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Champagne named interim president

Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

In the wake of Roy J. Nirschel's July 2 resignation as university president, Roger Williams University named Dr. Ronald Champagne as interim president.

Champagne was president of Saint Xavier University in Chicago for 12 years as well as the senior vice president for development at the Alzheimer's Association.

Most recently, Champagne spent one year at Shimmer College and two years at Merrimack College as these institutions' interim presidents.

In an e-mail to students, Richard Bready, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the board "focused not only on identifying an accomplished leader in education, but an

individual with the enthusiasm and creativity to sustain the University's momentum during this important transition." Bready said he was "elated to welcome Dr. Champagne to Roger Williams."

In an exclusive interview with *The Hawks' Herald*, the president opened up to reporters, talking about his lifelong love of learning, his goals during his tenure at the university, and why he finds collecting sixteenth-century Dutch maps so rewarding.

Champagne, 68, said he discovered his passion for learning during his late teens at an "uncompromising Jesuit prep school." During his life, he has attended three higher education institutions, earning two master's degrees and a Ph.D. in the fields of philosophy, physics and the foundations of math and physics.

"I think I learned first-hand what it meant that knowledge is not isolated and fragmented;



Mark Fusco

Dr. Ronald Champagne, RWU's new interim president.

knowledge is what you bring to it. And you can take a variety of perspectives but they have to come together in you," Champagne said.

Champagne seems to constantly search for the larger implications of the task he's set on.

As a professor of mathematics at Fordham University, teaching the philosophy of math, Champagne realized that his efforts as a teacher were not isolated from the context in which he taught – the greater context of the qualities of the math curriculum, of the mathematics school, of the entire university. He concluded that the university's administrators are the ones in charge of making a staff of good professors the engine of a great higher education institution.

Champagne set his sights on university administration. After chartering a successful inner city college preparatory school for gifted students, Champagne, at 33 years-old, became the vice president of academic affairs at a school in Appalachia, West Virginia. From there, Champagne began a career in higher education administration, serving as

president and interim president at five colleges and universities, now including RWU.

Even as the chief executive at a university, Champagne is cognizant of the value of analyzing and synthesizing different schools of thought.

"Leadership is something you have to earn. And what you have to earn is the trust and confidence of the people you're leading," Champagne said.

Champagne said he earns leadership by listening to the input of his fellow administrators and ignoring pride when evaluating ideas.

"You don't have less power because you are humble enough to say 'I may not be the smartest guy in the room,'" Champagne said.

Here at RWU, Champagne has already begun to identify

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Medical amnesty seeks to staunch fear, encourage safety

Amanda Newman
Co-Managing Editor

The Roger Williams University Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Task Force recently unveiled its newest addition to the RWU Alcohol Policies and Guidelines, a new policy dubbed the "Medical Amnesty Policy." Though formally adopted and implemented last June by the administration, it was officially distributed via e-mail to the student body on Sept. 3, just days after being presented to the incoming freshmen.

"The medical amnesty policy is all about student safety regarding alcohol and drug use," said Kathleen McMahon, Dean of

Students and co-chair of the AOD Task Force. "We never want students to not call for help for fear of getting in trouble. Therefore, there is no strike, no fine outside of any accrued hospital fees."

The AOD Task Force began looking into the idea of adopting such a policy back in the fall of 2009. They started researching to see if an amnesty policy would be beneficial to the school. "We decided that it was something we felt strongly about here, so we recommended it to John King [Vice President of Student Affairs] and took it to the Student Senate, who passed a resolution endorsing it on May 10. We took it back to


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Mark Fusco

The medical amnesty policy seeks to keep alcohol documentations and transports on the decline.

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Shwayze gets Roger "Buzzin'"

RWU adopts new emergency plan

Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

In compliance with a new federal mandate, Roger Williams University is retooling its emergency contact database – the directory of relatives and close friends to be notified in the event of a missing persons investigation.

The university has updated

its recordkeeping methods, transitioning from storing paper forms in file cabinets, to key-word searching an electronic database.

Students are being asked to enter their emergency contact information through MyRWU so administrators can access the information through their own e-database, Datatel.

In the past, RWU collected emergency contact information

in two different offices, acquiring information from on- and off-campus students separately, said Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing. Now the system is consolidated, making it possible for all students, regardless of their residence,

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plans to promote students' academic connection-making.

The academic reorganization, proposed by former-President Nirschel last year, "fits exactly my way of thinking," Champagne said. "What has impressed me is that some very big steps are and will be taken moving forward relating to this coalition between the schools so that ... they're going to be able to have some commonality for the student," Champagne said. "I've done this before and it works wonders."

Champagne said global education is a big priority for him. "You've got to see outside your own entrenched culture. You've got to go and see for yourself some other perspective and then kind of say, 'Maybe this way of [mine for] looking at things is not all there is in the world,'" Champagne said.

Champagne says he sees "super" potential for growth at RWU. He points to the growth the university has shown in the past 30 years as evidence of this university's ability to maintain progress.

"The location of this school and the quality of this campus and the faculty that are here now, it's just a matter of maintaining growth," Champagne said.

Champagne said he thinks it will be easier for him to lead the university as an interim president, rather than a long-term executive.

"You're decisions are not based on wanting to stay," Champagne said. "You can really call a spade a spade."

Champagne's love of finding truths in correlations led him to



Ben Whitmore, Editor-in-Chief of The Hawks' Herald, sat down with Dr. Ronald Champagne, University Interim President, for an exclusive interview.

take up an unusual hobby: collecting old Dutch trading maps, from 1550 to 1650, specifically.

"I do this because you have history, you have politics, and you have mathematics," Champagne said. "These old guys had it figured out 500 years ago. I was teaching [my students] how do you get a flat surface projected onto a sphere."

"It's all trigonometry," Champagne said. "If you're wondering," he added.

Champagne said the most fun he ever had was watching two professors argue, professionally and civilly. "You begin to see how they structure their thinking, how they elaborate their conclusions, how they contrast and compare," Champagne said.

Champagne appreciates intelligence. His wife, Ruth, is a "nationally recognized expert" in mathematics education as an author of several widely used math textbooks.

"What I love about her is that when we always go out, many people make the grave mistake that the president's wife simply stays home and makes cookies," Champagne said. He said he is proud when people realize his wife's academic acumen.

Ironically, Champagne is the one who likes making the cookies. He said he finds cooking meditative, "a way to get away from things." He said his wife often comes home to find him baking large batches of cookies. Champagne said his wife has

learned that the more cookies he bakes, the more difficult and trying his day was.

In asking him to accept the position as interim president, Champagne said the Board of Trustees asked him to "keep the car going while [the board] finds a new driver."

"My job is not to put the tires back on the car, my job is not to give it a new engine, my job is not to bang out the dents in the fender, there aren't any," Champagne said.

"The car is not broken, it just needs a driver. And right now I'm driving it."

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CONTACT: University urges students to enter contact information online

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to enter information funneled into a master database. And tidy recordkeeping is more important than ever for RWU because of new federal regulations. The Jul. 2010 law states that all higher education institutions must contact the person(s) listed as emergency contacts within 24 hours of declaring a student missing. Before this law was passed, colleges and universities were not federally obligated to adhere to any timeframe in regards to contacting related parties of missing students.

The law also necessitates the publishing of an institution's missing persons investigation protocol in a public medium.

Besides changing its methods of collecting emergency contact information, the university has posted on its website its missing persons policies and procedures, which are "very similar" to what they were before the Jul.

2010 law, said John Blessing, Director of Public Safety.

When a student notifies a member of university staff that they think another student may be missing, Public Safety is contacted. If, through interviewing roommates, checking ID card swipes and other investigative methods, Public Safety feels that the student is truly missing, Pamela Moffatt, the Associate Director of Public Safety, and Blessing are alerted and briefed on the investigation, Blessing said. The pair then call or text the student's listed emergency contact and coordinate a further investigation with police, if necessary, Blessing said.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the federal regulations. The university is relieved of its 24-hour notice obligation if the missing student chose not to enter an emergency contact into the database, according to Chris Neronha, the university's Associate General Counsel.

RWU is not duty-free, though; the university still has to notify

the local police when a student is officially declared missing, Neronha said. The university must also contact a legal guardian of a missing student if he or she is under 18 and is not legally emancipated, Neronha said.

