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# The Hawk's Herald

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Thursday, April 22, 2010



## Whites-only scholarship creator returns

Mark Fusco

### Alumnus' book is number 14 on The New York Times Best-seller List

Allison Collins  
News Editor

An alumnus of Roger Williams University wrote "Obama Zombies: How the Liberal Machine Brainwashed My Generation," currently at number 14 on The New York Times Best-Seller List, talked about his book on Wednesday night.

Jason Mattera, a 2005 RWU graduate, former member of the College Republicans and creator of the "whites-only" scholarship, shared ideas from his best-

selling book and his personal opinions with several dozen audience members.

"He has a message that the College Republicans align themselves with," Brendan Boyle, the student body president, ex-vice president and ex-state chairman of the College Republicans said.

#### The Speech

Mattera cracked jokes throughout his speech, some about the school, some about President Barack Obama and



after Obama's inauguration, as "Obama zombies."

"Barack Obama doesn't like young people," Mattera

some that offended his audience members.

Mattera refers to young Obama supporters, especially the ones who cried and sang "Amazing Grace"

said.

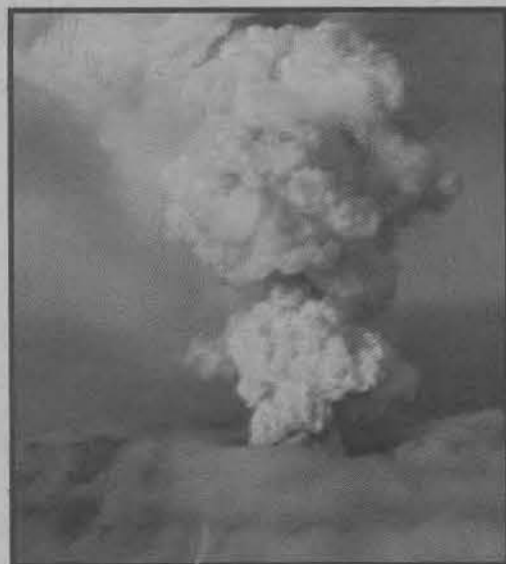
According to Mattera, in the age of Obama, young people believe that giant unicorns would fly above their apartments and deliver vanilla-scented checks so they wouldn't have to work.

Mattera talked primarily about global warming, healthcare and income taxes.

University students are "accosted with liberal propaganda," Mattera said, about global warming. Thirty years ago, Mattera said, people

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## Flights canceled after volcanic eruption in Iceland



The UK Telegraph

Amanda Newman  
Business Manager

Numerous flights across Europe remain grounded or delayed as ash continues to spew from the recent volcanic eruption in Iceland.

The volcano is known as Eyjafjallajökull, after the glacier it is located beneath. It is the sixth largest volcano on the island of Iceland, according to CNN.

Eyjafjallajökull, which erupted in the early morning of Apr. 14, has threatened Iceland and the surrounding areas with its heavy ash, as well as caused millions of dollars in losses to airlines all over the world. According to MSNBC.com, an aviation group called the financial fallout worse than the three-day worldwide shutdown [of planes] after the 2001 U.S. terrorist attacks.

The ash is especially dangerous because even though it may not be visible in the air, it still poses a serious threat to airplanes. According to Associated Content, "the ash is thought to be a large danger to aircraft, particularly jet propulsion craft, due to its ability to damage engines as the ash is sucked into the intakes and compacted by the operation of the machines, thus causing a failure."

Because of this, over 63,000 flights have been grounded since the eruptions began, according to reports by CNN. Across Europe, hundreds of thousands of people are stranded due to travel restrictions, unable to get to their destinations, trapped in airports. On Monday, Apr. 19, British Airways began test flights to see if the air had cleared

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## Student Senate treasurer resigns

Ben Whitmore  
Assistant News Editor

Student Senate Treasurer Nick Tsimortos resigned from his position Monday due to two allegations from the Senate Executive board (E-board), which were that Tsimortos was guilty of conduct unbecoming a senator and that he allegedly broke Senate's substance policy at a student activity fee (SAF)-funded event.

Tsimortos said that on Mar. 26, he broke Senate's substance policy when he was written up for alcohol. Tsimortos is under 21.

The next morning, Tsimortos said he spoke with Senate President Brendan Boyle, telling Boyle what happened the previous night. At the following Monday's Senate E-board meeting, Boyle said he asked Tsimortos to explain the situation involving his documentation. "He was just as forthcoming with the Executive board as he was with me," Boyle said.

Senate's E-board did not decide how to sanction Tsimortos at that meeting because Tsimortos said he had a "grievance with the Department of Residence Life and Housing," and had had "issues with the way Public Safety and the RAs had conducted themselves," Boyle said. Senate's E-board decided to wait two weeks for these issues to be resolved before deciding how to sanction Tsimortos, Boyle said.

Tsimortos said he and Senate's E-board decided to delay sanctioning until Tsimortos had his university conduct hearing, which resulted from his write-up.

Two weeks later, Tsimortos attended the scheduled E-board meeting on the fifth of April, where he explained the results of his conduct meeting. That Wednesday, Apr. 7, Tsimortos was asked by Senate's E-board to step down, he said.

"The Executive board decided

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Nick Tsimortos



## News Briefs

### Spring Spectacle gets new venue

WQRI's annual Spring Spectacle concert will be relocated to the field house due to forecasted cold temperatures. The concert features a headline performance by Four Year Strong, and opening performances by Dan Mills and The Life I Lead. Doors open at 3 p.m., the show starts at 4 p.m. and Four Year Strong will take the stage at 5:45 p.m.

### RWU celebrates 40th anniversary of Earth Day

In celebration of the chief "green" holiday, RWU will be holding a number of events and activities on campus on Apr. 22 (if rain on Apr. 23). From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the D'Angelo Common there will be tie-dyeing, a rummage swap, a reusable bottle sale and reusable bag decorating.

