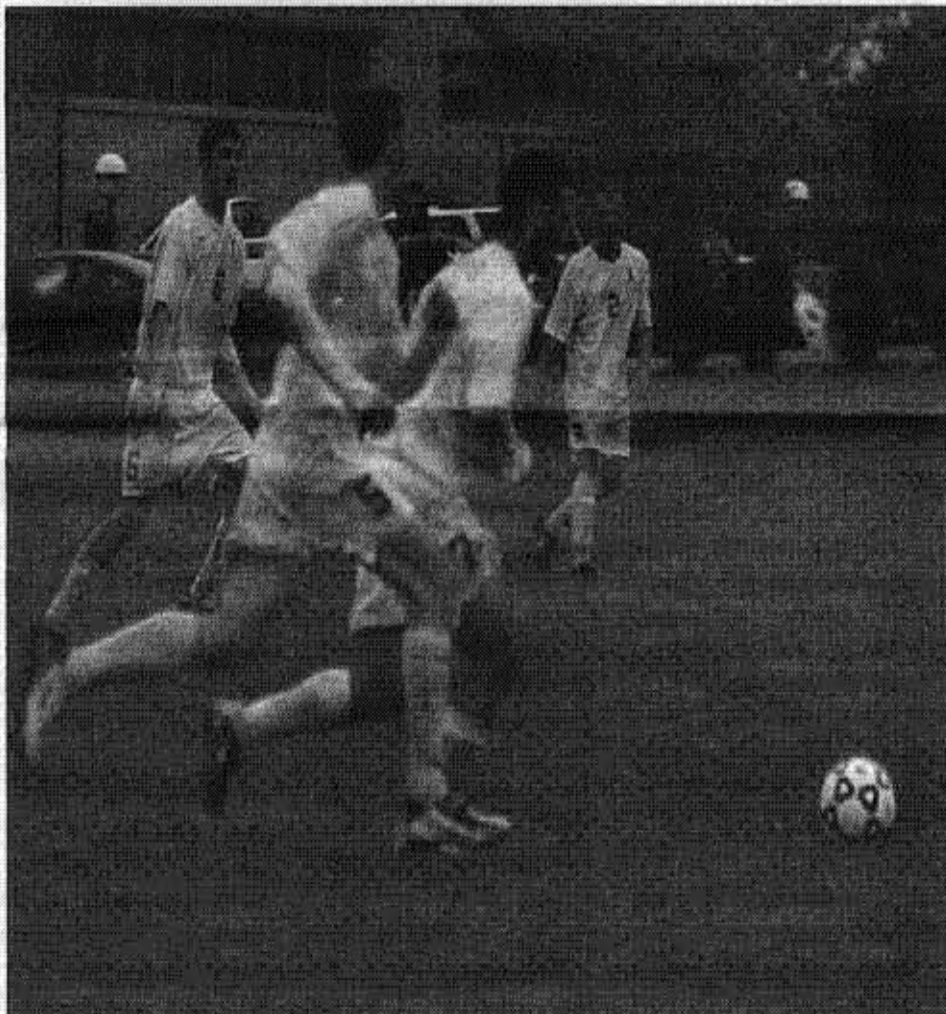
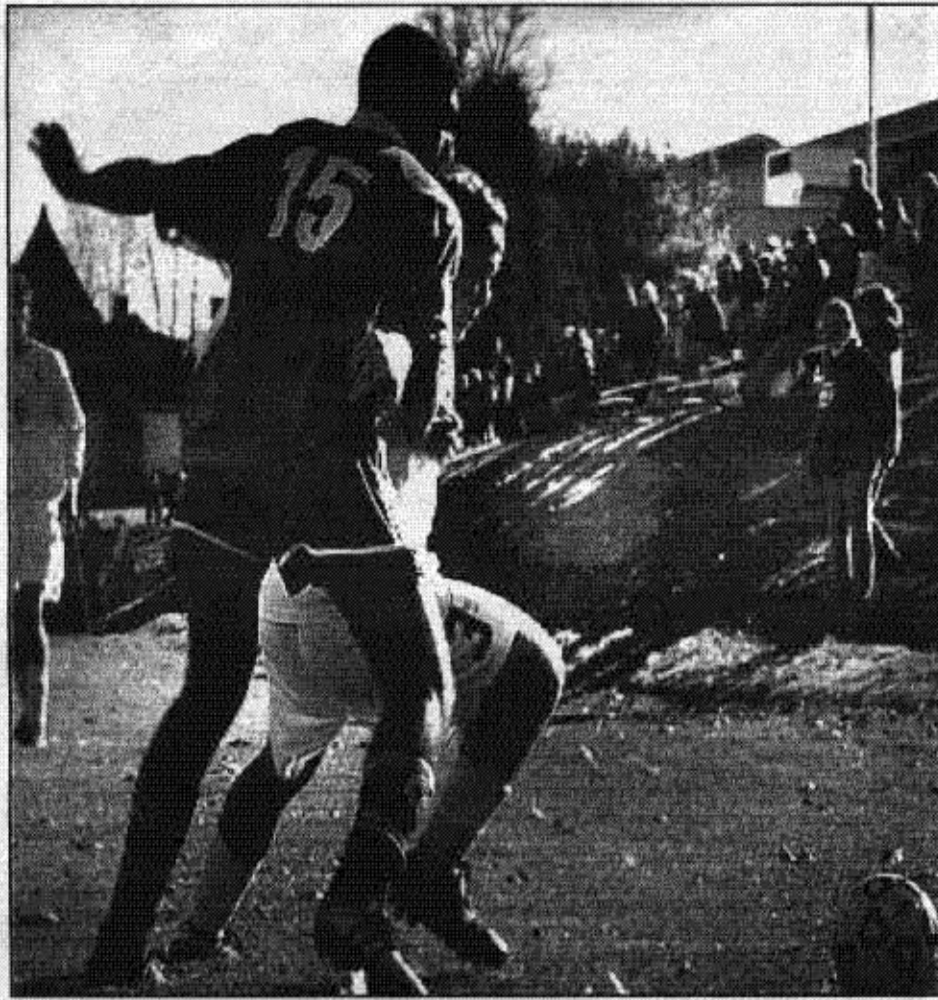
Later on in the half, an aggressive move inside the Pilgrim's box by senior Sean Whalen led to a defensive foul by a UNE defender. This manufactured a free kick and Brian Cussen was allowed to finish what Whalen started. He crushed the ball, zipping it past the Pilgrim keeper making the score 2-0 going into the half.