The new law, entitled "Missing Student Notification Policy and Procedures 20 USC 1092," derives from the efforts of a former RWU student's father to create stricter notification regulations for missing persons cases on college and university campuses.

Bryan Nisenfeld, a freshman at RWU in 1997, disappeared after being seen last leaving a literature class on Feb. 6, 1997. Bryan's father, Steven Nisenfeld, received calls from his son a week earlier, during which Bryan reported being harassed by a former student, Bryan's alleged romantic partner. Nisenfeld says he called Public Safety on his son's behalf, requesting that an officer visit his son's room to hear Bryan's threat complaints.

Public Safety officers reportedly did not enter Bryan's room until nine days after Nisenfeld's phone call.

The university contacted Bryan's parents on Feb. 12, six days after Bryan was last seen.

Though the university coordinated search efforts with the State Police, Bryan was never found.

On Aug. 31, 1997, hikers discovered a boot holding a tibia bone. Bryan's parents identified the boot as Bryan's. After DNA tests confirmed the tibia was Bryan's, the examiners studied the bone and were able to conclude that Bryan's death was a suicide. The case is now closed.

RWU does not currently require students to fill out the emergency contact form, although doing so is recommended.

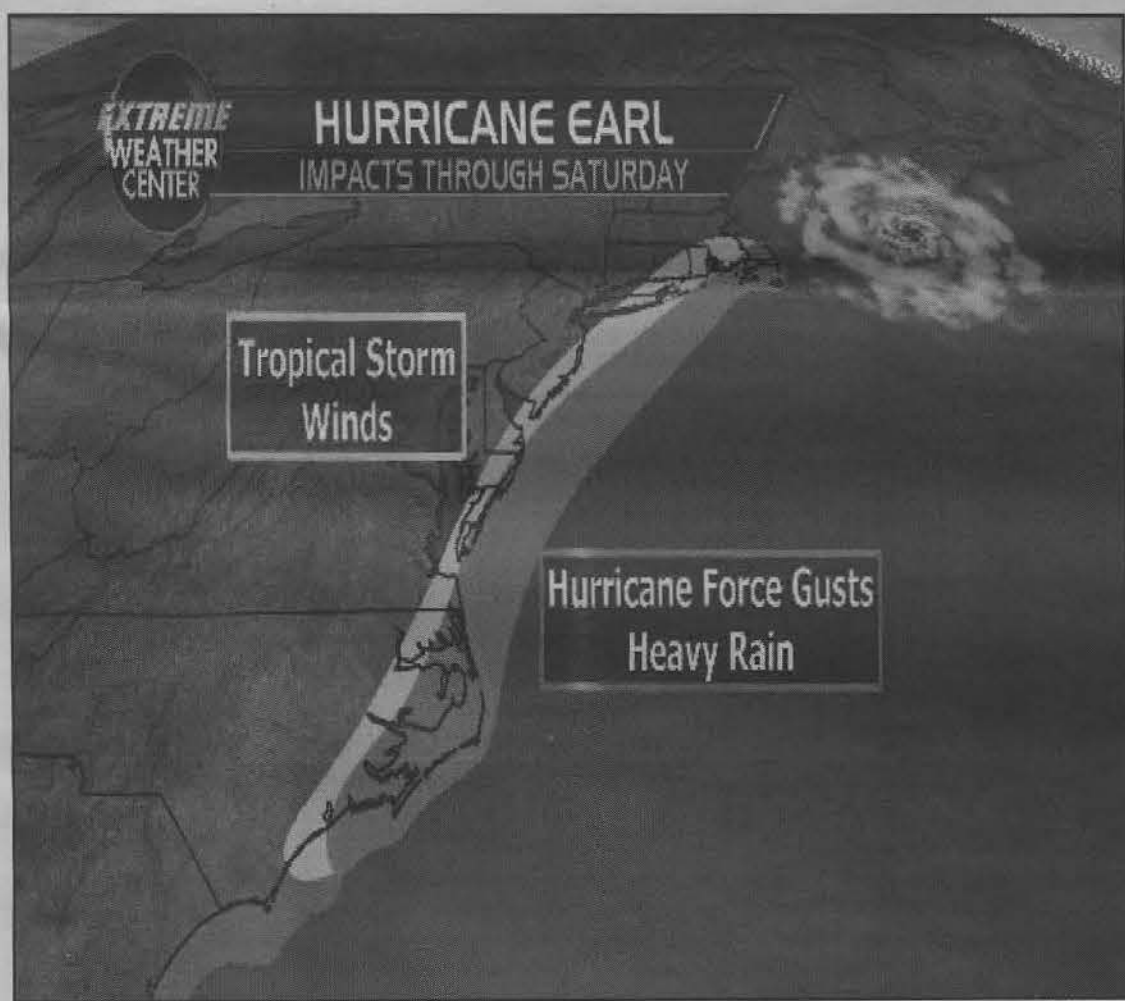
Montefusco said the ideal emergency contact is a person who is easily accessible by phone, who can make decisions on the student's behalf, and who would have a likelihood

of knowing a student's whereabouts. A parent would be the best contact, Montefusco said. Roommates are not the best contacts because university staff will most likely interview them during preliminary investigations, Montefusco said.

In many cases, students reported missing have simply failed to communicate travel plans to roommates, Montefusco said. In order to avoid false alarms, Montefusco recommended all students maintain good communication with roommates, RAs, and parents.

Montefusco recommends that all students fill out the emergency contact form located in the "Services" tab on MyRWU, at the bottom of the "Student Information" column.

Students with reasonable concerns regarding a missing student should call Public Safety at 401-254-3611.



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Hurricane Earl's path through the Northeast.

Hurricane Earl whirls through Northeast

Katlyn Proctor
Opinions Editor

Precautions were taken all along the New England and Eastern coastlines last week in order to prepare for Hurricane Earl. National hurricane and tropical storm weather alerts and emergencies were issued for Mass., R.I., Conn., N.Y., N.J., Del., Md., Va. and N.C. President Obama ensured preparations by ordering FEMA (Federal Emergency Management

Agency) to gather necessary supplies and organizing medical teams to assist with predicted damages.

Earl was predicted to be a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching a high of 135 miles per hour. By midday on Friday, Sept. 3, Earl dropped to a Category 1, officially transforming from a hurricane to a tropical storm.

Instead of brutal damage affecting the coastline, residents were greeted with heavy rain and winds ranging from only 70-85 miles per hour.

Areas hit with the most rain

included Nantucket and Cape Cod, as well as Canada. Power outages were seen through most of the Northeast, but lasted no more than 6 hours.

Damages were assessed by national insurance agencies, and the expected damage total for the U.S. was roughly under \$1 million.

Hurricane Earl was the sixth tropical storm to ever grace the Northeast region, but caused the least amount of damage seen yet.

AMNESTY: Policy grants immunity to those seeking help

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King, and it was approved by [former President Roy J.] Nirschel.

"Now we're trying to educate people on what it's about," McMahon said.

Dev Lewis, a sophomore student senator, worked on the AOD senate committee during the adoption process, where he was tasked with "thinking of any questions students could have about the policy to ensure that there were no loopholes or infringements on their rights."

"We spent a lot of time working through various scenarios to make sure that policy would work for many different cases," Lewis said. "We worked constantly on the policy, making finalizations, asking our own questions, and checking it out for flaws."

The policy has been implemented with the hopes that it will encourage students to be responsible and never choose to forgo necessary medical help due to fear of being punished for their actions. "[The policy] is all about being proactive and seeking help," McMahon said. "Also, the amnesty extends to the person or persons who call for help. The caller is required to stay with the person needing help in order to receive amnesty."

Though amnesty is available to all students, there are exceptions to guarantee of amnesty: because it is determined on a case-by-case basis. You can be denied amnesty for several reasons. "If someone is flagrant in their behavior, they could be rejected from amnesty," McMahon said. "For example, you can't have a resident assistant (RA) find you drunk and expect to

receive amnesty."

The AOD Task Force established this method of determination in order to ensure that students do not abuse the policy and instead understand that it is a serious goal of the university to protect them when circumstances extend beyond their control.