### Spring concert tickets go on sale

Tickets for the Spring Concert are still on sale. They will be sold from 11 to 2 and 4 to 6 until they are sold out. Students need their RWU ID's to purchase tickets and enter the concert. No guest tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 for students and \$25 for law students. Steel Train, Brendan James and The Fray will perform.

### Men's lacrosse on seven-game winning streak

With its 13-4 win over Curry College on Apr. 21, the RWU men's lacrosse team secures a 7-game winning streak. The Hawk's are now 7-6 on the season and 5-3 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference. They face TCCC opponent Gordon College on Saturday, Apr. 24 at 6 p.m. in Wenham, Mass.

# RWU Student Conduct Brief for Fall 2009

Brought to you by: The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, Roger Williams University

**Fairness • Honesty • Integrity**  
In proactive communication, the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards highlights selected student discipline statistics. The outcomes of cases during spring 2009 resulting in suspension or expulsion from RWU are listed below. Suspension from the University is typically for 1 semester up to an indefinite time and usually begins immediately. Expulsion is permanent and once found responsible, students are immediately withdrawn from their classes. Suspensions and expulsions are listed on students' academic transcripts. Students are responsible for all financial obligations for the semester when the sanction occurred. During suspensions and expulsions, responsible individuals are banned from University property. In accordance with state and federal laws protecting the privacy of student records, identifying information in the following report, such as names and genders, is excluded.

Last semester, in addition to the below information, multiple students were removed and banned from housing for 1 semester for alcohol related violations. Spring 2009 Student Disciplinary Suspensions (6)

- 2 suspensions for multiple violations of the Conduct Code, including marijuana possession, violation of University probation and violation of campus event ban.
  - 1 suspension for distribution of alcohol to minors and possession of cocaine; arrest occurred.
  - 1 suspension for a bias-related assault under the influence of alcohol; arrest occurred.
  - 1 suspension for credit card fraud and providing false information to University officials; arrest occurred.
  - 1 suspension for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.
- Spring and Summer 2009 Student Disciplinary Expulsions (4)
- 3 expulsions for sexual misconduct.

- 1 expulsion for misuse of prescription medication and distribution of marijuana; arrest occurred.

We often find that a number of students lose housing privileges during late fall and early spring semester due to probation violations and/or third alcohol violations. We hope to create an awareness of response to community disruptions as well as to educate students to think before you act and please make good decisions that will benefit the community. Education, restoration, and protection are the intended outcomes of the Student Conduct system. We seek to enhance the educational missions of the University and the Division of Student Affairs by setting and promoting high standards while treating each student with dignity and respect. If there are questions about the process or behavioral concerns, please contact us at 401-254-3042 or contact an RA, Core, or Public Safety.

## RWU You aims to capture student life

**Katlyn Proctor**  
Herald Staff Reporter

They are everywhere: mysterious, note-size, black and red flyers saying "We need video. You need Hawk Dollars. Let's Talk."

'RWYou' is not a campaign put on by the Department of Residence Life and Housing or Student Senate. Instead, the University Communications Department is looking for footage of the "real student experience" at Roger Williams University. The reward? \$50 Hawk Dollars.

On the blog, it says that the challenge being posed to students is "to creatively and effectively capture the spirit and distinctiveness of Roger Williams University by showcasing student life and academic life, and explaining why RWU is an excellent choice for students pursuing a university degree."

"Who better to show perspective students the school than the students themselves?" said Kathleen Lowe, RWU's Director of

Media and Marketing Services. The department is looking for 20 strong videos that can be used to create an engaging virtual tour of campus accessed by the Roger Williams website. The winning videos will be featured in online publications, shown during recruitment visits, and potentially used in RWU Ad campaigns.

Instead of dry content, the department used a more

"Who better to show perspective students the school than the students themselves?"

— Kathleen Lowe

are not going to read a whole flyer of information," Lowe said. "We used the teaser cards [in the Commons] and put the rest of the information on the web."

Helping Lowe to create the campaign were work study students and interns. "We want it [the website] to look fresh. Students are savvy," Lowe said. By asking for student involvement, the Communications department is hoping to get more students involved with their campus as well as create a positive partnership be-

tween the students and the University.

The requirements for the videos are that they must not be longer than 3 minutes in length, must be saved in an .mpeg, .mov, .mp4, or .avi format, and the entrant must complete the required entry form. Videos can be submitted online through the website or in person, accompanied by the release form, to the Communications Department, located in the basement of the Law School. The videos will be judged by a panel composed of members of University Communications and Admissions. Judging will be based on video quality, visual appeal, appropriateness, and the depiction of student life.

The contest is open to all students currently registered at RWU.

The full rules and guidelines can be found at <http://blog.rwu.edu/rwyou>. The last day to submit a video is April 30 at 5 p.m.

"We want that kind of raw video," Lowe said. "There's something to be said for student views."

## Disaster help available for flood victims

Disaster assistance is now available for Rhode Islanders in all five counties who suffered losses related to severe storms and flooding beginning on March 12 and continuing. Disaster officials with the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urge people with uninsured or underinsured losses to register for help as soon as possible.

To apply for disaster assistance, people can register online at [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) or call FEMA's toll free registration number, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. (EDT) seven days a week. It will take about 15 minutes to complete the process.

Before applicants call or go online, they should gather the following basic information to speed up the process:

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## MATTERA: Polical ideas upset some students

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were concerned that we were approaching an ice age.

Across the globe, there are 650 scientists who disagree with global warming theories, Mattera said.

"There is no consensus," Mattera said.

Mattera cited the recently passed healthcare bill as evidence of Obama's dislike of young people.