Instead of being lackadaisical about the lead, the Hawks came out firing from all cylinders, searching for an insurance goal. Each time they had several

attempts on goal, but the Hawk strikers couldn't clean up their garbage in front of the net.

With time winding down, tensions flared between the two teams as scuffles broke out all over the field. The Pilgrims seemed to be the more hostile team, as they had two players receive yellow cards while one of their defenders picked up a red card and was ejected for throwing a lump of dirt at the referee.

The Hawks went on to win the game 2-0, displaying class and respect toward their opponent. They next have the championship game against the winner of number one seed Salve Regina and number four seed Colby-Sawyer. The winner of that game will be invited to the NCAA tournament.



Photos by Tim Mannion

Top left: Senior Brian Combra scuffles with a New England defender.

Second Row: Hawks midfielders spread the field. Above: Jaime Pereira drives past a Pilgrim defender.

Left: Junior Michael Bray battles for the ball.



Come Support Your Hawks!

RWU Men's Soccer
VS.
Salve Regina University

Commonwealth Coast
Conference Championship

Game will be held at Fort Adams
State Park in Newport, 1 p.m.

Equestrian team rides to third-place finish at Trinity

Ellen Casady
Contributing Writer

The RWU equestrian team competed against ten region one colleges on Saturday, October 30, at Trinity College in Avon, Connecticut. The day started in the dark (leaving campus at 5:15 a.m.) and ended in the dark.

The show began at 9 a.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m. The day was unusually long because a Trinity rider fell off her horse during the jumping warm-up. She was taken to Canton Hospital, but suffered no serious injuries.