All amnesty is granted and reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and if the student or students are approved for amnesty, they must meet with either Dean McMahon or Donna Darmody, the Director of Health Education, for an education meeting. Even if a student is not transported, they can receive amnesty if certain things are in place and it was determined that there was no flagrant behavior. The amnesty policy only extends to current RWU students, does not cover assault, drug distribution, or property damage, and does not provide amnesty from the Bristol Police Department, should the situation require their assistance. If there were to be a situation involving a marijuana overdose and a bag of marijuana were to be found by Public Safety, the student would not go through the RWU Conduct system, but they would be subject to police intervention.

Should a student be granted amnesty, there is no behavioral mark against their record. For example, if a student already had a strike from a prior situation, then were to be granted medical amnesty, "they would only have that first strike; they would not move up to a strike two," McMahon said.

McMahon said that administration is very excited about the implementation of the policy. "We think it will be a positive thing for students to know about and use."

News

From the ground up

Connor Gentilcore
Web Manager

The Student Garden is starting off the semester by raising awareness of its efforts by selling its produce in the Lower Commons.

Located behind the Marine and Natural Sciences building, the Student Garden is a collaborative project combining the efforts of both students and the Bon Appetit staff. Their goal is to educate the Bristol community about farming business practices and to improve the ways in which food can be grown and transported.

Selling the produce in the Lower Commons is not intended to bring in much financial gain, but, rather, to bring attention to the campus regarding the project and its missions. By raising awareness, the minds behind the garden hope to propose ideas that will better the community, in ways such as considering new routines to reduce our carbon footprint while transporting produce to its destinations.

The money that the Student

Garden hopes to bring in will likely be put directly back into the project; funds will support purchasing seeds, rakes and other equipment.

James Gubata, General Manager of Bon Appetit, says the students are working to "form both a club and an organization."

tion-al infrastructure with a [farming] timeline."

Students working with the project

are

looking to establish continuity, starting with the creation of the

garden and club and carrying out its maintenance year after year. This foundation requires student participation and leadership to carry the torch and to later pass it on to future student leaders for the project.

Working with the garden helps students to learn about the business plan that farmers create and abide by throughout the growing season. This helps to educate students about good financial lessons and responsible thinking.

The garden has always cooperated with Bon Appetit. The teamwork seemed to "help establish a student-run initiative," Gubata said.

The students working on the garden have the accessibility to do what they want to with the garden while having the safety net of Bon Appetit to help them if they need support, such as financial support and physical labor.

Gubata asserts that being involved in the Student Garden is "one of my favorite parts of my job."



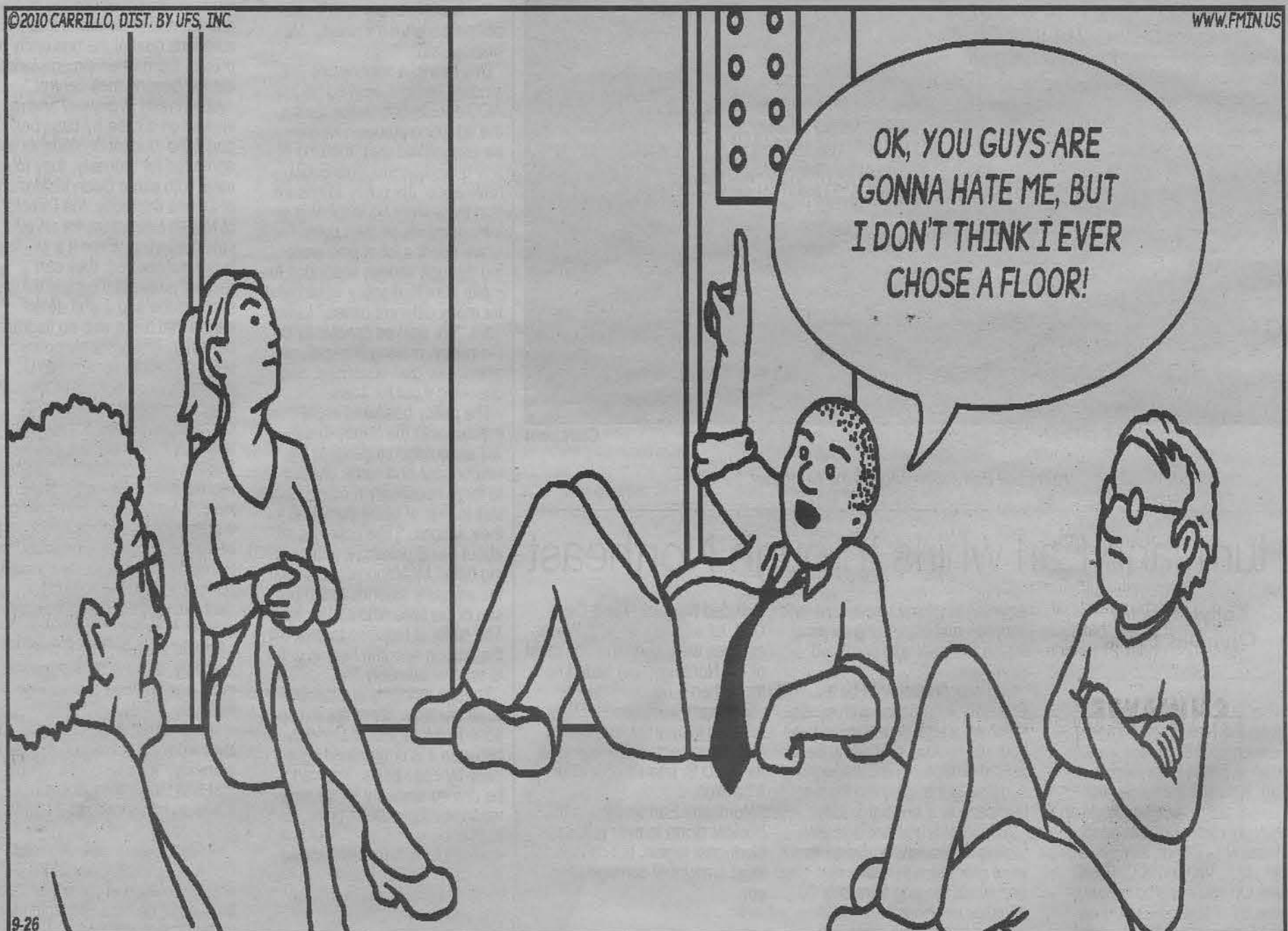
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New policy urges off-campus students to respect neighbors

Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

A man in a shirt and tie and a Bristol police officer ring the doorbell and wait in the front stoop of a two-floor apartment house in downtown Bristol.

To the bewildered Roger Williams University student who opens the door, the well-dressed man says, "Don't worry, you're not in trouble."

Scott Yonan, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Special Projects, and Patrolman Brian Morse, traveled throughout Bristol to over 30 off-campus apartments to educate students about RWU's good neighbor policy.

The university's policy reminds students living off campus that when "private actions or behaviors become public ... Roger Williams University becomes involved." The university is concerned

by loud partying.

"Some students do assume that when they move off campus, they no longer have to abide by

Some students do assume that when they move off campus, they no longer have to abide by any of those student conduct codes.

— Scott Yonan, Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Special Projects

any of those student conduct codes," Yonan said, "and that's just not the case. We still have expectations of them."

"No one is trying to tell the students that they don't have the right to have people over ... we just want people to be respectful of their neighbors."

Although RWU has had a good neighbor policy "for years," this is the first time that the university has taken a proactive approach to informing students of the university's expectations.

"We figured we'd try to nip things in the bud," Yonan said.

Besides university policies, Yonan and Patrolman Morse also informed students about Rhode Island's new social host law. It states that if at least one under-21 person is

arrested for drinking alcohol inside or outside the house of a person of legal drinking age, that person and all people over-21 at the party could face up to a \$1,000 fine and could face up to six months in prison for the first offense.

Yonan and Patrolman Morse visited 32 notoriously noisy apartments, giving the new residents a "goodie bag" containing the university's good neighbor policy, town noise codes and information on the new social host law, as well as reusable water bottles, mini potted plants, mints and a "drive now, text later" bumper sticker.

The new residents of the apartments and housed on Yonan's list were "under the magnifying glass" due to their predecessors indiscretions.