"Young people are subsidized with the cost of older Americans," Mattera said.

Insurance companies can't vary costs because of age anymore, Mattera said, which is like car insurance companies giving people with bad driving records the same insurance premium as people with good driving records.

"There is no right to healthcare... rights don't come with financial attachments," Mattera said.

Then, Mattera moved on to the economy.

He said that cutting taxes for the rich is a "scam" made up by liberals.

Mattera said conservatives don't want to regulate things, which could help them relate to the younger generation.

"Young people have a distrust for government intervention," Mattera said, and are attracted to social networking sites like Facebook because there's no oversight.

"There's no one-size-fits-all Facebook plan... so why would you want a government one-size-fits-all healthcare plan?" Mattera said.

The GOP has a hard time reaching young people Mattera said.

"The left will get your vote by lying their ass off," he said.

Obama said he would stop the icebergs from melting at

one point, Mattera said.

After his speech, Mattera opened the floor for questions.

**The Feedback**  
Many of Mattera's comments visibly upset students at the event.

Omar Reyes, a junior, asked what was so wrong about people singing hopeful songs like "Amazing Grace." Mattera said he objected to people putting Obama up on a pedestal by singing a religious song.

**"Did we want to give white kids scholarships? No, that's not the point."**  
— Jason Mattera

Reyes also asked why Mattera didn't appear to consider race relations in anything. Mattera doesn't care about racial status, he said, he just considers Obama's policies radical.

Students then started screaming about how Mattera was racist for a comment had made earlier about everyone's ideal life including of eating at KFC every other week.

Colleen Finan, a junior, said she disagreed with the jokes Mattera made. "I would take it a lot more seriously," Finan said.

Mattera responded by asking Finan if he had hurt her feelings.

"I'd rather be a liberal with feelings than a conservative with no heart," Finan said.

Other students asked why "Obama Zombies" didn't mention Joe Biden, why some companies kept quiet before the healthcare bill was passed and now have to lay off workers, if Mattera thought the book would help the Republican party and if Mattera planned to run for political office.

Mattera said he didn't

mention Biden because people elect the president, not the vice president and that he thought companies were too scared to speak out against the health care bill in advance. He also said he thought the book would help the Republican Party and that he had no current plans to run for political office.

Several times during the event, Mattera told his audience they were being too sensitive.

"Are we just delicate fairies?" he said.

"Zombies supported a bill that was a pimp-slap to your financial future," Mattera said.

**RWU, Back In The Day**  
Some things have changed since Mattera was an RWU student, including the food.

"What they would do for lunch was usually recycled breakfast," Mattera said.

During his time here, Mattera said, there was a high level of animosity towards the College Republicans.

"The school had to hire police officers to escort me around campus because they were afraid for my safety," Mattera said.

He majored in Business Management and Journalism.

His work with the College Republicans caused a lot of controversy on campus.

"I was an outspoken conservative, that's all it took," Mattera said.

As part of the College Republicans, Mattera brought an anti-affirmative action speaker during Black History Month.

"We were

just pointing out the hypocrisy of the campus left," Mattera said. The goal of bringing the speaker was to show the university that they should stop separating people based on race, he said.

He also started a whites-only scholarship for \$250, again, in an effort to show the university to stop separating people based on race, he said. Mattera is Puerto Rican, he said.

"Did we want to give white kids scholarships? No, but that's not the point," Mattera said.

"They missed the point," he said, talking about the university.

Political science professor June Speakman urged students to read Mattera's book at the end of the discussion.

"I disagree with virtually everything in the book," Speakman said.

She urged students to fight words with words.

"Many of Jason's arguments are easily refutable," Speakman said.

Speakman also told Mattera to update his data.

## VOLCANO: Flying just resumed

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enough to lift the blanket restrictions that have been placed worldwide. Their tests proved successful, with BA reporting that there were "no variations in the aircraft's normal operational performance." At press time, the invisible cloud of ash has lifted to levels that are safe enough for flying. Restrictions still remain over parts of Britain, Ireland, France, and some Scandinavian countries, according to MSNBC.com.

## SENATE: Treasurer resigns after conduct hearing

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that it was within Senate's best interests and Nick's best interests that he resign," Boyle said.

Senate's E-board offered Tsimortos two options: resign or be subject to the protocol dictated in Senate's bylaws. According to these bylaws, if a senator has demonstrated "conduct unbecoming a senator," he or she can either face a formal impeachment process or be subject to demerits. The impeachment process consists of a formal vote by all members of Student Senate, two-thirds of whom have to agree to evict a senator from his position; demerits are given out by Senate's E-board, and once a senator gets twelve of them, he or she is permanently banned from holding a Student Senate seat.

Tsimortos said he was told that if he did not resign, he would face a formal impeachment process.

At the meeting on the seventh, the E-Board gave Tsimortos until the next E-board meeting on Monday, Apr. 12, to formally announce whether he would resign or submit himself to Senate bylaw protocol.

"I sat on it, talked to people on Senate about it and I felt confident that I wasn't going to be impeached," Tsimortos said. He e-mailed Senate's E-board on the morning of Apr. 12, writing that he would not resign, Tsimortos said. But after the E-board meeting later that same day, Tsimortos would change his mind and announce his intention to resign.

At that Apr. 12 E-board meeting, Tsimortos said he was told that if he did not resign, he would receive 12 demerits, putting him on "bad standing" with Senate, making him ineligible to be a member of future Senates. Tsimortos said Senate's E-board said he would face 12 demerits not only because of his breaking of Senate's substance policy, but also because E-board "had reason to believe" Tsimortos broke the substance policy at bongo ball, an SAF-sponsored event.