Equestrian shows have rigorous guidelines that riders must follow: all members are randomly assigned horses from the home barn, and no rider is allowed to warm-up their horse prior to the event, as shows test a rider's posture and performance on any type of horse; there are separate classes that test specific abilities such as jumping fences. Even though each class lasts approximately five minutes, there are several classes shown throughout the day.

Despite the rainy and

cold conditions, the RWU equestrian team came in third place overall. Three members earned first place in their individual classes: Natalie Williams, senior, in her Flat class, Allyson Elman, freshman, in the Walk-Trot-Canter class, and Kirsten Johnson, sophomore (who suffered a fall in a previous show).

With twenty-seven girls, this year's team is the largest yet, and they are looking to repeat as last year's conference champions.



Billy Copithorne

The men's and women's cross country teams accept their awards.



Chris Parish

Women's cross country takes school record in CCC victories, men's team grabs fourth win

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

It was a tale of two victories for the men's and women's cross country teams on Saturday, as runners competed in the CCC Championships, hosted by New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire.

The men's race was pure domination from start to finish. The entire men's team ran together for most of the 8K course, before Jon Buell broke away from the pack, beating last year's conference champ, Stephen Daggett, by a convincing margin. Buell was named Conference MVP. The assault continued; the Hawks took third through ninth place in the conference, as Dave

Strumski, Eric Van Tassel, James Pingree, Jim Maznio, Joe Defarias, Jim Dugan and JJ Pruner (respectively) led the team to a near-perfect 19 points. All six finishers earned a spot on the All-Conference Team. In addition, Defarias (freshman) was named Rookie of the Year. Pingree was named Senior Scholar Athlete, and Coach Sean Livingston earned Coach of the Year.

The women's race was a closer affair, yet the results were the same. Allison Belanger secured her third conference victory, and earned MVP honors. Emily Labnon, Katie Parise and Annie Durfee also earned top-10 spots and made the All-

Conference team. Several close finishes at the line allowed the Hawks (30 points) to slip past Salve Regina University (33 points) for the victory.

The win is the fifth straight conference championship for the women (a school record) and the fourth consecutive title for the men.

Both teams will rest their varsity runners, giving other racers a chance to shine at this week's upcoming ECAC Championships at Tufts University in Boston, then the NCAA Division III Championships will be held at the University of Southern Maine on Saturday, November 13.



Kim Monahan

Varsity news for swim club

Lindsay Tucker
Contributing Writer

It is not a simple task to transform a club into a college varsity sport. It takes a lot of hard work and team dedication. In most cases, it takes club sports years before they are officially able to call themselves a varsity team. However, there are exceptions to every rule. If a team demonstrates extreme potential and dedication, it is possible for a young team to make the transition smoothly.

For the RWU swim club, it may not have been an easy job, but the club managed to prove itself worthy of the varsity title after only one year. The club, which was established in the fall of 2003, will begin its varsity status in the fall 2005.

Last year, Julie O'Brian left her job as coach of the Rochester swim team to be the RWU aquatics director. According to O'Brian, the club originally had twenty members, but has expanded rapidly.

"The club acquired twenty additional members this year with no real advertising or recruiting," said O'Brian.

This season, the swim team will compete in 10 meets against other college varsity teams. According to swimmer Jennifer Dill, sophomore, the club follows a varsity schedule even though its status will not officially change until next fall.

"It's stressful," says Dill. "But it's worth the extra effort to finally be recognized for the work

that we do." The club will be hosting the Commonwealth Coast Conference at RWU on December 3 and 4. Swim teams from schools across New England will be in attendance.

Additionally, the club qualified to participate in the New England Swimming and Diving Championship. The championship will be held at Bentley College in mid-February. The meet will consist of swim teams from Divisions II and III, plus some qualifying club teams.

"It's so exciting for us to be accepted [into the championship] as such a young team," O'Brian said. "It's very good for our swimmers, and they deserve it."



Blaine Moffa

The swim and dive club group together during Midnight Madness. The club will host a CCC meet at RWU on December 3 and 4.