This was not news for some new residents.

"Our landlord said she

purposely didn't rent to boys so she wouldn't have to deal with them," said Nicole Foti, a senior living in Bristol. She said the male students who lived in the

apartment last year were so destructive, the landlord had to replace nearly everything in the apartment — from the floors to the doors.

But it's not just men who can be unruly tenants and neighbors. Three years ago, a group of women living in a Wood Street apartment were so consistently noisy, their former residence is still on the Police's and the university's radars.

"They were horrible, they were just very disrespectful and constantly a thorn in our sides," said Elizabeth Raducha, who lives with her husband and two children across the street from the student apartment.

Raducha described how these women had parties on their front porch, drinking and screaming "really, really filthy" obscenities. The late-night gatherings would wake up the

Studying abroad: The travel guide

Owen Kauppila
Features Editor

In addition to involving themselves in various student groups and organizations, doing their best in all areas of academics, and perfecting their seating arrangement in the dining commons, there is another way to guarantee that students will experience all there is to experience during their time at Roger Williams University.

Boasting its aptitude to "bridge the world," or at least to "learn" to do so, RWU presents an excellent opportunity to its students: the ability to study abroad. To some, those words promote an idea of freedom, exploration and independence, but to others, the idea of departing from their native country to live thousands of miles away from friends and family in a foreign city can be daunting. Siding with either end of the spectrum, studying abroad is just one aspect of student life at RWU that can truly shape students' futures as Hawks.

"It changes your view of the world; you see it in a whole new way," said senior Molly Reynolds who recently returned from Australia. "You meet people you would never meet and you're put into situations that help you grow as a person. It makes you want to do big things."

The planning process for studying abroad begins right now. The Study Abroad Fair that was held Wednesday, September 8th prompted premature ideas of traveling the globe throughout campus discourse. In the months following the beginning of the fall semester, students will hear about going abroad in the most random of places; upperclassmen passing on stories of their adventures, fellow students asking questions to each other, professors discussing the topic in their classrooms, or even posters advertising special meetings held by the Spiegel Center.

Once students have decided whether or not studying abroad is for them (for some, studying abroad just doesn't seem appealing, while others can't imagine college without it), the next step is visiting the representatives on campus that can help move the process along in an organized manner.

The Spiegel Center for International & Global Programs, located in the Global Heritage Hall, has a collection of staff members that are always ready for students' incessant questions, no matter how odd, crazy, simplistic or uninformed they may be. When it comes to studying abroad, there is no such thing as a dumb question — it's a big step, so it is advised that students inform themselves thoroughly before applying.

The Study Abroad Coordinator,

Kevin Hayden, is frequently available for consultation.

"The process of studying abroad can be overwhelming," said Hayden.

"We want students to know that they can feel comfortable enough to come in and ask us questions."

Because of the increase in study abroad interest over the past year, the

Spiegel Center has made a few changes to their operations in order to accommodate students in a more convenient way. Devon Martin, the Administrative Assistant in the Spiegel Center, commented on the new alterations.

"Kevin's office hours are expanded this semester on a walk-in basis," said Martin. "Students can come in any time to see me to ask questions or use our new online form to ask questions that will be answered by a Study Abroad Advisor."

After choosing the study abroad program that fits students specific interests best, after all the appropriate paperwork is completed, after the announcement has been made to the families that the students are officially growing up and leaving home, it's time for the students to prepare to embark on the adventure of their lives.

Transitioning from the robotic daily routine that students have established thus far in their college careers to a completely new way of living can be an ominous endeavor. However, given the proper pre-departure advice, the situation may become easier:

Learn the language. Not everyone speaks English, no matter how bad people want them to. Yes, some strangers may be willing to help out in a desperate situation, but don't go to a foreign country without learning at least some basics of the native language. This is a must.

"It's important to learn the language so you can talk to the locals," said senior Colette Blish, who studied in Barcelona, Spain. "You'll be at a loss if you don't learn to communicate in your city."

Indulge in the culture. When visiting a foreign country, make sure to do some research. Find out what is acceptable, what is unacceptable, what styles are in, where to travel, etc. Don't wait to learn the ways of the locals; it helps to have some background knowledge.

"We saw a show every night," said Bella Malek, a senior who studied in the London Theater and Dance Program. "Doing that definitely made us more comfortable with our surroundings."

Avoid Americans. Of course it's good to have a small group of fellow students to go out with and make memories with. However, given this advantage, students should have the confidence and peer-support to meet the locals in the area of choice. There is nothing more annoying to the locals than students who remain in their tight-knit group, only talk to the bartenders and don't put any effort into getting to know the people who live there. Open minds allow students to make friends with people other than just 'study-abroaders.'

"A big part of the experience is to make friends with people who are actually from the country you are in," said senior Katie Bozeman who studied in South Africa. "You get to see more local sites and become immersed in the lifestyle."

By following these simple guidelines, students can establish a foundation for making their study abroad trip the best it can be.



Kauppila in Florence, Italy

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SHWAYZE

was here: About 1,900 students jam out at concert, sets record for largest attendance for any RWU concert



Mark Fusco

Your Campus

The arc of a president



Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

Two months after the abrupt July 2 resignation of Dr. Roy J. Nirschel, Roger Williams University has appointed Dr. Ronald Champagne as Interim President of the university. In

a press release and a letter to students, sent July 6 and July 7 respectively, Richard Bready, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said, "Over the past several weeks, Dr. Nirschel and I have discussed the future direction of the university and we came to the mutual decision that now is the right time for a change in leadership."

A week later, Bready, in an e-mail response to several *Hawks' Herald* questions, said Nirschel "voluntarily submitted his resignation to me. With the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees not planned until this coming fall, a special meeting was called to discuss the matter and the Board accepted Dr. Nirschel's resignation. The details of that resignation are a confidential personnel matter."

During the time between Nirschel's departure and Champagne's appointment, Richard Bready, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, oversaw the day-to-day operations of the university.

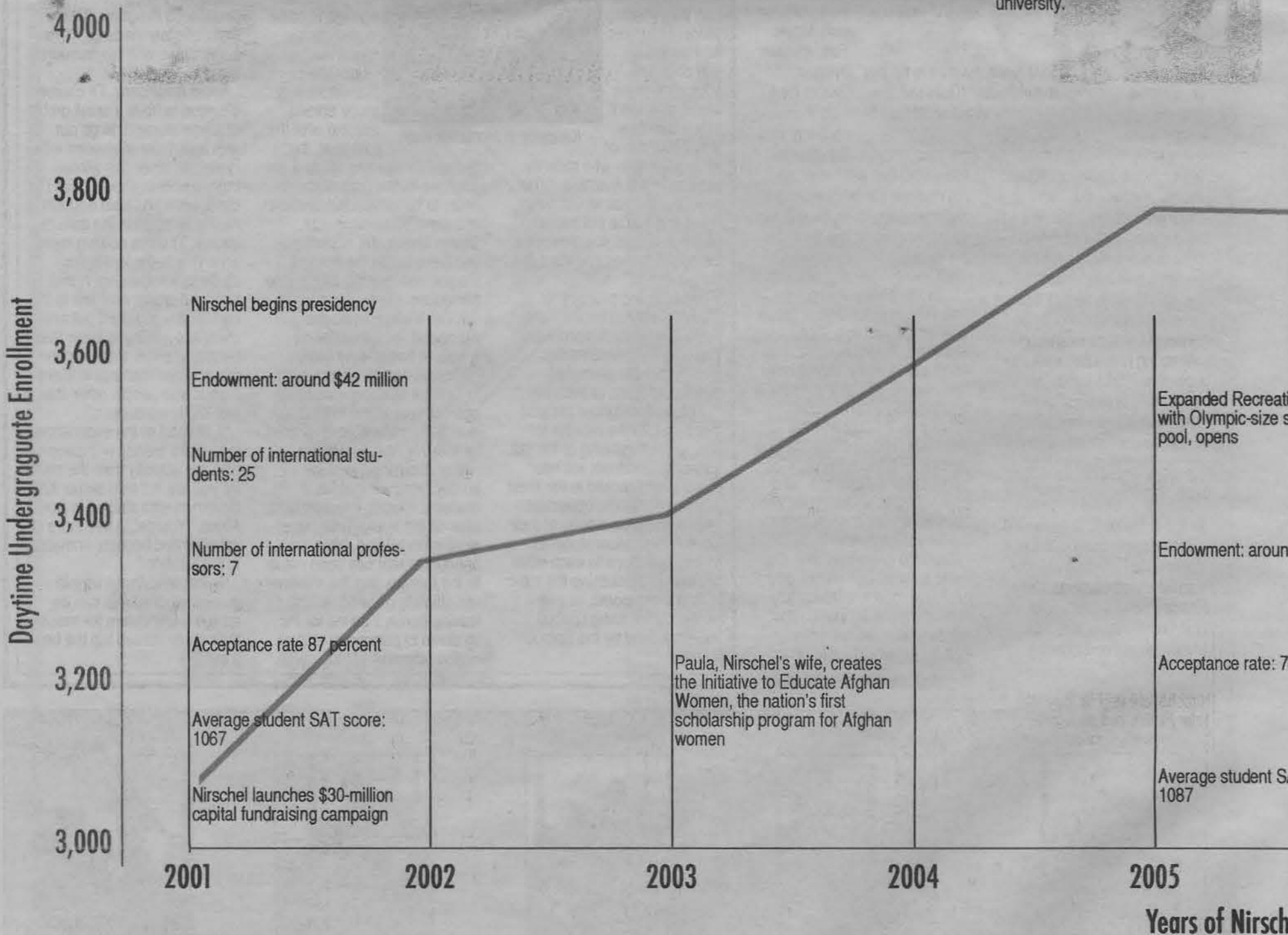
Nirschel has not commented publicly; board members contacted for this story declined to comment.