Tsimortos said he was not under the influence of alcohol at bongo ball, a statement he also made at an open Student Senate meeting. Adrienne Mukiria, Assistant Director of Student Programs & Leadership, said she spoke to Tsimortos the day after bongo ball

took place. "He told me different information than what he explained to Senate," Mukiria said.

For Boyle, it was "rough" deciding that Tsimortos' actions warranted 12 demerits because of their personal relationship.

"We are all very good friends with Nick... It's very hard to separate the professional business from being a friend, but it's something you have to do, and he understood that," Boyle said. Boyle said he felt that giving Tsimortos 12 demerits would have been giving him the proper amount.

When Tsimortos realized that if he did not resign, he would receive 12 demerits and be put in bad standing with Senate, he decided to resign so that he could be a member of future Senates, he said.

That Friday, Apr. 16, Tsimortos handed Boyle a letter of resignation, Boyle said. At the following E-board meeting on Apr. 19, Senate's E-board officially accepted Tsimortos' resignation. Later that night, at the general Senate meeting, the members of general Senate voted in favor of accepting his resignation.

"I do not feel comfortable

within the [Senate] bylaws," Tsimortos said. "It is a process that isn't lucid, it isn't transparent to general Senate... if someone should ever not want to leave Senate, it should be something that should be discussed among Senate as a whole."

Other senators voiced similar opinions at the past two general Senate meetings.

"Nick is only a sophomore and he's got a bright head on his shoulders," Boyle said. "We want him to stay on Senate. He made a mistake; everyone makes mistakes."

Because of his resignation, Tsimortos will miss the final three general Senate meetings, Boyle said. Tsimortos ran uncontested for the Treasurer's position for the next Student Senate body, Senate 37. If officially elected, he would begin his term as active Student Senate Treasurer in mid May.

"I can't wait to get started," Tsimortos said. "I love the people that are on 37. I just think it's going to be a very proactive, a very productive year for the student body."

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Associated Collegiate Press



## Students begin new marketing campaign for 2010-2010

**Kelleigh Welch**  
Editor-in-Chief

Scheduled to begin during the summer 2010 orientation weeks, a new marketing campaign called "mylifeRWU" will provide incoming students with the necessary tools to make positive decisions about drinking while at college.

"Our mission is to reduce high risk drinking on campus," sophomore Jeremy King, Marketing Liason, said. "We're working with the orientation team and trying to incorporate our goals into their theme."

A team of three students, including King, HAWE Representative Hannah Freedman and Public Relations Intern Kelly Ahern, are coordinating the campaign with the help of Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon and the Alcohol and Other Drug Taskforce.

So far, the campaign has been meeting weekly to brainstorm advertising methods, including posters to place around campus and a website to act as a home base for the campaign.

"All of the ideas are coming from the three of us and the administration oversees us," Freed-

man said.

"A lot of the information we're getting comes from research on campus and statistics from the AlcoholEDU survey. What we are working off of comes from the student body," King said.

"The idea of the campaign is two things: first, find a commonality or common ground amongst all RWU students about what kind of drinking goes on here.

Second, we're not advocating for no drinking, but safe and responsible drinking," Freedman said.

Ultimately, the goal, according to King, Freedman, and Ahern, is to change the student body's outlook and opinion on drinking.

"We're trying to get a social interaction that incorporates aspects that relate to our student body," King said.

Freedman said the website should be available by the start of the fall 2010 semester, and the advertisements will begin to come out during orientation.

"The point of the campaign is not to just advertise the message, but also to change the social norms of the student bodies," King said.