Over the past nine years, Roy J. Nirschel played an integral role in making RWU a more competitive university. According to an archived press release on the university's website from 2010, since Nirschel assumed the presidency, the number of faculty nearly doubled, applications increased by 100 percent, and the acceptance rate decreased by over 25 percent.

Besides increasing the academic integrity of the university, Nirschel was an adept fundraiser. According to a New England Association of Schools and Colleges report, RWU's total revenue increased by an average of 11.5 percent annually during Nirschel's first five years as president. In this same period, the university's endowment grew by nearly 19 percent annually.

In a May interview with *The Hawks' Herald*, Nirschel responded to a question addressing rumors regarding his tenure at the university. "When [the job] is no longer fun, when we're no longer making progress, when I'm no longer excited about doing what I'm doing, I'll just leave the keys in the desk for someone else," Nirschel said.

The Hawks' Herald takes a look back at the career of a president equally memorable for his commencement speech singing as for his measurable improvements to the academic quality of the university.



a retrospective look at Roy J. Nirschel



"Shortly after he became president, it was the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters. The campus was in a bit of an uproar and he pulled people together and calmed things down. I think he in a large part was responsible for people keeping their focus on things academic, on paying homage to the people who suffered, but also reminding us that this is a university and that the best thing we can do is to continue what were doing."

Joshua Stein
Professor of History

"I think that [Nirschel and Papitto] certainly didn't always agree on everything, but what I saw them agree on was ... the growth of the institution, the health and well-being of the institution, the hiring of really good faculty, making the law school the jewel in the crown; they did agree on those."

Sally Lapides
Board of Trustees Member (2004 - 2007)



"I worked in corporate America for over 25 years and I was a cabinet officer for the governor of Rhode Island just before I went over to Roger Williams, and when I said politics [at RWU] was a blood sport, I often said in the big leagues, they throw fastballs. At Roger Williams, boy was it big-league politics."

"Despite the fact that Roy may have wanted [the board of trustees] to be somewhat more inclusive, somewhat diverse, he still had a board chairman Papitto that was calling the shots. And I don't think that Papitto felt the same about those things."

Tom Schumpert
Executive Director of the Center for Professional Development (2001 - 2003)



"I was unaware of any differences between the president and the board on the vision in regard to the future of the university. The faculty are well aware of the president's vision for the future of the university But the board never speaks to the faculty. Any differences that existed, we are completely unaware of, so this is a big surprise."

"President Nirschel was a big figure on this campus. The university is very closely identified with his persona. He's a very bold leader. I didn't always agree with some of the decisions that he made but they were bold decisions. He wanted to take the university to new places and have it do things and he was very aggressive in his pursuit of change at the university."

June Speakman
President of the Faculty Union,
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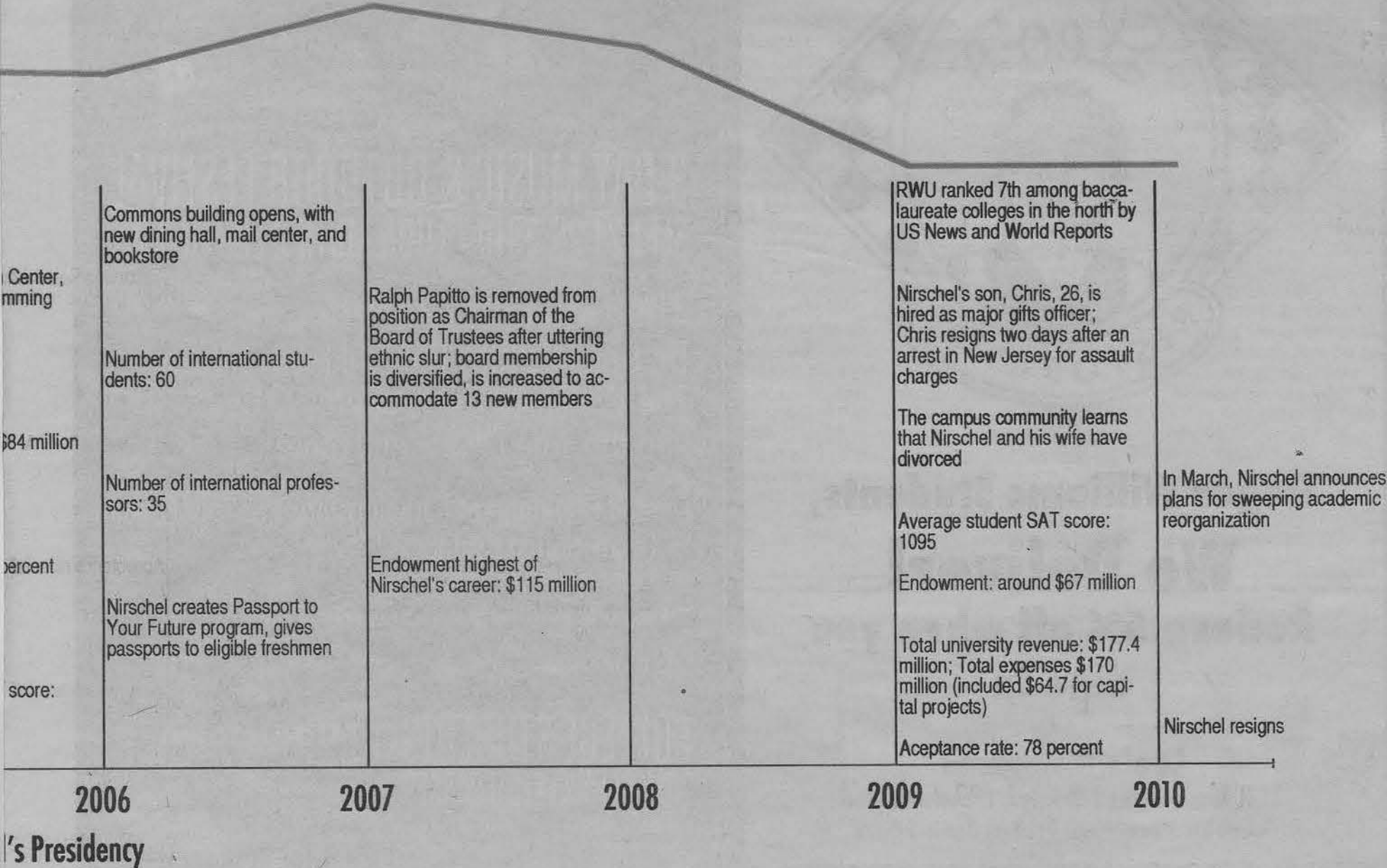
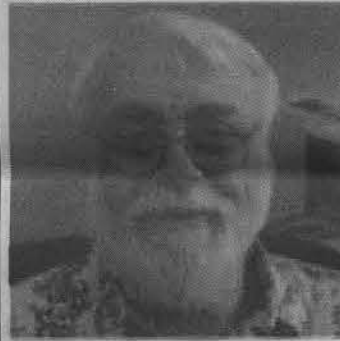
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"The senate executive committee meets with the president and the provost on a monthly basis and there was no indication at our last meeting in May that there was any change coming up."