## WQRI DJs of the Week

Jasmine Gore and Rose Sandberg

**Show Name:** Potpourri

**Air Time:** Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

**Type of Show:** "Indie-electro"

"It's a hipster run-off thing." - Rose Sandberg

### Jasmine's Top Five 'Artists who I think can't go wrong'

1. Daft Punk
2. Hercules and Love Affair
3. LC Soundsystem
4. Grizzly Bear
5. Beirut

### Rose's Top Five "Artists who I think can't go wrong"

1. Bjork
2. Animal Collective
3. The Knife
4. Ween
5. The Books

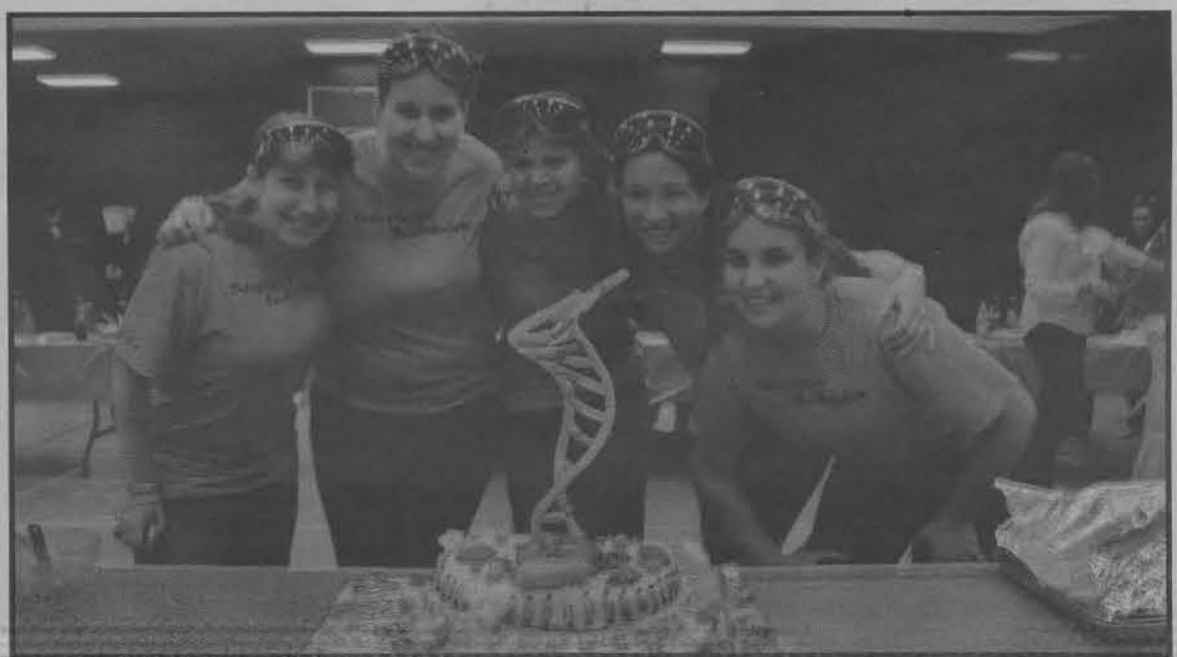


## Having your cake and eating it too



Photos by Mark Fusco

Team Hot Mess won first place in the cake-off.





## Roving Eye International Film Festival Schedule of Events

### April 22-25, 2010

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

##### Upper Commons Dining Hall

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Shorts at the Commons

##### Global Heritage Hall, room G01

6:30 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration & 40 Years of

Save the Bay

CREATING AWARENESS: THE POWER OF THE GLOBAL MEDIA

Panel Discussion

The Road Ahead: The First Green Long March

Directed by: Ryan Wong

##### Greenlit

Directed By: Miranda Bailey

9:00 p.m.

Really Delicious

Directed by: Anna Joanes

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Barrington Public Library, Barrington, RI

2:00 p.m.

Flat Love

Directed by: Andres Sanz

##### Magellan

Directed by: Sebastian Davis

L'Artigiano Glaciale (The Ice Sculpture)

Directed by: Alberto Meroni

##### Upper Commons Dining Hall

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Shorts at the Commons

##### RWU Law School, Room 283

6:00 p.m.

CREATIVITY AND THE LAW IN A DIGITAL AGE

Film Screening and Panel Discussion

##### VICKtory to the Underdog

Directed by: Brandon Bond

##### Marine and Natural Science Building (MNS), room 200

7:00 p.m.

CULTURE SHOCKS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY

Hosted by: Dr. Kamille Gentles-Peart, Assistant Professor of Communication

##### Toute Ma Vie (All My Life)

Directed by: Pierre Ferriere

##### For the Love of Shakespeare

Directed by: Zhu Chunguang

##### Blau Jeans (Blue Jeans)

Directed by: Meaghan Kimball

Red, White and the Green

Directed by: Nader Davoodi

##### Mask Changing

Directed by: Pan Jun

##### Global Heritage Hall, 01

9:00 p.m.

RI INTERNATIONAL HORROR FILM FESTIVAL PREVIEW

#### TIVAL PREVIEW

Nightmares in Red, White, and Blue

Directed by: Andrew Monument

11:30 p.m.

Hotel Chelsea

Directed by: Jorge Valdes-Iga

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

##### Global Heritage Hall, room G01

1:00 p.m.

CREATIVITY UNPLUGGED: ANIMATION ON THE EDGE

Discussion with Hollywood Producer,

Ron Tuppe

Flat Love

Directed by: Andres Sanz

Leonardo

Directed by: Jim Capobianco

Hazed

Directed by: Jacquie Rushlow

The Mouse that Soared

Directed by: Kyle Bell

QUA

Directed by: Andres Vidal

Big Dreams

Directed by: Robyn von Arn

The Seed

Directed by: Johnny Kelly

The Incident at Tower 37

Directed by: Chris Perry

6:00 p.m.

Brownstones to Red Dirt

Directed by: Dave LaMattina and Chad Walker

9:00 p.m.

Remnants of a War

Directed by: Jawad Metni

In Their Boots: Broken Promise

Directed by: Abe Greenwald

#### Wounded Healers

Directed by: Mark Stendal

##### Marine and Natural Sciences Building, (MNS), room 200

7:00 p.m.

TILL YOU'RE TOLD TO STOP

Directed by: Ruth Somalo

9:15 p.m.

Rock Prophecies

Directed by: John Chester

##### Campus Recreation Center Field House

4:00-7:00 p.m.

WQRI 88.3 FM & Roving Eye Concert

Featuring: Four Year Strong, Dan Mills, and The Life I Lead

##### Upper Commons Dining Hall

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Shorts at the Commons

##### RWU Law School, Room 283

6:00 p.m.

Burned: Life In and Out of Texas Youth Prisons

Directed by: Emily Pyle

No Tomorrow

Directed by: Roger Weisberg and Vanessa Roth

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

##### Global Heritage Hall, room G01

12:00 Noon: (Patio of GHH)

The Society for Creative Anachronism: Demonstration

1:00 p.m.

The Enchanted Island

Ireland, 2009

El encargado

Spain, 2008

The Happiness Salesman

Directed by: Krishnendu Majumdar

Budrus

Directed by: Julia Bacha

3:00 p.m.

DOCUMENTARY FILM: THE ART OF CREATIVE STORYTELLING

Featuring: "Behind the Hedgerow" a First Look & Panel Discussion

5:00 p.m.

CLOSING NIGHT PARTY & RECEPTION  
OPEN SCREEN: CELEBRATION OF LOCAL & STUDENT FILMMAKERS

##### Hip, Hot & Short

Natural Selection

Directed by: Brett Faraker

The Happiness Salesman

Directed by: Krishnendu Majumdar

Flat Love

Directed by: Andres Sanz

##### Magellan

Director by: Sebastian Davis

##### Marine and Natural Sciences Building (MNS), room 200

2:00 p.m.

Deliver Us

Directed by: Kathryn Tayo Hall

Pedaco de Papel (Piece of Paper)

Directed by: Cesar Raphael

Beauty of the Fight

Directed by: John Urbano

4:30 p.m.

Do no harm

Directed by: Rebecca Scanberg

Return to Mexico City

Directed by: Joie Walls and Maura Mandt

##### Upper Commons Dining Hall

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Shorts at the Commons

### Blau Jeans Excerpt: Germans' first experienc...



YouTube

<http://www.film-festival.org/RovingEye.php>

Filmmakers from all over the world will be showcasing their work at the Roving Eye Film Festival this weekend at RWU. Above is a clip from Blau Jeans, directed by Meaghan Kimball. This is the US premiere for the film, along with 15 other US premiered films.



# Please don't hide *The Hawks' Herald*

To a staff member who works in admissions:

Please stop trying to steal *The Hawks' Herald* and move our stacks to back rooms and other places where no one will be able to find them.

Also, please stop trying to do it right under my nose.

When I redistributed the paper Wednesday, during an open house, I put three stacks of papers in a rack in the entrance to the Recreation Center, a place where we normally place copies of *The Hawks' Herald*. I went back into the organization suite to grab more copies, and on my way out, I noticed the papers I had distributed not two minutes before were already gone.

I'd like to think that people just love *The Hawks' Herald* so much that a hundred copies could go in two minutes ... but they don't.

And according to other people working at the open house registration table, you, admissions house staff member, are the one who moved them.

But this isn't the first time. Several weeks ago someone told me that stacks of *The*

*Hawks' Herald* were being hid in back rooms and behind desks so that parents coming in couldn't read them.

Why? Because we had an oh-so-scandalous April Fools Edition.

I'm just saying, it was clearly marked.

Every page filled with fake news said "April Fools Edition" in a banner on the bottom of the paper. The front page, instead of saying "The student newspaper of Roger Williams University" said "The fool's newspaper of Roger Williams University." Inside pages, instead of being labeled "News" or "Sports" were labeled, "Fools: stories made up just for you."

There was no need to hide those papers from perspective students and parents.

This week, someone told me again that the stacks of newspapers in the admissions house were being hidden again.

Why this time?

Because the above-the-fold story was about marijuana and we had an appropriate graphic. Maybe a little more scandalous than our front-page story about RWU flood-proofing mainte-

nance equipment, but not once you read the headline.

"Marijuana misconception: How many of us actually smoke?"

I get it, you don't want parents to see a bong on the front page of the student newspaper when they first get here.

But give those parents some credit. They can read the headline and I bet after they read it, they'll want to read the story too.

So this time, I decided that I was simply going to go pick up the hidden papers from the admissions house and move them to another location.

Only once I got there, someone told me that admissions was planning to have all issues of *The Hawks' Herald* removed by Wednesday, because of the open house.

So I made some phone calls.

Vice President of Student

Affairs, John King, personally assured me that he and Senior Vice President Lynn Fawthrop would tell the staff not to touch *The Hawks' Herald*.

And I, so badly, wanted to believe him. Which is why I was so appalled at you, admissions staff member, for disregarding requests from important people on this campus, and trying to hide *The Hawks' Herald* anyways.

To a student who works in admissions:

I was even more appalled when I came back from getting coffee in the afternoon, to find that the same stack of papers, this time rack included, had been moved under the registration table.

According to the students working, another student instructed them to put the entire rack under the table, out of sight.

Why? Because parents were reading it.

There was no need to hide those papers from perspective students and parents.

We work hard to put out the paper. Each editor puts in 20-plus hours a week, sometimes more, only to be criticized, harassed and disrespected by the majority of the RWU campus community.

So after our combined 100 hours of work, don't try to hide our final product.

We put this news out for the campus community, and during open house, accepted students' day, or whenever, the people who visit RWU are coming to try to get a sense of what it's really like here. When you censor the paper by removing it, you take away part of the RWU community.

And that's not really fair to the people who want to see what it's really like here, now is it?

To the staff member who went and retrieved the copies of *The Hawks' Herald* after they had been removed from the Rec Center entrance:

Thank you.

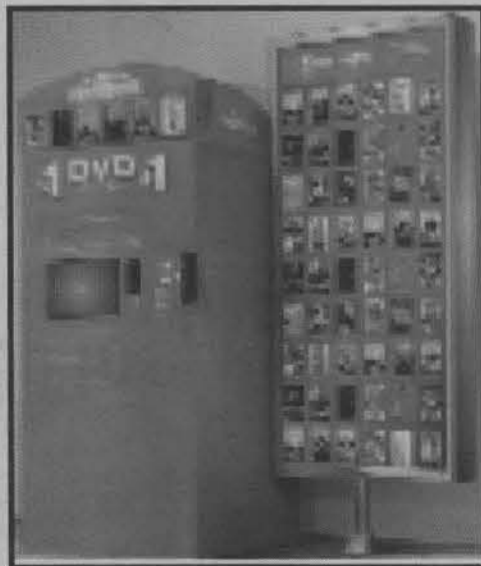
Sincerely,  
Allison Collins  
Managing and News Editor

## A Redbox on campus?

Hannah Freedman  
Contributor

As I sat in my apartment tonight it occurred to me that it would be really nice if I could see a movie. I really don't have a big budget and so instead I like to rent a movie for only a dollar in the Redbox machine at Stop and Shop. However, even that is inconvenient due to the fact that I don't have car, so I thought what if we had a Redbox on campus?

We here at RWU love to talk about how there is nothing to do on campus, even though I know there are plenty of things going on. We also have a convince store on campus but have nothing convenient to do in there. Now I know I could walk all the way to the Rec Center and hang out in the hawks nest, but I would much rather watch in the comfort of my own apartment. So please RWU get us a Redbox.