Susan Bosco
Faculty Senate President, Professor in School of Business

"He didn't try to sell himself by being all things to all people; he had one message for every person he talked to. And I think he probably picked the message very well He did not talk about buildings, he did not talk about making things all sort of spiffy and all that kind of stuff, he just talked about the value of education, the core values of the institution which we then adopted."

Mike Swanson
Professor of American Studies and History, was a member of the committee that hired Nirschel





Letter from the editor:



Ben Whitmore
Editor-in-Chief

On behalf of the entire staff of *The Hawks' Herald*, allow me to welcome you back to our sunny, autumnal Bristol campus here at Roger Williams University.

We at *The Hawks' Herald* have worked hard over the summer to bring you a newspaper with timely news, compelling features, and intriguing opinions. We've built on the momentum from last semester, furthering the redesign of our paper. We've got a new look, and more importantly, a new feel that we think better represents the student voice.

And that's just what you're seeing this week. We've got some exciting new sections on the way, including a Bristol page, bringing you news about and reviews of the people and places you'll find interesting downtown. Plus, be on the lookout for some more content coming soon that you may find "classy."

We recognize that *The Hawks' Herald* has gotten a reputation for being typo-ridden and for being distributed unreliably.

No longer.

We are taking serious steps to bring you as close to a grammatically perfect newspaper as possible. We have reorganized

our deadlines, our staff meetings, the way our editors work with writers, and our system for getting final drafts into the layout of the paper. We have sought out a new newspaper printer, in whom we have full confidence. We're also in the process of ordering bigger, better, and more prominent newsstands to put around campus.

We have committed to keeping our website, hawksherald.com, up-to-date, publishing all the stories from the latest print issue on the same day it arrives on campus. By second semester, we hope to have more in-depth online content, including flash animation, video reports, and interactive media.

As Editor-in-Chief, my goal this year is to get the campus community talking. I want to hear students saying "Hey, did you see that article in *The Hawks' Herald*?" I am very pleased with the progress my staff and I have made this summer towards making *The Hawks' Herald* a relevant and valued part of the campus culture. I am excited at the potential we show for further growth.

We look forward to hearing from you as the semester progresses. As always, we welcome all feedback, positive or not.

We want you to be proud to pick up a copy of *The Hawks' Herald* and know that your fellow students, composed, designed, and printed that newspaper.

Best regards,

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I'mma let you finish...

Kanye's at it again



Owen Kauppila
Co-Managing Editor

About a year ago, a little event called the Video Music Awards took place on the MTV network.

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About a year ago, Taylor Swift's name flooded the headlines of media outlets across the country. 'Nuff said.

Now, with the 2010 VMAs scheduled to air this Sunday and Kanye topping the list of celebrities to appear on the show, tensions are high and fans are counting down the days to when West might '1-up' last year's spectacle.

For those of you who don't know (and quite possibly live under a gargantuan rock), Kanye

interrupted Taylor's acceptance speech at last year's VMAs by proclaiming, "I'mma let you finish... but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time."

First of all, thank you Kanye West for inspiring this column. Secondly, because this rooted so much hype in the entertainment industry, Kanye's appearance at the 2010 VMAs is not only sparking Facebook status updates and Tweets with fans, but with Kanye too.

Last Saturday, Kanye made a point to flood his entire Twitter account with self-loathing, apologetic and pathetic comments regarding Taylor Swift and his encounter last year.

Some of the annoyingly depressing Tweets include: "Why was it made into such a race issue. Taylor loves rap music... I love country music."

"When I right songs like Heartless I always say 'is this melody good enough to be a country song or a Broadway song?'"

"I've hurt, I've bled, I've learned. I only want to do good. I am passionate I am human I am real. I wish I could meet every hater."

"I wish they all knew how much I really cared about music and pop culture and art and peoples feelings."

"I want to help starting with the music and ending with the smile."

Okay, now that is just one section of over eight pages of Twitter updates that Kanye posted last weekend. What the

eff? If this isn't pure lunacy a crazy publicity stunt, then I don't know what is. Clearly he is itching at the opportunity to attract as much attention as possible before his appearance at the VMAs this weekend.

Also, are these comments really and truly sincere in the most insane way possible? Or are they fabricated and sarcastic? Frankly, I can't tell. Yes, Kanye is a talented performer and producer. Yes, he has had some difficult struggles in his life. Yes, he has gone off the deep end when it comes to being a public celebrity.

I'm sorry, I can't hold back when it comes to the way this guy handles situations. Ever since the incident last year, Kanye has irked me to the core. He is so conceited and so blunt with his words, but so freaking talented.

I'mma let you finish, Kanye, because you deserve the chance; you know your stuff. But from now on, please refrain from spilling your figurative emotional guts all over the Internet in order to create buzz around something that happened a year ago. We get it, you're a 'good guy.'

To read more of Kanye's Twitter madness, visit www.theybf.com.

WTF of the week



Adrianne Mukiria

The 2010-2011 Herald Editorial Board

Cell phones have become as essential to our everyday make up as, say, not wearing the same pair of socks for a whole week. Sure we can go without changing them, but we all cringe at the thought of it. Like socks, cell phones also come in an extremely wide variety, some of which are more useless than others. However, no matter how "smart" phones become, they are truly no match for some owners' lack of intelligence when selecting a ringtone. We have also grown accustomed to hearing these dorky cell phone songs at the most inopportune moments, and the events of last Saturday emulate this. Google's recent Android phone has one of the better tones; a simple, low pitched robotic voice that simply says "Droid." Pretty cool ringtone. Our editor-in-chief returned from a trip to the library last weekend only to tell us of a student, whose droid was happily bellowing its name aloud. The student was asked why he had his



droid so loud in the library. The student responded by informing his friend it was because

"I want every-

one to know I've got one."

Although this answer may be true, it makes the device seem like the dams family butler, Ad-Lurch,

and the user - well, you get the point. However, this is not the real problem. Cell phones vibrate folks, and quite well too. So, be it in class or otherwise, be respectful and silence your phones. You wouldn't sit in class uttering your own name over and over, would you? WTF RWU?