<http://blogs.palmbeachpost.com/malled/2009/01/page/2/>

Did we piss you off?

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No anonymous submissions, please.

## WTF of the week:

### Photoshopped?



<http://president.rwu.edu/blog/?tag=roy-nirschel>

Kelleigh Welch  
Editor-in-Chief

What seems wrong about this photo with you?

When I looked at this photo at first, I noticed a faint and awkward outline around the man shaking Nirschel's hand. He appears to be out of place from the rest of the photograph.

But what I find odder is the fact that Nirschel has a shadow, but the other man does not. If the sun was in the position suggested by Nirschel's shadow, then the other man should have a shadow in the big open area behind him.

Was this photo tampered with? Is this a poor attempt to photoshop the man in, or does he really not have a shadow? Maybe he's a vampire. WTF?

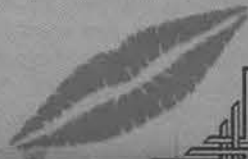


## Corner of love

### "the meal less traveled"

Kelleigh Welch  
Editor-in-Chief

Two lines diverged in the upper commons,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one hungry student, long I stood  
to make a once-a-year decision, if I could  
Between steak or lobster, to support my growth  
The steak option, rich and fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was easy to eat, not to wear  
Though for the price of lobster anywhere  
Made each decision about the same,  
And lobster bibs with utensils lay  
In a trash bowl that was so black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing the work of eating lobster can lead to play,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two dinners with only one to choose, and I-  
I chose the lobster  
And that has made all the difference.



## PRSSA team makes water conservation a priority

Kelly Ahern, Sarah Beron  
Contributors

There is a school that rests along the shore. It is much more than a school, really; it is a bustling, active university campus. It boasts of academic excellence, strong student leaders, stellar athletes, and a new addition of "greener" buildings. However, who would think that a campus surrounded by what seems like an everlasting supply of water is in need of an education?

Well, that's exactly where the Roger Williams University chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) comes into action. A team of four students has developed an informative campaign to educate the campus community about the importance of water conservation. Their initiatives are also part of Amiee Shelton's Special Topics Course: Public Relations Campaigns, in which students are responsible for executing a real-life campaign for course credit.

The campaign will include an event focused around interactive exercises related to the cost effectiveness of making more conscious decisions in regards to water usage, as well as educational contests that encourage attendees to actively engage in water conserving activities.

"Our plan's foundation is inspired by Kohler's 'Save Water America' initiative. We have created our own messages that we hope will engage the students, faculty, staff and local community. We have focused on the idea

that every little bit counts in relation to water usage, thus leading to our message of every drop, every minute, and every flush," said team member Mary Concannon.

The students' plan will be executed throughout the month of April. The "RWU Save the Blue" water conservation event will take place on Thursday, Apr. 22 during the university's annual Earth Day programming; tables will be located in the quad.

For more information about their efforts and campaign, please visit [www.rwuprssa.com](http://www.rwuprssa.com) or become a fan of Water Conservation Efforts in Bristol on Facebook.



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## Sports This Week

Will Boshes  
Assistant Sports Editor

(DH) = double header

### Men's:

#### Baseball

Upcoming games:  
Apr. 24 - Eastern Nazarene College (DH) - Home - 11 a.m.  
Overall: 9-21

#### Lacrosse:

Apr. 24 - Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. 6:00 P.M.  
May 1 - Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals - TBA - 3 p.m.  
Overall: 8-6

#### Tennis:

Apr. 24 - Gordon College, Wenham, Mass. 1 p.m.  
Apr. 28 - Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals - TBA - 1 p.m.  
Overall: 10-0

#### Track & Field:

Apr. 24 - UMass - The Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational (Hosted By Gordon College) - Wenham, Mass. - 11 a.m.

### Women's:

#### Softball

Apr. 24 - Western New England College (DH) - Home - 5 p.m.  
Apr. 26 - Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament (DH) - TBA - 3 p.m.  
Overall: 20-17

#### Tennis:

Apr. 23 - Gordon College - Wenham, Mass. - 7 p.m.  
Apr. 27 - Western New England College - Home - 4 p.m.

#### Track & Field

Apr. 30 - New England Division III Championships (Hosted By Tufts University) - Medford, Mass. - TBD

### Co-ed Sports

#### Equestrian

Apr. 5 to 9 - IHSA National Finals (Kentucky Horse Park) - Lexington, Ky. - TBA

## Softball beats Regis College



Abby Cunningham  
Herald Staff Reporter

On the 16, the Roger Williams University Women's Softball team faced Regis College in a double header. Despite the cold weather, the Hawks defeated the Pride 5-0 in the first game and 8-6 in the second. The squad added two wins to their record to become 19-14 overall with an 11-7 TCCC record.

In the first game, Michelle Caprice was the first to score a run for the Hawks, as she hit a single in the third inning. Caprice, along with Samantha Teves and Lauren Tierney, each went 2-4 at the plate. Jaelyn Doolin pitched an outstanding game allowing only one hit, one walk, and successfully striking out nine of the Regis players. Teves and fellow teammates Melissa Sereti and Kelly Burke recorded the squads only runs batted in. The Hawks effectively shut out the Pride, as they continued on to game two. This game proved to be just as successful as the previous

one. The RWU Women's Softball team finished the game on top defeating Regis 8-6.

Following their two game winning streak, the Hawks faced Nichols College in a doubleheader on the 18th. Nichols quickly took the lead in the first game until freshman Laura McConnell hit a single while bases were loaded. McConnell's hit brought in two runs in the sixth. Doolin allowed four hits and impressively struck-out eight. The squad edged past the Bison for a one-run win. The Hawks added another win to their streak as they defeated Nichols 2-1. Despite the onslaught of wins, the Hawks suffered a loss in the second game of the double header against Nichols. The RWU Women's Softball team fell to the Bison 9-7. The Hawks moved to a 20-15 overall record with a 12-8 TCCC record.