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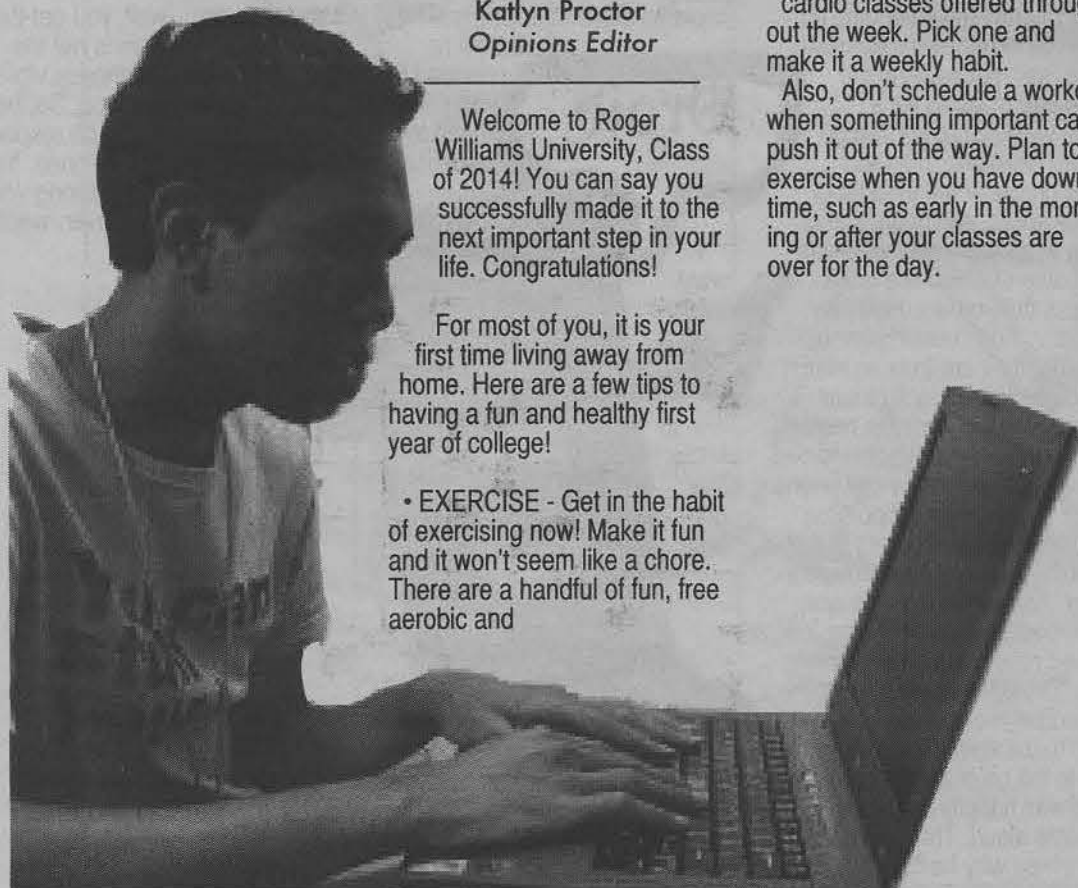
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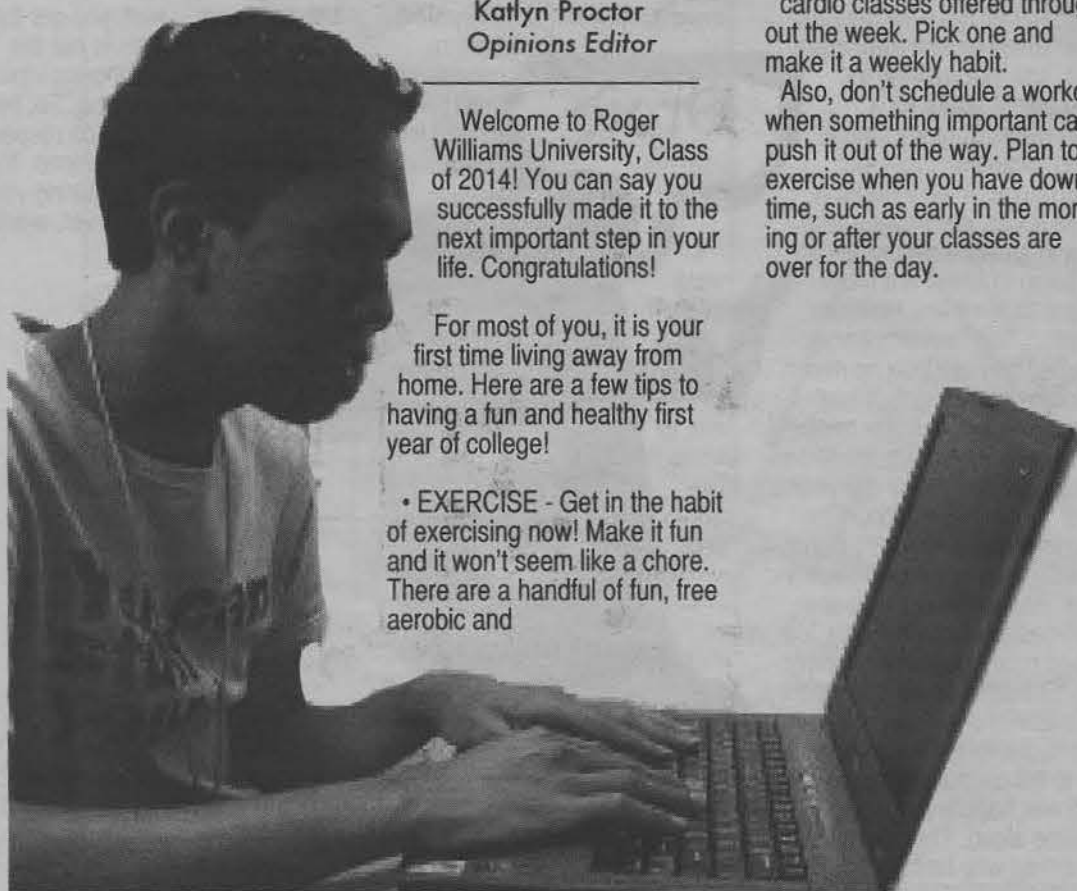
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- 6 Platter
- 11 Vertical passage
- 16 Cook a certain way
- 21 Host at a fundraiser
- 22 Was unwell
- 23 City in Africa
- 24 Goldbrick
- 25 Mistreat
- 26 Ambitions
- 27 Fervor
- 28 Worship as divine
- 29 No longer working (abbr.)
- 30 Compact
- 31 Pack animal
- 32 Pointed hand tool
- 34 Fish paddle
- 35 Like a matinee idol
- 38 Jelly fruit
- 40 Jot
- 41 Explosive stuff
- 42 Show sorrow
- 44 Donkey's cry
- 45 Status —
- 47 Turf
- 49 Creaking sound
- 52 Girder (hyph.)
- 54 Became
- 56 "— of Eden"
- 60 Optimistic
- 61 Get outta here!
- 62 Profit
- 63 Extreme need
- 65 Common abbreviation
- 66 Sir Arthur — Doyle
- 67 Connect
- 68 Kind of plate or page
- 69 Young woman
- 70 Feather scarf
- 71 Dismounted
- 72 Fossil fuel
- 73 Fond du —
- 74 Seaside
- 76 Unpredictable
- 78 One of the Deadly Sins
- 79 In the money
- 80 Radio part
- 81 Naughty
- 82 Behind schedule
- 83 Carnation color
- 84 Print measures
- 85 Fossil resin
- 88 Reduce
- 89 Set of elevators

DOWN

- 90 Habitation for insects
- 94 Country house
- 95 Neighbor of Can.
- 96 Affectionate
- 97 Seedless plant
- 98 Insect egg
- 99 Abbr. in a train schedule
- 100 Money
- 102 Greek god
- 103 Characteristic
- 104 Powdery residue
- 105 Return contest
- 107 Declare
- 108 Napped leather
- 109 Poker stake
- 110 Card with three spots
- 111 Young swan
- 113 Defame in print
- 114 Transparent
- 115 "... — I saw Elba"
- 117 Scull
- 118 Simpson or Kudrow
- 119 Cheese variety
- 121 Scary yell
- 124 Part of MIT (abbr.)
- 126 Make welcome
- 128 Edible mollusk
- 132 Fleur-de- —
- 133 Depot (abbr.)
- 134 Goad
- 135 Burstyn or DeGeneres
- 139 Pub drink
- 140 Cry of sorrow
- 142 Belief
- 144 Animal young
- 145 Coffee variety, for short
- 147 Smooth transition
- 148 Lassoed
- 149 Audibly
- 150 The cream of the crop
- 151 Brought to bay
- 152 Black wood
- 153 — Rose Lee
- 154 Metric measure

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- 1 Perceived
- 2 Smoldering piece
- 3 Sharp
- 4 Dwelling (abbr.)
- 5 Links item
- 6 Knight's attendant
- 7 "The — in Winter"
- 8 Woe is me!
- 9 Wire
- 10 Asner and Sullivan
- 11 Diving duck
- 12 Commedia dell'arte clown
- 13 Assistant
- 14 To and —
- 15 The Pentateuch
- 16 Theater district
- 17 Peculiar
- 18 In the air
- 19 Finch
- 20 River in England
- 30 Change the color of
- 31 Come what —
- 33 Sapience
- 36 Out-of-town
- 37 Chess pieces
- 39 Butt
- 40 Triumphed
- 43 Eat outdoors
- 44 Noggin
- 46 Samovar
- 48 Poor grade
- 49 Bird related to the loon
- 50 Revolving part
- 51 Award name
- 53 Wild child
- 54 Airplane part
- 55 Geologic period
- 57 Inert gas
- 58 Gaze
- 59 Mary — Moore
- 61 Unbroken
- 62 Farm animal
- 64 Clerical garment
- 66 Waterfall
- 67 San —
- 68 Taxicab
- 72 Small and attractive
- 73 Connect
- 75 Quiet down!
- 77 Victim of Cain
- 78 "Dr. Zhivago" character
- 79 Peel
- 82 Whip