The Hawks will continue their season, as they face Western New England College and advance to the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament.

## Malkin's Mind

Dan Malkin  
Sports Editor

The Daily News has reported that the Giants would be willing to trade up to get CJ Spiller, the talented running back from the University of Clemson. The organization gave Spiller's camp a call to make sure they had his correct cell phone number just in case they decide to take the All-American back during tomorrow's draft.

I love Spiller and think he will be an amazing running back in the NFL for years to come. However, I do not think the Giants would be wise to give up other draft choices in order to move up to take him. The Giants have a strong running back in Brandon Jacobs and a nice compliment back with Ahmad Bradshaw.

The Giants also have pressing needs on the other side of the ball. A linebacker would probably be the best pick for the organization. On the other hand, I cannot overlook the fact that Spiller would provide a dimension to the offense that they do not have—a home run threat.

This would mean the Giants are confident enough that they can find someone in round two or three that can step in and fill the void left when Antonio Pierce was cut.

In my opinion they should wait it out and see if they can land Rolando McClain. I believe he is the best linebacker in this year's class and would help the team out the most going into next season.

It is hard to imagine a scenario in which both McClain and Spiller fall to No. 15, but if it did I hope they know what they are doing if they take Spiller.

If this happens the Giants could look at several prospects at linebacker in the second round and then maybe pick up a defensive tackle in the third round to help out the D-line.

It is very possible that one of my favorite players, Brandon Spikes is available for the Giants to take. Spike's is a great player and would be a steal for the Big Blue in the second round of the draft.

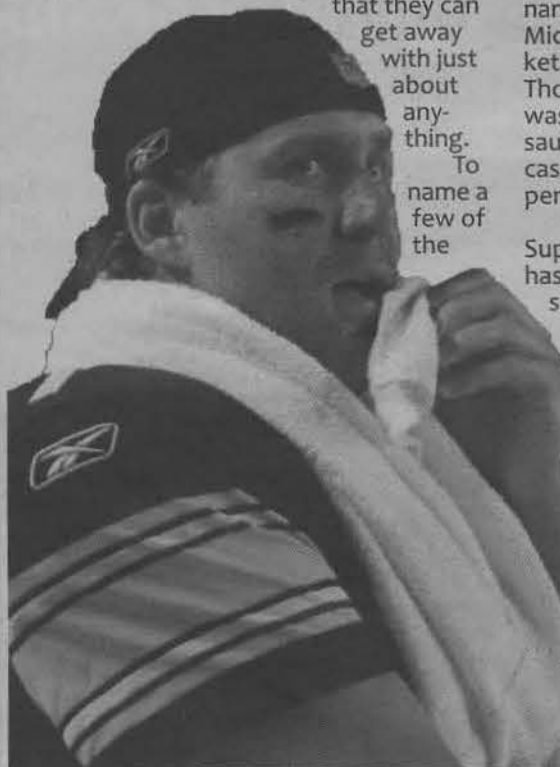
The draft is just 24 hours away so expect more news coming from all of the teams in the league leading up to the big day.

## Is Big Ben in BIG Trouble?

Will Boshes  
Assistant Sports Editor

In this past decade, several serious high profile athletes are begging to find themselves in the limelight, and not for good reason. A good number of high profile/high-paid athletes tend to see themselves above the law. They have a sense

that they can get away with just about anything. To name a few of the



"well known" athletes; in the summer of 2003, Kobe Bryant who at the time was considered to be one of the best basketball players on the planet was connected to a sexual assault case that apparently took place in a Eagle, Colorado hotel room. Bryant was later exonerated.

Other sexual assault cases have been brought to the medias attention with names such as Hall of Fame wide receiver Michael Irvin, and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Isaiah Thomas also falls into this category, he was accused and convicted in a sexual assault case in late 2006, unlike Thomas's case Irvin's case was dropped and no penalty was placed upon him.

In the most recent news two-time Super Bowl Champion Ben Roethlisberger has been under investigation for allegedly sexually assaulting a 20-year-old student in a women's restroom and the Capitol City nightclub in Milledgeville, Georgia on the night of March, 5th. The student attends Georgia College & State University.

On April 12th the district attorney's office dropped all of the charges that were brought against the all pro-quarterback.

This is all too common for this star quarterback, in the summer of 2009 Roethlisberger was accused of allegedly sexually assaulting 31, year old Andrea McNulty in June of 2008 in a Lake Tahoe hotel room, which was rented by Roethlisberger. Roethlisberger was in the area for a celebrity

golf tournament. The charges were then later dropped based off of false allegations on the plaintiff.

Saying that both of Roethlisberger cases were dropped before heading to court, this makes one wonder as to if super-star athletes do in fact commit these horrific acts. Going back to the Bryant case, the super star guard stuck by his story of having consensual sex with the plaintiff, and as the case went to court, the situation became more involved, until ultimately the accuser dropped the charges.

It makes some wonder as to what really goes when these allegations are made...

It seems as though in some sexual assault cases the charges are dropped once the plaintiff seems as though they are getting in over their head, yet when you look at other crimes committed by athletes mainly more serious ones such as murder the athlete seems to always come out on top. So you can ask yourself the question of 'do athletes or other high-profile celebrity's get a free pass based off of whom they are, or, do people wrongfully take advantage of people based off of their stardom?'

#### Side Note:

- Roger Goodell, NFL commissioner has suspended Roethlisberger for the first six games of this upcoming season. Roethlisberger will have a "zero tolerance" policy placed on him for the upcoming season; Roethlisberger is also mentioned in trade rumors following the suspension.