- 83 Kitchen items
- 84 Not of this world
- 85 Turn aside
- 86 Bishop's hat
- 87 Censure
- 88 Overbearing
- 89 Ill-bred one
- 90 Parish official in England
- 91 Pointless
- 92 Distant view
- 93 Anesthetic of old
- 96 Worry
- 97 On the house
- 101 Stress
- 102 The fir or spruce, e.g.
- 103 Band member
- 106 Always
- 107 Literary collection
- 108 Like a certain relative
- 109 Charity
- 112 Acquired
- 113 Tell a tale
- 114 Coral reef
- 116 Exposed to danger
- 118 Conducted
- 120 Put on
- 121 Use dynamite
- 122 Cargo vessel
- 123 Kind of orange
- 125 — Coeur, Paris
- 127 McDowall the actor
- 129 Implied but not said
- 130 Gladden
- 131 Allude
- 134 Fruit with a hard rind
- 136 Chicago area
- 137 Piniella and Dobbs
- 138 Whirlpool
- 141 Stage signal
- 143 Steal from
- 144 Sack
- 145 Punta — Este
- 146 High priest of Israel

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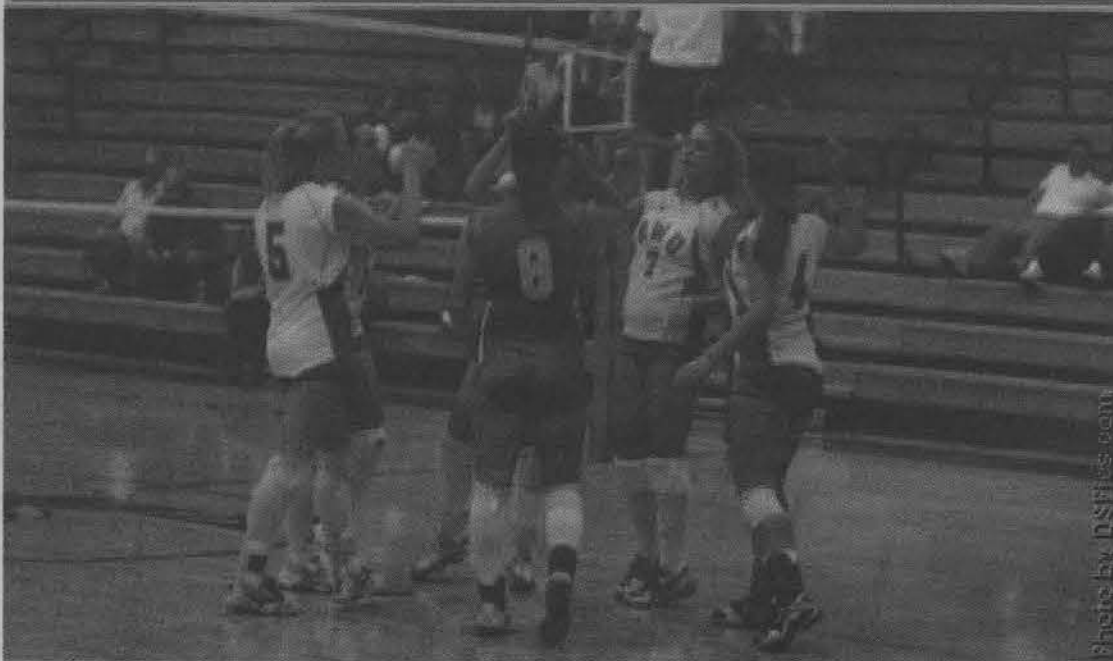
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Women's Volleyball players get psyched up before a match during the Springfield International Tournament Championship. The Hawks were eliminated in the championship round by the Springfield Pride.

Volleyball reaches Springfield Invitational Tournament Championship

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The RWU Women's Volleyball team posted an undefeated record, not dropping a single set, through pool play at the Springfield College Invitational Friday and Saturday. The Hawks advanced into the Championship Match where they took the first set before falling in the end, 3-1, to the host Springfield Pride.

Senior libero Jill Hurd and sophomore Kelsey Twarog were both named to the All-Tournament Team for their outstanding play. Hurd averaged 5.5 digs per set and registered just six reception errors in 89 attempts throughout the weekend. Twarog earned her All-Tournament nod after hitting .258 on the outside with 50 kills and just 16 errors on 132 swings.

The Hawks began the tourna-

ment Friday evening with a 3-0 win over Lasell College, 25-15, 25-14 and 25-12. RWU finished the match with a team hitting percentage of .322.

Saturday morning the Hawks faced defending MASCAC champions Westfield State University. RWU posted seven total blocks in three sets, and won by the scores of 25-13, 25-18 and 25-16.

In the third match RWU started out on fire against Brandeis University, notching nine kills with no errors on 20 swings to take the set, 25-17. The Judges responded well, taking an early eight-point lead in the second set, but a late comeback gave RWU the 25-23 win before the Hawks won the final set, 27-25.

The three wins placed RWU into the championship match where it met Springfield College, which also arrived without drop-

ping a set all Tournament.

RWU continued its winning streak posting 11 kills on 25 swings to take set one, 27-25. Springfield College responded with a different match-up in set two and took the set, 25-17. Midway through the third set the teams were tied 11-11 before Springfield edged ahead, 19-16 and finished with the 25-19 win.

The final set was close throughout, with RWU holding the 17-16 lead late in the set. Springfield responded with a 9-5 scoring run to win in the end, 25-22. The win gave the Pride a 4-0 start to the season, while RWU moves to 4-1.

RWU returns to action Tuesday, traveling to Emmanuel College for a 7 p.m. non-conference match. Listed below are the final results of the 2010 Springfield College Invitational.

Women's tennis sweeps Anna Maria for first TCCC win

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The Roger Williams University Women's Tennis team began Commonwealth Coast Conference play with a 9-0 win over Anna Maria College Tuesday afternoon.

The Hawks cruised to the victory, winning all six singles matches and all three doubles matches without dropping a single set.

Samantha Curran and Leah Ribchinsky defeated Kayla Cummings and Emily Williamson at number one doubles, while Tracy Klein and Amanda Wolfe won their number 2 doubles match over Allison McCarthy and Kelly Blake. Libby

Magner and Alexandra Reilly wrapped up the doubles sweep at the third flight over Brittany Quattrocci and Jacqui Barbaro.

At singles play, Curran took the straight set win against Williamson at number 1, with Klein defeating McCarthy at number 2. Ribchinsky took her number 3 decision over Blake, followed by Olivia Hilton winning at number 6 over Quattrocci. Kristin Dono grabbed the eighth win for RWU at number 5, with Wolfe's win over Cummings at number 4 clinching the final win for RWU.

Roger Williams (2-1) hosts Eastern Nazarene College Saturday at 1:00 p.m., while Anna Maria (0-2) will be at Regis on Saturday, also at 1:00 p.m.



Women's Tennis players return shots during their team's win over Anna Maria on Tuesday. The Hawks won 9-0.



Athletics

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Upcoming fall sports events

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Women's Volleyball

9.11.10 | 11:00 a.m.

Women's Volleyball
vs Rivier College

9.11.10 | 1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
vs University of New England

9.11.10 | 3:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
vs NYU-Polytechnic

9.14.10 | 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
at Connecticut College

Women's Tennis

9.11.10 | 1:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis
vs Eastern Nazarene College

9.15.10 | 3:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis
at Nichols College

Women's Cross Country

9.11.10 | 11:00 a.m.

Women's Cross Country
vs Roger Williams University
Invitational

Men's Cross Country

9.11.10 | 12:00 p.m.

Men's Cross Country
vs Roger Williams University
Invitational

Men's Soccer

9.10.10 | 6:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer
at Curry College

9.12.10 | 3:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer
vs Wheaton College (Mass.)

9.15.10 | 4:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer
at Framingham State College